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

Editorial



Brought to our attention this month, The Seven Sisters with their parents Atlas and Pleione, the Pleiades or Matariki, known by dozens of other names in other cultures, is a fascinating phenomenon.

A cluster of stars estimated to be between 75 and 150 million years old and the nearest cluster to Earth at 444 light years away, will probably last another 250 million years before it disperses.

'We are here but a moment in time.'

You'll see in the Branch News on page 2 that Papers Past would like feedback on improvements they could make. I'm sure we all have made use of this wonderful resource and any help we could give by doing their short survey would be worthwhile.

Thanks to Ian Barbour for his interesting summary of Maggie Gaffney's comprehensive coverage of Tracing Property in England on page 3.

At last the GRO has made birth and death images more accessible, at a lesser cost. Compare the Irish site, <https://irishgenealogy.ie/en/> where you can print off any birth, death and marriage registration record. (Page 5)

Also on page 5, see details of NZSG's information sessions, which should be a great introduction to would-be genealogists.

Thanks to Lorna for all her contributions to the newsletter. It would be sparse without her!

Have a successful month. Now is the time of year with dark evenings and outside activities not so pressing to make real progress. Please send me details of your successes so others can be inspired.

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
July 25th

Jonathan Newport
Archives NZ
Collections Research

Day Meeting
Wednesday afternoon
July 26th

July Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday July 25th

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

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Jonathan Newport - Archives New Zealand

How to get the best out of Collections Search

Jonathan will guide you through the process, using a variety of examples.

Convenor: John Miller



Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday July 26th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: Notes from the evening meeting, followed by discussion and research.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to new members William & Barbara Corbett, Gail Clement, Russell Hermen and Rona Huggins.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your interests and experience.

Help required, please

We have been given a scrapbook, from a person living in Paraparaumu whose mother saved birth notices that were advertised in the local papers in the 1990s. We have scanned these items and now have a PDF version which will be available for Kapiti Genealogy members in the future.

What would be ideal is to have the birth notices from the scanned items indexed so that members can access **specific** births rather than having to scroll through the whole scanned document.

The Committee would like to hear from any members who would be interested in leading the indexing project, and also from those who would be willing to help with the indexing.

Please contact Jenny Wilson if you are able to help; [Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)

October evening meeting - help, please!

Our theme for this meeting is Emigration/Immigration and (worldwide) Shipping/Passenger records. We really need someone to step up to organise and chair this session.

Does this sound like YOU? If so, please contact Ian Brooking on [Programme "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Programme@KapitiGen.org) if you can help.

From NZSG re. Papers Past

NZSG have been contacted by Papers Past to get help with the improvements they are working on (which will include text correction).

Papers Past would like to encourage everyone who uses that useful resource to do their survey. The link is on the Papers Past homepage.

Tracing Property in England

-- from Domesday to Present by Maggie Gaffney

For those who were able to be at our monthly evening meeting on the 27th June what a fascinating talk was given by Maggie Gaffney. Yes, you guessed it - the daughter of our long term member, Michael Gaffaney.

For those who were not there you missed out on an amazing speaker, but all is not lost...read on.



Way, way back, Edward the Confessor, the childless King of England, ruled from 1042 until his death in 1066. Upon his death his wife's brother Harold Godwinson took over the reins (work that one out), but it turned out to be a bit of a hospital pass. The illegitimate William the Conqueror was about to invade from Normandy and defeat England in the Battle of Hastings killing Harold in the process, who happened to be his first cousin once removed.

So now King William the First, aka William the Conqueror, set about sorting out a few things, which included ensuring he became very, very wealthy and that all his subjects paid their fair share of taxes. (Hmmm, most would say "unfair share of taxes"). So with this in mind, and also thinking what us genealogists may want in 2023, he decided to have a survey done in 1086 of much of England and parts of Wales to establish the values on which taxes would be based.

This huge survey of land and landholding is by far the most complete record of pre-industrial society to survive in the world; perhaps one of William's better legacies.

