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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

Greetings!

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge the brave researchers who volunteered to try and break down brickwalls for our August meeting. The queries they were given wouldn't be brickwalls if they were easy to crack. Sincere thanks to you all. Your time and effort was appreciated.

New records are being added continuously to the sites for which we have subscriptions at the APFHC, so I thought I'd use this space to point out some new interesting ones

If you have not yet tried out The Genealogist - do give it a go. It has just added over 1.5 million individuals to its Warwickshire Parish Record Collection, covering baptisms, marriages and burials. These records were released in association with Warwickshire County Record Office and have high quality images to complement the transcripts.

Findmypast has recently added several new Scottish records to its collection. Search [https://
search.findmypast.com.au/search-
world-Records/scotland-edinburgh-
temperance-pledges-1886-1908](https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-world-Records/scotland-edinburgh-temperance-pledges-1886-1908) to find Scotland, Edinburgh Temperance Pledges 1886-1908, which were introduced by the

United Presbyterian Church and were originally called "the Band of Hope Register". This index includes the names and ages of numerous children who signed the pledge.

Or look for some of the early Scottish censuses, such as Scotland, Edinburgh St Cuthbert's Census 1790, or Scotland, Perthshire, Inhabitants of the Burgh of Perth 1766. Findmypast's collection of UK census records from 1841 up to 1901 also covers Scotland. Findmypast has just released over 53 million indexed England and Wales Electoral Registers covering from 1920 to 1932, which will help to bridge the gap between the 1911 and 1939 censuses. [https://
search.findmypast.com.au/search-
world-Records/england-and-wales-
electoral-registers-1920-1932](https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-world-Records/england-and-wales-electoral-registers-1920-1932)

Your help is needed for the October meeting. Please see page 2 for details.

Sheila

Next meeting
September 25th

1918 Infuenza Project -
Karori Cemetery
By Barbara Mulligan

September Branch Meeting

Evening meeting.

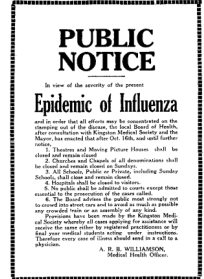
When: Tuesday September 25th - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

What: '1918 Influenza Project - Karori Cemetery'

Speaker: Barbara Mulligan

Barbara will describe a community project that aims to commemorate 650 people who died in the 1918 Wellington 'flu epidemic and are buried in Karori Cemetery



Meeting Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: V - Z +A

Daytime Group meeting.

When: Wednesday October 17th- 1.30pm - mix and mingle
2-4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd., Waikanae.

What: "Connections to the Early Settlers on the Coast"

Come and share your stories and any pictures you may have. If your family have Maori, Pakeha or Chinese connections, or another race altogether, we want to hear them all.

Convenor: Sonia Coom

Branch news

October Branch meeting.

Your contributions are wanted for this meeting, which will carry on the theme of the 1918 Influenza pandemic from the September meeting, and also celebrate the 125 years since the success of women's suffrage.

Please do some research and put together stories that involve either of these events and their impacts on your family. No story is too small!



Source of Books rare and secondhand. -Tip from Deborah

bookfinder.com Search by title or author and from the list of books available, you click to see the outlet and price.

Through this bookfinder site I bought a book from South Sea Books 37 Hollis Ave Cashmere, 8002, Christchurch www.abebooks.com/south-sea-books-christchurch

Trademe has a books category. www.colonialcdbooks.com which sells many books scanned to CD. <http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz> New Zealand Electronic Text Collection at Victoria University

Back to Basics. The current course went very well with 12 participants taking part. The Committee agreed that two sessions should be run next year to cater for demand.

Early November. The LNI Irish Interest Group is running a research day. Watch this space for details.

Tour of Archives NZ

A tour of Archives NZ has been organised for **Tuesday 9th October 2018, 10.30am.**

The tour lasts an hour and includes an overview of what Archives New Zealand does, what is held there and a 'behind the scenes' tour of the staff-only repository and some items of interest.

It may be useful to visit their website and social media channels, such as Facebook, Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/archivesnz/>) and YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/user/archivesnz>).

All bags, drinks and food will need to be left in the lockers provided (free). Pencils only (provided) allowed in the Reading Room. Cameras are allowed (no flash). A Readers Card is required to order items. If you do not have one of these, you can get it on the day (free). You will need photo ID.

Most of us are going down on the train leaving at 9.01 from Waikanae. I will wait by the ticket office in Wellington for those who wish to walk up together to Archives NZ.

The latest return train to Waikanae using a Gold Card is at 2.53 pm.

If you don't have a Gold Card, there are new fare prices as of July. Day Rover and off-peak fares have been scrapped. It is now \$13 each way regardless of time, but you can purchase a 'day ticket' at \$20 which can be used on all trains and buses at any time on the day issued.

