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Editorial



Harvest Festival time

1812-1857, who was a victim of the the Indian Mutiny in 1857. Why am I interested?

My maiden name is Coles, the family come from the Devon/Somerset area, as did Emily, and I have had trouble finding some of the branches. Janette gives several names and dates which will give me a lead.

Michael Gaffaney's talk last month attracted much interest and if you're on the trail of Irish ancestors, don't miss Christine Edney's talk next week. It's surprising where hints and ideas come from.

And then it's the end of the year. Where has it gone? What has been achieved? It's time to enjoy the harvest of new connections.

Sheila

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I have just read an article by Jeanette Grant in the latest issue of Famnet, about Emily Coles,

Meetings this month:
 Tuesday Evening
 September 24th

Christine Edney
 Research for an Irish Trip

Wednesday afternoon
 September 25th

September Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday September 24th 7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Christine Edney
Research before and while on tour in Ireland



Convenor: Graeme McVerry

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday September 25th Doors open 1.30pm, Meeting 2 - 4pm

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

What: Summary of Christine's talk, followed by your own research, help and discussion.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to new members Carol Hopkins, Angela Robertson and Ron Tustin
We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your research interests.

Christmas Raffle. Yes. It's that time of year already!

We will be having a Christmas Raffle at our **November** meeting and we would like donations from members to assist in making this a bumper raffle.

Please bring your donations to the September and October meetings. Thanks for your support.

Supper Rosters for Xmas party and evening meetings 2025

Do you enjoy your cup of tea, coffee or milo and biscuit before the start of the evening meetings? If so, why not contribute to serving the drinks and biscuits once a year? Only ten members are required to volunteer – many more attend meetings regularly.

The commitment is minimal: collecting the supper box at the previous month's meeting, coming along at 6:40pm on your rostered evening with a bottle of milk (reimbursed on the night), passing on the supper box to the next month's volunteer, and washing a few tea towels before the next meeting.

You can nominate your preferred month (fourth Tuesday evening), and avoid any months that you are unavailable. If your commitments change during the year, just give notice so that the roster can be adjusted.

The November evening meeting will as usual be our end-of-year round-up, with some form of celebratory event. It involves a special effort with catering. **A team of about half-a-dozen volunteers is required** to heat and plate the food on the night (no preparation before-hand required), and to set up the tables with food and drink.

If willing to help on either of these rosters, please email Graeme McVerry graememcv2@xtra.co.nz or see him at the September evening or day meeting.

Thank you

Graeme McVerry

GOONS

The evening meeting on 27 August had a very interesting talk from Michael Gaffaney on the Guild of One-Name Studies – otherwise known as the “GOONS”.

Michael explained that the Guild was established in England in the late 1970s. Most of its members – all volunteers - are from England, but of the approximately 2,600 members, more than 1,100 live outside the United Kingdom, with at least 60 in New Zealand. Research by members covers about 7,800 surnames, all of which can be found listed in the Guild’s website: www.one-name.org.

Michael explained that he didn’t know the reason for the name “guild”, but suspected it was a reflection of the original use of the term referring to “master craftsmen”. He stressed that the work involved was probably not for the beginning genealogist, as the aim of the Guild was to research the frequency of a name and its distribution worldwide. Studies involving the descendants of a single person do not meet the criteria, although following a name in one country or region did.

Membership of the Guild costs £18. Amongst other things, for this members get access to member-only sections of the website, a quarterly magazine, help in setting up a website, access to archived seminars, and the knowledge that the work they do will be kept by the Guild, and not lost.

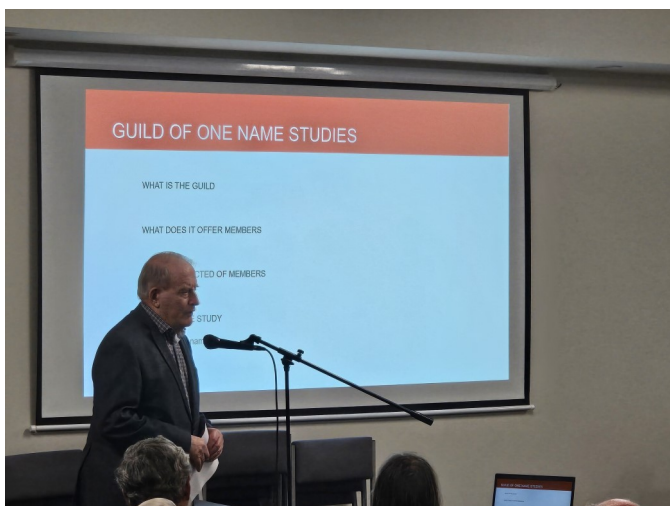
Michael illustrated his talk with the research he was conducting on the source of his own surname. He referred to the variations that can occur with names – his being a variation of Gaffney. His research showed that the name was most prevalent in County Cavan in Ireland, but spread much wider. He had started with the 1901 census, and was working backward in time. He listed an interesting number of documents he used including Griffiths Valuations, pension records, tithe defaulter lists, dog registrations, and courts and parish records.

