



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH**
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April 2013 newsletter



Early Settlers - Port Nelson
Photo courtesy of The Nelson Mail

Our monthly meetings are at Smith's Hall, corner Waimea & Quarantine Roads Annesbrook on the **4th Monday** of the month **February to November** at **7.30pm**. Door charge **GOLD COIN DONATION**.

Our address is NZSG Nelson Branch,
P O Box 1879,
NELSON 7140

Our Branch Library **Ancestors Attic** is at 67 Trafalgar Street opposite Trailways

Our next Branch meeting: 22nd April Founder or Flourish - Jenny Robin Jones author of "No Simple Passage" -see notice of change of venue to Nelson College staffroom.

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

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From the convenor,

Hello everyone,

The last few weeks have been busy - quite a bit happening for heritage groups. For us as genealogists, our March guest Julian Shields, lead the way sharing with us his experiences in revisiting India to trace the family personalities and places that form a significant part of his family tree. A week or so later, Joyce Mattson took time out on her holiday around the South Island to talk to the Nelson Genealogists about the NZSG First Families Collection. Information on NZSG First Families is given on the NZSG Website but it was good to have one of the Collection's principal coordinators here to flesh out the detail behind the process. Planning and projects being developed to commemorate the 100 Years since World War 1 were reviewed in a Heritage Groups meeting last week. Some very good work is being done - lots of questions arise on the best ways to present or publish completed commemoration projects - but ultimately communication and teamwork will see appropriate commemorations of World War 1 emerge. This week of course is Nelson City's Heritage Week 2013. A comprehensive programme of events has been arranged and this has been well-published locally. If you missed publication but want to know what's on, navigate to heritage-week-2013 on the Nelson City Website. Our Branch monthly meeting is coming up on Monday 22 April. Our special guest this month Jenny Robin Jones will talk about "No Simple Passage" - The Journey of the London to NZ in 1842. Jenny's talk will be a special genealogy event for our Branch this year - we urge all members to come out and give their support on Monday. Regrettably, our normal venue is not available unexpectedly this month and we have had to shift to an alternative venue. Please note; Monday's meeting will be in the Staff Room at Nelson College on Monday 22 April. I urge members not to be discouraged by the change of venue - please still come to support our special guest Jenny Robin Jones. My directions a little later in this Newsletter will show you how easy it is to find the Nelson College Staff Room. See you all there! Regards, *Pete*.

Nelson College Staff Room: the Staff Room is a very pleasant and comfortable room and will accommodate us all for Jenny Robin Jones talk. The Staff Room is not difficult for visitors to find. It is right at the front of the school close to the main entrance. Visitors coming to Jenny's talk on Monday should drive up to the car parks at the front of the school. The NZSG Nelson signs (taken temporarily from the Ancestor's Attic) will mark the route to the side front steps leading to the Staff Room. The door into the Staff Room is less than ten metres inside from the side front door and I will put a Jenny Robin Jones poster on both doors. See you at the meeting!

Change of Venue NZ Society of Genealogists Nelson Branch April Meeting.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we wish to notify that the Branch meeting on 22 April 2013 will now be held in the **Staff Room at Nelson College**. Please go to the Main Entrance and we will guide you.

Our guest speaker is Jenny Robin Jones Author of "No Simple Passage" The journey of the "London" to New Zealand, 1842- a ship of hope.

Jenny's inspiration was researching the emigration of her great great grandparents' voyage to NZ. With access to the journal of ship's surgeon Dr William Mackie Turnbull and diaries kept by Charles Empson and James Kelham she has written an imaginative and vivid tale of the voyage. Her research is amazing and the references to notes and the bibliography are worthy of further investigation and an indication of the wealth of information lurking in NZ Archives and private family papers. Jenny has given a background to the life in Britain and followed the fortunes of many of the 258 emigrants in their new land.

The NZ Society of Genealogists is delighted to welcome her as our guest speaker on April 22 when she will present "Founder or Flourish" and what the choice meant for immigrants in 1842.

Members of the public welcome. Bring a friend. \$8.00. Supper will be served.

7.30pm Monday 22 April

Nelson College Main Entrance.

