

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

Editorial



Southern lights

Has anyone actually managed to view these spectacular displays in our night sky?

Thanks to all those who responded to the calls for help for the various coming events. At our November meeting, along with all the seasonal festivities, a quiz and our “Show and Tell” should provide an interesting and enjoyable evening. Ian would like to hear from anyone who has an item or family history memory to entertain, amuse or inform us? To take part, please contact Ian at [Programme “at” KapitiGen.org](mailto:Programme@KapitiGen.org).

But don’t miss out on this month’s evening meeting. Kathy has another exciting revelation to surprise you.

On October 23rd, Palmerston North Branch has Maggie Gaffney speaking about her research on the ‘Mermaid’s voyage to New Zealand in 1863/64. Anyone with ancestors aboard will be interested. Or in the immigration link on page 2.

For those with French speaking heritage, you will be pleased to hear that MyHeritage has acquired the popular French Canadian genealogy service, MesAieux.com, founded in 2004.

There are some useful contacts and tips in this issue on pages 3, 4 and 5. If you are planning to take part in Roots Tech 25, do get the dates in your diary, March 6-8th, and check out what is available. There is so much, it will take some organisation!

The Irish Interest Group has expanded to 17, thanks to Graeme McVerry’s enthusiasm, knowledge and organisation. “Good on you, Graeme”.

Sheila

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
October 22nd

Kathy Callaghan
NZ Forestry Co in
WW2 + a family secret

Wednesday afternoon
October 23rd

October Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday October 22nd 7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Kathy Callaghan
NZ Forestry Co. in England in WW2 ...another family secret uncovered!
Don't miss this unexpected, exciting discovery in Kathy's family history.

Convenor: Bernard McManus

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday October 23rd Doors open 1.30pm, Meeting 2 - 4pm

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

What: Kathy will repeat her evening talk; followed by research and discussion

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to new members Juanita Penhey, Wayne and Rhiannon Govenlock.

Christmas Raffle. Another plug for raffle items, please.

We would like donations from members to assist in making the Christmas Raffle at our **November** meeting a bumper one this year.

Please bring your donations to the **October** meeting. Many thanks for your support.

November Meeting

Along with our Christmas raffle and the usual End-of-Year festivities we are having a **'show and tell'**.

Bring along a short family history story - about an item, an ancestor, someone else's ancestor, a felon, a highwayman, a hero, whoever interests you.... and tell us about it. It may be funny or tragic, a love story, bravery, or just an ordinary old everyday item. We'll enjoy hearing it.

The new website is up and running.

Following the successful preview at our 40th anniversary lunch, the revamped website is now LIVE, thanks to a great deal of hard work by Bernard, Ian, Jenny, and Lorna to get it up and running.

Now the committee would like everyone to try it out and give feedback. Could you find what you were looking for? Was it easy to navigate? Is there anything else that you need in our website?

The website is the 'go to' front page for anyone looking for information about us or wanting to join Kapiti Genealogy. It's really important that it fulfils that function. Please let us know what you think!!

<https://kapitigen.org/>

Interested in finding out how your ancestors came to New Zealand?

Try this link from Lindsay Olsen

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/>

[New_Zealand_Emigration_and_Immigration#Immigration_to_New_Zealand](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Zealand_Emigration_and_Immigration#Immigration_to_New_Zealand)



National Library Tour

A group of 11 headed down on the train to the National Library on September 17th - after working our way through cancelled and delayed trains because of industrial action!

The National Library is an incredible source of information relevant to family history. The staff are available to help if you need it. Some of the collections we were reminded about were:

1. The newspaper collection via microfilm. Not all newspapers are on Papers Past. They also have a subscription to the British Newspapers. Papers Past now has text correction, so you can fix any mistakes you see via OCR.

2. Music and Sound - you can listen to a huge collection of NZ artists and also an oral history collection.

3. Pictorial records, divided into geographical and people sections.

4. Maori Collection - many books on the shelves re this.

5. Electoral Rolls up to the most recent. an Habitation Index - where you can search via an address (from 1981 onwards).

6. Quick Maps - search for a property via address and see some of the history of that address

7. The Family History Collections - a huge selection of books and magazines on the shelves.

Others are searchable via their website and the original can be ordered for viewing. Genealogy volunteers are generally at the library week days 10.00am - 2.00pm and Saturdays 9.00am - 1.00pm.

8. Website: Some collections are only accessible on site. eg: Huguenot Society collections, which has numerous publications and journals. (very useful if you have Huguenot ancestors). This is password protected, so a staff member will log in for you.

9. Plus the usual subscription websites such as Ancestry, Find My Past, The Genealogist etc (which we have on our own computers at the Paraparaumu Library!).

