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

## Editorial



Does anyone else feel like this?!!

30th September. See page 4 for instructions.

There are several on-line conferences/session coming up which, if the 'Little Piece of Ireland' is anything to go by, should be interesting and informative. Also, there is still time to view John Grenham's videos from the Auckland Family History Expo, until September 21st. (see page 5).

Hopefully next month we'll be able to hold the planned evening meeting as Dawn Chambers is scheduled to speak on 'Using Early New Zealand Postcards in Genealogical Research'. Old postcards (and not so old) can tell us so much about the times. I myself can remember the horse-drawn milk floats in London. No comments please!

Keep safe.  
Sheila

Next monthly meetings:

Wednesday afternoon  
September 23rd

Tuesday evening  
October 22nd

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Another evening meeting cancelled! Restricted numbers in the Community Centre make it impractical to host our outside speaker. The good news is that the Daytime meeting on Wednesday afternoon for research and discussion can still go ahead.

Our planned speaker for September, Irena Lowe, on 'Polish Immigration to New Zealand' will now be rescheduled for early next year. However, you can read Sonia's article on the subject on page 4.

If you are interesting is using the invaluable 'Snip it' tool, don't miss the popup session on 3rd October. See page 2 for details.

If you have missed out on using the library's version of Ancestry, it has been extended for home use until

## September Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday September 22nd 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

**What:** Polish Immigration

# CANCELLED

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** S – W

### Daytime meeting - On as usual with Level 2 provisions

**When:** Wednesday September 23rd 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

**What:** Update followed by our usual research and discussion session.  
Bring along any items of interest, tips or hints and stories for other members to share .

**Co-ordinator:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news

### Schools Admission Project.

It was drawn to my attention that the list of helpers on the Schools Admission Project in the Convenor's Report for 2019-20 (August newsletter), was incomplete. **Apologies** to anyone who felt excluded from the Report, as published in the last newsletter.

When the project is fully complete, John Glover will publish his final report with a complete list of all those who have been involved.

**Transport to meetings.** If you need transport to meetings, please use either the Contact Us form on the website or email [Secretary@KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org), with "Transport" in the subject line and we'll see what we can do.

Check this out for a bit of fun - [www.bbc.com/earth/story/the-making-of-me-and-you](http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/the-making-of-me-and-you)

From Lorna

## How to? - pop up monthly!

**2pm Saturday 3rd October, via Zoom.** Members only, free.

A 40 min max Zoom session for hands on experimentation on

**How to capture what is on your screen and save it to your computer.**

Windows Snip It tool, now called Snip & sketch or Mac <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201361>

or save options from your browser

**Pre-registration required.** Please reply to your newsletter email, or use the Contact Us form on our website, [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

## Ancestry Access at Library

Access to the Ancestry Library Edition from the comfort of your home has been extended again by the KCDC Library, and now continues until 30 September 2020.

For those who have not yet taken advantage, instructions for how to access are below:

1. Go to the Kapiti Coast Libraries Catalogue

<https://kapiti.spydus.co.nz/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>

2. Click on Login

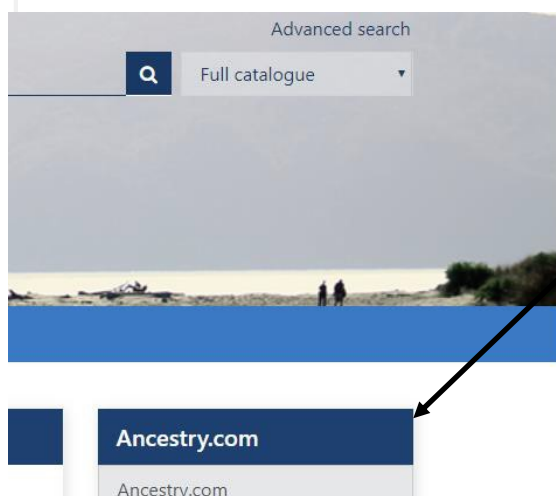
3a. If you are already registered, enter your Library Card Number and Password;

3b. If you have a Library Card but have never set up a Password, click on the "Forgot your password?" link. This does however require that your borrower account already has your current email address registered with the Library.

