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

## Editorial



Royalist or not, who can fail to appreciate the stunning interior of Westminster Abbey!

I was interested to read Lorna's reference to RootsTech.

Since the 2023 conference took place several Jolly/Jolley relations have come to light. It is frightening how many there are - everywhere, even in New Zealand. Of course DNA testing is to blame! I'm looking forward to hear of others' experiences at the evening meeting.

On FamilySearch there is a RootsTech class entitled 'What's New for FamilySearch.org in 2023' that is worth watching.

In the meantime, keep safe. The dreaded Covid is still out there.

*Sheila*

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Another AGM approaches. I hope you have sent in your nominations for the Committee and have got DNA successes (or otherwise) to share with us at the next Branch meetings.

The last evening meeting on ANZAC Day brought out some interesting reflections, as you can read on page 4.

At last we should know how the overwhelming acceptance of the NZSG Rule 12 changes will affect our Branch and free up our relationship with the parent body.

Part 2 of the Hodders' Journey in New Zealand on page 6 shows how their enterprise and hard work helped develop the Wairarapa. Thanks to Sonia for this fascinating piece of history.

You'll notice that DNA News has it's own page this month on page 8.

Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
May 23rd

AGM  
Followed by DNA  
findings!

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday afternoon  
May 24th

## May Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday May 23rd

7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:**

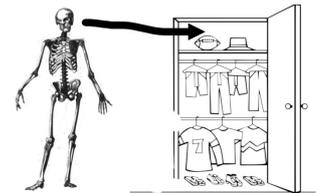
**AGM at 7.30om**

**Followed by “ What I have discovered with the help of DNA”**

*(A skeleton in the cupboard?)*

**Supper roster: F – J**

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour



### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday May 24th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm meeting

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

**What:**

**News from the AGM followed by**

**“ What I have discovered with the help of DNA”**

**Co-ordinator:** Jenny Wilson

## Branch notices

### May Branch Meeting

AGM at 7.30pm. It's not too late to send in your nominations for the Committee to the Secretary. No later than **5pm Saturday 20 May**, please.

Following the AGM and at the Day meeting the following day, we invite you to share your stories on what you have discovered with the help of DNA.

Informal updates or short presentations both welcome. Those with presentations to share please let Lorna know beforehand, email DNASIG “at” KapitiGen.org

### Tour of the Supreme Court

25 people were booked for the Supreme Court Tour on May 9. Sadly, late the day before, the tour was cancelled due to staff shortages. We were all very disappointed and they have not been able to give us another date at this time.

*Kathy Callaghan*

### Welcome to new member Lindsay Mathison

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

### Ted Turton.

We are sorry to have to record the death on April 14th of long-term member Edward Charles Turton, known to us as Ted.

Ted was a regular attender and contributor to our monthly evening meetings. His presence will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with his wife, Susan, and family.

## Agenda for the 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 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 including the changes subsequently registered to alter Rule 12, subject to those changes being passed by the membership vote on 17 April 2023.
  
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](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org) at [KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org). Completed Nomination forms must be received by hand/post or electronically to the Secretary no later than **5pm Saturday 20 May 2023**.

## NZSG update

The NZSG Rule 12 changes were passed resoundingly by the members and adopted by the Board.

This simplifies and documents the relationship between NZSG and Branches and Interest Groups. There may be resulting downstream changes, which will likely involve the adoption of a new constitution in line with that of NZSG but tailored to ourselves, along with the possibility of becoming incorporated in our own right, if needed, to fully protect our assets.

NZSG Chairperson Sarah Hewitt has agreed to attend (electronically) the next committee meeting with the incoming committee to bring us more fully up to speed on this.

## ANZAC Day evening meeting

Our evening meeting in April was held on ANZAC day, so it was appropriate that the theme was ANZAC stories. We had ten different stories from our members, with a number of additional contributions from the floor. A similar session was held at the Day meeting the following afternoon.

Contributions covered both World Wars.

