



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



Early Settlers - Port
Nelson

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 26 June at 2.00 pm. Family History Software - NB day & time

The 2015/2016 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:

Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

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Programme for 2016

Date	Speaker and Topic details
Sunday June 26 2pm	Family History Software
Sunday July 24 2pm	At Nelson Provincial Museum - Voyages of the 'Lloyds'
Sunday August 21 1.30pm	Golden Bay Repositories - speakers from Golden Bay
Monday September 26	Irish History - Kevin Ryan
Monday October 24	Publishing Family Stories - Dave McManus from Copy Press
Sunday November 27	Mystery tour

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday 2 - 4 pm

June 19	Bob McFadden	July 17	TBA
June 26	CLOSED Meeting	July 24	CLOSED - Meeting
July 3	Barbara Wells	July 31	Barbara Wells
July 10	Pete Gillin	August 7	Judith Fitchett

Mondays 1pm - 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 wish to purchase.

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open
Sundays 2 - 4
Mondays 1 - 4
Thursdays 10 - 4

Recent Acquisitions

Nelson Hospital Nurses Chronicle 1961. Bookcase 02, reference.

Classification **NZ.NLN.LH**

1848 Riwaka School Centenary 1948. Bookcase 11, reference.

Classification **NZ.TAS.SCH.RIWAKA**

Huddersfield & District Family History Society April 2016, bookcase 12, loan.

The Marlburian The Magazine of Marlborough College, Blenheim 1946. Bookcase 11, reference.

Classification **NZ.MBH.SCH.MARL**

The Marlburian The Magazine of Marlborough College, Blenheim, Special Memorial Issue Nov 1948.

Bookcase 11, reference. Classification **NZ.MBH.SCH.MARL**

Supplement to the Marlborough Colleges Register 1970-1975. Bookcase 11, reference. Classification

NZ.MBH.SCH.MARL

The Nelson Girls College Magazine 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936. Bookcase 11, reference. Classification **NZ.NLN.SCH.NGC.MAG**

Nelson College Song Book. 1927. Bookcase 10, reference. Classification **NZ.NLN.SCH.NELSON**

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Nelson College Athletic Sports 5 Nov 1927. Bookcase 10, reference. Classification **NZ.NLN.SCH.NELSON**

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Nelson College Athletic Sports 4 Nov 1933. Bookcase 10, reference. Classification **NZ.NLN.SCH.NELSON**

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The New Zealand Genealogist April 2016. Bookcase 01, loan.

Family Tree magazine Feb 2016. Bookcase 01, loan.

New Zealand Memories Issue 117 Bookcase 01, loan. P.24. Photos Collingwood fire 1904, P. 26. Wairau River crossing, P. 28. Picton Clarendon Hotel & electricity. P.34. Nelson painting Fifeshire Rock, Newman Bros. P.36. F.N.Jones building.



Do you Know these People?

The photo was taken about 1928 by Elizabeth Parkes's grandfather on the Parkes family farm at 88 Valley. The people in the car are not her relatives. Someone may recognise them as being their family. If so, please let me know and I will forward the information on.

Website Updates

FindmyPast

- British Royal Navy & Royal Marines, Battle Of Jutland 1916 Servicemen
- London Lives, Culture & Society 1680-1817
- Westminster parish registers
- Yorkshire records
- British War Office records relating to the Easter Rising and Irish War of Independence from 1916-1921.
- Electoral registers Ireland 1885-1886

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Surrey, Sutton, Water Rate Books, 1868-1911

Northern Territory, Australia, Probate Index, 1911-1994;

DurhamRecords Online

- Durham St. Giles 1584-1700
- Marley Pots Cemetery (Southwick) 1901-1919

<http://digital.ucd.ie/view/ucdlib:43945>

- The Dublin (Ireland) Metropolitan Police (DMP) Prisoners Books for 1905-1908 and 1911-1918

TipperaryStudies.ie.

