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**Branch meetings** 3rd  
Tuesday of each  
month - February  
through to November  
at 7.30pm.  
**Venue: Beavertown  
Hall, Brayshaw Heri-  
tage Park**  
Arthur Baker Place  
(off New Renwick  
Road)

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**TONIGHT**

Alan Harris will speak about and show special editions and early copies of

**The Marlborough Express**



from his collection.  
(Alan worked for 'the paper'  
for 43 years.)

**From your  
Convenor**

**October 2011**



Dear Members,

Convenor's Report October 2011

I have been looking closely at digital photography lately, and particularly at the possibilities of using the metadata component of jpg and tiff formats to record picture information. Metadata is the word used to describe textual fields that are part of the construction of these formats. The data there is not normally viewable but a number of programs such as Photoshop allow these to be viewed.

Modern cameras embed camera settings and date/time (and some include location information from GPS). Additionally, professional photographers add IPTC data (Google it!) such as captions, headers and ownership information (such as photographer name and copyright information).

I am particularly interested in the embedded captions field as it is the digital equivalent of writing on the back of the photo as I have found that the computer program that I use to view my photos automatically displays this caption text.

I would be interested to hear from anyone who is using the metadata fields to record genealogical information on digital photos.

Kind regards,

Don Henry  
Convenor

**November 15**

This will be our Christmas programme and our final meeting for 2011

*Please bring a plate for a Christmas supper*



**2012**

**February 14**

We are planning an outing for this our first meeting for the year. Further details to come



**PROPOSED VISIT TO NELSON—See Page 2**

**K** eep these dates free and join your fellow Genealogists for the interesting programmes planned for the months ahead.

**Blenheim Branch Committee**

**Convener:** Don Henry  
**Secretary:** Katrina Harris  
**Treasurer:** Stuart Kennington  
**Committee:**  
**Librarian:** Terry Gardiner  
**Newsletter Editor:** Alan Harris

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**TOP OF THE SOUTH REGIONAL MEETING**

Members of the Blenheim Committee will be attending an NZSG Regional Meeting on Saturday November 5, 2011.  
Graeme Constable, NZSG Councillor and Councillor assigned representative responsibilities for NZSG Branches in the Top of the South (Island), will be in attendance .  
It will be held at the Nick Smith, National Party Nelson Office, corner Waimea / Quarantine Roads, Annesbrook, Nelson. Commencing at 2pm.

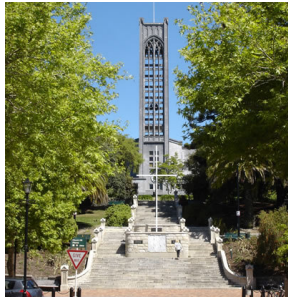
**From NZSG KIT September 2011  
Badges**

There have been requests from some of our members on where they can buy badges displaying their names and membership numbers.



We are please to announce that anyone who

wishes to get a name badge can now ORDER one ONLINE. Simply visit the NZSG website and click on the Shop tab and follow the steps. Badges will be sold for \$15 including postage and GST.



**Proposed Trip  
to Nelson**

Blenheim NZSG proposed day trip to Nelson  
January – March 2012

Please fill this in and return as expression of interest regarding this trip.

I/we would be interested in joining this trip.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to visit

Nelson Archives

Broadgreen

Nelson Museum

The Attic –Nelson NZSG rooms

Cemeteries  name \_\_\_\_\_

We plan to carpool.

I can take .... passengers

I would like a ride for .... people

Return this form to Katrina Harris

34 Gilbert St

Or email details to akharris@clear.net.nz

**Please Respond by November 6.**



**Branch Library & Rooms**

**Beavertown Hall, Brayshaw Heritage Park**  
Arthur Baker Place (off New Renwick Road,  
Blenheim)

**Hours**

**Except for December & January** our facilities at Beavertown are open to the public as below:

Day of month	Time period	Duty member	phone
1st Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222
1st Sunday	2 to 4pm	Don Henry	5791987
2nd Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222
2nd Wednesday	9 - 11.30 am	Ilona Alloway	5784658
3rd Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222
3rd Thursday	2 to 4pm	Christine Koppert	5783408
3rd Sunday	2 to 4pm	Don Henry	5791987
4th Tuesday	3 to 5pm	Terry Gardiner	5785222

*The Library may be available by appointment outside these hours.*

**Inquiries to:**

**Terry Gardiner** Librarian phone 578 5222  
**Lauri Ashwell** phone 578 8385 during daytime.



## LIBRARY NOTES

Terry Gardiner,  
Librarian

I have managed to put the last of the donated books on the shelves and they are ready for borrowing.



