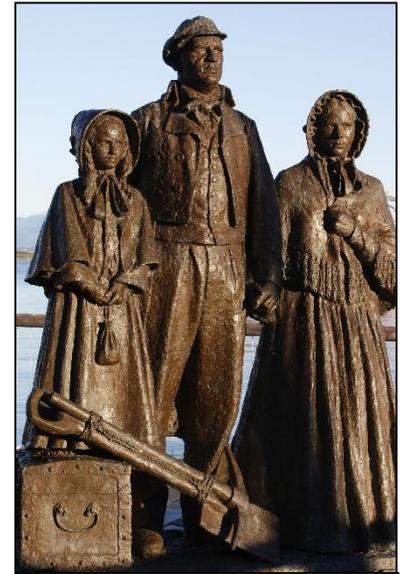




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NELSON BRANCH**  
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**Early Settlers - Port Nelson**  
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Our monthly meetings are at Smith's Hall, corner Waimea & Quarantine Roads Annesbrook on 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  
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Our Branch Library **Ancestors Attic** is at 67 Trafalgar Street opposite Trailways

**Next Meeting: Aug 25 How to navigate our local cemeteries records**

**The 2014/2015 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:**

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***From the Editor***

Hi everyone

Last year the researchers of the WDYTYR Australia program approached Karen Stade of the Nelson Historical Society regarding an episode they were making on Rebecca Gibney. Karen in turn referred them to Cheryl Carnahan and Judith Fitchett. About half of the program is set in Nelson and a small segment at the Attic. Recently Cheryl was sent a DVD of the episode which screened on Australian TV last month. We are going to show this at our meeting in September. We are also hoping to invite some of the local people who were involved in the making of this episode to talk about their input. At the time it was very HUSH HUSH and everyone involved was sworn to secrecy!!! If you read the Branch's last year's financial report you may have noticed the \$300 we received for Cheryl and Judith's input.

This month's meeting will be on navigating our local cemetery records - both Nelson and Tasman. The Attic has extensive records of the graves at Wakakpuaka and Cheryl has compiled a very interesting Powerpoint presentation showing us what is available. I will endeavor to cover Richmond cemetery and maybe Motueka.

You may or may not know that the Attic has photos of the graves in most of the smaller Tasman cemeteries that were donated to the Branch by Mark Moorhouse. Copies of these photos are for sale by the Branch.

Regards

Barbara

## Programme for 2014

August	25	How to navigate our local cemeteries records
September	22	Who Do You Think You Are Australia - Rebecca Gibney
October	27	Websites 03 - Library records available through the NZSG website.
November	24	Christmas function.

### Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4pm	Mondays 1am - 4pm	Thursday 10am - 4pm
August 17 Bob McFadden	Cheryl Carnahan	Cynthia Stratford's Team
August 24 Judith Fitchett		
August 31 Barbara Wells		
September 7 Kevin Ryan		

### Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

**Sundays 2 - 4**

**Mondays 1 - 4**

**Thursdays 10 - 4**

#### Recent Acquisitions

The Nelson Girls Collegian 1921 & 1927 magazine. Reference Bookcase 11

Bristol and Avon Family History Society booklets 2010, 2011, 2012, Bristol and Avon Family History Society Research Room 2010. Loan bookcase 12.

Donated by Betty Lark, thank you Betty.

Huddersfield and District Family History Society 2013 & Jan, April, July 2014. Loan bookcase 12. Donated by Cheryl Carnahan.

Mull & Iona, book by Macnab P A. Book, loan. Bookcase 12. Published 2008. Classification **SCT.LH.MULL**

The Gibson Index reference Bookcase 12. Classification **AUS.AID**

New Zealand Microfiche notes, reference. Cabinet 01.

Counties of Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England. map.

DNA & Genealogy and Forensic Genealogy by Fitzpatrick Colleen & Yeiser Andrew. Classification **AID**

Nelson Industries Fair 1955 booklet. Reference. Bookcase 02.

The Trafalgar Centre 1973 by Jaycees. Booklet. Reference. Bookcase 02

Northumberland & Durham FHS 2010, Journal. Loan. Bookcase 12

Nelson College Images of an Era by Dunstan Mark and others. Covers period 1856-2006. Loan, Bookcase 10, donated by John Bethwaite. Classification **NZ.NLN.SCH**

St Barnabas Church, First Hundred Years [hard copy & 2<sup>nd</sup> copy]. By Arthur W. Parrott. Covers period 1866-1966, Stoke, Nelson. Loan, Bookcase 02. Classification **NZ.NLN.CH**

The Queen's Heroes - Victoria & NZ Crosses by Moorhead Murray. Covers period 1840-2005. Loan Bookcase 07. Classification **NZ.MIL**

Nelson Notables By Lash Max. 2<sup>nd</sup> copy. Covers period 1849-1940. Loan Bookcase 02. Classification **NZ.BIO**

Parliamentary Electoral Roll Nelson 2002, 2004. 2<sup>nd</sup> copies. Reference. Store room.

