



New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
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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: May 26 AGM followed by Websites02

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From the Editor

As you all know this month is our AGM. To save on printing costs the various reports for the meeting ie. Convenor's, Treasurer's, Library and Projects will be e-mailed to members the week before the meeting. Can you please print yourself out copies and bring them with you to the meeting along with any queries you may have. This is your Branch so a good turnout of members would be appreciated by the current committee.

Please note we have an additional meeting on Thursday 5 June when we host Dr Colleen Fitzgerald one of the keynote speakers at this year's NZSG Conference.

Her Topic is: Forensic Genealogy CSI Meets Roots see article on the next page for more details.

Next Meeting

The next meeting on 26 May is the AGM. At the end of this newsletter are nomination forms for the Committee. We are looking for new Committee members so if you are interested please look at putting your name forward. You need to be a financial member of the NZ Society of Genealogists and be nominated by two other members.

The AGM will be followed with Websites02. At present we are going to look at the following: Nelson Museum WW1 Database, WW1 records on Archives, pinterest.com, Tasman Kete, and Transcript. If anyone has other Websites that they would like to show and talk about can you please let me know before the meeting.

Regards
Barbara

Forensic Genealogy -CSI Meets Roots

Subtitle: *Who? What? When? Where?* Are these the words of a genealogist researching his family tree or a forensic scientist solving a mystery? Maybe someone who is *both!* You will arrive at this talk a genealogist; you will leave a *forensic genealogist*.

Today, genealogy is more exciting than ever thanks to the ever-growing wealth of information that is available at the click of a mouse. Even if you cannot find something online, it's often possible to find someone who can find it for you in a library thousands of miles away. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Forensic genealogy has established itself as the modern approach to family research. Forensic genealogy does not replace conventional methods of research, it enhances them. Established reference materials such as photographs, databases, and DNA can provide much more information than you ever dreamed, if only you keep your eyes open and use a little imagination. But are you really using your genealogical materials to your best advantage?

The goal of this lecture is not to provide a dry list of places to look for information, but rather to spark your imagination to discover new ways of looking at your family mysteries, to permanently change the way you see things, to turn *you* into a forensic genealogist.

Links for further information:

A four part interview with the Orange County Register beginning October 2, 2009

www.ocregister.com/articles/fitzpatrick-213475-dna-says.html

GAMES Magazine article, November 2007 "CSI Meets Roots"

www.knifethrower.com/gamemagazine.html

GAMES Magazine article, August 2009 "Where? When? Why? Who? CSI Meets Photography"

www.forensicgenealogy.info/images/games_magazine_august_2009.pdf

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Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT Nelson Padres includes

Eric Ellerslie BAMFORD,

Francis Stanislaus BARTLEY,

John Shore BLADIN,

James Francis COURSEY,

Charles James Hamilton DOBSON,

James Alexander JERMYN,

Samuel James MATHIESON,

Robert Hercules Brideoake McCROMBIE,

John [Jack] Archilles ROGERS,

William Charles SADLIER,

Thomas Fieldon TAYLOR

Edmund John TIPLER,

Harold Bayne Winsbury WHITE,

By Dennis Bush-King. Bookcase 07, loan , classification **NZ.MIL.WW I. NEL.PADRES**

Journal of the New Zealand Genealogists' Magazine February 2014 loan, Bookcase 01

The Heath Story by Shirley Condon nee Heath. Bookcase 02, loan, classification **NZ.FH.HEATH**



Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm

May 18 Kevin Ryan

May 25 Pete Gillin

June 1 Barbara Wells

June 8 Robyn Cliff

June 15 Pete Gillin

June 22 Bob McFadden

June 29 Barbara Wells

Mondays 1am - 4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

DNA Testing for Family History © Gail Riddell 2014

Where Would One Begin?



This is the **2nd** in a series of 12 articles on the subject of DNA testing for genealogy purposes by Gail Riddell (a popular and renowned DNA presenter in New Zealand) written for the Famnet newsletters and reproduced here with Gail's permission. For further information, please contact her directly at riddellDNA@gmail.com

In the previous (first) article, I finished by requesting that you focus on what it is that you wish to learn from such testing. You see, if you are uncertain of what it is you wish to learn then it is possible you may select the wrong firm and the wrong test and result in an unsatisfactory outcome for your requirements. This is because no two firms offer the same procedures nor the same tests. Even more sadly, not all firms offer the same services. (Never mind what their publicity machines state!) So, should you decide to get genetically involved, please spend time working out what you wish to learn or what aim you have to ensure such an investment works for you. (Not for your neighbour; not for your friend; not for your relative but for you).

