



New Zealand Society of  
Genealogists  
**NELSON BRANCH**  
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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 April 28 - Visiting Gallipoli with Denis Bush-King

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*From the Editor*

Hi everyone

We had a very interesting speaker last month - Mark Dunstan who showed us how to use Photoshop to enhance and correct old photos. Most printer/scanners these days have features built into their programs that will also enhance and correct photos and while not quite as good as Photoshop still do a reasonable job.

There are a lot of WW1 activities happening from Anzac Day on so look out for them being advertised. I have included some information from the Museum that I have received which covers these.

We will be having an additional meeting on July 5 when Dr Colleen Fitzgerald visits. We will let you know more about that in next month newsletter including her topic. **Don't forget it is our AGM in May - the committee would like some new members so please think about standing this year.**

Regards  
Barbara

**Programme for 2014**

April	28	Visiting Gallipoli - Denis Bush-King
May	26	AGM followed by Websites02 - would like members to contribute to this please
June	5	Visit of Dr Colleen Fitzgerald - forensic genealogist and a speaker at the NZSG conference
June	23	Wandering Siblings - Karen Stade
July	28	Show & Tell followed by Soup & Toast - Women in your family
August	25	How to navigate our local cemeteries records
September	22	Websites 03 - Library records available through the NZSG website.

## Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

### Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

April 20 Judith Fitchett  
April 27 Sandra Marris  
May 4 Barbara Wells  
May 11 Annette & Alan Mayne  
May 18 Kevin Ryan  
May 25 TBA

**Mondays 1am - 4pm**  
Cheryl Carnahan

**Thursday 10am - 4pm**  
Cynthia Stratford's Team

## Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

**Sundays 2 - 4**

**Mondays 1 - 4**

**Thursdays 10 - 4**

### Recent Acquisitions

The Bulletin, journal about Nelson College. Loan Bkcase 10.

**WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT** Airmen of Nelson Tasman  
ref Bkcase 07 reference **NZ.MIL.WW I**

**The Gene Genie** by Golden Bay Genealogy Group journal March 2014 Issue 21 loan Bkcase 02  
**NZ.TAS.LH.GBAY**

**True Pioneers Howland and Wells Families** booklet by Congdon Shirley. loan Bookcase 02. Donated by Shirley Congdon.



## ANZAC WEEKEND

The Branch has been asked to take part in the ANZAC events that will be held at Founders over the weekend of 25th, 26th, and 27th April. We will be represented at a stall with the WW1 nurses stories.

### AT FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

#### Experience ANZAC at Founders Heritage Park

From the moment you enter Founder's Heritage Park, for \$2 entry fee you will experience total First World War immersion during this three day event.

Guard Posts will demand ID papers and our British HQ General demands obedience to insane ideas while rounding up civilians to do their bit.

You can join the 'Resistance Challenge' and try the 'Uncrackable' Code Competition. There will also be a quieter space for our younger members of the public at the Children's Fete.

The **Trench Experience**, an additional interactive theatre, will show both sides of the World War One conflict. Buy additional \$5 tickets into the Energy Centre and witness the Germans hit by a mustard gas attack, while the Allies will defend a trench invasion and men from both sides will be wounded. See a mine dug into No Man's Land, a working field kitchen, trench sleeping quarter's first aid provision tent. You will experience the sights, sounds and smell of First World War trenches.

Closer to home, the Tapawera Training Camp will be recreated complete with drill and kit inspections, while conscientious objector Mark Briggs will stand up to officialdom for his beliefs. A street performance of original songs will highlight mothers, daughters and sisters waving their men off to war and surviving without them.

The Anzac Experience is brought to the Nelson community by local theatre company Dramatix and also features 'Walls of Remembrance' static displays, multi-media, projection, storyboards, oral displays and live poetry readings relating to our local war time history.

The Anzac Experience 25/26/27 April 10am - 4.30pm \$2 entry fee.

#### R16 Trench Experience Night Time Tours

Darker than the day time theatre, the evening R16 Trench Experience will take your breath away. Visceral and poignant you will be living the action and horror of war time realities. There is limited audience capacity and bookings are essential. Evening train rides and Founders Café also available.

Founders Heritage Park two evenings only: Easter Weekend 19 and 20 April 8pm - 10pm \$10.00 per ticket.

