



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
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: Monday August 24 Where did your family land and first settle in NZ? Interactive evening.
The 2014/2015 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:

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Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

From the Editor

Hi everyone
Next meeting Bob McFadden would like members to bring details of where and when their family first landed and settled in NZ so that he can put them on a large map and we can get a picture of how NZ was populated. He would also like to know how the immigrants were employed initially, e.g. railways, farming, blacksmithing, etc. There should be some interesting results so please come prepared to contribute.

Sales Table. Please remember to bring change to the meetings as you may find something interesting on the sales table. All money from the Sales Table goes towards the Branch funds.

Regards
Barbara

Programme for 2015

| Date | Speaker and Topic details |
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| August 24 | Family History Month: Where did your family land and first settle in NZ? Interactive evening with Bob McFadden. |
| 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

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| Aug 23 | Sandra Marris | Oct 4 | Barbara Wells |
| Aug 30 | Barbara Wells | Oct 11 | Judith Fitchett |
| Sept 7 | Dennis Bush-King | Oct 18 | Pete Gillins |
| Sept 13 | Judith Fitchett | Oct 25 | Sandra Marris |
| Sept 20 | Robyn Cliff | Nov 1 | Barbara Wells |
| Sept 27 | Sandra Marris | Nov 8 | 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

Methodists in Nelson 1842-1970. Bookcase 02, donated by Rosemary Venner. Loan. Classification **NZ.NLN.CH**

Journal of the New Zealand Genealogists' Magazine June 2015. Loan. Bookcase 01.

Family Tree Feb 2015 Loan Bookcase 01.

Family Tree Mar-2015 Loan Bookcase 01.

Family Tree Apr-2015 Loan Bookcase 01.

Family Tree May-2015 Loan Bookcase 01

Cemetery Map Waimea West, Brightwater. Reference Box 3.

To Seek My Fortune, Bruning Family History by Bruning Maureen. Loan Bookcase 02. Classification **NZ.FH.Bruning**



Upcoming Family History course at Richmond Library

Introduction to Family History

Friday, 21st August & Friday, 28th August (2 sessions) - 10am to 12noon

If you are starting out on the journey to discover your ancestors, this two session course is for you. You will learn how to locate online family history information using both free Genealogy websites and subscription databases, including Ancestry.com. Basic computer skills are essential. Contact details below.0

Direct Dial 03 543 8536, **Email** karen.dickerson@tasman.govt.nz

Top 100 Genealogy Sites Mega Search

A new search engine that you'll have to add to your genealogy research toolbox is the [Top 100 Genealogy Sites Mega-Search](#) located at [Many Roads](#). The search engine will perform a keyword search across all of the [top 100 genealogy websites for 2015 as noted by GenealogyInTime Magazine](#). The search engine is free (*Many Roads* is passing the the hat to collection [donations](#) for upkeep of the search engine if you can help out), and you simply have to choose either the **Full 100 Mega Search** (searches all sites including subscription and fee-based sites) or **"Free" 46 Mega Search** (searches only the free sites). *Many Roads* points out that most users will see better results by searching the subset of 46 free sites:

"Because there are so many 'for-fee' sites in the *Full 100 Mega-search* engine, we make no guarantee as to the actual completeness & thoroughness of this engine's results. The **"Free" 46 Mega-search** engine should provide much better and more thorough results from within the "Free 46" subset."

Take a closer look at the [Top 100 Genealogy Sites Mega-Search](#) and you may discover the clues you need to break through that genealogy brick wall!

FREEBIE: Internet Archive - A Gold Mine for Genealogists



Are you familiar with the [Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org/) site? Not many genealogists are aware that this site is filled with genealogy resources including microfilm for many federal and state census. In addition, there is a special genealogy collection of books - all free to access and use!

To help you get acquainted with this amazing site, Geneabloggers is offering the handout to a lecture **Internet Archive: A Gold Mine for Genealogists** to you for FREE! Click [here](#) to download the PDF and get started with Internet Archive.

Scotlands People

Statutory birth, marriage and death indexes for 2014 are now available to search on ScotlandsPeople. You can now view the updated indexes for statutory records until the end of 2014, and in addition to this, images for births until 1914, marriages until 1939 and deaths until 1964. You can also purchase an Extract, a fully certified copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate, for 12GBP.

(Oh wouldn't it be great if the rest of the UK, NZ and Australia followed Scotland's lead)

Worth a look for shipping

Cheryl has sent in this website which could be worth a look if you are searching for shipping registers for New Zealand bound ships <http://www.genealogylinks.net/newzealand/index.html>

Who Do You Think You Are (submitted by Lois Moreland)

Readers may be interested in this article about the TV programme 'Who do you think you are' episodes which have just started screening on Sky's BBC Knowledge on Friday's at 8.30pm. It was reported in the Norfolk Ancestor magazine.

