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

Editorial



As we are still at Level 2, the same conditions will apply to our evening meeting this month. Sadly, this means another month without our Daytime meeting.

But our evening meeting will be a 'must-go-to' event. How many of us are struggling to write up our family's history in a coherent and interesting fashion? Come and hear how Rosemary Marryatt went about the task of writing the story of her famous grandfather.

How is your DNA knowledge? Do you know what a 'haplogroup' is? Check it out on page 3!

Our 'How to' zoom pop up sessions are having a makeover. As Lorna says on page 5, the aim is to share knowledge and gain experience on the chosen topic without having to step outside the door - blow to Covid 19.

NB Please note change of day to **Sunday 7th November** for this month's zoom session.

Our Round Robin magazines have come up with some interesting articles this year. See page 4. 'Family Tree' always has a good selection of interesting stories and instructional sections. You take pot luck with those available on the public library shelves, but even the older editions have good relevant information.

NB. There is an important update on the future plans for NZSG under Branch News on page 2. Please get your feedback on a proposed levy to the Secretary as soon as possible, to ensure Branch views can be well represented.

My cartoon in acknowledgment of Halloween reminds me that it's nearly Christmas again! I feel I have made poor use of lockdown time this year. Guess what my New Year resolution will be?

Keep well and safe.

Sheila

Meetings this month:
Tuesday evening
October 26th
Rosemary Marryatt
'A Sheep in my Eye'

Wednesday afternoon
October 27th
CANCELLED

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October Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday October 26th

7pm - meet and greet.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What:

'A Sheep in my Eye' - Rosemary Marryatt

Learn how Rosemary went about writing the biography of her great grandfather, William Gilbert Rees, Queenstown's founder.

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: Sorry no supper tonight. **BYO** individual refreshment if required

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday October 27th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe,

286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

What: CANCELLED

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten



Branch news

Next evening meeting. Please note that we will have to observe Covid restrictions, so will be unable to have tea and coffee available. Please remember to sign in and bring a mask.

November meetings

There will be the usual fun social gathering on November 23rd at the last evening meeting of the year. The format will depend on covid levels and efforts are being made to include the Daytime members if we are still at level 2. Watch this space!

Update on NZSG. Kapiti Genealogy is a branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) A third of our Branch membership are also members of the NZSG.

As noted in last month's Newsletter the NZSG are working on plans for a sustainable future which includes them significantly reducing their operating costs.

In addition the NZSG has proposed a levy of \$10 per year on Branch members who are not NZSG members. This would mean membership fees for non-NZSG members of our Branch would increase from \$25 to \$35.

The NZSG case for proposing this levy is that currently non-NZSG members of a Branch enjoy the benefits of NZSG affiliation without making any contribution. For those unfamiliar with the NZSG please visit <https://genealogy.org.nz>

Representatives of your committee will be attending a consultation meeting on this proposed levy on **6th November** and any feedback from you, our members, on this topic, would be very much appreciated to enable us to represent our memberships views. Please get any comments to us at Secretary@KapitiGen.org no later than **5th November**.

The Case of the Married Woman

“The Case of the Married Woman: Caroline Norton. A 19th century heroine who wanted justice.” by Antonia Fraser Extracted from review “The Oldie” May 2021 & Wikipedia

In 1836 Caroline left her husband. She managed to subsist on her earnings as an author, but George claimed these, arguing successfully in court that, as her husband, her earnings were legally his. Paid nothing by her husband, her earnings confiscated, Caroline used the law to her own advantage. Running up bills in her husband's name, she told the creditors when they came to collect, that if they wished to be paid, they could sue her husband.

Crim Con –or criminal conversation –was a euphemism for adultery. George Norton MP sued Lord Melbourne, the Prime Minister for damages to his “property” – his wife.

Norton lost the case but as married women had no legal existence, Caroline lost her three children to him and the youngest died in his care. This started Caroline campaigning for the natural rights of mothers. The Custody of Infants Act 1839 allowed divorcees and women who had not been found guilty of Crim Con, to petition for custody of their children up to the age of seven and access to older children, but it didn't apply in Scotland where her sons lived. Her pamphlets on the Divorce Bill led to the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1857 and the married Women's Property Act 1870, which granted women a legal identity separate from their husbands.

