



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



**Early Settlers - Port Nelson**  
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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: **27 May AGM** followed by **Websites01 Denis Bush-King** will demonstrate several websites including **Archways** (the NZ Archives website) and **Archives.org**. **Cheryl Carnahan** will show us how to access online the Nelson Land records that are held in Archives Christchurch office.

**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,

I commented in last month's narrative how busy the Branch had been in March and April with a number genealogy events happening in a relatively short time. May by comparison has been quieter which has been appreciated by those of us with reports to prepare for next week's AGM. The "quietness" though is an illusion - behind the scenes, the sub-committees, the research teams and the volunteers have been as busy as they always are getting on with keeping our Library catalogues and Collection Indices up to date or undertaking research to answer a received query, or scouting out more information for the special projects associated with the WW100 Commemorations. Yes, quiet maybe with the gap between monthly meetings but a lot of work continues all the time. Our May Meeting is coming up next Monday (27 May) and after we have completed the formality of the Branch's AGM, Dennis Bush-King will lead our first session this year on Genealogy Websites.

These sessions were popular last year and I anticipate they will be again. Last month's meeting was a special treat - Jenny Robin Jones visited from Wellington and talked about writing her book "No Simple Passage" and the research she had undertaken preparing to write it. Jenny's knowledge of where the principal characters on The London .i.e. the Ship's doctor, the Ship's Officers, the most prominent passengers, had originated and having arrived in New Zealand, where they "ended up" was amazing! She had an incredible depth of knowledge. I am sorry that a number of our Stoke / Richmond members affected by the severe floods in the weekend before our April Meeting couldn't be there - I do hope your personal circumstances are improving and I extend the best wishes of the Branch to all affected. Regards Pete

## Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

### Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

May 26	Sandra Marris	July 7	TBA
June 2	Judith Fitchett	July 14	TBA
June 9	Gordon McIndoe	July 21	Sandra Marris
June 16	Pete Gillin	July 28	Barbara Wells
June 23	Sandra Marris		
June 30	Barbara Wells		

### Monday Afternoons 1 - 4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

### Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

## Program for 2013

May 27th	AGM - Websites 01 Denis Bush-King & Cheryl Carnahan
June 24th	Francis Day on the Importance of keeping Family Records
July 22nd	Websites 02 2013 Branch Members
August 26th	Nelson Branches 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Speaker Michelle Patient NZSG President
September 23rd	David Burrowes on Adoption Records
October 28th	Websites 03 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

**Candles and Canvas, family of Langkilde** by Christie Poula Langkilde. Area of Manawatu. Classification **NZ.FH.LANGKILDE** Bkcase 02, loan, estate of Helen Arthur.

**The Gene Genie**, issue 18 Bkcase 02, loan, classification **NZ.TAS.LH.GBAY**

**The Gift of the Sea Romney Marsh**, by Roper Anne, area Kent, **ENG.KEN.** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Judith Harper

**Kent Country Churches Concluded**, by Syms James Antony, area Kent, classification **ENG.KEN.CH** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Judith Harper.

**The Placenames of Kent**, by Glover Judith, area Kent, classification **ENG.KEN.AID** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Judith Harper.

**London's Churches**, by Young Elizabeth & Wayland, area London, classification **ENG.LND.CH** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Judith Harper.

**A History of Surrey**, by Brandon Peter area Surrey, classification **ENG.SRY.LH** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Judith Harper

**The Real Counties of Britain**, by Grant Russell, area UK, classification **UK.AID** loan, Bkcase 05, donated Judith Harper.

**Whitbread's Brewery**, area London, classification **ENG.LND.ORG** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Estate of Helen Arthur.

**Buckinghamshire Within Living Memory**, by Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes, area Buckinghamshire, classification **ENG.BKM.LH** loan, Bkcase 12, donated Estate of Helen Arthur.



## **Nelson Land Records**

Cheryl Carnahan has advised Nelson records (including nominal indexes) are now kept at Archives New Zealand in Peterborough Street, Christchurch, and may be viewed there - check their website for their opening hours which are at present 9.30am to 1pm. Some of the records are now digitalized but are not word searchable though and it is probably much quicker if you are in Christchurch to do it there rather than online. To go online 'google' archway govt nz , advance search, records, keywords, "index" accession "CH1034" somewhere you may need to untick Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and just leave in Christchurch. Don't have a gap between CH 1034 like this as it won't work.

Cheryl is going to demonstrate exactly what you do at the next meeting.