Book at [dramatix@dramatix.co.nz](mailto:dramatix@dramatix.co.nz)

## NEWS FROM THE NELSON PROVINCIAL MUSEUM

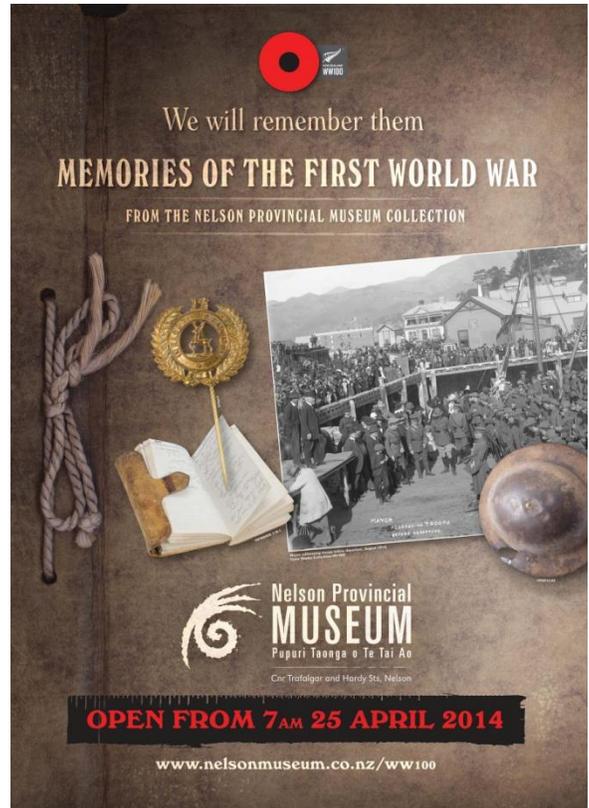
Opening on Anzac Day - **MEMORIES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR** - and access to the full database of men and women from this province who served in WW1.

Nelson Provincial Museum TA445 will open its doors at 7am on the morning of Anzac Day, Friday 25 April 2014. On display in the foyer will be a pictorial exhibition featuring images and objects from the Museum's collection related to the people and events of period from 1914 to 1918. This exhibition has been designed to travel and will be displayed in a number of regional venues over the next few years.

There will also be computer access to the Nelson/Tasman war service database, which will go live from 23 April. The database lists the names of more than 2500 men and women from the region who served during the First World War. The database is the end product of many years work by regional researchers and genealogists and includes nurses, soldiers, Padres, and those men and women who served with Australian forces, the Royal Navy and the flying services of England.

The Museum is very keen to see those who served in the Merchant Marine recognised for their service. Families of those who served are invited to contribute information.

The url below will be the key entry point to the Museum website for information about events and activities and access to the full range of resources we are preparing for the exhibitions as well as providing quick access to a range of external websites we believe will be of value and interest to our physical and on-line visitors.



[www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/ww100](http://www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/ww100)

## Long Service recognized



One would be hard put to find a finer example of dedicated volunteer service than that given by Mary Devlin and Jean Coulthard who both recently retired as Museum volunteers. Between them they had clocked up a combined 51 years of service. Mary had worked mostly on photographic related projects for the past 27 years. Whilst Jean had given 24 years of service working on library and research projects. The invaluable contribution made by this dynamic duo was celebrated at a special morning tea held in their honour at the start of March this year. Tasman Bays Heritage Trust Chairman, Terry Horne, presented both Mary and Jean with certificates acknowledging the outstanding level of service they had both given.

*Jean has been a NZSG Nelson Branch member for many years and will be well known to many current members*

## **Websites Update** (from IHAG site)

### **FindMyPast**

British Garrison Deserters In South Australia  
South Australia Cemetery Inscriptions  
South Australia Destitute Women  
1855-1860 South Australia Landowners  
1835-1841 South Australia Naturalisations  
1849-1903 South Australian Ex-Convicts  
Baltimore Passenger Lists 1846-1851  
Boston Passenger Lists 1846-1851  
New Orleans Passenger Lists 1846-1851  
New York Passenger Lists 1846-1890  
Philadelphia Passenger Lists 1846-1851

### **Ancestry**

Gloucestershire, England, Wills and Inventories, 1541-1858  
Bethnal Green: Examinations for 1839-1903, Orders of Removal for 1837-1853 - 1916, Settlement Papers for 1889-1894-1917.  
Hackney: Orders of Removal for 1867-1868, 1900, 1903-1907, 1913-1914, 1920-1921; Settlement Papers 1850-1870, 1892-1915.  
Poplar: Examinations for 1885-1897, Orders of Removal for 1874-1892-1893; Settlement Papers 1885-1886, 1889-1890, 1893-1894, 1904  
Shoreditch: Examinations 1808-1918; Orders for Removal for 1869, 1878-1920, Settlement Papers 1882-1897.  
Stepney: Orders of Removal for 1826-1836  
Irish Roman Catholic records Argentina Census 1865 and Buenos Aires 1855  
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825 and 1842  
Massachusetts State Censuses, 1855 and 1865.

