

Remember to check our website <http://KapitiGen.org> for additional information on events, Branch, Interest & User Groups, and any late changes.

## Editorial



**OH NO!  
I FORGOT ...  
SOMETHING ...  
... BUT WHAT ?**

Note that the next trip to the National Library is on September 17th. Contact Kathy if you wish to go (see page 2) AND don't forget to let Jenny know if you are attending the Branch Lunch with any dietary requirements Secretary "at" [KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)



In the meantime make the most of the last (hopefully) winter evenings to get that brick wall tackled.

Cheers, Sheila

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I was disappointed to hear that some members did not know about the **Free Branch Lunch on August 28th.**

That, despite it being mentioned in both the last two newsletters, in the emails attached to them and at the Branch meetings. Does this mean you do not read the newsletter?

Over to you! How do we make sure that everyone knows what's going on?

Our lunch is a 40th Birthday celebration as well as marking Family History Month. Other Branches are holding interesting research days - see page 4 for details.

It's good to see the Irish Interest Group up and running again. Thanks to Graeme Mc Verry for leading it. If you have Irish family don't miss the 'How to' this month (page 6). You can get free BDM print outs from the [irishgenealogy.ie](http://irishgenealogy.ie) site.

Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
August 27th

Michael Gaffaney  
Guild of One-Name  
Studies



Branch Lunch  
40th Birthday celebration  
Wednesday 12.30pm  
August 28th

## August Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday August 27th 7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:** Michael Gaffaney  
**'Guild of One-Name Studies'**  
Michael will discuss the activities of the Guild and the benefits of membership.

**Convenor:** Lorna Henderson

### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday August 28th Doors open 1.30pm, Meeting 2 - 4pm

**Where:** Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

**What:** Branch 40th Anniversary Lunch. Don't miss out!!! See below for details.

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

**NB. It has been brought to my attention that some members, who shall remain nameless, do not read the newsletter or the emails attached, and therefore did not know about the Branch Lunch on August 28th at 12.30pm at Waikanae Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Road, Waikanae**

The lunch will be pizza and dessert, along with tea, coffee or soft drink.

**Free to all members.** Don't miss out. Please let us know by **5pm on August 23rd**, if you are coming, for catering purposes. Contact Jenny on **Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org**

Come and meet the other Branch members you don't usually see. See you there!

**Welcome to new members** Barry Chapman and Philippa Woodcock .

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

**APFHC key.** Please note that the key to our cupboard in the APFHC is now kept at the issuing counter, not at the information desk.

**Tour of National Library - Tuesday 17 September, 10.30am**

Kathy has organised another tour of the National Library for **Tuesday 17 September at 10.30am**. To register for this tour, please email [kathycallaghan@gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) or phone 021 0452925

**Two research days to investigate in connection with Family History Month.**

Combined Greater Wellington Branches on Saturday August 24th at

Tawa Union Church, 6 Elena Place, Tawa

Palmerston North on Sunday September 8th, at The Lychway, 5 Roy St, Palmerston North

See page 4 for details.

## Bolton Street Cemetery - July meetings

Barbara Mulligan of Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery provided an interesting presentation at the Branch evening meeting in July and kindly allowed her Powerpoint demonstration to be offered to the day group the following afternoon.

Barbara, who is also involved with Karori cemetery, described herself as a taphophile, a lover of cemeteries and gravestones. She explained that the aim of her presentation was to answer the question "Can I find my ancestor at Bolton Street Cemetery?"

The cemetery was opened in 1840. However, Barbara's talk went back earlier than that, showing the plan that had been drawn up in England, with no knowledge of the rugged topography of Wellington. The original plan was for a town cemetery for everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, unlike the churchyard cemeteries of England.

This didn't last long, with separate parts for Church of England, dissenters and Jews being established by 1851. Catholics were buried at Mount Street cemetery, near Victoria University. The Church of England's sexton's cottage, which remains today, was built in 1857.

