



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH**
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June 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 postal 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: **June 24th Francis Day will speak on "The Importance of keeping Family Records"**

The 2013/2014 NZSG Nelson Branch committee: Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions:-

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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

As you can see from the above Committee list the Branch does not have a Convener at present. John Bethwaite has agreed to chair the committee meetings and members will take it in turn to chair the Branch monthly meetings. Kathy Barrett has agreed to act as Secretary at present. We still need a Convener so if anyone is willing to step up and take over this job please get in touch. I will be loing after the Branch e-mail until Judith Fitchett returns from overseas at the end of August.

We would like to welcome Kathy, Bob and Robyn onto the new committee and also thank Pete for his years as a committee member and as Convenor.

It is 40 years this year since the Nelson Branch came into being in 1973. In the early days members gathered in garages. Books and records were under members' beds and microfiche readers in their back bedrooms. Annual membership was \$2, and members paid 10 cents for supper. We've come a long way since then with our own Ancestors Attic complete with microfiche readers and computers.

On 26 August we will celebrate our 40th birthday with a Dinner to be held at Trailways which appropriately is opposite Ancestors Attic in Trafalgar Street. Our guest speaker will be Michelle Patient who is the current President of the NZ Society of Genealogists. Details of the menu and cost of the dinner are included at the end of this newsletter. All members of the Branch past and present are welcome so if you know of past members that may be interested in joining us can you please let them know. We will need to know numbers by the middle of August so please contact me at the Branch e-mail address or any of the committee and let us know if you will be attending.

Regards
Barbara

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

June 23 Sandra Marris
June 30 Bob McFadden/Barbara Wells
July 7 Gordon McIndoe
July 14 Dennis Bush-King
July 21 John Bethwaite
July 28 Barbara Wells

Monday Afternoons 1am -4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

Program for 2013

June 24th Francis Day on the Importance of keeping Family Records
July 22nd Websites 02 2013 Branch Members
August 26th Nelson Branches 40th 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

1 We still 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. cynth.s@live.com

2 We also need a couple more volunteers to help with the WW1 Nelson nurses project please. We have the names we need researched and the web sites to check. Contact Cheryl Carnahan carnahan@kinect.co.nz

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

Journal of the Genealogists Magazine United Kingdom Sept 2012 vol 30 no.11. loan. Bkcase 01

Family Tree Magazine United Kingdom Feb-13 loan Bkcase 01



Wallis/Bryant families

Peter Millward Chief Executive Officer of the [Nelson Provincial Museum](#) is in contact with a Hamilton person who has transcribed 400 very early letters from the Wallis and Bryant families. She has written family histories of both and is keen to see them launched - possibly down here. Anyone who is researching these families might be interested in contacting Peter at the museum.

An update on the remedial work at the Nelson Provincial Museum.

They are pleased to report that the first stage of the work is complete. They have completely relocated the material from the loft storage in the Research Library which has removed the hazard associated with a very heavy load supported at some height on this mezzanine. This has resulted in a significant amount of work to find space, in an already crowded facility, for the collection housed in the 160 cubic metres of storage space. Staff are now able to occupy the Library end of the building and will need to work from that space until the remedial work at the eastern end is completed. A design solution has been completed by OPUS International Ltd and now sits with Nelson City Council for review before the necessary consents are issued.

Staff have begun the preparations required to ensure the collections stored at this end of the building are not at risk during construction. Structural steel is to be put in place which will result in that end of the building being brought up to code in terms of its ability to withstand a significant seismic event. All going well they anticipate being able to report on the likely end date of the remedial work in their next email newsletter.

Websites of Interest

Interesting article on free genealogy resources

http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2013/05/28/TricksForFindingFreeGenealogyData.aspx?et_mid=620465&rid=2692932

The prison records in Tasmania of female convicts sent there have recently been transcribed and put online.

The link is www.femaleconvicts.au/ and maybe of interest if you have Tasmanian links.

Latest additions to Papers Past (May 2013):

- [Hutt Valley Independent \(1911-1919\)](#)
- [Lyttelton Times \(1866-1869\)](#)
- [Manawatu Standard \(1911-1912\)](#)
- [Manawatu Times \(1909-1911\)](#)
- [Nelson Evening Mail \(1910-1918\)](#)
- [North Otago Times \(1901-1918\)](#)
- [Upper Hutt Weekly Review \(1935-1939\)](#)
- [Waihi Daily Telegraph \(1904-1909\)](#)
- [Waikato Times \(1893-1895\)](#)
- [Wairarapa Daily Times \(1879-1901\)](#)

Fairfield Graves

The Nelson City Council is presently upgrading the interpretative panels at Fairfield cemetery. There will be more information available on PROW <http://www.theprow.org.nz/> and on the NCC cemetery database with details of 'readable' memorials as at the date of update. They have taken photos of the existing gravestones and intend to produce a map with GPS co-ordinates and links to the images which will be available from the Council Offices around September. They have also done a heritage trees update.

Heritage Week 2014

The theme for next year's Heritage week which will be held April 12 - 20 2014 is "Modes of Transport". At present Debbie Daniell-Smith the NCC's Arts & Heritage Advisor is looking at horse transport. If anyone has any interesting stories of horses used as transport in the Nelson region can you please contact her at debbie.daniell-smith@ncc.govt.nz. She will however be away on leave for the next month.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Top of the South Scottish Interest Group will be held at the Attic on Saturday 13 July at 2pm. Gordon McIndoe is going to demonstrate the free databases on the LDS FamilySearch website <https://familysearch.org/> that are available for Scottish research. Anyone with an interest in Scottish research is welcome at the meetings which are held three times a year. Cup of tea provided and lots of interesting conversation.

Door charge a gold coin which goes to the Attic funds. Contact Margaret Miller Phone 544 2845

Photobooks

Lois Moreland has sent in an article that was in the NZ Kent FHS May 2013 newsletter which she thinks maybe of interest to members. She uses Snapfish as an online photobook but says there are many websites you can use and they often have 50-60% discounts.

The author of the article uses a program from <https://my-books.com> which is downloaded direct on to your computer and she has done family history books for five of her families plus one of school photos. You can do 20 30 or 50 page books adding your own photos and texts. She states "Family members get quite inspired to add to your collection with recent photos, especially of family groups once you let them know what you are putting together".

40th Birthday Nelson Branch NZ Society of Genealogists
26 August 2013 at 6.30pm for 7pm start

The Tides Restaurant -Bar
Trailways Hotel
Trafalgar Street Nelson

Menu

BREAD PLATTER

Selection of hot and cold breads with hummus and olive oil



Main Course

Lamb Shank

Lamb shank oven roasted then braised with the chef's
own special gravy

Crackled Pork Belly

Braised belly, roasted and crackled on scallop potato

Grilled Turbot

Tasty West Coast fish

All main courses will be served with potato dish of the day and vegetables



Dessert

Classic Crumble

Local apples spiced with cinnamon, sultanas and topped with an
old fashioned crunchy crumble

Chocolate Mousse Mud Cake

The chocolate connoisseur's choice - rich chocolate mud cake base beneath a chocolate
mousse layer, finished with chocolate ganache

Tea and coffee

At \$37.50 per person inc GST

The above is the set menu chosen by the committee for the dinner. The function will be held in the Rivers Room of Trailways, with probably a couple of extra platters on the bar as people arrive to get their drinks (own cost).

We have been requested to confirm approximate numbers 2 weeks prior (ie by 12 August) and final numbers 2 days before.(ie 24 August).