



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH
MARCH 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. except for **June, July and August** which will be on **Sundays** at 2pm.

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: Sunday 20 March at 10.30am. DNA and Genealogy - Gail Riddell

The 2015/2016 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:

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Hi everyone

As you can see the programme for this year's meetings has more or less been finalised. Please note that we will definitely be having Sunday afternoon meetings during the winter months ie. June, July and August. It was great to see such a good turnout at the meeting last Saturday afternoon with Richard McGregor.

There were 49 people attended of whom 18 were Branch members. Richard was an excellent speaker and took us through the Clan Gregor DNA project but what he said was applicable to any DNA programs.

The committee are hoping for a good turnout to our March meeting which is also about DNA. This time it is with Gail Riddell who is probably one of NZ's foremost experts on DNA and Genealogy.

Regards

Barbara

Programme for 2016

Date	Speaker and Topic details	
Sunday March 20	DNA and 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	
Sunday June 26	Broadgreen/Museum Exhibition TBA	
Sunday July 24	Family History Software Interactive afternoon	
Sunday August 21	Golden Bay Repositories - speakers from Golden Bay	
Monday September 26	Irish History - Kevin Ryan	
Monday October 24	Publishing Family Stories - Copy Press	
Sunday November 27	Mystery tour	

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday 2 - 4 pm

Mar 13 Gordon/Judith

Mar 20 Closed

Mar 27 Sandra Marris

April 3 Barbara Wells

Apr 10 TBA

Apr 17 Judith Fitchett

Apr 24 Sandra Marris

May 1 Barbara Wells

Mondays 1am - 4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

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.

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

Memories magazines numbers 60-99. Loan Bookcase 01.

Huddersfield & District Family History Society magazine October 2015.

The New Zealand Genealogist December 2015. Loan Bookcase 01.

YMCA Nelson 1860-2010. Book Loan Bookcase 02.

Presbyterian - St Andrews Richmond Baptism 1959-2011, & Marriage 1976-2011, Stoke Baptism 1961-2011, & Marriage 1977-2014, Tahunanui Baptism 1949-2012, & Marriage 1974-2011, Knox St Luke's (Presb) Victory Square Baptisms 1963-1992, Knox St Luke's (Presb) Victory Square Marriages 1963-1970. Reference Bookcase 04.

Memories of My Life 16 June 1843 to 30 Dec 1844, Diary of the Missionaries Wohlers, Riemenschneider, Frost, and JWC Heine in Moutere District. Diary of Anna Dierks nee Heine of Upper Moutere 1875 - 1893. Loan. Bookcase 02.

Helpful books and web sites (from Tom Broad's talk on 22 February)

.Pomeroy, Chris (2004) "*DNA & Family History, how genetic testing can advance your genealogy research*". (Publisher: TNA, Kew, Surrey, UK)

Cavell, Jane (2007) "*Internet resources on Genetics and genealogy.*" Family Tree Magazine, June 2007, pp. 34-36.

Russell, Judy G (2015) "*Most bang for the DNA buck*" <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/02/02/2015-most-bang-for-the-dna-buck/>

Coakley, Louise (2015) "*Which DNA testing company should I use?*" <http://www.genie1.com.au/blog/58-which-dna-testing-company>

International Society of Genetic Genealogy (2015) "*Autosomal DNA testing comparison chart*" http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_testing_comparison_chart

Bettinger, Blaine T (2008) "*I have the results of my genetic genealogy test; now what?*" https://www.familytreedna.com/pdf-docs/Interpreting-Genetic-Genealogy-Results_web_optimized.pdf

This is the list of books and websites from Tom's talk at the February meeting. He also wants to point out the following correction:

In my talk, I referred to human migrations (as revealed by mtDNA and Y chr DNA tests) as occurring in a timescale of many millions of years ago. This was wrong: apologies to all.

I should have said that the time scale was tens of thousands of years, not millions!