With the growth of Wellington, the cemetery became surrounded by development, and was closed for burials, except in existing family plots in 1882, with the opening of the Karori cemetery. The last burial in Bolton Street is believed to have been in 1967.

A major controversy occurred with the motorway construction starting in the 1960s. This required disinterment of about 3700 graves, and reburial in the Memorial Vault, with the relocation of memorials and gravestones throughout the cemetery. Friends of Bolton Street Inc (FOBSC) was formed in 1977.

The cemetery contains the remains of many well-known citizens of Wellington, but also ordinary people. "Unquiet Earth" published by Margaret Alington in 1978 provides a detailed history of the cemetery but has been long out-of-print. So how do you discover whether relatives are buried in the cemetery?

The FOBSC burial list at <https://boltoncemetery.org.nz/burial-list/search/> has about 10,000 names. It contains biographical information and a reference to the gravestone location, which is shown on a large grid map in the Bolton Street Cemetery Museum.

Searching the Wellington City Council cemetery search and plot locator for Bolton Street Cemetery at

<https://wellington.govt.nz/cemeteries> leads to an online map and image of the gravestone location.

The Branch will be organising a guided tour of the cemetery early in 2025.

*Graeme McVerry*



Barbara Mulligan and Denice McCarten

## AI - in genealogy

Love it or hate it, or still wondering what the fuss is about Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

Have a read of a quite comprehensive survey of the AI tools offered by the main genealogy site providers.

It can be found in a recent FamNet newsletter article by Ken Morris. It focussed on reviewing their use in our genealogy,

[https://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/August\\_2024/Newsletter.htm](https://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/August_2024/Newsletter.htm)

# Family History Month Research Days

## Palmerston North Developing Online Skills for Family History Research

**When:** Sunday 8th September  
9.30 for 10am - 4.30pm

**Where:** The Lychway, 5 Roy St, Palmerston North  
\$10 entry.

Presentations covering Scottish, English, Irish Interest Groups, NZSG (Sarah Hewitt), Family Search (Susie Tsacalis) with a range of workshops scheduled, and Help Desks available throughout the day.

For further details, see poster.

Contact [palmerstonnorth@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:palmerstonnorth@genealogy.org.nz)

**Developing Online Skills for Family History Research**

**Presentations**

- Speakers from Scottish, Irish and English Interest Groups
- Sarah Hewitt- NZSG
- Susie Tsacalis- Family Search

**Workshops**

- Enhancing Photos
- Scottish Maps Online
- Technology Tips
- British Newspaper Archive
- RootsMagic Software
- Beginners' Help
- Leeds DNA Method

**Sunday 8th September**

Expert assistance and resources available at Help Desks throughout the day

**Time:** 9.30am for 10.00am until 4.00pm

**Entry:** \$10.00

**Free Parking:** Tea and Coffee Supplied. Please bring your own lunch.

**Venue:** The Lychway, 5 Roy St, Palmerston North

Hosted by NZSG Palmerston North Branch  
[palmerstonnorth@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:palmerstonnorth@genealogy.org.nz)

The combined Greater Wellington Branches of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists present

**Family History Month 2024**

**DNA - but wait there's more...**  
Learn about the latest tools for genealogical research

**EXHIBITORS:** Scottish | Irish | English | Maori | Interest Groups | National Library | Wellington City Library | Military Medals | Wellington City Archives | Wellington region NZSG branches

**Wellington Family History Month**

**SPEAKERS:**  
Fiona Brooker, *Memories in Time*  
• Quick and Dirty DNA  
• DNA updates with GSA  
• Family History in the A.I. Era  
Luke Howison, *NZ Ancestor Search Helper*