To register for the tour, please email kathycallaghan@gmail.com, phone 297 0733 or txt 021 045 2925, by **Friday Oct 5th.**

British Folk Customs

Midsummer Tithes

At Wishford Magna, Wiltshire, a custom known as the sale of the Midsummer Tithes is observed on Rogation Monday (*preceding Ascension Thursday in May*). The parish church owns the grazing rights of two pieces of watermeadow from that day until August 12th (Old Lammas Day), and these are customarily let at the beginning of the period by an old form of auction. The Parish clerk walks up and down between the porch and churchyard gate with the church key in his hand, while those present make their bids. The last person to bid before the sun disappears and the clerk strikes the gate with the key, secures the grazing rights until the end of the season. *A Dictionary of British Folk Customs* C.Hole

1975 Photo of the ceremony at <https://homersykes.photoshelter.com/>

Yarton Meadow, Oxfordshire Mowing Rights

Under a system that dates back to medieval times, the meadows of Pixey, Oxhay and West Mead were divided into 13 lots. An auction was held for the rights to the hay from the meadows on the first Monday after St Peter's Day (June 29) and then the business of deciding exactly who could mow where was decided by drawing 13 balls from a bag.

The last time this ceremony took place in its traditional way was in 1978.

Also see the category "Hotshoe customs" in his 1970's collection

Advance notice. **Tuesday 5 March 2019**

Leading Scottish Highland genealogist Graeme Mackenzie is visiting New Zealand and will be hosted by Kapiti Genealogy to present two lectures at the Waikanae Baptist Church Te Moana Road.

Graeme is a trained historian, with a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge, and has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for the last 25 years.

This event will be open to anyone interested in coming along. Details in future newsletters.

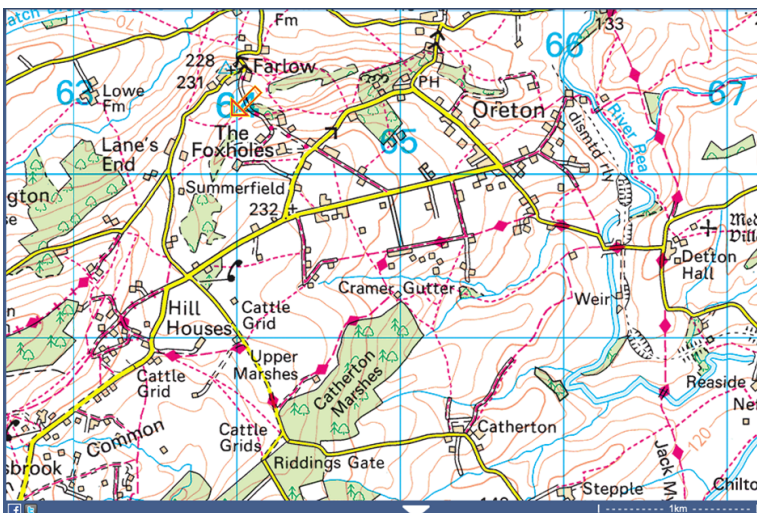
Brickwalls from the August meeting (cont. overleaf)

The following two accounts from our researchers of brickwalls show that solutions are not always a simple matter! Thanks are due to all those who took on the task, for their time and efforts.

Query: Starting from a known 1849 marriage (George and Anne TEDSTILL [plus 9 other spellings of the surname in contemporary use]), wanting to trace the birth of a Samuel to this couple in about 1851, and Samuel's subsequent marriage to Eliza HALL in about 1874. Most of the known action took place in the Cleobury Mortimer registration district, Shropshire, England.

Response: Ideally, the online GRO (<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/Login.asp>) births index should have captured Samuel's birth, as it covers the period 1837-1917, and should have provided access to his mother's maiden name. Alas, Samuel's birth has either not been registered, or has been recorded/transcribed in a way that avoids detection – despite having search features that allow for “phonetically similar variations” and “similar sounding variations”.

The next approach was to construct what was known about George and Anne's children from GRO births, parish baptisms (courtesy of FindMyPast - Shropshire, Parish Registers Browse, 1538-1900) and census data, and see whether a Samuel fitted in the family.



To help navigate around the county, the Ordnance Survey-style maps of <http://streetmap.co.uk/> provided very useful location detail to identify hamlets and places of abode recorded in the census and baptism records.

George and Anne's (Anne JONES) parish wedding registration was found in the parish of Stottesdon & Farlow, revealing that George's father was a

schoolmaster named William COX, not a TEDSTILL at all! This fact proved useful later, as George and Anne's census trail from 1851 to 1891 took an interesting turn when the family was recorded in the 1861 census as COX, not TEDSTILL. Baptisms in the parish of Farlow were found for Samuel (1851), James (1853), Edward (1855), George (1858) and Elizabeth Ann (1860), and all of these matched GRO births to a mother with a maiden name of JONES – with the exception of the missing Samuel, of course. The almost perfect alignment of this family group through GRO births, baptisms and census gave confidence that Samuel was indeed part of the family.

One further question arose from these records though – where is the GRO birth record for John, the last son of George and Anne, who appears in the 1871 census, born circa 1864?

The second part of the brickwall, Samuel's subsequent marriage to Eliza Hall proved to be elusive. A full complement of their 8 living children could be constructed from the 1881 – 1911 census records. The 1911 census recorded 12 live births in total, with 4 of these having died before 1911. Some of these have yet to be discovered through the online GRO birth indexes. Eliza's maiden name of HALL was verified from these GRO births. However, the only evidence for an 1874 marriage is recorded in the 1911 census – the number of years married (37). All other sources have so far yielded nothing.

