



**New Zealand Society of  
Genealogists  
NELSON BRANCH**  
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**September 2015 newsletter**



**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**.

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

**Next Meeting: Monday September 27** 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

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Hi everyone

Here's the September newsletter. Hope you will find something of interest in it.

**Subscriptions 2015 - 2016**

Subscriptions for the Nelson Branch for the year 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016 are due.

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.

If you want the newsletter posted the Committee would appreciate it if you could include a book of stamps with your subscription.

**Newsletters from other Branches**

The Branch receives several monthly newsletters by e-mail from other NZSG Branches throughout NZ and also from the Dunedin Family History Group. They usually contain interesting genealogy articles as well as Branch news. If you are interested in any of these newsletters can you let me know and we can arrange to have them forwarded on to you.

Regards  
Barbara

## Programme for 2015

Date	Speaker and Topic details
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**

Sept 20 Robyn Cliff

Sept 27 Sandra Marris

Oct 4 Barbara Wells

Oct 11 Judith Fitchett

Oct 18 Pete Gillin

Oct 25

Sandra Marris

Nov 1

Barbara Wells

Nov 8

Nov 15

Nov 22

**Mondays 1am - 4pm**

Cheryl Carnahan

**Thursday 10am - 4pm**

Cynthia Stratford's Team

## Carol Lily Thompson



To Carol's family the members and committee of the NZ Society of Genealogists Nelson Branch wish to record their deepest sympathy on the death of your beloved mother, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother.

Carol joined the NZSG Nelson Branch early in its foundation in the 1980's - certainly long before most of the current members. She has been an active member ever since, serving on the committee for several years and was a valued mainstay of the Project Team since the mid 1990's until the Thursday before she entered hospital. As well as typing and checking indexes, she was very hospitable to visitors to our library - Ancestors Attic. She would make them feel welcome, offering them a cuppa and help in tracing their forebears. If the visitors were researching a Nelson family she could often tell them about their family as she had a magnificent memory for early Nelson settlers and places. In 2000 when we transcribed the headstones in the historic Wakapuaka Cemetery, Carol would go up the steep hill sides, just like a mountain goat. This was part of an extensive project that now enables researchers from all over NZ and the world to

find their early connections to Nelson.

Carol was always the first to volunteer with working bees and always took her turn at being on duty at the Attic. She also helped with the sausage sizzles outside the Warehouse and any fund raising events.

In later years Carol would sometimes fall asleep in the middle of typing or checking, but unlike most of us, she would wake up and carry right on from where she had got to without any hesitation.

We could always rely on her support and we have appreciated her valued input to our branch. We just wanted to let you know we will miss this treasured fountain of family history knowledge who was so active in "Preserving Our Past for the Future". - contributed by Cynthia Stratford.

## Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

**Sundays 2 - 4**

**Mondays 1 - 4**

**Thursdays 10 - 4**

### Recent Acquisitions

The Library From the Sea, booklet, by Stafford Dorothy, 1842-1992 [about Elma Turner Library, Nelson] loan. Bookcase 02, classification NZ.NLN.OCC



Voices From the Sea, by Mackay Deirdre. [About Nelson Fishermen] loan, Bkcase 02 classification NZ.OCC.FISHING

Grady's People by Grady Don. loan Bkcase 02 donated by Jill Blechynden. Classification NZ.NLN.LH

More Grady's People by Grady Don. loan Bkcase 02. Classification NZ.NLN.LH

Wastney Family by Wastney N L. papers area Wakapuaka, ref Bkcase 02 Classification NZ.FH.WASTNEY

Notes on Nelson & Tasman Families Abraham, Andrews, Beatson, Mansbridge, Marris. Papers ref. Bkcase 02. Classification NZ.FH.NLN TAS

Electoral Roll Tasman 1975 ref. Bookcase 03.

Nelson and Bays White Pages 2015 Bookcase 01. Classification NZ.NLN.PHONE

Pasta Prayer & Promise by Price Karen & Stade Karen. 1870-2015. Loan. Bkcase 02. Classification NZ.NLN.LH

Notes on Scottish Research 2 folders loan Bookcase 12, Classification SCT.AID

Index of Wills From Nelson Courthouse 1986-1997 assembled by NZSG Nelson ref. Bookcase 04.

## A letter from Museum CEO Peter Millward



After 7 years as CEO and Director of Nelson Provincial Museum I am calling it a day to spend some more time with my wife and family enjoying the wonderful attractions that our corner of NZ has to offer.

It seems fitting that when I arrived for my interview 7 years ago *Body in Action* was the exhibition on display in the upper gallery. I knew it well having been involved in its development at what has now been rebranded Te Manawa. That it should still be doing the rounds of Museums and galleries after the best part of 20 years is a real tribute to the designers and fabricators of that institution.

