

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



I'm wearing a mask!

I'm looking forward to some stimulating contributions at the DNA session next Tuesday evening. There are bound to be surprising and unusual stories out there. I'd appreciate a written version for the newsletter too. The newsletter can only be as interesting as the material received.

The Zoom 'How to' on March 5th is designed to tie in with this DNA theme. See page 5 for details.

I hope you'll forgive my indulgence on page 4 for the note on Lady Augusta Gregory - a fascinating character.

The Persse family of Galway originated with the arrival, before 1602, of Revd. Robert Persse, 'a man of God' who came to preach the gospel. The family's long history includes many ups and downs, notorious and infamous. Lady Gregory's literary legacy is one of the notably good things.

Not only was my husband's great grandmother a Persse, but his grandmother was a Gregory. Now, therein lies a tale!

'The Persse Family of County Galway. Genealogy and History 1554-1964' has been published by Gerry Kearney.

RootsTech starts on 3rd March so don't forget to Register at Familysearch if you're interested in taking part. See page 5.

You'll see on page 3 that subs. have been raised to \$30 for this year.



Those were the days!

Sheila

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
February 22nd

'How have you used
DNA to build a family
tree or break a brick
wall?'

Wednesday afternoon
February 23rd

February Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday February 22nd 7pm - meet and greet.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.
Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: **How to...? What is DNA?**
'How have you used DNA to build your tree/break your brickwalls?'
If you have had success (or even tried hard!) using the various DNA-based tools to build your tree or make contact with new relatives, please come and share your findings with fellow members.

Convenor: Ian Brooking

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday February 23rd 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm meeting
Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Café , 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

What: News and update from evening meeting, followed by research and discussion.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Vaccine passes required for both meetings.



Branch news

Meeting on February 22nd - surely everyone who has done a DNA test is curious about those close matches they didn't know existed! How have you gone about these investigations and what results did you get? None of us is an expert - we are all learning continuously and probably have all tackled problems differently. Do bring along anything of interest to share or to get help with problems. We'd love to hear from you.

Branch History - Clive Palmer's hard work in putting together nearly 40 years of Branch History from our records and your contributions is coming to fruition. It is rich with memories, photos and comment. There will be a digital version and a small number of hard copies. If you would like to procure one of these unique copies, they will cost \$36 each and we need to have your order before the end of February for printing. Please contact Colin on Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org ASAP.

Subs are due in March. Please note the change to \$30 to cover increasing costs. Payment details in the panel on page 8. See page 3 for update on NZSG status.

Please note!

IMPORTANT

All our meeting & interest group attendees are required to show their vaccine passes at the desk on entry, no exceptions.

This helps ensure everyone's safety from this pandemic, whilst continuing life as near normal as we can.

NB. Please note that also applies at the APFHC facilities in the Paraparaumu library whether researching on your own during opening hours or at the session open to the public on Wednesday mornings.

Additions to our book collection at APFHC

Recent Publications:

- Cooke, Peter *Roll of New Zealand's Second World War Dead (3rd Ed)*
Defence of New Zealand Study Group, Wellington, 2019
- Gaffaney, Michael *The Gaffaneys of Belper*, Michael T Gaffaney, Paraparaumu, 2019
- Hercus, John & Ann *One Family, Six Names: The story of the name and medieval origins of the Scottish family of Hercus, Herkes, Harcus, Harkes, Harkness and Arcus*, J&A Hercus, Merivale, Christchurch, Caxton Press, 2017
- Marryatt, Rosemary Grace *A Sheep In My Eye: The Story of Queenstown's Founder William Gilbert Rees*, Rosemary Marryatt, Waikanae, Kapiti Coast, 2021

Older Publications:

- Blight, W.T.(Compiler) *Methodist Church of New Zealand : Ministerial and Circuit Appointments 1920-1960*, Papanui, Christchurch, December 1959
Paraparaumu School, Centenary Souvenir 1889- 1989,
School Centennial Committee, Paraparaumu, Kapiti Coast, 1989

A reminder to check the Kapiti Coast District Library Catalogue for the availability of all books that may help you in your research. They may be listed in either our Branch book section or in the public sections of the Otaki, Waikanae or Paraparaumu Libraries.

