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KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)  
for additional  
information on  
events, Branch,  
Interest & User  
Groups, and  
any late  
changes.

## Editorial



This issue seems to be Irish orientated, mainly because that is the material to hand. I am still looking for all those other stories out there that have yet to reach me! Hopefully some members will have interesting snippets to share at our end-of-year meeting next week. Now is the time to relive the adventures that some of our ancestors had on their journey to New Zealand. Sadly, I only had a 36 hour flight on a Boeing 747, but my sister was a £10 pom!

If you haven't yet explored 'Roots Ireland', I have left the instructions on page 3. It is worth a look.

Don't miss the festivities on November 24/5th. See you there. Have a healthy and happy break.

Until January  
Keep safe.  
Sheila

This months meetings:  
Tuesday evening  
November 24th and  
Wednesday afternoon  
November 25th

End-of year Festive  
Functions.

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This month I have been inspired by a wonderful book from Ireland, written by the Church archivist, Daphne Harkin, to celebrate 190 years of Whitechurch Parish. Rathfarnham.

It came to light when I wrote to ask the Rector who was buried in the Jolley family grave that had no headstone or inscription.

It has made me appreciate just how valuable to family history a carefully researched account of a graveyard can be. Every grave has been photographed by the Sexton, every inscription transcribed and interesting notes added about the inhabitants.

I have copied a couple of relevant entries onto page 4.

Not only did this book answer my original question, but it provided details of Grandmother Jolley, nee Gregory's family and some of the siblings.

## November Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When: Tuesday November 24th** 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

**What: Party time! Plus - Where did your ancestors come from?**  
How did they get to NZ and what was their occupation?

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour  
**Supper roster: A – E**

### Daytime meeting

**When: Wednesday November 25th** 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

**What:** Come and join us to help end this year in festive mode! Bring along stories of your family's journey to NZ and any other stories of interest.

**Co-ordinator:** Sonia Coom



## Branch news

**Welcome to new members** Robyn Driscoll and Janice Cook, and returning member Maureen Skridulaitis.

We look forward to meeting you at our Festive function and hearing of your research interests. See page 5 for information about our facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre.

**If you are interested in the free Zoom Session on Saturday 28th November at 2pm** (DNA Painter Q and A tips and hints - open also to those on our DNA mailing list) **you will need to register your interest prior to the date.**

You will receive instructions nearer the time.

To register use the Contact us form on our website [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

When registering please indicate if you need help getting up to speed with Zoom beforehand.

### End of year festive meeting.

Help us all to end this unusual year with an enjoyable, stimulating and fun occasion.

This is your chance to share those interesting tales of your family's journey. Where did they come from? How did they survive four months at sea under dire conditions? What made them come? Did they have relatives already in NZ? What did they do when they got here? Tell all!

## How to? - pop up monthly!

These Members-only, short Zoom sessions will continue next year from Feb to Nov on the first Saturday afternoon of the month.

Suggestions are welcome for which genealogy related computer tasks would be of interest.

Please use the contact us form on our website [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

## Roots Ireland

For anyone researching Irish heritage Roots Ireland is an invaluable tool. It contains records not found elsewhere. Do take advantage of our subscription at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC). Its only for a trial period. The more people that use it the better!  
 "RootsIreland offers a unique database of more than 22 million Irish records  
 It contains data from 34 county genealogy centres on the island of Ireland. The main sources on the site are Irish Catholic and other church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths, which are the most important source for tracing Irish ancestry.

The link to access this collection appears at the top left on the Internet Resources page on our system.



As per TheGenealogist we have just one subscription, so only one person can use it at a time, but it is available on all our computers.

Please do NOT sign out of RootsIreland (or FindMyPast or TheGenealogist). It means someone has to go in and fix the access again.

## Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland

A new publication from Ulster Historical Foundation *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland* is a genealogical guide to help you find your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. Written by Dr William Roulston, Research Director of Ulster Historical Foundation, *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland* offers valuable information to family historians. The aim of this book is to help those with Irish Presbyterian roots find out more about their forebears. It considers the different strands of Presbyterianism in Ireland and explores the range of records generated by these religious denominations and where this material can be accessed by researchers. Published in September 2020, this beautifully produced paperback book is priced at just £9.99 and is sure to be of interest to anyone interested in genealogy, in tracing their own family history and an interest in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

For more information please visit: <https://www.booksireland.org.uk/store/all-departments/presbyterian-ancestors>

## Whitechurch Parish graveyard

This extract from *Celebrating 190 years of Whitechurch Parish, Rathfarnham* by Daphne Harkin gives an interesting insight into the origins of the Huguenots in Ireland.

“The Irish Act (1634) of Charles 1st gave Protestants the right to inhabit and settle in Ireland. The Act was fortuitous for the Huguenots and accounts for many leaving London and other cities in England to settle and work here in Ireland. Among those who came to Ireland were high ranking officers in the French Army and Navy and officers from William’s army, together with experts in cloth manufacture (e.g. wool, linen, silk and poplin) plus sail making, boat building, sugar baking, gold and silver smiths and banking, etc. It was said that ‘their dispersal from France is one of the greatest boons that misgovernment of another country conferred on our own’.