Crim Con trials in which a cuckolded husband sues his rival for damages to his property were a source of popular entertainment. Dickens attended the Norton trial and parodied Melbourne's letters in Pickwick Papers. Ironically, Caroline's grandfather was Sheridan the playwright of “The School for Scandal”.

Another gem from Deborah Shuker

The haplogroup tree of mankind

FamilyTreeDNA's public haplogroup tree can be found at

<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/y-dna-haplotree/>

Every BigY test has the potential to change this tree as it is a discovery test that contributes to science as well as giving the tester a very precise position on the tree that continues to be updated as more people test. The test that keeps on giving.

Personally, I find it fascinating how apparently "close" yDNA matches at y111 even can actually turn out to be many 100s of years apart, once this level of detail is available. My Fairbairn surname project at FTDNA is very satisfyingly forming groups of lineages at quite "recent" timeframes, even if we do not know how they connect.

Lorna

Online family history event

COVID-SAFE
ONLINE EVENT



Next Event **Friday 12th + Saturday 13th November 2021**

November 12th and 13th.

Something for everyone!

This one is £10 = (\$20 NZ dollars) for registration.

Check out speakers and topics at:

www.fhf-reallyuseful.com

Round Robin articles to note

The April 2021 issue of **Who Do You Think You Are?** Round Robin has an interesting article by Nick Peers on how to track down the location of addresses that no longer exist using assorted sites and techniques:

GenUKi.org.uk/gazetteer; maps.thehunthouse.com/london_miscellany.htm; local history forums for the area concerned; census address searches, or just looking at the pages either side your family and finding their streets; techniques for using the National Library of Scotland maps in the Side by side viewer (ie ordnance survey on one side and OpenStreetMap view on the other);

This issue should be available in our collection of Round Robins and accessible, once we're out of Covid 19 lockdown Level 2

In Family Tree, the August 2021 issue, Alison Spring's article detailing '20 things you need to know about FamilySearch' gives a wealth of hints and tips about how to navigate around the comprehensive Family Search site.

To keep up with regular record and feature updates check out their blog www.familysearch.org/blog/en. If you missed out on a presentation you wanted from Rootstech earlier this year, go to www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/; or you can join the FamilySearch community on <https://community.familysearch.org/en> to get answers to your genealogical questions and collaborate with other genealogists.

This magazine was on the Paraparaumu Library magazine shelf. Check out the other issues.

If you want to join our Round Robins for the two magazines above, see page 7 for details or contact RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

The Genealogist launches Irish Records

The Genealogist has just released records of baptisms, marriages and burials from Wexford Catholic Parish Records and new Dublin Will and Grant Books to provide a valuable resource for those researching Irish ancestry.

The Dublin wills are from the Deputy Keeper Of Ireland, Index To The Act or Grant Books, and To Original Wills, of The Diocese Of Dublin 1272 -1858 (26th, 30th, and 31st Report) and cover an area that is bigger than the current County of Dublin, including part of County Wicklow, parts of County Kildare, as well as small portions of Counties Carlow, Laois (Queen's County) and Wexford.

The Wexford Parish records being released at the same time, have been newly transcribed by TheGenealogist and benefit from their SmartSearch that enables subscribers to look for the parent's potential marriage records from baptism records and also potential siblings. Each result also has a link to the National Library of Ireland's web to view an image of the Catholic parish register.

Read TheGenealogist's article: George Harrison's Wexford ancestors found in the Irish Parish Records <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2021/george-harrisons-wexford-ancestors-found-in-the-irish-parish-records-1473/>
(With thanks to Nick Thorne)

FindMyPast has just added over 5.7 million new marriage records from California, Indiana, Iowa and Massachusetts. And from the other side of the Atlantic, released thousands of marriage records from four parishes in Essex, England. 1537-1935. Where will your family's love stories take you?

RootsMagic 8 news

Version 8 is now live and there will be no more upgrades to older versions.

Links to the videos now being produced have been put in the Comments section of the RootsMagic Group page on our website and are well worth watching.