Further information available from Judith Fitchett - Phone 5488 819

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

April 21	Sandra Marris	June 2	Barbara Wells
April 28	Barbara Wells	June 9	Gordon McIndoe
May 5	Kevin Ryan	June 16	Pete Gillin
May 12	Pete Gillin	June 23	Sandra Marris
May 19	Dennis Bush-King	June 30	Barbara Wells
May 26	Sandra Marris		

Monday Afternoons 1 -4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

Program for 2013

April 22nd	Jenny Robin Jones "Founder or Flourish"
May 27th	AGM - Websites 01 2013 Branch members
June 24th	Francis Day on the Importance of keeping Family Records
July 22nd	Websites 02 2013 Branch Members
August 26th	Nelson Branches 40 th Anniversary - Speaker Michelle Patient NZSG President
September 23rd	David Burrowes on Adoption Records
October 28th	Websites03 2013 Branch Members
November 25th	WW100 - Update on Research Projects Branch members (World War I commemorations)

Volunteer/s Wanted

We require volunteer/s to transcribe the Family Announcements (BDMs) from the Nelson Evening Mail for the years 1941 - 1944 and 1950 - 1960 to fill in the gaps in the Attic's records. This would need to be done at the Nelson Public Library using the microfilm reader. Full training would be given. - Contact Cynthia Stratford.

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

Nelson District Marriage Photos 2003-2008 From Nelson Mail
Nelson Mail 2003-2008. Bookcase 04. Electronic copy not available.
Discharged In New Zealand 2nd copy Hugh & Lyn Hughes 1840-1870
classification NZ.MIL Bkcase 07 reference.

Kirkliston A Parish History Edinburgh Whyte Donald **SCT.MLN.CH**. Bookcase 12 loan
The Descendants of John Saxon c1655 **Canterbury**, NZ by Connell Maureen. classification
NZ.FH.SAXON Bookcase 02. loan. Donated by Saxon family.



NB 2013 AGM

The NZSG Nelson Branch 2013 AGM will be held on 27th May. Please give consideration to standing for the Committee as we need more people willing to help keep the Nelson Branch running. Pete Gillin our current Convener has served three years and has indicated he is standing down this year. As he has also been acting as Secretary this last year we will need at least two more people on the Committee. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter.

Website Updates (from IHAG April newsletter)

• **The National Archives** have added Podcasts:

- Authority, legitimacy and Orthodoxy: the Accession of Henry V in 1413
- Stalingrad and Berlin: researching the reality of war
- An Embarrassing Question: Opium, Britain and China 1856-1860
- The policy agenda of the British Government, 1945-2008
- Challenges facing The National Archives - Part 3
- The Final Whistle: the Great War in 15 players - a London rugby club at war 1914-1918
- How to publish with The National Archives
- How to research a famous person in The National Archives
- How to mine The National Archives for writing fiction

• **FindMyPast:**

- o Has added US newspapers, with some titles from China, Denmark, France, Germany, Jamaica and South Africa
- o Has taken the Canterbury Collection to more than 2 million records
- o Added the 1852 Irish Medical Directory

• **Ancestry** has:

- o Added marriage transcriptions (no images) for the whole of Wiltshire up to 1837.

• **FamilySearch.org** has released

- o The British Army service records from WWI - those that survive from WO363 and WO364 - to browse, although they are already on Ancestry
- o Northumberland Misc 1570-2005 images (already indexed)
- o Welsh Court and Misc record images 1542-1911

• **PRONI**, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, has added Griffith's Valuation Revision Books 1864-1933. About 44 out of 3,900 volumes are awaiting scanning but all are indexed

• **British Origins** has released

- o Middlesex & City of London Burials Index 1560-1909
- o South London (Metropolitan Surrey) Burials Index 1545-1905

• **Forces War Records** has added the British Jewry Book of Honour (1922)

• **The National Library of Wales** has added Welsh Newspapers Online in beta, though you may prefer to wait for the full release

Information Requested

Our Research Officer has had requests for anyone with information on the following families.

