

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

Editorial



This is my husband's uncle, Thomas Jolley in the 1930s, a keen gardener and barrel cooper at Guinness Brewery in Dublin.

Have you any old photos that need help? Tattered or faded and worn? Jo Carter from Carterworks, our speaker at the next evening meeting, invites you to bring them for her to assess, date and advise on restoration. It's a great opportunity to have them looked at by an expert.

Lots going on this month. Please note that details of the current month's **Pop up 'How to'** session have been moved to page 6. This groups it with the other research help available.

The two tours to the National Library and Salvation Army Archives are coming up. Details are on page 3, so get in touch with Kathy if you are interested.

Don't forget to gather as much information as you can about your Brickwall and send it to the team to get help.

Look under 'Branch News' on page 2 for details.

Thanks to Mary Skipworth for the useful tips in her article about searching for migration records. It's good to get some help in negotiating that minefield.

Our sincere thanks must go to John Glover for his hours of work, coordinating the Schools Admission Project. It will be a valuable resource for researches of the future. See his final report on page 4.

The library has extended its home access to Ancestry for library users. so there's no excuse for not continuing your research in the winter weather. See page 2.

Good searching.
Sheila

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday evening
June 22nd
Care and Restoration
of Old Photos
Jo Carter

Wednesday afternoon
June 23rd
Discussion on
Brickwalls.

June Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday June 22nd

7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Restoration, identification and storage of old photos

Speaker: Jo Carter, Carterworks Ltd.

Jo invites you to bring along any interesting old photos for assessment or identification.

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: G - K

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday June 23rd

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm - meeting

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

What: News and update from the evening meeting,
followed by research and a discussion on Brickwalls.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten



Branch news

August alert! Brickwalls.

Now is your chance to tap into the pooled wisdom of other members to try and break down your latest brick walls.

Please send the details of your Brickwall to us as soon as possible to give us time to try and tumble some of them. Include as many details as you know and email to kapitigen@gmail.com with the subject line BRICKWALLS

ALSO, to help spread the research load, we need volunteers who are willing to help work on these puzzles before the August meeting - please contact us at the email above if you are willing to help.

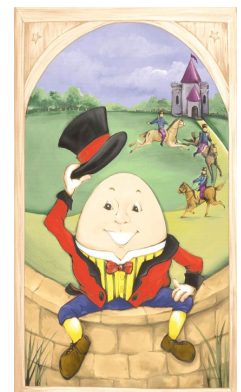
The intention is to summarise the process of solving (or not) 3 or 4 of them for presentation at the August meeting.

Welcome to new members:

Barry Iacoppi, David and Jenny Stagg, Jan Hayes, Sally Jackson and Lex Breen.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your interests.

See page 6 for information on our facilities at the APFHC and help with research.



Good News!

The library has extended Ancestry at Home to the end of the calendar year for library users. Go into the library catalogue and log into your account. Click the Home button in the left/top corner. The link to Ancestry is on the right hand side of screen.

Tours

There are two tours coming up.

National Library tour on Tuesday 29 June at 10.30am. These tours are always interesting and even if you've been before it's worth another visit as more and more resources are becoming available. The tour is about one hour long and you are welcome to stay on and do your own research. There is always a staff member available to help you.

Email kathycallaghan@gmail.com or ph 0210452925 by **Sunday 27th June to register.**

Salvation Army Archives tour Tuesday 13 July at 10.30am. This is an opportunity to hear about the meticulous records the Salvation Army keep on their officers and to view the most amazing collection of Salvation Army artefacts. You do not have to have any connection to the Salvation Army to enjoy this tour. If you do have connections, there are people who will find information for you. If you give me details of people of interest ahead of time they may even be able to have something waiting for you when we are visiting.

The Salvation Army Archives is in Trentham so we will car pool for this. Numbers are limited for this tour and there are 6 spaces still available, so email kathycallaghan@gmail.com or ph 0210452925 by **Fri 9th July to register.**

AGM and Wendy's Story

The Kapiti Branch AGM was held at the beginning of the May evening meeting.

The Convenor's report, Minutes of the last AGM and the reviewed Financial reports are all on our website under Communications, and were briefly presented to the meeting.

Those of the existing committee standing again were re-elected unopposed, as follows:

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Secretary: Colin Cameron

Treasurer: John Miller

Committee: Ian Brooking, Bev Chappell, Lorna Henderson and Denice McCarten.

The Committee is sorry to lose Sonia Coom, who has moved north to new pastures, and Gerard Denton. Their valuable contributions will be sorely missed.

