



New Zealand Society of Genealogists NELSON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

November 2012

The NEW Attic



Our monthly meetings are at Smith's Hall, corner Waimea and Quarantine roads, Annesbrook.
Every 4th Monday of the month. February to November. 7.30pm,
Door charge GOLD COIN DONATION.
ADDRESS: NZSG Nelson Branch, P O Box 1879, NELSON 7140

Our next meeting: Sunday 25th November Visit to Motueka Museum High Street Motueka at 11pm. To be followed by lunch at Community House Decks Reserve and visit to Pioneer Cemetery Motueka.

The 2012/2013 NZSG Nelson Branch committee: Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions:-

Convener	Pete GILLIN	Phone: 03 548 8195	nelsonbranch_nzsg@hotmail.com
Secretary	Vacant		
Treasurer/Newsletter	Barbara WELLS	03 540 2741	pb-mthope@xtra.co.nz
Committee -Library	Cheryl CARNAHAN	03 544 7684	carnahan@kinect.co.nz
Projects	Cynthia STRATFORD	03 544 6647	cyncas@ts.co.nz
	John BETHWAITE	03 547 6634	j.bethwaite@xtra.co.nz
	Judith Fitchett	03 548 8819	fitchett@ts.co.nz

From the convenor,

.Hello everyone,

Our Nelson Branch 2012 genealogy programme is almost complete. There is just the Motueka Museum visit on Sunday 25 November left on our calendar to complete the year. I do hope members have the Museum visit in mind and we see lots of people there on the 25th! Just a reminder to everyone - the Museum visit is our regular activity for November; it replaces the General Meeting which ordinarily would have been on the following day, Monday 26 November 2012. Therefore, do not go to the National Party Hall on Monday 26 November - **there is no meeting there that night!!** The Committee are putting together the 2013 Meeting Programme - we have tentative arrangements in place for the first meetings of 2013 but still have guest speaker vacancies to fill the year. If members have any suggestions for either possible guest speakers or meeting topics the Committee will be pleased to receive your input! In the meantime, I'll see you all at the Motueka Museum on the 25th!

Regards

Pete.

Ancestors Attic, Sunday Duty Roster

25th Nov **CLOSED**
 2nd Dec Barbara Wells
 9th Dec Judith Fitchett
 16th Dec Pete Gillin
 23rd Dec **CLOSED**
 30th Dec & 6th Jan **CLOSED**

The Attic Library will be closed from Thursday 20 Dec until Thursday 10 January inclusive. Reopen 13 Jan 2013
 13th Jan Judith Fitchett
 20th Jan Pete Gillin
 27th Jan Sandra Marris
 3rd Feb Barbara Wells

NZSG NELSON BRANCH CHRISTMAS MEETING SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2012



11am - Meet at Motueka Museum on High Street for tour and browse with Coralie Smith.

1pm - Motueka Community Centre - Christmas picnic lunch provided by NZSG Nelson committee

2pm - Tour of Pioneer Cemetery with Coralie Smith. Finish 3.15pm



Cost - Usual gold coin donation

You may wish to do just part of the day with us and that's fine. We look forward to you joining us at any of the above times.

Judith is organising a car pool transport. So if you would like a ride (\$5 to driver) or have seats available please contact her on 5488819 or email fitchett@ts.co.nz.

So far Judith, Dennis, Kevin and John Bethwaite are taking empty cars.

Please RSVP for catering and transport to Judith by Friday 23 November 2012

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions October 2012

GenCom News Vol 20 No 2 Mar-11 magazine, loan, bookcase 05

GenCom News Vol 20 No 3 Jun-11 magazine, bookcase 05

GenCom News Vol 20 No4 Sep-11 magazine, bookcase 05

GenCom News Vol 21 No 1 Dec-11 magazine, bookcase 05

High School Takaka, Reunion 2012 ISBN 0-9582160-6-1, by Pat Timings, book, 1861-2012, Classification NZ.TAS.SCH.TAKAKA Bookcase 11 loan.

Family History of Edward and Sarah James, Thomas and Sarah Roil and their descendants. Primary family James, Roil, area Golden Bay, by Palmer Gwentyth reprint by Copy Press Classification NZ.FH.JAMES, ROIL Bkcase 02 loan



The Hampden Company of Girl Guides

Recently Cheryl was given a copy of a photo of the Hampden Company Girl Guides. She estimates the photo was taken between 1920-1930. If anyone is interested in looking it will be at the Attic in bookcase 02 under **NZ.NLN.ORG.GUIDES**

Back Row L-R. Marjorie Giles [K], Eva Hurst, Audrey Houliker, Beth Sutherland [K], Betty Wright [K], Ena Stanton, Molly Stokes.

