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Interest & User  
Groups, and any  
late changes.

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## Editorial

This will be the final newsletter and monthly meeting of 2017. We look forward to seeing you at the end-of-year function next Tuesday.

I didn't get much response to my query about the item in the photograph last month and I still don't know what sort of a key it was. Even my friend the railway buff couldn't confirm that it was the railway carriage key. But according to his death certificate, George Jolly 1909 was an inspector of Dublin railways. So I guess the next step is the Railway Records Society in Dublin.

George's death record is puzzling. It states that 'C. Jolly, brother in attendance and causing the body to be buried. Main St Rathfarnham.' C. Jolly is my husband's grandfather. In the 2011 census, George and his wife were Roman Catholic, whereas Christopher's family were Church of Ireland. Rumour has it that the Jolley family grave holds many secrets!

The new initiatives by the branch seem to have got off to a good start. You'll see on page 2 that the Back to Basics workshops were well received and the Irish Special Interest Group got off to a good start. If you have Irish interests do get in touch. [IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org](mailto:IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org)

This month Colin Cameron has given us a fascinating insight into how DNA testing enhanced the search for his Scottish ancestors. (pages 4 and 6) Also from Scotland, Ian Barbour received valuable information via Facebook. See page 3.

Got your new diary yet? Slot in our first meeting of 2018 on 23rd January. In the meantime, the Committee wish all members a good Christmas and successful researching in 2018.

Sheila



### PS. Have you updated your email address if you are with Vodafone?

If not this will be the last newsletter you receive until you do. Here are the instructions again in case you missed them.

To update your email address, log into our web pages using the existing email address held with us, and in your profile put in your new email address. It's that simple!

Instructions can be found at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/09/vodafone-email-changes/>

Next meeting  
November 28th 2017

End of Year Function.  
Don't miss out!

## November Branch Meeting

- When:** November 28th 2017 - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30-9pm - main session followed by supper
- Where:** Kapiti Community Centre
- What:** **End of year function. Don't miss the fun!**  
Great social evening. Christmas hamper raffle.  
Bring your memory!

**Meeting Convenor: Sheila Jolley**  
**Supper roster: A- E**



## Branch news

**The first series of our Back-to-Basics Workshops** was very successful with good participation and feedback. Thanks to Ian Barbour, Ian Brooking and Bernard McManus for all the hard work they put in. Clear illustrated presentations were easy to follow and allowed plenty of opportunity for questions, discussion and practical one-on-one help.



We are planning a second series for early next year. If you would like to take part, please email [B2B@KapitiGen.org](mailto:B2B@KapitiGen.org)

The first meeting of the reinstated Kapiti Branch **Irish Special Interest Group** attracted enough interest to make the group worth while. The first hour of the meeting focused on getting to know each other and finding areas of research interests. The second hour was occupied with looking at the free Irish websites:

- Irishgenealogy.ie for civil & church BMD records
- National Archives of Ireland for 1901 & 1911 census records.



The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday December 5th, 2 - 4pm**, at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre. Contact [IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org](mailto:IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org) for more details.  
A full day Irish Research workshop is planned for 2018.

**Breaking news.** Kapiti Branch is exploring the possibility of having a Kapiti Genealogy Daytime Group to cater for those who cannot attend an evening meeting or who prefer to meet during the day. Plans are in progress but details have yet to be decided. **Watch this space.** It's all go folks!

### Reminder!

The last Wednesday morning help session for the year will be on **December 13th**. The first for 2018 will be on **January 17th**.

**Our first Branch meeting** for 2018 will be on Tuesday 23rd January and will be the popular Papers Past evening.

### John Ross.

It is with regret that we record the death in October of long-standing member, John Ross. Our thoughts are with his wife, Noeline, and his extended family.

## Facebook update

As a follow up to last month's article by Kathy Callaghan with her use of Facebook to help with research, here are more details of the Kapiti Genealogy Branch Facebook.

The site has been changed from a page to a Group meaning there is the chance of interaction with the rest of the Group through 'posts', which are easily visible to other members. It is a closed group so only members can see what is posted.

Depending on the availability of members at any given time you are likely to get an immediate response or within anything from an hour to 3 hours. It is almost like having a face to face conversation or a phone call. Posted queries are often resolved by helpful and experienced members when they are available.

