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## Editorial

Greetings!

The last month has been a busy one for the Branch. What with both evening and daytime Branch meetings, the Irish Research Day, an Overview session on BDMs both in NZ and overseas, as well as the regular gatherings, there was something to interest everyone who wanted to join in.

If you are new to the Branch, you'll find all the information you need to take advantage of the facilities at our Alison Proctor Family History Centre (APFHC) on page 7. If you have any difficulty, don't hesitate to contact one of the Committee listed on page 8.

My niece, who is a genealogy boffin, persuaded my brother to take a DNA test with 'Living DNA' - not a company that I had heard of. They break down the results of the general "European" category into more explicit sections and show which location is associated with which parent. Fascinating!

It seems my mother was 58% Sami. According to Wikipedia, the Sami people occupy an area known as Sápmi, traditionally Lapland, which includes parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Murmansk Oblast of Russia! The Arctic North. Their best-known occupation is herding semi-nomadic reindeer!

Maybe this explains why I never feel the cold, hate hot humid weather, must have fresh air in abundance and love cold frosty mornings. And why my nickname at school was Rudolf, because my nose was always red! Say no more!

Those interested in the Daytime Group will see that details of the next meeting are now included under the March Branch meeting on page 2.

Putting this edition together, I got waylaid reading the articles by Nick Thorne with links from The Genealogist on page 5. Whether you're interested in houses, murderers or maps, its all there.

In the meantime, happy Easter to all members from the Committee. Four days to tackle that brick wall!

*Sheila*

Next meeting  
March 27th

Charting your family  
tree  
Gerald Twiss

## March Branch Meeting

### Evening meeting.

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

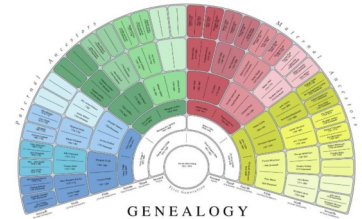
**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu,

**What:** **Charting your family tree**

**Gerald Twiss** will demonstrate and give advice on how to produce a wide variety of charts from your family tree.

**How to:** **Lorna Henderson**

Cemeteries month. Find those elusive ancestors in burial records or on headstones.



**Meeting Convener:** Denice McCarten

**Supper roster:** Q – U

### Next Daytime Group meeting.

**When:** **April 19th** - 10am -12noon

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

**What:** Donna Bridgeman will review some points from the Irish Research Day  
Rose Demenech - will talk about her trip to Ireland and what preplanning was necessary.

**Convener:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news

### February Branch Meeting

Flora Feltham, the Digital Archivist at the Malcolm Turnbull Library, gave an entertaining, practical and very informative talk on how to keep your files in order. Several people requested a list of the resources she recommended so she supplied a copy of the slide below.

**PERSONAL DIGITAL ARCHIVING RESOURCES**

**Library of Congress:**  
<http://digitalpreservation.gov/personalarchiving>

**National and State Libraries Australasia:**  
<http://www.nsla.org.au/publication/digital-archive-toolkit>

**National Library of New Zealand:**  
<https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/caring-for-your-collections/digital-images>

**"Personal Digital Archiving" by Gabriela Redwine**  
<http://www.dpconline.org/docs/technology-watch-reports/1460-twr15-01/file>

Flora divided Personal Digital Archiving into four steps:

1. Identify the kind of material you have and where you keep it.
2. Select what you **need** to keep and what you **want** to keep.
3. Organize the material. Consolidate your choice, arrange it into folders and subfolders, keeping the file naming simple. Write yourself a plan of the filing system.
4. Save, multiple copies in multiple formats. Back up regularly and check regularly. Digital files enjoy active management!

Flora emphasized good handling and storage, advising against the use of adhesive labels on CDs etc., keeping stored items clean and free from dust using CD/DVD cases and/or polythene ziplock bags.

## Irish Research Day

The Irish Research Day was an unqualified success.

Forty three attendees plus about seven helpers and the organising committee crowded into the Pohutukawa Room at the Community Centre to hear two excellent speakers.

Geraldene O'Reilly, the convenor of the NZSG Irish Interest Group in Auckland, gave a lively, entertaining and informative presentation with references to useful websites and books that were available to view on the library tables. She concentrated on the use of Cancelled Field Books covering the period following Griffith's Valuation from 1864-1907, and fielded many questions.

Graeme McVerry, from the Lower North Island Irish Interest Group, is a familiar face to some of us and did not disappoint with his complementary talk on the period prior to Griffith's Valuation.

