Kapiti Branch

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

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Editorial



I have to say that the weather this spring does feel like a Northern Hemisphere Halloween.

The short Special General Meeting to endorse our Branch's acceptance of our own constitution will be at the beginning of the next evening meeting.

After that, members share stories of family migration and hazardous journeys. I just can't imagine what it must have been like on a sailing ship for five months, let alone the leap to a new country, They had guts!

There is a plea on page 2 under Branch News for donations to the End-of-Year raffles. Apart from Christmas goodies and drinkables what else would give someone a nice surprise when they win. Its all good fun and adds to the festivities.

Known to many of us through the LNI Irish interest Group, Graeme McVerry will be a welcome addition to the Committee. (page3) Thank you Sue for your work and willingness to take on responsibility. We'll be sorry to lose you and hope to see you back soon.

I have to admit that this month I have been waylaid, if not totally absorbed, by new information provided by the retired, travelling vet of last month and his sister in Cork. They sent me a book about several families associated with the Iolleys and cracked a brickwall that I have spent hours trying to solve. Well how did I know that a cousin would marry the main retailer in Dublin of tobacco and whiskey? And what about those additions to the large collection of skeletons in the cupboard!

It all adds to the fascination of genealogy. Keep hunting.

Sheila

Meetings this month: **Tuesday Evening** October 24th

Special General Meeting Followed by Tales of **Migration**

Day Meeting Wednesday afternoon October 25th

October Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday October 24th 7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Special General Meeting

Followed by stories of Migration and

Journeys

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday October 25th 1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: 'How did your family arrive?'

Followed by notes from the evening meeting, discussion and research.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Special General Meeting - October 24th Constitution.

Our October meeting will start with a Special General Meeting at 7.30pm. The Agenda and background were in the September newsletter, with the Constitution attached to the September newsletter email.

MOTION: That the Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists adopts as their new Constitution, the Rules dated September 2023.

All information can be found on our website in the Members Only section, where you can find the background to this change. http://www.kapitigen.org/members-ip/members-only/nzsg/

Your Committee unanimously recommends that you endorse this new constitution.

Request for topics for 2024 Branch meetings.

Organisers of the 2024 programme would like suggestions, please, for any topics or speakers that you would like considered for inclusion.

It would be helpful if these could be received before the planning meeting on December 1st. Email to Programme "at" KapitiGen.org or telephone Denice McCarten on 04 905 8266.

Kapiti Births, 1994-2001

Many thanks to Jill Craig and Sandy White for indexing the Kapiti Births. The Kapiti Births index is now available on our website under Resources/Kapiti Births.

Christmas raffle.

What would you like to see in the Christmas Raffle?

Could you help the Branch celebrate by providing items for the Christmas Raffle?

Please bring donations to the **October** meeting. We will make sure you have a great selection of raffle goodies to choose from at our end-of-year meeting.



More Branch News

Publicity on the Radio.

A few weeks ago, we received a request from Coast Access Radio to interview a committee member about genealogy and the benefits of joining Kapiti Genealogy.

In September Bernard McManus was interviewed by Ron Tustin for a segment in his 'Revive and Thrive' programme. It was broadcast in September, however the programme is available for download from the Coast Access Radio website.

Changes on Committee

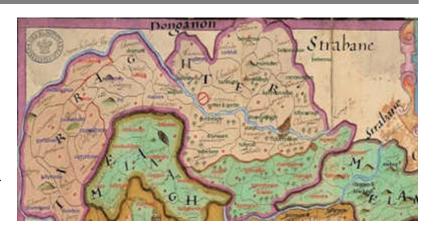
Changing circumstances have meant that Sue Thomson has reluctantly had to step down from the committee. We will be pleased to see her back in the future and thank her for her contribution to the running of the Branch.

Graeme McVerry has been co-opted on in her place. Welcome Graeme. We look forward to working with you.

Atlas of Ulster Townlands

Researchers and genealogists looking into their Irish family history have long felt the need for a comprehensive townland atlas to give context to their findings and assist their research.