Electoral Roll West Coast/Tasman 2000. Reference Bookcase 03.

Journal of the New Zealand Genealogists' Magazine February 2014. Loan Bookcase 01.

Nelson Tasman School Notes. School pupils photo 1892. Reference Bookcase 11. Donated Cheryl Carnahan. Classification **NZ.NLN.SCH**

The Greenwoods - a Pioneer family of New Zealand [2<sup>nd</sup> copy] by Neale June E. Loan Bookcase 02.

Classification **NZ.FH.GREENWOODS**

Irish Family Histories, book by Grehab Ida. Loan Bookcase 12. Classification **IRL.AID**

Arthur's Past The Story of Arthur "Chalky" White booklet by Ryder Sarah. Loan Bookcase 02. Classification **NZ. BIO.WHITE**

A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors book by Milner Paul and Jonas Linda. Loan Bookcase 05. Classification **ENG.AID**

Historic Tahuna book [2<sup>nd</sup> copy] by Dickinson B. Published 1991 No index. Loan Bookcase 02.

Classification **NZ.NLN.LH.TAHUNANUI**

Maps for Local History book by Hindle Paul. Loan Bookcase 08. Classification **ENG.MAP**



## MARSHALL Family Reunion

William MARSHALL and Marion KEMP married Awatere 1854, settled Ngatimoti 1864. Descendants are holding a family reunion 24-25 January 2015 in Nelson. Associated family names of the next two generations include RAE, SLATTER, GEORGE, SWAINSTON, LEVY, MILES, SIMPSON, STEBBINGS, INWOOD, SILCOCK, HAWKE, DROGEMULLER, BATEUP, INGRAM

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE - RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL HALL

658 WAKEFIELD-KOHATU HIGHWAY FOXHILL.

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2014 11.00 a.m.

### WW1 ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-1918

Lt P. Palmer, Pvt H. Syder, Pvt R. Price, Pvt T. Robb,  
Pvt.W.Watson, Pvt. P. Watson, Pvt. C. Burgess,  
Pvt I. Kerr, Pvt. H. Smith, Pvt. W. Masciorine

All descendants are warmly invited and members of the community wishing to honour those who served.  
Morning tea will follow the service.

Rutherford Memorial Hall (Foxhill) Assn Inc. Ph: Helen Pullan, 541 8058

## Family History Month at Richmond Library

August is Family History Month, and also the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. Richmond Library has a range of events and courses on offer to commemorate this anniversary.

### Tracing your Ancestors through Military Records

Want to research your military ancestors, but not sure where to start? This course will look at various military records that are available online for New Zealand, UK and Australia.

2 courses are available:

Thursday, 14th August or Thursday, 28 August, 10am to 12 noon @ Richmond Library

Bookings are essential. To book, phone 03 543 8500

**Do you have precious old photos or slides that aren't wearing too well?** Book a librarian to help you convert your old slides, photos and certificates to a digital format.

Half hour sessions are available Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August between 1 to 2.30pm.

Bookings are essential. To book, phone 03 543 8500

Drop into Richmond Library anytime in August to take in the library display with a WWI theme and head to the glass display cabinets to view a very interesting display of WWI postcards, on loan to the library from the collection of John Dearing.

To round off the month, **Karen Stade, Nelson Provincial Museum's WW100 Project Content Curator**, will be giving a presentation on the at-home experiences of the Nelson province during World War I.

This will be held on Saturday, 30th August at Richmond Library from 11am to 12 noon. No bookings required.

## Finding your way around the new FindMyPast site (from LostCousins July 2014 Newsletter)

One of the best things about findmypast's new site is that there are many different ways to search - at one extreme you can search every record simultaneously, at the other you can search a single record set. What's the best strategy? It depends how much you know about your ancestors, and how well you know your way around the records. Most of the time I search individual record sets, because this gives me the great control over the search - allowing me to maximise the chance of finding the records I want, whilst excluding the records that aren't relevant.

When you search an individual record set the search form is tailored to the information that you're likely to find in the records - in other words, the fields on the search form are a pretty good match for those in the records. That's what gives you the greatest control over the search.

However, when you search more widely, especially if you're searching different types of record, the search form can't possibly be a good match for all of them - it will necessarily be a compromise. My advice is to search individual records whenever you can, and whilst there may be occasions when you need to search more widely, once your search has identified the record sets of most interest try searching them individually. To search an individual record set choose A-Z of record sets from the Search records dropdown menu (it's the last item in the list). Now start typing a word or number that you'd expect to find in the name of the record set, for example 'Staffordshire', 'Hertfordshire', 'Shropshire', or '1911' - by the time you get to the fourth character you'll see a list of record sets whose title includes those characters, and at this point you can select the one you want.

