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

## Editorial



St Patrick's Day on the 17th of this month must surely have inspired many an Irish researcher. Are you sitting on your pot of gold?

If you are really keen and wish to learn more about Irish culture and language, Future Learn has a free graduated programme run by the university of Dublin. Details on <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/irish-language>

For those interested in local history, a talk on March 31st, 2pm, at the Paraparaumu library by Renee Hollis, covers the stories of 120 centenarians from all over New Zealand.

I have heard comments that the last three pages of the newsletter contain a lot of repetition. I make no apology for this. We have new members joining every month who may just be starting out on their family history journey. They are bombarded with information about the Branch and genealogy.

The least we can do is make it as easy as possible to find the dates and contacts they need, as well as instructions on how to access our facilities.

So to all seasoned members, I suggest you ignore the repetition if it annoys you and only read or print out the pages that are useful. This is your newsletter. I welcome suggestions and any feedback, positive or negative. May I add that it is only as good as the material supplied to go in it. So, folks, what about some interesting articles?

This month highlights publications. Don't miss Peter Farrell speaking about his record of the search for his birth father and page four gives details of two other research publications.

Lastly, do you have research interests that you would like publicised? See page 5.

*Sheila*

Next meeting  
Tuesday March 26th

'The Lie that Settles'  
Peter Farrell

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## March Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

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

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu,

**What:** 'The Lie that Settles' - Peter Farrell - novelist and memoirist  
Peter will tell us about the search for his birth father, which he published as a memoir in 1913.

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** V - Z

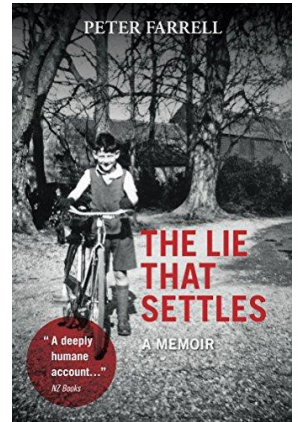
### Daytime meeting.

**When:** Wednesday March 27th 1.30 - mix and mingle  
2-4pm - meeting

**Where:** Waikanae Baptist Church cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd., Waikanae.

**What:** **General Research.** Following Graeme McKenzie's talks this month, we will be focussing on our Scottish ancestors . All contributions welcome. Come and join the discussion.

**Convenor:** Sonia Coom



## Branch news



### Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

to be held at the start of the evening Branch Meeting on 26th March 2019 to pass the following motion, so the change can be registered with the Charities Services.

*“That Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, having previously adopted as its own rules the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc., now adopts the subsequent partial amendment to those rules as registered on 26 September 2018.”*

**Volunteers required!** Our long-term Secretary, Denice McCarten is stepping down and we need someone to fill her shoes. The work is not onerous; committee meetings are fun. For more details contact Denice at [secretary “at” KapitiGen.org](mailto:secretary@KapitiGen.org) or phone 905 8266.

If you are willing to be on the Committee and are able to help in any capacity, please contact Denice. Enjoy the satisfaction of helping with Branch activities.

**Getting it right.** Have you looked at this great set of free educational videos on the NZSG website? <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> They are easy to access and easy to use. A set of printable notes is attached to each video , making valuable references. You do not have to be a member to access this programme. Just click on the 'Getting it Right' emblem on the opening screen.

“Do try it” as the tea advert says!

At our Christmas function, Deborah Shuker pointed out that because the earth is round most maps distort the size of the continents. Check out the interesting website [www.visualcapitalist.com/mercator-map-true-size-of-countries/](http://www.visualcapitalist.com/mercator-map-true-size-of-countries/)

Africa is fairly correct but Russia, Greenland and Canada are much smaller than envisaged.

Russia is 17.1 million km<sup>2</sup>, Canada is 9.985 million km<sup>2</sup>

Australia is 7.692 million km<sup>2</sup>, Greenland is 2.166 million km<sup>2</sup>

## Graeme McKenzie's presentation

held in Waikanae on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, was well attended with 90 people taking the opportunity to come and listen to him talk about "*the Clans, Septs and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland, plus Researching Your Highland Ancestors: Understanding Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd*".

Graeme himself was born in London and educated at Cambridge but spent a lot of time back in the Scottish Highlands where the Mackenzie Clan hailed from.

Graeme's interest began in the mid 1980's while working on an historical series for the BBC. This led him to research his own family history and in 1989 he created '**Highland Roots**', a genealogical research service specialising in Highland clans and families [[www.highlandroots.org](http://www.highlandroots.org)].

Since becoming a professional genealogist and historian he has gathered the stories of the

Clan McKenzie and Clan MacMillan (a connection stemming from his grandmother Catherine MacMillan whose family came from Glen Urquhart on the shores of Loch Ness) and other Scottish families and names. His work as a clan historian has given him a unique insight into the Highland clans, past and present, enabling him to provide a hand-out for those attending of '*Books for Clans and Family History in Scotland*'.