Having got this completed in 1086 King William thought all was sorted but unfortunately Willie did not get to enjoy the fruits of his works as he died only a year later in 1087.

However this extremely valuable resource lived on. The resulting book at the time was known by the Latin title *Liber de Wintonia*.

In the 12th century the book's Latin name of *Liber de Wintonia* was to be replaced with the name, the *Domesday book*. The very same book but just a change in name, the Domesday title being arrived at because the survey brought much doom and gloom. The valuations arrived at were non-contestable and Willie's subjects were a bit bitter about this as a good portion of their wealth was eroded by taxes on these non-contestable valuations, hence "Domesday"

Now I know some of you will be thinking what about the Domesday Book and what has it to do with Maggie's talk? I will concede for those that have hung on reading this story that they are quite good questions.

Maggie Gaffney is a professional genealogist, now based in Wellington, having previously travelled to many parts of the world, including several years living in Ireland and England. She describes herself as not just very interested, but obsessed with genealogy. The result being a very talented, knowledgeable and outstanding genealogist.

Maggie's well prepared presentation covered the historic records available to research in England from 1086, the Domesday, to current day. Using a specific property in Kent, known to her, Maggie worked through and gave examples of how this property, its owners and inhabitants, can be traced from its listing in the Domesday book to the current day. Through the years the various resources she used included Title Deeds, Manorial records, Land-tax records, Newspapers, Ordnance Survey maps, Tithes records, Census returns, Valuation registers and the 1939 register, and last but not least Mr Google.

Tracing Property in England cont.

It was very interesting that while each set of records were for varying purposes and different time periods, Maggie showed how the information could be worked together. For example some records may just relate to the land and others to the occupants and by working out how each complemented the other a improved result could be achieved. Something like one plus one equals three.

Another example she used was to work out the actual path the surveyor took (for a particular data set) down a street and thus be able to compile data to a specific address and then link to other data sets for that address.

A truly fascinating presentation. The very comprehensive handouts provided by Maggie can be found on mghistorical.com/june23 , which I encourage you to check out. It is very well laid out and provides a valuable list of resources for your genealogy research of England.

Maggie's professional genealogy business can be found at mghistorical.com and no doubt Maggie would be an excellent, albeit paid, help for those research roadblocks in which you may find yourself. By all means give Maggie a call.

Ian Barbour

DNA News

LivingDNA has finally caught up with the other companies who offer chromosome segment data for their matches (all except Ancestry do). It has been promised as “coming soon” for many years.

To receive this data you have to have either tested there, or uploaded and paid for the “upgrade” to access more than the free information from an upload. Some uploads during promotions do also have free access.

I note that in the shared segments shown they do include much smaller segments than 7cMs, which may account for their shared DNA totals when able to be compared as being somewhat larger than on the other sites who don't include the often false match small segments.

Although bottom of my list of companies / sites to test or upload to, you never do know where you'll find a key match – and you can then contact them and hopefully persuade them to upload to the more useful sites.

Why are chromosome segments useful?

Jonny Perl's **DNAPainter** chromosome mapping-help links will explain that more fully than the space available here: <https://dnapainter.com/help/why>

Jonny has also written a blogpost on why you may want to subscribe to DNAPainter rather than be limited to the free options.

<https://dnapainter.com/blog/dna-painter-subscriptions>

Don't miss this irresistible article.

<https://phys.org/news/2023-07-poop-patrols-dogs-dna-french.html>

Lorna

DNA Painter Subscriptions

By Jonny Perl July 11, 2023

Subscribe now

As of September 2023, it will be five years since I launched subscriptions at DNA Painter. In this article I'll summarize why you might want to subscribe, and what you get if you do.

NZSG News

From the e-Kit sent to all members: **Genealogy Information Sessions**

Do you have a friend or family members who is showing an interest in genealogy but would like to know more of what it's about?