The remainder of the Evening meeting was a top notch presentation from Kathy Callaghan about Wendy's story and how Kathy found her missing cousins. The highlight of the evening was being introduced to Wendy's daughter, who was found to be actually living in NZ. She told us about her and her sisters' reaction to being contacted by Kathy.

There were quite a few moist eyes in evidence of a moving evening's account. Thank you, Kathy.

Kathy also presented another well received (cut down) version for the Day meeting on Wednesday afternoon and, in addition, facilitated a discussion on resources used for finding living people.

Back to Basics update

The Back to Basics course got off to a great start with seventeen keen genealogists attending of which three are new members.

I have a fantastic team of Ian Brooking, Bernard, Lorna and Denice helping.

We had the first workshop on 8th June covering an introduction to Genealogy and the second on June 15th which covered Searching. Not only did we all learn many things we had a great fun time in doing so!

Ian Barbour

Final Report for Schools Admission Project

The Schools Admissions Project, which has been running since the beginning of 2015, has now drawn to a close. All the data has been sent to the NZSG.

I would like to thank the following who have given so many hours of their time to enter and check these records – 27748 records altogether. That's a very large amount of work!

The volunteers were: Frances Braddick, Kathy Callaghan, Alison Chappell, Beverly Chappell, Sandy Collings, Gerard Denton, Rodney Foster, Maria Frazer, Derek Griffis, Brenda Harden, Lynda Heron, Hanley Hoffmann (dec), Elizabeth Lynch, Judith McCallum, Bill McKeich, Dianna Marsden, Margaret Murton, Meryl Opie, Brian Ross, Esther Rudd, Gay Ruddleston, Stephen Sherring and Deborah Shuker. Many of these were also involved when I previously ran a similar project about 15 years ago.

Thanks must also go to the Branch Committee, which has been very supportive throughout the project.

Below is a summary of admissions records recorded for each school:

Paekakariki School	Project 4640	1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG
Raumati Beach School	Project 4639	3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 5 Apr 2017.
Waikanae Primary School	Project 4641	7747 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 9 Apr 2018.
Paraparaumu Beach School	Project 4643	6207 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 28 Mar 2019
St Patricks School	Project 4651	483 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 16 Apr 2019
Kapanui School	Project 4645	3743 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 22 June 2020
Kenakena School	Project 4653	4362 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 16 May 2021

John Glover

Photo Addition to 'Map Explorer'

You may be interested in this new feature available from TheGenealogist on our computers* at the APFHC (Paraparaumu Library).

An addition to their Map Explorer is thousands of historic pictures pinpointed on a map (with a modern map underlay). See examples in their blog below:

*we only have one subscription so only one person can be logged on at once but it is available on all our computers.

Please do NOT log out of TheGenealogist when you have finished exploring.

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2021/view-your-ancestors-home-town-as-they-would-have-seen-it-using-the-image-archive-on-map-explorer-1416/>



Searching for an Emigration Record

Searching for an Emigration Record for William McDowall

A family obituary indicated the *Bengal Merchant* 1839-40 to Wellington as the ship.

The Petone Early Settlers Museum is a likely source of information:

<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Leisure--Culture/Museums-and-galleries/Our-museums/petone-settlers-data/>.

Searching for McDowall, McDouall, and McDowell, date 1840, yielded nothing, but entering MacDowall date 1840 yielded William age 0, no name age 0, no name age 1, no name age 3. This was promising, but was from an unnamed secondary source. I wanted a primary source.

Then I entered “ship = Bengal Merchant” to display all the passengers and worked through the list. They were found, listed as Mc Dowall (two words), source NZ Company Records. They were cabin passengers, William, his wife (no ages), and boy aged 1, girl aged 3.

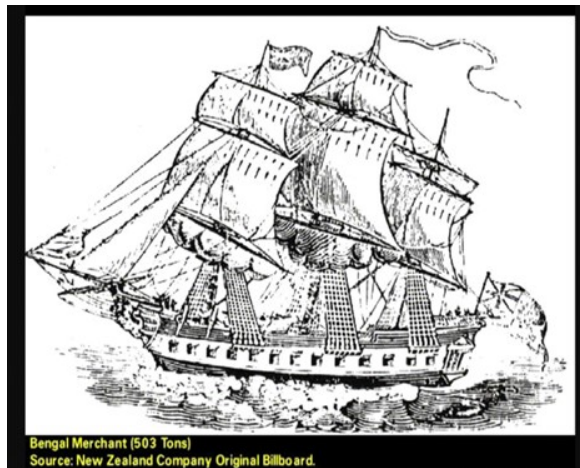
I still wanted to see an image of the source.

