



Programme details for the branch, together with our Interest & User Groups are on our website

<http://kapitigen.org/programme/>

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RNZE Chapel: that window!

Issue #7 (July 2012) carried an article by Kathy Callaghan about the branch's June visit to the Royal New Zealand Engineers Museum at Linton Military Camp, Palmerston North. Illustrating the article was Kathy's photo of the stained glass window in the RNZE Chapel.

Recently, while searching for a recipe in my copy of a beautiful book, *White Moas & Artichokes—Paintings, Prose & Preserves*, by the late New Zealand artist, Shona McFarlane, I happened upon a familiar photo, and this description:

"I made other windows [including] for a church at the military camp at Linton. The Royal NZ Engineers had moved a beautiful little wooden church from Dannevirke to be an interdenominational church for the camp.

It was a solid little church, with a fine wooden interior....The problem for me was that they wanted the badge of the Royal Engineers to be a main feature of the window's design and none of the windows in the church were a suitable shape. The badge was circular, the windows very narrow and tall. I sat in a pew, determined to re-

solve it somehow. Of course—cut a new window. They were engineers: they could do it. Cut a hole in the back wall behind the altar where it sloped forward to a high peak in the ceiling, so that it would be set in the wall high above the altar in good view of all the congregation.

It would mean cutting through the wood panelling and through the iron on the roof.....

The service of dedication of the window in St Martin's memorial chapel took place months later. There had been delays and

it was almost a year before it could be installed. My window looked like a glorious round shining jewel, not so much because of my design, but just the beautiful effect of light shining through the coloured glass against the dark wood. The engineers were happy with it too: you could read ROYAL ENGINEERS as well as their motto HONI SOIT QUI MAL

Y PENSE, so everyone was pleased."

A rare opportunity to share the story of the creation of the stained-glass window in the artist's own words!

White Moas & Artichokes, Shona McFarlane, 1993, pub Hazard Press, ISBN 0-908790-74-0



Photo: Kathy Callaghan

This month's meeting: Tuesday 27 November
7:00 for 7:30pm, Kapiti Community Centre

Emerson Vandy : National Library Family History Collection
and special supper

Convenor's comment

I have just finished reading Kay Carter's contribution to the October Newsletter. Her article "Talk to the Old People" certainly rang true for me on my recent visit to Scotland. I had previously heard of a distant relation called Eilidh Scobie who could tell some good stories about our McKeich family. I was given her address in a little village called Aboyne inland from Aberdeen.

To my surprise I found this 95 year old lady with a prodigious memory ready to tell it all. She regaled me with firstly the names of ancestors some of whom I did not know then she told me about the time when our common ancestor, Alexander McKeich, his wife Susan Beith and their family had left their home at Carradale on the Eastern shores of the Kintyre Peninsula and walked inland to the headwaters of Barr Waters where he settled and farmed. Alexander had been accused of running an illicit whiskey still and had taken exception to this accusation so had moved away.

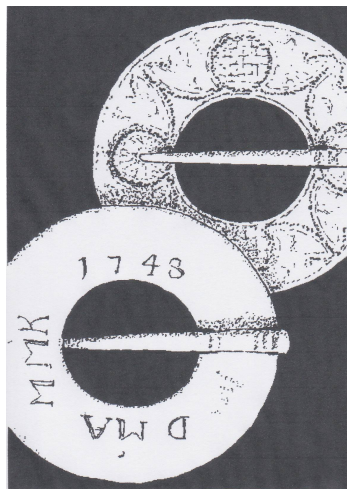
Eilidh then told me that Alexander and Susan had lived in a sheepfold at Amod for a short while before their house at Arnicle was built.



Eilidh Scobie

My cousin Maureen with whom I stayed had not heard this story before and we later searched for

this sheepfold at Amod and found it. Eilidh also told me of the "McKeich Brooch" which was given to her father by the Laird of Saddell. He had told her father that if anyone should have it he should. This silver brooch with initials engraved on it is currently in a bank vault in Aberdeen.



The McKeich Brooch

While reading Kay's article I was reminded that when I visited the WW1 battlefields of France and Belgium I visited the Nine Elms Cemetery where David Gallaher, Captain of the 1914 All Blacks is buried. Someone had been there before me and had left a posy of poppies, a NZ flag and a small football with "All Blacks" printed on it. So sacred are these graves that items such as the flag and football will probably remain there for many years. I found one grave with a bronze wreath leaning up against the headstone which had been placed there 29 years ago when a former scout found the grave of his scout leader.