Two stories related to the Lancaster Bomber squadrons in WW2, one specifically about the role of the navigator, and in this case, the New Zealand navigator. Like so many of the Bomber stories, this did not end well, but did lead to people in a French village erecting a memorial to the crew of one plane which crashed nearby - after perhaps ensuring that it did not hit the village itself.

Another tale related to railways. This told of a New Zealand boiler maker who travelled to England in WWI in order to work on the railways. He became one those tasked with maintaining the essential rail links that supplied the front lines – and as was added by another speaker, to take the wounded to what help could be given.

We heard the fates of two brothers from Taranaki and of men who had been gassed; we learnt of a returned serviceman who never revealed to his family that he had kept a diary – the family found it after his death. Another member told of two Irishmen, who displayed a classic Irish sense of humour in the face of danger and severe wounds.

And we learnt the story of two people from wildly different places in New Zealand who would never have met if it had not been for WW2. But they did – in Egypt, and one of our members can tell you of her parents!

*John Miller*



## Poem from an air-raid shelter

This short poem was written by my father Eric Andersen in 1943 when sheltering in an air raid shelter in London as the bombs rained down from above.

I've been tired of all the sun and heat  
 And sick of the thought of aching feet  
 I've been tired of the sirens in the street  
 And afraid of the groans of the wounded and weak  
 I've heard the sound of the bombers dive  
 And shrunk from seeing the dead alive  
 I hope this mess is not in vain  
 And the lights of the world will shine again  
 And things will be as they were before  
 And kids will play in the streets once more  
 And the Axis flag is dipped and furled  
 And God looks down on a better world.

Eric Andersen

1943

NZ Forestry Company WW2



*Kathy Callaghan*

## Accessing military service records - some useful links

### New Zealand: Boer War and WWI

Archives NZ have digitized all the available records and they can be found by a simple name search (with eg 1914-1920 date restriction) in their Collections Search <https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en-GB/web/arena#/>

Download the "Preservation Master" to get the full zip file of the records for your selected person. The NZ History website has a good range of information on NZ's involvement in WWI <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/first-world-war> and includes information on all the NZEF Units <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/nzef-units>

NZ Electronic Text Collection also has a "NZ in the First World War" collection at <https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH1.html> covering campaign and regimental histories. See also: Unit Diaries held by Archives NZ, and their useful Research Guides e.g. <https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/research-guides/war-records>

### New Zealand WW2

WW2 personnel files are held at the New Zealand Defence Force Personnel Archive <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/defence-and-whanau/medals-and-service-records/service-records/> Currently, there is a long processing time to get these records, so be patient! Note that for deceased personnel, their medical information cannot be released until 20 years after their date of death.

Again, the NZ Electronic Text Centre have some useful collections of regimental and war histories: <https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH2.html> and <https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH2IP.html>

### UK WWI

Unfortunately, records from the UK are far less complete, with only about 40% surviving. <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/research/military-records/british-soldiers-ww1-service-records.htm>

Most of these records are held at The National Archives, and access details are available here: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-army-soldiers-of-the-first-world-war/>

### UK WW2

<https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records> The process and limitations for accessing UK WW2 service records is similar to ours. You can apply for a copy of someone else's service records if any of the following are true:

You were their immediate next of kin when they died, for example their spouse, parent or child, or  
You have a family or general research interest - you'll only have access to limited information if they died less than 25 years ago, unless you've got consent from their immediate next of kin.

There is a general guide to what is available at The National Archives <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/second-world-war/> and it looks as though the UK is currently in the process of transferring personnel records of those serving between 1921 and 1963 from the Ministry of Defence to The National Archives, a process planned to be completed by about 2027.

*Many thanks to John Miller, Kathy Callaghan and Ian Brooking for providing these contributions.*



## The Hodders' Journey - part 2

We follow our lineage down through **Walter** who married Emma Matilda Gooding in Bath on 26 July 1840. During 1841, he applied for a free passage to New Zealand and on 1 January 1842, with Emma and baby Elizabeth, (along with “333 other souls”) he boarded the “London” bound for New Zealand.