During the afternoon the room was buzzing with everyone busy on research. Six tables, each with an Irish expert, allowed room for people to use their own laptop and get help where needed.

The raffle generated interest as Donna managed to procure two one-month subscriptions from FindmyPast as prizes and Gerard found some Irish chocolates.

Jenny Martin's comprehensive selection of relevant books from her large library were laid out on three tables giving access to both sides. They were well used. Thank you Jenny.

Thanks are due to Bernard for his meticulous organisation and to all the people who helped to make the day a success, including the volunteer helpers, Sharon Allen, Sonia Coom, Ian Brooking and Michael Gaffaney.



## Round Robins

The September issue of Family Tree, one of our Round Robin magazines, contains fascinating reading and some very interesting ideas.

An article entitled '30-day genealogy boot camp' lists a variety of enterprising ways to expand your research, such as 'Learn the basics of palaeography', 'Research an heirloom' and 'Create a memory box'.

For beginners 'Start your Family History in 7 easy steps' will set you on the right, well worn, path and an article called 'Saints and Slaves' tells the story of someone's quest to find his ancestor on the remote British Territory of St Helena.

'Searching Stateside' lists ways of finding out where, how and when, migrants to North America ended up and gives several websites to search.

This issue will be in the folder in APFHC soon. Take a look at some of the back issues. They are good value months after issue.

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at ([RoundRobin@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.

## Cemeteries Month

As NZSG defined March as 'Cemeteries Month', the KapGen Daytime Group's March meeting focused on Cemeteries.

On the NZSG website, [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz), under the Research section you can find information on *Local Authorities Cemetery Information*, *Locating your ancestors through NZSG burial records*, *Shipwreck Cemeteries* and other references.

Our group discussions concentrated on sharing anecdotes on finding our ancestors graves, especially overseas.

The Kapiti Coast District Council identifies four main public cemeteries:

*Awa Tapu* in Valley Road, Paraparaumu  
*Paraparaumu* in Kapiti Road – can only take second burial interments or ashes  
*Waikanae* in Ngarara Road  
*Otaki* off Anzac Road – this also has our Natural Burial area.



But there are other cemeteries within the District including:

*Paekakariki-Mackays* which is closed;  
*Takamore* in Waikanae  
*Parata* in Waikanae (which is referred to on Billiongraves website as Ruakohatu Urupa)  
*Pukekaraka* in Otaki (part of St Marys Catholic Church in Convent Road)  
*Rangiatea* in Otaki

After morning tea Andrew Malcolm from the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home gave a very interesting and informative presentation about what happens at funerals. He emphasised funeral preplanning including what legal details you need to give the funeral director.

In the afternoon a small group went on a walking tour of Waikanae Cemetery. It was good to have Gay Ruddlesden, as a long time resident of Waikanae, pointing out historic families of interest from the area. Interestingly, I found a family headstone that I didn't know about.

*Sonia Coom*

## Rootsfinder -

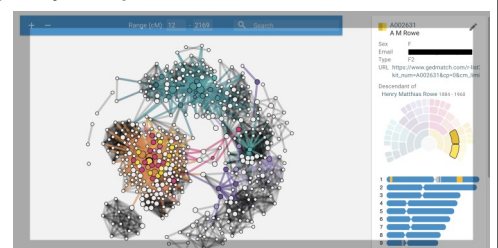
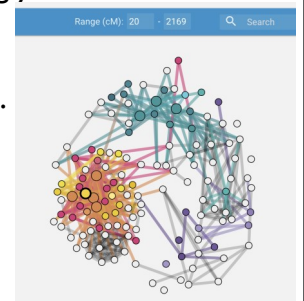
this month's Hot-off-the-Press tool/site is (RootsFinder.com) for analysing your DNA matches.

DNA has been added to their site as "experimental". However, it will become a subscription offer and for best results, needs the Tier I subscription to GEDMatch. So far I'm impressed with the match clustering tools, which show quite clearly who matches whom, to help you figure out connections.

Should I continue using them they'll mean I don't have to upgrade my operating system and start using a later version of Excel in order to use another tool available at <https://www.dnadmna.uk/> (see also the related FaceBook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DNADNAGenealogyVisualization/>).

Both automate more fully the clustering techniques explained/ linked here: <http://dnasurnames.blogspot.co.nz/2017/08/visualise-your-ancestry-dna-matches.html>

*Lorna Henderson*



## The Genealogist

The Genealogist is available on our computers at the APFHC and has several features not available on the other programmes. If you are researching in Great Britain, do check it out.