Kathy Callaghan

DNA News

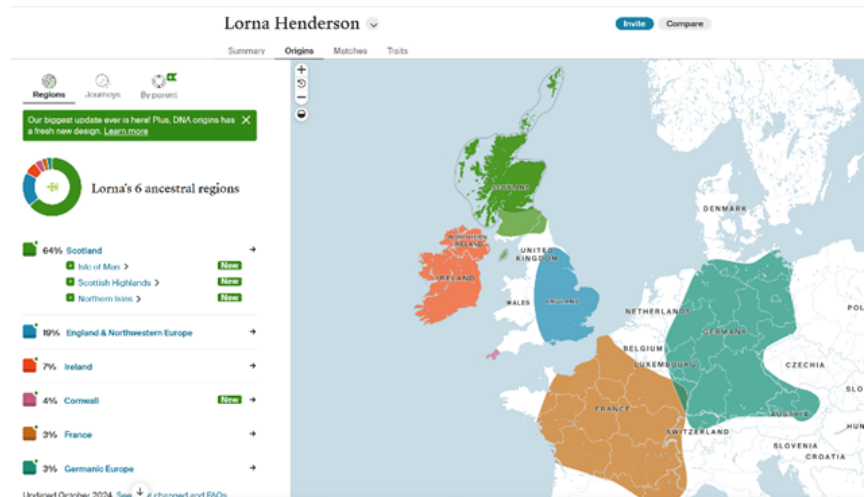
By the time you read this those tested at Ancestry should have received the updated ethnicity results, now renamed Ancestral Regions.

Do think further back than your recent timeframe genealogy research, whichever name they go under they always have used their reference panels to **estimate** general regions back many years.

An enduring puzzle for me is my apparent Irish ancestry hovering around 10-15% across all companies. It does remain allocated to my Paternal side, and the chromosome painter section labels my Irish as being on chromosomes 5, 8 and 14, which I will now bear in mind when looking at my DNAPainter chromosome maps.

Have fun exploring, read the links to help files, then explore your shared matches in greater depth for working with your closer ancestry.

Lorna Henderson



Research in Ireland - September Branch meeting

Christine Edney took us through a useful checklist of “do’s and don’ts” when preparing for a research trip such as she made to Ireland in 2017. Experience was her guide, having learned the hard way from a poorly researched trip in 2006!

Her great grandparents had come from the adjoining counties of Galway and Mayo, which did put a useful limit on the amount of travel that she had to do within Ireland, simplifying her travel plans.

One of her key bits of advice was to do thorough research beforehand, particularly now that many of the records are available online. And if you are planning to visit Family Research/Historical Centres, churches, libraries etc, do check out their opening times before planning an itinerary. Christine gave a particularly high rating to the Ireland Reaching Out website (<https://www.irelandxo.com/>), which features a Message Board to make contacts, pose questions etc. In her case, she was able to make contact with a person who was willing to guide her to a farm that had family connections, discovered through Griffiths Valuation searches. A great outcome for her.

Amongst the many resources Christine referred to in her preparation were:

- Roots Ireland (available on our computers in the Alison Procter Family History Centre)
- Ancestry trees (with the usual proviso of checking their veracity)
- Griffith’s Valuation (<https://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>)
- General Register Office records (<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>)
- South Mayo Family Research Centre (<http://www.mayoroots.com/index.html>)
- East Galway Family History Society (<https://galwayroots.com/>)
- Irish Family History Centre, Dublin (<https://www.irishfamilyhistorycentre.com/>)

Serendipity and chance were also involved to some extent. Christine was able to identify a living relative from a recent obituary that she’d received via the message board, but was unable to make contact. On arriving in the town of Westport, Co. Mayo, she made enquiries at the bed and breakfast she was staying at, and yes, they knew the person and were able to arrange for Christine to meet the family.

Another great outcome.

Ian Brooking

The Genealogist adds to Map Explorer

TheGenealogist, a UK genealogy resource on our computers at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC), has announced that with the addition of the 1841 census to their Map Explorer, they have now completed the inclusion of census records in this wonderful resource.

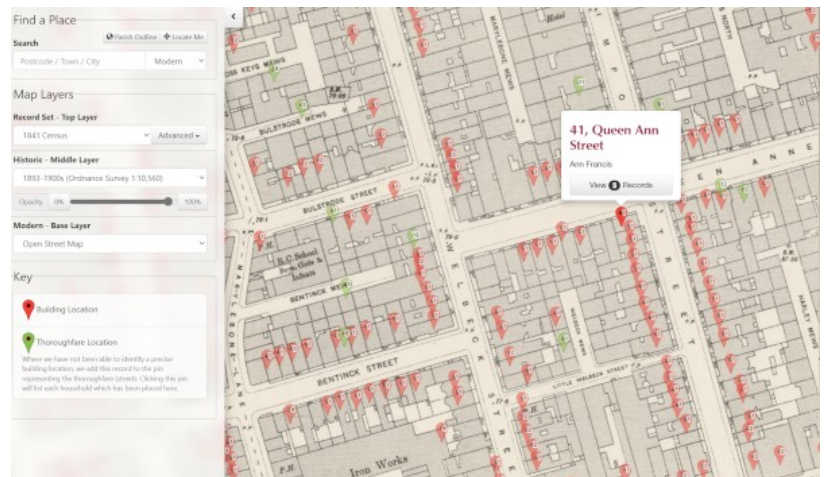
Why not check it out and see what record sets you can now visualise and search by place and resource – there’s more than that just:

England/Wales census up to 1911,
the 1939 Register;

Scottish census up to 1901;

Amongst the others are Headstone collections, their image archive and War Memorials plus yet more.

