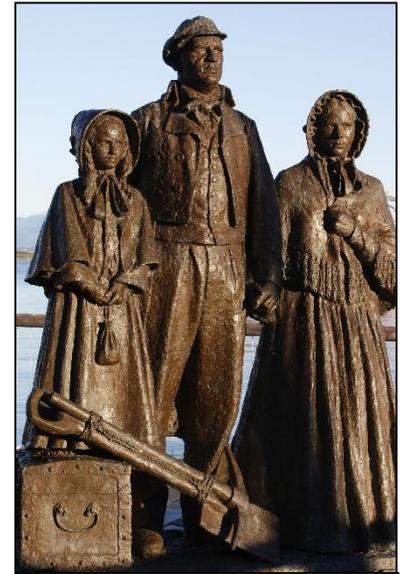




**New Zealand Society of
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NELSON BRANCH**
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Early Settlers - Port Nelson
Photo courtesy of The Nelson Mail

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 e-mail address is nelsonbranch_nzsg@hotmail.com
Our Branch Library Ancestors Attic is at 67 Trafalgar Street opposite Trailways

Next Meeting: September 22 Video WDYTYR - Rebecca Gibney

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From the Editor

Hi everyone

Going to be brief this month as lots of other news further in the newsletter. We are going to have an early viewing at the meeting this month of Australian WDYTYR - Rebecca Gibney - half of which is set in Nelson so should be interesting. We will be using the Video screen not the overhead so will be a much better picture. See you there.

Barbara

Programme for 2014

September 22 Who Do You Think You Are Australia - Rebecca Gibney

October 27 Websites 03 - Library records available through the NZSG website.

Sunday 2pm Tour of Fairfield Cemetery - Debbie Daniell-Smith Arts & heritage advisor for the NCC followed by Devonshire Tea at Melrose House.

November 23

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday Afternoons 2 - 4 pm

September 14 Judith Fitchett

September 21 Bob McFadden

September 28 Barbara Wells

October 5 Kevin Ryan ?

Mondays 1am - 4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

Subscriptions 2014 - 2015

Subscriptions for the Nelson Branch for the year 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015 are due again. Subs are the same as last year and the forms will be e-mailed out shortly or if you get your newsletter by 'snail' mail they will be included with this newsletter. If you are on the Family Tree magazine round robin it is also due. As postage has risen again the Committee would appreciate it if you could include a book of stamps with your subscription if you want the newsletter posted.

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open
Sundays 2 - 4
Mondays 1 - 4
Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

GenCom News magazines June & Dec 2013 Vol 22, no 3, no4, March & June 2014 Vol 23 no 2, no3. Loan, Bookcase 05.

Hochstetter's First Nelson Diary by Johnston Mike & Nolden Sascha book.

Area covered Nelson East, loan Bookcase 02 Classification NZ.NLN.LH. Donated by Alison Johnston-thank you.

Awaroa Legacy by Dawber Carol & Wilson Lynette, book, area covered Awaroa, Golden Bay 1858-1994. Loan, Bookcase 02, Classification NZ.TAS.FH.HADFIELD

How to Trace Your Military Ancestors by Montague R H, book, country UK. loan, Bookcase 07, Classification UK.MIL

PRO Pocket Guide Using Census Returns, book, country UK. reference Bookcase 12, Classification UK.AID.CEN

A Mason and I, by Leaf Joan M book, loan, Bookcase 02, covers Kirikpatrick House, Mount St, Nelson. Classification NZ.NLN.ORG

Conference Proceedings Taupo 2012, book, loan, Bookcase 05, Donated by Dennis Bush-King, Classification NZ.AID

Family Tree magazine April 2014, loan Bookcase 01



EASY FAMILYTREE WALLCHARTS

Special discount offer available for September 2014

The price for a minimum of five charts (all couriered to one address) will be \$80 inclusive of courier.

The normal cost of buying one wallchart - including courier - is \$26 per chart. Therefore, this offer represents a saving of \$10 per unit.

Payable by cheque or direct credit - see details below

A1 size and printed on quality archival 104 gsm sepia toned paper.

They are packaged in a sturdy white cylinder with endcaps and come with full instructions.

