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check our
website
[http://
KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)
for additional
information on
events, Branch,
Interest & User
Groups, and any
late changes.

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Editorial

Welcome to Spring at last!

The great outdoors calls, but here is a query to ensure that the "little grey cells" keep working..

What is the item shown below?



Who was the person named - George Jolly 1909?
What age was he when he died; who were his parents, brothers and sisters; did he marry more than once; how many children did he have? The object has been handed down through the family and originates in Dublin. The owner would love to know the answers to these questions.

If you have similar problems and don't know where to start, why not join the 'Back to Basics' workshops that are starting on **Thursday October 26th**. The team have worked hard to put this series together to ensure that all participants are given the help they need.

Take advantage of their expertise! See page 2 for more details.

The other exciting news this month is the reinstatement of the Kapiti Irish Special Interest Group (SIG). The group was closed several years ago due to the organiser's poor health, but by popular demand the new Irish SIG is holding its first meeting on **October 31st, 1-3pm**. If you are interested please let us know. Email IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org

An interesting article by Kathy Callaghan on page 6 explains why Facebook is a useful tool in genealogy research. And check out Lorna's tips on some useful features of Family Search that you may not know about - see page 4.

Sheila

PS. Please remember to update your email address if you are with Vodafone See page 3.

Next meeting
October 24th 2017

The Importance of Your
Story
by
Eleanor Bensemann

October Branch Meeting

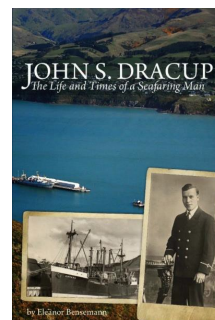
When: October 24th 2017 - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30-9pm - main session

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

What: **The Importance of Your Story.**

Speaker: Local author Eleanor Bensemman

Eleanor will share the experience of writing a book about her father
'John S Dracup; the life and times of a seafaring man'



Meeting Convenor: Beverly Chappell

Supper roster: U – Z

Branch news

Don't miss out! Be one of the first to benefit from our Back-to-Basics Workshops

We will be holding a series of four weekly workshops for members, starting on **Thursday 26th October**, designed with the beginner in mind.

The sessions will be held in the Paraparaumu Library Learning Centre (upstairs) and will run from **1.30 – 3pm** on four consecutive Thursdays. All these workshops are designed to be interactive, with sufficient "buddies" in attendance to give you expert assistance.

Workshop 1, 26th October: Introduction – How to start; common mistakes; family group sheets.

Workshop 2, 2nd November: Searching – where, how, and with what tools.

Workshop 3, 9th November: Recording – how to organise and keep track of your research.

Workshop 4, 16th November: Networking – making the most of other researchers' experience.

Participation will be limited to 6 members, so if you want to be one of those 6, please email B2B@KapitiGen.org right away!



★ The Kapiti Branch Irish Special Interest Group is to be reinstated!

The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday 31/10/2017 from 1– 3pm** at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre.

If you are interested but cannot make the first meeting, please let us know so that we can gauge venues for future meeting . Email IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org

Scottish Interest Group at VUW www.wellyscots.wordpress.com

See the website link above for the interesting and varied monthly programme. Meetings are on the 28th of each month. They are free. They are held at the VUW Law Faculty, Old Govt Buildings, entrance door in Bunny Street. 7.15 for 7.30pm start. (Thanks to Deborah Shuker for this information.)

Reminder!

Donations to Christmas hampers for the end-of year function in November.

If you would like to donate something to our Christmas hamper raffles, please bring it along to the October meeting. The raffles are a feature of this seasonal gathering and anything non-perishable that you would be pleased to find in the hamper (if you won) will be suitable.



Tour of the National Library

A group of 11 had another successful tour of the National Library on Sept 28th. Before the tour started we explored the new 'home' for the Treaty of Waitangi. The room housing this is stunning, with beautiful sculptured Rimu walls and ceiling. You can press a button and light up a section of the display.

The tour group was made up of first timers and those that have been many times. Everyone came away learning something new. There is so much to be discovered.

All the basics were covered as to what is available. Some of the lesser known things included the Biography Collection. This is on microfiche and is newspaper clippings of 'random people' (not necessarily famous) up to the 1980's. You may find an ancestor or family member there!

Also on microfiche is the Newspaper Index. This is of notable (sometimes obscure) events such as accidents, fires etc. It goes up to the 1990's so you will not find these in Papers Past. Definitely worth a look.