### **The Genealogist**

Tithe Records

### **Durham Records Online**

Durham Wesleyan Methodist Circuit baptisms 1841-1856, 1860-1870  
Embleton baptisms, burials, marriages 1651-1760  
Hartlepool Methodist baptisms Hartlepool St Luke Marriages 1934-1937 West Hartlepool St. Matthew baptisms 1902-1945 Hartlepool St. Paul marriages 1906-1935 Norton baptisms & burials 1792-1812 South Shields St.  
John Presbyterian baptisms 1742-1857 Stella burials 1852-1956 Tanfield burials 1852-1960 West Hartlepool  
Hebrew Congregation Cemetery burials 1858-2011

### **FamilySearch.org**

Cornwall parish registers Durham Diocese,  
Calendar of Marriage Bonds & Allegations, 1594-1815 Kent,  
Register of Electors, 1570-1907  
Canadian 1916 Census

### **rootsireland.ie**

Roman Catholic Baptisms, Clare: Cratloe 1802 - 1901 ,Crusheen 1860 - 1900 Ennis1841 - 1900  
Feakle 1860 - 1900 Mountshannon 1846 - 1900  
Parteen 1831 - 1902 Scariff 1852 - 1900  
Church of Ireland Baptisms, Down: Ballywalter 1845-1875 Bangor 1803-1843 Comber 1684-1877 Donaghadee 1771-1845 Down 1749-1857 Drumballyroney 1838-1871 Kilcoo 1786-1829 Killinchy 1820-1877 Kilmore 1823-1856 Magheralin 1783-1870  
Church of Ireland Baptisms, Antrim: Antrim 1828-1844 Ardkeen 1746-1871 Blaris 1661-1720  
Carrickfergus 1740-1875

### **Ireland Genealogy Projects Archive**

Cavan MI Glasleck Presbyterian Church Cemetery  
Donegal List of Marriage Lines (Dispensations) St. Eunan's Letterkenny 1857  
Dublin Deansgrange Cemetery - St. Brigids Section, pt 6  
Fermanagh Tenants from Mullynaskea and Cavancarragh  
Monaghan MI Corvally Presbyterian Church Cemetery Tipperary Clonmel: Directories 1788-1930, Property Valuations 1837, Voters 1837, Freeman 1832-37 Tyrone MI St. Lawrence's Church Cemetery (R.C.),  
Fintona: Deaths Records at Kilskeery Church of Ireland 1796 - 1897, MI Kilskeery Parish Church (Col) (partial)

## ScotlandsPlaces

Inhabited House Tax Rolls from 1778 to 1798

## British Newspaper Archives

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 1801, 1804 - 1806, 1810, 1812, 1816, 1818 - 1819, 1889

Belfast Morning News 1858

Birmingham Daily Mail, The 1881 - 1883, 1887, 1891, 1906, 1915

Cheltenham Chronicle 1873, 1889 - 1890, 1892, 1894 - 1895

Coventry Herald 1916

Derby Daily Telegraph 1889

Dover Express 1894 - 1896, 1899

Dublin Evening Mail 1827 - 1828

Edinburgh Evening News 1905 - 1906

Evening Telegraph 1882, 1884, 1886, 1890 - 1892

Gloucester Citizen 1934, 1937, 1941

Kendal Mercury 1870

Liverpool Daily Post 1875 - 1876, 1906

Newcastle Journal 1875, 1893

Nottingham Evening Post 1904, 1906 - 1908, 1911 - 1912, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1938 - 1939

Reading Mercury 1873

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 1789

Sports Argus, The 1917 - 1918

Stamford Mercury 1827, 1832, 1846

Sussex Agricultural Express,

The 1954 Western Gazette 1907, 1909

Yorkshire Evening Post 1915, 1929 - 1930, 1936 - 1937, 1939

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, The 1870, 1891, 1896, 1901, 1905, 1907 - 1908, 1916 - 1918, 1924, 1928 - 1930, 1937.

