

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 am reliably informed that March is Cemetery Month so I just thought I'd give my great grandparents an airing!

This is Edmond Worledge White, died 25th December 1811, his wife Anne, died 1824 and his son, my grandfather, Captain George White, died 1919. (Abney Park Cemetery).

See page 3 for more.

Thank you to all the contributors to this newsletter. As you can see I had to add an extra page, so please keep them coming!

Our thanks are due to Donna Bridgeman, who is leaving the Branch, for her work behind the scenes in ensuring Branch meetings were publicised and acting as meeting registrar. Donna is still with the LNI Irish Interest Group.

I was disappointed not to receive any feedback from the visit of the two expert genealogists from Northern Ireland. Any news from the Irish Interest Group please?

Don't miss the quiz question on page 5. **Yes** or **No**. Can you find the answer in this newsletter.

Heads up for the Auckland Family History Expo, Friday 9th – Sunday 11th August. There will be more on this in later newsletters. For current information contact [Seonaid.Harvey](mailto:Seonaid.Harvey@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Cheers and happy hunting.

Sheila

Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
March 26th

“The enigma of
Mavis Higgins”
Speaker: Martyn Wright

Day Meeting
Wednesday afternoon
March 27th

March Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday March 26th 7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: “The Enigma of Mavis Higgins”
Martyn Wright will be speaking about his second cousin, Mavis,
and her interesting life.

Convenor: To be decided

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday March 27th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: Summary of Martyn Wright’s talk ‘The Enigma of Mavis Higgins’
followed by research and discussion.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to new members Carol Wright, Leta Johnston, Carrie Sherring and Ken & Judith Shilling
We look forward to meeting you all and hearing of your research interests.

Sadly, Donna Bridgeman has decided to move on from Kapiti Genealogy so we need to advertise the roles she undertook for the Branch.. Many thanks for your contributions Donna. Some of us would have missed out on the role that Facebook can play, without your encouragement.

Publicity. We need help on a permanent basis, of a member (or members who could work together) to publicise Kapiti Genealogy activities. Adverts are placed in 5 newspapers, 5 radio stations, 9 facebook pages and Neighbourly. You would need to be a member of Neighbourly to take on their publicity. Further details, including contacts will be supplied. This can be an off-committee role.

Facebook

The Kapiti Genealogy Facebook Group needs a an administrator and an assistant. Anything that is sent to the page currently has to be approved before being posted to the page. If you are familiar with Facebook and have the skills to carry out this function we would really appreciate your help.

Contact Secretary Jenny Wilson if you can help with either position: [Secretary “at” KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)

Membership renewals:

Our financial year begins 1 Apr 2024. As usual this time of year we are currently accepting both new members, who receive the period to 31st March 2023 free, and also early renewals from existing members. The Membership Secretary really appreciates being able to spread her workload out around this time of year! (Details on back page of newsletter.) Many thanks to those of you who have already renewed.

Don’t get too anxious if you haven’t yet received your new blue card, your current cream one is still valid for accessing our resources at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC) for a few weeks yet.

February meeting notes

The focus of our February meetings was FamilySearch. As our original speakers with first hand experience of the Utah library were not available, this became a more interactive session with Ian Brooking and Lorna Henderson presiding for both the evening and day meetings. Ian gave an overview of the wealth of information available on the site, particularly highlighting ways to overcome the fact that, as a collaborative tree, any information there can be changed by anyone.

This includes attaching a document on the Memories section of an individual profile. (See diagram below left). Only the original contributor can update or delete the Memory, although anyone can “tag” it to, attach, or re-attach it to another person, or more people.

Also, to keep track of those people in the tree who are most important to you, (e.g. Ann Gipson below right) and to keep an eye on what anyone else may change about them, select to “Follow” them.

Weekly notifications are sent on updates to these profiles.

Amelia Millar
about February 1817 – April 1894 • 93MC-NQ5

VIEW TREE VIEW RELATIONSHIP FOLLOWING

About Details Sources (10) Collaborate (1) **Memories (1)** Time Line

ADD MEMORIES

James Henderson (181...)

The Memory can be anything, eg a scanned family booklet, a FamilyGroupSheet report from your own genealogy program, a photo, but please do cite your source(s) - genealogy without sources is mythology.