**9.30 AM - 4.00 PM SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST, 2024**

Tawa Union Church  
6 Elena Place, Tawa  
\$5 entry fee

**RAFFLE SPONSORS:**  
New Zealand Society of Genealogists  
Te Rangapū Kaihikohiko o Aotearoa  
Legacy Family Tree Webinars  
MyHeritage  
memories in time  
ancestry

## The Combined Greater Wellington Branches DNA - but wait there's more

**When:** Saturday 24th August  
9.30 - 4pm

**Where:** Tawa Union Church, 6 Elena Place, Tawa

Guest speaker:

Fiona Brooker, *Memories in Time*  
on three aspects of DNA

Luke Howison, *NZ Ancestor Search helper*

Expert help available  
Plus Exhibitors and raffle  
Entry \$5

## NZSG News

NZSG runs regular monthly presentations, freely available to all. [New Zealand Society of Genealogists](https://www.nzsg.org.nz)  
You can join live or view later. [Te Rangapū Kaihikohiko o Aotearoa](https://www.nzsg.org.nz)



The July presentation took a look at Gale Newspapers and The National Archives' Discovery. Free access to both resources is a benefit of NZSG membership.

The July talk can be viewed at <https://genealogy.org.nz/Monthly-Presentations/11303/>

**Online DNA Interest Group (ODIG)** is another NZSG Members only benefit of belonging to the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. The monthly Teams presentation for the last Wednesday in August is "Your DNA Questions Answered" picked from a selection of questions sent in by ODIG members. Those NZSG members who already belong to ODIG will receive meeting link reminders both 2 days before, and on the day. If you wish to join ODIG, pop along to <https://genealogy.org.nz/DNA-Overview/11167/>

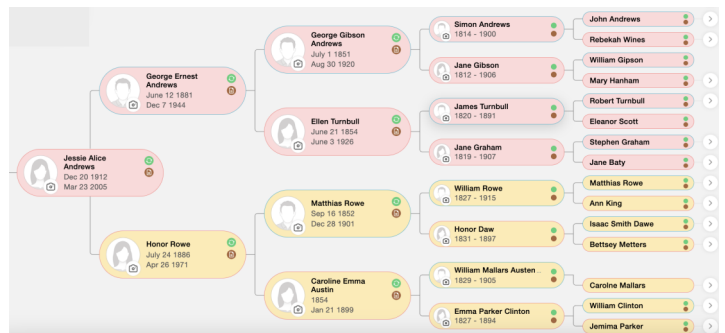
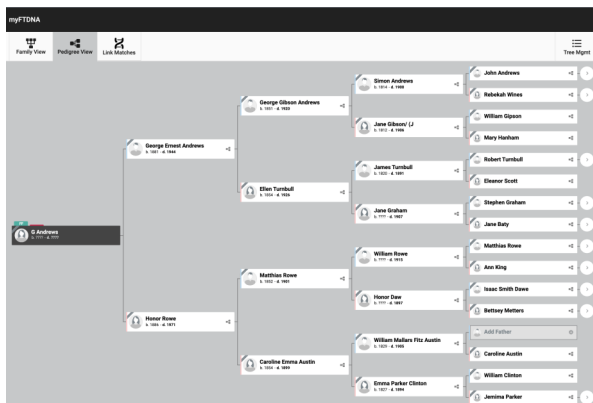
## DNA News

Don't forget, in all the fuss about Ancestry's Enhanced Shared Matches, that MyHeritage has offered this for years, along with chromosome details - which are not available at Ancestry.

Make the best of both worlds, upload your Ancestry DNA file into MyHeritage for free and pay the one-off unlock fee to access the DNA smarts. You may well tap into a whole different set of matches, given not everyone tests at Ancestry.

Since the last newsletter FTDNA has announced that they are retiring their Family Tree functionality. All trees already there and not migrated to MyHeritage will become Read Only on **9th September 2024**, going from this FTDNA Tree below -

to this - MyHeritage Tree



Do read all the ins and outs of the tree building and maintenance that can now be done, far more efficiently, on MyHeritage, and in particular all the details about the **optional** transfer of your FTDNA tree to MyHeritage without losing the DNA linkages that give you the dinky little Paternal / Maternal symbols against the matches that can be assigned to a "side".

