



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH**
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August 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: **August 26 Nelson Branch 40th Birthday Dinner** at **Trailways Restaurant 6.30pm**.

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,

This month is the 40th anniversary of the first meeting of what was to become the Nelson Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists. As you know we are holding a Dinner at Trailways on 26 August to celebrate this event. To date there are around 50 members and ex-members attending. If you haven't let me know by now that you will be coming we need final numbers by **Friday 23 August** at the latest for Trailways. **Please either E-mail me or ring me at the contact details shown above.** Cost is \$37.50 per head preferably payable at the door when you arrive. A copy of the menu is in the June newsletter. Michelle Patient the NZSG President is attending and as our Guest Speaker will be telling us of some of the latest developments concerning the Society and talking about the recent Family History Fair held at Manukau.

Regards

Barbara

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

August 25 Sandra Marris
September 1 Barbara Wells
September 8 Judith Fitchett
September 15 Robyn Cliff & ?
September 22 TBA
September 29 Barbara Wells

Monday Afternoons 1am -4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

Program for 2013

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)

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

Slough of Despond. By Nola Leov & Margaret Turner book period 1894 Rai Valley. loan Bkcase 02 donated by Nola Leov Classification NZ.FH.LEOV

Snippets of History and Snippets of History Vol 02 by Marsden House donated by Francis Day. Loan Bookcase 02 Classification NZ.BIO

Journal of the New Zealand Genealogists' Magazine June 2013 loan Bkcase 01

The Knowler Family Trails by Little Christine M. notes. Primary Families- Knowler Darrell Barton, in Southland. loan Bookcase 02. Classification NZ.FH.KNOWLER

How to Trace Your Family Tree by State Library of Queensland. loan in Bkcase 12 Classification AUS.AID

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors 4th edition by Grenham John. loan bookcase 12, bought by NZSG Nelson. classification IRL.AID



Heritage Week 2014

Debbie Daniell-Smith is looking for interesting stories that link with the Heritage Week 2014 theme Modes of Transport.

Is anyone researching boats and people linked to the Nelson Port Development (eg Akersten family??); or Nelson Airport who turns 75 this November? Who bred the horses that went away to war and were used locally? (any O'Connors being researched?) Debbie would like to get some stories for the Prow about our Nelson people linked to these activities.

Please email debbie.daniell-smith@ncc.govt.nz

Do You Need Help With Your Genealogy Project?

Hi. My name is Andrea and I am an experienced writer/freelance journalist. I have also edited three booklets, including a historical anecdotal one for the Richmond Centenary.

Your genealogy writing is precious to you. But sometimes you may need a hand with your work.

I would love to help you with editing, proof-reading, research and suchlike. My rates are reasonable.

Do contact me and we can talk further.

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Digital New Zealand Official Yearbooks

A web version of the New Zealand Official Yearbooks from 1893-2008 is now available on the Statistics New Zealand website.

Since 1893, New Zealand's Official Yearbooks have captured the stories of New Zealand in words and in numbers. The Yearbooks are an incredibly rich one-stop-shop for data and information from across government. Information is included on diverse topics from fisheries to friendly societies and prices to poetry. Each yearbook can be searched individually using ctrl/f for PCs and laptops and search within page for smart phones and tablets. Tables can be copied and pasted into other programmes, including Word and Excel. 2010 will be available shortly, with the same search ability as earlier years. Tables in the 2010 yearbook can be pasted into Word, but not Excel. The Digital Yearbooks can be found at www.stats.govt.nz/yearbooks.

Bibliography and Citation Generator

Beth Conrad found this website <http://www.easybib.com/> and thought it was a good one to recommend to members. It is a free automatic bibliography and citation generator which is very helpful when you are sourcing all that genealogical information!!!! As genealogists we need to source, source, source ... and this is a great way to standardise and simplify the process.

City of London Metropolitan Archives

Location: 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB

Website: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma

Email: ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Opening hours: Mon: 9:30 am - 4:45 pm Tues, Wed, Thurs: 9:30 am - 7:30 pm Fri: closed all day

Family History Research Service: available on request. Charges GBP 50 per hour; minimum fee 1h

London generations database: searchable free online includes:

- Anglican parish records of baptisms, marriages and burials
- Anglican Poor law registers
- Various records of Local Boards of Guardians etc
- 10K wills from the Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex
- 23.5K marriage bonds from the Commissary of the Archdeaconry of Surrey

A friend of Tom Broad has a strong recommendation to him about both the content of the London Metropolitan Archives and the professionalism of the research service that it provides so if you have London Research you may like to check them out.