(A big thank you to Max Buckley who picked up this gaffe!)



DNA and Family History

Sunday 20 March 2016 at Nick Smiths Hall
at 544 Waimea Rd, Annesbrook.
from 10.30am - 3pm with a lunch break 12-1pm
(bring your own lunch. tea/coffee/cold drink provided)
Admission by Gold Coin Donation.
Contact person Judith 03 548 8819
Non-members welcome



The NZ Society of Genealogists Nelson Branch is delighted to be hosting Gail Riddell, from Auckland and a well-known presenter of DNA in the New Zealand genetic genealogy circles. She is 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 is located on the Family History Network website.

Gail is a roving Administrator for the American testing firm FamilyTree DNA - FTDNA and consequently currently manages some 45 projects (38 Surnames and 5 geographical plus a Y-Haplogroup project and is about to take on the R1b1 Y-Haplogroup). 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 involved in medical or forensic testing which are very different processes to genealogical testing (but confesses to having received her own medical reports from a particular test).

The morning presentation will provide information to participants so they can work out whether DNA testing will be of use to them or a member of their family.

The afternoon presentation looks at results for Y DNA, for Family Finder and some of the short cuts around the FTDNA site. This is likely to appeal to those people who have already been tested, but have got "lost". Limited test kits will be available in the afternoon and can be purchased (by credit card only) from Gail.



Hounsell families in Nelson

Is anyone in the Branch researching the families of William, Henry and Jesse Hounsell? If so can you please get in touch with me as I am currently researching the family of Jesse Hounsell for a great granddaughter.

William Hounsell arrived in Nelson on the 'Mary Ann' in 1842 along with his brother Emery. Emery died in 1845. William married Sarah? around 1849 and they had a large family.

Henry Hounsell a cousin of William's arrived in 1859 and married Eliza Bollen in 1861. They had several children. Henry had a hardware shop in Nelson in the early days.

Jesse who was Henry's brother arrived here on the 'Bard of Avon' in 1863 with his wife Susannah, his son Jesse Ernest, and his mother Mary Ann. Jesse was the original J Hounsell of the bookshop which was in Trafalgar St.

This photo is of the teachers at Valley School (presumably Toi Toi Valley School) about 1896. Kitty Esther Hounsell daughter of Jesse Hounsell is on the right in the first row. Can anyone identify the other four women? Kitty married Charles Kidson.

- Barbara Wells pb-mthope@xtra.co.nz

Grandma's Laundry

This was dropped off at the Attic a few weeks ago. Brings back memories that's for sure.

Grandma's Laundry
(By Archie Bigg)

I remember Grandma's laundry
With a basket made of cane
And lines that stretched from wall to wall
To hang things when it rained

There used to be a copper
Out where Grandma used to toil
And a stick to lift the clothes out
When the water reached the boil

There were tubs made of concrete
With a wringer in between
A wringer in a laundry now
Is hardly ever seen

Upon a shelf a little box
Of starch called Silver Star
Kero tins for buckets -
Remember back that far?

A dipper with a handle
To help our Grandma cope
And a little wire basket
With a piece of Sunlight soap

She used to have a washboard
For scrubbing out the clothes
You must be getting on in years
If you used one of those

A saucer on the window sill
With bags of Reckitt's Blue
To make the clothes whiter still
And good for bee stings too

Some sand soap and a scrub brush
For scrubbing all the floors
And some firewood for the copper
In a box behind the door





A tin roof and some guttering
With a funny sort of sag
And a heap of wooden dolly pegs
In a homemade hessian bag

And out the back, a clothesline
Not the kind that spins around
But a clothes prop held the clothes up high
From dragging on the ground

I wonder what would
Grandma say
If only she could see
That washamatic marvel
Where the copper used to be

The drier in the corner
The tubs of stainless steel
Hot water pouring from the taps
I wonder how she'd feel

I think that Grandma would approve
The changes made - and yet
There were things in Grandma's laundry
That I simply can't forget.