The Townland Atlas of Ulster, a new publication from Ulster Historical Foundation, will provide an invaluable guide to the newcomer to the townland system as well as opening up the world of seventeenth-century records to the serious researcher.



The book will explain the relevance of each different land division and what records were kept at each level as well as charting the evolution of parish boundaries from the 17th century.

LNI Irish Education Day - Saturday 28th October

PROGRAMME

9.30am Registration and tea/coffee **10.00am**

Irish Soldiers' wives in 19th Century NZ

By Kathryn Patterson

IIam Break II.I5 am

Finding Private Clark

By Maggie Gaffney

12.15pm Lunch

Irish Research helpdesk DNA helpdesk

2.30pm Close

Collective Community Hub, Johnsonville 9.30am - 2.30pm

In person: \$10 members / \$15 non-members Book online:

https://www.trybooking.com/nz/eventlist/irish or cash on the day

PARKING

Parking nearby (2 hour limit, strictly enforced). 3hr parking available between McDonalds and Mobil station, access from Moorefield Road or Johnsonville Road.

Unrestricted parking within 10 mins walk.

Indexing project for NZSG

Calling all branches.

Is your branch looking for an indexing project?

As we head towards the December update for the Kiwi Collection, we are looking for branches around the country that can index some large data sets we have. We have six weeks before the deadline. This is a chance for your branch to make a real contribution to helping all our members with their research, now and into the future.

Your branch would be provided with the data set, an indexing spreadsheet and full instructions on the process. You would need to get members on board to do the indexing.

All data matching and finalising will be done by the Projects Team. We really look forward to a positive response from branches regarding this request.

Please contact Jenny Wilson on Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org if you can help so she can let Melanie Middleton at NZSG know. Thank you.

Tithe Maps on the Genealogist

The Genealogist (on our computers at the APFHC) has completed the linking of the England and Wales Tithe maps with their Map Explorer.

This opens up some wonderful search facilities.

They have a video about Tithe maps at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= B7C9VdY8KA and another on Map Explorer here https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/maps

Their featured blog post this week is about a man chosen to be the leader in the Rebecca riots, who became a freeholder. He appears in the Tithe maps, because of the Welsh tradition that if you could build a house in one night, with a roof and smoking chimney by morning, you gained the freehold of it and the land surrounding it for the distance you could throw an axe from the front door.

https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2023/found-in-the-welsh-tithe-records-the-cottage-built -in-one-night-6801/

A group are trying to emulate such an achievement this month.

Bedfordshire and **Hertfordshire** have been added to property records.

The Genealogist has now completed the 1910s land tax records for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. These Lloyd George Domesday Survey records are a fully searchable resource that family and house historians will find invaluable in their research. Using the field books and maps enables you to discover more about the type of property that your ancestors had once occupied and to see the actual location on a range of contemporary and modern maps.

An Example of Ty Unnos - a one-night house. Courtesy of the Genealogist.

Using the power of the Genealogist's Map Explorer[™] researchers can now see the same georeferenced plot on a modern map and investigate how the area may have changed over the last hundred years or more, as well as click through to read the surveyor's field book entries.

With the addition of these records, there are now over 2 Million land tax records searchable online through TheGenealogist,

covering all the boroughs of Greater London plus Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire and Middlesex.



DNA News

FamilyTreeDNA continue to improve their Discover tool.

One of the latest is the ability to see when two haplogroups "meet" back in time. If you are looking at yDNA STR matches (that's the y37/y67/y111 tests for males) and see assorted haplogroups shown for the matches, you can now quickly check how far apart in time they are.

Go to https://discover.familytreedna.com and enter a haplogroup.

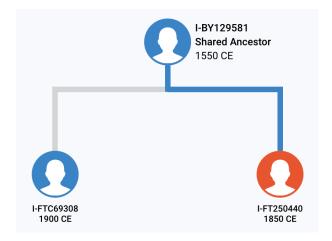
Over in the menu (RHS) you'll see a 'compare' for a second to be entered.