They arrived safely on board the ship “London” at Port Nicholson, the North Island’s southernmost point on the Cook Strait, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1842.

Walter and Emma first settled at Kaiwharawhara and later Happy Valley. Walter who never learnt to read or write - always signed his mark with an “X” - was employed as a labourer.

### “The Golden Fleece”, Pakuratahi

Walter purchased 150 acres and established a licensed hotel and stables in 1851 at Pakuratahi on the southern side of the Rimutakas. Traffic travelling over the Rimutakas to the newly opened up Wairarapa, stayed overnight and coach horses were changed at “The Golden Fleece”. In 1859 he purchased a further 150 acres at Pukuratahi.

By 1856 he had also purchased land in Featherston for 10/- per acre where he grew oats, barley, etc., which he transported by bullock wagon over the Rimutakas to the Golden Fleece hotel. The hotel was the mecca for young people who attended dances, stayed overnight and rode home the next day. Drovers’ and wagoners’ pay nights could be very boisterous – Walter and Emma were known to sleep with a rifle under their bed.

Walter and Emma ran the Golden Fleece for 19 years, moving to his farm in Featherston in 1870. The hotel was managed by sons, William George and Joseph Henry and in 1876 Frederick Walter and his wife Lydia Ann became the Licensees.

Walter also owned horse and bullock wagons operating a goods service from Wellington to Greytown – the journey took 3 days each way. One of his wagons carted timber for the first Wellington Town Hall. By 1886 he owned land in Featherston and Palmerston North.

Walter figured prominently in business and social affairs of Featherston. He was a Commissioner for the Town Board, a Church Vestry member and served on the Featherston School Committee. They moved in 1884 to a 6 acre property in the township, where he lived until his death in 1901, aged 82. Emma died on 29 November 1902, aged 87 at Dannevirke while living with Frederick Walter and Lydia Ann. Both she and Walter were buried at the Featherston Cemetery. Walter and Emma had 11 children and her obituary records 69 grandchildren and 89 great grandchildren.

### An 1897 Biographical Entry...

The following entry from the Cyclopedia of New Zealand (Vol 1, p 860; published 1897) is of interest: “Hodder, Walter, Senior:

*Settler, Featherston. Born Somerset, England, 1818. This old settler landed in Wellington from the ship “London” in 1842. After living at Kaiwarra, Island Bay and at Pakuratahi – where he kept a wayside inn for 19 years – he bought the farm in Featherston District on which his son, Walter now resides, removing in 1884 to the 6-acre site in the township which he now occupies. The subject of this notice was married in 1839 to Miss Emma Gooding of Somerset, and had 15 children of whom 5 sons and 3 daughters survive. The grandchildren number 66 and the great-grandchildren number 51”.*

The Hodder family name continues to flourish in the Wairarapa, synonymous with farming and transport.

Sonia Coom

## Monthly short, Online session

The next first-Monday-of-the-month session, 1 hour max, is on **5th June at 8pm**. Topic: **Checking for new DNA matches**

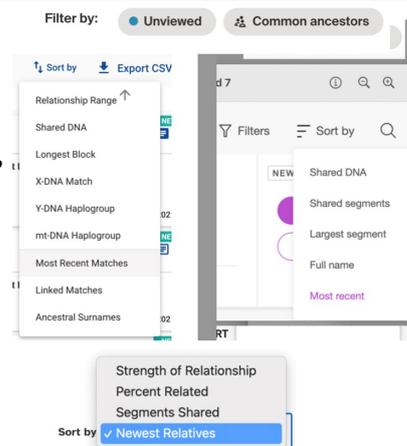
This will cover filtering / sorting match lists on the testing sites. The most basic filter being the newer matches, “but wait, there’s more!”

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 exploring TheGenealogist’s Map Explorer inspired several to head off to the APFHC and check this out on our computers there.)



## Interest Groups

### 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. Non-Kapiti Genealogy members \$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

Our next two monthly DNA group meeting is on the 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 is on page 8**

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 13th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library. Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

## Have you remembered?

Subscriptions for the current financial year were due on 1 April. Last year's pink card is no longer valid for accessing our resources.