Beginning with a Husband and Wife (usually yourself, your children, or your parents) - the chart works its way backwards on all sides - ie - the husband's mother's and father's sides and the wife's mother's and father's side. It is a direct bloodline chart which takes you back to 4 x great grandparents.

The chart allows six children to be added to the original husband and wife who begin the chart. There is also provision for four children (your grandchildren) for each of those six children, and finally, three children for each of your grandchildren (your great grandchildren).

Furthermore, you can attach up to eight brothers and sisters plus nephews and nieces for each of the husband and wife who head the chart, and spaces for up to nine of each paternal and maternal aunts, uncles and cousins for both the husband and wife.

Orders can be emailed, phoned, faxed or posted to the details below.

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Birth and Death District Keys available on the NZSG Website.

They can be found in the Member's area under Record Collections. These District Keys were produced as a finding aid to be used in conjunction with the Indexes to New Zealand Birth and Death Registrations, available on microfiche at the Attic. In the keys, the folio numbers have been arranged in numerical order so that it is a relatively simple matter to check a particular folio number for the district to which it belongs. The lists have generally been collated and numbered in order by district from north to south of the country. At the moment only the books up to 1920 are online. There are no keys to the Marriage Indexes. This is because returns were forwarded to the Registrar-General's office from individual ministers and churches, and were not filed on a district basis.

<http://www.worldthroughthelens.com/family-history/old-occupations.php>

This site has a list of some of the more obscure occupations that you may find on the English Census during your genealogy research. The English census has been taken every 10 years since 1841 but, because they cannot be viewed by the public for 100 years, we only have access to the 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911 census. Because many of these jobs are no longer in existence there is a brief description against each one. Please note this list is by no means exhaustive and if you would like to add an obscure job to the list feel free to email us with your suggestion and its meaning.

ABECEDARIAN A teacher of the alphabet;

BEDMAN Sexton whose main job in the church was to dig the graves;

COPEMAN or COPER Dealer in goods and also dishonest dealer. A marketman. Coper - is also a dealer in horses on a limited scale;

SCRIMER One practised in the use of the sword; a skilful fencer.

Some websites for NZ and Worldwide Research

freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/index.htm

This is the website of NZ genealogist Christine Clement and is full of very useful indexes and information. Check out those relating to the First World War (among many others).

www.genealogybranches.com

This website, run by Joe Beine, has been around since 2003 and is most useful for those interested in USA, Canadian and Irish research (reflecting Joe's own interests). It provides articles, tips and research guides, with links to other websites where the data may be found, such as indexed USA country histories.

www.britishwargraves.co.uk

This is Mick McCann's excellent website providing free (Yes! Free!!) photographs of British war graves in UK and other countries: France, Belgium, Turkey, Malta, etc., etc.

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/imagelibrary/index.asp

This local community enterprise's website contains over 11,000 photos that have been uploaded over the last 11 years. You can search for names or just browse places. For example, there are 388 for the island of Hoy.

www.lennonwylie.co.uk

Mary Lennon is an enthusiast whose website contains a lot of information for genealogists researching in Northern Ireland, including Belfast directories and lists of men who served in the Boer and World Wars.

Banner of Poppies for Nelson Cathedral

Nelson Creative Fibre Group are hoping to get many hundreds of poppies to create a banner of poppies which will be hung in Nelson's cathedral next year. They would gratefully receive any number of poppies you would like to make for the project - even if it's a single poppy in remembrance of a relative.

They are asking for red poppies only, but any shade or yarn is fine (including felt or fabric). There are free patterns to download from the '5000 poppies' website at <http://5000poppies.wordpress.com/poppy-patterns/>

There are a number of poppy collection boxes around Nelson and Richmond for completed poppies to be dropped off - Nelson and Richmond Libraries, Stitchcraft in Richmond, Cruella's, Creations Unlimited, Fibre Spectrum and Founders Park.

If you'd like to know more about the group here's the link to their Facebook page (you don't have to have a Facebook account to look at the page) <https://www.facebook.com/NelsonCreativeFibre>



World War One (1914 - 1919) Their Stories - Our History



The exhibition features touch screens with information, images and media profiling the lives of men and women from the region during the Great War.

This exhibition honours the centennial of the 'war to end all wars', World War One (1914 - 1919).

