



New Zealand Society of Genealogists NELSON BRANCH

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February 2014 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 postal address is NZSG Nelson Branch, P O Box 1879, NELSON 7140
Our Branch Library Ancestors Attic is at 67 Trafalgar Street opposite Trailways

Next Meeting February 24 - Websites01 - FindMyPast, NZ Electoral rolls and Directories on Ancestry, Findagrave.com

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

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From the Editor

It is hard to believe that we are half way through February with a new Branch Program starting next Monday night. So far the Committee has only finalised the first half of the year so if anyone has any ideas about interesting speakers or subjects for the rest of the year can they please contact a committee member as we are open to suggestions. We are looking at having a whole day during the winter using the computers at Nelson College but that would be in addition to the monthly meetings and most likely on a Saturday.

John Marris - Many of you would know that John Marris who was a life member of the Nelson Branch passed away last November at the age of 90. John was one of the original members of the Nelson Branch and he also helped at the Family History Library in Stoke as a Librarian for many years. I can remember him in the mid 1990s, long before the days of instance access by the Internet, spending quite some time looking up LDS Film numbers for me for certain streets in Westminster in Middlesex. Next time I visited he presented me with the list and told me that those were the films I needed to borrow and read. In those days I spent a lot of time at LDS in Stoke reading films and getting very excited when I found members of my family in records. Now of course we all sit in front of a computer and expect miracles. Sometimes we get them too. Sandra has contributed a short piece about John for this newsletter.

Unpaid Subscriptions There are still some subscriptions unpaid for the 2013/14 year. A reminder was sent out at the end of January to those of you who have not paid and I have had quite a good response but there are still a few unpaid. The committee would appreciate your prompt attention to this.

Regards
Barbara

Programme for 2014

February 24	Websites 01 - FindMyPast, NZ Electoral Rolls and Directories on Ancestry, Findagrave.com
March 24	Restoring old photos
April 28	Visiting Gallipoli - Denis Bush-King
May 26	AGM followed by Websites02 - would like members contributions for this please
June 23	Researching family in Germany - Karen Stade

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

February 23	Sandra Marris	Mondays 1am - 4pm	Thursday 10am - 4pm
March 2	Barbara Wells	Cheryl Carnahan	Cynthia Stratford's Team
March 9	Judith Fitchett		
March 16	Bob McFadden		
March 23	Sandra, Barbara & Bob	The Wood Treasure Hunt	See later article
March 30	Robyn Cliff		

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

The New Zealand Genealogists Magazine October 2013 loan Bkcase 01
Thomas and Phoebe Winstanley by Winstanley Keith, notes, loan, Bkcase 02 **NZ.FH.WINSTANLEY**

Community The Story of Riverside by Rain Lynn

Main families Barrington, Bender, Browne, Cole, Holdaway, Hyland, Kolff, Smith. Loan, Bkcase 02

NZ.TAS.LH.MOUT

The History and Milestone Celebrations of St James Church Ngatimoti 1884-2009 loan, Bkcase 02

NZ.TAS.CH.NGATIMOTI

Between the Ports Collingwood to Waitapu by Dawber Carol & Win Cheryl loan, Bkcase 02

NZ.TAS.LH.COLLINGWOOD



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They are offering a FREE one-hour consultation at their Palmyra premises (suburb of Perth Western Australia). If you can't make it to Palmyra, they will consult with you by phone or email.

<https://www.gov.uk/probate-search>

This is a new website which been launched with details of thousands of wills for soldiers who served in WW1 (UK site).

Top of the South Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting will be held at the Nelson Branch library "Ancestors Attic" at 67 Trafalgar Street on **Saturday 8 March at 2pm**. Topics - family members who fought in WW1 - bring along any memorabilia ; the online survey being done on Scots in NZ by Edinburgh University. Bring along your queries and suggestions. We will have online access to the Internet.

Door charge - donation to the Nelson Branch NZSG. Everyone welcome.

John Stone Marris 1923-2013.

John Marris, a Life Member of the Nelson Branch NZSG, who died at the end of November, had always had an interest in family history, but it was not until 1966 that efforts were made to discover his ancestors in the "old country". During WWII, John was a pilot stationed in Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire, England, not too far from where his family originated from.

The NZSG was formed by his cousin Verna Mossong in 1967, and John was sent a copy of their newsletter. The subscription was ten shillings, and so on the 1st January 1970 John became member No. 236. It was then suggested we start a Nelson Branch, and John met with Jim Eyles, then Director of the Provincial Museum and Pam and Clive Collier with a view to starting a Nelson group. An advert was placed in the Evening Mail and the first meeting was held at Atawhai on 4 Aug 1973. John was a foundation member and inaugural committee member.