Middle Row L-R. Freda Gubb [with our standard], Dorothy Nash [K], Jessie Cameron [K], Alice Bush, Eileen Kirby, Joyce Betts, Ethena Walker, Dorothy Christall, Isabel Wallace, Jane Marshall [K], [with flag].

Front Row L-R. Marian Hurst, Winifred Wallace, Marjorie Black, Mrs Milner [Moncrieff Shield], Miss Doris Betts [Jellicoe Shield], Phyllis Burton, Betty Stokes.

[K] = From the Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute, Mount Street, Nelson.

REMINDER Unpaid 2012 - 2013 Subscriptions

There are still a lot of unpaid subscription renewals. The Committee would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

The Branch's year runs from the 1 October to 30 September and subscriptions for the 2012 - 2013 year were due by the end of October. Subscription renewal forms have been e-mailed to everyone on the newsletter e-mailing list and for those of you who are not they were included with the September newsletter.

There is an option for you to pay by internet banking included on the form. If you do this can you please make sure you include your name so that your payment is correctly identified and if you have any changes to your details i.e. address or e-mail address can you please e-mail me and let me know on pb-mthope@xtra.co.nz

Thank you to those who have already renewed their subscriptions - Barbara Wells Treasurer

Nelson Provincial Museum Research hours

The Nelson Provincial Museum Research Facility Christmas holiday closure dates are:

Last public day: Friday 14 December 2012

First public day: Tuesday 15 January 2013

The Research Facility's usual hours are Tuesday to Friday, 12.30 - 4.30pm, by appointment.

World War 1 Photos in Te Papa

Te Papa is seeking help in identifying approx 100 photos of un-named soldiers who fought in WW1.

See <http://collections.tepapa.govt.nz/Theme.aspx?irn=3780#RelatedObjects>

World War I soldiers - about 100 of them - were photographed as they were about to depart New Zealand to fight in the war.

Now all we have of them is that photograph, and a surname. But who were they? What happened to them in the war? Do they have descendants still alive?

We want to discover the identity of these men, and of the loved ones photographed with them.

The Methodist Archives in Christchurch

The Methodist Archives in Christchurch are hoping to re-open in January 2013. Until then only written enquiries can be answered if they relate to those which are accessible. The archivist will personally reply to all emails received and advise of alternative sources if applicable. Information about re-opening will be posted on the Website: < www.methodist.org.nz > The email is <Archives@methodist.org.nz > Some Methodist Church publications, newspapers, photographs can be found at National Library <www.natlib.govt.nz>

Hocken Collections <www.library.otago.ac.nz/libs/hocken>
John Kinder Theological Library <www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz>
Dunedin City Library <www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz> The History of Methodism in New Zealand by William Morley pub.1900 can be seen at NPM library also on line <www.archive.org/details/historymethodis00morlgoog> (Google Books) - Jean Coulthard

Website Updates

- **The National Archives** have:

- o Nearly doubled their Warwickshire entries on the Manorial Documents Register

- o Added Podcasts:

- Remembering Samuel Coleridge Taylor; African British musician and pan-Africanist
- Philip Henslowe, Edward Alleyn and the invention of London theatre in the age of Shakespeare
- Keeping it in the family: professional dynasties in 19th century England
- Tracing marriages; legal requirements and actual practice, 1700-1836 o added the educational resource Thirties Britain; the depressed decade?

- o Released MI5 material from the early part of the Cold War, including Guy Liddell's diaries - free to download for one month. There is an accompanying podcast.

- **Ireland's National Archives** have added the wills (from pocket service books) of 9,000 soldiers who fought in the British Army in World War I.

- **MilitaryArchives.ie** are placing Ireland's Army Council census of 12th November 1922 online next week.

- **FindMyPast** have

- o Added:

- Its international records to its UK site
- St Dunstan, Stepney baptisms 1697-1704 & 1704-1712
- Over 56 million new Australian and New Zealand Records *and* 24 million passenger list records to findmypast.com.au
- Peter Byrne's Irish Times abstracts 1859-1901 have been added to the Irish site
- Local newspapers 1710-1950 (over 200 titles)

- **TheGenealogist** has added

- o Worcester Marriage records

- o 1970-2005 Death indexes

- o Malvern PR transcripts

- o And some new directories

- **Ancestry** has been sold to investor Group Permira and added: o Military records in honour of Remembrance Weekend:

- Commonwealth War Graves 1914-1945

- Prisoners of War 1914-1918

- Prisoners of War 1939-1945

- Memorial Books (WWI & WWII)

- Additions to Navy Lists 1888-1963

- o the New South Wales Police Gazette 1854-1930 to browse

- o London Poor Law Records 1430-1973 updates

- o (following feedback) a promise to provide raw DNA data to its genetics customers (currently US only), a service which is no longer invitation only and you do not need to be an Ancestry subscriber.

