



Convenor's Comment

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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Greetings Kapiti Genealogy Members.

It's been full on since my return from overseas not only with my own family research but with Branch activities as well.

What a wonderful weekend we had with our YURU 2014 programme, "Soldiers' Tales From The Trenches" at the Paraparaumu Library.

There to help us and provide valuable expertise in genealogy researching were Ray Seymour, military historian from Waiouru and Howard Chamberlain military historian who speciality was medals. Michael Fitzgerald was there from Te Papa to display their WWI00 Project to identify WWI soldiers. NZSG was well represented by councilors Peter Gibson and Gill Knox and NZ Archives were represented by Joan McCracken and Vernon Wybrow who were kept very busy over the two days.

To cap it off there was the video presentation of the eight servicemen who lost their lives during WWI. Sue Greene our Research Officer did us proud with this presentation. We must not forget the part Leeann Morgan and her Library staff played in the administration and publicity of the weekend and also Clive Palmer who convened the project and all the Branch Committee and members

who assisted in the APFHC and in the foyer to make this weekend the success it was.

Following hard on all this there has been a flurry of activity between NZSG and myself to arrange for the delivery to Paraparaumu School of nearly 6200 School records dating from 1889 to 1978, which will go some way to towards their loss devastating loss of so much in their recent fire.

These will be presented to the Principal Steve Caldwell at a suitable time by me together with NZSG Councilor Peter Gibson and NZSG Electronics Records Archivist, Paul Alpe.

Perhaps this is a timely reminder that more could be done to preserve school records.

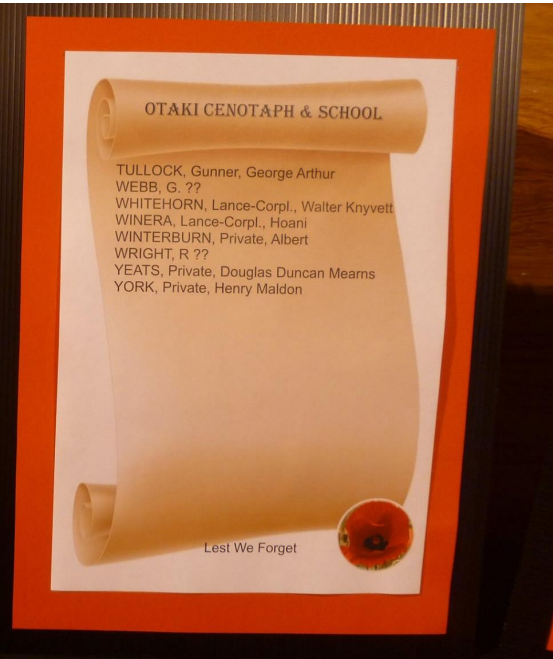
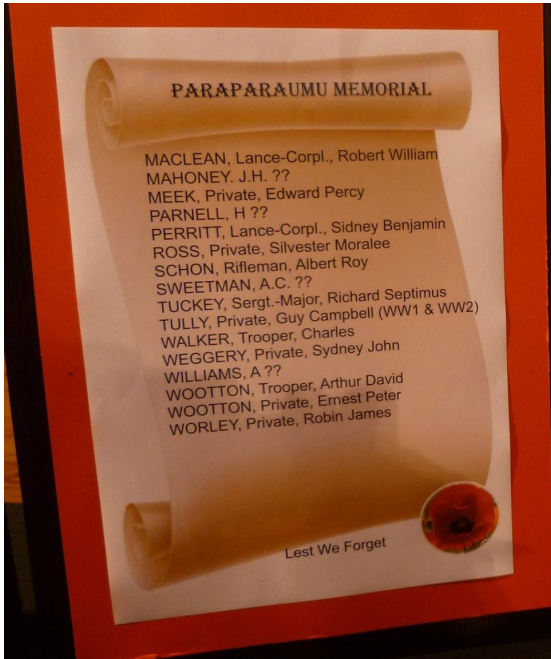
My investigations to date have lead me to find that there are some big gaps in the preserving of records of Kapiti Coast schools. I would like to think that a team of volunteers could be put together to address this glaring omission.

Happy hunting everybody

Bill McKeich
Convenor

Next meeting
Tuesday Aug 26th
Heather Smith: British Home
Children

YURU 2014 Soldiers' Tales From the Trenches



August Branch Meeting

When: Tuesday August 26th 7 pm—9 pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

Who: Heather Smith

What: British Home Children

How to: Deborah Shuker - Accessing Archives Military Records

APFHC News



Help instructions for the above program are now on our website under Membership > Members only.

Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the cupboard key from library help desk. We also request that you sign the blue sign-in book in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants.

Printer, Paper and Toner

Please remember that you are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for the printing service provided. This amount does not even cover the cost of the toner used. Where possible you are encouraged to use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you no longer have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view.

If there isn't a cd image, just click on the title.

Supplies of these are available for purchase at a bargain price at the Wednesday morning sessions.

Computers

Yes there are now seven computers on our tables. Only six have ancestry and findmypast, the other is a standby machine for viewing some of the older cds that are not accessible via the normal menu.

We ask for your consideration on Wednesday mornings.

If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at another time than the 10 to 12 timeslot when use of the computers is at a premium.

New resources to explore

Ancestry

New collections include:

NSW: Medical Registers, 1925-1954, Hospital & Asylum Records, 1840-1913. Passengers Arriving at Port Phillip, 1846

Norfolk Non Conformist Records 1613-1901

Dorset Quarter Sessions Order Books, 1625-1905

UK Naval Officer and Rating Service Records, 1802-1919

Fold: FBI Case files: <http://blog.fold3.com/the-fbi-case-files/?sf4279517=1>

FindMyPast

“28,000 new Wakefield and District baptism records and 150,000 National Burial Index records from Cleveland “ The Wakefield baptisms contain 28,372 records - transcripts of original parish registers made by the Wakefield and District Family History Society, covering 9 parishes: Wakefield All Saints, Warmfield St Peter's, Chapelthorpe St James, Monk Bretton St Paul's, Felkirk St Peter's, Ryhill St James, Wragby St Michael's, Wakefield St Andrew's, South Ossett Christ Church Spanning the years 1622 to 1913, and added to the existing collection of Wakefield baptisms - now totalling 213,000 records and over 30 parishes from Wakefield district in West Yorkshire.

The 150,000 Cleveland burial records have also been added to their [National Burial Index](#) records and were transcribed by the Cleveland Family History Society. Thousands of these

new records have never before been published by the Federation of Family History Societies and are only available at Findmypast.

FamilySearch

Extracts from their blog about “notable collection updates” include 3,427,354 indexed records from the [Canada Census, 1911, collection](#); and if you have any Czech ancestry: 1,334,575 image records from the [Czech Republic, Censuses, 1800-1945, collection](#).

The recent fire at Paraparaumu School should have reminded all of us of the importance of backups - OFFSITE. This blog post on FamilySearch may be of interest <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/avoiding-inevitable-crash-2/> (as are any of Dick Eastman's on this topic in his newsletter - <http://blog.eogn.com>)

Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Always informative.

What caught my attention this month was a headstone from Arrowtown. Can anyone claim Edward Thomas THOMSON (1824 - 1898) of Newcastle upon Tyne?

<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/08/13/a-tombstone-that-says-it-all/> (Pioneer, publican, snob)

NZSG news

Members of our parent body, The New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) may be interested to note a new, members only, resource on their website:

Scanned copies of the District Keys.

What are they?

Those very useful, rather well handled, tatty booklets in our fiche drawer at the APFHC that tell you where a birth or death was registered, information you cannot get for those indexed on the online DIA historical indexes.

Now that ancestry has the NZ Birth, Death indexes you can check the folio numbers provided on the index against the District Keys to determine the registration district from the comfort of your own home (if you have an ancestry subscription).

No, they don't cover marriages, you'll need alternate means for "placing" those.

Yes, you'll still have to use the fiche at the APFHC for the years not covered online either on ancestry or the Dept of Internal Affairs website.

Remembering in all instances, that to order a printout, you'll need the newer reference number from the DIA website instead of the older folio number.

How many of you belonging to NZSG make use of the Mem-List?

The purpose of the list is "**The Members' Mailing List is a forum for members to discuss NZSG activities, to put forward ideas and opinions and to make genealogical requests.**"

Once logged in, go to Members Area > Members Mailing List

Follow the instructions there on how to join.

The topics covered are many and varied, and questions usually promptly answered by people with a heap of experience and knowledge.

Like all google lists, you can choose subscription options such as whether to receive each email as it is posted, regular digests, or simply browse them via the web when you wish.

One useful recent post covered how to use the Kiwi Index searches to determine which certificate (s) in the certificates collection would be the one of most use to you - given that all names on a submitted certificate have been indexed.

Back issues (2012 only, with index) of the Genealogist are now available from their webpages to logged in members (although there does seem to be a bit of a glitch of it not remembering you've already logged in).

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This space intentionally left blank for YOUR contributions.