### More books

There is a lady who has just moved from Christchurch to Oamaru who has offered us a dozen local (Marlborough) history books on various organisations—mainly in the Spring Creek area. Her father, Rev B Loveridge was vicar of St Luke's Spring Creek in the 1970s. We will welcome them with open arms. They will be a worthwhile addition to the Library.

### Using fiche readers...

It is very important when using the fiche readers that when you take a fiche out of the drawer you use a marker—thus ensuring that they go back in the correct place.. Also please check that you haven't left the last fiche you used in the reader.

### Portable reader available

Remember if you borrow a fiche from the NZSG office in Auckland that we have a portable reader that you can borrow to use at home. Do remember however to only move the reader when the bulb is cold—as if it is moved when the bulb is still warm it tends to 'blow'.



## NEW OFFICE MANAGER



**Janeke Fourie** is the new Office Manager at **NZSG** in Auckland. She says "*As you will note from my names, I am from South Africa (please don't hold it against me!) and I decided to move to New Zealand to explore my adventurous side and have been loving every minute of it!* Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any

questions or even just for a chat, I am only a phone call away! I look forward to meeting some or even all of you in the months to come and hope that I will do each and every one of you proud as the new Office Manager.

Stories and information in this publication are sourced from various publications and the Internet. While every care is taken, their accuracy can only be as good as the information supplied/available—*Editor*



## Marlborough Historical Society EVENTS and PRESENTATIONS



*Please note that seating for these events is limited—so if you are intending to be present please book your seat by ringing 578 1712*

**SUNDAY November 6—2pm Early Marlborough Churches and Hotels**—Belinda Vavasour with Archives volunteers and John Orchard  
**WEDNESDAY November 16—12 noon Potluck Lunch** for Members and Volunteers, Committee and staff

### Pioneer Arrivals: 1840s to 1860

*Exhibition runs to Dec 2011*

### LAST FEW WEEKS

A major exhibition that focuses on early immigrants to Marlborough. Including a re-creation of ship life, with replica cabins, delightful artefacts from the collection, photos of early Marlborough founders, and exquisite dresses. Don't miss seeing this great exhibition.



*Catholic Cathedral damaged in Christchurch earthquakes*

## CATHOLIC ARCHIVES - A LIGHT IN THE DISTANCE?

"We all grieve for what the earthquakes did to our loved Cathedral, but added to that pain which we all experience, for us who are part of the Archive Group, or have an interest in the Archives, there is an added sense of loss, of desolation, when we look up at the façade from Barbados Street and see a gaping space that was formerly the archives. We see a door which now opens to nowhere; we see the ceiling light still suspended and moving in the wind; and, sadder still, we see the shelving tilted and empty of files.] Fortunately,

all the files and boxes of correspondence, all the photos, in fact all the papers stored in the archives were boxed and moved after the first quake in September. The Diocese has leased a building in Washington Way (behind the old Railway Station) and there, in the meantime, all the contents of the archives rest in complete disarray."  
*Kevin Clark*

