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

## Editorial



If you have family that emigrated through the 'convict route' you will be interested in the list of resources listed on page 4.

Sonia Coom has given us a fascinating account of her family's journey via a more traditional route. Part I is on page 5. You can read of their activities within New Zealand next month.

There is much on the go this month.

**NB.** Please contact Kathy by **May 5th** if you're intending to go on the tour of the Supreme Court. Details on page 2. It's a great opportunity - Don't miss out if you are interested.

Our next Branch evening meeting is on ANZAC Day - a good occasion to remember any ancestors that have played a part in any war. Bring their stories to share on **April 25th**, or at the day meeting on 26th.

**May 23rd** sees another AGM. Following the business meeting you are invited to share your experiences on what you've discovered via DNA testing. Even I have found several adoptions and some interesting skeletons!

Hopefully NZSG will have published a positive result of members votes in time for the April meeting (ie. 30 days before the AGM), so we can agree the proposed rule change.

You will notice that Jenny Wilson has agreed to convene the Day meetings for the next two months in the absence of Denice McCarten. Thank you, Jenny.

Denice is spending the next few weeks researching in England, Wales and Ireland. We wish you an enjoyable and successful trip, Denice.

Good hunting and safe home.  
*Sheila*

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Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
April 25th

ANZAC Day  
Bring your stories

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday afternoon  
April 26th

## April Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday April 25th

7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:**

**It's ANZAC Day**

**Bring along your stories of any ancestor**

**who was involved in any war - in any capacity!**



**Supper roster: A – E**

**Convenor:** Ian Brooking

### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday April 26th

1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm meeting

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



**What:**

**A chance to remember your ancestors who were involved in any war.**

Followed by discussion and/or research.

**Co-ordinator:** Jenny Wilson

## Branch notices

### Tour of the Supreme Court on Tuesday May 9 at 10.30.

Don't miss this fascinating tour covering the history of the Old Court and the new building on the corner of Lambton Quay. Who hasn't wondered what it is like inside? You'll also learn about the development of the legal system in NZ.

The Supreme Court is a short, flat walk from the railway station. The tour is approximately 90 minutes, so plenty of time to pop into Archives NZ or National Library afterwards to do research if you want to.

**Please register by Friday May 5th** at [kathycallaghan@gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) or phone or 297 0733 or 0210452925

### April Branch meeting

Celebrate Anzac Day by sharing your story of an ancestor who was involved in some way in any war. (Crimean, Boer, WWI, WW2 etc - your choice). It doesn't have to be military - nursing or land girls, ship builders, importers etc. are amongst the range of possibilities.

### May Branch Meeting

AGM. More Committee members are needed. Get in your nominations!

Following the AGM we need your input for a session entitled "What I have discovered with the help of DNA" There should be plenty of interesting contributions out there.

**Welcome to new members** John Daly and Patricia Noblett; welcome back Val Wilkinson.

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

## Notice of AGM on Tuesday May 23rd

### Annual General Meeting Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Tuesday, 23 May 2023 at 7.30 pm

Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

#### Agenda

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2022 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023
6. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023
7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
8. MOTION: That the Kapiti branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists adopts as its own rules the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists inc. registered on 20 April 2020, and any subsequent amendments to Rule 12 from the resulting NZSG rule-changes vote closing 17 April 2023 be adopted, and all previous rules rescinded.
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE \*\*
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

\*\* If the changes to Rule 12 have been passed the committee composition rules are "Committee which includes at least three (3) Society members, or if the number of members of the Committee is five (5) or less, a Committee which includes fifty percent (50%) Society Members"

Otherwise, the Nominees for all positions must be current financial members of the Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, and the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer must also be current financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Nomination forms may be obtained by visiting our website, or from the Secretary"at"KapitiGen.org. Completed Nomination forms must be received by hand/post or electronically to the Secretary no later than **5pm Saturday 20 May 2023**.

## LNI Irish Interest Group AGM - Saturday May 13th

Saturday 13th May. Collective Community Hub, 1/33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville

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|---------|---|
| 9.30am  | Meet and tea/coffee   |
| 10.00am | AGM<br>Contact Christine Edney at <a href="mailto:edneycollin@gmail.com">edneycollin@gmail.com</a><br>for more information or if you could help by joining the committee. |
| 11.00am | <b>"So you're thinking of taking a DNA test"</b><br>by Lisa Duggan  |
| 12.00pm | Lunch   |
| 1.00pm  | Helpdesks available for Irish research and DNA  |



## Robert Jillett the Whaler 1812-1860

Helen Hawkins presented the story of her g.g, grandfather, Robert Jillett, to both the March evening Branch meeting, and the Day Group the following day. A great effort Helen!

