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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



I loved this rather unique representation of July 4th, American Independence day. At least they look cool, not like those poor people in Portugal at 47°C. I rather think our future generations will wonder why we in Kapiti have grown webbed feet!

If you are interested in the amazing project to reconstruct Ireland's records, lost in the 1922 fire in Dublin, you may like to attend the Heritage Talk - "Beyond 2022" by Tricia Meehan, at the Wainuiomata Community Hub, **this Saturday 23rd July** at 2pm. Contact Hutt City Libraries for more information.

All attendees of the evening meetings will be very sorry to hear of Stephen Sherring's unexpectedly sudden death. (see page3). We'll miss his smiling friendly face at the door.
New Committee member, Jenny Wilson has agreed to take over the raffle.

If you missed the last meeting and want to gain the basics of Lorna's advice on Family History programs, see page 4 for a summary. It stimulated me to get on and select one - at last! And what happened? The family web site of one of my husband's great uncles popped up in Pennsylvania. I knew he'd gone to the States, but didn't know where. Another branch to add to the tree.

Deborah Shuker has unearthed another interesting project to document graveyards in the UK. (see page 5).
Also an amusing site recording the life of one Hugo Green from Donegal. Do check it out.

In the meantime, good hunting.

Sheila

Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
July 25th

"Octavius Hadfield"
Speaker
David Hadfield

Wednesday afternoon
July 26th

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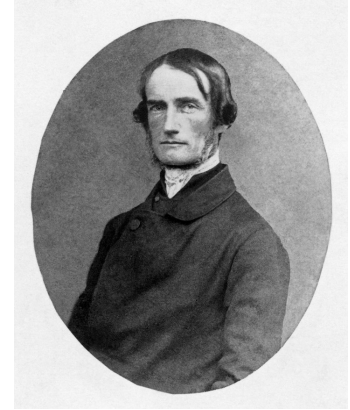
July Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday July 25th 7pm - refreshments, meet and greet.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: "Octavius Hadfield"
His place in Kapiti's history
Speaker: David Hadfield



Supper roster: K - O
Convenor: Ian Barbour

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday July 26th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: Update and news from the evening meeting followed by discussion and research.
Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to new members: Roger Steele, Graeme McVerry, Bernard Atkins, Sara Foote and Karen Harris. We look forward to meeting you all and sharing your interests.

Mid-winter luncheon. Many thanks to our Treasurer, **John Miller**, who organised the very successful mid-winter Branch luncheon at Anzil on July 7th. 18 members including some partners enjoyed the food and camaraderie, swapping stories and meeting others.

Back to Basics—4 weekly sessions from 11th August –1st September

If you are a relatively new member and would like to kick-start your family research, we are running a series of workshops especially for you!

The Back to Basics series of four weekly workshops is designed for those new to family history research but will contain new and updated information for those needing a boost or refresher. The course starts on **Thursday 11th Aug** and runs for four consecutive weeks at the **Paraparaumu Library** meeting room from **2 to 4pm**.

These workshops will cover

- Introduction, what to do before you start and some broad guidelines
- Searching, where and how to look and tips on searching
- Recording, organising your findings and the various software programs available
- Resources, what is generally available and covering in detail the activities of the local branch.

Register by emailing secretary@KapGen.org.nz

The workshops are limited to Kapiti Branch members. The good news is that your annual subscription of \$30 entitles you to take advantage of the Basic to Basics workshops!

We would love to have you along. Do come and join us to learn heaps and enjoy four afternoons of fun and comradeship.

Ian Barbour

Stephen Sherring

Members will be very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Stephen Sherring just before our last meeting. He would be well known to many members as our unassuming, friendly raffle man.

Stephen had been a member of Kapiti Genealogy for 12 years and in his very recent resignation said that he enjoyed the monthly meetings and organising the raffles. He was a member of NZSG and one of our Round Robin readers.

He was well known throughout the community as an approachable respected JP, a Mason and member of a local Rebus Branch. As an accountant he voluntarily carried out financial reviews for several charitable organisations, in his open, quiet and efficient way.

We miss your friendly smile, Stephen. Rest in Peace.

Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife, Rae, and his family. Our thoughts are with you.



