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events, Branch,  
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Groups, and any  
late changes.

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## Editorial



Seasons  
Greetings Everyone.

The Committee hopes to see you all at our end-of year social evening on November 27th. Bring along any entertaining tit-bits for the 'Show and Tell' and prepare your reactions for the Quick-fire quiz!

If you were inspired by Barbara Mulligans' talk about the 1918 'flu epidemic and intend to join the Centennial Celebration at Karori Cemetery, don't miss Sunday November 25th. Details are on [www.1918influenzakarori.weebly.com](http://www.1918influenzakarori.weebly.com)

The Irish Research Day on November 3rd was a great success. Jenny Martin gave an update on Family Search, a resource that is improving all the time. Jenny suggested using the 'catalogue' facility in the drop-down box under the Search tab. If you can pin-point a parish or town, it's amazing what books, records and papers come up.

November 30th is the last day you can upload your DNA files free from the other companies into MyHeritage. It has analysis tools unavailable on the other sites and

is worth tapping into. Your elusive cousin may only have tested there!

This is the last newsletter of the year. The next will be in January, ready for the first Branch meeting of 2019 on January 22nd when we will be having the popular session on 'Here is the News'. So if you find anything of interest, save it to share at that meeting.

The Day Group will be meeting the week before on 16th January. See page 2 for details.

In the meantime, may you all enjoy a happy, healthy and safe festive season.

Sheila



Next meeting  
November 27th

Annual Social Evening  
'Show and Tell'  
Quick-fire genealogical  
quiz

## November Branch Meeting

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday November 27th 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu,

**What:** **End of Year social evening** with 'Show and Tell' theme.  
Bring along your entertaining tales or comments.  
No contribution too small.  
Plus Quick-fire genealogy trivia quiz!



**Meeting Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** G – K

### Daytime Group meeting.

**When:** Wednesday January 16th - 1.30 - mix and mingle  
2-4pm - meeting

**Where:** Waikanae Baptist Church cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd., Waikanae.

**What:** **Charting Trees by Gerald Twiss.**  
Followed by problem sharing, discussion and research.

**Convenor:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news

**Don't forget** to bring any interesting or amusing stories, preferably not too long, to **'Show and Tell'** at the Branch meeting on November 27th. This is our end-of-year social evening with food and fun, which will include a quick-fire genealogy trivia quiz.

**\*\*To make the evening a success we need your contributions.**

### **New books for the library** - from Bev Chappell

The following new books have been catalogued and are now on the APFHC Library shelf – I have included the Dewey Number. The catalogue indicates whether the book is available. Members need both their library card and membership card to show at the issue desk if wishing to borrow books from the APFHC Book shelves.

#### **DNA**

**599.935 AUL** - AULICINO, Emily D.(2014) *Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond*, Bloomington, Author House

**599.935 BET** - BETTINGER, Blaine T.(2016) *Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, Cincinnati, Family Tree Books

#### **SCOTLAND**

**929.072 DUR** - DURIE, Bruce (2017) *Scottish Genealogy: Fourth Edition Fully Revised and Updated*, Port Stroud, The History Press

#### **IRELAND**

**911.415 MIT** - MITCHELL, Brian (2003) *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland: Second Edition*, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co

**929.1 PAT** - PATON, Chris (2013) *Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet: A Guide for Family Historians*, Barnsley, Pen and Sword Family History (Reprint 2016)

**929.1 PAT** - PATON, Chris (2013) *Tracing Your Family History on the Internet: A Guide for Family Historians: Second Edition*, Barnsley, Pen and Sword Family History(2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

## Report on Schools Admissions Registers project

Quarterly Progress Report of the Kapiti Genealogy Group (assisted by members of the Waikanae Family History Group) for the end of 2018.

We have transcribed all the available data from schools in the area that have given consent. Our efforts are now concentrated on checking the transcribed data against the originals registers, and correcting any errors that are found. If no further schools consent, the current project will end when all the data we have available has been checked and corrected.

If any further members would like to help with this checking (no computer use is required) please contact me. (Contact details on page 7)

Below is the progress made on each school:

<b>Paekakariki School</b>	Project 4640	
1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG		
<b>Raumati Beach School</b>	Project 4639	
3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 5 Apr 2017.		
<b>Waikanae Primary School</b>	Project 4641	
7747 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 9 Apr 2018.		
<b>Paraparaumu Beach School</b>	Project 4643	
1965 – 2015 transcribed.	1965 – 2005 checked.	1965 – 1996 edited.
<b>St Patricks School</b>	Project 4651	
2005 – 2015 transcribed.	Some records are being checked.	
<b>Kapanui School</b>	Project 4645	
1978 – 2015 transcribed.	Checking is yet to start.	
<b>Kenakena School</b>	Project 4653	
1978 – 2010 transcribed.	Checking is yet to start.	