Here are common reasons you may have for considering such a test in the first place:-

1. I am curious as to what I would find.
2. I am adopted and wish to learn who my birth parents might be.
3. My mother/father is adopted and has no idea as to her/his parents.
4. I look nothing like anyone in my family - are my parents really my parents?
5. I suspect a person is actually a relative but how can I be sure?
6. I wish to learn who my UK relatives are.
7. Am I European or another ethnicity group?
8. My family history goes back hundreds of years but I wish to learn whether this is genuine.
9. My surname is very common so how do I know for certain if I am related to other people using the same surname?
10. I am curious as to whether I am (examples) English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Flemish, Spanish, Flemish, Portuguese, Norwegian, Danish, German, Italian, Indian, Maori, African, Jewish, Turkish, Russian, Polish, Chinese, Asian etc. etc.
11. I am interested in whether my genes may show I am allergic to certain things or I have a medical weakness. Can DNA testing help me with this?
12. My parents were brown-eyed, as are my siblings so do my blue eyes mean I am not a biological child?
13. My brick wall is when my ancestors arrived in New Zealand and I cannot find the ship on which they arrived, nor where they came from - will DNA testing help me?

Those were mere examples of reasons I am given every day. On the surface, these all appear to be straightforward. But once I dig a little deeper, the motivations and thoughts in behind those examples give very real clues as to what test should be taken, by whom and with which firm. The final decision usually depends on three important decisions you must make.

1. The funds you are willing to outlay? (Meaning, it is not as expensive as say "golf" but it can prove to be expensive. And if the correct test is not taken with the correct firm, you will be wasting your money).
2. Who in your family is willing to test? And does that person represent the one whose results will give you what is needed? (Meaning, is that person being tested, in the correct descendant's line?)
3. Do you want fast and cheap? Or do you want slow and accurate? Do you want health and genealogy or just genealogy?

In my next article, the subject of which is “what test should I take to give me the outcome I am seeking?” I shall give an overview of test-type descriptions and what you will learn from each.

There is a true story regarding a soldier leaving behind a mystery finally unravelled by the use of DNA at this link.. <http://www.pamplinmedia.com/nbg/142-news/218078-78521-finding-family-using-science>

Website Updates (x IHAG May newsletter)

FamilySearch

- Kent Parish Registers 1538-1911
- Lancashire Parish Registers
- New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839-1973

British Origins

- Hearth Tax abstracts for Northamptonshire for 1673-1674

FindmyPast

- Royal Artillery attestations 1883-1942
- Royal Artillery Other Ranks casualty cards 1939-1946
- Shropshire Parish Registers 1538-1900

Ancestry

- Manchester Nonconformist Registers from 1758
- Norfolk Poor Law Union Records, 1796-1900
- Yorkshire, Allertonshire, Marriage Bonds and Allegations
- Yorkshire West Collection 1779-1914 (includes criminal, militia and police records)
- Ireland, Indexes to Wills, 1384-1858
- Ireland, C.o.I Baptisms: Aghaderg Co Down 1814-1870, Blaris (Lisburn) Cos. Antrim & Down 1720-1750 and 1763-1819, Christchurch Belfast 1850-1870, Dromore Co Down 1784-1816 and 1858-1871
- Isle of Wight Methodist Registers 1813-1937
- Wales, Court and Miscellaneous Records, 1542-1911
- Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007
- Italy, Genova, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1796-1812, 1838-1859, 1866-1899
- Italy, Lucca, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1807-1814
- Italy, Napoli, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1809-1865
- Netherlands, Leiden, Births 1670-1913, Marriages, 1575-1934 and Deaths 1811-1960
- USA Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1924
- USA Quaker Records

