

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

## Editorial



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025.

I hope everyone enjoyed a break over the festive season and is now looking forward to some summer weather.

This year starts with a great opportunity to catch up with the changes in Family Search. There are so many ways you can find information from this comprehensive site so don't miss Catherine and Eric's expertise.

I hope you didn't overlook the list of missing library books in the November newsletter, particularly if you have one lurking somewhere. Please return it so others can have the use of it.

I am hoping that some of the promised contributions to the newsletter will start appearing, now we have a new year. Lorna has come up trumps (no political pun intended) for this one, so.....

It's getting to overseas travel time. Is anyone going family history hunting, or even grave digging? When I look at the articles in other Branch newsletters, I wonder whether our members have any ancestors?

Finally, I'd like to add my personal thanks to the memory of Frances Braddick (see page 3).

She was my 'buddy' when I first joined Kapiti Genealogy. I learnt so much from her approach to research and enthusiasm.

Thanks to all those who volunteer to be 'buddies' to new members. You can make or break a person's family history journey.

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Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
January 28th

'Family Search'  
Catherine and Eric Rich

Wednesday afternoon  
January 29th

## Branch Meetings for January 2025

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday January 28th

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

**Where:** Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:**

**Catherine and Eric Ruth  
'Family Search'**

Catherine and Eric will provide an expert overview of  
the Family Search tree and the records that support it.



**Convenor:** Denice McCarten

### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday January 29th

Doors open 1.30pm, Meeting 2 - 4pm

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

**What:**

**'Family Search'**

**Review of the evening meeting,** followed by discussion and research.

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

### Welcome to the first meetings of 2025.

**Do not miss the Family Search overview by Catherine and Eric Rich.**

Family Search has made numerous changes and improvements over the past year. It is so worthwhile to keep up to date.

**Welcome to our first new members for 2025:** Angela Hobden, Roselee Thurston and Ariu Semo.

Do make yourselves known to us and take advantage of the great facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre in Paraparaumu Library, Come to one of the research sessions. See page 7 for details.

### Membership:

Our financial year ends **31st March**. To stagger the rush for renewals the membership secretary appreciates anyone who re-joins ahead of time.

Payment may be made to BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000 with your membership number and/or phone number in the payee fields. The new financial year cards will be processed in batches.

Rest assured your current card remains valid.

Encourage any interested non-members to join now. They will receive January –March free and become members for the 2025/2026 financial year.

See <https://kapitigen.org/membership-2/> for the more membership details and the online form.

### RootsTech schedule now out

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/schedule>

Have you registered yet? Free. Have a read of Roberta Estes unfailingly helpful post about the conference:

<https://dna-explained.com/2025/01/16/register-for-rootstech-2025-now/>

## Frances Braddick 1941-2025

Members will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Frances Braddick, who until her illness, was a popular speaker at our evening meetings.

Frances started her genealogy journey in the early 1990s and joined Kapiti Genealogy about 18 years ago. As a teacher and with her research experience we were delighted to take advantage of her many skills, warmly offered.

Frances became a Committee member in several different roles, and volunteered at the weekly open-to-the-public research sessions held at our Alison Proctor Family History Centre in Paraparaumu.

Her annual visit to family in Denmark during the Northern hemisphere summer was always followed by family history research in Devon and once or twice in Ireland.

Several evening meetings had the benefit of hearing her informative and amusing experiences while meeting distant relatives. She used the mapping facilities of 'The Genealogist', one of our sites at the APFHC, to show the movements of family members and how land ownership changed.

Thank you, Frances, for your considerable contribution. You will be missed.

## NZSG News

Do you follow the NZ Society of Genealogist's Facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/NZSGFRC>

If not you may have missed another open to view video in the Getting it Right series. This one is on Other People's trees; Read more or watch the video at

<https://genealogy.org.nz/Other-Peoples-Trees/11266/>

**Online DNA Interest Group**, free to NZSG Members.

For those NZSG Members also registered with, the Online DNA Interest Group (ODIG) the next presentation is on **February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**.

Topic: "WikiTree and DNA" by Alan Cobcroft. As usual members of ODIG will receive reminders on both Monday and Wednesday with the link to attend. Shortly after the presentation it will be available in the Google Classroom under Classwork > recorded monthly meetings.

If interested in joining in, and not an NZSG member, go to

<https://genealogy.org.nz/DNA-Overview/11167/>

## Updates: 1921 Census and The Genealogist

You now have the choice of where to look for your relatives in the **1921 Census** for England and Wales on our computers at the APFHC (our corner of the Paraparaumu Library).

