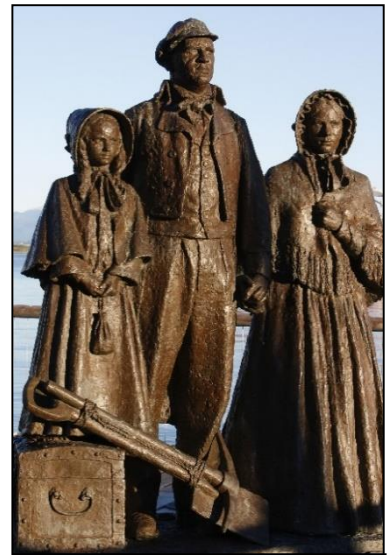




**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH**
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February 2016 newsletter



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**.

Our postal address is NZSG Nelson Branch, P O Box 1879, NELSON 7140

Our e-mail address is Nelson@genealogy.org.nz Please note this has changed.

Our Branch Library **Ancestors Attic** is at 67 Trafalgar Street.

Next Meeting: Monday 22 February 2016 at 7.30 DNA with Tom Broad

Additional meeting : Saturday 27 February at 2pm - Dr. Richard McGregor "Who Did You think You Were" more information further on in the newsletter

The 2015/2016 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:

Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

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Hi everyone

This is the first newsletter of the year and as there are a few changes to meeting times and days please read it carefully. We are having a feast of DNA with three meetings in February/March that have it as the main topic. I know some members have had DNA tests so it would be great if you can share your thoughts on this subject. Some of you, like me, probably have mixed feelings about it.

We have been given the opportunity along with the Scottish Interest Group to host Dr. Richard McGregor at the end of this month. Richard is a Scottish genealogist and the chairman of Clan Gregor. He has been managing the Clan Gregor DNA project for the last 10 years. I have corresponded with Richard since 1995 (my mother was a McGregor) and have found him very knowledgeable and very helpful so I am looking forward to meeting him in the 'flesh'.

The March meeting is on Sunday 20th and earlier in the month because of Easter. It is an all-day meeting with Gail Riddell from Auckland who is involved with DNA testing. There will be two sessions - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. I will let you know the exact topics in the next newsletter but they will be different. The morning session starts at 10.30 so bring your lunch. The Branch will supply tea etc.

During the winter months the monthly meetings have been changed to Sunday afternoons at 2pm. This will apply to June and July and possibly August. The Attic will not be open on those Sundays.

The first 100 copies of 'All Guts No Glory' Nelson/Tasman Nurses in WW1 sold out before Christmas. 20 more copies are being reprinted. Congratulations to Cheryl for such a great job. The project has also received a \$1500 grant from the Lotteries Board W100 committee towards the costs of printing.

Regards

Barbara

Programme for 2016

Date	Speaker and Topic details
Monday February 22	DNA - Tom Broad
Saturday February 27	Dr. Richard McGregor, Scottish genealogist - 'Who Did You Think You Were'
Sunday March 20	DNA Genealogy - Gail Riddell 10.30am - 3pm BYO lunch
Monday April 25	The Sinking of the Marquette - Bob McFadden and Cheryl Carnahan
Monday May 23	AGM followed by Paula Bellamy-Haines - Nelson Museum
June, July and possibly August meetings will be held on a Sunday afternoon - more details later.	

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday 2 - 4 pm

Feb 7	Bob McFadden	March 6	Bob McFadden
Feb 14	Dennis Bush-King	March 13	TBA
Feb 21	Sandra Marris	March 20	TBA
Feb 28	Barbara Wells	March 27	Sandra Marris

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

Memories magazines Numbers 21-59,

Ian Simpson Collection of cuttings from Nelson Mail 1974-2002 CD loan Cabinet 01.

Nelson College for Girls Collegian magazine 2015. Reference. Bookcase 11.

Family Tree magazine, November & December 2015. Loan. Bookcase 01.

Wiechern & Ward families to Dovedale, Nelson 1874 Loan, Cabinet 01. Compiled & donated by Don Thomas.



Sales Table

Please remember the Sales Table at Branch meetings and bring some spare cash just in case there is something on it that you may like to purchase.

Cyndi's List

Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 18 years. Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online. It was devised by Cyndi Howells and maintained with regular updates. Read about it at <http://www.cyndislist.com/aboutus/>

What exactly is *Cyndi's List*?