There is a dedicated computer to Quick Maps, which consists of deposited plans for buildings, searched by address. You can see titles for buildings up until the present day. Just put the address into the search engine!

The photograph collection is definitely worth looking through, as not all the photos in this collection are available online. These photos are in filing cabinets and are searchable by name or geographical area.

If you bring your own lap top, tablet or phone you can access the free Wi Fi and all the online links, some of which are only available when in the building. Download documents straight to your device.

Another tour of the National Library will be organised next year. However, if you go down on your own, the staff are always very willing to help you.

Kathy Callaghan

Remember to update your email address!

Vodafone will cease providing email services on 30 November.

By now most of you that are affected will have set up the automatic forward to your new email provider, but so far very few of the 60+ members currently with Vodafone have changed their details with us. Please update your email address as soon as possible to continue receiving emails from us (including the newsletter!)

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

Instructions can be found at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2012/07/logging-in/>

Please be aware that with the automatic forward organised by Vodafone many forwarded emails MAY end up in the Spam folder of your new email provider, so check there and train your new email by marking the legit ones as Not Spam.

Scottish alert!

More than 2.7 million new valuation entries for 1935 have been added to the **ScotlandsPeople** website. You can now search more than 118 million individual entries.

Explore these records today <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/advanced-search>

There's so much more to 'Family Search'

Our Overview session on September 21st, focusing on FamilySearch, <http://FamilySearch.org>, attracted a good turnout. It is hard to do justice to such a huge topic in just an hour and a half.

So here are some brief notes:

Registering

Look back at our June 2016 newsletter for notes on how to register. It is on our website under Communications > Newsletters > 2016 > Jun. One change since then, given the intensive digitization programme, is that you can no longer order films from their immense collection for reading at the nearest centre. However, facilities for accessing some of the digital versions are now available at the National Library. See the September 2017 newsletter - Page 6.

Maps

Check out <http://maps.familysearch.org> for wonderful maps of England and Wales that can be filtered in various ways according to jurisdiction (which influences what records may be found where) eg the Poor Law Unions

Can't find your ancestor in the expected parish records? Go to the county concerned in the map and explore the options that pop up - eg list all parishes, list all contiguous counties, search the Family Search Catalogue or the Wiki.

I had a serendipitous discovery when I picked Somerset as a demonstration and searched the catalogue. I popped in my particular parish of interest, Martock, only to discover a digitized, but unindexed, set of Manor Court records. Clicking on the camera icon had us squinting at a set of chicken scratchings from presumably the 1741 recorded as the starting point, from which we quickly jumped to a more modern page (well 1800s is modern!), which was more easily decipherable.

Wiki

Starting to research somewhere new? Don't know what might be available or where?

Try the Wiki for general information, along with links to data in the FamilySearch Catalogue.

The FamilySearch tree

A collaborative "one world tree", - ie should really only contain one profile per person - work on your family, for free, with your "cousins". Very handy for attaching the sources you've examined to the relevant person in the tree so you know you've researched that record/family.

Many records have already had the people in them extracted into the tree, with the sources attached, but you may have to merge up the families as each record will have been extracted in isolation, eg a baptism will have the individual and parent(s), and a sibling will have the same - the parents will need merging to form a unified family, unless someone has already been there, done that. Set those people you are particularly attached to on "Watch" so that you are notified if anyone changes them.

All collaborative trees can have enthusiastic newbies rushing in without supporting evidence eg a merge of two people they think are they same. This can easily be reversed via the Change History link.

Or they may be a new cousin with a wealth of information that you will want to make contact with via the Messages link.

We don't own our ancestors, and I for one prefer to share at least some of my research via such trees - whilst keeping my master copy safely on my computer.

All of the above is just a small, very small, example of some of the reasons to use FamilySearch. Have fun exploring the site.

Lorna Henderson

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 in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: 24th October, 7-9pm - details pages 2

Every Wednesday: 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

Saturday 4th November: Members help session 1-3pm. APFHC. Bring along your problems and brick walls!

You may also be interested in the following:

October 26th: Back to basics workshops begin. See page 2 for details.

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

Tuesday 31st October: First meeting of the Irish Special Interest Group.

Thursday 9th November: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon 1-3pm. APFHC

Saturday 18th November: Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30pm.

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

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

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 9th November** for help with any Australian research. 10-12am at the APFHC.