Gill Blanchard is a full time historian and author with an academic background in History, Sociology and Politics at degree and postgraduate degree level. She has a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Post Compulsory Education), which qualifies her to teach adults. She is also a member of the [Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives](http://www.pastsearch.co.uk/about-gill-blanchard-and-pastsearch.html) (AGRA). <http://www.pastsearch.co.uk/about-gill-blanchard-and-pastsearch.html>

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Norwich Group Report Friday 13th March 2015

There was a large attendance for the March meeting when Gill Blanchard was invited back to give the Norwich Group an insight into the making of the television programme "Who Do you Think You Are?" The subject of the episode on which Gill was commissioned to work was television celebrity baker, Mary BERRY.

Extreme secrecy surrounds the making of the programmes, none of the researchers employed are told who the featured celebrity will be. It is not revealed who else is working on the show and researchers sign an undertaking not to discuss or reveal to anyone what they are doing. Gill Blanchard's remit was to research the life of Robert HOUGHTON, a Norwich

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baker, who was contracted to supply vast quantities of bread to local institutions. Whilst doing this research, such is the extent of the secrecy, Gill was totally unaware that a close friend and fellow researcher was also working on the "Mary BERRY" project. The main reason for keeping the research quiet is that the celebrity's family history may be unsuitable or of not sufficient interest to be used for the making of a programme.

Gill went on to say that, as her research progressed, she did have an idea as to the identity of the main person, so was not totally surprised when she was introduced to her before the making of the programme started. However she was not allowed to reveal any of her findings to Mary BERRY before the actual filming, to allow for the moment of surprise to be captured on camera.

At the end of the meeting, which was scheduled to be the last in the current series for the Norwich Group, it was decided to reconvene one more time on the second Friday of April 2015. This gathering duly took place and another successful meeting was held where those present each gave an idea of when and why they had become interested in their family history. Researching one's ancestry can be a lonely and isolating occupation which is a pity, because meeting and sharing experiences of other researchers can be invaluable.

Roy Scott MN 475

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Visit Crestleaf.com for a better view of this chart.



TrustPower Award.



You may not be aware that the Branch won the Regional Heritage section of the TrustPower awards thanks to a lot of hard work from Cheryl Carnahan.

Here is a photo of Cheryl and the certificate. The certificate was accompanied by a cheque for \$500.

Website Updates (from IHAG)

The National Archives

Merchant Navy Crew lists 1915

Naval Rating service records up to 1926 (ADM 362 & ADM 363)

Podcast: The women's war in the Middle East - women's First World War service in Egypt, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia and Palestine.

FamilySearch

1871 Census England and Wales

Ireland Petty Sessions Court Registers 1828-1912

USA Utah vital and immigration records

FindmyPast

England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935

British Army, Northumberland Fusiliers 1881-1920

British Army, List of Half-pay Officers 1714

British Army schoolchildren and schoolmasters 1803-1932

Royal Hibernian Military School admissions 1847-1932

Norfolk Parish Registers

Shropshire, Shrewsbury St Julian's Parish, 1831 Census

Irish Army Census 1922

Australian Criminal Records

NSW butts of convicts' certificates of freedom 1827-1867

NSW Convict Death Register 1828-1879

Convict Tickets of Leave 1824-1874

Queensland, St Helena Convict Index 1863-1936

Queensland Convict register index 1824-1839

Victoria, Convict register 1842-1854

Ancestry

Australia, Victoria, Australia, Deserter, Discharged, and Prisoner Crew Lists, 1852-1925

Australia, Victoria, Selected Trial Brief and Correspondence Registers and Other Images, 1837-1993;

Canada selected school year books 1908-2010

USA, Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961

USA, Pennsylvania, Coal Employment Records, 1900-1954

USA, Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Deceasedonline

Camberwell Old and New Cemeteries

DurhamOnline

Durham St. Oswald burials 1537-1749

Tynemouth burials 1841-1850

Whitley Chapel (Hexham) baptisms & burials 1875-1899

Whittonstall baptisms & burials 1852-1880

Whitworth baptisms & burials 1569-1764

Newspapers.library.wales

Welsh newspapers

National Library of Ireland

Roman Catholic Registers 1740s-1880s (previously available on microfilm). They are free to browse by Catholic parish but not indexed.

County Clare Library Local Studies

School Registers of Kilkishen National School in Co Clare have been transcribed and made available, free

Irish Genealogy Projects Archives

Tipperary Malicious Injury & other Claims

Wicklow Newcastle Baptisms (CofI) 1711-1851 - Asst. Names

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Licentiates 1920 to 1950

British Library

[LibCrowds](#), a crowdsourcing platform designed to improve access to its collections.

MyHeritage

Introduced Global Name Translation(TM) Technology

Scottish Indexes

added some pre-1841 censuses

Forces War Records

Medal Rolls for the Territorial Force Nursing Service

TheGenealogist.com

London synagogue seat-holders 1920-1939