



**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

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Our Branch Library **Ancestors Attic** is at 67 Trafalgar Street opposite Trailways

Next Meeting: Monday May 25

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Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

From the Editor

Hi everyone

AGM

The Branch's AGM will be held at the next meeting - 25 May. The reports will all be e-mailed out next week so please read them and bring any questions you have to the meeting. Apart from John Bethwaite who is standing down members of the current committee are prepared to stand again. However if anyone else is interested can you please complete a nomination form (copy at end of newsletter) and bring it along to the meeting. You must be a current member of NZSG and must be nominated by NZSG members.

Speaker Dawn Chambers - Navigating 19th Century Records

Writing stories using the written words of our ancestors or their contemporaries is now more possible than it has ever been in the past. This talk will be about how to find those words using Internet and traditional research methodologies. Features will include NZ Company records, examples from recent research projects and some ideas about how to get the best out of Archway.

Dawn is an excellent speaker and very knowledgeable about Archives NZ. This is a not to be missed talk.

Helper for Anglican Records indexing

Another helper is required (we have one volunteer) to help Tom Broad with this. If you can help please contact a member of the committee or Tom Broad direct.

Regards

Barbara

Programme for 2015

Date	Speaker and Topic details
May 25	AGM followed by speaker Dawn Chambers, transcriber Archives, Wellington.
June 22	.Nelson Provincial Museum Research Facility Tour Isel Park 5pm & 6.30pm. As numbers are restricted registration is required. Please e-mail nelsonbranch_nzsg@hotmail.com
July 26	Judith Fitchett - How she found the repositories she visited, accessing, resources etc.
August 24	Family History Month: Where did your family land and first settle in NZ? Interactive evening.
September 28	Paula Haines-Bellamy from Nelson Provincial Museum. Preservation of archives, family papers, records, photographs and textiles. Members invited to bring along items to use as examples
October 26	Yo Tye: The Flour Mill Project
November 23	Christmas Meeting at Fairfield House. The Atkinson Family and the Taranaki Refugees.

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday 2 - 4 pm

May 17	Pete Gillin	June 21	TBA
May 24	Sandra Marris	June 28	Sandra Marris
May 31	Closed	July 5	Barbara Wells
June 7	Denis Bush-King	July 12	Pete Gillin
June 14	Pete Gillin	July 19	Dennis Bush-King

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 Journal of the Families in British India Society, 2014, loan bookcase 12.

Chowkidar - British Assoc for Cemeteries in South Asia 2014, journal, loan bookcase 12

Chowkidar - British Assoc for Cemeteries in South Asia 2013, journal, loan bookcase 12

Chowkidar - British Assoc for Cemeteries in South Asia 2013, journal, loan bookcase 12

Chowkidar - British Assoc for Cemeteries in South Asia 2012, journal, loan bookcase 12

Chowkidar - British Assoc for Cemeteries in South Asia 2011, journal, loan bookcase 12

Family Tree Dec 2014, magazine, loan, bookcase 01

The Nelson Girls Collegian 2014, magazine, reference, bookcase 11. Donated by NCG, Classification NZ.NLN.SCH.NGC

Nelson 1914, book by Baumfield JM, ISBN 978 0 473 31021 9, loan, bookcase 12, Classification NZ.NLN.LH



Please Note

The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday of Queen's Birthday weekend ie. 31 May and 1 June

Family History Class at Richmond Library

Are you interested in tracing any ancestors who served in the armed forces but aren't sure where to start?

Richmond Library is running a course, "Tracing your ancestors through military records" on Friday, 12th June, 10am to 12.30pm.

This course will look at military records that are available online for New Zealand, UK and Australia.

Bookings are essential - please phone 03 543 8500 to book a place.

Writing Up Genealogical Family History Research by Margaret Brown

Part 2. Where to Start - when there are too many options

Many of us in the GFH Community are interested in

- Ancestors *and* descendants of ancestors
- Reconstructing family groups as completely as possible
- The migrations of our kin *and* the places they settled, or even just visited
- Their occupations, hobbies and various contributions to their communities
- A family's faith or allegiance and any changes over time
- The personalities and behaviours of those we claim as kin
- And so on...

We could, if we had time, money, and an army of helpers, write a book about each of the ancestors we have known or discovered; and another about the research involved with each, the sources used and the fascinating insights into social interactions of the past.

But, we cannot re-live and record the life of even one ancestor, fully. We must choose.

Our first choice *could* be the **medium** we will choose to share what we have learned:

- A book with chapters
- A booklet focusing on one family (however we like to define family)
- A chart on a roll of wallpaper
- An essay for a family history journal or other publication
- An account of a person or a family for a site on the worldwide web
- An audiotape or videotape through which we share what we have learned
- A handwritten memoir recording what we knew and surmised about deceased relatives (including those we came to know through our research)

A collection of documents pertaining to individuals, carefully annotated with sources, and ownership or copyright details; and placing each person in their families of orientation and of procreation.