Roots Magic

Two monthly meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre.

Next session: **Saturday 18th November**, 1:30 to 3:30, doors open at 1pm, \$3 door fee.

Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques or suggest a topic at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/> Restart in **March 2018**, third Saturday of the month.

Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 28th October**, 2:00 to 4:00pm. 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. Our final session for the year covered a wide range of topics/tools/sites at all levels of interest/expertise, as is becoming the norm for this group.

Start again next year, **Saturday 10th February**, 2-4pm. **New venue, Kapiti Community Centre** (it was getting a bit cramped at Lorna's)

There will be a small door charge to meet the rental.

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

Irish Special Interest Group

First meeting to be held on **Tuesday 31st October, 1-3pm** in Paraparaumu Library, APFHC.

If you interested but are unable to get to this meeting, contact us on <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

Facebook and DNA go hand in hand for research!

For my husband Ross' 70th birthday I decided to research his maternal family, the Tyson family from Cumberland, England. It is wonderful that his aunt, Norma Bayly (Tyson) is still alive at 97 and was able to give insight and knowledge that only a living person can do.

I used all the traditional resources, which of course were very helpful. However, there is nothing like visiting historical places and getting information from a 'local'. This was not an option at this time, but we had visited Cumberland ten years ago, visiting graveyards (as we all do on holidays, right?) and getting a feel for this rather isolated part of England.

This project happened to coincide with an email from a DNA match for Ross from a gentleman named Rich in the USA. We quickly established that the closest shared grandparent was their great, great grandfather James TYSON, (1825 – 1925) He was the son of Moses Tyson (1786- 1849).

Rich emailed me this wonderful photo of a shepherd, complete with shepherd crook, dressed in the traditional agricultural smock. Written on the back was:

*'For Bruce 1991, Great Great grandfather Tyson. Believed to have been reproduced from an old tin type, probably by *William Rene Edmund Neal. Possibly taken in the Lake District area near Bootle, Cumberland. Late 1700's is as near as can be traced. His name could be Moses Tyson, of High Kinmont, Corney, but no proof available'.*

*William Rene Edmund NEAL was married to the Eleanor Parker (1886 – 1947), granddaughter of James Tyson.



The writing on the back of the photo was both helpful and confusing! It led me to research tin type photography. The first mention of tin type photography was around 1853, four years after the death of Moses Tyson in 1849. Therefore it is doubtful the shepherd in our photograph was Moses Tyson, but likely to be his son James Tyson.

I then researched agricultural smocks, which I discovered were in use during the 1700's to the late 1800's. They went out of fashion in the late 1800's with the introduction of agricultural mechanical equipment, as the smock would get caught in the farm machinery. This reinforced that the person in the photo could not be Moses, but was likely to be his son James Tyson.

My next step was to 'go local' via the Cumbria Family History Society Facebook page, seeking any insight about the photo. This proved to be very effective. Within a few hours, information came flooding in! I received photos of where Moses Tyson was living in the 1841 Census (The Parsonage, Corney) and other useful information.

Encouraged by this response I posted on the Bootle Cumbria Memories Facebook page, seeking information regarding the location of Fell Gate in Bootle, where Margaret Agnes TYSON, the great grandmother of our DNA contact in the USA came from. Within minutes I had photographs of Fell Gate as it is today and comments on the history of the area.

Facebook is a very useful resource, especially for those who live outside an area. Almost all the family history Facebook pages are 'closed'. That means you request to join. Don't be put off by this. It is to prevent the page being clogged by spam.

Kapiti Genealogy has a Facebook page. The way it is currently set up enables interaction and goes way beyond just another notice board. Check it out.

Kathy Callaghan

Information for new members

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

This month's meeting:

Tuesday October 24th 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: U – Z

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surname starts with the above letters, she would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Welcome to new member:

Caroline McGRATH.

Please make yourself known to Donna on the front table when you arrive at your first monthly Branch meeting, so you can be introduced to other members with similar interests.

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.

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>

Back to Basics Workshops:

Don't miss the opportunity to join these workshops, particularly if you are a beginner.

They contain comprehensive coverage of the skills you will need to start your own research and will provide individual assistance with any difficulties.

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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Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell

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Catering: Judy Olsen

Schools project: John Glover

Schools liaison: Bill McKeich

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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

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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
November 28th 2017

End of Year Function.

Drinks and nibbles, raffle
and lots of fun.