Be aware that only one person can be logged in at any one time - and do NOT log out, just close the screen by clicking the X to close.

Over the last few months they've added:

1.4 million Passenger Records covering the 1940s. This expands their **Outbound Passenger Lists** to over 25 million and forms part of their large immigration and emigration collection. These newly transcribed BT27 images are from The National Archives, and feature passengers who sailed out of United Kingdom between 1940 and 1949, adding to the 2.7 million BT27 records for the 1930s released late last year.

Can't find your ancestor on FindMyPast or Ancestry,? Check TheGenealogist to see if their index interpreted the squiggles differently.

The **National Tithe Records Collection** now includes colour Tithe maps for **Buckinghamshire**. Digitised in partnership with The National Archives, the collection gives the family history researcher the ability to search by name and keyword (for example parish or county) for people in all levels of society, from large estate owners to occupiers of tiny plots such as a cottage or a cowshed.

You can find out more about this release by reading Nick Thorne's article From Hovels to Manor Houses, Exploring Buckinghamshire Society - <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/buckinghamshires-colour-tithe-maps-online-748/>

Any ancestors in **Warwickshire**?

66,000 individuals have been added to their Parish Records for Warwickshire.

Released in association with Warwickshire County Record Office, transcriptions as well as images of the registers are available for a growing list of parishes.

Nick Thorne investigates the last resting place of a murderous lord of the manor, featured in the records. Read the article here at <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/warwickshire-parish-records-reveal-a-penitent-murderer-724/>

Late last year's major new collection: The 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Survey.

TheGenealogist's new release links individual properties to extremely detailed ordnance survey maps used in 1910 which, coupled with the accompanying books, provide researchers with basic information relative to the valuation of each property, including the valuation assessment number, map reference, owner, occupier, situation, description and extent.

The collection enables family historians and those doing house histories to locate a specific house using an address that has previously been found in a census, or in a street directory.

Fully searchable by name, county, parish and street.

You can read Nick Thorne's article about this collection here <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/1910-lloyd-george-domesday-survey-691/>

## Back to basics

Please note that the workshops planned to start in April have had to be postponed until later in the year - probably July or August. Watch this space!

## 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 March, 7-9pm - details page 2**

**KG Daytime Group: Thursday 19th April, 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 7th April:** 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)

**Tuesday 10th April:** Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

**Thursday 12th April:** Australian interest group. 10 to 12 noon APFHC

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

**Saturday 28th April :** NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

**Saturday 19th May:** Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

## Interest Groups

Check our website for information on our user groups <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/> To contact the co-ordinator of a group use our Contact Form on the website and select the appropriate subject.

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

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

### 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.

Main topic will be navigating the testing companies' websites (FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage, Ancestry, and if needed, 23andme - GEDMatch.com is a separate topic, and isn't a testing company) Do bring along your questions, someone present should be able to help.

**See page 4** for 'Rootsfinder—this month's hot-off-the-press tool.

### Irish Special Interest Group

Next meeting **Tuesday 10th April 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](mailto:gerot@xtra.co.nz) for more details.

### Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic. Next two monthly meeting **Saturday 19th May, 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/>

Our March meeting ranged far and wide, just a few of the topics covered: navigating/searching within RootsMagic, colour coding, citing your source data, merging two databases using drag and drop.

## 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 Thursday month from January to November.

### Next meetings

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

**Thursday 19th April** 10-12noon  
Details of both meetings on page 2

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

### Supper roster: Q – U

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:

John GOLDINGHAM, Russell INGHAM, Shirley FLAHERTY and Trish CARDIE.

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 Paraparamu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month (by appointment - see below) 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 Paraparamu 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)

## 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 on-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, 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:

Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Denice McCarten

Phone: 905 8266

secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer and Membership:**

Lorna Henderson

Phone: 293 7771

treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

### **Programme & Activities:**

Ian Brooking

programme "at" KapitiGen.org

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Members:**

Ian Barbour

Gerard Denton

Bernard McManus

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley

editor "at" KapitiGen.org

### **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

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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

IrishSIG"at"KapitiGen.org

**Legacy Users:** Gerald Twiss

gerot"at"xtra.co.nz

**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.

### **Email links**

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Next meeting  
April 24th 2018

NZ Sheet Music Archive  
David Dell