Our next choice *should* be our **audience**

- Who will read or have access to what we write or otherwise record? And when?
- What language register will we adopt?

I originally thought I would write an illustrated and thoroughly referenced book on the topic 'Why Did They Come [to New Zealand]?' giving a chapter to each of the 21 emigrant ancestors of our children. Some came alone. Some came as married couples with or without children. Some came with extended families. One man, his father and his grandmother all came - but on separate voyages.

But, I don't think I can ever fully explain to my own satisfaction why each of the 21 came. So, my focus has changed: I am now writing up what I have learned about each of the grandparents my grandparents, and of my husband Graeme: 32 individuals. I am including the ancestry of each as far as I presently can. I am including the known descendants of each of the 32 down to 100 years ago.

I begin my placing them in their birth family and discussing their siblings, and sometimes their in-laws. I do suggest unique reasons why some came, trying not to resort to any false generalisations put forward by some general or local historians.

As we know, each family group can be very different from those of previous or later generations; very different from the families of those who married in; and very different from other people's families living in the same street.

Each of us has to choose what best suits *our* families of interest, *our* skills and time constraints, the research we have done, and *our* intended audience.

Audience assumes someone speaking and others hearing: so I will tackle Voice next.

Irish records

Irish blogger Claire Santry has published a free booklet listing all the Irish genealogy records released during 2014. Download it from www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/new-irish-genealogy-records-2014.html

Ngatimoti and other Motueka Valley areas Blog

<http://rustlingsinthewind.blogspot.co.nz/search/label/Ngatimoti%20Tasman%20New%20Zealand>

This is a blogspot put together by Anne McFadgen of Ngatimoti. It is very interesting and has all the WW1 men from that region written up as well as a lot of interesting history on early families – Cheryl Carnahan.

Gallipoli

Bursting the Myths of the ANZAC legend



Who were the ANZACS fighting at Gallipoli and why? And why did the ill-fated campaign go so badly wrong for our boys?
Military historian and the author of *New Zealand and the First World War 1914-1919*, Dr Damien Fenton, presents a public lecture on the nine month Gallipoli campaign from the other side of the coin - that of the Ottomans, many of them Arab soldiers conscripted from Syria and Palestine. Why has their side of the story been whitewashed from the history of the campaign in popular imagination in New Zealand and Australia, and also in the modern Republic of Turkey?
In answering these questions, the personal experiences of the men from Nelson will be placed into a much wider context and burst some of the myths that have grown up around the ANZAC legend of Gallipoli.

7.30pm Thursday 28 May
Masonic Hall, Nile Street (next to Prince Albert Hotel)
\$2 gold coin donation at door
Presented by Nelson Historical Society and Nelson Provincial Museum

Website Updates

FamilySearch

Derbyshire Parish Register Transcripts 1538-1910 WWI Service Records 1914-1920
New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909 New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1866-1938
New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949

FindmyPast

Royal Artillery Officer Deaths 1850-2011 Royal Artillery War Commemoration Book, 1914-1918
British Army, Royal Artillery Officers 1716-1899 Royal Artillery, 80th Field
Clacton Roll of Honour, 1914-1918 United States Civil War Pension Files Index, 1861-1934
Lincolnshire, Parish Registers Surname Search, 1695-1911
The London, Bethlem Hospital patient admissions registers and casebooks 1683-1932
Will Indexes from Salisbury, Wiltshire, 1464-1858
Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Service Records 1917-1920 (WO 398 Ireland Census 1901
Ireland Diocesan and Prerogative Marriage Licence Bonds Indexes 1623-1866
Ireland Diocesan and Prerogative Wills & Administration Indexes 1595-1858
Ireland Poverty Relief Loan Fund 1821-1874 Prison Registers from Australia 1871-1960

Ancestry

UK, Electrical Engineer WWI and WWII Rolls of Honour, 1924, 1949 Kent, Bexley Parish Registers
Northamptonshire baptisms and burial 1813-1912 Australia, WW1 Service Records 1914-1920
Australia, Imperial Force Burials At Gallipoli, 1915 Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Marriages 1789-1950
France, Haute-Garonne, Toulouse, Censuses, 1872 and 1886 Beuthen, Germany, Jewish Deportees, 1942
Reichenberg, Germany, Victims of the Holocaust, 1938-1945
Czechoslovakia, Czech Inmates at Bergen Belsen and Theresienstadt, 1945
Riga, Latvia, Austrian, Czech, and German Jews, 1942-1943
Hungary, Civil Registration, 1895-1980 (in Hungarian)
Poland, Łódź Ghetto Inhabitant Lists, 1939-1944 (USHMM) (in German)
Madeira, Portugal, Baptism Index, 1860-1911 (in Portuguese)
Ukraine, Zaporizhia Poll Tax Census (Revision Lists), 1811-1858
Ukraine, Galician Forced Laborers from Lvov, 1941 US, Georgia, Brunswick Passenger Lists, 1904-1939
US, Indiana, Gary and East Chicago Crew Lists, 1945-1956
US, Mississippi, Freedmen's Department (Pre-Bureau Records), 1863-1866
South Dakota, School Records, 1879-1970 Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1846-1910
US, United States, Burial Registers for Military Posts, Camps, and Stations, 1768- 1921
US, Utah, Grand Army of the Republic Membership Records, 1879-1934