## **NZ Adoption records**

David Burrowes has advised that this is an excellent site for adoption help

<https://sites.google.com/site/connectionszi/>

## **Interested in ordering non-historical birth, death and marriage certificates and printouts online?**

You may be aware that you need an igovt ID to be able to do this, but that previously only certain types of people were eligible for one. Since 9 April 2013, everyone in New Zealand can apply for an igovt ID. You can use this to order certificates and printouts from the Births, Deaths and Marriages Non-historical website for:

- Births that occurred less than 100 years ago.
- Stillbirths that occurred less than 50 years ago.
- Marriages and Civil Unions that occurred less than 80 years ago.
- Deaths that occurred less than 50 years ago or the deceased's date of birth is less than 80 years ago.

## **How does it work?**

To get an igovt ID, you need to verify your identity once. To do this, just apply online at <https://www.i.govt.nz/cls/static/getigovtid>. You will need to be able to visit a Department of Internal Affairs office in Auckland, Manukau, Wellington or Christchurch to get your photo taken and you may need to supply some documents, depending on your situation.

## **Not in Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch?**

Verifying your identity will soon be part of the RealMe service ([www.realme.govt.nz](http://www.realme.govt.nz)) and you'll also be able to verify your address. When RealMe® launches, you'll be able to visit a PostShop near you to have your photo taken.

Already having your igovt ID will mean you'll be able to use your verified RealMe account straight away. In the future, there will also be more places you'll be able to use it.

| IVS Operator | Identity & Data Services

**The Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua**

Free phone: 0800 457 4357 | [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz)

## **Do you have North Otago ancestors?**

Allan Steel has documented and photographed all the 8100 graves and plaques in 18 North Otago cemeteries and transcribed the information to a spreadsheet to produce a searchable index. We have this index at the Attic on CD. Once you find a grave you are interested in you can email him and he will email back the photo. I also have a copy of the spreadsheet on my computer and can do a search for you if you email me the details - Barbara Wells

## **Interesting Military Websites (from Famnet's April newsletter)**

### **Cenotaph Website**

Search for biographical and service details for over [115,000 New Zealand](#) service men and women from the 19th century till today and especially from World War One and World War Two.

### **Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)**

Commemorate the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars. The cemeteries, burial plots and memorials are a lasting tribute to those who died in some 153 countries across the world. The Register records details of [Commonwealth war dead](#) so that graves or names on memorials can be located.

## New Zealand History Online

Just over 100,000 New Zealanders served overseas in the [First World War](#), many of them young men who had never left home before. More than 18,000 died as a result of the war and over 40,000 more were wounded. Our forces were involved in the conflict from the capture of Samoa in 1914 to the end of the fighting on Armistice Day in 1918, and they fought at Gallipoli, on the Western Front and in the Middle East.

### The War Graves Photographic Project.

The original aim of [The War Graves Photographic Project](#) was to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, Ministry of Defence grave, and family memorial of serving military personnel from WWI to the present day. However, due to its popularity we have now extended our remit to cover all nationalities and military conflicts and make these available within a searchable database.

### The Long, Long Trail.

[The Long, Long Trail](#), a site all about the soldiers, units, regiments and battles of the British Army of the First World War.

## National Archives Australia

For military records the [National Archives](#) holds the service records of Australians who served in World War I and World War II in the Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy (RAN), and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). What do service records contain?

Defence service records set out the essentials of a person's service in the forces. They commonly contain biographical information supplied on enlistment, such as name, address, next of kin and age, as well as service information such as movements, postings, changes in rank, and brief mention of injuries or illness. Although most records contain these basic elements, they do vary in the amount of information they contain. Service records were used by the Department of Defence to administer the movements and pay of their personnel and they were not intended to be an everyday account of events in a serviceperson's career.

**Ancestry.com & Findmypast** For [UK WW1 soldiers documents](#) trace the war heroes in your family with millions of military records. They have one of the largest online collection of World War I records, plus comprehensive collections for World War II and many earlier conflicts.

[National Archives in England](#) for the past few months have been digitising part of the WO 95 record series, which consists of unit war diaries from the First World War. The series is one of the most requested in their reading rooms in Kew, and digitising these diaries will enable them to publish them online, making them more accessible for the First World War centenary. Digitisation has now been completed and all diaries from the WO 95 series are now back in circulation. **The digitised diaries will be launched online as soon as it is feasible** before the centenary period begins, but at present they are unable to provide specific details - please keep watching their website for updates. This will be a wonderful recourse for genealogists once the diaries are up online. Keep checking back to their site.