The Virtual Treasury of Ireland

100 years after the devastating fire destroyed the National Record Office in Dublin, the long awaited and hard won new virtual record office is now open. <https://en.geneanet.org/genealogyblog/post/2022/07/irelands-new-virtual-treasury-is-online>

This link will enable you to read the history and background and search the records in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland go to <https://virtualtreasury.ie/>

There is a 3-D model of the building that you can explore and some exciting records including:

- the 1766 religious census of 50,000 names from reconstructed sources

- Cromwellian land surveys of 17th Century land ownership

- Mediaeval Exchequer 1250-1450 from duplicates at the UK National Archives.



Update on Rootstech

We are thrilled to announce that next year RootsTech 2023 will be a global online event enhanced by an in-person experience! You will still be able to join us from any part of the world through our virtual event. But if you prefer the in-person event, you can join us in Salt Lake City! So, mark your calendar: March 2-4. But don't wait until next year to enjoy the great learning available on RootsTech.org

NZSG update

We expect an update from NZSG at the next Lower North Island Regional meeting of branch representatives at the end of July. It should include feedback from the group considering what rule changes may be necessary to protect branch funds, along with any feedback on branch levies to NZSG.

For background information on the issues please refer to the document sent to you back on 16th November 2021, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>

Choosing your Family History Software

I hope you all learnt something from the June monthly meeting's presentation on choosing software to aid your family history, even if it's "I'm happy with what I've got thank you"! Here's my "in a nutshell" version.

Why you might want a desktop program: - do you want ALL of your data online?
- do you research across different sites?

With a program on your computer you can pull it all together in one place, keeping private the bits others will copy, correctly or incorrectly from any online tree. Your data is under your control.

What will a program offer you?

In essence all the main programs on offer can do the basics, some better than others.

But all in all, provided your choice can export your data in a form any subsequent choice can read, you will be fine, your decision need not be final

The basics: - record and link families
- report the result - have the ability to create a GEDCOM to export to another program

Things to consider: What do YOU want the program to do?

The more fully featured programs available can:

- transform the paper clutter into readily findable family information at your fingertips
- help you research more effectively, ie by providing hints from the main research sites: FamilySearch, FindMyPast, MyHeritage and for two of the programs on offer, Ancestry, (The two licensed for this are FamilyTreeMaker and RootsMagic)
- provide advanced ways of looking at data to enable you to plan trips to visit relatives, archives, cemeteries etc; compare two versions of a database; tidy up your sources, places, names easily
- keep track of "to do" lists any which way you might like to do so
- provide a way of taking it with you, regardless of internet connections, when you go visiting
- be able to generate web pages for you

I add input efficiency to my list as I, as a touch typist, like to be able to record things easily and quickly and not all programs allow that. Also ask yourself, or ask around whether the program you are considering:

- has active support from the supplier, and a user support group, online or in person?
- does it suit your way of working?
- has it a future? And - will it continue to be supported and developed further?

So what to choose?

- - decide what is important to YOU. - try out those programs that look as though they might suit YOU
- - if they don't offer a free trial version, find someone who has it, go and try theirs.

The programs we looked at were:

Operating System / Program	Provider	Cost (NZ\$) / unlock advanced features	Trial version?
Windows:			
FamilyHistorian	Calico Pie	\$90	30 days
Legacy	Legacy Family Tree	Free / \$55	unlimited
Windows or Mac:			
FamilyTreeMaker	MacKiev	\$129	No
FamilyTreeBuilder	MyHeritage	Free	unlimited
RootsMagic	Roots Magic	Free / \$61	unlimited

Whichever you choose: **Take a back up regularly** and store a copy of that back up safely in a completely different location.

Lorna Henderson

National Burial Grounds Survey

A Church of England in Great Britain project

<https://www.atlanticgeomatics.co.uk/burial-ground-management-system>

1. Creating an accurate map of the burial ground using state-of-the-art technology
2. Scanning and transcribing the burial registers
3. Photographing every visible headstone, plaque and memorial
4. Linking registers, maps and photographs together on the system

Initially each BGMS (Burial Ground Management System) is a private database open only to those with permitted access. In due course there will be a publicly accessible website, allowing users to search for burial records from anywhere in the world. This will become the go-to online resource and will allow burial ground managers to utilise the information contained in their records for cultural projects, to attract visitors and generate income.

The first live publicly available BGMS sites are Kirkburton and Shelley burial grounds.

Click the highlighted names to look at these two examples. Click a plot and the names & dates appear, and on the right a dropdown box with tabs *Persons* and *Photos*.

Persons links to age, address & burial details and the original register page. *Photos* are of the plot.