If you do this transfer I strongly recommend that you review all your privacy settings on the tree linked to your DNA – see the MyHeritage Family Tree menu > Manage trees for the tree concerned Roberta Estes blog post and video about this: <https://dna-explained.com/2024/07/27/update-and-webinar-familyreedna-myheritage-tree-integration/> FamilyTreeDNA's announcement: <https://blog.familyreedna.com/myheritage-brings-family-tree-tools-to-familyreedna/>

### Note:

FTDNA have **not** merged with MyHeritage.

MyHeritage has no access to your DNA or matches on FTDNA. This is entirely about where you can store and maintain your DNA tree for your FTDNA tests, all types: FamilyFinder, mtDNA, yDNA.

Here's an interesting guest post on the FTDNA blog by David Vance\* showing the power of detailed research coupled with DNA.

<https://blog.familyreedna.com/case-clergymans-arms/>

\* Do read his bio at the bottom. If at all interested in learning about yDNA his book is definitely worth reading.

Lorna Henderson

## 'How to' Monthly Zoom session - September 2nd

Members only, online Zoom session, **Monday September 2nd, 8-9 pm**

**Topic:** irishgenealogy.ie

**Your host:** Graeme McVerry

A favourite website for starting Irish genealogy research - a free one-stop shop for many of the main records.



**Pre-registration required.** Link in this newsletter's covering email to members, and again in the email 'Dates for September', or see our website <https://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

## Irish Interest Group second meeting

The second meeting of the revived Irish Interest Group occurred at the APFHC at Paraparaumu Library on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

There was an attendance of ten, with all eight members from the first meeting returning and two others. One of the new attendees was a non-member who came across one of our announcements and has now joined the branch.

The discussion of new finds included one who was shipwrecked off Liverpool while crossing from Ireland, discovered in a report in the National Archives of Ireland.

One member who was about to visit Ireland asked for advice on where to visit to advance his family history research, particularly at local level. Ireland Reaching Out <https://irelandxo.com> was mentioned, with one member finding it very useful and another not having much luck. Apparently, it depends where your interest lies in Ireland. Local libraries were also found to be a good source of local knowledge.

The discussion topic for the meeting was the 'townland', a uniquely Irish land division, with a summary leaflet distributed. It was the smallest administrative unit in Ireland and vital to finding where an Irish family came from. For rural areas, it was essentially a family's address. It occurs in valuation records, in census records, as the place of residence in Civil BMD records. It is often recorded in church BMDs and is usually given on gravestone inscriptions and in wills.

The second hour was used for individuals to advance their research, with the more experienced guiding the newcomers to Irish family history. *Graeme McVerry*

## From 1994

Deborah found these articles in a 1994 NZSG magazine. Old NZSG magazines are available to NZSG members on the NZSG site.

<https://genealogy.org.nz/NZG-Digital-Magazines/>

The content information in the articles should still be correct, but access may have changed.

1994

In the same magazine p398 is an article about Regimental Description Books held at PRO Kew.

Holdings are patchy and incomplete – most relate to the Napoleonic Wars and give ages,

birthplaces and basic physical description.

*Deborah Shuker*

### Wanganui Evening Herald

8 Mar 1871

Irish emigrants in America have long been distinguished for the manner in which they save up and send money to their friends at home. Irish men and women in New Zealand, we learn from the *Freeman*, a new paper put out at Greymouth, are equally deserving of praise in this respect. During the year 1870, the large sum of £43,000 was remitted to various parts of Ireland by Irish colonists, the whole of such remittances being in small amounts. Three-fourths of the senders were women, and the money so sent was chiefly to assist and support aged parents, and to pay for passage money, in part or whole, to bring out brothers and sisters, and even more distant relations.