Lost Cousins newsletters

The latest Lost Cousins newsletter has an extremely interesting article on **Tracking down pre-1837 baptisms and marriages** which has a lot of practical ideas in it. It is too big to copy and put in this newsletter and I just might be breaching copyright if I did so. However here is the link to the newsletter:

<http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/midmar16news.htm>

More on DNA

Cheryl Carnahan thought this article on DNA tests from the November Family Tree magazine would be of interest and worth including in the newsletter. (Ignore the Maryland connection letter as I couldn't cut it out from the scan easily). The Family Tree magazines are available to borrow from the Attic after they have been circulated through the Round Robin

EMILIA JOLLY AND SIMON WILLS.

Testing comparison

Q I have recently had a DNA sample analysed and am fascinated by the results. My sister has become interested in this but neither of us know whether her results would be the same as mine. Logic says that they should be but I must have inherited more of one part of the DNA from one parent than the other and, as my sister is not a twin, the same logic says that her sample will differ from mine! Can you help please? I had my DNA sample done through Ancestry.co.uk as I have a subscription – my sister doesn't, however, so hers would be rather more expensive and possibly unnecessary.

Eileen Bennett

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A You do not say what sort of test you have had, so I will provide a general answer. In genetics, there are only three types of test that are genuinely meaningful for genealogy: those on the Y chromosome, which passes down from father to son; those on the mitochondrial DNA that passes down from mother to child, which we all have; and tests on autosomal DNA, which look right across the genome and look for matches with people who share a reasonable proportion of the same genetic markers, who are likely to be cousins.

As women, you and your sister do not carry your father's Y chromosome (or else you would be men),

but you can have a brother, father, father's brother, etc, tested to learn meaningful information about your father's male line ancestry. You and your sister should carry identical mitochondrial DNA and so there should be no need to have hers tested.

As for autosomal DNA, tests produce meaningful results when either two people with a high percentage of genes in common can work out a genealogical connection or two people who think they have a genealogical connection find that they also share a significant proportion of autosomal DNA. Because of the logarithms used for this sort of test, I do not believe that the genetic difference between two sisters would be significantly different to affect the overall results.

Another sort of test that has been appearing recently tries to estimate the proportions of ancestors you might have from different countries. This is not done by probing back into the past, for that is impossible, but rather by looking for matches between you and other people in different countries and then extrapolating back.

At best, this exercise might give you a very approximate idea of where lines of your ancestors may have come from, but it can't say which lines were from which country and nor can it, on its own, distinguish between matches who come from families indigenous to a country, and those who have merely settled in it. The

results are interesting but only in a general, rather than a specific, sense. Given the necessary imprecision of the results, I don't think you would gain much genuine knowledge about your origins by having your sister tested as well. **AA**

Maryland connection

Q I am trying to find my great-grandfather's birth record and, more importantly, information about his parents. According to English census returns 1871-1911, he was born in 1840 in Baltimore, USA, a British subject through his father. His marriage certificate says his father had the same name as him and was a 'surveyor', born about 1812.

I have a copy of his obituary from 1928 (and have evidenced almost all the claims therein), which says he ran away to sea, aged 12.

No ordinary merchant seaman, he worked for the Admiralty and for manufacturers, delivering Thames barges, torpedo boats, steam tugs, dredgers and so forth to places such as South America and China.

There are references to him in the Australian and New Zealand press and also reports of two trials he was involved in; one as plaintiff when, as an able seaman, he was attacked by some of the crew, and once in an investigation into two deaths resulting from a collision in the Thames.