Robert had arrived at Kapiti Island in either 1836 or 1837 from Hobart, and set up a whaling station at Waiorua on the north end of the island.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1840, Robert and the Fraser brothers signed a deed of settlement with Ngati Toa chief Rangihiroa, paying “one cask of best tobacco, and one hogshead of rum with one pair of good blankets” for a parcel of land called ‘Wiorua’ [Waiorua].

Robert finally abandoned the whaling station in about 1853.

Helen’s story also extended back to Robert’s father, Robert the Convict (1760-1832), so included information on early life in Tasmania.

Websites that may be of interest to those with family in Tasmania are listed below. Others expand on the history of Robert Jillett the convict and his wife, Elizabeth Bradshaw, and Robert Jillett the whaler and his wife, Te Kaea Te Morere and include:

List of Arrival and departures websites and data bases designed to help with family history

<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/arrivals-immigration-and-departures/introduction/>

Tasmanian names index [https://libriaristas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\\_AU/names/](https://libriaristas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/names/)

Australian English Genealogy <https://australian-english-genealogy.com/>

Hobart

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-01-16/curious-hobart-what-is-the-history-of-wapping/9261692?nw=0>

Google: *Convicts in Tasmania* or *Best convict records Tasmania*

Whaling in Tasmania and New Zealand

<https://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2007/10/22/2066428.htm>

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/whaling/page-2>

Jillett family website Tasmania and New Zealand

[http://www.jillettfamily.com/The\\_Jillett\\_Family\\_Heritage\\_Home\\_Page.html](http://www.jillettfamily.com/The_Jillett_Family_Heritage_Home_Page.html)

Jillett Family Facebook group (private)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114661868586228/permalink/3684908604894852/?sfnsn=mo>

Researching family names/photographs/documents/ephemera

<https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/alexander-turnbull-library-collections>

Otaki Historical Society – indexes to Journals

<https://www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz/journals>

## Stop Press - free Convict webinar

**Wednesday May 3rd, 2pm NZST - Convicts from Trial to Freedom.**

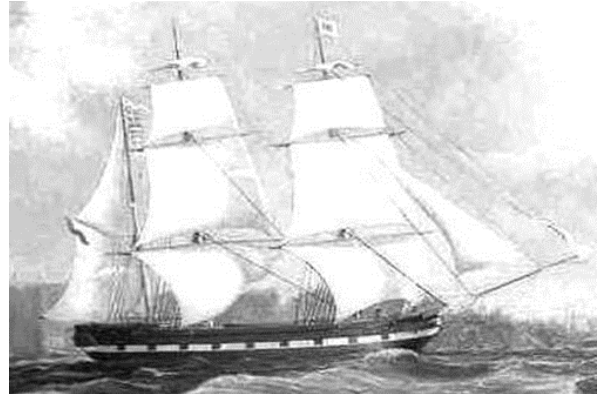
Learn how you can follow the passage of convict ancestors from the initial reports of their crimes, through trial and transportation and the documentation of their period as a convict in an Australian colony. A Legacy Family Tree webinar- free.

Register at: <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/convicts-from-trial-to-freedom/?category=downunder>

## The Hodders' Journey - part I

This story traces my Mother, Winifred Hodder's paternal line back to Somerset in England. What was it that led my Great Great Grandparents to be our first Ancestors to emigrate from the United Kingdom to New Zealand, on board the ship "London"?

The county of Somerset is one of the most picturesque in all of England, and is well known for its cider, thatched cottages and beautiful farms. Our Ancestors came from the towns of Muchelney and Langport which were a centre of commerce and transport for many centuries. Muchelney was the site of one of the largest Abbeys in England which unfortunately fell into disrepair. However it's ruins are still visited by thousands to this day.



The name Hodder has several different origins in old England, one being "The Hod", meaning a small valley, so anyone living in one could be known as coming from "The Hod" for short or "Hodder". It is also the name of a tool used by labourers to carry bricks and mortar to where the bricklayers were working. It consists of two slabs of wood mounted at right angles on the end of a pole and was used to hoist materials up to the builders. The Labourers using these tools were called "Hodders".