As I leave Nelson Provincial Museum after 25 years in the cultural sector it seems fitting perhaps that we are looking at staging another Te Manawa stalwart - *Mirror Magic* - in the education space for most of the summer.

I started life as a science teacher 50 years ago and what attracted me to that idea was the opportunity to give students the chance to try new things and work things out on their own. Whether you do that physically or intellectually may seem less important but giving people options and encouraging them to try it for themselves has real appeal.

I have loved every minute of interacting with people in museum galleries on both sides of the Tasman. I have also enjoyed working with like-minded people with a broad vision and those outside the profession who have so generously contributed to projects that I have been lucky to have them support.

As Yogi Berra once said "If you come to a fork in the road - take it". Well I just did and I have done, but maybe our paths will cross again further down the road - keep your eyes open - I'm hard to miss.

- Peter Millward, CEO

## Can anyone help?

I received this letter from Margaret Paul the curator of Broadgreen House a couple of weeks ago. It may be of interest to one of our members.

*Hi Barbara*

*I subscribe to the Otago Daily Times newspaper on a Saturday and last week there was an article by "PRESTER JOHN" re the 'BULFORD KIWI' in Wiltshire UK, which was made by NZ Soldiers awaiting reparation to NZ in WW1. This was made in Chalk on a hillside .( like the white horse).*

*There were a number of Otago men involved in this BUT last week I discovered there was a person in Nelson who was also making references about this from a Diary which they have, and there may be others from Nelson as well who have information.*

*The article referred to a person by the name of Colleen Brown from Auckland who was researching this and writing a book. I would think she may need as many stories as she can get.*

*My thoughts are that there may be members of the Nelson Branch or others who have come across this and would like to forward any information they may have to her.*

*The article did not give HER contact but anyone interested could contact PRESTER JOHN at Otago Daily Times for her contact details.*

*Regards Margaret Paul*

## A Blast from the Past



This photo was taken at Founders at the Branch Christmas party in 1999. The theme for the party was "Wear a hat from your ancestors' country of origin or a Christmas hat". With the help of present and past members I have been able to put names to most of the people. Can anyone identify the three not named?

**Back row standing** - Trevor Brough, Janice Michel, Molly Simpson, Allen Michel, ?, Jean Goulthard, Val Hunter, ?, ?, Gillian Gaskell.

**Front row** - Gerald Brown, Keitha Brown, Carol Thompson, Raywyn Malcolm, Colleen Yee, Kathy Dugdale.

## 21 Genealogy Research Brick Wall Breakthroughs Helpful Strategies to Get You Out of Your Research Rut. (from Canterbury Branch newsletter)

Hitting a brick wall in your genealogical research can be one of the most frustrating feelings! But when this happens (and it's inevitable!) it doesn't have to mean a complete dead end. If you feel like you just can't find more information, or have exhausted every available resource, you might not be thinking broadly enough. This list of 21 genealogy research brick wall breakthroughs will help alleviate research-related stress and have you back to happily compiling your best, most accurate family history data yet!

<http://crestleaf.com/blog/21-genealogy-research-brick-wall-breakthroughs/>

13-Golden-Rules of Genealogy - <http://gotgenealogy.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/13-Golden-Rules.pdf>

500 Brick Wall Solutions [http://www.amazon.com/500-Brickwall-Solutions-Genealogy-Problems/dp/0973130318/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421365171&sr=81&keywords=500+brick+wall+solutions+to+genealogy+problems](http://www.amazon.com/500-Brickwall-Solutions-Genealogy-Problems/dp/0973130318/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421365171&sr=81&keywords=500+brick+wall+solutions+to+genealogy+problems)

## Website Updates (from IHAG)

### FamilySearch

Church of Wales Parish registers  
Denmark Deeds and Mortgages 1572-1928  
United States Index to Alien Case Files 1940-2003

### FindmyPast

British Army deserters and absentees in Police Gazette, 1914-1919  
British Army, Casualty Index War of 1812 British Jewry Book of Honour, 1914-1920  
Probate Calendars of England & Wales 1858-1959 index and full text searching  
Derbyshire Hospital Admissions & Deaths Manchester Electoral Registers Browse 1832-1900  
Northumberland and Durham Baptisms Staffordshire Parish Registers  
Scottish Covenanters, 1679-1688 New Zealand, Hillsborough Cemetery  
[New Zealand, Nelson, Petition After The Wairau Incident 1843](#)