If this applies to you, please check your May newsletter email, or page 10 of this newsletter for payment information. Thank you.

# DNA News

Not so much news, but more something you might like to try.

I've been having great success using Relatives at RootsTech, finding, contacting, AND receiving responses from, those suggested relatives who had registered for RootsTech and now show up as connected on the FamilySearch tree. It's not a static number set only to the relatives found back in March as the tree then stood, as the FamilySearch tree changes. Several people have reported quite significant growth in their "relatives" recently.

Do check the actual connections look kosher though, and correct the tree if necessary.

My current project is back out at the ancestors of my newfound Junkine / Jenkins land accompanying Buchanan lines, so to add corroboration to the Jenkins yDNA match, I'm looking for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> cousins, ie descendants of 4x and 5x great grandparents. This distance is getting out onto the edges of autosomal matches being easy to find, and even harder to prove that's where any DNA match comes from.

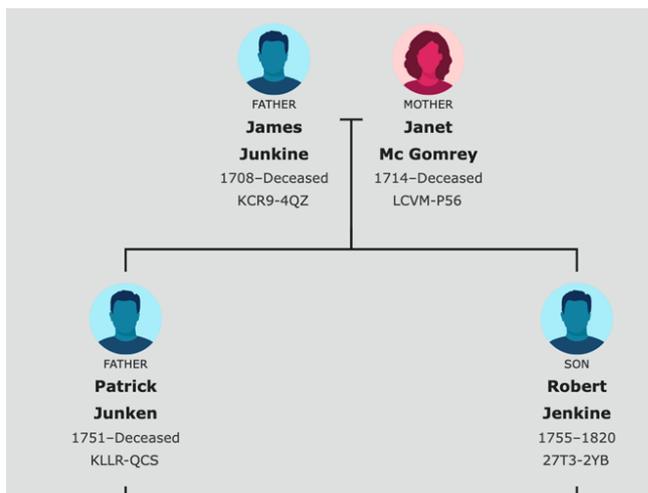
If you registered for the RootsTech conference back in March, make sure you have connected yourself to the FamilySearch tree, then head over to <https://FamilySearch.org/connect> and sign in.

The filter that is most useful for this exercise, for me, is the By Family Line where I selected my appropriate grandparent and can check paternal matches on several lines at once, or use the By specific ancestor to just one.

Then I scrolled down the results to those shown as 5<sup>th</sup> cousins or more.

Clicking on the person brings up more options: message them, view the relationship, or add to your contacts.

For the more distant matches you will have to enlarge the view for the relationship chart to be readable.



## RootsTech Relatives



BY ANCESTOR BY FAMILY LINE

Select Parent

- ✓ Leslie Archibald Henderson (369)
- Jessie Alice Andrews (113)
- George Ernest Andrews (68)
- Honor Rowe (45)
- Agnes Manson Davidson (55)
- Archibald Henderson (314)**

Once I find that they are supposedly connected via the line I'm investigating, I then search for them in the match lists I can access.

A surprising number actually are, so I message those from the appropriate testing company match contact options, as well as sending them a message from FamilySearch.

*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 June 3rd**

### Monthly short online session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is **June 5th at 8pm.**

For details, please see page 7

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 causing rather a kerfuffle! and an annoyed researcher.

The library now has spare keys.

### 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

**Convener:** On rotation

Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Contact

Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer :** John Miller

Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

### Branch responsibilities

**Membership:**

Lorna Henderson: Phone: 293 7771

Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

**Programme & Activities:**

Ian Brooking

Programme "at" KapitiGen.org

Denice Mc Carten

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Members:** Ian Barbour

Jenny Wilson

Bernard McManus

**Daytime co-ordinator:**

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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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**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

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**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**

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**Catering:** By roster

**Raffle:** Jenny Wilson

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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 June 27th

Tracing property in  
England from Doomsday to  
the present  
Maggie Gaffney

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday June 28th