Lorna showcased the RootsTech conference, which was then about to begin, highlighting Relatives at RootsTech and how to navigate and find the schedule, and any of the presentations that you wish to “attend”.

The recordings of presentations are available for up to 3 years.

There really is something in there for everyone, from how to research, information on specific topics, occupations, places, people, which are extremely diverse, exhibitors halls where assorted companies show their wares and also announce new offerings (see DNA news for some of these)

So we hope you all found something of interest at either of the monthly meetings or at RootsTech, why not let Sheila know of your highlights from the conference (editor@kapitigen.org)

Ann Gipson
LZV3-8RM

Sources (32) Memories (0) Collaborate (1)

Birth: 1810
Queen Camel, Somerset, England, United Kingdom

Death: August 1881
Queen Camel, Somerset, England, United Kingdom

PERSON TREE

Ann Gipson
1810 – August 1881 • LZV3-8RM

VIEW TREE VIEW RELATIONSHIP **FOLLOWING**

About **Details** Sources (32)

Vitals

Detail View

Name • 32 Sources
Ann Gipson

Sex • 26 Sources
Female

Finding Alexander

I have been researching my Great Great Aunt and her children - two of which are buried with her in a large plot at Karori Cemetery.

Her son Alexander Maclean tragically died by suicide in 1926 and he is buried here, along with his mother, sister and three maiden aunts. The grave was in dire need of some TLC, and Alexander's marble cross was missing.

I was told by the cemetery office it had probably been stolen. The grave was swept by a metal detector, which detected something metal underground. Would it be Alexander's marble cross with its lead lettering, or one of the three urns buried there?

I arranged a working bee and with a lot of weeding and scratching and gentle digging we cleared the plot and struck something solid!!!! Would it be the marble cross or something else!!!! With very careful scratching and brushing we discovered it was Alexander's cross, buried under the dirt and weeds for many years.



What a find!!! What excitement!!! It has now been cleaned and soon a stonemason will reattach it to his headstone.

Jennifer Jarden

March: Cemetery Month

Some definitions to aid your exploration :

Churchyard: Land on church grounds which MAY contain a burial area

Graveyard: A Burial ground in/beside a churchyard

Cemetery: Burial grounds not usually adjoined to a place of worship.

Gravestones date from the 16th century.

All dying within the parish had the right to be buried in the churchyard.

Deborah Shuker

February 30th?

Thanks to the Guardian newspaper's General Knowledge quiz for Thursday 29th February, we can pose this question.

Was there ever a 30th February. Yes or No.

Answer: Elsewhere in this newsletter. Test your searching skills!

For travellers to USA

Quakers

William Penn, founded Pennsylvania and Philadelphia on Quaker values of freedom and toleration and peaceful approaches to conflict.

In Philadelphia, it was once decreed that he should be honoured on high: higher than any building in sight, with nothing allowed, whatever it was, built higher than his hat.

City Hall, Philadelphia on Penn Square has a statue of Penn on its highest point but there are now skyscrapers higher. In contrast William Penn's family graves in the grounds of Jordans Field Meeting House, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire England has a very simple headstone.

The 1688 Meeting House still has meetings on Sunday at 10.30am, and the cemetery has 385 burials including several noted early Quakers.

The burial grounds and garden surrounding the building are open to visitors all year round.

The Meeting House is open to visitors from April to the end of October. Visiting times: Tuesday to Saturday, between 2 pm and 5 pm.

For group visits, please call 01494 876594.