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

Help is available in either the Facebook group,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RootsMagicUsers>

or on the new RootsMagic Community

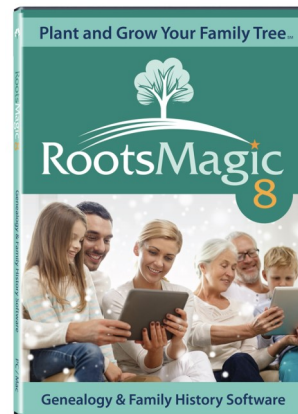
<https://community.rootsmagic.com/>

NB. <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3508> has the details and a discount offer.

So if you haven't already pre-purchased v8, get in quick before the additional discount disappears.

There's a new Community to replace the old forum and a help Wiki at

http://wiki.rootsmagic.com/wiki/RootsMagic_8:RootsMagic_8



RM7 still exists, still works, and support will still be available.

RM8 may be a bit of a learning curve but the basics are all still there, somewhere.

If you pre-purchased v8 by buying an additional copy of RM7 in the last year or two, dig out the RM8 activation code you were sent at the time as you will need it to get RM8 up and running.

Your feedback, from those using it, will make an interesting next session.

'How to' (that isn't!) Pop up Zoom Session

November 7th at 2pm. - Why do I/we/you scroll down?

Because you never know what you'll find by doing so!

Note change of day to Sunday for this month only.

Don't be a possum caught in the headlights of that bright shiny object of an image or index on the screen in front of you.

Scrolling down will usually put it into context - or find you more family on the same page.

It can include: why a document was created, who for, who has supplied it to you, what it can, or cannot, tell you about the person / place, and give you clues of where to go to for more information, eg to find the original of the data that has been indexed or scanned.

Or possibly even explain how come you couldn't find the indexed name on the image in front of you - by revealing a second image.

Yes, we've had a slight name change for November - and next year - to reflect a change of focus.

Same deal: Pre-registration required, members only, free, 40 minute Zoom sessions starting 2pm, first Saturday of the month February through to November.

The aim is to share knowledge and gain experience on the chosen topic from the comfort of your own home.

Register using the Contact form on our website http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/ or by replying to your newsletter email.

Branch information

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: Our usual supper will not be available in October due to the Covid level 2 restrictions.

Help with Research

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

NB. Not available at Covid Level 2

The first Saturday of every month 1-3pm.

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday November 6th**

Monthly pop up 'How to'.

Next session **Sunday November 7th**

at 2pm. Short (40mins) Zoom session.

See page 5 for details.

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/

Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Annual fees of \$15 for each magazine are renewed in July.

Bev Chappell has room for new subscribers if you wish to join the circulation list. Contact Bev on

RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org

Further details on our website under Resources > Round Robins. Every issue has some really interesting articles, so this is a really good way of

Facilities at the

Alison Proctor 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.

The next / final of the two-monthly sessions on the main tree sites will focus on **"Taking it with you"**. No, not to the grave, but on your mobile device, be it mobile phone or tablet.

Owing to the uncertainty of Covid levels as we go to press with the newsletter, it will switch to **Zoom**.

Saturday October 30th 2-4 pm (the date was wrong in the last newsletter sorry)

"Doors" open 1:30pm, members only.

Share your experience / knowledge / favourite ways to take your tree with you to show family; refer to when researching, etc.. 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/>

Pre-registration required by either responding to your newsletter email or using the contact us form on our website http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/

Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday November 9th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday November 11th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

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.

Our October 9th meeting moved to Zoom (and had more focus on yDNA than usual).

The next scheduled meeting isn't until Feb next year but we will have an additional Zoom session late Nov early Dec. Those on our DNA mailing list will be advised nearer the time.

Covid permitting, meeting in person will resume 2nd Saturday of Feb 2022.

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.

DNA News:

Hope you are keeping up with Roberta Estes "beginnings" series.

<https://dna-explained.com/2021/08/10/announcing-dna-beginnings-a-new-series/>

There's always something to learn at all levels of experience, given sites keep changing their interfaces.

For those interested in yDNA (males only, their direct paternal line) have you explored the evolving haplogroup tree of mankind? **For more on the haplogroup tree of mankind - go to page 3.**

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 November 20th, Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room,**

9 Iver Trask Place, Paraparaumu. **OR via ZOOM if above level 1.**

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.

See page 5 for news on Rootsmagic 8.

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



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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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

Email links

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

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

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/>

Next Evening Meeting
November 23rd
End of Year Social Gathering

Daytime Meeting
November 24th