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Editorial

Hello again!

This month we seem to have a surfeit of things Irish, for which I make no apology. It is estimated that 70 million people from all over the world can claim to have Irish in their heritage, so somewhere in your background there could be a little leprechaun lurking. The Irish Family History Research Day is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to extend their research knowledge. See page 4 for details. This is open to the public, so if you know anyone who might be interested do pass on the word.

I was fascinated by the article on page 5 about the amazing project to resurrect the Four Courts building in Dublin, destroyed by fire in 1922. The technophobic sceptic in me wonders if it is worth spending all that time, money and energy recreating a virtual building to house virtual documents that can be searched. Surely they can only reproduce information that is available somewhere else; it can't be made up. Maybe I've missed the plot!

However, I would like to say that if you have a particular research interest it is well worth joining a Special Interest Group. I went to the APFHC to try and assist a potential new member with

queries about Australia and chanced upon the Australian Interest Group meeting. Deborah Shuker was very willing to help and able to find the answers. Thanks, Deborah. No-one knows it all, but knowing where to find the information is so valuable.

Please note on page 2 that the Saturday Help Sessions are now by appointment. The time is spent more effectively if we know who needs assistance in what area. This is a good chance to get expert one-on-one help, so if you are stuck with something, give Lorna a call.

The Daytime Group certainly seems to be filling a gap for those unable to attend Branch meetings in the evening. It has already attracted some new members and encouraged others to re-join.

All for now. Good hunting this month.

Sheila

**Next meeting
February 27th**

**Managing your personal
digital archives
Flora Feltham**

February Branch Meeting

- When:** February 27th 2018 - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30-9pm - main session
- Where:** Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu,
- What:** **'Managing your personal digital archives'**
Flora Feltham - Digital Archivist , Alexander Turnbull Library.
How do you find all those digital records you are creating? Flora will give you practical advice on how to manage your digital files and media.

Meeting Convenor: Gerard Denton

Supper roster: K- P

Branch news

Here is the news! - Digital newspaper archives

Thanks to all who contributed stories at our January meeting. Newspapers are hardy perennials for us genealogists, and there are many stories to be gleaned from them to flesh out our families.

Please don't forget that apart from the usual Papers Past (<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>) and Trove (<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>) collections for Australasia, our members have free access to a valuable newspaper collection via **Find My Past** on the APFHC computers. This collection is divided into British, Irish and US/World subsets, and includes such obscure titles as the *Broughty Ferry Guide and Advertiser*. If you use the "By Newspaper" filter for each collection, you will find the list of titles.

As with all collections, the content is continually increasing in breadth and depth, and some of the content is quite recent. The FMP collection includes the Periodical Source Index (PERSI). Most of PERSI's articles are from periodicals covering the United States and Canada, but you can also find thousands of genealogy and local history entries (in both English and French) from Britain, Ireland and Australia.

Also, for NZSG members only, the Gale collection of newspapers is accessible through the NZSG website. This collection includes a wide range of mostly UK titles from the 17th to the 20th Century, including The Times and The Sunday Times.

Finally, if that is not enough to be getting on with, it is worth checking out https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives This list includes both free and pay-walled titles; and of course, Family Search's wiki is always a useful starting point: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Digital_Historical_Newspapers

Happy searching!
Ian Brooking

Saturday Research Help Session for members

We are happy to continue providing an alternative Help Session on the first Saturday of each month, 1- 3pm, for those unable to attend the Wednesday morning 10 -12 session at the APFHC, but we would like to know when someone needs assistance. It's disheartening, to say the least, if we make the effort to be there and no-one turns up!

If you wish to attend on a Saturday, please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna beforehand on 293 7771 so that an appropriate person for your query can be arranged.

Progress report on schools project

This is the Quarterly Progress Report on the Schools Admissions Registers Project of the Kapiti Genealogy Group (assisted by members of the Waikanae Family History Group).

Paekakariki School	Project 4640.	1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG
Raumati Beach School	Project 4639.	3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 5 Apr 2017.
Waikanae Primary School	Project 4641.	1896 – 2014 transcribed. 1896 – 2014 all data checked. 1896 – 2010 data edited (corrected).
Paraparaumu Beach School	Project 4643.	1965 – 2015 transcribed. 1965 – 1973 checked.
St Patricks School	Project 4651.	2005 – 2015 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.
Kapanui School	Project 4645.	1978 – 2015 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.
Kenakena School	Project 4653.	1978 – 2010 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.

John Glover

News from members

FamilySearch digitises probate records

This ambitious project to digitise hundreds of thousands of probate records has taken nine years to complete. Read the interesting article from the Dominion at the link below.

Family history buffs now have access to a genealogy goldmine thanks to the efforts of touring Mormon missionaries.

<http://fw.to/QixSd4F>

From Barry Thompson

Navigate Dunedin's family history newsletters www.dunedinfamilyhistory.co.nz

At the Menu, navigate to Publications > Newsletters > click on the year, scroll down to a month/ issue and select. Newsletter available on 1st of the month. It can be read online or downloaded.

If Google Chrome cannot access, try another browser.

From Deborah Shuker

Scotland's people

As is usual about this time each year, Scotlands People have now added online access to another year's worth of images: Births for 1917, Marriages for 1942 and Deaths for 1967.

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/article/news-article-statutory-record-release>

From Lorna Henderson

Findmypast in association with The National Archives has launched a new Suffragette Collection, that tells stories of individuals who fought for women's suffrage. It consists of 3,000 Metropolitan Police and Home Office records and has been launched to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, giving property owning women and female graduates over the age of 30, the right to vote .