Very soon the group members started transcribing headstones, inscriptions and burial registers, and births deaths and marriages were extracted from early newspapers. John was the author of several publications on family and school histories, and played a large part in the early years of the Branch and became Convenor from 1977 to 1980. - *contributed by Sandra Marris.*



John on the left April 2013

OUR AMAZING PLACE The Wood TREASURE HUNT

OBJECTIVES

- To cultivate a greater sense of community identity and belonging
- To create an event for the whole family to have fun with the community in the community
- To showcase local community organizations, businesses and parks and facilities
- To provide an opportunity for community networking and socialising
- To build foundations for increasing community resilience
- To develop a greater understanding of who's who in the community and who is doing what

Starts and Finishes at The Results Gym, Kinzett Terrace, bottom end of Trafalgar Street. (Plenty of parking)

BRING yourself your family and a friend, collect your map and passport and have fun walking/, scootering to discover the hidden treasures of your community --- People, places, businesses and services.

At 12.45 we will meet on the bowling green in front of the Results Gym, Kinzett Terrace. Maps and a Passport will be handed out. The Map will show you the route to take and where each station will be located. You receive a stamp on your passport for every station visit.

Stations are a mix of active (make or do something) and passive (answer a question). Each has a unique task for participants to complete.. At each Station you can create, explore, have fun and learn what The Wood has on offer! We will provide two alternate routes to minimize traffic buildup at any one station.

Stations start and 1p.m. and finish at 3p.m. at Results Gym, followed by a relaxing gathering with something to eat and drink and time for people to mingle and play.

Please come prepared with suitable footwear, sun protection/rain protection and water bottles. Please wear Hi Vis bold and beautiful clothing. This is a free community event

Participation is at individuals own risk. Contact Marcia Higgs shorty.marcia@xtra.co.nz

- The Branch will be manning a Station at The Attic as part of the Treasure Hunt



Dr Colleen Fitzpatrick - Visiting Forensic Genealogist

The international keynote speaker at this year's NZSG conference, *Hills, Harbour, Heritage* and AGM in Wellington at Queen's birthday weekend is Dr Colleen Fitzpatrick. Colleen is a consultant forensic genealogist from California. She works for both civilian and military organisations and has been involved in solving some really puzzling identification cases, including the unknown child of the Titanic. One of her current projects is the possible remains of aviatrix, Amelia Earhart.

Colleen has agreed to undertake a post conference tour and we have been asked if we would like Nelson to be on her itinerary. This meeting would be sometime in mid June and in addition to our usual monthly meeting. Full details will be provided later in the year.

Motueka Historical Association Publications

The latest in the Motueka Historical Association journals is now on sale. Number 8 it is entitled "**...and so it began, Further stories of Motueka through the years**" and at over 160 pages with 18 stories it is a bumper edition.

Have you ever wondered who Poole and Vosper were that two of our streets were named for? What about Hulbert Street and Mears Haven- why were those names chosen?

Motueka South as you come off the roundabout has a history all its own with three houses that had Edwards family connections including Hawthornden behind Toad Hall. High Street South and Batchelor Ford road also have families who have been here since early times. Their stories add to this quiet part of Motueka.

We remember the men and women who fought in WW1 in several stories about the memorial that was moved, Memorial Park and Hall and the RSA. Other stories tell of the tragedies that occurred to two families and how some WW1 postcards also had a story to tell- it just needed some genealogical research to uncover it.

Included in the journal is a list of all the articles covered in the previous seven editions which are still available through the Historical Association or the Motueka Museum at varying prices.

The latest journal is \$20 plus \$4 postage and handling and can be sent to you individually. Email Coralie Smith on tw-cr.smith@xtra.co.nz with your postal address. You will be invoiced and payment details will be on the invoice - cheque or online banking. Alternatively come and see us on a Tuesday at the research room Motueka Museum and purchase a copy.

You may not know about another publication that came out in 2013 to accompany the historical plaques at Decks Reserve. Also \$20 and written by Eileen Stewart it gives extra information about each plaque and historical event. Again available through us or at the Motueka Information Centre when you go and view the plaques.