MapExplorer is great for following the occupants at an address over time in various map options and other search possibilities.



Monthly Members only 'How to' zoom session

4th November 8-9 pm

Topic: Resources for Scottish Research
Your host: Lorna Henderson



Our **final** "How to..." session for the year.
 Let's explore what resources are available online for Scottish research – yes there's more out there than the wonderful ScotlandsPeople.

Pre-registration required. Link is in the covering email to members that brought you this newsletter, and again in the email for the month's events.

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

NZSG News

The September issue of The Genealogist, with a theme of Emigration, is on the NZSG website under News and Events. To read the digital issue, beyond the index of contents, you need to have logged in to your NZSG account.

The theme for the December issue is DNA – take a look at the slideshare and tips on submissions on the NZSG website at [genealogy.org.nz/Writing-Articles/11165/](https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Writing-Articles/11165/)

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NZSG are trialling the use of forums, and have begun with a DNA specific Forum.

Members can access this by logging into their account at [the NZSG website](#)

and selecting Get involved from the menu.

Down at the bottom of the resulting list is the Members Forum link. (See diagram on left.)

The Online DNA Interest Group (ODIG) presentation this month on the 30th is by Sharyn Guthrie, with the promised Part 2 on MyHeritage. This time exploring the DNA tools menu options. All members of ODIG receive the link for the 7:30 – 9-ish Teams meeting and can view all past presentations once logged in to Google Classroom.

Check out the 9 dot menu top right on your gmail account to get to the Classroom.

ROOTS TECH 25

March 6-8th 2025

RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch, is a free online Family History Conference, open to everyone.

It's enormous and covers every level and subject. For more information, go to:

www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/

Interest Groups

DNA Interest Group

The final in person DNA meeting was last Saturday, October 12th.

But wait there is more this year: the promised annual bonus online session via Zoom.

Saturday 23rd Nov, 2pm: DNA Painter - particularly chromosome mapping. Pre-registration, required.

Free to those on our DNA mailing list, who will be sent the link nearer the time.

To join the mailing list, follow the instructions at <https://kapitigen.org/dna-special-interest-group/>

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

Lorna Henderson



RootsMagic Users Group

The final 2-monthly Zoom meeting for the year is **Saturday November 16th 2-4pm**

Theme for the meeting is **working with Places**.

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 follow the instructions at

<https://kapitigen.org/rootsmagic-special-interest-group/>

Lorna Henderson



Irish Interest Group

Next Meeting: Paraparaumu Library Tuesday 12th November 1:30-3:30

Discussion topic: Tithe Applotment records

Bernard McManus will lead the last meeting of the year, discussing Tithe Applotment records, other census substitutes about a generation earlier than Griffith's Valuation. This will be followed by time for assistance with Irish family history research.

All welcome, whether new to Irish research or experienced.

<https://kapitigen.org/irish-special-interest-group/>



The Kapiti Genealogy Irish Interest Group continues to grow. It's October meeting on Griffith's Valuation attracted 16 attendees, putting pressure on the space and chairs available in the library.

The meeting worked through a hand-out about Griffith's Valuation, the most important substitute for Ireland's missing 19th century censuses.

The Valuation has several deficiencies as a substitute for census records. It was not recorded at a moment in time, but over the period of 1847 to 1864. The valuations are land records, prepared to allow a uniform basis across Ireland for levying rates.

It listed only the occupier with no indication of the rest of the household.

The valuation began during the Famine years and continued through its aftermath, so was at a time when the population was changing rapidly, through deaths and migration.

A brief description was given of using Griffith's Valuation on the free website www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation, covering all of Ireland, followed by a demonstration of finding ancestors on the website, pulling up the valuation page for their holding, learning about the information provided, and then identifying the holding and its buildings on the 6" to the mile Ordnance Survey map of the time, with a modern map and satellite imagery able to be overlaid.

Others took the opportunity of using the APFHC computers to advance their Irish family history search. Everyone was so absorbed in their learning or research that it was 4 o'clock before the session finished.

Graeme McVerry

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.

If you can help, please go to the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library on a Wednesday morning and speak to the person volunteering.

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 November 2nd**

'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

Next meeting is **Monday November 4th at 8pm.**

Topic: Resources for Scottish Research

Host: **Lorna Henderson**

More information on **page 5**

Members only. Free.

Publicity

For flyers of our events, along with other local special events, check out our Facebook page.

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

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.





Branch Officers

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Treasurer : John Miller
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Librarian: Beverley Chappell

Members: Bernard McManus
 Graeme McVerry

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Computer/Equipment Support: Ian Brooking

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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.

For further details please visit our membership page <https://kapitigen.org/membership-2/>

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

Branch Meetings in
 November
 Evening Meeting
 Tuesday November 26th

End-of-Year Celebration
 Quiz & Show and Tell

Daytime Meeting
 Wednesday November 27th