Dave Gallaher's grave

Our last Branch meeting was most interesting when Clive Palmer took us through the process of finding our way around the various Message Boards available on the Internet. I have used these Message Boards quite effectively over the years and have met distant relatives through them and also solved a few "brick walls" These have mostly occurred through Genes Reunited, Rootsweb and Ancestry. Give them a go if you haven't already used them. You may have to wait a while for an answer but it is worth it in the end.

Bill McKeich,
Convenor

Next Branch meeting
(22 January 2013)
A picture tells a thousand
words:
Bring a photo
and
tell its story

'Dead' man celebrates 106th birthday: In 1936 Sam Ledward crashed his 500cc Triumph after the front tyre burst, and the doctors thought he was dead. But in the hospital mortuary a porter noticed the corpse move, and returned him to the ward. Last week Sam celebrated his 106th birthday - not bad for a dead man! You can read more in this BBC Wales article: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-20295971>

- *Lost Cousins*, 18 Nov 2012

From the Committee

Final meeting for 2012

Our final monthly meeting for the year will be on Tuesday Nov 27 November at the Kapiti Community Centre, Paraparaumu. Some special things have been planned.

Note that we will **start at 7 pm**, where drinks (wine and juice) and nibbles will be waiting for you as you arrive.

Our speaker Emerson Vandy from the National Library, will talk about the update of the National Library and what is available there for genealogists. A special supper will be held at the end of the meeting to finish off a wonderful year for the Kapiti Branch.

Supper roster: **A—E**

National Library Tour

**Guided Tour of National Library New Zealand
with Margaret Hurst, Family History Specialist - approximately 1 hour duration
Thursday 6 December 2012, at 10.30 am
Meeting in the Foyer
Corner of Molesworth Street and Aitken Street, Wellington**

New members

We welcome new members: John & Lynne EDGAR, Alistair MILLAR

Branch Newsletter Archive

We have had a couple of positive responses to our appeal in September's newsletter (page 7) for missing back issues of Kapiti Branch Newsletters and are most grateful to Deborah SHUKER and Jane LEONARD-TAYLOR for their contributions.

We now have an almost unbroken run from July 1990 through to the present, together with a scattering of prior issues from the branch's inception in 1984. If anyone holds back-issues from 1984-1990, would they please contact Derek (phone 04-293 1092) who could collect locally if requested.



The members of the Committee and Special Interest Group
Co-ordinators would like to take this opportunity to wish
all Kapiti Branch members a very



Happy Christmas!

Daytime FH Interest Group of Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae

Contact Hanley Hoffmann: [hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz) Tel: 04 9043276

Disclaimer: This group has no affiliation to Kapiti Branch of NZSG

My new 4th cousin

Audrey Swallow

A member of the Kapiti Branch of NZSG, I subscribe to their magazine round-robin - in this case to the UK *Family Tree Magazine*. While browsing through the March 2012 copy, earlier this year, I noticed a letter and photograph in the Question and Answer section on "photo-dating with Jayne Shrimpton". The letter mentioned "Annabel 1850", "Mansfield, Nottinghamshire", and "Heanor, Derbyshire", and the accompanying photograph was of a painting of a lady. I was immediately interested.

My great-great-grandfather, Joseph ANNABELL, was born in Mansfield, Notts, in 1815. After his marriage in 1839 to my great-great-grandmother, Mary CHAMBERS of Heanor, Derbyshire, they lived in Mansfield, Notts. The 1841 census lists his occupation as "Engineer", but in the 1851 census he is recorded as "Artist".

Mary and Joseph left London, England for Melbourne, Australia on the *Chalmers* in 1852. During the voyage Joseph kept a diary in which he recorded monies received for about eight portraits painted on the voyage. There is no record of whether he did any painting while living in Melbourne.

In 1860, the family travelled to Hawkes Bay, NZ, where Joseph continued to paint. He seems initially to have painted portraits, but later painted a number of horses and dogs. He exhibited four oil paintings in the NZ section of an International Exhibition held in Melbourne in 1880: two of horses, one still-life, and one of Sir Donald McLEAN. Most of his paintings are owned by his many descendants, while some are in the Napier (Hawkes Bay) Museum and Art Gallery.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s one of Joseph's descendants printed two small booklets. The first was entitled "The Family of Annabell in NZ" and contained a list of all of Joseph's known descendants. The second booklet was called simply "Joseph Annabell" and contained notes about the family in England, Australia and NZ, and a copy of his diary, referred to above. The last section of that booklet comprises "A Folio of Paintings by Joseph Annabell", and contains some 80 images of his paintings.