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A **free** jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

Visit of Richard McGregor, Chairman of the Clan Gregor Society, Scotland 'So who did you think you were?' - Nick Smith's Hall 27 February 2pm



Richard is making a presentation on DNA Projects in Scotland, to the Scottish Interest Groups of the NZSG in Auckland on Saturday 13 February 2016, and in Wellington early in March. Richard who is also the Clan Gregor genealogist has been managing the Clan Gregor DNA Project, since it started, over 10 years ago. The title of his presentation is 'So who did you think you were?'

Richard is also visiting **Nelson**, during the period **27 / 28 February 2016**, as his partner Phillipa Turnbull is doing a workshop with the local Embroidery Guild. Richard is happy to repeat his presentation to the Nelson NZSG Branch, SIG members and anyone else who is interested while he is in Nelson.

While the Clan Gregor Society does not have an official position on the Scottish independence issue, Richard has advised that he is willing to answer questions about the current devolution of powers to Scotland; the Scottish Parliament; what was promised to the Scottish voters in 2014 to persuade them to stay with the Union; and the recent electoral success by the Scottish Nationalist Party, in the British General Elections, May 2015.

Visit of Gail Riddell DNA in Genealogy Research - Nick Smith's Hall 20 March 10.30am



Gail Riddell is the NZ volunteer representative of Family Tree DNA in the USA who have the largest database of DNA results/matches in the world.

Gail is a Chartered Accountant in Pukekohe in her non genealogical life. "Gail is a well-known presenter of DNA in the New Zealand genetic genealogy circles and a frequent contributor to many genetic genealogical forums in the USA. She writes for a number of surname newsletters and her most recent and comprehensive (but basic) articles covering all DNA tests were printed in our newsletters last year.

The American testing firm FamilyTree DNA - FTDNA - uses her as a roving Administrator and consequently she currently manages some 45 projects (38 Surnames and 5 geographical plus a Y-Haplogroup project plus others. As an 'all-rounder', she is in heavy demand (which is why she operates so many projects), especially as she has made 2 aspects of DNA testing her specialty, these are Y-DNA (the surname line) and atDNA (the cousins lines) which she has taken well beyond the actual testing of Y-DNA and atDNA. She is not "into" either medical or forensic testing which are very different to

genealogical testing (but confesses to having received her own medical reports from a particular test)". In a year or two, Gail intends to go "professional".

Names—pluralising

Karen Stade came across an interesting style guide from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as she was trying to determine how to pluralise a family name she was writing about - Hardy. Should she write Hardys or Hardies? The rule it seems, is quite clear - definitely Hardys. She thought the following section about name pluralisation might be useful for members faced with the same question.

- If the name ends in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, *x* or *z*, add *es*.
- In every other case, add *s*.

Similarly, there are two fundamental no-no's:

- *Never* change a *y* to *ies* when pluralising a name; and
- *Never, ever* use apostrophes!

Examples:

Incorrect:

- The Flaherty's live here.
- The Flaherties live here.

Correct:

- The Flahertys live here.
- Sandra's two favorite boyfriends are Charleses.
- There are seven Joneses in Stuart's little black book—three of them Jennifers.
- The Hopkinses are coming over for dinner tonight.

Source: [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(http://web.mit.edu/comdor/editguide/style-matters/names.html\)](http://web.mit.edu/comdor/editguide/style-matters/names.html)

Website Updates

Amongst the many new records going online:

ScotlandsPeople - As usual for the 1st January, Scotlandspeople have released another years images of Births for 1915; Marriages 1940 and Deaths 1965

Ancestry - Thousands of 19th and early-20th century Police Gazettes have been published on Ancestry, providing crucial clues about British criminals and their victims. More than 100,000 criminal records and sketches from Police Gazettes have been made available online.

Ireland, Gravestone Index, 1600-2012 This data is published by From-Ireland.net features 70,000 free Irish gravestone records, referencing hundreds of Irish graveyards, spanning all 32 counties.

Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950. This collection contains death registers (1867-1897) as well as certificates (1897-1941) from the state of Michigan; New Jersey, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1956-1964. This database is an index to manifests of aliens arriving in Newark, New Jersey by air.

