



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH
NOVEMBER 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 November 27th 2pm at the Attic



Christmas Celebration for NZSG Nelson Branch members and Guests
You are invited to Ancestors Attic at 67 Trafalgar St for our Christmas Celebration and final meeting on Sunday 27 November at 2pm. A heritage walking quiz is planned to be followed by a Christmas High Tea. The leisurely walk will take about ¾ hour to complete and is designed to enhance your knowledge of Nelson history, stimulate discussion and to enjoy the new pedestrian walk ways and art works. A perfect way to spend Sunday afternoon in the sunshine!

For any queries or comments please contact Judith Fitchett 5488819 or fitchett@ts.co.nz

If too wet to walk we will meet for High Tea at the Attic at 2pm. Please bring the usual Gold Coin Donation. Afternoon tea and quiz pencils provided.

The 2015/2016 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:
Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

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Hi everybody
This the final newsletter until February 2017. I hope everybody has recovered from the earthquake and that NZ doesn’t get any more big ones. It has been an eventful year what with Brexit, the US election and now the latest earthquake.

The Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas function on 27th.

Subscriptions 2016-17 year

There are still a number of subs outstanding. It would be great to have them all in before Christmas so that I don’t have to start chasing people up.

Regards
Barbara

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

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| Sunday | 2 - 4 pm | | | Mondays 1pm - 4pm |
| Nov 20 | Sandra Marris | Dec 11 | Sandra Marris | Cheryl Carnahan |
| Nov 27 | Closed | Dec 18 | DennisBK/BobMcF | Thursday 10am - 4pm |
| Dec 4 | Barbara Wells | Closed | Until Jan15 | Cynthia Stratford's Team |

NB Attic Closures

On Sunday November 27 which is the Branch's Christmas 'party'.

Christmas Holidays - The Attic will be closed from 19 Dec 2016 to 11 Jan 2017.

Reopening Thursday Jan 12, 10-4pm.

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.

Books for Sale

For Sale. The branch is selling the following books. They will be available at the end of year function for perusal and buying.

Richmond Public School 125th Jubilee 1981 \$5.00.

Collingwood Area School 125th Anniversary 1984 Supplement to Centennial Brochure \$5.00.

100 years on the Hill 1912-2012 St Mary's Catholic Church and School Kaikorai

Soft Cover. Book Condition: Very Good. First Edition. 288p With illustrations and short biographies, the records and personal reminiscences of this parish in Dunedin and its school. Book as new. \$30.00

History of the Akaroa Parish 1851-1951 The First Hundred Years \$10.00.

The Medical Directory 1955 . Two vols A-L and M-Z. Covers England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland and Universities, Colleges, Medical Schools, Hospitals and miscellaneous information. Large books. \$10.00.

Springboard for Women New Plymouth Girls' High School 1885-1985, Cape Catley Ltd, New Zealand, 1985. Soft cover. 283 pages ex Nelson Public Library book, plastic cover.. \$5.00.

Tavern in the Town by James McNeish, Lots of historic details and many photos of historic public houses in New Zealand. Travels from the backblocks Northland to Bluff stopping at hotels and interviewing locals as well as researching their histories. Covers the gold rushes, gum digging, early coaching, ferry houses, grogshops, swagmen and bushrangers. Full of history and humour illustrated by Dennis Turner \$10.00.

Wesley Historical Soc. NZ Journals 85,88,89,90, soft covers average of 60 pages, \$2.00 each.

Walter Lawry and the Wesleyan Mission in the South Seas, The Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand) Proceedings, Volume 23, Number 4, September 1967, With some b&w illustrations, 47 pages. Sell \$5.00. Sells \$12.00.

The Rev. James Wallis of the Wesleyan Missionary Soc., by C. Luxton. 36 pages soft cover. \$5.00.

With Renewed Vigour about the Methodist Church funds NZ, 57 pages soft cover. \$5.00.

Coming of Age NZ Methodism 1913-1972 by E Hamies, 157 pages. Sell \$8.00. Sells \$8.00-\$25.00.

Not Self but Others Methodism by W Chambers, The story of NZ Methodist Deaconess Order 152 pages. \$5.00.

Tuakau District Centennial 1965. Soft cover, b/w illustrations. \$15.00 sells \$38.00.