Occasionally the name of the record set may not be intuitively obvious: for example, there's a very useful collection of digitised and indexed parish registers which cover East Kent, but since the Canterbury Collection currently doesn't include Kent in the titles of its constituent records sets you do need to have some familiarity with the records. This is one instance in which you might start searching more widely, then focus in on the Canterbury records after they start showing up on search results.

Using filters to restrict the results displayed is a great way to make sense of a vast number of search results, but you need to be aware that this approach won't necessarily find the records you're looking for (because of the mismatch between the search form and the fields in the transcribed records). Whilst you'll often end up with the same results, sometimes you won't - and as family historians we can't afford to miss records relating to our ancestors.

Very occasionally it's worth starting your search from a form that has a keyword box (which the forms for individual record sets usually don't). Keywords will match any part of the transcribed record, and so can access parts of the record that other searches cannot reach. For example, if you're having problems finding your ancestor's burial - perhaps because the surname is such a common one or has been badly mangled by the vicar or the transcriber - you could try adding a word that might just be in the record, such as 'widow', 'carpenter', or 'son of john' (but bear in mind that different record sets have been transcribed in different ways, so this technique won't always work).

If you want to search (say) Berkshire Burial Index in this way the dedicated search form doesn't have a keywords field - instead choose Birth, marriage, death and parish records from the Search records dropdown menu, then filter for the Berkshire Burial Index (start typing 'Berkshire' in the Record set box and it will soon pop up as one of the options).

Tip: the most important thing to remember is that if you can't find a record you know to be there, it's time to review your search strategy - and if it keeps happening you definitely need to change your strategy!

## DNA Testing for Family History

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**Part 5. Your Direct Paternal Line** *This is the 5<sup>th</sup> in a series of 12 articles by Gail Riddell (a popular and renowned DNA presenter in New Zealand) on the subject of DNA testing for genealogy purposes. For further information, please contact her directly at [riddellDNA@gmail.com](mailto:riddellDNA@gmail.com)*

In the 4<sup>th</sup> article for this newsletter, I finished off by suggesting that I would go into more depth on the paternal lineage testing. So here we go!

Because only men carry the Y chromosome, only men can test this (no surprises there). Because this Y chromosome passes virtually unchanged through an unbroken line of fathers to sons down through many hundreds of years, it is a relatively simple matter to get two men to test their Y-DNA and learn whether or not they are of the same paternal line. Although it is sometimes called the 'Surname DNA test', this is a misnomer because any genealogist of experience will know that not only the spelling can change but also the surname - sometimes officially, sometimes as a result of an unofficial adoption, and sometimes just because the person decides to.

Over and over we learn of situations where a man may marry the daughter of a wealthy family and because she can be left as the sole heiress, the husband, in order to enjoy his wife's newly inherited wealth, is required to change his name to that of the wife.

Once the results are in (and if you are serious about testing please do not waste your money by starting at the bottom of the cheapest test available, start at Y-67), each marker considered by the laboratory is given a value - according to the repeat sequences of the nucleotides A & T & C & G. These values are known as Short Tandem Repeats or the Y-STR marker result.

OK, so what is a Y-STR marker?



Now! What else can you learn from your direct paternal lineage?

Depending on which firm you test with, you may find that you match with a number of men of a similar surname to one another but these men do NOT possess your surname!

Uh oh! This is one of the risks I mentioned in the previous newsletter article

It happens - and with much frequency.

**But what to do?**

Seriously, do NOTHING! It has happened. It is gone. It has passed. The only issue that remains is to now learn when it may have happened. But even if you discover this timing, there is still nothing you can do about it except totally readjust your personal pedigree chart to represent the newly discovered biological accuracy. It is to be hoped that your genealogical software is sufficiently sophisticated to cope with two paternal parents at the appropriate time. And above all, please do not go telling all and sundry that great uncle John is not the father of ??? This, quite simply, is not your place unless you have been asked to test the possibility out.

BUT what it may well do is blast a hole through that brick wall that has been stopping you in your tracks for years. You see - if you discover you have a number of matches with men of the same surname, then immediately you will know where to turn in order to start the hunt for your real forbears of your paternal ancestors. From an initial shock, suddenly you will find a new enthusiasm and be back into that research pattern that you have learned so well how to do down through the years.

To remind yourself who you need to hunt out if you are female and have neither a brother nor a father able to test, please go find my 3<sup>rd</sup> article.

In the next (and 6<sup>th</sup>) article, I shall go into greater depth on the direct maternal line. The 7<sup>th</sup> article will consider the autosomal line. The 8<sup>th</sup> article will be on "Understanding your paternal results via the Y-Test".