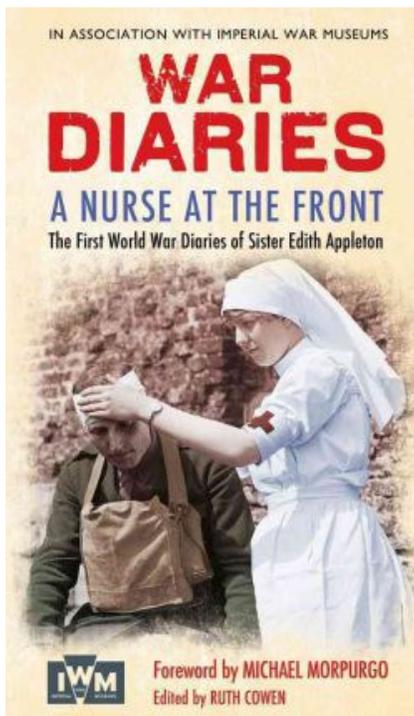
Thomas **USHER** and his wife Amelia and their three children Amelia, Emma & Thomas arrived in Nelson on the "Queen of the Avon" in July 1859. Thomas was a bootmaker and Amelia a milliner. They operated a business in Trafalgar Street from August 1859.

COLLARD family - twins Thomas Philip and Phyllis Hazel born March 1912. Thomas died at 41/2 months at Hampden Street. There were at least two other children born at Kiwi (near Tadmor). The family was a railway family.

John (C1842 - 1905) and Amelia (nee **HUGOE** 1842-1902) **NICHOLLS**. They are both buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery but with no headstones. Looking for information on their children.

James and Rebecca **COLEMAN** arrived on the "Martha Ridgeway" in 1842 with their children James, Thomas, Moses, William and George. William married Mary Phipps in 1855 and they had 16 children of which 9 were born in the Nelson/Marlborough area the rest in the Hunterville/Rangitikei area.

Anyone who can help with any of these families can you please contact Cynthia Stratford on 03 5446647 or e-mail her at cynth.s@live.com.



War Diaries - A Nurse at the Front - The First World War Diaries of Sister Edith Appleton

Edited by Ruth Cowen and published in association with the Imperial War Museum 2012

This book caught my eye on a stand of new books in the Richmond Library and I'm glad it did as I found it most engrossing. With the 100th anniversary coming up next year of the beginning of World War 1 and all the publicity around it this book is a "must read".

Edith Appleton known as Edie spent the entire four years of the First World War as a nursing sister in France and Belgium working tirelessly to care for convoys of wounded. With limited resources and a shortage of trained staff the nurses treated the survivors, comforted the dying and dealt compassionately with their relatives both by letter and in person.

The diaries she kept record with unflinching clarity the horrific effects of gas attacks and shell shock and the appalling injuries suffered by her patients as well as their fortitude and courage.

The diaries written for her mother also provide us with an account of the people and places she encountered and the small pleasures snatched from her rare moments of spare time such as walking in the nearby woods and bathing in the sea.

Edie was born in Kent in June 1877 and trained as nurse at St.

Bartholomew's Hospital in London qualifying in 1904. In 1914 she volunteered for the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service and spent the next five years attached to hospitals and casualty clearing stations in France and Flanders until her demobilisation in 1919.

Edie's surviving diaries stayed with her family and in 2008 several of her great-nephews and nieces began to create a website to celebrate her life and work www.edithappleton.org.uk The diaries can be read on the website along with three early letters written before the diaries. In the book the diaries have been edited and footnotes have been added to explain various references to incidents and also give explanations of some medical terms.

There is also an Appendix which gives a brief description of the nursing services that worked under the auspices of the War Office caring for members of the British Expeditionary Force and other nationalities in British Military Hospitals at home and abroad. - Barbara Wells

World War 1 Commemorations

Does anyone have an ancestor who fought in WW1 or a nurse in their family who served in WW1? If so could you please contact Cheryl Carnahan with their name and she will contact you to verify details etc.

None of our members appear to have WW1 ancestors who were killed or mentioned on a Nelson memorial and as Cheryl has had no feed back from earlier requests in the newsletter she has asked that her request be repeated.

Contact Cheryl at carnahan@kinect.co.nz or ph 03 5447684

Onwards Project

This project to include in a book called **Onwards** the portraits of every New Zealander who was part of the NZEF in WWI00 came to my attention today. I thought it might be of interest as the sample images include not only soldiers but also nurses, and also available on the site is an index of the 4,100 portraits included in the first volume. They're looking for images for volume 2. www.fairdinkumbooks.com - Karen Stade

Nelson Mail Death Notices

Below is the site for death notices from the Nelson Mail which maybe of interest to some people. However it seems to only go back one week. <http://deaths.nelsonmail.co.nz/obituaries/nelson-mail-nz/> - Cheryl Carnahan

NZSG CDs

Many of you will have purchased CD's such as the NZ Marriages and Electoral Rolls from the NZSG. These all worked well on Windows XP. Now many people have purchased new computers with Windows 7 and Windows 8, but are finding that the CD's produced by the NZSG will not work on a 64 bit operating system.