- *The Attic has copies of all the Motueka journals including the latest for members to borrow if you do not wish to purchase your own.*

Website Updates (from IHAG site - rather a lot this month as it covers their December to February newsletters. This is an interesting site and can be found at <http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/index.html>)

FindMyPast

WW1 ships lost at sea Northumberland & Durham marriages [part] Devon baptisms and burials [part] Thames & Medway baptisms - Cliffe At Hoo, 1775-1851 Thames & Medway marriages - Cliffe At Hoo, 1775-1919 Thames & Medway burials - St Helen's Church, 1775-1851

Manchester Rate Books, 1706-1900 Plymouth & West Devon Rate Books 1598-1933 Southwark Rate Books Westminster Rate Books, 1634-1900 Tank Corps and Royal Tank Corps records 1919-1934.

DeceasedOnline

London Borough of Sutton Cemetery Records Wiltshire Council Cemeteries

Cyprus, Egypt, Malta and Singapore burial records from The National Archives military collection Kensal Green Cemetery

Ancestry

England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578-1837 UK, Civil Engineer Lists, 1818-1930

London Selected Rate Books 1684- Surrey, Electoral Registers, 1918-1945 West Yorkshire, Electoral Registers, 1840-1962 Isle of Man, baptism, marriage and burial index

FamilySearch.org

Belgium, Limburg, Civil Registration, 1798-1906 Canadian Passenger lists 1881-1922 Italy, Modena, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1806-1942 Japan, Passenger Lists, 1893-1941 Russia, Nizhni Novgorod Poll Tax Census 1782-1858 South Africa, Eastern Cape, Estate Files, 1962-2004 South Africa, Western Cape, Estate Files, 1966-2004 U.S., Illinois, Northern District Petitions for Naturalization, 1906-1991 U.S., Montana, Big Horn, County Records, 1884-2011 browsable image collection. U.S., Montana, Judith Basin County Records, 1887-2012 browsable image collection.

Essex Parish Registers, 1538-1900 Norfolk Register of Electors, 1844-1952 Brazil, São Paulo, Port of Santos, Passenger and Immigrant Lists, 1960-1982 Hungary, Jewish Vital Records Index, 1800-1945 Italy, Bari, Bari, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1929 U.S., Massachusetts, Boston Tax Records, 1822-1918 U.S., New York, State Health Department, Genealogical Research Death Index, 1957-1963

U.S., South Carolina, Darlington County Records, 1798-1923 U.S., South Carolina, Freedmen's Bureau Records, 1865-1872 U.S., Tennessee, Putnam County Marriages, 1930-1961 U.S., Maryland, Baltimore Passenger Lists Index, 1820-1897 U.S., Massachusetts, Boston Passenger Lists Index, 1899-1940 U.S., Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Passenger Lists Index, 1800-1906 U.S., Wisconsin, Milwaukee Naturalization Index, 1848-1990

British Newspaper Archive

Alnwick Mercury 1950 Birmingham Journal 1858 Burnley Express 1907, 1909 - 1910, 1912, 1914 - 1919, 1921, 1925 - 1933, 1936 - 1937, 1940, 1949, 1952 Grantham Journal 1916 - 1917, 1921 - 1922, 1924 Hastings and St Leonards Observer 1911, 1915, 1917, 1925, 1928 - 1931, 1933 - 1937, 1941 Hereford Times 1930, 1935 Inverness Courier 1938, 1940 - 1941 Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette 1934 Surrey Mirror 1948 Sussex Agricultural Express, etc., The 1895 - 1944 Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle. 1884, 1895 - 1896, 1899, 1901 - 1902, 1915, 1918 Taunton Courier, and Western Advertiser 1820 - 1821 Wiltshire Independent 1837, 1868, 1870 Worcester Journal 1938

Birmingham Gazette 1877 Bolton Evening News. 1869 Bradford Daily Telegraph. 1875 Bucks free press 1947 Daily Herald., The 1917 Durham County Advertiser, The 1815 - 1854 Evening Post, The 1900 - 1905 Grantham Journal 1915, 1919 - 1920, 1923 - 1927, 1940 Hastings and St Leonards Observer 1914, 1918 - 1920, 1925 - 1928, 1931 - 1932, 1934, 1936 - 1939, 1941 Hereford Times 1909 - 1910, 1912, 1930, 1935, 1937 Inverness Courier 1935, 1938 - 1941 Norfolk Chronicle 1889, 1908, 1921 Paisley Herald and Renfrewshire Advertiser 1874 Sligo Champion 1948 Staffordshire Advertiser 1814, 1847 Surrey Comet, and General Advertiser., The 1878 Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle 1858 - 1930 Taunton Courier, and Western Advertiser 1820 Wells Journal 1898 Worcester Journal 1938 - 1941 Yorkshire Evening Post 1940 Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, The 1868 - 1953