NZ Company Records are on Family Search

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1609792>

but I was unable to find this family under any of the above spellings. So I went back to the Petone database and chose another *Bengal Merchant* passenger. Putting in his name at

Family Search and then clicking the little camera gave access to the *Bengal Merchant* ledger. I used the image counter tool to read through every page of the ledger looking for McDowalls.



Coming to the end of the list with no result, I read the heading properly. It was a list of emigrants provided with Free Passage, but the Petone database said they were cabin passengers. The next few pages of the ledger were blank, then there was a list of cabin passengers, but still no McDowall included. But wait, this page has two lists side by side, and the McDowalls were in the right-hand column with all the second class passengers. Family Search had overlooked that right hand column in its indexing. [This omission has been corrected since I did this search.] The index at Family Search indicates that the whole shipload was transported to Canterbury, which wasn't even a name on the map in 1840. The ledger correctly gave Port Nicholson [Wellington] as their destination.

Each step of this challenging search (from an obituary to the original ledger) yielded a little more information about the family. Careful investigation of primary source images was necessary to achieve success.

Unfortunately the missing forename of Mrs McDowall, who died in 1847, was not discovered, though family sources suggest it was Catherine. William died on 22 Oct 1883 and was buried in Korokoro cemetery, Petone. His sons Robert, Andrew and William were early settlers of Palmerston North. This family used the spellings McDouall and McDowall interchangeably.

Mary Skipworth mkip@xtra.co.nz NZSG #1495

Irish Interest Group LNI AGM postponed

The AGM and Research Day proposed for the Irish Interest Group LNI has been postponed to July
Further details in next newsletter.



Branch information

Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre,
Ground Floor, North West Corner,
Paraparaumu Library
Coastal Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,
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 January to November.

Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

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

Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **G - K** Judy Olsen would appreciate your assistance at the next evening meeting.

Help with Research

Wednesday mornings 10-12am, at the Paraparaumu Library. Open to the public.

The first Saturday of every month 1-3pm.
By appointment, for individual assistance.
To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday July 3rd**

Monthly pop up 'How to'.

Next session **Saturday July 3rd, 2pm**
Short (40mins) Zoom session on how to use DNA Clustering tools

Members only: visit <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> to register.

Pre-registration required - please reply to your newsletter email or use the *Contact us* form on our website http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/
Sign in to contribute or just listen.

Read up on clustering beforehand at <https://www.danaleeds.com/the-leeds-method/>

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 sign for the key and 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.

Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Keyboards are in the lowest 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).

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

A microfiche is available and there are books on a variety of topics which can be borrowed. Boxes of copies of 'Who do you think you are' and 'Family Tree' are on the shelf. The Paraparaumu library also has copies of 'Family Tree' on their magazine shelves.

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.

Interest Groups

Online Trees/software.

Our two-monthly sessions on the main online tree sites will run on the last Saturday of months February through October. Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 9 Ivor Trask Place.

Next meeting **Saturday June 27th** 1:45 - 3:45pm. Doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover expenses.

Using FamilySearch to share your tree.

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, and to aid your record searches.

Any questions? - Someone will be able to help. All welcome. For more information go to <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

Australian

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

The Australian SIG meets on the second Thursday of alternate months from February to November.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday July 8th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

Irish

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

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

Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to keep track of their research and record family history.

Two-monthly sessions on 3rd Saturday of the month.

Next session: **Saturday July 17th, Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room**, 9 Ivor Trask Place, Paraparaumu.

Doors open 1.30 pm for **1:45 - 3:45pm** session. \$3 entry fee. All welcome.

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

Sneak preview of the (slowly) forthcoming version 8.

For last minute changes go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic>

DNA

Two-monthly meetings, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, February to October, for those interested in exploring how DNA testing can help their genealogy. **Next meeting Saturday August 14th.**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for **2-4pm** session, \$3 entry please.

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/>. Keep an eye on that page for any updates.

Notes from the June session have been sent out to attendees.

DNA News:

Father's Day sales now on at most companies

See also the **3 Jul 'How To' on page 6**, short Zoom session on Clustering (one of the topics covered at our June meeting)

For those trying to figure out how they fit into a tree where they have a lot of matches, try DNAPainter's WATO tool, and remember these quirks about total shared DNA highlighted in this useful blogpost by Dr Leah Larkin

<https://thednageek.com/working-with-wato-centimorgan-adjustments/>

Do remember to become more familiar with what your testing company is showing you in your match lists - read and re-read their help sections



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Publicity: Donna Bridgeman

Membership

New members always welcome.
Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ
02-0591-0040791-000

(We no longer accept cheques - sorry)
To access our resources at the Paraparaumu
Library use your **blue** membership card.

Further details at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-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
July 27th
DigitalNZ's new 'Stories'
feature
DigitalNZ

Daytime Meeting
July 28th