There is also a file section where useful sites and links guide members in different directions and more files can be added as necessary. Also updates of what is happening in the genealogy world are added as I hear about them.

Facebook is a fast growing medium for sources and research within our hobby of genealogy. The link for the group is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KapitiGenealogyGroup/>

Have a browse and check out what is available; if it is not your cup of tea there is no obligation to stay.

There are a few questions in place to prevent spammers etc. from inadvertently being admitted to the group, but the administrators are quite vigilant in keeping the group on track.

Any questions, feel free to message me on my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/labrysdonna> or see me at one of the monthly meetings

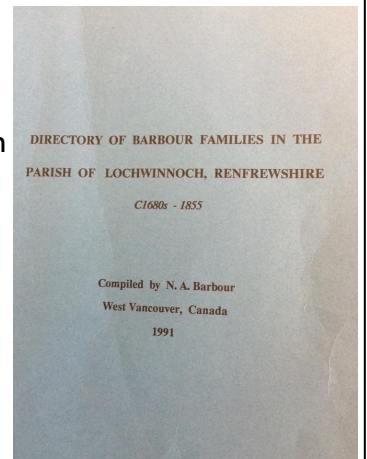
*Donna Bridgeman*

Hi Donna,

Quite excited this morning to find this booklet on the Barbour family through Facebook.

Following Donna's advice I joined a closed FB group in Lochwinnoch, Scotland, where my great great grandfather came from. After a few postings and some very helpful people in the group in Lochwinnoch, look what turned up!

Cheers,  
Ian Barbour



## Family History talks at the National Library

Usually we receive notification of the monthly Family History talk at the National Library too late for inclusion in the newsletter. This last one of the year has been delayed:

### **Papers Past: HEADLINES 2017**

Join **Tracy Powell**, Digitisation Advisor, and **Emerson Vandy**, Service Manager Digital NZ, to learn more about the Papers Past site, the highlights of 2017 and what is coming up in the next 12 months.

**Friday 1 December 2017, 12:10 to 1:00pm. Free entry.**

**Programme Rooms, Te Ahumairangi Ground Floor, National Library of New Zealand**

**Watch for information about future talks and events on [www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz)**

**Also in Wellington, finishing mid-December -**

**Passchendaele - New Zealand's Darkest Day The Great War Exhibition**

**Dominion Museum Building, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Wellington**

**Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-6pm**

## A4 to BigY - Family trees, lore and DNA testing

My first exposure to the Cameron family history came in the late 1960s in the form of a yellowed A4 photocopy of a handwritten sort of pedigree chart, with cross-outs, arrows, question marks and notes (some right, others completely misleading!)

My father's generation were the most recent entries, and it travelled back to grandfather Concrete Charlie, great grandfather Allan (Jnr) who was about 8 when his father Allan (Snr) emigrated to New Zealand in 1840 as a result of the Highland Clearances in Scotland.

About 200 Scots arrived in New Zealand on board the barque *Blenheim* in 1840, among them some 60 Camerons, my lot included. They came under the auspices of the NZ Land Company. Their task – in return for their passage – was to construct the road from Wellington to Petone along the foreshore. This they achieved with pick and shovel in about 4 months, after which many went farming around the Wellington, Wairarapa, Manawatu and Whanganui regions.



From this A4 starting point it was straightforward enough to create my own Descendant Tree and bring it up to the present day, supported by BDM certificates for each entrant. I then worked back up the tree, adding and verifying – no computers at that stage - thus providing valuable family history. But it's the family lore – the anecdotes and tales - that add spice and bring the facts and dates to life.

### Family lore

While my Cameron family lore in New Zealand, has been recorded by various members of the family, there is still much to discover hidden in archives, publications and records. It gave me a real thrill to track the birthplace of my father's maternal grandmother to Rothesay on the Isle of Bute, Scotland, only a stone's throw away, as the seagull flies, from the Isle of Islay and the Kintyre Peninsula where my mother's paternal family hailed from!

Venturing back into the Scottish Highlands of the 1700 & 1800s to find genealogy records has proved a daunting task. At that time, just staying alive and fed was way more important than the reporting and recording of births, deaths and marriages!