We will start the Hodder's journey with **William Hodder** who married Ann Lock in the mid 1700's (22 January 1760 to be precise) in Muchelney, Somerset.

The only child we can trace from this marriage was **Eli Hodder**, born in 1764, died in 1834. Eli married Joanna Sawtell on 9 February 1789, with whom he had five children: William, Ely, Ann, Robert (who died as an infant), then Robert (#2). We follow our lineage down through **William**, the eldest son born in 1789. He married Mary Tilley on 3 June 1811 and had six children: Joanna, Joseph, William, **Walter**, George and Mary Ann.

In the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century life was hard for those who were not well off. A general recession between 1838 and 1842 resulted in very low wages, very expensive and poor quality food (meat was rarely seen on a labourer's table). Living standards were low, overcrowding and unemployment prevailed.

Life was not easy during this time due to the Industrial Revolution, with sweatshops, child labour and poor houses – the abuse of human rights was widespread. People were being transported to Australia for stealing a loaf of bread. Emigration was seen as a way to escape the grinding poverty and the key to making a good future for families. William was a labourer and as such with six children life would've been one long hard slog, working very long hours, eating – if lucky, and sleeping in very poor conditions. The children would have started work at an early age and schooling would have been a pipe dream.

With the New Zealand Company offering free passages to New Zealand for labourers, advertising that labourers would be guaranteed work, be well paid and have opportunities to buy land, four of William and Mary's children decided to leave the hardships they endured behind them. Walter and wife Emma (my direct line) in 1842; Joseph, his wife Elizabeth and family in 1854; followed by Mary Ann and husband Edward Jewell arriving in 1873; all emigrating to New Zealand. Brother George settled in New South Wales in Australia.

Sonia Coom

Part 2 next month

## NZSG Education Group initiative

The NZSG Education Group are asking for help to get as many people as possible to complete a short survey on the direction and extent of training that NZSG should provide.

'Helping new genealogists to become proficient in research skills and verification methods will help to grow our membership and collective expertise, which will be of benefit to us all.'

The Group is keen to hear from both members and non members, so you are encouraged to circulate the link to anyone who may be interested.

This survey is available online at <https://forms.office.com/r/7TwXKq81Nx>

It closes on **Friday 28 April**. Results will be collated, and a summary published via E-Kit.

All data collected is confidential and valid entries go into a draw to win 2 FREE courses!

## Monthly short, Online session

The monthly session, held the first Monday of the month, for 1 hour max, is on **1st of May at 8pm**.

Topic: **TheGenealogist**, with particular emphasis on their map explorer.

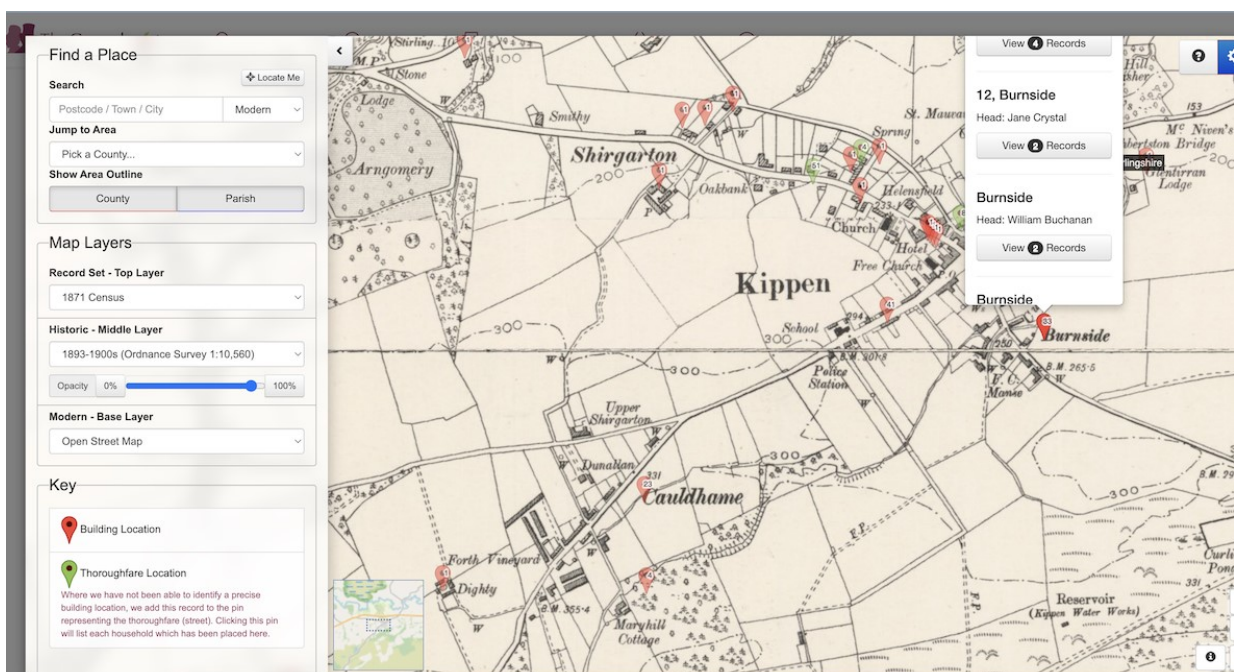
We have TheGenealogist on our computers at the APFHC. Have you explored their map explorer? All the red dots shown on the map below of Kippen, Stirlingshire are for results from a search of the 1871 census. Come along and see what you can find.