Once you've logged in to the Catalogue:

1. Click on the "Home" link (top left of the screen) then

2. You will find the link to Ancestry.com on the right hand side of the screen



If you have any problems, just email [Paraparaumu.library@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:Paraparaumu.library@kapiticoast.govt.nz). They will be able to help you by e.g. registering or updating your email address on your borrower account so that you can set a Password.

Enjoy!  
Ian Brooking

## National Library presentation

**Date: Wednesday 30 September | Time: 12:10pm to 1pm | Cost: Free | Venue: Ground Floor**  
**Working from home: resources you can access online**

### Connecting to Collections

Whether you are experienced or new to family history, there is material available online through the National Library that you can access. Joan McCracken from the Alexander Turnbull Library will explore some of the well-known resources (PapersPast, Digital NZ) and look at some that might be new to you along with a Conservation Clinic with Vicki-Anne Heikell.

Jenny Martin

## Polish migration to New Zealand

Our arranged speaker for the September meeting was to be Irena Lowe from the New Zealand Polish Association. **Why did I contact her?**



It was an article in a 2018 Hutt Valley Newsletter which led me to look into the background of the **“Polish History New Zealand Early Polish Settlers”**  
<https://polishhistorynewzealand.org/early-settlers/>.

I was so intrigued I have found myself following the NZ Polish Associations website:  
<https://polishcommunity.org.nz>.

The article itself questioned why families in the 1870s moved from central Europe to the other side of the world? Why did they choose to make new lives in a British colony that they knew little about and where they did not speak the official language?

The conundrum of nationality attempts to put into context some of the dilemmas faced by those early settlers - mostly born in Prussian-occupied Poland, at a time when Poland did not exist on maps. Although Polish in spirit and speech, when they arrived in New Zealand, they were often defined as German or Prussian.

This was a dilemma I was faced with, so I started by trying to understand the European Wars and what caused migration movements between the different Countries.

### **My Brickwall... “Ernst Carls Zachan”**

I have always been interested in history and this led me to start along the Genealogical pathway - trying to find out more about who my grandparents were and where they actually came from?

What Nationality were they? What made them come to New Zealand?

It is a long slow process and any snippet of information to help finding that needle in a haystack is just one step closer to help solving that brickwall.

Thanks to other relations with whom I had contact while growing up I could start tracing my maternal Hodder and Bower Ancestral Line. However I really knew nothing of my paternal Zachan and Thoresen ancestors, other than what my father had told us. This was that my grandmother Ovidia Bollette Thoresen (aka Olive Thomsen) was born in Norway and my grandfather Ernest Charles Zachan was Danish and came from Schleswig-Holstein.

‘Google’ gave me a lucky start in finding my paternal grandmother, Ovidia, as part of the “Norsewood Cemetery Project”, ([www.norsewoodcemetery.co.nz](http://www.norsewoodcemetery.co.nz)). I have since started making connections with other relations connected to her family line.

However not so for my paternal grandfather. My father and his siblings grew up understanding that my grandfather, Ernest, ran away to sea as a boy and lost all his belongings overboard when rounding Cape Horn.

His Naturalisation Paper from DIA stated that Ernst Carls Zachan (or could be taken as Earst Carle Zachau) became a naturalised New Zealander on 27 Nov 1893 aged 37yrs, born in Stettin, Prussia, (now part of Poland), indicating he was born about 1856 (A few years prior to going into the German Confederation), Nationality German, Occupation Seaman.

Other known information: Marriage certificate: -21st April 1886 aged 30 in Napier. Birthplace, Germany; he was a seaman, his father’s name was William or Wilhelm, a farmer from Germany. Mother unknown.... Death certificate: -died in Napier 1 March 1939 and had been in NZ 70yrs.

Along the way I have made many contacts but to date am still trying to break through that brickwall.