Garry Phillips is running online monthly information sessions to tell them all about it. Please pass on these details!

The next sessions are on:

Tuesday, 1st August at 10:00am and Friday, 4th August at 7:30pm

There is a 50 minute presentation and then a Q&A session.

Register online at <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.asp>

Garry will run these session on the 1st Tuesday and Friday of each month, if your friend or family member can't make either of those in August.

From the Mem-List mailing group for NZSG members: the **Kiwi Collection** is undergoing an update on Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th July to add more than 2 million records, including the indexes to the NZ Cemeteries Collection, the 1892 and 1893 Suffrage petitions +++ along with updates and additions to many of the record sets that are already included.

They will also be implementing tiered access to Kiwi Collection.

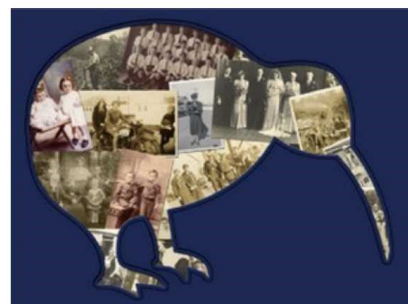
This will provide three tiers of access:

- Public – members of the public will be able to access 1.6 million entries within the Kiwi Collection
- Member – this tier is for NZSG Members who are not subscribed to Kiwi Collection. They will have access to 3.6 million entries including NZSG Cemeteries Collection.
- Those that are subscribed to Kiwi will have full access to the 14 million entries and all the record source information.

The public and member access levels do not have access to the record source information.

Read about the Kiwi Collection at <https://genealogy.org.nz/Kiwi-Collection/11197/>

Kiwi Collection



GRO Records—Instant access

Good news!

GRO (England / Wales) have changed their Birth and Death images* to instant online access and, - even better, reduced the cost.

Now £2.50, compared to £7 for a PDF (the equivalent of our NZ Printout) and £11 for a certificate.

Check out the Order a Digital Image at

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/menu.asp>

* Digital Images are only available for Births 1837-1922 and Deaths 1837-1887.

Remember that if you can't find the person you want in the GRO search options, check out FreeBMD to see how it might be registered instead and try again.

Interest Groups

Irish

Meetings of the Irish Interest Group are now two-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday August 8th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

Roots Magic

At our 15th July Zoom session attendees were asked what features of RootsMagic they used most. Some of the features few had explored were also briefly mentioned.

Several newcomers / potential users were given some tips and hints to start them on their journey.

Two main places to ask for help from other users, monitored and often also answered by RootsMagic staff are the Community forum and the Facebook private RootsMagic group.

Don't forget to check out the topic videos with links from the Home page of the program and the Wiki. We all learnt something, as always.

The next of our online two-monthly **free** Roots Magic user group Zoom sessions is on **Saturday 16th September**, ie third Saturday of the month **2-4pm**. All versions covered. All welcome.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for this group 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.

DNA

Our next two monthly DNA group meeting is **Saturday 12th August**.

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 wish to be added to our mailing list for this group, use the contact form at

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

This link can also be used to request a particular topic to be covered at a meeting.

Monthly online Zoom session

Next Session - Monday 7th August at 8pm

Topic: FamilySearch continued: Making it easier for yourself finding and entering people

Your host: Lorna Henderson

Last month's overview of FamilySearch was just the tip of the huge ice-berg to whet your appetites.

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

Lorna Henderson

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 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 August 5th.**

Monthly short online session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is **Monday August 7th at 8pm.**

For details, please see page 6.

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

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Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org
Treasurer : John Miller
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 Denice Mc Carten

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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 Library use your current membership card.

Further details at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2023/02/renewals-memberships-for-the-2023-24-year/>.

Meeting registrar: Evening: Donna Bridgeman
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Audio/Visual Support:

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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 August 22nd

Rodney King
 'Preserving your history
 when you've gone'

Daytime Meeting
 Wednesday August 23rd