Update on NZSG status

As advised 4th Feb, the Annual subscription for the forthcoming year from 1 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023 will be \$30.

This should overcome both the uncertainty of whether or not there will be a levy but also the reality of ongoing cost increases in supplying our members with the services we offer.

NZSG have strongly implied that the imposition of a levy of \$10 per Local Member (those of you who do not belong to NZSG) will proceed.

We look forward to further information from NZSG to aid decisions on the options available for our relationship with our parent body.

For background information on this please refer to the document sent to you back on 16th Nov, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page, <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>

Papers past

Latest additions to newspapers (January 2022)

- Southland Times (1921-1928)
- Taranaki Daily News (1921-1928)
- Te Awamutu Courier (April 1936-1950)
- Timaru Herald (1936-1945)
- Waipa Post (January-April 1936)
- Wanganui Chronicle (1920-1950)



Lady Augusta Gregory (Persse)



Born Isabella Augusta Persse on 15/3/1852, she was the youngest daughter of the Anglo-Irish gentry family Persse. Her mother was Frances Barry who was related to Viscount Guillamore and the family home, Roxborough, was a 6000-acre estate. In March 1880, she married William Henry Gregory who was a widower and 35 years her senior. Lady Gregory's early writing includes a series of love poems she wrote during a time in which she had an affair with the English poet Wilfred Scawen

Between 1899 and 1901 she, along with Yeats and Edward Martyn, founded the Irish Literary Theatre which would later become the Abbey Theatre Company. "The rising of the moon" by Lady Gregory is a politically-minded play set in early 20th Century Ireland. By the time, she died in 1932 she had written more than 19 plays. (*My husband's great grandmother was Sarah Persse, from the same Galway roots.*)

Sites to check out

FindMyPast - Tracking someone in Norfolk? Check out the latest blogpost from FMP about their Norfolk collections <https://www.findmypast.com.au/blog/new/norfolk-workhouse-nonconformist>

Ancestry - Has added a collection New Zealand, South Anglo Boer War, 1899-1902 <https://www.ancestry.com.au/search/collections/62384/>

TheGenealogist -has announced their latest release of transcripts which "provide the most complete collection of indexed AIR 27 records, with over 11 million fully searchable records covering 1911-1963" <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/raf/>

Temporary changes at the National Library

Community transmission of the COVID-19 Omicron variant has required us to think carefully about our research enquiry services delivered through the Alexander Turnbull Library. We anticipate staffing gaps over the next few weeks as the virus circulates throughout New Zealand and so have decided to close our reading rooms **on Mondays** beginning 14th February 2022.

Please note that the National Library building in Molesworth Street, Wellington will still be open on Mondays and advertised events will continue as permitted. Information on events, including cancellations can be found on the National Library's website. <https://natlib.govt.nz>

We will do everything we can to retain reading room opening hours on the remaining days of the week Tuesday (10.00am – 5.00pm) to Saturday (9.00am – 1.00pm). This will help us manage the impact of COVID-19 cases on our staff and services and provide more certainty for visitors.

You are encouraged to use the Ask-a-Librarian distance enquiry service wherever possible. We have learned from experience of Level 4 COVID lockdowns that we can continue to offer an online service with staff working from home. Copies of documents may be able to be provided within copyright legislation or other relevant restrictions.

Our 0800 474 300 telephone can also be used during opening hours to reduce your need to visit the reading rooms in person. . We apologise for any inconvenience caused, and for the short notice. Feedback and queries relating to this change are welcome and can be directed to Information@natlib.dia.govt.nz.