Studying NZ History, by G.A. Wood. Univ of Otago Pr, New Zealand, 1992. Soft Cover. 145 pages. Sell \$10.00 sells \$30.00.

Inheritance the story of the connexional funds of the Methodist Church of NZ. by H Fiebig. \$2.00.

The story of St Mary's Church New Plymouth by L Devenish. New Plymouth, 1936 second edition.. Paper Covers. 51 pp, b&w photo plates, paper covers. Previous owners name on front. \$25.00

Wellington Cricket Centenary 1875-1975 \$5.00.

Letters from a Highland Township by E & I MacPherson published 1939, 239 pages \$4.00.

Days that I remember by Francis MacGregor, Delightful history of Cape Breton stories by an expert on Robbie Burns. 44 pp. \$5.00

The Scottish Countryside. b/w photos published about 1950s 126 pages. \$2.00.

More Wellington Days by Pat Lawlor \$8.00,

History of the Church of St Thomas Woodbury, Canterbury, 1950, \$5.00.

St John Baptist Church 1831-1973, Te Waimate, \$5.00.

Ashhurst Wesleyan Methodist Church 1886-1986, \$5.00

G.A.Selwyn Bishop of NZ and Litchfield pub 1923 \$15.00.

The Selwyn Churches of Auckland by C.R.Knight. Reed publisher, many photos, 88 pages. \$15.00.

These Antipodes NZ Album 1814-1854 by Shirley Maddock.317 pages, b/w & coloured illustrations.indexed. \$15.00.

Preserving the Past for the Future proceedings 12th Australian Congress on Genealogy & heraldry 2009.415 pages.\$15.00.

Cheryl is happy to post anywhere in NZ and anyone can buy them. See **Cheryl Carnahan** who is selling on behalf of the Nelson Branch. Ph. 5447684 or email carnahan@kinect.co.nz

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4



Thank You - Tom, Pete & Mike

August was Family History Month and the Theme was “Sharing our Stories”. This was a great time to reflect on how well we are doing to help you share your stories and how well we are doing as a group. In this technological age it’s no mean feat to keep up to date. Over the last few years members have recognised we had vast collections of clippings that weren’t going to be found anytime soon for want of indexing and cataloguing onto our Nelson Genealogical Index or advising researchers through the World Wide Web. Our computers needed updating but where to start?

The NZSG Nelson Branch would like to take this opportunity to say ‘THANK YOU’ to three of our members who have quietly and willingly worked away in the background, supporting the committee and enhancing the resources of the Branch over the last few years.

Tom Broad has been a member of the Society for 8 years and has contributed as Branch secretary, finding a new home for “Ancestors Attic” and a speaker on DNA. He has also been quietly working away on several projects. He and Gordon McIndoe entered the Ancestor Attic holdings onto the Tasman Kete website, and he has collated and indexed the clippings collection at Ancestors Attic. As a contribution to the WW1000 initiative he and Pete Gillin and later Max Buckley photographed and indexed the Anglican Nelson Diocesan Magazines and Gazettes from 1914 to 1919. All indexing projects are now available on our Nelson Genealogical Index.

Mike Carnahan has been a driving force on assembling, updating and making an electronic Nelson Genealogical Index more accessible to members and visiting researchers. Examples of an ancestor to be found could be from our Anglican Registers for Baptism, Marriage and Burial services or Lutheran records, or Family announcements from the Nelson Mail. As part of a WW100 initiative Mike researched, collated and acknowledged the men from the Nelson District who served in WW1. This project has formed a key part of the Nelson Provincial Museum’s exhibition since 2014 and has been shifted to Founders Museum as a lasting memorial. He has also been Cheryl’s right hand man with cataloguing the holdings at Ancestor’s Attic and helping researchers on Monday afternoon.

Pete Gillin has been a member of the society for 7 years and has so cheerfully and willingly provided technological support to the Branch and to the Library. This has involved keeping the T stick and now WIFI current and assessing the market and purchasing on our behalf, computers and software at competitive prices and then assembled them so that resources are accessible to us all. He has served as Nelson Branch convenor for 2 years and worked on the Mark Moorhouse collection of cemetery photos. He has been at most meetings to provide technology support for powerpoint presentations.