### Ancestry

The Francis Frith Collectionon: photographs of topographical features - towns, landmarks and landscapes.  
UK, Apprentices Indentured in Merchant Navy, 1824-1910  
West Yorkshire, England, Select Removal and Settlement Records, 1689-1866  
West Yorkshire, Leeds, England, Beckett Street Cemetery, 1845-1987  
Australia Lunatic Estates and Register, Victoria, 1867-1906  
Germany, Ansbach, Lutheran Parish Register Extracts, 1550-1920 (in German)  
[New Zealand School Registers and Lists, 1850-1967](#)  
Tasmania, Australia, Baptisms of Children of Convicted Women, 1833-1854  
and Convict Court and Selected Records, Tasmania, 1800-1899

### Deceasedonline

Fleetwood Cemetery, Beach Road, Fleetwood, opened 1841  
Poulton New Cemetery, Garstang Road, Poulton le Fylde  
Poulton Old Cemetery, Moorland Road, Poulton le Fylde, Preesall Cemetery, Cemetery Lane, Preesall

[www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk)

Seaman Death Records

[www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

historical Scottish paternity records 1833-1837

### Irish Genealogy Projects Archives

Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland since 1784, Presidents since its foundation in 1784 and Registrars since 1816  
Fermanagh, Maguiresbridge Church of Ireland, Births 1841-1899 (Pts 1 & 2) and Burials 1842-1895  
Tipperary, Catholic Inhabitants of Towns of Tipperary & Caher, 1799  
Wexford, Catholic Inhabitants of Town & County of Wexford - 1792

### The Irish Newspaper Archive

Cork Examiner 1841-1989

### Forces War Records

Imperial Prisoners of war held in Japan

## SNIPPETS

Some bits and pieces of interest and some to help you with your research (from Canterbury Branch NZSG newsletter)

**Passwords**, do you have trouble remembering them? Have a look here for some hints on how to create passwords you will always remember <http://bit.ly/PasswordTrick>

**Interested in the migration of Irish women to Australia in the pre famine era?** Then listen to this podcast by Dr Liz Rushen <https://soundcloud.com/eneclann/the-migration-of-irish-women-to-colonial-australia-by-dr-liz-rushen>

**University of NZ Students Index 1872-1905** and lots of other genealogical and historical research data compiled by Dawn Chambers <http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/>

**Biographical Database of Australia** <http://www.bda-online.org.au/> BDA is a new research tool for historians and genealogists comprising transcripts and indexes of many original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia, starting from the earliest times. Can search indexes for free, sub \$30 pa

**Auckland Libraries Family History Videos on-line**

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/heritage/familyhistory/talks/Pages/talks.aspx>

**My Heritage - New Feature Highlight: Global Name Translation Technology** - An easier way to search through their massive international database of 6.1 billion historical records and family tree profiles. Global Name Translation automatically translates names found in historical records and family trees from one language into another, in very high accuracy, generating all the plausible translations, to facilitate matches between names in different languages. In addition, a manual search in one language will also provide results in other languages, translated back into your language for convenience.

**1877 and 1878 Police Gazettes** - New indexes to the first two volumes of Police Gazettes have been posted on <http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/>. These have been created via a multi-stage process. Each volume has two indexes at the front and these have been combined to form a single new index. Throughout the Gazettes tables listing people include place of birth, 'native of', and where tried. This information has been added to the index and occasionally additional notes added. These volumes can be viewed at Archives NZ.

**A Celebration of 165 Years of Catholic Education** - a forthcoming event to be held in Wellington during Labour Weekend, 23-26 October 2015. The event will bring together Sacred Heart Cathedral parish and School, together with St. Mary's College and those connected to the former Marist Brothers School, for a combined Jubilee. Within these celebrations there is to be a CLASS of 1960 REUNION (Classof1960@xtra.co.nz) for former pupils who attended Sacred Heart Convent School, Guildford Terrace. <http://mcshwellington.org/165-years-of-catholic-education/> As former pupils of this Parish are scattered throughout New Zealand and elsewhere, please bring this notice to the attention of members and wider community.

**The Kurow Muster - 4-6th March 2016** - There is a plan to get together as many people to reminisce of past times and the changes around Kurow and surrounding area until the present. The organisers have started by inviting as many past and present people who have worked, lived or attended school in the areas of Aviemore, Lake Waitaki, Haka Valley, Mount Parker, Otekaieke, Otiake and Kurow. Anyone interested, please contact John Currie (03 4360 620) or Libby Johnston (née Currie) (03 434 6078)

**Kaiapoi Museum opening on Sat 5 Sept.** Open hours same as Kaiapoi Library. Research facilities available in a few weeks.

## Branch Photo Album

At the Attic is an album full of photos of early Branch events. If you are interested in looking at these ask the Librarian next time you are at the Attic. It would be nice to include some in future newsletters and it would be great if we could name all the people in the photos. Is there anyone interested in helping with this please let someone on the committee know.