Articles on a great find or contact you've made, how to do x y z, brickwall queries, new resources ...

all contributions welcome.

(yes, the editor ran out of time and inspiration) 🤔

WWI00

In keeping with the YURU 2014 theme commemorating the start of World War I, and Family History Month, Deborah has been busy finding references that may be of interest.

War Art NZ

<http://warart.archives.govt.nz/>

Click the icon of the period you are interested in

The collection has its origins in World War One, when countries appointed official war artists to provide a record of their involvement in the conflict. New Zealand did not appoint official war artists until late in the war, due to concerns about the costs involved. However many works of art prompted by the war were produced before that time, and some were later purchased for, or donated to, the collection.

New Zealand's first officially appointed war artists were Nugent Welch, George Edmund Butler and the English artist, Alfred Pearse. Following the example of the British, Canadian, and Australian governments, Sir Andrew Russell, Commander of the New Zealand (NZ) Division in France, appointed in April 1918 the landscape artist Nugent Welch as Divisional Artist, attaching him to the Headquarters of the New Zealand Division. In July, Welch returned to London where he painted his first works from photographs and sketches.

George Butler and Alfred Pearse were enlisted as official New Zealand War Artists for a six month period from September 1918 and the three went to France in September. There the artists completed sketches and watercolours. Pearse returned to London by the end of October to work on large canvases, while Butler and Welch

remained working in France, up to and following the November armistice.

The War Artists were demobilised in March 1919, but further artworks were commissioned by the new War Museum Committee in September 1919. The Committee authorised the commissioning of six portraits of the New Zealand Victoria Cross winners, for which they paid £50 pounds each, and also authorised Butler to enlarge some of his sketches to oils. The number of portraits was subsequently increased to seventeen, with the works being completed by 1921.

For those who like pictures:

A search of the National Library for World War One images produces 722 results but several are World War II

https://natlib.govt.nz/items?i%5Bcategory%5D=Images&i%5Bis_catalog_record%5D=false&text=World+war+one

WWI photos at Alexander Turnbull library

<http://tapuhi.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/spydus/MSG/PHOTONR/OPSU.HTM>

Search using keywords World War, 1914-1918(Items) or

<http://tapuhi.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/spydus/TRN/PHOTONR/OPHDR/1995/1086>

Personnel files

Deborah will be presenting the How to session on this topic at the August meeting.

Have a sneak preview by visiting the Archives link to search personnel files

<http://archives.govt.nz/world-war-one>

How widely do you cast your net?

I'm mixing metaphors here given what prompted this was an article on Daniel Hubbard's blog Personal Past Meditations about researching FANS. (<http://www.thepersonalpast.com/2014/07/20/researching-fans/>)

No, not the ones that keep you cool but the Friends, Acquaintances and Neighbours.

Thanks to Daniel for the acronym.

Between them you may well get that elusive hint that gets you past your current dead end.

Don't dismiss those seeming coincidences of

someone with a connected name appearing on the same baptism/census page or as a witness to a family event.

Do look at the images for an event.

Don't just stop at the index that you believe confirms a link you're looking for.

By stopping at an index you are missing potential leads, and may also of course, find that the index is "optimistic" in its accuracy, and would have lead you off on a false trail.

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level 1 Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

All Kapiti events are also all in the [programme](#) information on our website, both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

Aug 26th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Heather Smith: British Home Children

Sep 2nd: Tuesday 10:30am (National Library Wgtn) Tour of National Library - see our website for details

Sep 18th: Thursday 5:30 pm to 7pm (APFHC) Overview of our resources and how to access them.

Sep 23rd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Lorna Henderson Pitfalls and pleasures of online trees

Every Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, and worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

Interest Group meetings (see [Programme>Interest Groups on our website](#) for further details)

Sat. August 30th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1:30pm. \$2 door charge;

Thur. Sept 11th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

You may also be interested in:

Third Tues August 12.10pm – 1.00pm Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk . Book your spot by emailing [atloutreach "at" dia.govt.nz](mailto:atloutreach@dia.govt.nz) or calling Cellia Joe on 04 462 3935

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session Aug 11th. 10 to 12 noon

Legacy

Next session Aug 30th. 2 to 4pm

Speaker Dirk de Wijk

Topic Computer know how to help with genealogy and legacy.

Remaining meetings for 2014

Saturday 25th October

Saturday 29th November - All day workshop with Jan Gow QSM. Details to be worked out soon.

DNA

August meeting covered triangulating your matches.

Next meeting Oct will revisit the topic of I've received all these matches, what do I do now?