Previously only available on FindMyPast, Ancestry now also includes these records, having added them on January 7th .

### The Genealogist update

The Genealogist reports that they have added 39 directories spanning 1935-40. This site is on our computers at the APFHC and adds 6 million individuals and businesses to their resources. All from around the start of the Second World War.

You may also be interested in their blog article about Gerald Durrell on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday,

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2025/gerald-durrell-his-family-and-other-animals--7950/>

## What will you find in the paper?

Amazing what you can find when you search newspapers to put "flesh on the bones".

As FindMyPast's British Library Newspaper Archive highlights your search term, I started in the 2nd column of this article, where Austin Sinton, my relative, was highlighted from my search.

So why on earth was it so newsworthy that someone had passed a driving test by driving carefully through city traffic and onto a motorway and taken 2 hours to do so?

Read the attached to find out the context!

Lorna



## Family Tree, 2025 - plus

For those that haven't yet learnt that you can read the latest issue of Family Tree on the "Libby" app. available with your library card, the January and February issues are now accessible.

The January Issue contains a good variety of articles; one about the Channel Islands FHS, with websites and contacts of interest. is followed by an article on tackling brick walls, based on place and time of the event to put the block into context.

Genealogist, Alison Spring, aka the Frugal Family Historian, gives an excellent run down on 'Free Family History Software.

In the February Issue, Dr. Sophie Kay writes the first of a two-part series on 'Finding your way with Historical maps.'

However, If you are Interested in **medical treatments** of the past? Cambridge University has digitized one of the largest surviving sets of medical records in history. It comes from the records of the astrologers Simon Forman and Richard Napier back in the decades around 1600. The Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) adds: "It's a very name-rich database and searching names of interest shows a lot of useful if inconsistent genealogical information.

Names, places, ages, maybe marital status, spouses - <https://casebooks.lib.cam.ac.uk/>"

## 'How to' Monthly Zoom session for Members

The first of our Members Only, one-hour, Zoom sessions for the year is on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 8-9pm.**

**Topic.** We'll begin the year with a FamilySearch Q&A session to follow up on our January speakers on FamilySearch.

Pre-registration required. The link has been sent with the covering email to the January newsletter.

<https://kapitigen.org/online-how-to/>

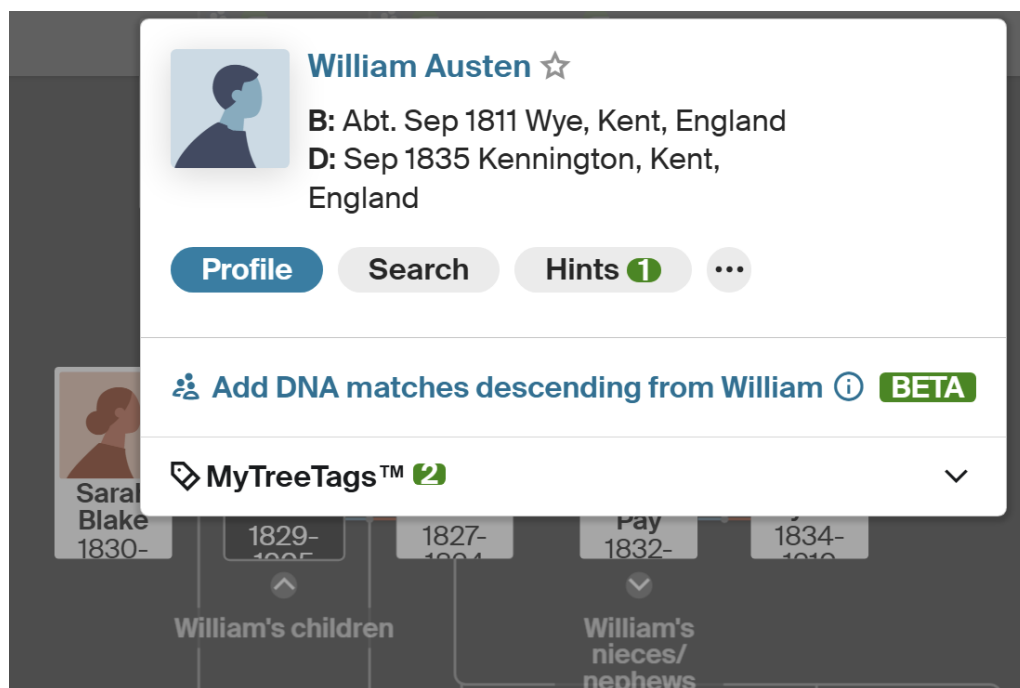
## DNA News

I wonder what announcements the DNA companies will make at the upcoming RootsTech conference at the beginning of March?