Lynn Bennett

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Top 50 Genealogy Websites of 2015

from GenealogyInTime Magazine
www.genealogyintime.com

Rank	Website	Category	Country	Free Pay	Address
1	Ancestry.com	records	USA	pay	http://www.ancestry.com/
2	FamilySearch	records	USA	free	https://www.familysearch.org/
3	Find A Grave	cemetery	USA	free	http://www.findagrave.com/
4	Ancestry.co.uk	records	UK	pay	http://www.ancestry.co.uk/
5	MyHeritage.com	family tree	USA	pay	http://www.myheritage.com/
6	GeneaNet	family tree	France	free	http://www.geneanet.org/
7	Geni.com	family tree	USA	pay	http://www.geni.com/
8	Genealogy.com	records	USA	pay	http://genealogy.com/
9	Ancestry.com.au	records	Australia	pay	http://www.ancestry.com.au/
10	FindMyPast UK	records	UK	pay	http://www.findmypast.co.uk/
11	Newspapers.com	newspapers	USA	pay	http://www.newspapers.com/
12	Archives.com	records	USA	pay	http://www.archives.com/
13	Ancestry.ca	records	Canada	pay	http://www.ancestry.ca/
14	Family Tree DNA	DNA testing	USA	pay	http://www.familytreedna.com/
15	WikiTree	family tree	USA	free	http://www.wikitree.com/
16	Genealogy Bank	newspapers	USA	pay	http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/
17	RootsChat	forum	UK	free	http://rootschat.com/
18	AncientFaces	forum	USA	free	http://www.ancientfaces.com/
19	Cyndi's List	links	USA	free	http://cyndislist.com/
20	Mocavo	search engine	USA	pay	http://www.mocavo.com/
21	Fold3	records	USA	pay	http://www.fold3.com/
22	Genealogie.com	family tree	France	pay	http://www.genealogie.com/
23	Newspaper Archive	newspapers	USA	pay	http://www.newspaperarchive.com/
24	Genes Reunited	records	UK	pay	http://www.genesreunited.co.uk/
25	USGenWeb Archives	records	USA	free	http://usgwarchives.net/
26	GenealogyInTime Magazine	magazine	Canada	free	http://www.genealogyintime.com/
27	MyHeritage.de	family tree	Germany	pay	http://www.myheritage.de/
28	Eastman's Gen. Newsletter	blog	USA	free	http://blog.eogn.com/
29	Genwiki	wiki	Germany	free	http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Hauptseite?
30	Free BMD	records	UK	free	http://www.freebmd.org.uk/
31	GEDmatch	DNA testing	USA	free	http://gedmatch.com/
32	FindMyPast.com	records	USA	pay	http://www.findmypast.com
33	JewishGen	ethnic heritage	USA	free	http://www.jewishgen.org/
34	British Newspaper Archive	newspapers	UK	pay	http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/
35	Forces War Records	records	UK	pay	http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/
36	Billion Graves	cemetery	USA	free	http://billiongraves.com/
37	Genealogy Today	records	USA	pay	http://genealogytoday.com/
38	World Vital Records	records	USA	pay	http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/
39	Arkivverket Digitalarkivet	records	Norway	free	http://arkivverket.no/eng/content/view/full/629
40	MyHeritage.fr	family tree	France	pay	http://www.myheritage.fr/
41	MyHeritage.no	family tree	Norway	pay	http://www.myheritage.no/
42	MyHeritage.es	family tree	Spain	pay	http://www.myheritage.es/
43	Commonwealth War Graves	records	UK	free	http://www.cwgc.org/
44	American Ancestors	society	USA	pay	http://www.americanancestors.org/
45	Family Tree Magazine	magazine	USA	pay	http://www.familytreemagazine.com/
46	MyHeritage.nl	family tree	Netherlands	pay	http://www.myheritage.nl/
47	MyTrees	family tree	USA	pay	http://www.mytrees.com/
48	Daughters American Revn	society	USA	pay	http://dar.org/
49	Genealogy.About.com	articles	USA	free	http://genealogy.about.com/
50	Tribal Pages	family tree	USA	pay	http://tribalpages.com/