Western Australia, Railway Records, 1872-1949. This database contains records for employees of the Western Australian Government Railways (WAGR); Australian Commonwealth Public Service Lists, 1904, 1920. This collection from Australia consists of more than 35,000 records of persons who were listed in the 1904 and 1920 publications List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service

Findmypast - The Britain, Knights of the Realm Index records the details of over 35,000 individuals who have been awarded orders of chivalry by the British monarchy, and is filled with fascinating details surrounding the lives and achievements of some of the most distinguished figures in history.

Over 1,000 images have been added to the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI). PERSI contains over 2.5 million entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications, making it an invaluable, comprehensive family history resource for identifying research, records and transcriptions that might not be found in any other print or online source.

British Army, Indian Volunteer Force Medal Awards 1915-1939 contains the records of over 15,000 individuals from the Indian Defence Force (IDF) and the Auxiliary Force India (AFI) who were awarded the medals between 1915 and 1939. Prior to 1920, the IDF and AFI were known as the Indian Volunteer Force (1857-1917).

Scotland Registers & Records contains images taken from 14 different publications related to Scottish parishes and families. The records included in this collection are incredibly varied, ranging from parish records, topographical accounts and memorial inscriptions to a 19th century novel and a short history of the Black Watch. See [website](#) for more information.

Other Sources - Family Search New - Alaska, Vital Records, 1816-1959. Index and digital images of birth, marriage, death and divorce records from Alaska. Update - Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964, 25,217 images added to an existing collection; United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014, 27,075 Added images to an existing collection; Card index of naturalizations in the U.S. District Courts in Rhode Island. Cards arranged alphabetically, 1906-1991, 136,534 Added

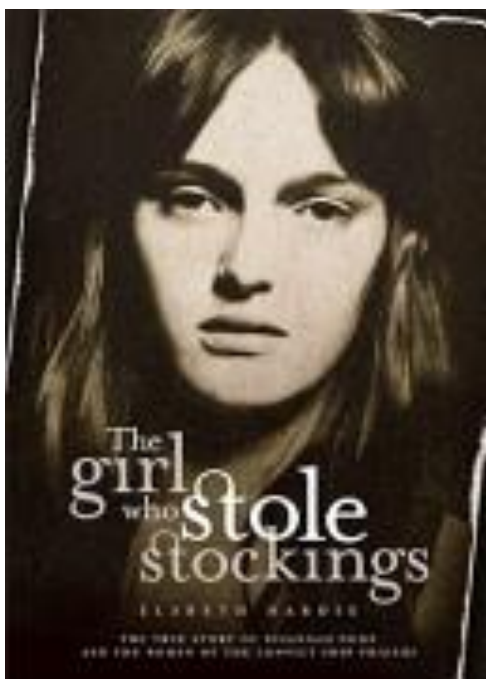
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Ireland's Military Archives has released a roll of honour from the 1916 Easter Rising. Available as a free PDF download, the list features the names of 62 men who died on active service either as a member of the Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, Na Fianna Eireann, the Hibernian Rifles and Cumann na mBan. Access the list by clicking [here](#).

The National Archives - has boosted its online collections with the addition of 247 downloadable First World War hospital diaries to its [Discovery](#) service. Released in December to mark Disability History Month, the documents offer an insight into the daily treatment of wounded troops, including those suffering from mental as well as physical impairments.

Here are a couple of books that I think are worth passing on. If you are interested in learning more about them and their authors, try Googling them.

The Girl Who Stole Stockings by Elsbeth Hardie



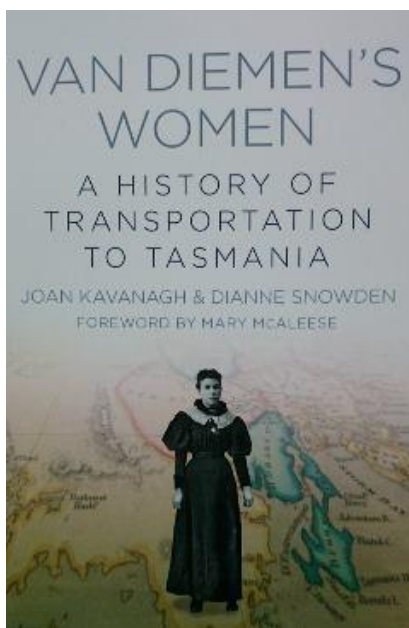
I bought a copy of this book online late last year from the Book Depository. It is a fascinating read and I can recommend it to anyone who is interested in early Australian and New Zealand history especially as regards convicts and the NZ whaling industry. Elsbeth Hardie has done fantastic research into her subject and I found it very hard to put down. I learnt so much about the whaling industry in the Marlborough Sounds. Nelson and Tasman District libraries all have copies.