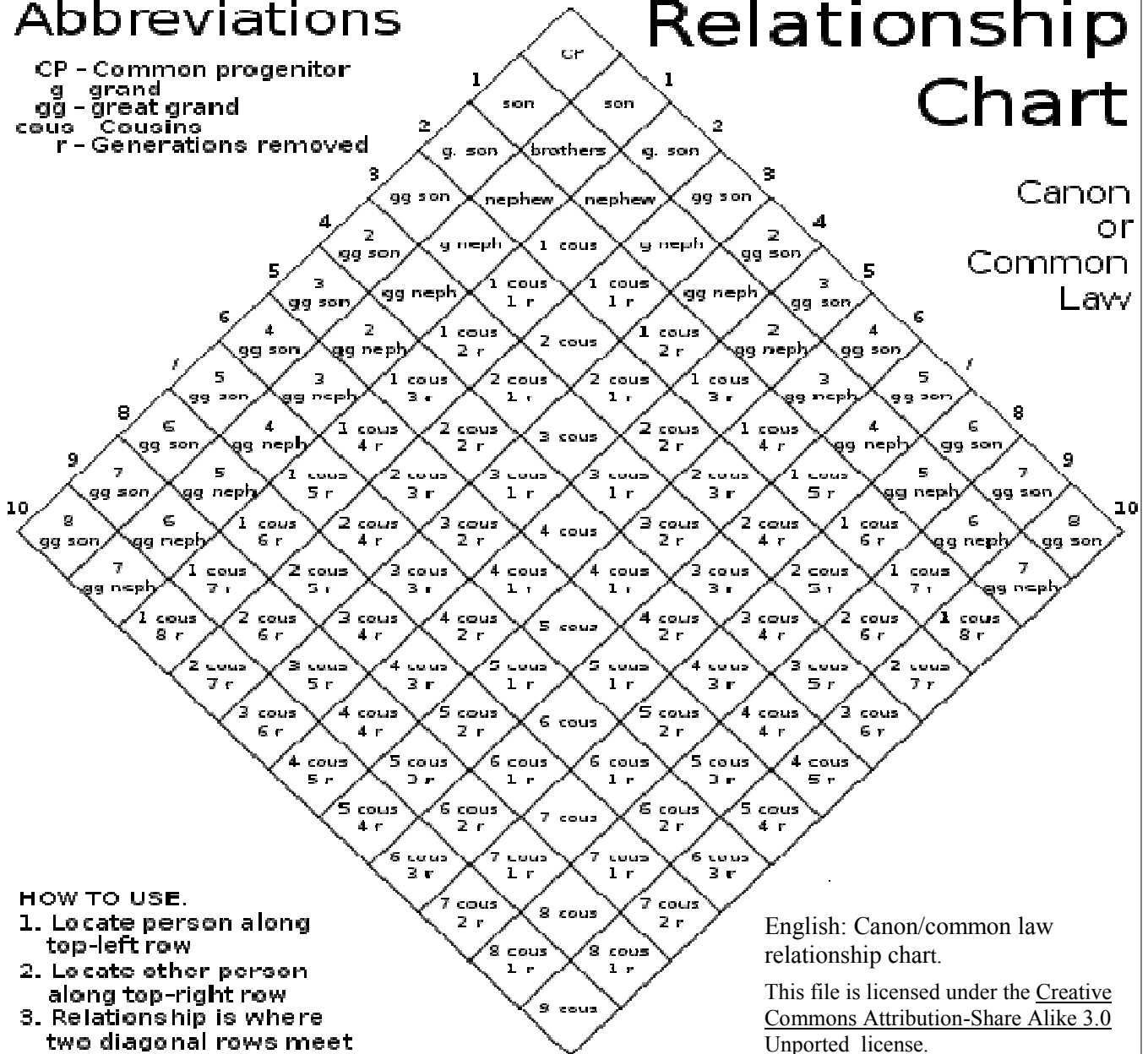
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# Abbreviations

- CP - Common progenitor
- g grand
- gg - great grand
- cous Cousins
- r - Generations removed

# Relationship Chart

Canon  
or  
Common  
Law



- HOW TO USE.**
1. Locate person along top-left row
  2. Locate other person along top-right row
  3. Relationship is where two diagonal rows meet

English: Canon/common law relationship chart.  
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 From <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

## CALCULATING RELATIONSHIPS - A Mathematical Method

Here's a very simple way to work out how you're related to any cousin, living or not:

- (1) Identify on your family tree the point at which your lines diverge - there will be an ancestor or a pair of ancestor who you both share.
  - (2) Count the number of generations from the common ancestor to yourself, and do the same for your cousin. The answer may or may not be the same.
  - (3) If you get the same answer for both cousins simply subtract one. For example, if there are 4 generations then you are 3rd cousins.
  - (4) If you get different answers subtract one from the smaller answer. Thus if the answers are 4 and 2 you are 1st cousins.
- The difference between the two answers tells you how many times removed you are, i.e. if the answers are 4 and 2 you are 1st cousins twice removed.

(6) If one of the answers was 1, then this is a special case. You're not cousins but aunt or uncle and nephew or niece. In this case take the difference between the answers and subtract 1 - this tells you how many "greats" you need to add. For example, if the answers are 4 and 1 then the relationships are great-great aunt (or uncle) and great-great nephew (or niece).

**Tip:** you can work out who your common ancestor is by doing this in reverse. For example, suppose that you and your relative are 5th cousins 3 times removed - in this case the common ancestor is the great-great-great-great (i.e. 4G) grandparent of one of you and the 7G grandparent of the other. How did I work that out so quickly? Simple - the first figure is 5 minus 1, and the second is (5 plus 3) minus 1. (From the Hutt Valley October 2011 newsletter and the Internet)