Durham Records Online

Newcastle All Saints 1827-1830 Earsdon baptisms & burials 1773-1812 Haverton Hill baptisms & burials 1866-1872 Hetton-le-Hole baptisms 1838-1842 & marriage witnesses 1832-1837 Evenwood Cemetery 1871-1998 Newcastle All Saints baptisms 1831-1834 Spring Garden Lane Presbyterian Chapel baptisms 1813-1837 Hexham marriages 1837-1841 Houghton-le-Spring marriage witnesses added for 1825-1829 Durham Primitive Methodist Circuit baptisms 1856-1879 West Hartlepool St. Oswald baptisms & marriages 1895-1932 West Hartlepool St. Aidan baptisms 1890-1905, marriages 1891-1909 West Hartlepool St. Aidan baptisms 1890-1905, marriages 1891-1909

thegenealogist.co.uk

National Union of Teachers War Records 1914-1919

Maxwellancestry.com

Prison registers of the Scottish Borders Paternity cases in Sheriff Courts in the south of Scotland

Scottish Association of Family History societies

Inventories of Scottish Burial Grounds and Pre-1841 Population Lists.

Fibis

Salvation Army Officers' Records for India The Times arrival and departure notices for Bombay 1882-1883

Origins.net

London Poor Law Abstracts 1581-1899

The National Archives

Bedfordshire added to Manorial Documents Register Podcast, Scandals in the Family,

<http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php /scandals-family/> or download for free from iTunes.

Forces War

Italian Prisoner of War Camp records

rootsireland.ie

Armagh Presbyterian Registers

Irish Genealogical Research Society

Index to abstracts and transcripts of Irish wills.

Armagh Methodist (Baptisms 1844-1846) Lurgan (High Street) Methodist (Baptisms 1813-1864 + Marriages 1842-1844) Moira Methodist (Baptisms 1827-1844) Newry Methodist (Baptisms 1824-1865 + Deaths 1835) Portadown (Thomas Street) Methodist (Baptisms 1824-1864 + Marriages 1839-1841) Tandragee Methodist (Baptisms 1800-1866 + Marriages 1838-1845) Portadown Primitive Methodist (Baptisms 1847-1878); English Church of Ireland (Baptisms 1803-1865 + Deaths 1803-1805) Kilmore (St Saviours) Church of Ireland (Baptisms 1843-1863) Richhill Congregationalist Church (Baptisms 1845-1867 + Marriages 1850-1876) Lurgan (Quaker) Society of Friends (Baptisms 1607-1862 + Marriages 1634-1848 + Deaths 1697-1898) Richhill & Grange (Quaker) Society of Friends (Baptisms 1812-1878 + Marriages 1816-1836 + Deaths 1747-1920)

Irish Genealogical Research Society

Dublin MIs Mount Jerome Fermanagh MIs Church of St. Molaise Graveyard Kerry MIs Kilshannig Burial Ground Wexford Ms St. Patrick's Monaseed

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

Irish Constabulary 1858 Donegal Abbey Monumental Inscriptions Dublin, Mount Jerome, 66 & 67 and Deansgrange Cemetery, West Section Galway, Clontuskert Church Monumental Inscriptions Kerry, Stradbally Monumental Inscriptions Lajos, Timahoe Monumental Inscriptions Meath, Hill of Slane Monumental Inscriptions Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland Banbridge Presbyterian Church Marriages 1756-94.

Ulster Historical Association

Ireland's Memorial Records: World War One Eden School Register 1872 to 1945: Tamlaght O'Crilly parish, Co. Londonderry County Down: Killinchy Church of Ireland baptisms 1820-77, Blaris Church of Ireland baptisms 1661-1720, Magheralin Church of Ireland baptisms 1783-1870, Bangor Church of Ireland baptisms 1803-43, Ballywalter Church of Ireland baptisms 1845-75, Ardkeen Church of Ireland baptisms 1746-1871

My Heritage

Scandinavian Collection, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland from 1600s.

Christmas Function with Nelson Historical Society - December 8

This was enjoyed by all who attended - the food was great, the company was good and the tours of the College Scriptorium (David Robertson), Assembly Hall (John Bethwaite) and the Rugby Historical Boards (Pete Gillin) very interesting.



Nelson College and its special link in New Zealand Rugby history

Pete Gillin (NZSG Nelson) leads a group reviewing the special connection...

Nelson Historical Society with NZSG Nelson Branch - Christmas Function Sun 8 Dec 2013