On 8th April 1811, the ship 'Friends' sailed from England carrying 101 female convicts bound for the penal colony that was New South Wales. The crimes of the women and girls on board ranged from pickpocketing to murder, but most were convicted of theft. Susannah Noon, not yet in her teens, tried to steal four pairs of cotton stockings from a shop in Colchester. It earned her a sentence of transportation for seven years' 'beyond the seas'. It was a sentence that reverberated throughout her lifetime; she never returned to England. What drove most of these women, young and old, to crime was what helped them to shape new lives in New South Wales - the will to survive. The newly invented society they found themselves in was, in effect, that of an 'open prison'. In 1811, there were only one hundred women in New South Wales who had not arrived as

convicted felons. Susannah and her Friends shipmates were free to work and marry. Most of them grabbed the chance for respectability and, in doing so, they became part of the unexpected phenomenon that was transforming a penal outpost to thriving colony. Author Elsbeth Hardie knew nothing of these women when she went in search of them. Susannah and the others remained largely silent and invisible to history. In uncovering their stories, she provides a little-known account of the convict system that prevailed in the early years of transportation to New South Wales and how these women fared. Susannah's journey would take her on to yet another new life in a whaling station in Port Underwood in New Zealand, some years before the arrival of that country's first organised colonists. Her story becomes that of the shore-based whaling industry that drew hardened men from around the world to the southern seas and the families they gained. Later still, Susannah becomes a first-hand witness to the events that led to the fight at the Wairau between the land-grabbing New Zealand Company and Te Rauparaha and his followers. When Susannah and her family left Port Underwood they settled in Nelson. She is buried in Fairfield Cemetery.

Van Diemen's Women - A History of Transportation to Tasmania

By Joan Kavanagh and Dianne Snowden



Van Diemen's Women, by Joan Kavanagh and Dianne Snowden, tells the story of 138 female convicts and their 35 children who were transported on the eve of the Famine in 1845 to Van Diemen's Land on the Tasmania, one of the twenty such ships.

While this book looks at the lives of all the women aboard the one ship, it focuses on two women in particular: Eliza Davis, who was transported from Wicklow Gaol for life for infanticide, having had her sentence commuted from death, and Margaret Butler, sentenced to seven years' transportation for stealing potatoes in Carlow. Their ship sailed from Kingston Harbour (Dun Laoghaire), reaching Hobart Town three months later.

Using original records, this study reveals the reality of transportation, together with the legacy left by these women in Tasmania and beyond, and shows that this Draconian punishment was, for some, at least, a life-saving measure.

As well as being a scholarly work, the book brings out the human tragedies of mid-nineteenth century Ireland and the reality of life for those transported to the other side of the world. It includes a forward by Mary McAleese, an eight-page glossary of relevant terms and institutions, trial

statistics, and a 22-page index.

Joan Kavanagh is well-known in Co. Wicklow historical circles for her work in establishing both the Wicklow Genealogy service and the Wicklow Gaol visitor centre. Dianne Snowden is an academic historian and a professional genealogist. She is the Gt Gt Gt Granddaughter of Margaret Butler. She is currently Chairperson of the Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents (AAGRA).

I have yet to read this book as it is not available in our local libraries but Amazon have it as a Kindle book. If you are interested there is a very good interview with the authors online at http://www.google.co.nz/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=7&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwi6kp_jztXKAhWDwo4KHaZyACQQFgg9MAY&url=http%3A%2F%2Fomnyapp.com%2Fshows%2Fte-the-history-show%2Fvan-diemens-women&usq=AFQjCNGFPO9fiYahbychl_ZowpuRJWYUSw

And finally I came across this the other day and liked it. It is by Curtis Woods. Next month we will have a poem called 'Grandma's Laundry' that someone dropped off to the Attic.

A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord help me dig into the past
And sift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine.

Lord, help me trace the ancient roots
On which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.

Lord help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
In some forgotten crypt.

Lord let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.