My family lore records that my 2xgrt grandfather Allan (Snr) was born in 1795 to Angus Cameron and wife Ann McIntyre. I have an Old Parish Record birth notice to this effect, but is this **our** Angus and Ann, and Allan?

Our Angus & Ann are reputed to have had 11 sons and 3 daughters, some with birth certificates in support of this claim. However, finding birth certificates with the right names and supposed dates is one thing; proving that they are **our** ones is quite another!

Legend has it that some of their sons fought and died in the Napoleonic and Peninsular Wars, but, so far, we haven't been able to verify this in military records. One is believed to have gone to America, one remained in the Highlands, and three came to New Zealand – two on the *Blenheim* in 1840, and one on the *John McVicar* in 1857. There has always been a question amongst my wider family as to whether these 3 brothers were full brothers, half- brothers or simply family connections.

### The DNA connection

In April of this year I decided to get involved in DNA testing to utilise another powerful tool in the search for clues and signposts to our many question marks. It's a whole new arena and the more of us who test, the greater the chance of tracking the DNA footprints our ancestors have left behind. My brother Richard came on board and we both opted for the Family Tree DNA's 'Family Finder' test, which identifies genetic matches on both the paternal and maternal sides of the family going back five or so generations.

*Follow what happened next on Page 6*

## Dates for Your Diary

### Kapiti Genealogy

#### Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, North West Corner Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

All Kapiti events are in the [programme on our website](#), both to download and on the calendar.

**Monthly Branch meeting: 28th November, 7-9pm - details pages 2**

**Wednesday 6th and 13th December:** 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, FindMyPast and The Genealogist. Public and members welcome. **Wednesday help sessions restart 17th January 2018.**

**Saturday 2nd December:** Members help session, 1 - 3pm, APFHC.

You may also be interested in the following:

**Friday December 1st. Papers past 2017.** Family History Talk at the National Library. See page 3 for details.

Interest Group meetings (see [Programme>Interest Groups on our website](#) for further details)

**Saturday 25th November:** NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

**Tuesday 5th December:** Irish Special Interest Group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

**Thursday 8th February 2018:** Australian interest group. 10 to 12 noon APFHC

**Saturday 10th February 2018:** DNA group at Kapiti Community Centre. 2- 4pm. **Note new venue.**

**Saturday 17th March 2018:** Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 8th February 2018** for help with any Australian research. **10-12noon** at the APFHC.

### Roots Magic

Restarts **Saturday 17th March 2018 2 - 4pm** at the Community Centre. \$3 door fee to cover rental/refreshments

Continues third Saturday, two monthly. Our last session for the year covered using the To Do list and Research log to aid your research, staying focussed and documenting where you've looked already. Along with the usual mix of questions from the group.

Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques. Or suggest a topic at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

### Irish Special Interest Group

Next meeting **Tuesday 5th December, 2-4pm**, APFHC, Paraparaumu Library. See page 2. Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Legacy Users

Meetings are usually held on the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday 25th November 2 - 4pm.**

Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm.

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2

Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero@ihug.co.nz) for more details.

### DNA

Informal 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit.

Restart **Saturday 10th February 2018, 2-4pm,**

then two monthly, second Saturday of the month.

New venue, Kapiti Community Centre (it was getting a bit cramped at Lorna's). There will be a small door charge for rental/refreshments.

Topic suggestions may be made via the form at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Any/all questions welcome – come and share your stories/questions/expertise

**NB.** FamilyTreeDNA sale now on until Dec 31st - great time to test any of their main three tests. MyHeritage also currently offering their test at a discounted price.

## DNA reveals some answers!

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Because of my greater interest in tracking the direct male line, I also opted for Family Tree DNA's Y-DNA 67 test. The genetic footprint carried by the Y chromosome is passed from father to son, the father having received it from his father and so on, going back in time.

Our results came back and, analysing our 'matches', we had a tremendous thrill to find that Richard and I have positive matches with the descendants of 'Big John' Cameron of Turakina. They confirmed that our 2xgrt grandfather Allan and Big John were indeed full brothers. Results also indicated that the third brother who arrived in NZ in 1857 was more likely a half-brother rather than a full brother to both Allan and John. 18 descendants of these three brothers have now tested, giving us an invaluable genetic pool to work from, enthusiastically encouraged and guided by our various research collaborators!