My Heritage

(Did you know? MyHeritage was founded in 2003 by Gilad Japhet and is based in Bnei Atarot, Israel. Japhet, still the CEO, started the company from his living room in Bnei Atarot. Go to www.myheritage.com to find out all the site has to offer.)

My heritage has improved the display of record searches with a more succinct Table View option. If you have a tree there, check out the updated Relationship report (under More on the FamilyTree link). Pick any two people in your tree and see how you connect.

They also continue to release updates to their French resources
<https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/12/myheritage-publishes-359-million-additional-historical-records-from-france/>

and have done several updates to their North Rhine, German indexes
<https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/12/myheritage-updates-germany-north-rhine-westphalia-death-index-1874-1938/>

RootsTech - March 3 - 5th

Registration is now open.

FamilySearch is again running a free virtual family history conference from 3-5th March. Go to <https://familysearch.org> to register and see the vast array of speakers and topics.

You can search for your subject of choice and scroll down through the titles.

'How to' Monthly Zoom Sessions

Monthly Zoom session: 5th March at 2pm for 45 minutes.

DNA Q&A

This is to tie in with both the theme for our February meeting **'How have you used DNA to build your tree/break your brickwalls?'** and to compensate for the unfortunate technical challenges at the February DNA meeting, particularly for those who were going to attend by Zoom. Here's your chance to ask DNA questions, however seemingly trivial – there's always someone else wanting to know the answer.

Pre-registration required. Members only. Free.

Given this is only a 45min session, it would help if you could submit specific questions with your pre-registration.

Please register by replying to your newsletter email or by using the Contact Form on our website selecting the topic "How to". <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

Submissions for our February evening DNA stories meeting are welcome.

Register to contribute or simply listen.

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

Not available this month due to Covid restrictions.

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 March 5th**

Monthly pop up 'How to'.

Next session **Saturday March 5th**
at 2pm. Short (45mins) 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 mazines 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 keeping up with the latest news.

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

Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday March 8th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

Australian

For help with Australian research. The Australian SIG currently meets on the second Thursday of alternate months from March to November.

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

NB. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

RootsMagic

Remember that our first RootsMagic meeting for the year is **a week earlier** than the usual 3rd Saturday.

See you **Saturday 12th March**, Paraparaumu Library Meeting room. Doors open 1:30pm for a 3:45pm finish (library closes at 4pm)

\$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all versions covered.

By now most of you will have explored more of RootsMagic 8 and will be experts, with lots of hints to share, including how not to do x y or z :)

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

DNA

Our next two monthly DNA interest group is **Saturday April 9th, 2-4pm, doors open 1:30**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. for \$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all levels covered.
<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Usual format: News, Q&A, Break into groups by either experience, topic or testing company depending on attendees requirements. Reconvene to share anything that came out of the groups.

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

DNA relationship predictions: Remember that the relationships shown with each match at each testing site are the result of the company picking just one of usually several possibilities, not a hard and fast "this person is your xth cousin".

All shared DNA beyond the very closest relationships have a range of options that need exploring, and / or explaining, by also doing the accompanying genealogy involved.

The go-to site for checking this is DNAPainter's implementation of The Shared cM Project at <https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4-beta/>

For GEDmatch users, there's a new relationship predictor being rolled out. Initially for Tier I on the updated GEDmatch app "one to many full version" - click on the total cMs.

Check out <https://gedmatch.launchnotes.io/announcements/relationship-prediction-new-tool-the-latest-site-improvements>.

This being rather more understandable, and reliable, than the "Estimated number of generations to MRCA = x" shown on the One-to-One report

Lorna



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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.

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.

\$30 for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

Please note increase to cover NZSG levy.

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

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu
Library use your new pink membership card.
Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2022/02/renewals-memberships-for-the-2022-23-year/>

Next Evening Meeting
Tuesday March 22nd

NZ Police Gazette
Rowan Carroll

Daytime Meeting
Wednesday March 23rd