DurhamOnline

Bishopton marriages 1754-1783 Great Stainton marriages 1561-1803

Heighington marriages 1570-1764 Newcastle St. Ann baptisms 1812-1844, burials 1828-1844
South Shields baptisms 1836-1867 Whitley Chapel (Hexham) baptisms & burials 1843-1874

Scotlands People

Valuation Rolls 1865

Scotlands Places

Hearth Tax records 1691-1695

Deceasedonline

Dorset Gillingham

World Archives Project

Medway, Kent, England, Poor Law Union Records, 1837-1937.

Ulster Historical Foundation

Church of Ireland records for Counties Antrim and Down

Genealogy Projects Archives

Irish Constabulary 1848

SeekingMichigan.com

Death certificates 1897-1939

Fibis

Times of India arrival and departure notices 1871

Thinking About Writing: A List of 33 Things I Think About

Compiled for NZSG Conference, Queen's Birthday 2014 by Margaret Brown

When *writing up or writing about* Genealogical Family History (GFH) research I have a checklist, and I shared a version with those who participated in Writing Workshops at the NZSG 2014 Conference.

Some Basic questions

1. Is my **material** suitable for
 - a book,
 - a journal article,
 - a booklet,
 - a personal memoir?
2. Will I **focus** on extended family groups and my research and/or findings about them?
3. Will I write about **one particular family**? If so:
 - **how many generations** of ancestors and descendants?
 - Which **aspects of their lives** will I include/exclude?

Overcoming 'writer's block'

4. I **select** possible material from the mass of detail I have, and **list** or **map** some **headings** for all aspects I definitely want to use.
5. I look for a **possible pathway** to lead from one to another - *the golden thread*
6. I do a **chronology** for each key individual
7. I **do the maths** on family groups
8. I **start** writing **at the end - by drafting a concluding paragraph**
9. Then, I continue with **the easiest** (for me) section (paragraph or chapter)

As I write, I think about:

10. My **audience**
11. My **voice** and **point of view**.
12. My choice of **vocabulary** and **sentence structure**
13. My own **attitudes: biases** can be revealed in subtle ways.
14. My **referencing style**: is it prescribed, or my choice?

GFH specific writing

15. I use the language of **qualification**.
16. I **forget** old warnings against **repetition**... ..because *we must repeat* identifiers - especially names and dates
17. I **avoid personal pronouns** - especially 'he' and 'she':
 - and I **invent** additional **ways to avoid ambiguity**...

While reading my early drafts:

18. I look for:
 - **shorthand** language,
 - **technical** language and
 - **jargon**.

- 19. I try to be aware of **assumptions** and **faulty assertions** - mine, and those of others
- 20. I look for **self-indulgence**
- 21. Is there anything that **should not be shared** with my chosen audience?

Subsequent drafts

- 22. My golden thread helps me **refine the structure**
- 23. I **amend**, add or subtract examples, and check references if needed
- 24. Is my writing **truly GFH?** Or is it tending towards biography or local history?
- 25. Does the **title fit?**
- 26. Have I **acknowledged all** those whose work or memories I have used?
- 27. Is my account **a little grey?** Can I inject some humour, a mystery or an anecdote?
- 28. What charts, photographs and documents will I use for **illustration?**
- 29. Have I **proved/answered /shared what I said I would** in my planned **conclusion?**
 - If yes, *then* I can use my **draft conclusion** and write an **introduction** based on it.
 - If no, then I tweak the conclusion or introduction, or both.

I find someone to help me proof-read the penultimate draft.

We look for:

- 30. **Flow** and connectivity; **grammar** and punctuation
- 31. **Word meanings** - is there a better word for any I have used?
- 32. **Genealogical errors** (My PhD external examiner found one! shock horror!?)
- 33. What has been **left out** that would interest my intended audiences? Is there space for more?

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**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
 NELSON BRANCH
 ELECTION OF BRANCH COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS 2015 - 2016**

We, the undersigned, wish to nominate

(Address)

For the position of

Nominator Seconder

Address Address

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I, NZSG # accept this nomination