All the information you could hope to find from a burial is there. The photos are sharp, maps clear and tabs make it easy to navigate.

A dream site for seeing a cemetery you can't visit.

Deborah Shuker

Also from Deborah, investigate this novel way of recording your family history. Very entertaining.

www.hugocharitabletrust.nz/hugh-green/

Here's a great way to show a person's story. Hugh Green from Donegal to NZ

Monthly Zoom Session

Saturday August 6th at 2pm for 45 minutes.

“How to find a relevant haplogroup”

FamilyTreeDNA has announced a new Discover tool that shows timeframes when each sub-branch split from the main tree of mankind down from genetic "Adam" to present day.

The August zoom session will explore where you might find the necessary detailed haplogroup for the male line relevant to your research, even if you are female, or an as-yet untested male.

<https://discover.familytreedna.com>

Members only. Free.

Pre-registration required. Please do so 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/>

You are welcome to register and attend to contribute your tips / questions, or to 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 roster K– O

If your surname starts with any of these letters, Judy would appreciate a helping hand with the supper. Thank you.

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 August 6th.**

Monthly zoom session

Saturday August 6th at 2pm. Short (45mins)

See page 5 for details.

Pre-registration required Members only: visit <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> to register, 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 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 August 9th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

DNA

Our next two monthly DNA interest group is **Saturday 13th August**
Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for 2-4pm.
\$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all levels covered.

The presentation slot will be on the new, free, FamilyTreeDNA Discover tool for exploring the branches of the tree of mankind, along with where you might fit, along with the (in)famous you may be related to.

With the growth of DNA testing, many of these new branches are well within genealogical timeframes these days.

(See also the monthly Zoom session on page 5)

For updates go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/DNA>

DNA News

Want to explore where half of your ancestry came from?

All males have a yDNA haplogroup, whether you've tested them or not, and your own matches, even if you are female, may well hold clues.

Check out the new FamilyTreeDNA Discover tool for yDNA, and also see both the August monthly Zoom session and the DNA interest group meeting above

FamilyTreeDNA Blogpost:

<https://blog.familytreedna.com/introducing-familytreedna-discover/>

Roberta Estes detailed look:

<https://dna-explained.com/2022/06/30/familytreedna-discover->

Lorna Henderson

I-BY21380

Haplogroup I-BY21380 represents a man who is estimated to have been born around 200 years ago, plus or minus 150 years.

That corresponds to about 1800 CE, with a 95% probability he was born between 1682 and 1912 CE.

I-BY21380's paternal lineage branched off from I-BY21372 and the rest of mankind about 500 years ago, plus or minus 200 years.

He is the most recent paternal line ancestor of all members of this group.

There are 4 DNA test-confirmed descendants, and they have specified that their direct paternal origins are from Scotland.

As more people test, the history of this genetic lineage might be further refined.

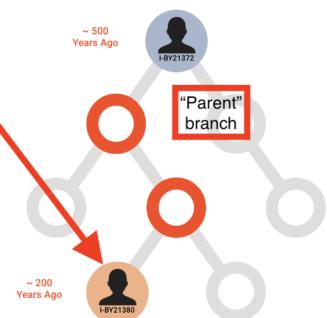
I-BY21380 descendants are from these countries:

Scotland



4 Testers

* Based on self-reported earliest known direct paternal countries of origin from participants.



Roots Magic

Our July meeting took a stroll through the Tools menu options, on right.



We all found unexpected things either we didn't know about RootsMagic or about the (un)tidiness or (in)consistencies in our own databases!

The next two-monthly meeting is **Saturday 17th September**.

Paraparaumu Library Meeting room. Doors open 1:30pm for a 3:45pm finish (library closes at 4)

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

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



Branch Officers

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Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

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Denice Mc Carten

Librarian: Beverley Chappell

Members: Ian Barbour
Jenny Wilson

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Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

Membership - New members always welcome.

Please note increase to **\$30** for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

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

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library use your current membership card.

Further details at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2022/02/renewals->

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Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

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Equipment Support:
Lindsay Olsen. Backup; Ian Brooking

Catering: Judy Olsen

Raffle: Jenny Wilson

Interest Group Facilitators:

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DNA: Lorna Henderson

Irish: IrishSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

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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

Next Evening Meeting
Tuesday August 23rd

The NZ Police Gazette
Speaker:
Rowan Carroll

Daytime Meeting
Wednesday August 24th