Irish Genealogy Projects Archive

- 1849 Irish Constabulary Enlistees, Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Down, Donegal
- Dublin: Donnybrook Graveyard,
- Mount Jerome Part MIs,
- Glenageary St. Paul's Church Baptisms to 1900,
- Deansgrange Cemetery,
- St. Patrick's Section, pt 16
- Fermanagh: Clogh Church of Ireland MIs,
- Derrylin Kinawley Parish Church MI,
- Kilskeery CI Marriages 1778-1849 and burials 1796-1897
- Longford Templemichael & Ballymacormick deaths 1814
- Offaly Croghan Hill New Cemetery - Partial Survey

Ulster Historical Foundation

- Aghaderg CI,
- Down 1814 - 1870 Blaris CI (Lisburn),
- Antrim & Down 1720 - 1750, 1763 - 1819 Christchurch CI, (Belfast),
- Antrim 1850 - 1870 Dromore CI,
- Down 1784 - 1816, 1858 -1871

RootsIreland

- County Clare Roman Catholic baptism and marriage registers,
- Ennis (also known as Drumcliff)

Durham Online

- Forest & Frith burials 1852-1901
- Sunderland Holy Trinity baptisms 1835-1837

Irish Newspaper Archives

- The Connaught Telegraph 1830-1899
- The Dundalk Democrat 1849-1913

British Newspaper Archive

- Dublin Evening Mail 1830,1841+1842

10 things to look for on Death Certificates (from February 2014 Family Tree Magazine)

1. **Date of death** - to find out what if any, famous event in history took place on your ancestors death see www.historynet.com/today-in-history or search in Wikipedia www.en.wikipedia.org
2. **Cause of death** - records show cause of death in medical language. See www.cyndislist.com/medical.htm or Google "online medical dictionaries"
3. **Epidemic casualty** - if your ancestor died from a contagious disease such as typhus or cholera check to see if there was an epidemic at the time. See 19th century medical information at www.victorianweb.org/science/health/health10.html
4. **Treatment** - how your ancestor battled disease depends on the exact time period in which they lived. The British Library history timeline at www.bl.uk/timeline provides an opportunity to look at advances in science, medicine and technology in each decade since the medieval period.
5. **Place of death** - death certificate will give address of place of death. Try entering the place of death or parish at www.visionofbritain.org.uk or www.british-history.ac.uk . Local history societies can provide more detailed information about specific areas www.local-history.co.uk . If the death was in a Hospital try googling it to find information about the hospital. If in a Workhouse check www.nationalarchives.govt.uk to see whether any records exist.
6. **Person in attendance** - includes name of person who informed Registrar of death. May be followed by "in attendance" which implies this person was caring for the deceased at time of death. If not obviously a relative it's worth looking on the census close to the year of death.
7. **Place of burial** - Burials were recorded in parish or burial registers. LDS site www.familysearch.org has millions of burial records online that can be searched for free. In the UK see www.parishregister.co.uk or try one of the commercial family history sites such as Ancestry, FindMyPast or TheGenealogist . The register may include more information such as the name of spouse or even parents. www.deceasedonline.com is worth checking too. It is free to search but you pay to view. It provides useful cemetery maps as well as other occupants of the grave. Often local government sites have cemetery sites and some even have photos.
8. **Gravestone/monument** - finding a gravestone can lead to more information such as place of origin or family relationships. Many local family history societies have indexed stones in local graveyards. Try googling the area with the phrase "monumental inscriptions". Look on www.deceasedonline.com to see whether it is on their database or www.historyfromheadstones.com for Northern Ireland or www.findagrave.com which is worldwide and includes some photos. These sites are continually adding more records.
9. **Other mentions of death** - announcements of deaths, funeral notices and obituaries may appear in local or national newspapers up to several weeks after the death. Worth looking on www.findmypast.co.uk or on www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk . For NZ look in the National Library site Papers Past. If the death is the result of an accident check local newspapers for a report of the tragedy.
10. **Wills** - your ancestor may have left a will which can be a great source of information. Look at www.ancestry.co.uk for the National Probate Calendar which will give you the value of the Estate and you can then purchase the will. TheGenealogist, Ancestry and Origins sites also have some wills collections pre 1858. NZ wills and probates are currently being digitised by FamilySearch and some areas can be found online at www.familysearch.org

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