Ian Brooking

Another Brickwall

Query: Could you look for an Owen and Mary McAviney (unsure of surname spelling) who lived in Ireland? Shipping records show Owen and Mary to be deceased when the family departed Plymouth on the 23rd May 1841 aboard the Forth bound for Australia. I want information on Owen and Mary.

Response: Terry said that the shipping records showed they came from Dromanay, Co Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. I checked out Dromanay, Co Fermanagh and found there are four areas by the name of Drumany; Drumany x2, Drumany Bet & Drumany More. Their parishes are Aghalurcher, District Lisnaskea, and Kinawley, District Enniskillen & Lisnaskea. Often place names were spelt either phonetically or as it was thought they sounded.

I found these names by searching <https://www.emeraldancestors.com/pages/index.asp?title=northern-ireland-ancestry-townland-search-summary&county=Fermanagh&page=42>

Another useful site for searching townlands is <https://www.townlands.ie/fermanagh/>

Civil registration of all births, marriages, and deaths in Ireland began in **1864** (except for non-Catholic marriages, for which registration started in **1845**). Earlier BDM's may be found at Irish Genealogy.ie (<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>) or at National Library of Ireland (<https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000632783#page/1/mode/1up>) However, finding any record before these dates is difficult.

If you are lucky you might find a parish record from a church. I had no such luck at either one of the above sites or in any parish records. I took a chance and looked at Find My Past, FamilySearch and Ancestry. I often look outside the square and, although it might not seem logical for genealogy research, did a Google search on 1776. A post on Roots Chat stated that an Owen was born in 1776 and married to Mary Curry but nothing else, so not a lot to go on.

Unfortunately I did not come up with anything that was a positive link to Terry McAviney's family. Below are other sites which are useful for research.

FamilySearch <https://www.familysearch.org/> You need to sign up for a free account if you have not done this before.

Find My Past (Pay site). <http://tree.findmypast.com.au/>

Ancestry <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/> <https://www.ancestry.co.au>

RootsIreland.ie (Pay site) <http://fermanagh.rootsireland.ie/>

Facebook Co Fermanagh <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FermanaghGold/>

IrelandXO or Ireland Reaching Out is an excellent site and there are many helpful researchers that will research for free <https://www.irelandxo.com/>

Roots Chat <http://www.rootschat.com/>

Donna Bridgeman

Breaking News from MyHeritage

If you have already tested for DNA with another company, (including 23 and Me and Living DNA), you can upload your DNA data, free, onto the MyHeritage site. Their free transfer programme is ending on 1 December 2018. All kits transferred in prior to December 1st will continue to have free access to all the wonderful DNA tools they offer after that date, including the triangulation tools and chromosome browser.

Read more explanation at <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2018/09/16/myheritage-dna-changes-and-deadline/> which has a link to MyHeritage's own announcement.

With over 1.75million kits, growing rapidly, and impressive matching tools, do consider transferring your kit in. You never know where your elusive brickwall breakthrough will come from.

No subscription required to access just the DNA part of 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 to download and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: Tuesday 25th September 7-9pm - details page 2

KG Daytime Group: Wednesday 17th October, 1.30-4pm. 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. .

Saturday 6th October: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment.** Phone 293 7771 to book.

Tuesday 9th October: Tour of Archives NZ. Details in September newsletter.

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

Tuesday 9th October: Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

Thursday 11th October: Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

Saturday 13th October: DNA group at Kapiti Community Centre. 2- 4pm.

Saturday 27th October: Legacy Users Group at Kapiti Community Centre, 2-4pm.

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

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 11th October** for help with any Australian research.

10 - 12noon at APFHC.



Meeting of the Australian Interest group

Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 27th October 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 details.

Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 9th October 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.

Last session for the year **Saturday 17th November 2-4pm** at the Kapiti 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/>

DNA

Our last meeting for the year is **Saturday 13th October 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

All welcome. \$3 door charge including refreshments.

Do bring along your questions, someone present should be able to help.

Dates for the year on our website

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

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 September 25th 7:00pm: supper
7:30pm: meeting starts.

Wednesday October 17th 1.30- 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: V – Z +A

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

Welcome back:

Sandra White

If you haven't been to a Branch meeting for a while, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table to be introduced to other members. Note the Daytime Group that meets on the third Wednesday of the month. See page 2 for details of the next meeting.

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 below**) will give you individual help around our the great facilities.

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.

(Just at present the cupboard is damaged following recarpeting. The top drawer is jammed.)

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder found in one of the drawers.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will 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.

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)

Saturday help session for members

If you are unable to get to the public help session on Wednesday morning or need help in a particular area, we have arranged another research session for members on the first Saturday afternoon in the month. This is **by appointment only** and is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771 so that an appropriate person for your query can be arranged.



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: 1,30pm
Venue: Waikanae Baptist Church,
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

Branch Committee

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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.

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Equipment Support:
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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
October 23rd 2018

Your stories on influenza,
suffragettes
and more brickwalls