Volunteering with this project this year have been Derek Griffis, Brian Ross, Rod Foster, Lynda Heron, Bill McKeich, Stephen Sherring, Esther Rudd, Dianna Marsden, Frances Braddick, Meryl Opie, Elizabeth Lynch, Margaret Murton, Gay Ruddleston, Allison Chappell, Bev Chappell, Brenda Harden, Deborah Shuker.

Sadly, one of our volunteers, Hanley Hoffmann, passed away in August.

My sincere thanks to all the volunteers.

*John Glover*

## Co-opted Committee Member

The Committee welcome **John Miller** as a co-opted member of the Committee. John will be helping Lorna with the Treasurer's job.

## On the Irish Trail?

Tip from Bernard - <https://www.irishancestors.ie/weve-added-14000-more-names-to-our-bmd-database/>

From **Family Tree, June 2018**. a comprehensive article by Chris Patton on page 42 entitled *Finding Irish Church Records*. Chris goes through the historical collection of church records of all denominations and gives a useful summary of resources to investigate including numerous helpful websites to check out. Family Tree is one of our Round Robin magazines. See page 7 if you want to be added to the list .

## The Henderson Sisters

### **A Common Bond with the Suffragists** – *Researched by Marilyn McMillan and written by Sonia Coom*

When searching the Suffragette Petition for family members who had signed, I noted that four sisters were mentioned – the *Henderson sisters*.

One of them, Stella, had won a scholarship to Christchurch Girls' High School and come under the influence of the Principal, Helen Connon.

### **Background to Helen Connon**

When Helen Connon's family settled in Christchurch in 1874, she was one of the first women students at Canterbury College, forerunner of the University of Canterbury. On receiving her Master of Arts degree from the University of New Zealand in 1881, she became the first woman in the British Empire to get an honours degree.

In 1886 she married Professor John Macmillan Brown, the man who had guided her through her university course. In 1918, the first residential hall opened by the University was named Helen Connon Hall.

She later became the second Lady Principal of Christchurch Girl's High School, establishing it firmly as a leading academic secondary school

### **The Common Bond**

I was particularly interested in this find as I resided at Helen Connon Hall while at University, and had read about the Henderson sisters, a family of prominent educated women, and their achievements.

### **The Henderson sisters**

Three sisters, Alice, Christina and Stella Henderson signed the Petition, however, it was the youngest, Elizabeth, too young to sign in 1893, who was the most notable. In 1933, under her married name, Elizabeth McCombs, she became New Zealand's first woman MP.

**Alice** became a Presbyterian Missionary from 1896. Her missionary work influenced her younger sister, **Christina**, to take an active role in the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand. Christina brought 'sympathy and encouragement' to Alice's years of missionary endeavour, visiting her twice and supporting her financially.

Both Christina (who had a teaching career) and Stella gained university degrees. (Stella became a journalist – winning a scholarship to Christchurch Girls' High School at the age of 12, thus coming under the influence of Helen Connon, and winning a University of New Zealand Junior Scholarship to Canterbury College)

**Christina** taught at Christchurch Girls' High School. She had a serious nature, strong religious beliefs and socialist sympathies. Her principles were fostered by her membership of a small socialist club in Christchurch during the 1880s. She saw capitalism as cruel and unjust and had an abiding concern for the welfare of women and children.

Christina was the first president of the Association of Women Teachers, founded in 1901 to secure a better status and remuneration for women teachers, going on to be a member and secretary of the National Council of Women of New Zealand.

She fought for the right of women to serve in the police, as members of Parliament, jurors and JPs; she herself was appointed a JP in 1928.

**Stella** completed her BA, and in 1892 received a college exhibition for excellence in honours work in political science. In 1893 she gained her MA with first-class honours in English and Latin.

## The Henderson Sisters continued

Stella was a founding member of the National Council of Women of New Zealand in 1896 and later of the Australian National Council of Women. As an advocate of local government reform, she was active in promoting equal pay for equal work and the removal of restrictions placed on education, employment and the freedom of women. She campaigned for the extension of universal suffrage to local body elections and for both men and women sexes to be qualified to stand for office.

In 1898 Stella went on to be a parliamentary correspondent and political leader writer for the *Lyttelton Times*. However, this created issues when the President of the Press Gallery, after receiving a request to have a seat allocated to the *Lyttelton Times* for her use, held a vote amongst gallery reporters as to whether they wanted a woman colleague. With many of the journalists furiously angry that a woman should try to invade this 'holy of holies' she was refused a place.



Undaunted, she bought a permanent ticket to the ladies' gallery where she balanced her notes on her knee. Her leader articles were written in the ladies' tearoom because it was the only accessible place with a table. The ostracism towards Stella became an issue and the matter was referred to the Reporting Debates and Printing Committee of the House of Representatives. The dispute was resolved when a partition was erected providing a special cubicle for her use.

**Elizabeth** became politically active in organisations dedicated to the removal of women's civil and political disabilities, and was a prominent figure in the Women's Council of Trade Unions.

