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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



'The Chase'

*End-of-Year function
2023*

*With quiz master
Bernard McManus
and convenor
Denice Mc Carten*

For those that enjoyed our last meeting for 2023, this photo and that on page 6 will remind you of that successful evening. Many thanks to the organisers for a great end to the year.

It's hard not to feel hope that the New Year will bring a fresh view to the world. It starts here, folks! At least the sun's out.

Cheers,
Sheila



Wellington welcomes the New Year

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The first meetings for 2024 are all about 'letters'. Have you found an interesting letter that gives an insight into one of your ancestors? Look through your files and unearth something fascinating, gruesome, scandalous, or just plain ordinary for us to share.

I received one unexpected letter from 'Dorrie', an elderly cousin of my father. Sadly I could not read most of it (she was knocking on 100) but did pick up that her grandfathers papers had been deposited with the Hackney Museum. I did gain some family background and was able to supply the Museum with a photo to go with their records.

Our Branch needs help in several areas. Please see **Page 2, Branch news**. The Committee particularly require someone with website experience, preferable WordPress, to assist with our web page.

Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
January 23rd

"Letters and
Correspondence"

Day Meeting
Wednesday afternoon
January 24th

January Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday January 23rd

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

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What:

“Letters and Correspondence”

**Bring along a treasured family letter and tell us
how it sheds light on your family tree.**

Convenor: Ian Brooking



Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday January 24th

1.30 – 4pm

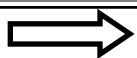
2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: Bring some examples to share and discuss. Followed by research.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

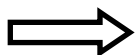
Branch notices



January 23rd. The first meeting for 2024. Make it a good one!

Letters can reveal some wonderful insights to family events and some fascinating stories. Have you any treasured letters to share? Maybe they helped with your family tree discoveries? Maybe they explained a mystery action. Maybe they told of a hidden romance.

Do bring them along and help to start the year with a bang!



Is there anybody out there, preferably who has Word Press website experience and is prepared to help with our website? There must be amongst all our members one or more who could help. Please contact Lorna on 293 7771 if you are able to assist. Your expertise is needed.

Volunteers needed - thank you, in anticipation! Contact Secretary “at” KapitiGen.org

1. To do the raffle at evening meetings for the next few months while Jenny is indisposed.
2. To help with the public research sessions on Wednesday mornings.
3. To assist with the supper roster at evening meetings.

REMINDERS, in case your good intentions have slipped your mind over Christmas!

Volunteers needed for Ulster Historical Foundation visit to Wellington 1st-2nd March 2024

Would you like to help out with this upcoming event? We’d love a little help with marketing and sponsorship, and also some extra hands on the evening/day with tea/coffee, etc. **See page 5 for details.** Email the secretary Cathy Clarke if you’re keen: catherine.clarke77@gmail.com

The National Library Family Search Desk is looking to reopen in February 2024 (10 – 2) and will be open only for the number of days that the volunteer numbers allow.

More volunteers are needed for a full service to be available.

If anyone wishes to volunteer, or knows of persons who might do so, please contact

Rodney at [kilbirnie ”at” genealogy.org.nz](mailto:kilbirnie@genealogy.org.nz)

Using Electoral Rolls

NZ Electoral rolls – who's missing?

After discovering that my retired Family Court judge brother-in-law was not on the published Electoral Roll, I got to wondering, "Who else is not there?" Are there some obvious criteria which define who is allowed to go on the unpublished roll?

From <https://elections.nz/privacy-and-security/> we learn that:

An electoral roll lists everyone in an electorate who's enrolled to vote. When you enrol, we add you to an electoral roll, which lists your:

- full name
- home address
- occupation (if you provide it – it's optional).

However, "If you're concerned about your personal safety, or that of your family, you can apply to go on the confidential unpublished roll. We'll keep your enrolment details secure and we won't give them to anyone."

When you apply to go on the unpublished roll, you must supply some supporting information. These are given as examples of the type of information to include. (You don't need all of these types of information to apply.):

- A letter explaining why your work or personal circumstances place you at risk. This letter could be from your employer, lawyer, social worker, advocate, or someone of standing in the community.
- A copy of a protection order that is in force under the Family Violence Act 2018.
- A copy of a restraining order that is in force under the Harassment Act 1997.
- Information from a police officer or corrections officer explaining why publishing your name and address could prejudice you or your family's safety.