When I realized that the letter in the *Family Tree Magazine* probably referred to this Joseph Annabell, I replied to the letter-writer, Helen Warren, who had fortunately included her e-mail address.



The painting of Helen Warren's 2x great-aunt Mary Paulson, which led to my discovery.

She was delighted to hear from me and presumed that the portrait of her great-great-aunt Mary - the photograph which had caught my attention - had in fact been painted by my great-great-grandfather. I managed to find and e-mail to her images of some more of his paintings. It was clear to both of us that there was a likeness between her family portrait, and the style and composition of Joseph Annabell's work.

My new 4th cousin**continued**

Helen also mentioned to me that she had also had a response to her enquiry from a Sue Ikin, who lived in Wellington, NZ, and who also appeared to have a family relationship with Joseph and Mary Annabell. I wondered who this could be, as I had never heard Sue's name before, and it was not in "The Family of Annabell in NZ". Fortunately, her name was listed in the Wellington telephone directory, so I called her. What a surprise to discover that she and I are in fact 4th cousins – a relationship not often come across within NZ!



Portrait by Joseph Annabell

Sue herself is not a direct descendant of Joseph and Mary Annabell (*née* CHAMBERS), but her great-great-grandmother was Ann, Mary's younger sister. When Joseph and Mary arrived in NZ, Mary's younger brother, John Chambers, was already living in Hawkes Bay. Ann's son, John BREARS – Sue Ikin's ancestor - came out from England in 1859, when he was 17 years old, to work for John.

So Sue Ikin (*née* Brears) and I share great-great-great-grandparents – John (Snr) and Hannah (*née* BOREBANK) Chambers. We have yet to meet, but I am looking forward to meeting another 4th cousin – to date, such "distant" cousins I have met live in other countries. And all thanks to Helen, from Eastbourne, England, who was keen to find out who had painted the portrait of her great-great-aunt, Mary Allen, in England, in the 19th century.

- Audrey Swallow, *née* Annabell

See attached notice for details of
National Library Tour
Thursday 6 December

Adoption in England & Wales

The Adoption of Children Act 1926 (effective in England and Wales from January 1927) made possible a process of legal adoption. Prior to that, and for some time afterwards, many children were placed in the care and custody of people other than their birth parents by means of largely informal and private arrangements. Written evidence cannot always be found.

Rights of access to records of legal adoption are limited. Go to www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk for information and guidance about tracing birth relatives and adopted people.

Lost Cousins newsletter, 18 November 2012
- from article by Louise Taylor

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research

7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu**Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges**

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: *Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother*

Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes every month: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the drawer key from help desk.

This month's meeting: Tues 27 November

7:00pm: special Xmas supper

7:30pm: meeting start (*Meeting details, page 1*)Supper roster: **A - E****Forthcoming Events****January meeting** Tuesday 22 Jan 2013:

A picture tells a thousand words. Bring a photo and tell the story behind it

Check website for details of 2013 meetings:

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/>**Wed Help Sessions at APFHC**

January 16, 23, 30: 10am - 12pm

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Computer Friendly Group - Sue Green

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Family Tree Maker Group - Hanley Hoffmann & Clive Palmer

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Australian Interest Group - Deborah Shuker

OZSig "at" KapitiGen.org**Committee meetings:** 7pm, 1st Wednesday**Newsletter content deadline:** Saturday after 1st WednesdaySend to: editor "at" KapitiGen.org

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

Scottish Wills & Testaments from 1902 to 1925 now online

A colourful picture of life in Scotland in the early 20th Century is revealed with the release of the Wills and Testaments from 1902 to 1925 by the National Records of Scotland on the Scotlands People website: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

The new records, 392,595 in total, document the last wishes of 267,548 individuals who lived and died in Scotland during this period. The collection also includes the wills of Scots who died outside Scotland, but still had assets in the country. As inventories of moveable estate (savings, cash, furniture, stock, etc) are also included, you can discover the fine details of people's worldly possessions in this era.