In June 1903 Elizabeth married James McCombs. They had two children, Terence and Alison. James was elected to Parliament as a representative of the Social Democratic Party in 1913 and became the first president of the second New Zealand Labour Party in 1916, when Elizabeth was also elected onto the party executive. Women gained the right to stand for Parliament in 1919.

In 1921 Elizabeth began a long association with local politics when she won a seat on the Christchurch City Council. She convinced the council to build a crèche and women's rest room in Cathedral Square, and in 1925, as a member of the electricity committee, fought for the lowest domestic electricity rates in the country. During the early years of the Depression, she worked hard for the unemployed as a member of the hospital board's benevolent committee and the committee administering the Mayor's Relief of Distress Fund.

Elizabeth stood unsuccessfully for Parliament in 1928 and 1931, campaigning in the latter year under the slogan 'Vote the first Woman to the New Zealand Parliament'. The opportunity presented itself again in August 1933 when her husband died, forcing a by-election in the Lyttelton seat. However the Labour leaders were not convinced about her candidacy as James had only won by a narrow margin in 1931. They had no cause for concern. Elizabeth was elected with an overwhelming majority, to become the first female Member of Parliament, forty years after women in New Zealand received the right to vote in 1893.

During her time in Parliament Elizabeth tried to keep women's issues at the forefront, advocating causes such as equal pay. But she had little opportunity to effect change. Labour was then in opposition and less than two years later, in June 1935 Elizabeth McCombs died.

After her death, her son Terence won the Lyttelton seat, which he was to hold for the next 16 years.

## 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 November 7-9pm - details page 2**

**KG Daytime Group: Wednesday 16th January 2019, 1.30-4pm.** Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

**Wednesdays, 6th and 12th December:** 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree.

**Saturday 1st December:** Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment.** Phone 293 7771 to book.

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

**Saturday 1st December:** NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm Final meeting of the year.

**Thursday 14th February:** Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

**Tuesday 12th February:** Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

**Saturday 23rd February:** NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm. First meeting of 2019.

**Saturday 9th February:** DNA Interest Group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

**Saturday 16th March:** Roots Magic group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 14th February** for help with any Australian research. **10 -12noon** at APFHC.

### DNA

We restart in on **9th February 2019.**

at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm

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

Keep an eye out for the sales on at the moment, and usually also in December.

If you have already tested FamilyTreeDNA's FamilyFinder, or tested at Ancestry or 23andme, do consider the free transfer of your file from there into MyHeritage before 1 Dec after which date the DNA tools beyond the basic match list will require some sort of payment to access.

Those already transferred will continue with free access to the existing tools (which are impressive) You will get more matches (fishing in a different pond) and more tools to explore (including potentially different spins on your ethnicity/ admixture results).

### Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 23rd February 2 - 4pm.** Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on [gerot@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gerot@xtra.co.nz) for details.

### Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 12th February 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic to keep track of their Family History.

Next two-monthly meeting will be **March 16th.** at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm

Keep an eye open for details on

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

**\$3** door fee. to cover rental/refreshments  
Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

## Information for new members

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

**Daytime Group meetings** are on the third Wednesday of the month from Jan. to November.

### Next meetings

**Tuesday November 27th** 7:00pm: supper  
7:30pm: meeting starts.

**Wednesday January 16th** 1.30: meet and mingle  
2 - 4pm

Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3

Details of both meetings on page 2

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

### Supper roster: G – K

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

### Welcome to new member:

Carol Rattray. If you have not been to a Branch meeting before, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table.

### Help with Research

**Our help sessions** on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will give you individual help around the facilities.

The last Wednesday session for 2018 will be on

**December 12th.** Next Saturday session on **December 1st** - ring 293 7771 for an appointment.

### 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 one of the drawers.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to show your membership card. 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.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch (we suggest you use your own log-in to 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

John Glover and his team are 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 subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at ([RoundRobin"at"KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@atKapitiGen.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



### Branch meetings:

#### 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research  
7:30pm, meeting start  
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

#### Daytime Group:

#### 3rd Wednesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 1.30, mix and mingle  
2-4pm, meeting  
Venue: Waikanae Baptist Church,  
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

### Branch Committee

**Convener:** Ian Barbour  
Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Denice McCarten  
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**Treasurer and Membership:**  
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### Programme & Activities:

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**Members:** Donna Bridgman  
Gerard Denton  
Sonia Coom

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Magazine Round Robins:**  
Bev Chappell  
RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

### Membership

New members always welcome.  
A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2019.  
Check out <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/>  
for the application form or to apply online.  
Bank account for internet banking  
payments: BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000  
Further details at  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/01/membership-for-20182019/>

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library  
whenever the library is open use your blue  
membership card.

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

### Ex-officio committee

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley  
editor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Equipment Support:**  
Lindsay Olsen. Backup Lorna

**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Schools project:** John Glover

**Schools liaison:** Bill McKeich

**Raffle:** Stephen Sherring

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**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson  
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### School Admission records project:

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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

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

Next meeting  
January 22nd 2019

The popular session -  
'Here is the News'.  
Bring along items of interest