Sent in by *June Springer (#191)*.

## Interest Groups

### Irish Interest Group

Notes on last meeting on page 6.



**Next Meeting: Paraparaumu Library, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1:30-3:30**

**Discussion topic (with handout): Land divisions used in Irish BMDs** Registration Districts/Poor Law Unions, Civil and Roman Catholic parishes, Presbyterian congregations, townlands, and how to transfer between them.

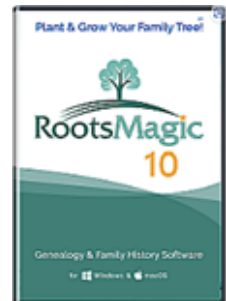
All welcome, whether new to Irish research or experienced. First-timers to the Irish group, please be prepared to provide a brief (up to one page) summary of your progress on your Irish research, to guide discussion and help that may be required.

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

*Graeme McVerry*

### RootsMagic Users Group

Our last zoom meeting was in July focussing on the improvements added in RootsMagic 10.



Read all about the additions here: <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3782>

The next 2-monthly Zoom meeting: **Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2-4pm**

These sessions are (usually) on the third Saturday of every second month Mar to Nov, from 2-4pm.

All welcome. Free to all.

The pre-registration link for the session is sent to those on our mailing list nearer the time.

To be added to our mailing list 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.

*Lorna Henderson*

### DNA Interest Group

Our August DNA User Group topics were fairly wide ranging. DNA Notes for those attending, or sending an apology, should have been received by the time you read this.

The final face-to-face DNA meeting is on **Saturday October 12th, 2-4pm.**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30pm.

All welcome. Visitors \$5 entry please.

If you're not a member of Kapiti Genealogy, why not join?

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

There will be a bonus Online session nearer the end of the year.

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

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

Reminders of the meetings are sent to those on our mailing list.



*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.

### 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 can to help.

### First Saturday in the month 1-3pm.

To book an appointment for individual assistance phone Lorna on 04 293 7771 so you can be directed to the person who can help you.

Next session **Saturday September 7th**

### 'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

Next meeting is **Monday September 2nd at 8pm.**

### Topic: Irish research

Host: Graeme McVerry

More information on **page 6**

Members only. Free. For registration use the link in email sent with last newsletter. Or you can register at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> and follow the instructions.

**Reminder** about the procedure for returning the key to the Branch cupboard containing the keyboards.

When you sign in at the issuing 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 issuing 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 Issuing 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.

Please **do not switch off** the printer.

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.

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:**  
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Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

### Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking  
Programme "at" KapitiGen.org  
 Denice Mc Carten

**Librarian:** Beverly Chappell

**Members:** Bernard McManus  
 Graeme McVerry

### Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten  
daygrp "at" KapitiGen.org

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

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Meeting registrars:** Evening: Judy Olsen

Daytime: May Redmund

### Audio/Visual Support:

Ian Brooking and Lindsay Olsen

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley

editor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Maureen Robb

**Computer/Equipment Support:** Ian Brooking

**Catering:** By roster

**Raffle:** Marion Fitchett

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Irish:** Graeme McVerry

IrishSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson

RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org

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

### 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

Coast Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,  
 Paraparaumu

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe,

286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

### Membership -

\$30 for the year 1 April to 31st March. You can use your current membership card to access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library.

**New members** always welcome. Please register first at [https://www.kapitigen.org/membership/apply\\_online/](https://www.kapitigen.org/membership/apply_online/)

**Renewals** Payment may be made to BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000. Please put your phone number in a payee field.

Further details on [http://](http://www.kapitigen.org/2024/01/renewals-membershipsfor-the-2024-25-year/)

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Branch Meetings in August  
 Evening Meeting  
 Tuesday September 24th

Christine Edney  
 Irish Research

Daytime Meeting  
 Wednesday September 25th