Michael explained that at present his research was restricted to Ireland, and there was still much to do, such as looking at gravestone records.

If he ever got out of Ireland, he would look at New Zealand and Australia.

John Miller

And a PS. This brief summary does not do justice to a really interesting address. If you are curious (like me) do check out the website. I found that a lot of the names I follow are not listed (let’s face it, there would be millions of “Millers”), but I did find one of my names – with 29 variations!



Michael Gaffaney



This 10-day free online international event runs from Friday 26th September to Sunday 6th October. The placed-based research study, will feature several talks by expert speakers each day, with the overall theme of ‘Your ancestors place in history.’

For more information and to register visit www.one-place-studies.org/all-about-that-place-2024/

Oh dear, you missed it!

“Sorry, what did I miss?”

“You missed our 40th anniversary luncheon on Wednesday 28th.”

“Well, that is no big deal, is it?”



“Well, that depends. 53 of our members came – that’s a third of our membership. They enjoyed pizzas and cheese cake, and if the noise was anything to suggest, they enjoyed the company and the friendship. In fact, for over three hours it was a glorious chaos. It is true that the committee had problems sorting out the pizzas, and the volcanoes were “hot”, but everyone loved the cheese cake – particularly the ones who sneaked a second piece. “There was a serious moment – we got a preview of our new website, and maybe some of our members actually talked about genealogy, but the getting together was about us, as people. To enjoy each others’ company, and that is very definitely what we did.

So, sorry, did you miss out? Yes, you did!”

Request for information

We have received a request for help from Fiona Brooke. Email: brookefj@yahoo.com

Hi members,

I am a descendant of Robert and Elizabeth Pope Brooke, who I think lived on Kapiti Island in the late 1840s and into the 1850s. I have not been able to find any detail on their life there, other than in a published obituary for Elizabeth, in the Western Star on 28 May 1898. I would really appreciate any information that you can point me to and thank you in advance for enabling me to ask through your Newsletter.

Fiona Brooke

Research Methodology

In the **October 2024 issue of Family Tree** (accessible on Libby from the library) is an article by Phil Isherwood detailing a 6-step plan on how to break down brick walls, based on what he calls ‘Research Methodology’.

When you look at the steps he outlines they look like common sense, until you see the depth of analysis that each step involves. You get the usual: 1. Outline the problem, 2. Create a timeline, 3. Analyse the timeline. 4. Build the Case, 5. Prove the Case, 6. Close the Case. Sounds simple, doesn’t it.

BUT, How do you find the woman who married in 1894, but for whom there is no birth record?

Hard to work out, when she gives a false place of birth and several different birth dates depending on who she wanted to impress.

Do read this article. It is fascinating to follow the steps Phil Isherwood takes and his lines of reasoning.

Bedtime reading

The following link has been brought to my attention.

<https://dailyencourager.co.nz/lukes-one-stop-shop-for-family-history-research/>

It may be of interest to our members.

Lindsay Olsen

DNA News

MyHeritage has released it's next update to the Theories of Family Relativity

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2024/08/update-to-theory-of-family-relativity-5/>

Like Ancestry's ThruLines these are HINTS and need checking for reality. But MyHeritage has the advantage that it shows you the linkages that leads them to offer their theory - but these releases are only run infrequently.

Family Tree Webinars have Webtember this month, with many excellent free webinars.

Jonny Perl, the developer of DNAPainter, is demonstrating chromosome mapping on the 19th of Sept.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/practical-chromosome-mapping-gaining-insights-from-segments-of-dna/> Can't watch it live? Don't fret, all the Webtember webinars are free

until the end of the month.

WikiTree X chromosome comparison has been added to the WikiTree DNA options. It does require you, and the testers whose DNA is relevant to the WikiTree profile you are looking at, to have an account at GEDMatch.



Mystified about X chromosome matches, here's a post from the ever helpful DNA-Explained blog: <https://dna-explained.com/2023/03/28/x-chromosome-master-class/>

Lorna Henderson

Irish Interest Group

Once more the latest Kapiti Irish Interest Group meeting attracted new attendees. The attendance of ten in September was the same as in August, but three were new attendees and three previous attendees with other commitments on the day indicated their continuing interest.

The discussion was about the land divisions used in Irish BMD records – Superintendent Registrar's Districts (essentially Poor Law Unions); Civil, Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic parishes; Presbyterian congregations; and townlands.