With grateful thanks we have presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation, a Year’s Membership of the NZSG Nelson Branch and a Gift token. Tom and Mike were thanked at an afternoon tea at the Attic and Pete at the September meeting. - Judith Fitchett

The Many Benefits of NZSG Membership

There are many reasons why people join the NZSG. Here is a list of benefits based on mailing list posting by Michelle Patient.

- 1) The NZSG Library is one of the few genealogy society libraries in the world that allows postal borrowing to those living within NZ, because past decision-makers were well aware that we can't all get to the physical library (even lots of Auckland members).
- 2) FREE research service. Volunteers who are regulars at the Family Research Centre (FRC) offer to look up ALL the resources held by the NZSG on behalf of any member, at not cost. They also offer research advice when you are stuck. When commercially available, genealogists charge at least \$50 per hour - it doesn't take much to recover your \$87 sub.
- 3) Your subscription contributes to the Society being able to pay for online database access to the Gale Newspapers (UK, USA) and the National Archives (UK) Discovery service - so to individual members there is no cost to view and download these resources (and wills cost 3pds 50p each normally).
www.genealogy.org.nz/online_newspapers_400.aspx www.genealogy.org.nz/discovery_593
- 4) The Certificates Collection - volunteers offer this service from their Northland homes - you don't need to order too many copies to pay for your subscription each year as it only costs you the return postage.
www.genealogy.org.nz/nzsg-certificates_238
- 5) The Digital Family History Archive - an online backup service. www.genealogy.org.nz/digital-archive-for-familyhistory_397
- 6) The remote film reader - so you can order microfilm and have them delivered to the FRC where a volunteer will load it into the internet connected film reader and you can view the film from the comfort of your home / office / study / couch / bed / holiday house. www.genealogy.org.nz/remote-film-reader_580
- 7) Magazine - six per year - the only genealogy-based magazine produced in New Zealand.
- 8) \$72 off the annual findmypast.com.au world subscription.
- 9) Lookups at Archives NZ - members in the New Plymouth branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Inc www.genealogy.org.nz Page 3 mailing list will do this for those who ask.
- 10) Land Research Service (again run out of a members home in the Far North).
www.genealogy.org.nz/new-zealand-landresearch_549
- 11) Free Genealogy Guides online www.genealogy.org.nz/guides-to-genealogy_850
- 12) Worldwide, free promotion of your research interests via the Members Interest Section of the website. www.genealogy.org.nz/members_interests_23

Website Updates

FindMyPast

- Registers of licences to pass beyond the seas, 1573-1677
- Monmouthshire workhouse registers 1837-1929, Electoral Registers 1839-1889 and marriage notices 1859-1877
- Society of Friends (Quaker) periodicals
- Surrey Monumental Inscriptions Browse
- Scotland Monumental Inscriptions Index
- Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists
- Scotland, Paternity Decrees 1750-1922
- Easter Rising & Ireland Under Martial Law 1916-1921
- Cavan Registers & Records
- Dublin Registers & Records
- Kilkenny Registers & Records
- Wicklow registers & records
- Genealogical Society of Ireland Journals and Publications
- Canada Census 1901
- New Brunswick Birth and Baptism Index 1769-1899

- Ontario Birth Index 1860-1920
- United States, Connecticut Town Vitals, The Barbour Collection Indexes
- United States, Transatlantic Migration Indexes
- United States, Early American Families and vital records Indexes
- United States, West Virginia Births
- Utah Divorces

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- British Army Lists, 1882-1962
- British Jewry Roll of Honour, 1914-1918
- Dentist Registers, 1879-1942
- Medical Directories, 1845-1942
- Medical and Dental Students Registers, 1882-1937
- Military Deserters, 1812-1927
- Naval and Military Courts Martial Registers, 1806-1930
- Roll of the Indian Medical Service, 1615 -1930
- Royal Air Force Muster Roll, 1918
- Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Admissions and Discharges, 1715-1925
- Royal Hospital Kilmainham Pensioner Discharge Documents, 1724-1924
- Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, 1873-1925
- Physiotherapy and Masseur Registers, 1895 -1980
- UK, Burial and Cremation Index, 1838-2014 taken from deceasedonline
- Dorset, Poor Law Apprenticeship Records, 1623-1898
- Norfolk, England, Register of Electors, 1813-1952