This collection is free to search until International Women's Day on March 8th, so I presume if you do not have a sub. but register on FMP, it can be viewed from home.

From Denise McCarten

Trinity recreates seven centuries of Irish history

This is an amazing story. It's hard to imagine searching documents in a 'virtual archive'.

Trinity College in Dublin has launched a ground-breaking project to digitally recreate the Four Courts Public Record Office building and its seven centuries of records. The historic 3-D virtual reality reconstruction will allow the public to walk through the destroyed building and explore the lost records.

The archive's collections touched on almost every aspect of life in Ireland, including births, marriages, and deaths, wills, maps, parish registers and town records.



In 1922, fire destroyed Dublin's Four Courts building that housed the Irish National Archives

Through detailed historical detective work, the project team is working to recover the information contained in the destroyed archive by identifying and digitizing surviving or substitute materials held by archives and libraries around the world. These materials include records that survived the blaze, records that were damaged but not completely destroyed, duplicates of original records now held in partner archives, as well as facsimile images, antiquarian transcripts and summaries of the records made before 1922.

To read the whole story by *Kate Hickey* go to the Irish Central website.

<https://www.irishcentral.com/news/trinity-digitally-recreates-seven-centuries-of-ireland-s-history-lost-in-1922-four-courts-fire>

The Genealogist

Our subscription to the Genealogist adds several valuable dimensions to the other programmes we have at our disposal at the APFHC. Apart from land maps it has a good newspaper and magazine collection that is searchable by name or keyword.

500 editions of The Illustrated London News from 1890-99 have just been added to this collection. The Illustrated London News will add context to your ancestors' lives and times. These newspapers can be used to find out more about people who, for one reason or another, were mentioned in reports from the time.

Kapiti Genealogy Daytime Group

The KapGen Daytime Group, led by Sonia Coom, continues to attract more members who prefer to meet during the day.

Meetings are held **10-12noon** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at the **Waikanae Baptist Church Meeting Room**, 286, Te Moana Rd. Door charge of \$3.

Contact us through our Web page:

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/day-meetings/>

If using the Contact Us form for suggestions/questions, please select "Day Meetings" as the subject.

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: Tuesday 27th February, 7-9pm - details page 2

KG Daytime Group: Thursday 15th March, 10-12noon. Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

Wednesdays: 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 3rd March: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. To book a time, phone 293 7771 - see page 2

Saturday 10th March: Irish Family History Research Day. See page 4 for details and to book.

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

Thursday 8th March: Australian interest group. 10 to 12 noon APFHC

Tuesday 13th March: Irish Special Interest Group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

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

Saturday 14th April: DNA group at Kapiti Community Centre. 2- 4pm. **Note venue.**

Saturday 28th April : NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

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

Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic. Next two monthly meeting **Saturday 17th March, 2 - 4pm** at the Community Centre.

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments
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 13th March 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library. 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 28th April 2 - 4pm.** Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on gerot@xtra.co.nz for more details.

DNA

Our next two-monthly meeting (2nd Sat. of month) falls on **Saturday 14th April 2 - 4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu. All welcome. \$3 door charge including refreshments.

We started our meetings at the new venue in February by covering the companies available for testing, the basics of where to test, and transfer too, to maximise your investment in a DNA test.

This month's Hot-off-the-Press news is the updated version of Charting Companion - a charting program from Progeny Genealogy (<https://progenygenealogy.com/>) that reads most common genealogy databases directly ie.(RootsMagic, Legacy, FamilyTreeMaker, and accepts GEDCOMs) to produce a wide range of charts.

It has several DNA oriented reports - including the often troublesome X Chr inheritance charts. The new version produces a "Maguire Chart" aka the DNA Matrix option for a Descendant Chart. This gives a good overview for showing which descendants of an ancestor have tested and how their shared DNA stacks up between them.

It currently works on one input file (a number of formats from the usual DNA sites including GEDmatch are catered for) but in the works is a version that will cope with multiple source files for those who have tested on different sites. Names can be shown as initials only for privacy if desired.

Information for new members

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

This month's meetings

Tuesday February 27th. Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper 7:30pm: meeting starts.

Daytime Group meets third Thursday of the month.

Next meeting - **Thursday 15th March** 10-12noon

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

Supper roster: K – P

If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Welcome to new members:

Margaret KEEN, Margaret MURTON, Fran PURCELL and Gay RUDDLESDEN.

Welcome back to Rosemary MARRYATT.

Please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table 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 (by appointment - see page 2) will give you individual help to find your way around the great facilities we enjoy.

Website

Log in and explore., update your details and find information on our user groups as well as a full programme of meetings .

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/>

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. [pamandjohnglo "at" gmail.com](mailto:pamandjohnglo@atgmail.com)

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparamu

Daytime Group:**3rd Thursday, Jan - Nov**

Time: 10-12noon
Venue: Waikanae Baptist Church,
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

Branch Committee

Convener: To be appointed

Phone:

Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

Secretary: Denice McCarten

Phone: 905 8266

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Treasurer and Membership:

Lorna Henderson

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Members:

Ian Barbour

Gerard Denton

Bernard McManus

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Membership

We are now accepting renewals, and new memberships, for the 2018-19 year. Technically these are not due until 31st March, but please be kind to the Treasurer/Membership Secretary and spread her workload.

Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ

02- 0591-0040791-000

Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/01/membership-for-20182019/>

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

OzSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

DNA: Lorna Henderson

Irish: Bernard McManus

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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.

Email links

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Next meeting
March 27th 2018

Charting your Family Tree
Gerald Twiss