It was demonstrated how to move between these divisions using the *Townlands Index* and Brian Mitchell's *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, with mention of several websites for performing the same tasks. It is really important to check the townland when either a civil or church record is found.

The townland is the rural address, which helps to distinguish between different families of the surname in a parish. Even within a townland, there may be families with the same surname sharing some of the Christian names.

Cousins may share first names because of Irish naming patterns, and a few Christian names are exceedingly common, for example, Patrick, John, Michael, Mary and Bridget.

A handout was provided to summarise all this information.

In the last part of the meeting, individuals used online resources to advance their Irish family history research. At least two members had new finds, one progressing from her ancestor's New Zealand death certificate to finding Irish Catholic records from the 1840s and 1850s that identified his several siblings and potential aunts and uncles.

The enthusiasm caused the research to continue well past the 3:30 nominal cut-off!



Graeme McVerry

'How to' Monthly Zoom session - October 7th, 8-9pm

Topic: Exploring Facebook options, particularly privacy and notification settings.

Your host: Lorna Henderson

Let's learn from each other how to make more of Facebook without getting too annoyed by too many emails, ads and messages. Also finding out what gems exist in both the public and private sections of the site.

Pre-registration required. Members only Zoom session.

Link in the covering email with this newsletter, (and again in the 'Dates for October' email.)

See our website if you can't find either of those <https://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

Notes from September's How to....

Graeme McVerry stood in for Lorna for September's *How To...* Zoom session.

The topic was the free irishgenealogy.ie web site, which is a good starting point for Irish family history research. It is the official Irish government website for online historic BMD records, but also contains church records for a limited number of locations (records not available online elsewhere), acts as a portal for about 20 other web sites with Irish records, and contains two excellent guides to Irish genealogy, by John Grenham and Sean J. Murphy.



Unfortunately the live website was not available that day, but the session was able to proceed using a PowerPoint about the site that Graeme had presented to the Lower North Island Irish Interest Group 2-3 years ago,

With only 12 slides the Power Point was much less comprehensive than the intended live navigation through the website. Nevertheless, the small audience of four seemed to find the introduction useful. The session concluded with one of the attendees showing a scan of an Irish civil record that he had downloaded directly from the site for free.

Read all about it - PapersPast

You can now correct the Optical Character Recognition transcripts on PapersPast.

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/help/text-corrections>

Do read all the instructions, i.e. SCROLL DOWN through the page to learn how to cope with illegible text, indicate an image and several other reminders on being faithful to the original, but also being able to include things like more usual spelling of a name whilst retaining what was printed.

You will need a free account with PapersPast. Instructions are included in the above link.

1921 Census and how it can help

There is a broadcast link in the following that explains in great detail how this census in particular can help our members who have never considered it before in their research. More experienced researchers might like to be reminded just how useful it might be to them.

<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/counting-down-to-the-1921-census/>

Access to this census on <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/1921-census> is freely available on our computers at the Paraparaumu Library.

Lindsay Olsen

Interest Groups

RootsMagic Users Group

The next 2-monthly Zoom meeting: **Saturday September 21st 2-4pm**

These sessions are (usually) on the third Saturday of every second month March to November 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



Irish Interest Group

Next Meeting: Paraparaumu Library Tuesday 8th October 1:30-3:30

Discussion topic (with handout): Griffith's Valuation

In particular, the presentation of Griffith's Valuation on the free Irish government site *AskAboutIreland* will be discussed, followed by time for assistance with Irish family history research.

All welcome, whether new to Irish research or experienced.

Graeme McVerry,

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

DNA Interest Group

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



NZSG News

Did you know that the NZ Society of Genealogists runs Genealogy Information Sessions every month?

Free online, available first Tuesday of every month 10-11am or first Friday of every month 7:30-8:30 pm.

Read all about these sessions and others, at <https://genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Courses/11359/>

Pass on the link to anyone you know anyone who may be interested.

This month's **Online DNA Interest Group (ODIG)** session is another case study, this time by Ann Ball. Ann shows how she explored an interesting DNA match.

Last Wednesday of the month, free to NZSG members, on Teams from 7:30-9pm (ish). The meeting link is sent to all registered ODIG members 2 days before, and again on the day.

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 October 5th**

'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

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

Topic: Facebook

Host: **Lorna Henderson**

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

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Catering: By roster

Raffle: Marion Fitchett

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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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Webmasters: Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558732100830>

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

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. Use your membership card to access our resources at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library.

New members always welcome. Please register first at https://www.kapitigen.org/membership/apply_online/

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 October
Evening Meeting
Tuesday October 23rd

Kathy Callaghan
NZ Forestry Co. in England
in WW2

Daytime Meeting
Wednesday October 24th