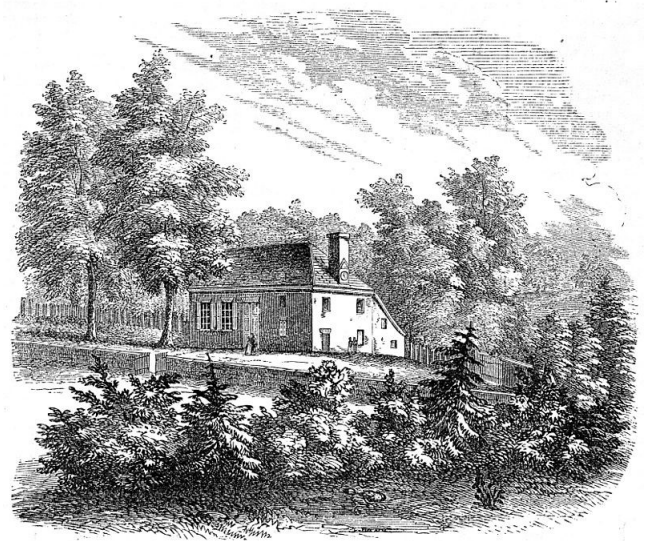
Friends' Meeting House at Jordans and Wm. Penn's Grave 1854 (wood engraving) Public Domain

Sources:

Lucinda Lambton "Oldie Magazine" Nov 2023 p 82

www.jordansquakercentre.org

(Thanks to Deborah for this information)



FRIENDS' MEETING-HOUSE AT JORDANS, AND THE GRAVE OF WILLIAM PENN.

Tips

For Lancashire Researchers. I have found this site extremely helpful with additional information.

<https://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Search/indexp.html>

From Sue Thomson

Another great addition to TheGenealogist, on our computers at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC) in the Paraparaumu Library.

Their 1861 UK census collection has been included in the jewel of TheGenealogist's offerings, Map Explorer. UK census records down to 1871 were included previously.

Use the top Search menu > Map Explorer. Select your historic map layer and the modern layer you wish to compare. You can overlay the two by varying the Opacity on the historic layer to check, eg an older Ordnance Survey (OS) map and the current day OpenStreetMap.

Read their blog post about it at

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2024/where-the-dickens-are-they-7061/>

DNA News and Rootstech

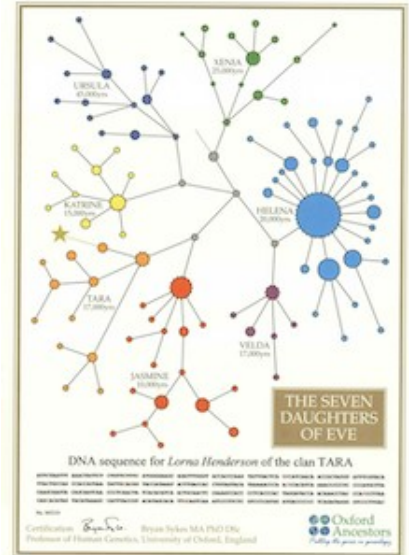
As expected, RootsTech resulted in quite a few interesting updates in the DNA world and many interesting videos are available to watch, on all sorts of topics.

Did you know that Genetic Genealogy has been around for 25 years? I'm trying to remember when I did my first two tests – both at now no longer around organisations /companies: Sorensen and Oxford Ancestors. Both were low level mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) tests.

It would have been around 2001 when Bryan Sykes

“Seven Daughters of Eve” was published, with a discount test offer in it!

I still use the pretty picture representing the “daughter of Eve” I descend from and her connection to the others. I was assigned to “Tara” who is still called haplogroup T, although I'm T2b4a these days, and there are way more than 7 branches of mtDNA.



Diahan Southard requested short essays from many of the people involved in those 25 years. Those who have attended any of her courses have probably received a link to this free ebook which makes interesting reading, and reminds us all how far DNA testing for genealogy has come and what the beginnings were.

Her site is <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>

In addition, Diahan hosted a panel at RootsTech with some of those many contributors which you can find here: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/genetic-genealogy-turns-25-dna-experts-tell-their-stories?lang=eng>

Ancestry news: they now have 25 million testers in their DNA database. A preview of their forthcoming new DNA Match Tools can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7QAJjYtXLU>

Worth a watch to see what Ancestry has planned – BUT some will require an addition to your sub, as they appear to be planned as an inclusion to the Pro-Tools that sprang up recently; another BUT, this part of Pro-tools is only being gradually released in the US initially later in 2024, then later world wide. The one of most interest to me is Ancestry catching up with MyHeritage and promising to show for each match, how much DNA the shared match shares with the match. It is unclear as yet whether or not you will be able to sort the shared match list by the closest to the match as MyHeritage offers.