## Website Updates (from IHAG May newsletter)

- **The National Archives** have switched off the old catalogue, leaving us with Discovery, and added:
  - Next of kin claims for unpaid Royal Navy pensions 1830-1860
  - WO 95, unit war diaries from 1914-1922. These are diaries of the unit your ancestor served in and record its general movements rather than individuals. All are digitised but not all are yet online. For example records of our local Buffs total 836 PDF pages and may be downloaded for £3.36
  - The 5th tranche of colonial records
  - 20,000 Home Guard records for Durham
  - Podcasts:
    - Hearth Tax: an Introduction
    - The post-Restoration army: 1660-1714
    - A system of spies and informers: intelligence gathering in the period 1780-1830
    - Hillsborough: the tangled web
    - The Children of Henry VIII
- **FindMyPast .com.au**
  - Australasian Imperial Expeditionary Forces Roll of Honour (4th August 1914 - 30th Jun 1919)
  - New South Wales Roll of Honour
  - New Zealand War Medal Roll
  - New Zealand Boer War Servicemen
  - New Zealand electoral rolls 1853-1996 and WWI soldiers records
  - Australian censuses 1841-1921 and electoral rolls 1856- 1940
  - New South Wales convict arrivals 1788-1842

- Irish court and prison registers 1790-1924, wills 1484- 1858 and burials 1618-2005
- Ireland births 1864-1958, marriages 1845-1958, deaths 1864-1958
- Released Swansea Pals (14th Battalion, The Welsh Regiment) records from Glamorgan FHS
- **Ancestry** has added:
  - East End of London (Bethnal Green, Hackney, Poplar, Shoreditch, Stepney unions) Poor Law and Settlement records 1828-1930 - incomplete but worth a try for the depth of some inquiries
  - Overseers returns of electors for 160 London parishes 1863- 1894
  - Further Liverpool Parish Records
- **FIBIS** has added a small list of marriages taking place outside the area covered by the Honourable East India Company
- **Yad Vashem** with new access to records of former USSR countries, is now aiming to complete a list of names for the Jewish Holocaust victims within the next three years. It currently stands at 4.2 million names
- **FamilySearch.org** has updated its website to make it more trendy and released
  - The images for the Northumberland miscellaneous records 1570-2005
  - Images for Tasmanian civil registration 1803-1933
- **SOG**, the Society of Genealogists, has launched a new website and added Speakers' Handouts from their workshops at this year's Who Do You Think You Are? Live! back in February.
- **The National Library of Wales** has added Aberystwth Shipping Records, including crew lists and logbooks 1856-1914 and changed its copyright policy.
- **Origins.net** has added Chester Wills 1519-1940 to the National Wills Index
- **Mocavo** has announced the winner of their Community Digitization Grant as the Bethany Children's Home in the US, which has plans to digitise records of 300 children per year from 1863-1990.
- **The Library and Museum of Freemasonry** has begun to digitise its records with Masonic Periodicals available now. Searching and browsing by edition is possible with the Olive software used.
- **Deceased Online** has added all five cemeteries for Trafford in Manchester with the Crematorium (Altrincham) to follow soon.
- **The National Library of Scotland** is combining with Wikimedia to place its records on Wikipedia and is offering a four month post to a lucky 'Wikimedian'.
- **RootsIreland** has added 50,000 Tyrone and Fermanagh grave transcriptions
- **Geni.com** has increased functionality by introducing Record Matching and Smart Matching (among uploaded family trees)
- **MyHeritage** has added all the US censuses 1790-1930

**WE WAS BRUNG UP PROPER!!** (this was also in the latest Famnet newsletter thought it might make you smile)

*"And we never had a whole Mars bar until 1993"!!!*

*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank Sherry while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos....*

*They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, bread and dripping, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.*

*Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.*

*We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.*

*As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.*

*We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.*

*Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, Subway or Nandos.*

*Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on a Sunday, somehow we didn't starve to death!*

*We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.*

*We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers and Bubble Gum.*

*We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter, milk from the cow, and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because..... WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!*

*We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.*

*We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.*

*We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY, no video/dvd films, or colour TV no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....*

*WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!*

*We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents.*

*Only girls had pierced ears!*

*We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.*

*You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time....*

*We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays.*

*We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!*

*Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet because we didn't need to keep up with the Jones's!*

*Not everyone made the rugby/football/cricket/netball team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on MERIT.*

*Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes and throw the blackboard rubber at us if they thought we weren't concentrating.*

*We can string sentences together and spell and have proper conversations because of a good, solid three R's education.*

*Our parents would tell us to ask a stranger to help us cross the road.*

*The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!*

*Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'*

*We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!*

*And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS!*

*You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.*

*And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.*

Hi Everyone

Hope you find something of interest in this newsletter and once again thank you to all who contributed items.

It is the AGM next Monday and I will be emailing out the reports for the meeting to you all before then. Can you please print them out and bring them with you to the meeting so you can ask any questions you have. There will be a few hard copies at the meeting.

Cynthia has had a query regarding the availability of those hard covered Family Record Books that you used to be able to buy in bookshops. If anyone knows of a source for these can you please get in touch with her.

My apologies to anyone who received a "funny email" from my email address about three weeks ago. My computer had a bug of some sort which sent them out. Xtra actually locked my email account - I could receive but not send. Hopefully it is fixed now.

Regards

Barbara