In addition, his own book "*Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd: Clan and Family History in the Highlands of Scotland*," gives solid information on finding those Scottish ancestry roots. Copies were available for people to purchase.

Graeme fascinated the audience with his wealth of knowledge, including the migration of their early ancestors between Ireland and Scotland, how the Vikings came to Scotland, plus - as we all know - the variation you can get with spelling of names. Graeme also spoke on how to research your Highland ancestors, providing advice on "*Where to Find Family History Records in Scotland*".

There are copies of Graeme's book available. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn McMillan. [marilyn\\_mcmillan "at" xtra.co.nz](mailto:marilyn_mcmillan@xtra.co.nz)

Sonia Coom



## Round Robins

Are you stuck on tracing descendants of your great grandparents and others down to the present day?

The August 2018 *Who Do You Think You Are*, one of our Round Robin magazines, contains an article "20 essential tips for 20th century research". The emphasis, given where the magazine is from, is English, but the techniques and suggested records will have their equivalents elsewhere.

If you wish subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at ([RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)) Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are? This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. They have a wealth of ideas and information.

## London Churches

The six volumes of *London Churches: An Architectural and Social History* ref. the City, NE, NW, South, Suburbs N and Suburbs S is now live on Kindle. Each volume is an average of 350 pages.

The idea was conceived to cover Victorian London in 2008, and two volumes *London Churches & Olde Celebrities* by John Blythe Smart appeared in 2012. Research then began on the suburbs starting with St. Mary's, Richmond; the last completed was Holy Trinity, Sidcup by the aptly named Ewan Christian!

There are 1,400 churches detailed with over 1,000 pictures in the six volumes, covering every important edifice within Greater London. The books are a valuable tool for the genealogist and local historian, especially now the suburbs are included. There are details on Amazon Kindle under the publisher name (Blythe Smart Publications) or on the website using the link <https://jbsmart9.wixsite.com/blythesmartpubl>

Blythe Smart Publication is also working on a series of New Zealand Historic Sites (four volumes) with A Complete History of the country.

## Forgotten Ships

### Unfinished voyages to New Zealand 1820-1925

Over the period 1820 to 1925 hundreds of ships made successful voyages to New Zealand bringing thousands of immigrants, livestock and cargo to the 'new' land. Despite the hazards that existed at the time only a very small proportion of ships failed to arrive.

The Wellington Evening Post in its edition of 16 October 1880 revealed a darker side to shipping; ships missing on their voyage out to New Zealand. When bodies or wreckage had been located on a distant shore the story would gain momentum. If there were no reports of wreckage, survivors or sightings of a missing ship this often meant only a few lines in the daily newspaper. The phrase 'never seen or heard of again' would be the editor's epitaph. This publication records the details of 112 ships lost or wrecked on their voyage to New Zealand during the period 1820 to 1925.

How many passengers died? How many mariners perished? Answers to these questions and more are revealed for the first time in Bruce Collins' meticulously researched book, "Forgotten Ships".

Ships went missing or were wrecked in the English Channel, Tasman Sea and various locations across the globe. To aid genealogists, the names of passengers and crew have been added.

This book is endorsed and published by the Otago (NZ) Maritime Society.

This is Bruce E. Collins' sixth book. The first, in 1991, was the dramatic story of the wreck of the immigrant ship *Surat*. In 1995 *Rocks, Reefs and Sandbars* was published, a definitive history of all Otago shipwrecks. Following this, in 2000, came *The Wreck of the Penguin*, the tragic story of a Union Steam Ship Company steamer which foundered in Cook Strait in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. 2004 saw the release of *The Wreck of the Manuka*, and following this in 2006 came another Catlins story *The Wreck of the Otago*.

'Forgotten Ships' has been printed by Craig's Print and Design, Invercargill, and can be ordered by contacting the Secretary of the Otago Maritime Society.

[rbkirkpatrick328 "at" gmail.com](mailto:rbkirkpatrick328@gmail.com).

Cost is \$40 including postage.



## DNA News

It's been an exciting time in the DNA world.

Hard to keep up with new developments, they came so thick and fast at RootsTech.

Ancestry and MyHeritage both released tools that take your DNA, and your tree and look at connections in your DNA and the trees of your matches (and others).

Check out your Ancestry ThruLines and your MyHeritage Theory of Family Relativity (ToFR).

To my mind, the ToFR has an edge as at least you can see how it made the connections, AND it also uses suggested source records, the FamilySearch and Geni trees, not just those of users on MyHeritage. (Hint: try to make sure the FamilySearch collaborative tree is clean, tidy and accurate, with sources attached, for your ancestors, and your descendants as that information will outlive us all).

Do keep in the front of your mind that these new tools are SUGGESTIONS, and need thorough checking.

Do NOT take the presented tree linkages as gospel from either company.

Just because someone has x in their tree doesn't mean it is your x.