By the end of the war almost 2,500 men and women from the province had served overseas. Most men were enlisted in the New Zealand armed forces, but some enrolled with the Australian and British forces, and a smaller number served as nurses and chaplains. This number does not include: those from Marlborough or northern West Coast who were part of the same military district; some of those who served in the British navy or air forces; the merchant navy; volunteers with the Red Cross; or others directly associated with the war effort. Those left behind raised funds, made up parcels, wrote letters, and kept the province running - all the time fearful of a telegraphed message bearing news of death or injury of a loved one.

For more information on the WW100 commemoration of the First World War visit

www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/ww100.

October meeting - do you use the NZSG website

We will be looking at what resources are available on the NZSG website at our October meeting and would like contributions from Branch members.

If you have used some or all of these resources and would be willing to tell us about it please contact any committee member before the meeting or e-mail me at pb-mthope@xtra.co.nz Would be particularly interested in anyone who uses the library regularly or has used the online film reader.

The Nelson Arts Festival

October 16 – 27

Commemorating WWI

Join us for stimulating talks on the Great War, the fragility of peace and a dramatic play based on Kiwi surgeon Dr Jessie Scott, set in Serbia in 1915.

'Sisters in Arms' – Dr Jessie Scott, one of our first women surgeons, refuses to leave her wounded men as the troops march in, and the whole hospital is taken captive. A NZ-Serbia collaboration funded by the CNZ WWI centenary fund. The Suter Theatre, Sat Oct 18, 7pm; Sun 19 Oct, 7pm. \$35, Under 18 \$20 Plus TicketDirect Service Fee

Maire Leadbeater on how ordinary people created a movement that changed our identity as a nation, with dramatic stories of the colourful and courageous activist campaigns that led to 1987's nuclear free legislation. Granary Festival Café, Sat 25 Oct, 2pm. \$15 Plus TicketDirect Service Fee

Damien Fenton talks about his landmark book, New Zealand and the First World War, on wartime life at home and on the frontline, with Harry Ricketts, author of *Strange Meetings*, *The Poets of the Great War*, and co-editor of *How We Remember: New Zealanders and the First World War*. Granary Festival Café, Sat 25 Oct, 4pm. \$15 Plus TicketDirect Service Fee

'War, Peace & Who We Are' – a panel discussion with Damien Fenton, Harry Ricketts, Michael Corballis, Maire Leadbeater, Halina Ogonowska-Coates and Cindy Batt. Granary Festival Café, Sun Oct 26, 11am. \$15 Plus TicketDirect Service Fee

More information at www.nelsonartsfestival.co.nz or pick up a full programme from shops and cafes throughout the region.



Sisters in Arms. Image supplied.

DNA Testing for Family History

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Part 6. Your Direct Maternal Line

This is the 6th 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

In the 5th article for this newsletter, I finished off by stating I would go into more depth on the maternal lineage testing. So here we go! (As in keeping with my previous articles, this is aimed at the non versed tester and not to the scientific community, thus I am attempting to use layman's wording and examples, wherever possible, in spite of the shortcomings of same).

All human beings carry mitochondria - these are inherited from their mothers. They are not a chromosome, although they carry DNA. The mitochondria surround the outside of the cell which in turn houses the chromosomes. They are the "power house" of that cell - they provide the energy for everything that is within the cell and all the functions required throughout that cell's lifetime.

Although men inherit mitochondria from their mothers, they cannot pass it on to their offspring - this is done by the women. So even though you and all your siblings both male and female will show the same outcome of a mitochondrial test (called "mtDNA") provided you all have the same mother, only the daughters will pass their mother's mtDNA to their children, and so on. Thus, it is invaluable for tracing your mother's ethnicity.

Hang on a minute... ethnicity? Why ethnicity? You are interested in ancestry - right? Sorry.

You will not get ancestry from this test under normal circumstances UNLESS you seek out the direct female descendant of the woman you believe to be also of your mother's direct maternal ancestry and get her to also test. If you and she have the same mtDNA results then yes, you have received your answer. So if that person (or any other member of your mother's direct ancestry) never tests, then you will never get that required match. (More on this shortly).

I can hear the wheels turning in your mind as you wonder why anyone would even consider taking such a test for genealogical purposes... Here are some possible answers.

1. You wish to learn from what direct maternal ethnicity your mother descends? White, black, brown, red, etc. meaning European, African, Maori, American Indian etc.