## MyHeritage

Jewish Chronicle

## Birth certificates 10 things to do online (from Family Tree Magazine Christmas 2013)

- **1 .Date (and time) of birth** visit [www.paulsadowski.org/Birthday.asp](http://www.paulsadowski.org/Birthday.asp) will tell you which day of the week and a whole lot of fascinating facts about your ancestor's date of birth. If there is a time shown it may indicate a multiple birth eg. twins . Note Scottish birth certificates nearly always record the time of birth regardless of whether or not it is a multiple birth..
- **2. Address** most babies were born at home - some certificates provide the entire address while others may only give the area or town, If the informant was the mother or father and their address is different it may be because many women went home to their mother's house to give birth, or maybe the baby was born in a "lying-inhospital". Using Google Earth site [www.maps.google.co.uk](http://www.maps.google.co.uk) and choosing "Street view" option you can even do a virtual walk down the street as it is today. [www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com) allows you to attach old photographs to a map of Britain - pictures of your ancestor's street might just be online.
- **3. First names** - The website [www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/146425/Girls-names-through-history](http://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/146425/Girls-names-through-history) and [www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/146425/Baby-names-for-boys-through-history](http://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/146425/Baby-names-for-boys-through-history) tells you which names were popular in Britain in certain years during the 20th century.
- **4. Family name.** you can find out some general facts about your family surname at [www.ancestry.co.uk/learn/facts](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/learn/facts) Amongst other information this site will show you how many people with your surname were living in various parts of the UK at the time of the 1891 Census. For a good summary of the history of surnames in Britain see [http://genealogy.about.com/od/surname\\_meaning/a/english.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/surname_meaning/a/english.htm)
- **5. Father's occupation** To find out about specific occupations try <http://genealogy.about.com/od/records/a/occupations.htm>
- **6 Process of registration** Informant normally father or mother but if not go to nearest census in time to child's birth to see if this person is another family member or neighbour. Check to see how long before birth and date of registration. 42 days allowed to register birth otherwise you had to pay.

- **7 Baptism** Records of baptism appear in parish records probably few days or weeks after birth. Many have been transcribed and appear online at various commercial sites or county sites. Look at Free BMDs site as well. Once you have found a record look up the Church at [www.churchphotos.homestead.com/Britain.html](http://www.churchphotos.homestead.com/Britain.html) or just Google the name.
- **8 Town** To find out more about the town or parish go to [www.visionofbritain.org.uk](http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk)
- **9 The World at the time** The quickest way to immerse yourself in the immediate world at the time your ancestor was born is through old newspapers. Try [www.britishnewspapersarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspapersarchive.co.uk) or our own Papers past at <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast> or Australia's <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>
- **10 Other birth records** Announcements maybe in national papers so try the sources mentioned in 9

## DNA testing for Family history (reproduced from Famnet's latest newsletter with Gail's permission)



We're delighted that Gail has offered to write a series of articles on the use of DNA Testing in genealogy. Gail Riddell, currently of North Waikato, is a popular presenter of DNA related matters at various New Zealand events, including those of NZSG. Gail writes: -

The series will cover the following and it is planned that one should appear in each month's Famnet newsletter issue. They will all be at the absolutely basic level and apart from certain words, very few scientific terms will be used. As a result, there will be those readers who wish for more accuracy rather than an overview. But given that the majority of readers have absolutely no idea what is involved, I have

chosen to remain at "grass roots" level.

1. What is Molecular Genealogy?
2. Where would I begin?
3. What test should I take?
4. What DNA will NOT tell you and the risks involved.
5. Direct paternal line (men only)
6. Direct maternal line (men and women).
7. All the lineages including maternal and paternal (men and women).
8. Understanding direct paternal results.
9. Understanding direct maternal line results.
10. Understanding the "cousin" results.
11. Hints and Tips.
12. Invaluable websites and blogs and forums for DNA.

### *What is Molecular Genealogy?*

In simple terms, this is the taking of physical samples of a tester's cheek cells (or saliva, depending on the lab selected) and relating these to biological knowledge to specifically locate those portions on the human genome which can be translated into ancestral inheritances for genealogy purposes. It is not a blood test and the sample is taken by the tester in the privacy of the tester's own home.

It is not for forensic or medical interest - these portions of the human genome used for genealogy research and comparison are not those considered for other purposes.

Some call this "Genetic genealogy" (the favoured description) and others call it "DNA testing for genealogical purposes." The outcome is similar but do NOT make the mistake of thinking that all labs testing your sample are the same because they are not. Some labs focus only on 'Deep Ancestry' whilst others only focus on the most recent five or so generations and yet others look across the spectrum.

'Molecular Genealogy' has been described as the "application of the current techniques for characterizing an individual's DNA to the task of testing whether two or more testers share a common ancestor". Although it goes much further than that, the essence is that on its own, a tester's DNA result means nothing for genealogical purposes. The results must be able to be compared.

Without the ability to compare, any results are meaningless and so care must be taken to select both a reputable company (for DNA testing) plus the size of the data base, plus the ability to retain ownership of results and freedom to choose what to do with same. And just as not all of us are equal in physical stature, then so the same with the current testing companies - in spite of their marketing ploys.

To "begin", you must first focus on what you wish to learn. This will be covered in a later segment - to be published in a future Famnet newsletter. And by "focus", I mean work out whether your goal is specific (what is it?) or general.

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