I'm hoping for the beginning of the roll out of FamilyTreeDNA's new mitoTree and associated Discover tools, even though I don't expect it to provide great breakthroughs for me as yet. One day I'll find mtDNA candidates to check against our sides' representatives for assorted brickwalls.

Ancestry is Beta testing some changes to ThruLines where you can more quickly see whether or not any of your ThruLine HINTS might already be connected in your tree. So if you do try to connect matches into your tree, AND have a suitable subscription beyond the basic DNA: in Tree view, select the ancestor to see the "Add DNA matches descendant from x" link, which shows two options. Add to tree or Already in tree.

All hints need evaluating and checking. Not that any of us has time, or inclination, to add all our DNA matches to our trees online.



For those interested in how Ancestry determines what is, or is not likely to be, a DNA match they have published a new White Paper about how they determine your DNA matches and their matches, along with the likely relationships.

<https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2025/01/2025matchingwhitepaper.pdf>

Lorna Henderson

## Interest Groups

### DNA Interest Group

Our in-person two-monthly DNA sessions resume on **Saturday February 8th, 2-4pm** at the **Waikanae Baptist Church Cafeteria**, doors open 1:30pm.

Free for Kapiti Genealogy members. Visitors welcome, \$5.

Not a member, why not join? Those joining between now and 31 March receive those months free. <https://kapitigen.org/membership-2/>

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

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for the DNA group reminders, please check out our DNA interest group page: <https://kapitigen.org/dna-special-interest-group/>

Lorna Henderson



### Irish Interest Group

**Next Meeting: Paraparaumu Library Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1:30-3:30**  
**Discussion topic: Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of Ireland**



Welcome to a new year of Irish family history research!

The first meeting of 2025 will start with a discussion of Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of Ireland, which provides pre-Famine descriptions at county and town and parish levels.

This will be followed by time for assistance with Irish family history research, using either the library terminals linked to several subscription sites or accessing a range of free Irish sites from your own laptop.

All welcome, whether new to Irish research or experienced.

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

Graeme McVerry

### RootsMagic Users Group

Our 2-monthly Zoom meetings are for any interested in exploring how this genealogy software can help you keep track of your research.

The meetings for this year will begin again on the **Saturday March 15th, 2-4pm** (ie. Third Saturday of the month). Theme for the meeting yet to be announced.

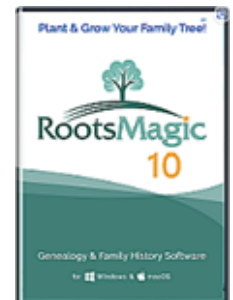
All welcome. Free to all.

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 see our

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

Lorna Henderson



## The Townland Atlas of Ulster by Andrew Kane

This publication maps all 16,000 townlands in the 9 counties of Ulster and the administrative units of church and state into which they have been organised. In an attractive and easily understood layout, these units are shown in the context of land ownership in the 17th century, a pattern clearly recognisable until a century ago when the Land Purchase Acts broke up the estates and facilitated tenant farmers buying their own land. By using the maps and index, family and local historians can easily grasp the essentials of our ancestors' lives – where they worked, paid their rent, went to church and market, etc.

It can be purchased here: <https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com/shop/products/townland-atlas>

## 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 always needed, please.

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

**These sessions restarted on  
January 15th 2025.**

**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 best person who can help you.

Next session **Saturday February 1st 2025**

**'How to' Monthly short Zoom session**

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

Next meeting is **Monday February 3rd 2025,  
8-9pm.**

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

**Convener:** On rotation  
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**Treasurer :** John Miller  
Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

## Branch responsibilities

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**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell  
**Members:** Bernard McManus  
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**Daytime co-ordinator:**  
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 Daytime: May Redmund  
**Audio/Visual Support:**  
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## 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 joining January-March 2025 are automatically financial for the 2025/26 year. For further details please visit our membership page <https://kapitigen.org/membership-2/>

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**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan  
**Publicity:** Maureen Robb

**Computer/Equipment Support:** Ian Brooking  
**Catering:** By roster  
**Raffle:** Marion Fitchett

## Interest Group Facilitators:

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson  
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**Website:** <https://kapitigen.org>  
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**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558732100830>

## 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

February Branch Meetings  
 Evening Meeting  
 Tuesday February 25th

Bill Jorgensen  
 Italian Family Research

Daytime Meeting  
 Wednesday February 24th