Sonia Coom

## Coming up

Seminars of our international guest speakers and a couple of our sponsors were recorded and are now available on the [Auckland Family History Expo YouTube channel](#).

That's 15 educational and entertaining videos for you to watch at your leisure!

Jason Reeve, Ancestry, Michael Higgins, Family Search, Myko Clelland, Findmypast

John Grenham, author and professional genealogist, Ireland,

Curt Witcher, Manager Special Collections and the Genealogy Centre, Allen County Library

Please note John Grenham's videos are only available temporarily (**till 21 September 2020**) for copyright reasons, so if you have Irish interests you need to listen to his first!

The Genealogist is running [The Family History Show Online](#) which takes place on **26th September**. There will be virtual exhibitor stalls where you can either video chat and/or text chat to exhibitors, an 'Ask the Experts' stand, new video lectures and an expert Q&A panel session at the end of the day. This will be the same format as the show on 20th June which attracted over a thousand visitors. To find out more about the online show, visit <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online/> We hope to see you there!

The Genealogical Society of Qld (Brisbane, Australia) are holding their annual seminar on the **24th Oct 2020** via Zoom Webinar due to restrictions of Covid-19 and not knowing what the situation will be like in Oct 2020.

The theme is in regards to Ireland and how we all can get the best from the online collections during this time period when we cannot travel to Ireland ourselves.

Two overseas presenters - John Grenham and Chris Paton, are also going to come online later in the day to answer questions live.

To get a copy of the brochure containing details and day-long programme go to [www.qsg.org.au](http://www.qsg.org.au)

Both My Heritage and FindmyPast have educational interactive sessions that you can access via Facebook. For example, subjects covered on My Heritage include record collections added in August, visiting cemeteries to preserve family history and much more. FindmyPast has a guided tour of FindmyPast, and a beginners guide to get you started.

Most of the genealogy sites have been busy adding new records during the last month. FindmyPast have added 15 million new United States passenger and crew lists covering California, New York and Texas to their already large collection. And The Genealogist has doubled the number of Tithe maps on it's Map Explorer. Check them out!

## 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 afternoon of the month.

### Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **S - W** 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. They are temporarily suspended while  
Level 2 restrictions are in place.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need  
individual help phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a  
session. See page 2 for 'How to' pop up 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.

You are encouraged to use these resources as often  
as you need including 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.

### 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 19th September, 2-4pm**. In the Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutakawa Room (so plenty of room to physically distance), doors open 1:30pm. \$3 entry fee.

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

Plus the main topic is exploring the TreeShare for Ancestry on how to fully integrate your Ancestry tree and your RootsMagic database.

Check out 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>

### DNA

Next meeting is on **Saturday 10th October, 1.30-4pm**. Waikane Baptist Church Café, 286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae. \$3 to cover expenses.

Those of you worried about Ancestry's latest revision to their ethnicity percentages in particular, or any company's spin on where they consider your ancestors came from, take a read of The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell's, latest blog post <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2020/09/13/2020-still-not-soup/> and particularly understand why they may not reflect what you consider your ancestry to be from your well documented, proven family in recent timeframes.

Her earlier post <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2020/09/06/eye-of-newt/> covers her take on her most recent update from MyHeritage.

Read the estimates, enjoy them (or not) but concentrate on the matches to find those cousins who have the elusive bit of proof you need to crack the brickwalls on your tree or to make contact with long lost branches. 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/> where any updates will also be posted.

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th October, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

### Online Trees/software.

Next session **Saturday 31st October, 1.45-3.45pm**, Paraparaumu Library meeting room.

\$3 to cover expenses.

This will be a hands-on session on Familysearch and Wiki Trees to iron out difficulties.

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/>

### Australian

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

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 12th November, 10-12noon** at APFHC, for help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

This will be the last meeting for 2020.

The first meeting in 2021 is scheduled for **Thursday March 11th**.



### Branch Officers

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### Branch responsibilities

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### Programme & Activities:

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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

October 27th  
Using early NZ postcards in  
Genealogical Research

Daytime meeting  
October 28th