In other words, it looks like a pretty broad brush approach, with no specific categories of employment defined.

Who do you know who is missing from the published Electoral Rolls? Could this explain their absence?

Ian Brooking

Family Tree Magazine February 2024

Further to Ian's questions above, the February 2024 issue of Family Tree Magazine has an article by David Annal entitled 'Information from Electoral Registers.'

He gives a history of the development of Electoral Registers from two Acts of Parliament in the reign of Henry VI in 1429 and 1432 to the present day, detailing information that was included along the way. He explains how to access the registers and that the two levels to which Ian refers have been in operation since 2002.

The largest single collection of British registers is in Guildhall Library and most of the records can be accessed on Ancestry: www.ancestry.co.uk/search//collections/2410/

Another interesting article in this FT issue, apart from the DNA Workshop, is 'Your Genealogy Planning Guide 2024'. Common sense maybe, but we all need reminding of the need to get back to basics.

SO HOW did I manage to read the February 2024 Issue before it's available in the shops?!

By using my ordinary Kapiti library card to access the magazines via their "Libby" app. You too are able to read it! *Ed.*

DNA News

Unknown matches to fit into your tree and something isn't making sense?

Does your ancestry contain pedigree collapse (same ancestors appearing more than once on your pedigree chart)?

Complex family relationships?

Keep an eye out for the forthcoming announcement from RootsTech from Banyan DNA.

It does look to be a fascinating new tool in the DNA tool-kit.

WATO on steroids!

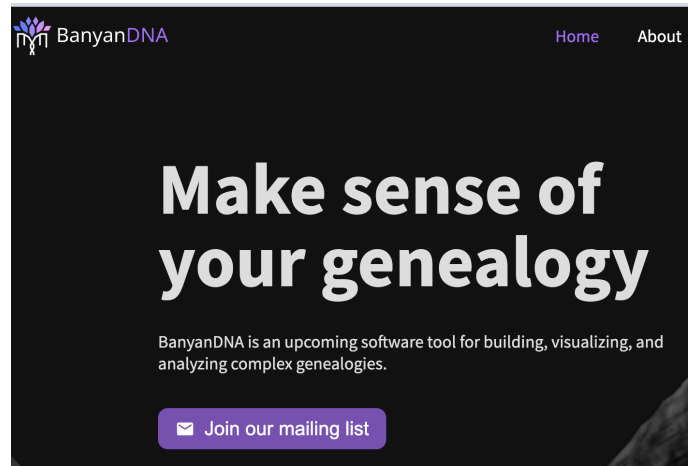
Read the introductory post on TheDNAGEEK's blog,

<https://thednageek.com/introducing-banyandna/>

Check out the Banyan DNA page

<https://www.banyandna.com/home>

and sign up to their mailing list for sneak previews.



The **FamilyTreeDNA blog** always has interesting articles: <https://blog.familytreedna.com/> .

They are continuing their roll-out of assigning males with FamilyFinder tests a slightly more recent haplogroup than those provisionally assigned by the yDNA tests (y37, y67, y111). without the precise positions from the discovery BigY testing.

With the advent of RootsTech, don't forget past RootsTech presentations are still available.

Check out this one from 2023 which explores many of the common misconceptions about DNA:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/dna-misconceptions> by Kelli Jo Bergheimer

Lorna Henderson

NZSG News

Kiwi Collection:

The Kiwi Collection grew significantly in December with the addition of 480,000 new records, taking the total up to nearly 15 million. For subscribers to the Kiwi Index, two collections now have images available: – the First Families Collection and the NZSG Cemeteries Collection.

The latter collection also now has the ability to lodge corrections to the transcriptions.

NZSG Members, but not subscribing to the collection can still access limited information from the collection. Read about this valuable NZSG members resource at

<https://genealogy.org.nz/link-2120.htm>, a limited amount of which is also available to non-members

NZSG Online DNA Group

This group restarts in February 2024 on the last Wednesday of the month, **28th February**.

Past recordings and a wealth of links to DNA resources are available to ODIG members (free NZSG member benefit).

If you **have not yet** registered, pop along to <https://genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Online-DNA-Interest-Group/11380/> to be added to the mailing list for meeting reminders and access to the recordings and resources. Those who have registered for the group will receive join links and reminders for each meeting nearer the time.