Canada, Quebec, Notarial Records, 1626-1935

Canada, Certificates of Military Instruction, 1867-1932

Germany, Bavaria Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1556-1973

New Zealand, Civil Records Indexes, 1800-1896

South Africa, Estates Death Notice Index, 1834-1956

Tasmania, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1834-1837, 1841-1887

www.familysearch.org

- WO 25 War Office Registers, 1772-1935
- Australia, Victoria, Inquest Deposition Files, 1840-1922
- German births, marriages and deaths various
- New Zealand Archives New Zealand Civil Records Indexes
1800-1896
- Zealand Province, Netherlands, Civil Registration, 1796-1940
- Cape Town, South Africa, Maitland Cemetery Records, 1888-1959

RootsIreland

- Armagh Derrynoose Tithe Accounts 1785-1787

- 1821 Census of Armagh

OnlineDeceased

- Twerton Cemetery in Bellots Road and St James Cemetery (formerly Lyncombe, Widcombe and St James)

IrishAncestors.ie

- 1803 directory of Dublin's Merchants

The Genealogist

- Social Security Death Records
- 1940 Census
- New York Immigration Records
- www.nycmarriageindex.com
- New York City marriage licenses for 1950-1995

Suggestions for 2017 Branch meetings

It has been suggested that we hold some “How to” talks at Branch meetings during 2017. One suggestion was ‘How to find overseas wills and probates’ particularly in the UK. Dennis gave a very interesting talk to the Scottish Interest Group last Saturday on the Scottish Retours, Sasines and wills on ScotlandsPeople website. Dennis maybe willing to extend that to cover the English wills & Probate.

The committee would like members to think about things they have found or are interested in and would like to share with the rest of the Branch. We would also like suggestions on topics and speakers that would be of interest.

If you have any ideas on this, please get in touch with Judith Fitchett either by e-mail at fitchett@ts.co.nz or by telephone 03 5488819.

Scottish Monumental Inscriptions

<http://www.scottish-monumental-inscriptions.com/>

If you’re trying to find the burial ground of your ancestors or just looking for the information recorded on the headstone, then Scottish Monumental Inscriptions might be able to help you. Scottish Monumental Inscriptions photograph and transcribe graveyards across Scotland.

These photographs are transcribed by volunteers and added to a fully searchable **Windows compatible CD**. The CD contains the master copy of each headstone along with any information they have managed to transcribe from the stone, also included are photographs of inside the Church if they have access and of the graveyard or cemetery.

They have now added digital PDF downloads to the website, these are text only files with **no images** and are suitable for **Mac Users**. If you find who you’re looking for in the PDF download and require a copy of the image, you can email them and for a small charge of £1 they will send your photo by email.

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- [Angus Area \(42\)](#)
- [Argyll Area \(6\)](#)
- [Ayrshire Area \(35\)](#)
- [Banffshire Area \(1\)](#)
- [Borders Area \(2\)](#)
- [Clackmannanshire Area \(8\)](#)
- [Dumfries&Galloway Area \(6\)](#)
- [Falkirk Area \(1\)](#)
- [Fife Area \(105\)](#)
- [Highlands Area \(19\)](#)
- [Inverness-Shire Area \(11\)](#)
- [Isle of Bute Area \(3\)](#)
- [Isle of Skye \(4\)](#)
- [Kincardineshire Area \(3\)](#)
- [Lanarkshire Area \(42\)](#)
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- [Morayshire Area \(4\)](#)
- [Nairn Area \(3\)](#)
- [Perth & Kinross Area \(58\)](#)
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- [Stirling Area \(10\)](#)
- [West Lothian Area \(21\)](#)

Can anyone help with this photo



This photo was found in the ceiling of 36A Neale Avenue by Glenn Kruger. As it was taken by the Tesla Studios in Wanganui It is a presumably a photo of nursing graduates of Wanganui Hospital taken in the late 1930s/early 1940s.

Glenn is wondering if anyone can identify any of the nurses in the photo.

If anyone can help with this photo can you please get in touch with Barbara Wells either by e-mail at pb-mthope@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 5403 741.