- Primary source material - most of it consisting of C19th Rate Books for the Poor Law Unions of Cashel, Nenagh and Thurles.

NOW ON! NZSG Library Book Sale

Book lovers have an opportunity to bid on items surplus to the Library's needs from now until the sale closes on Thursday 10th July 2016.

It's easy to bid! Download the [catalogue](#) from the [NZSG website](#) to view the extensive list of books, family history journals, booklets, microfiche and CDs (schools, districts, fiction, travel and more).

Send us your completed [Surplus Book Sale Form](#) by **THURSDAY 10th JULY 2016**

- Attach and email the form to accounts@genealogy.org.nz
- Post to NZSG Book Sale, PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741
- Fax to (09) 570 4238

This is a postal sale only and is open to members and non-members.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase other items for the Library (rest assured, sale books are either of no genealogical value to the Library or is a duplicate of a current holding).

Please read the Terms and Conditions on the form.



SALE CLOSING 10 JULY 2016

Top Free Websites for Family History (from Family Tree magazine May 2016)

1. **FamilySearch** <https://familysearch.org/> is packed with censuses, parish records and many other crucial resources and is a good place to start your research. It also has a free wiki site with lots of useful background information, free tutorial resources, a family tree hosting program, digitised e-books and much more.
2. **FreeBMD** <https://freebmd.org.uk> has the indexes for civil BDM certificates in England and Wales all done by volunteers. Its sister projects are **FreeCen** <https://freecen.org.uk> which aims to transcribe British censuses from 1841-1891 and **FreeReg** <https://freereg.org.uk> which has parish register transcriptions.

3. **Genuki** <https://www.genuki.org.uk> The UK and Ireland Genealogy gateway site provides a portal into a variety of resources for researchers across the UK. It allows you to burrow down by both geographic location and subject to access a variety of sources.
4. **National Archives of Ireland: Genealogy** <https://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie> Provides a range of free resources for the Emerald Isle. Includes 1901 and 1911 censuses plus fragments of earlier censuses that survived from 1821 to 1851, tithe applotment books from 1823 - 1937, soldiers' wills from 1914-1918, plus wills calendars from 1823 - 1937. Check the main website - <https://www.nationalarchives.ie> for information guides and an online catalogue for further holdings in Dublin.
5. **Historical directories of England and Wales** <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4> Hosts a collection of historical directories from 1760s to 1920s for counties across England and Wales. Includes an interactive map which allows you to select the relevant county and then gives you a list of publications for it. Can be searched by keyword, viewed onsite or downloaded in PDF format to your own computer.
6. **PRONI** <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni> Public Record Office of Northern Ireland - the dedicated national archive for Ulster. Offers a vast range of free-to-access family history records as well as a range of handy user guides. PRONI has a dedicated YouTube channel carrying recordings of many lectures on ancestral themes at www.youtube.com/user/PRONIonline
7. **National Library of Scotland** <https://www.nls.uk> The Edinburgh based National Library of Scotland is digitising it's holdings as fast as it can - a wealth of material is already available including Post Office directories, maps and much more.
8. **The National Library of Wales** <https://www.llgc.org.uk> Both a national library and a national archive it is dedicated to the history of Wales and has a well-developed online presence with many useful catalogues and digitised collections available including maps and photographs. It also offers access to Welsh newspapers from 1804-1919 all free of charge.
9. **The Internet Archive** <https://archive.org/index.php> Final resting place for websites that have become obsolete or ceased to exist. You can type in the address of a genealogy website that no longer exists and retrieve a 'cached version' of it from various moments in time in the past.
10. **The Statistical Accounts of Scotland** <http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/> These record in detail the makeup of each parish in Scotland in 1790s and again in the 1830s/1840s. These exercises were carried out by the ministers of the Church of Scotland and provide a background to your ancestors lives.

Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree - a FREE online course

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

Develop an understanding of genealogy – how to research your family tree and communicate the results – in this free online course.