FYI an interesting You-tube video that will give you a good introduction to that for autosomal dna

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5CQsmu8HMA&feature=youtu.be>

As always, check out our website for further details - Programme> Special Interest Groups.

Round Robins

A reminder that we subscribe to three magazines on your behalf: Who Do You Think You Are, Family Tree, and Australian Family Tree Connections.

After they have done the rounds of those who have subscribed to see them as part of a RoundRobin system, they are all placed in binders on our shelves at the APFHC.

If you wish to subscribe to any of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie (RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org) to get your name added to the list.

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

All have items of interest in them. Subscription rates are on our website, and all fall due around this time of year.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 27 August 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: K - O

If your surnames starts with the above letters, your help with the supper would be appreciated.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday of months February—December

Welcome

We welcome new members Barbara MACDONALD, James NEVIN, Beverley SEWELL and David SMITH.

Portfolios

As always, the duties and people assigned are available on our website under the About >Who does what link (and summarised on the back page of each newsletter).

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#). These will normally appear in the Recent Changes section top right sidebar, but you can always click on any "tag" in the list to find all pages marked as of relevance to the topic selected.

Remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself.

National Library Tour

The next tour of the National Library is booked for Tuesday Sept. 2nd, starting 10.30am.

In preparation for the tour, it may be useful to visit <http://www.natlib.govt.nz>

**Numbers are limited so please register
by Fri 29th August**

email: Kathy Callaghan

[kathycallaghan "at" gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com)

or Ph: 297 0733

(For further information including travel arrangements, please see [our website](#) - attached for members)

Kilbirnie turns 10

We congratulate Kilbirnie branch for celebrating their 10th anniversary in July.

And note that one of our members was a foundation member of the Kilbirnie Branch and has been awarded a Life Membership in recognition for his hard work over the years.

Well done Hanley.



Ancestry.com "rationalisation"

As many of you no doubt know, Ancestry sent out messages a while ago about services they are no longer going to support after 30th September (originally 5th Sept). The official post, with links to the FAQs about the closures, and many reactions to the announcement, are on the ancestry blog at <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/06/04/ancestry-com-focuses-on-core-offerings/>

The list is: [MyFamily.com](#), [MyCanvas.com](#), [Genealogy.com](#), [Mundia.com](#), and there Y-DNA and mtDNA products (not Autosomal).

If you have data on these sites that you wish to preserve, you need to work out what to do about it now.

A subsequent recent announcement was that MyCanvas is now going to transfer ownership to another company and continue there.

Mundia trees are being absorbed into ancestry.

Genealogy.com notice says:

"GenForum message boards, Family Tree Maker homepages, and the most popular articles" will continue in read only format.

So if you have been a user of any of the very useful GenForum message boards, you have another month to get in and post your last words for posterity!

All of which is a reminder that online data is all very well, but make sure you have your own copy safe as it can disappear.

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research
7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraisers:**Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt**

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmighty.co.nz>

**Used ink cartridges**

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings or leave them either in or on top of the glass cabinet in the APFHC,

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook.

Please let Kathy Callaghan have any suggestions as to how best to use this medium.

If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

Research Assistance

Members needing assistance with their research, are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library. Alternately, contact your buddy, or use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>) to contact our Kapiti Branch Research Officer, Sue Greene.

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the Who Does What section of the "About" menu.

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](#)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

Email links throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

July Branch Meeting

How to:

Hilary did a presentation on saving to a USB/memory stick. Thanks for your very clear instructions Hilary!

Clothes, Medals, Memorials

Kerry Lee spoke on what you can glean from military memorabilia.

He explained how dress embellishments, such as name tags, badges and medals along with uniform insignia and shape can give an historical setting. An interesting fact was that in days past badges and insignia were more visible than today, which tends to be camouflaged. On air force uniforms, wings turned up mean that person flies aircraft, wings turned down means paratrooper and one wing means support crew such as engineer.

Memorials are often statues and/or columns.

Cenotaphs are erected by local groups and most date back to 1920's. Later records are usually

plaques added to local memorials.

WW2 servicemen requested that instead of statues or columns, they be remembered with community projects such as community halls, tennis courts, school gates etc. There were very few individual sites until the 1960's as military personnel killed in action were buried where they fell. In the 1960's two soldiers were killed in Malay and their bodies returned to NZ. From that date, bodies have been returned to be buried in New Zealand if at all possible.

Not all memorials are military. Examples are disaster sites, battles, settler families.

Next Meeting
Tuesday Sep 23rd
Lorna Henderson Pleasures and
pitfalls of online trees