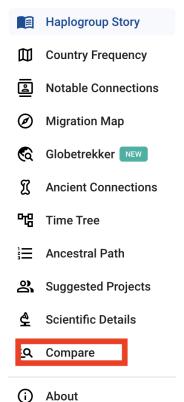
Eg my Davidson line representative for my brickwall mystery 3*great grandfather has not tested BigY, but in his y67 matches, the 3 apparently closest matches show haplogroup I-FT250440 with two others of about the same Genetic Distance (GD) away showing respectively I-FT162806 and I-FTC69308.

At 6 & 7 GD I do not expect these to be "close".

Sure enough, although I-FT250440 is shown as forming about 1850 CE, I-FT162806 formed about 700 BCE. Switching to I-FTC69308, it is shown as forming about 1900 CE but the common haplogroup between them is shown as I-BY129581, which formed 1550 CE.

Take your pick which, if either, might be relevant!





The earliest known ancestors for the matches do not look at all promising either, Lyon in Virginia 1752, or Lyon in Scotland 1515 on the one side and an 1850s chap in Canada on the other.

All of which shows the importance of scraping up the pennies, raiding the piggy bank, and investing in BigY, the test that keeps on giving as others test, for your brickwalls. (Unfortunately, I cannot do so for my chap and have to work harder to find another candidate).

The new monthly **NZSG Online DNA Interest Group** meetings continue on the last Wednesday of each month until November. NZSG members only. If you have not yet registered for these, keep an eye out for your e-Kit which will have the link to do so, along with details about the next meeting. Those who have registered will receive reminders for each meeting nearer the time.

Interest Groups

Irish

Meetings of the Irish Interest Group are now two-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2024. Watch this space. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

Contact us at http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/

LNI Irish Interest Group

Don't miss details of the Irish Education Day on page 3. Saturday October 28th in Johnsonville.

DNA

NB Thanks to the Election taking over our booking for the hall our next two monthly DNA group meeting is the **third Saturday**, **21st October**.

Usual place Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria, usual time: doors open **1:30 for 2-4pm** session. All welcome. All experience levels covered.

Free to Kapiti Genealogy members, \$5 for visitors,

If you're not a member of Kapiti Genealogy, why not join? http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/

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 on page 5

Roots Magic

The last Zoom meeting for the year is on Saturday 18th November,

ie third Saturday of the month 2-4pm.

All versions covered. All welcome. Free to all.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for these online meetings and be sent the registration link for the meetings, please 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.

Monthly online Zoom session

The next members only Zoom Session - Monday 6th November at 8pm

Topic: FamilySearch continued. **Your host**: Lorna Henderson

Pre-registration required, see link in newsletter covering email, or use Contact Us on website subject How-to

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



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. Volunteers required, please. Contact Bev on RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org if you are able to help.

First Saturday in the month 1-3pm.

To book an appointment for individual assistance phone Lorna on 293 7771 to advise of your research interest, so you can be redirected to someone able to help you.

Next session Saturday November 4th.

Monthly short online session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is

Monday November 6th 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.

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 reader is available and there are books on a variety of topics that 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.

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

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Secretary: Jenny Wilson

Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

Treasurer: John Miller

Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

Branch responsibilities Membership:

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Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking

Programme "at" KapitiGen.org

Denice Mc Carten

Librarian: Beverley Chappell

Members: Ian Barbour

Bernard McManus Graeme McVerry

Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten

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Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell

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Website: http://www.kapitigen.org

Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

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

Further details at

http://www.kapitigen.org/2023/02/renewals-memberships-for-the-2023-24-year/.

Library use your current membership card.

Meeting registrar: Evening: Donna Bridgeman

Daytime: May Redmund

Audio/Visual Support:

Ian Brooking and Lindsay Olsen

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Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan **Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

Computer/Equipment Support: Ian Brooking

Catering: By roster Raffle: Jenny Wilson

Interest Group Facilitators:

DNA: Lorna Henderson

Irish: IrishSIG"at"KapitiGen.org

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 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