Furthermore, my Y-DNA test at 67 testing markers revealed 82 'matches', as well as those in NZ. The ones that are closest to me live in the USA, the eastern seaboard of Canada and Australia. Funnily enough, very few are from Scotland itself, yet most nominate their earliest known ancestor as having come from the Lochaber, Fort William region of Scotland. Is this our link to old Angus' son who lore says went to America, and/or yet further back in time?

It's got me hooked, and I want to find out more of what my Y-DNA chromosome has hidden away. So I have opted to bite the bullet and order Family Tree DNA's "Big Y" SNP\*\* discovery test when on special.

This will not only add to the whole science of genetic genealogy, but will tell me exactly on which twig of the tree of mankind my family sits – haplotrees and all that. It will also give a far more accurate indicator of my closest matches in relation to these elusive ancestors whose identities are still shrouded in the mists of time in the Highlands of Scotland.

*Colin Cameron*

\*\*SNP - Single-nucleotide Polymorphism - pronounced *snip*. For further information try google or one of the links below, suggested by Lorna.

## Those pesky abbreviations!

The Back to Basics workshops revealed a need to provide information about genealogical abbreviations.

### **For DNA:**

There's usually good explanations of terms under the FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) of most testing companies.

Also check out the ISOGG Wiki (International Society of Genetic Genealogists) for a good glossary of DNA terms <https://isogg.org/wiki/Abbreviations>

**For general Genealogy abbreviations** there's a page of them in your starter pack.

If you have lost that, log into our website Membership > Members only area to download a copy.

A web search for "genealogy abbreviations" brings up many that will be of use:

eg <https://www.cyndislist.com/dictionaries/abbreviations/>

A search of the FamilySearch.org Wiki ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)) for

"abbreviations" (without the quotes) brings up several options, and a list of more websites to consult.

## Information for new members

**Branch meetings** are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

### This month's meeting:

**Tuesday November 28th 2017.** Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

**Committee meetings** are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months February - December.

### Supper roster: A – E

Our supper organiser, Judy Olsen has the night off in November. If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

### Help with Research:

**Our help sessions** on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month will give you individual help to find your way around the facilities. The last one for the year is on December 13th. Start again 17th January.

### Website:

Log in and explore, or update your contact details.

**NB.** Don't forget to change your email address, if necessary. <http://www.kapitigen.org/wp-login.php>

### Lost Cousins website

If you are looking for an easy to read website, that publishes new material and interesting articles, you can't go past <https://lostcousins.com> It is free to join and always has useful information.

The latest issue contains advice that from December 13th you will have to log in to Familysearch to search their records and an informative article on how to solve birth date discrepancies.

<https://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/midnov17news.htm>

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the red folders mentioned below.

#### Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in drawer 5. Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome desk. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the drawer. Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need. They are the envy of other Genealogy Societies.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch. A microfiche is available. You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address. We have a printer if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door. Please **do not switch off** the printer.

#### School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records.

If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you. ([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

## Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at ([RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)) Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#). Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are? This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. They have a wealth of ideas and information. When the 'round robin' subscribers have finished with them, the magazines are put into folders in our library at the APFHC. So do check them out. Most articles do not date.



### Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research  
7:30pm, meeting start

### Branch Committee

**Convener:** To be appointed

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**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Webmasters:**

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Magazine Round Robins:**

Bev Chappell

RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

### Ex-officio committee

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Equipment Support:**

Lindsay Olsen backup up Lorna

**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Schools project:** John Glover

**Schools liaison:** Bill McKeich

**Raffle:** Stephen Sherring  
and Hilary Cunningham

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**Australian:** Deborah Shuker

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**Legacy Users:** Gerald Twiss

Gero "at" ihug.co.nz

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson

RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org

Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section of the "About" menu.

### Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

Please send copy to: [editor"at"KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher.

### Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol before sending.

### Membership

Subscriptions for the current financial year became due on the 1st of April - only \$25 for the year.

Armed with our current cream card you can access the resources at the APFHC whenever the library is open.

Full payment options available at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/membership-for-20172018/>

where the bank account for internet banking is our NEW account BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000

Next meeting  
January 23rd 2018



Titbits from Papers Past