February's online How-to Session

The next members only Zoom Session is **Monday 5th February at 8pm**

Topic: Navigation in FamilySearch

Your host: Lorna Henderson



Pre-registration required, see link in newsletter covering email, or use Contact Us on website <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> subject How-to

New Year Records from Ancestry

The latest additions to Ancestry include the following:

Irish Wills Index

The 'Irish Wills and Admons' 1515-1858, is an index spanning 16th to 19th Centuries with more than 87,000 records, most of which are in English.

Search at www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62773

Dudley burials and cremations

With 275,000 entries, the 'Dudley, England, Burials and Cremations Index, 1800-2020' comes from the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council index. Details may include name, age, spouse's name, religion, death date and place, burial date and place.

www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/70929/

Norfolk, England, Indexes

to Wills, Probate, Administrations and marriage Licence Bonds, 1371-1858', provides information for those seeking ancestors in Norfolk, although some of them may be in Latin!

Explore www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62679/

Researching your Irish and Scots-Irish Family History

The comprehensive programme for this event includes something for everyone researching Irish/Scots-Irish family history.

For more information and to book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/10974>

Friday, 1 March 2024 – Wellington, NZ (evening: 5:00pm-8:30pm)

Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish History Research

Using Irish land records: Griffith's Valuation & valuation revisions, Tithe and Estate Records

Saturday, 2 March 2024 – Wellington, NZ (9:00pm-4:30pm)

Records related to the Different Churches in Ireland

Using printed sources for Irish family history: newspapers, street directories, Ordnance Survey memoirs, British Parliamentary Papers, etc

The Irish Poor Law and local government records: Board of Guardians, workhouse registers and grand jury records

Census substitutes and other important sources for the 18th century

Early nineteenth-century land records: tithe applotment books, tithe defaulters, freeholders registers,

Worked Examples of Successful Irish Searches – based on Ulster Historical Foundation Research Files

Dates of Interest

DNA Interest Group

The first two-monthly meeting is scheduled for the second Saturday, **February 11th, 2-4pm.**

Doors open at 1.30pm at **Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria.**

Free to members. \$5 for visitors. If you're not a member of Kapiti Genealogy, why not join?

Go to <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/>

If you are interested in joining this DNA Group, please use the contact instructions at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/> and ask to be added to our mailing list.

Irish

Meetings of the Irish Interest Group are now two-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for

13th February 2024, 2-4pm. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

Roots Magic Interest Group

These two-monthly sessions will begin again in **March 2024**, on the 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 this group and be sent the registration link for these online meetings, please use the contact

form at

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

Roots Tech 2024

This is THE event for genealogists (and DNA enthusiasts) for the year. Always something for everyone and the recordings are available afterwards online.

The companies represented usually have new announcements to be made. Mind you I'm still waiting for one feature announced back in ?2017? that never did make it into production from that particular company. Gave up on that one ever happening.

It is both in-person if lucky enough to be in Utah, and online for the rest of us -

February 29–March 2, 2024 (their time, we are currently 20 hours ahead of them).

Register here: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2024-registration>



November 2023 - End of Year function.

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](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org) if you are able to help.

First session for 2024, **17th January**.

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 February 3rd**

Monthly short online session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is

Monday February 5th 2024 at 8pm.

Details on page 5

For members only. Registration will be required. The link will be sent with the email attached to the January 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
Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org
Secretary: Jenny Wilson
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
 Bernard McManus
 Graeme McVerry

Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten
daygrp "at" KapitiGen.org

Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell
RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

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

Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

Membership - New members always welcome.
 \$30 for the year 1 April to 31st March. Joining in Jan - Mar automatically includes you for the forthcoming financial year.
 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 are on our website under Membership and in this renewals post <http://www.kapitigen.org/2024/01/renewals-memberships-for-the-2024-25-year/>

Meeting registrar: Evening: Donna Bridgeman
 Daytime: May Redmund

Audio/Visual Support:

Ian Brooking and Lindsay Olsen

Newsletter Editor: Sheila Jolley
editor "at" KapitiGen.org

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](mailto:IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org)

Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson
[RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RootsMagic)

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 February 27th

'Family Search'
 Speaker to be confirmed

Daytime Meeting
 Wednesday February 28th