- o Warwickshire Occupational and Quarter Session Records 1662-1866

- o Another miscellany in which 'records' appears to mean 'images' of pages, rather than individuals

- **Origins.net** have added:

- o Thom's Irish Almanac and Official Directory for Dublin 1844-1870, with more to follow

- **The Imperial War Museum** has released Podcast 22: Jutland

- **DeceasedOnline:**

- o Has completed Woolwich Cemetery (the final Greenwich Borough cemetery) from 1856

- o Will add Bolton's seven cemeteries and its crematorium beginning with Tonge (available now)

- **Irish Origins** has added 25 out of 176 directories for Derry that will cover 1636-1900

- **Scotland's People** has brought its online wills up to 1513-1925, with the latest tranche dating from 1902 and including some epistolary testaments from WWI. From 1894 onwards, these include a greater proportion of estates under £500.

- **FamilySearch** have added:

- Mountie obituaries 1876-2007 (card index and notices for browsing)

- Updates to Cheshire, Durham, Kent and Norfolk collections

- Northumberland and Kent records that can only be viewed at LDS centres

- A new collection of indexed parish records for Dorset 1538-1910

- New York marriages 1908-1935

- **Forces War Records** (Forces Reunited) has added an online library of documents including regimental journals, Royal Naval College lists, etc.

- **Anguline Research Archives** have launched The Historic Stillbirth Register, which aims to cover 1551-2005, though coverage is not complete
- **London Metropolitan Archives** and Derry City Council's Heritage and Museum Service have conserved and will digitise and index the 1639 Great Parchment Book, a survey of the Ulster Plantations managed by the Honourable Irish Society
- **ProQuest's** Historical Newspaper Collection is now adding Canada's newspaper of record, the Globe and Mail from 1844
- **RootsIreland.ie** has added mixed Derry records
- **GenesReunited** now provide a Keepsafe service to store scanned photos and media and attach notes. You can sort, share, and link them to your relative's profiles. A privacy option will keep them blurry to strangers pending your permission for them to view them.
- **WikiTree** has reopened registration (free) for new members after battering down the hatches after the last deluge and introduced MatchBot
- **FamilyRelatives** has added African and Caribbean directories (mostly telephone) from 1904-1970

Needham Family

The Branch has been asked if we can identify five photos from the Stoke Museum relating to the Needham family. One is of Mrs A F Needham (Kinzett) - Amelia sometimes called Emelia, two are of different young women both labelled "Miss Needham", and the other two of different young men both labelled "Mr. Needham". If this is your family and you can help please contact Cynthia Stratford who has a copy of the photos on 544 6647 or visit the Attic on a Thursday.

Genealogy in Time Website www.genealogyintime.com (recommended by Trudy Larsen-Curl)

GenealogyInTime Magazine has some of the best free tools and resources on the internet to help you find your ancestors:

Read the concise [Guide to Performing Online Genealogy Searches](#) to learn how to find your ancestors online. Use the [Genealogy Search Engine](#) and the [Family Tree Search Engine](#). Combined, these are the most powerful free genealogy search engines available on the internet. They search 5.7 billion free online genealogy records from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. View the most comprehensive list available on the internet of the [Latest Genealogy Records](#) and [Latest Genealogy Records by Country](#). Read over 80 original [Genealogy Articles](#) including our [Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites](#). Use 500+ [genealogy images](#) on your computer and iPad. Download the very popular [Genealogy Toolbar](#) to help you find your ancestors.

They offer a free weekly email Newsletter. Find out more by reading [7 Reasons to Subscribe to our Free Newsletter](#). Their Search engine is certainly worth a look

From the Editor

Hi everyone

Christmas is looming and this is the last newsletter for 2012. I have enjoyed writing them or rather putting them together would be more accurate. I hope you have all found something of interest in them.

Thank you to those of you who have sent in contributions and I look forward to more of the same next year. I have just downloaded a 1925 Will of a great great Aunt from Scotland's People. It names some fifteen family members some of whom I knew about but some I didn't. It is amazing what can sometimes be found from family Wills. If you have Scottish ancestry it is worth looking at Scotland's People. Indexes to Wills to 1925 are free and give quite a bit of information. It cost 10 credits (approximately \$4.50NZ) to download the complete copy of the will. If you are a member of NZSG you can get copies of English Wills up to 1858 free through Documents Online. Certainly worth looking at.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and if you are travelling away from home a safe trip.

Regards
Barbara