A friend in IT found a way of getting the CD's to work. When you load the CD and you click on the setup icon a menu box will open. At the bottom of the menu box it tells you where to save the information.

If you delete this and put in **C:\NZMar** then click [Install] you should find this will now load the Marriage CD. This approach will also work with the Electoral rolls, but as yet haven't worked out how to get the WW1 CD to work on the new operating systems. - Farmnet March newsletter

<http://www.mundia.com/ca/>

Robin Marshall one of our members talked about this site at the last meeting of the Scottish Interest Group. She had recently made contact with a descendant of her great grandmother's family in Scotland and was going to stay with them when she went to the UK this year. So I thought I would try it out.

So far I have connected by e-mail with three people researching the same families as me. One was a descendant of one of my great-grandmother's sisters in Scotland, another a descendant of my grandmother's brother here in NZ and the third who lives in California a connection of descendants of one of my great-grandfather's sisters who went to live in Canada in 1876. I have received some interesting information from all three. I have not put all my ancestors and their siblings into Mundia yet so hopefully I will get some more contacts. When I put in the name of another three times great-grandmother who was born in Kent but died in Melbourne in 1848 I came up with 82 references to her in other people's trees. Haven't got around to looking at them all so far but I was already aware of a number of people researching this particular family.

This database connects into the Ancestry.com family trees that are not available through the Library Edition of Ancestry though you can access them through the Family History Library at Nayland Road. So if you don't have a subscription with Ancestry this is a great free research source and well worth spending time on if you want to connect up with distant relatives.

This is what their website has to say

Mundia lets people everywhere create, discover and share their family history in an easy and fun way.

With Mundia, you can:

Build your family tree. Then grow it by sharing and collaborating with others.

Receive hints about matching ancestors and relatives in other members' trees.

Contact other members and find unknown living relatives.

Keep up to date with your family through comments, stories, and photos posted within your family circle

Basic membership to Mundia is free.

Mundia is the new family history site from Ancestry.com, the leader in online family history and the world's largest online family tree network. Mundia is a truly global platform offering access to more than 13 million family trees from all parts of the world with more than 1.4 billion profiles. Mundia is available in multiple languages.

As it is a *beta* site it maybe that in future they intend to put a charge on it so it might be wise to have a look while you can - Barbara Wells.

A bit of Light Relief (contributed by Sandra Marris)

FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH

Who thinks up these things!!!!!!?!!!!!!!

His dizzy aunt ----- Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes----- Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store ----- Stop N Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia ----- U Gogh
His magician uncle ----- Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin ----- A Mee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother ----- Gring Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-far Gogh
The constipated uncle ----- Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt ----- Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle ----- Flamin Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking ----- Way-to-Gogh
The little bouncy nephew ----- Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco ----- Go Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in an RV --- Winnie Bay Gogh
I saw you smiling . . . there ya Gogh

Temporary closure of Nelson Provincial Museum Research Facility

As part of the remedial work on the Research Facility the mezzanine floor above the archive storage space is being deloaded. The removal of the weight on this floor will alleviate some of the risk of serious damage to the building in the event of a major seismic event. **It is hoped that the task of relocating the Collection material will be complete by early May at which point the Library and Archives will again be available for staff and public use.** This is a significant step forward and has involved a lot of careful planning. It must be done in a systematic way so that the location of objects is tracked in order to be able to find them for research purposes.

Details of the remedial work at the eastern end of the building are incomplete as a methodology is developed that does not interfere with the root system of the heritage tree at that end of the building. Similar propping to that temporarily installed in the Research Facility carpark will almost certainly be a feature of that end of the building as a means of stabilising the mezzanine floor loading. Some rearrangement of the storage units at that end of the building is likely to be required but staff hope to minimise the loss of space in what is already a very high level of occupied volume on a small floor area.

Any questions or requests for information should be directed to CEO Peter Millward 03 548 9588 or 027 246 1881 or email ceo@museumnp.org.nz

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For the position of

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