2. You wish to learn if great Aunt Bertha (or her brother) and your mother had the same direct maternal ancestor.
3. You wish to learn whether you and a cousin (who looks exactly like you), had the same mother.
4. You have been adopted and you are seeking something (seeking anything) on your direct maternal family.
5. You hope that one day, sooner or later, you will get a match with someone who has a similar mtDNA result as you AND that they have a family tree.

mtDNA mutations across the markers move excruciatingly slowly. Meaning if you select the "Full Sequence mtDNA" test, then you may have numerous matches (or none whatsoever) and you may not have clue why you have a match with that other tester, meaning you do not recognise the surname and you have no idea why they are living in say, Norway.

To begin, generally a woman changes name at each generation by taking her husband's name and unless you have incredibly detailed huge family tree with absolutely every single possible person in your family listed (as well as their husbands, their offspring, their children's spouses and children, and so on), why should you (any tester) expect to recognise the name your march possesses?

To further explain this, take for example one woman born around 1700. She will likely have married and begun to have children by the age of 25 and if she is healthy and not in impoverished conditions, she may have say 10 children and possibly $\frac{1}{2}$ of these will be daughters. Now, say all five daughters do the same, marrying and again having a large family with half of them daughters. In turn, all 25 carry on the same practice. So by the year 1825, we have hundreds of direct maternal descendants (in just one century) all bearing that one woman's mtDNA (born 1700) but if they have a child, most will be using the surnames of their husbands/their fathers and highly likely to have moved to a different county or a country different to that of their direct maternal ancestor (whose mtDNA they carry).

Oops, we forgot about when a woman adopts an orphan or another family member's child and brings it up as her own. Such a child bears no resemblance in terms of mtDNA to that of the woman she calls "ma". But genealogical paper-work states she (or he) is a child of the woman (and man) who raises her - after all, the marriage documents of that adopted child or the "Old Parish Records" or the death documents state the parent's names as proof, right? Wrong!

Such records record only what is told at the time of such registration by the informant at that time. These are wonderful records to locate but they are not "proof". DNA matching is "proof".

To change tack on this topic, I am now going to write about the tests for mtDNA. Many commercial firms will take your money for mtDNA and they will offer you the absolute basic test, which we call HVR1 ("hypervariable region 1st level"), although they may simply label this as "mtDNA". This looks at a few SNPs (single nucleotide positions) within the mitochondria and this output is classified as "low resolution".

Just as an example, think of your computer monitor screen where you can alter the resolution of what you see on your screen or alternatively think of the output from your printer (or scanner) where you can alter the "dpi"(dots per inch) from low resolution to high resolution etc. Low resolution is "grainy", whereas high resolution is "fine or smooth". This is a little similar to mtDNA results.

After this basic test, there is HVR2, meaning it is of a "higher resolution" of the hypervariable region and therefore delves a little deeper to get results. Is this sufficient? The resounding answer has to be "NO". Neither of these tests is in any way conclusive as to your mitochondria. There is more to go if you want some sort of conclusiveness. (Always assuming that you are merely putting a "toe into the waters" as opposed to deliberately testing two possibly related females).

Should you want the highest resolution, you are obliged to test with just one firm - the only one which offers it, namely FamilyTree DNA (FTDNA). You need to order the "Full Sequence" test which covers both HVR1 and HVR2 plus adds what is commonly known as the "Cambridge Reference" Sequence ("rCRS" or "CRS").

Just before I finish off, from a personal viewpoint, after I tested my Full Sequence mtDNA, I decided I wanted my siblings to test also. After all, it would be good to know that my siblings and I had the same mother, in spite of the fact that I was the oldest and had seen my mother go through her pregnancies with my siblings. It was me that wished for proof that I had not been adopted!

Yes, all of us were from the same mother - mind you, I had little idea as to what I would do or say had it turned out otherwise. (This can be a real issue for anyone getting their siblings to test!)

In the 9th article, you will learn more about understanding the results of your mtDNA test. The next and 7th article will consider the autosomal test and the 8th will be on "Understanding your Paternal results". The 10th article will "understand your autosomal results". The 11th article will be "Hints and Tips". The final article will be on "Websites and blogs and forums for DNA" or whatever questions you have and forward to me.