I hope those of you not yet on MyHeritage took the opportunity offered during RootsTech to upload your DNA to there from wherever you had tested. Uploading during that period allowed you to get the DNA tools for free, forever. Normally \$29US to unlock. A recent blog post mentioned they now have 7.5m testers in their database.

FamilyTreeDNA

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/genealogys-secret-weapon-how-mtdna-can-solve-family-mysteries>

contains an overview of mtDNA basics, case study on how to use mtDNA along with a sneak preview of the forthcoming revamp of the mtDNA information along the lines of the yDNA Discover tools. Have YOU tested your mitochondrial DNA, if so you are part of the Million Mito Project and part of this eagerly awaited revamp.

Their RootsTech sponsors page contains some coupon codes that will remain valid for discounts until the **29th March**. Under Promotions at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/expohall/familytreedna>

Lorna

NZSG Online DNA Group

This Group is an NZSG Members benefit. Free to members with your sub to the NZ Society of Genealogists.

The next presentation is **Wednesday 27th March 7:30pm on Teams**. It continues the theme of exploring your DNA Results. Last month was Ancestry, this month it is FamilyTreeDNA's turn. Next month, a case study.

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 information on how to access the recordings and resources in the Google Classroom.

The March NZ Genealogist magazine, online to NZSG members, contains both an introduction to the Online DNA Interest Group and how to access the DNA Portal with its wealth of resources, and past presentations. Plus, of course, many interesting articles on other topics!

Dates of Interest Group meetings

Irish

The two-monthly meetings of the Irish Interest Group will be in abeyance until further notice. Watch this space. Please register your interest in the group with the Committee. Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

Roots Magic User Group

Our first 2-monthly Zoom meeting for the year was held Saturday March 16th.

We were so busy we even forgot to stop for afternoon tea! The main focus was helping a new member of the group think about file naming, directory structures for documents, photos etc, when and how to attach an actual copy of a source or merely cite it. A fairly meaty topic. And how to get RootsMagic to fix broken media links when you've shifted your source photos etc around on your computer (easy pease). The pre-requisite being to get your file naming structure straight, and meaningful **to you**, before you start linking them to any software at all, then do not change the file name. The directory structure, ie where you store them, is less important given the powerful Find tools we have at our fingertips.

These sessions are **on Zoom**, third Saturday of every second month, March to November, from 2-4pm.

Next meeting May 18th. All versions covered. All welcome. Free to all.

Pre-registration link sent to those on our mailing list nearer the time.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for these online 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.

DNA Interest Group

The next 2-monthly meeting is on Saturday April 13th

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria 2-4. Doors open 1:30pm.

All welcome. Visitors \$5 entry please.

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.

Reminders are sent to those on our mailing list. and often notes on the topics covered are sent out afterwards to those attending or putting in an apology.

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.

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 04 293 7771 to advise of your research interest, so you can be redirected to someone able to help you.

Next session **Saturday April 6th**

'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is **Monday April 1st at 8pm**, for an hour max.

Topic: Speed up your NZ research

Host: Lorna

Tired of fiddling with from/to dates on the Historical BDM site to find the exact date on the certificate?

- > Want to speed up your searching of the main NZ records?
- > Have you checked out the Howison index yet?
- > <https://ash.howison.co.nz/>
- > <https://archway.howison.co.nz/>
- > Come along and share your tips, or just watch and listen as we explore.

Members only. Free. Registration link will be sent with the email attached to the March newsletter. If you've lost that, head over to <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> and follow the instructions.

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.

Yes, there has been a 30th February, explained by the Guardian quiz setter as:

"For unfathomable reasons Sweden decided to switch from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar by omitting leap years for decades instead of just making the switch, then got their sums wrong or some such and had to add an extra day back in, so in Sweden the year 1712 had a 30 February and everybody born that day never had another birthday ever again"

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
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Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org
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Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

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 Denice Mc Carten

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 Bernard McManus
 Graeme McVerry

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Bev Chappell
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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: Judy Olsen
 Daytime: May Redmund

Audio/Visual Support:

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Computer/Equipment Support: Ian Brooking

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 April 23rd

'Le Quesnoy'
 Speaker: Chris Pugsley

Daytime Meeting
 Wednesday April 24th