Join now – starts 18 Jul

About the course

This free online course will help you develop an understanding of basic genealogy techniques and how to communicate your family history. We will consider how to effectively find and analyse sources and explore the potential of DNA testing as applied to genealogy. We'll help you add historical context to your family history and discuss how to record and communicate research findings in a clear fashion. The course is primarily designed for people at beginner to intermediate level.

Learn how to find and store information on your family tree

We'll get you to define what you want to research, and consider the best ways to go about finding and storing information on your family tree. A key challenge of genealogy - finding the right person among a number of possible candidates, with ever-changing spellings of surnames - will be considered.

We'll conclude by introducing the main types of tools genealogists use to communicate their research finds, including creating a family tree and look at how to write a meaningful family history.

Share your own genealogy finds with learners worldwide

Throughout the course, you'll follow the story of Chris, as she uncovers her own family history, and you'll be encouraged to share sources and ideas particular to your area of genealogical interest and geographic focus.

The course will not concentrate on a specific country's records or how to source these, so it will be useful to

anyone around the world.

Develop your genealogy skills

The knowledge you gain from this course may prompt you to explore family history research more deeply or consider a career as a professional genealogist.

- FREE online course
- Duration: 6 weeks
- 4 hours pw
- Certificates available

Educators



Tahitia McCabe is a genealogist and educator based at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland and am Course Leader for the MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies (distance learning).

Requirements

No special knowledge or previous experience of studying is required.

This course will be suitable if you:

- have no experience with genealogy or family history research;
- have some experience with genealogical research but want to develop your skills and knowledge further;
- are a more experienced genealogical researcher but want to learn new searching, analytical or communication techniques or
- find it difficult to access opportunities for training and development.

Some members may be interested in enrolling in this FREE online course with the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Over the years I've done a few online courses and found them a great way of updating my research skills. This University runs professional very expensive courses so this is an opportunity which is not going to cost you a cent. The last time they ran a similar course 26,000 people enrolled from all over the world.

How to Improve your Research Knowledge (from Family Tree magazine May 2016)

1. **Decide which website best suits your needs.** Each website has its strengths and weaknesses. It is crucial to know which sources you should be using, whether they are online and also what coverage there is of the records.
2. **Know what you are looking at.** Important to know which information is online and whether it is complete or a work in progress (if so you need to check back regularly) or whether you need to track down undigitised records in the relevant archive.
3. **Understand source references.** Each piece of information you look at should have a source citation telling you the name of the repository where the original record is held and its record office reference number.
4. **How to find out what's available.** All the main genealogy websites provide a full list of their databases. Eg. For Ancestry you can access this by searching the Card Catalogue. FindMyPast search the A-Z index of Records to find the full list of Databases. FamilySearch from Search/Records page go to "Browse all published collections". The Genealogist has a listing of all the parishes included in your subscription plus date by event type for each parish. You need to read all the information that is available on each site about its records not just go and search blindly.
5. **Don't restrict your searches to one website.** A good research technique means you do not restrict yourself to one site.

A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN (worth a laugh or maybe just a smile)

To the citizens of the United States of America from Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In light of your failure to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately. Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except North Dakota, which she does not fancy).

Your new Prime Minister, David Cameron, will appoint a Governor for America without the need for further elections.

Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

- 1. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour,' 'favour,' 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise.' Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up 'vocabulary').*
- 2. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as U.S. English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take into account the reinstated letter 'u" and the elimination of '-ize.'*
- 3. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.*
- 4. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist, then you're not ready to shoot grouse.*
- 5. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. Although a permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.*
- 6. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.*
- 7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.*
- 8. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.*
- 9. The cold, tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable, as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.*
- 10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie Macdowell attempt English dialect in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.*
- 11. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).*
- 12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.*
- 13. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.*
- 14. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).*
- 15. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 p.m. with proper cups, with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.*

God Save the Queen!

PS: Only share this with friends who have a good sense of humour (NOT humor)!