Just because Ancestry shows y has DNA tested and is a descendant of your z does not mean that the shared DNA with them comes from that ancestor. That involves more work, particularly with smaller matches. (See DNAPainter for mapping your chromosomes - which needs data that Ancestry alone of the testing companies refuses to provide)

Suggestions to MyHeritage for improvement have included an ability to reject / confirm a linkage in a theory. This being more likely to bear fruit than suggesting a gazillion other people "fix" their (copied!) tree(s) to make the theory regenerate more accurately.

I'm sure both of these new toys (woops tools) will be on the topic list for the next DNA group meeting - see Dates for your Diary on page 6.

Lorna

## Member's research interests

New members receive an "introduce yourself" form in their starter pack with an optional section to include their research interests, which can then be published in the newsletter.

The welcome letter also includes a link to the online equivalent of the form.

Should any member wish to have their research interests published in the newsletter, please complete the Members Interests form in the Members Only section of our website

<http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/#introduce>

You will have to log in to do so. Instructions for logging in, and/or resetting a forgotten password, are available at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2012/07/logging-in/>

**So far, two new members have registered their research interests:**

**Noeline Wagener:** Research areas

\* New Zealand \* England \* Scotland \* DNA

Looking for **Seymour** ? Some doubt over this name. I am hoping DNA may help.

**Carol Rattray:** Research areas

\* New Zealand \* Australia \* England \* Ireland \* Scotland

Looking for parents of **William Smyth** born Ballymoney Ireland ( maybe as Smith) 1848? Died 1913 Dunedin

Also **Sarah Jane Short** married Edwin Thompson 1864, Dorchester, born 1843-44



## Dates for Your Diary

### Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, north west corner, Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website on the calendar.

**Monthly evening meeting: Tuesday 26th March 7-9pm - details of meetings on page 2**

**Daytime meeting: Wednesday 27th March 1.30-4pm.** Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

**Wednesdays:** 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC.

**Saturday 6th April:** Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment only.**

This is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771 so an appropriate person for your query can be arranged.

**Sunday 31st March:** Keepers of History. 2pm Paraparaumu Library. Talk by Renee Hollis (see editorial)

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

**Tuesday 9th April:** Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

**Thursday 11th April:** Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

**Saturday 13th April:** DNA Interest Group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

**Saturday 27th April:** NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm.

**Saturday 18th May:** Roots Magic group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Next session **Thursday 11th April** for help with any Australian research.

**10-12noon** at APFHC.

### DNA

Next meeting **Saturday 13th April, 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre.

**\$3** door charge for rent/refreshments. <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

**See page 5 for the latest DNA news.**

Get your questions and comments ready!

### Legacy Users

Meetings are usually held on the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday 27th April, 2-4pm.**

Kapiti Community Centre.

Doors open 1- 4.30pm.

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on [gerot@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gerot@xtra.co.nz) for details.

### Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 9th April, 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

### Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic to keep track of their family history.

Next two-monthly meeting will be **Saturday 18th**

**May 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre

**\$3** door fee. to cover rental/refreshments

Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

Details on

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

Frances Braddick ably filled in for Lorna at our March user group session, but appears to have omitted to say that what she was using RootsMagic to Go to demonstrate. This enabled her to take her RootsMagic database and program from one computer, all on a USB stick, and have it fully operational on another without having to install it on the latter. Check out 'Rootsmagic to Go' if you have a need to do this.

## Information for new members

### Branch meetings:

**Evening meeting** is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

**Daytime meeting** is on the fourth Wednesday of the month from Jan. to November.

### Coming up.

**Tuesday March 26th** 7:00pm: supper  
7:30pm: meeting starts.  
**Wednesday March 27th** 1.30pm: meet and mingle  
2 - 4pm: meeting

Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3

Details of both meetings on page 2

**Committee meetings** are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months January - November.

### Evening meeting upper roster: V – Z

If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

**Welcome to** Ian Parrish, Elly Holmes and a welcome return to Rosemary Wells.

If you are a new member or have not been to an evening meeting previously, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table.

### Help with Research

**Our help sessions** on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will give you individual help around the facilities.

Saturday's are by appointment only. Phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book and get one-on-one help.

### Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups

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

as well as a full details of meetings, with details, in the calendar.

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the 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 show your membership card.

#### Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer. Keyboards are in the lowest drawer. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch (we suggest you use your own log-in to FamilySearch). A microfiche is available. 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.

#### School records transcription project

John Glover and his team are playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records.

If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you. [pamandjohnglo "at" gmail.com](mailto:pamandjohnglo@atgmail.com)

## Getting it right - new members alert!

If you have just joined and are new to genealogy, these free resources are an ideal starting point. Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. There are 11 videos, all around 8 to 10 minutes each. So you can pick and choose what you learn or if you are an absolute beginner you can start from the beginning and work your way through to get the best introduction to genealogy and starting your research journey. Go to <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and click on the 'Getting it Right' logo.



### Branch Committee

**Convener:** Ian Barbour

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

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

### Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol before sending.

### Membership

A reminder that subs are due on 31st march for the year April-March 2019-20.

Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ  
02-0591-0040791-000

Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2019/01/membership-renewals-for-the-20192020-year/>

Next meeting  
April 23rd

'Not just mud and blood'  
Graham Langton