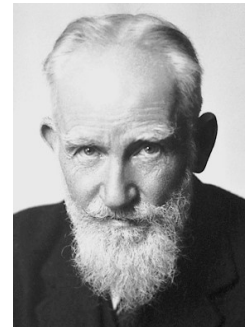
David Dignes La Touche (*who is buried in Whitechurch graveyard*) (1729-1817) was the grandson of a Huguenot officer in the Williamite army who settled in Dublin. Born in 1729, he married Elizabeth Marlay, daughter of George Marlay, Bishop of Dromore and a cousin of the parliamentarian Henry Grattan. In 1764, La Touche bought Harold’s Grange, a relatively modest farmhouse, from Thomas Taylor – a former Lord Mayor of Dublin, rebuilt it and laid out the grounds. He renamed it Marlay after his wife. As head of the largest private bank in Ireland he played a leading role in the establishment of the Bank of Ireland in 1783, and was the first Governor, 1783-1791. He retired from banking in 1797. His father, Dignes La Touche landed at Carrickfergus on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1690 with William of Orange.”

David Dignes La Touche was the third person to be buried in a private graveyard on the Marlay estate in 1817. Whitechurch was built 10 years later in 1827 and the Marlay private graveyard is now incorporated into Whitechurch graveyard.

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Another entry gives the family history of George Bernard Shaw, whose mother, Lucinda Elizabeth Gurly, was a leading mezzo-soprano and concert performer of the day. She was brought up by a spinster aunt who is buried at Whitechurch.

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## Rootstech is coming - 25-27th February 2021

### Introducing Rootstech connect: free online experience

What to expect:

- Celebrity speakers from across the globe
- Dozens of classes to choose from in multiple languages
- Online interactive marketplace featuring companies from all around the world
- Cultural activities that celebrate your heritage
- Learn new skills

You’ll be able to sign up free and take full part.

Past conferences have always provided a wealth of information via free webinars.

There is a video archive available at

<https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

## Branch information

### Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre,  
Ground Floor, north west corner, Paraparaumu  
Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St,  
Paraparaumu

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd,  
Waikanae

### Branch meetings:

**Evening meeting** is held on the fourth Tuesday of  
the month from January to November.

**Daytime meeting** is on the following day, usually  
the fourth Wednesday, from Jan. to November.

Details of this month's Branch meetings are on  
page 2. Attendance is free to members of the Branch,  
Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

**Committee meetings** are held on the 1st  
Wednesday evening of the month.

### Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **A - E** Judy Olsen  
would appreciate your assistance at the next evening  
meeting, whenever that will be!

### 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 assist you to make the most  
of our facilities.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need  
individual help phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a  
session.

### Facilities at the Alison Procter Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library .  
Turn right inside the library entrance to the  
area containing six computers, microfiche and  
library. The cupboard on the right hand side of  
the area contains the red folders mentioned  
below.

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

### Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly:  
check the red Computer Help folder in the top  
drawer. Keyboards are in the lowest drawer.  
Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top  
drawer.

Replace the cover on the computer when you leave  
and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry,  
FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist and  
Roots Ireland as well as free sites like FamilySearch.  
(Use your own log-in to FamilySearch).

Please do **NOT** sign out of RootsIreland,  
FindMyPast or TheGenealogist.

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.

### All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website, on the calendar.

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> gives full details of all meetings in the calendar and is easy to negotiate.

## Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?'  
The fees are \$15 for each magazine for the year from July. A worthwhile investment!

Please let Bev Chappell know at [RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org) if you wish to be on the circulation list.  
Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

## Interest Groups

### Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to record family history.

Next meeting will be **Saturday 21st November, 2-4pm**. In the Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutakawa Room, doors open 1:30pm. \$3 entry fee.

All welcome. Usual Q & A section where you can share your hints and tips and ask questions.

We're still waiting for our Christmas present by releasing the long promised Version 8 but they'll likely announce their annual discount promotion in December

Check out the preview videos on the RootsMagic website. Go to the RootsMagic blog

<http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3018> for more information.

For any last minute changes or to contact us, please go to:

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

### Online Trees/software.

The venue mixup for the scheduled session at the end of October was replaced by two separate short Zoom sessions covering FamilySearch (9th Nov) and WikiTree (13th Nov) focussed on Q&As hints and tips on their use.

In person two-monthly sessions last Saturday of month are expected to restart in February.

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, as well as documenting and sharing your research for posterity, collaborating with those interested.

For more information go to

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 8th December, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

There will no meeting in January. First meeting of 2021 will be 9th February.

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

### Australian

For help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

In future the Australian SIG will meet on the second Thursday of every second month from February to November.

The first meeting in 2021 is scheduled for **Thursday March 11th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

### DNA

Although we have had our last meeting for the year, a bonus Zoom session on DNAPainter is scheduled for **Saturday 28 November** 2pm. Notice has been sent to those on our DNA Group mailing list.

It is an informal session for Q&As, and sharing tips and hints for those already using it, or want to watch and listen as to why we use it : Pre-registration is required. Either reply to this email or via the Contact Us link on our website.

There are excellent Help files on the DNAPainter site for beginners or those needing refreshers which it would be useful to get up to speed beforehand. <https://dnainter.com/help> and Jonny Perl's monthly blog <https://dnainter.com/blog> likewise has excellent articles in it, well illustrated.

DNA sales are on at most sites at the moment, including on yDNA at FamilyTreeDNA if you wish to explore your direct paternal line specifically (females need to find a male on the line concerned for that test)

In person two-monthly sessions restart 2nd Sat of February 2021, Covid willing.

If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page

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

And keep an eye on that page for any updates.



### Branch Officers

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### Branch responsibilities

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**Member:** Gerard Denton

#### Membership

New members always welcome.

A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2021.

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

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu

Library use your cream membership card.

Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2020/01/membership-for-the-202021-year/>

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section

<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>

#### Email links

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

Next Evening meeting  
January 26th 2021  
What news!

Daytime meeting  
January 27th 2021