Website Updates (ex IHAG)

FindMyPast

- Worcestershire parish records Astley, Hanbury & Shrawley
- Transcriptions and photographs of memorials from the parish of Kiltullagh, Ballinlough, County Roscommon. The burials recorded date from between 1723 and 2011.
- 1858 Medical Directory for Ireland
- Royal Naval Division Service Records, 1914-20.
- Canadian Resources
- New Zealand sheep farmers between 1881 and 1918.

Ancestry.uk

- Extended the indexes to deaths in English and Welsh General Registration to 2007
- Oxford - Brasenose College Register 1509-1909
- Middlesex County Records - Calendar of the Sessions Books 1690 - 1709
- New England Records
- New York Naturalisations 1794-1906

Ancestry.ca

- 1921 Census has been digitized but not indexed. You need to log on to view and really need to know province, district and parish of people you are looking for otherwise you may be in for a long search. Free at present.

FamilySearch.org

- Now over 75 million immigration and naturalization records to USA available
- Records of New York 1970-2010 images to USA Social Security Death indexes

TheGenealogists.co.uk

- Railway Records for England and Wales
- Jewish Records
- Crew lists of over 439,000 Royal Navy and Merchant Seamen records which are searchable by name, rank, age and ship. The full crew list can be displayed for any of the ships. Covering the years 1851-1911, these include lists and agreements for those involved in merchant shipping and ship crews for those at home ports, sea and abroad. Details given may include age, place of birth, rank and ticket number, previous and current ships with ports of registration, dates and places of joining and leaving, reason for leaving

Deceased Online

- Wakefield area

- Military non-war grave records date back to the early 19th Century and feature: Greenwich Royal Hospital, Sandhurst, Aldershot, Haslar RN, Royal Victoria, Sheerness Dockyard and other cemeteries and burial grounds

FIBIS

- Percy Smith and Bullock Collection provided by the British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia
- FIBIS has just placed over 800 names of people who were classified as "Insolvent" in India, taken from the London Gazette from 1823 to 1846

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

- "Ship Patty" 5th May 1803
- Dublin; St Marys Church of Ireland Deansgrange Cemetery, St. Nessan's Part 8
- Fermanagh Ederney Catholic Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
- Galway Ross Errilly Friary Graveyard
- Roscommon Cancelled Book Transcriptions - Electoral Dist. Kiltewan ca 1911-1920's
- Wicklow Killmurray Old Cemetery

downsurvey.tcd.ie/history.html.

- The maps chart the changes in land ownership in Ireland. Users can search by the names of landowners in 1641 and in 1670. It also displays ownership by religion. The web site also displays a lot of other historical information, such as roads and even a Map of the Ulster 1641 Depositions showing the number of recorded murders in each townland.

www.carrickmaccrossworkhouse.com

- Cemetery Records

ScotlandsPlaces

- Scottish window tax registers from the 18th century,
- Liverpool1767.webs.com
- The Papist returns of 1767 for Liverpool
- Manchester Catholic Registers

Library and Archives Canada

- 1870 Census Manitoba
- 1842 Census Canada East and West

Your Family's Handbook by John MacGibbon

The Branch has purchased 10 copies of the handbook *Your Family's History* and they are for sale at the Attic for \$15. The handbook was written by John MacGibbon following talks he gave about researching, writing and publishing a family history, at venues including the National Library and University of Otago. John is also author of *Going Abroad*, a family history that has been a big seller in New Zealand and overseas.

Now in its third edition, *Your Family's History* is particularly aimed at people new to genealogy, but also at experienced hands who want to take the next step and publish their work, both for their own families and the general public. John's professional advice on writing, editing, layout, working with graphics, publishing and printing will be particularly helpful.