Members only, free. Registration required please. The link to register for this session is in the accompanying email to this newsletter.

Should you wish to request a particular topic, in future sessions, use the Contact us link, subject line "How to" and let us know!

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

(Last month's session on WikiTree Sourcer inspired several to explore this further.)



## Interest Groups

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday May 9th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.  
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Roots Magic

The next of our online two-monthly Roots Magic user group meetings is on the **20<sup>th</sup> May**, ie third Saturday of the month, 2-4pm. All versions covered.

As discussed at the last meeting, even online meetings cost. \$5 please. Payment details will be sent to all those on our RootsMagic mailing list, along with the registration link, nearer the time of the meeting. If you wish to be added to our mailing list for this group, use the contact form at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>. This link can also be used to request a particular topic to be covered at a meeting.

### DNA

Quick notes from our wide ranging April meeting have been sent to attendees.

Our next two monthly DNA group meeting is back to the normal second Saturday of month, **10<sup>th</sup> June**. Usual place Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria, usual time: doors open 1:30 for 2-4pm session. \$5 entry please. Open to all. All experience levels welcome.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for this group, use the contact form at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

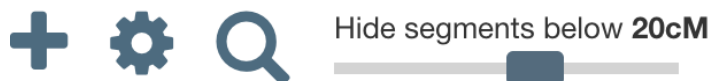
### DNA News

The DNAPainter chromosome map has had a couple of optional features added.

- Show centromeres on chromosomes?
- Show megabase guides on expanded chromosomes? **NEW**
- Show keylines on expanded chromosomes?
- Show slider to restrict segment display by cM? **NEW**

Ever wished you could easily see where on a chromosome a group of segments started or ended? Just pop into the Settings and click on Show megabase guides on expanded chromosomes. The grid lines are every 10 million megabases.

While in the Options also check the Show slider to restrict segment display by cM. It pops up above the chromosome map next to the search box.



This latter is particularly useful if you have a map that you import your segment data from more than one site into for a cross company view of all your matching segments. Being able to filter out the smaller segments to concentrate on the larger is very easy to do.

Read all about these on Jonny Perl's blog: <https://dnainter.com/blog/new-gridlines-and-enhanced-chromosome-view-in-maps/>

Lorna Henderson

## 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 \$5 to help cover expenses.

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

### 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 May 6th**

### Monthly short online session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is **May 1st at 8pm.**

For details, please see page 4.

For members only, registration is required.

The registration link will be sent with the email attached to the newsletter.

**Reminder** please about the procedure for the key to the library cupboard containing the keyboards.

When you sign in at the library desk to get the key (see above in next column) **you are responsible for returning it**, even if someone else is still researching when you leave.

Please take the **remaining person** to the desk to get them signed in as the person responsible for returning the key when they leave.

It was briefly misplaced recently locking some researchers out (key since found and more spares on the way), causing rather a kerfuffle! and an annoyed researcher.

### 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.





### Branch Officers

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**Treasurer :** John Miller  
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### Magazine Round Robins:

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**Website:** <http://www.kapitigen.org>

**Membership -** New members always welcome.

Subs. remain at **\$30** for the year April 2023 to March 2024.

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/2023/02/renewals-memberships-for-the-2023-24-year/>.

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

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**Catering:** By roster

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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 May 23rd

AGM  
 "What I have discovered with  
 the help of DNA"

Daytime Meeting  
 Wednesday May 24th