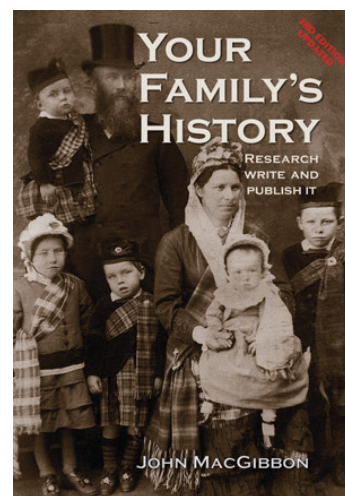
The handbook strongly advises family historians to join NZGS and their local NZGS branch.

Your Family's History is a 40 page, A5 publication containing 11,000 words and 24 illustrations.

The book contents include:

Part one: doing the research

- Your family and other people
- Family history societies
- Libraries and archives
- Special interest internet groups
- Genealogy software
- New Zealand Society of Genealogists
- Genealogy courses
- Researching on the Web
- Books and journals
- Supporting acts: backing up, a blogsite and Evernote



Part two: writing the book and sorting out the graphics

- Limit your horizons...really
- Footnotes and bibliographies
- Assemble and sort your research material and notes
- Getting down to writing
- How to do an index
- What will confuse or bore your readers?
- Plan your book content
- Preparing your graphics
- Do a family timeline
- Publishing the separate family tree

Part three: publishing and promoting your book

- Doing it yourself:
- How many should you print?
- Bar codes and ISBNs
- General tips
- Legal deposit
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A Passion For Flight

The second volume of Errol Martyn's new trilogy, a history of New Zealand aviation before the Great War of 1914-1918 has just been published

A Passion For Flight is a definitive account of New Zealand aviation's formative years, and is continued with this volume covering civil aviation activity in New Zealand and by New Zealanders abroad from 1910 to August 1914. Whereas it took only a 184-page first volume to cover the previous four decades this volume's coverage of just five years runs to 320 pages, such was the astonishing growth of interest and participation during the period.

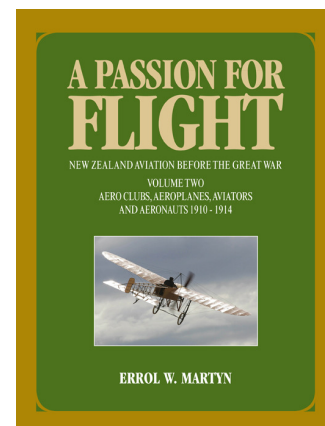
The author brings to light much new material through eyewitness accounts and extensive research of primary sources. He also corrects a number of long-standing errors in previous accounts, particularly regarding the Walsh brothers' trials and tribulations with the Howard Wright biplane (later christened Manurewa No.1) that was imported by the syndicate of which they were members.

Accompanying the text is an amazing collection of over 280 illustrations, many of which appear here in print for the first time.

The third and final volume will also cover the 1910-1914 period, presenting the full story of New Zealand's first professional pilot and our most accomplished aviator of the period - Joseph Joel (Joe) Hammond. It will also reveal new information about the beginnings of military aviation in New Zealand and the activities of New Zealanders involved in this sphere abroad.

This definitive trilogy presents for the first time a detailed record of all known New Zealand-related aeronautical activity of the long-neglected pioneering period of 1868-1914. The complete work will undoubtedly become an indispensable first place of resource for historians, aviation enthusiasts and genealogists alike.

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Ph 03 343 5408; Fax 03 343 5408; Email errol.martyn@xtra.co.nz Price \$52.90 +\$7 post & packing.



Historical Scottish Photos Online

Over 2,000 historic photographs from the archive of the National Library of Scotland are available online with the majority from the World War One British Photographs collection, part of the papers of Field Marshal (Earl) Haig (1861-1928). <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nlscotland/sets/>

Scottish Highlander Photo Archive (SHPA). This archive will eventually see almost 60,000 portraits accessible online, along with the basic information that is available identifying the individuals. Photos are being continually added so go have another look. <http://www.scottishhighlanderphotoarchive.co.uk/>

Some Genealogical Quotes

- Never assume there is nothing left to learn about your ancestor.
- "Technology plus information and stories and photos equals family history." (Dennis Brimhall, CEO of FamilySearch, speaking at RootsTech.)
- "Use technology as both a source and a resource." (Josh Taylor, RootsTech)