



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH
FEBRUARY 2017
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.

The 2016/2017 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:
Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

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Hi everybody
Another year and another newsletter.
Kevin Ryan is looking at setting up an **Irish Interest Group** in the Branch. First meeting to be held at the Attic on 2pm Saturday 18 March. The **Nelson Scottish Interest Group** meets the previous Saturday 11 March. See notices on page 2 of the newsletter. So if you have Irish and/or Scottish ancestors come along. Discussing your research and brick walls with others can be very helpful. You will be advised when the next **Legacy users Group** will be meeting. These small group meetings can be very helpful so come along if you can .
Regards
Barbara

Unpaid Subscriptions for 2016/2017
Thank you to all those who hadn't paid their subs but have paid since the reminder in the middle of January. Those of you who haven't paid have until the end of February. After that you will be taken off the membership list.

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday	2 - 4 pm			Mondays 1pm - 4pm
Feb 19	Judith Fitchett	Mar 12	Pete Gillin	Cheryl Carnahan
Feb 26	Sandra Marris	Mar 19	Judith Fitchett	Thursday 10am - 4pm
Mar 5	Barbara Wells	Mar 26	Sandra Marris	Cynthia Stratford's Team

Programme for 2017

Date	Speaker and Topic details
27 February	EGM followed by Nicki Sharp speaking on Social Media - keeping safe and thinking about the future when recording your family history
27 March	Dennis Bush-King - How to find Scottish & English Wills
24 April	TBA
22 May	AGM followed by John Dearing - Postal History and People - Motueka Area
25 June (Sun 2pm)	Mike Carnahan - Battle of Messine 7 June 1917 in which a lot of Nelson men were killed
23 July (Sun 2pm)	Helen Pannett - Oral History
27 August (Sun 2pm)	Cecil Hawea - Tracing your Whakapapa

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF NELSON BRANCH OF NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Nelson Branch is a registered charity with Charity Services, and one of the requirements is that we have our rules available on their website. For this we use the rules as set down by NZ Society of Genealogists, and at present we have their rules dated 2012. As you will recall in June 2016 there was a new set of rules adopted by the Society which now means that we have to update our rules with Charity Services to reflect this change.

In order to do this we have to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) where those present will be asked to agree to the branch adopting these rules. We are required to give 30 days notice of this meeting, which we did before Christmas and we need to have our new rules lodged by 21st March 2017. Therefore we cannot leave this until our next AGM in May, hence the need for this EGM.

This EGM will be very brief and will be held in the first few minutes of our February evening meeting on Monday 27 February. A copy of the full set of rules can be viewed at:

<https://www.register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/Search> Then: Search the register > Put CC22120 in the registration number box, hit enter > Click on NZ Soc. Of Genealogists > Select charity documents and view documents dated 6 October 2016.

If you are a member of the NZSG the rules can be viewed on their website by logging in and selecting *About Us* > Society Administration > *The Rules*.

Meeting date: 27th February 2017 (our first branch meeting for 2017)

Place: Nick Smith's Hall, cnr Waimea and Quarantine Roads

Time: 7.30pm (followed by our usual format).

The motion to be put to this meeting will be:

"That Nelson Branch of NZ Society of Genealogists adopt the rules of the Society dated September 2016."

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.

Are you researching Ireland?

A first meeting of people researching Irish ancestors will be held at the Attic on Saturday 18 March 2017 at 2.00pm.

Topics for discussion could include websites of interest, questions and answers to areas of research plus topics for further meetings planned for this year.

If you are interested or have any questions then please email Kevin Ryan mulryan579@yahoo.com or call him on 544 2210.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Nelson Branch of the SIG will be held at the Attic on Saturday 11 March 2017 at 2pm. We will be looking at the new updated Scotland's People website.

Westland Genealogy Group Open Day

The Westland Genealogy Group is having an Open Day on Saturday 4 March 2017 at their Genealogy Clubrooms, Cnr McKay & Tarapuhi St., Greymouth between 10am - 3pm.

Phone contacts Pauline Langdon 03 762 6024, Bev Dey 03 768 7578, or Barbara Tibbles 03 768 5513

Can You Help

Cheryl Carnahan is helping someone in Nottinghamshire find descendants of **Sqn Ldr George Ernest Weston DFC** who was tragically killed 01 Oct 42 when his Lancaster aircraft crashed in the parish of **GUNTHORPE**, Nottinghamshire England.

Some consideration is being given to the possibility of marking this air crash - and one aspect of such an idea locally has been to try and locate descendants of the deceased.

Any family information to Cheryl Carnahan ph 5447684 or email carnahan@kinect.co.nz

Books for Sale

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

New Acquisitions

Family Tree magazine August 2016 Bookcase 01 loan.

The New Zealand Genealogist October 2016 Bookcase 01 loan.

The Brook Valley by Harris Susan, loan, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.NLN.LH.BROOK.

Murder on the Maungatapu, loan, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.NLN.LH.

Guide to Nelson, 1905, reference, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.NLN.ALC.

Marlborough Nelson & West Coast South Island Bradbury's Illustrated guide, 1929, reference, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.NLN.MBH.WLD.ALC .

History of St. Thomas's Anglican Church Motueka 1838-1958 by Dalton Constance. reference, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.TAS.CH.ST THOMAS'S.

Hickmott Centennial 1875-1975 Primary family Hickmott.Loan Bookcase 02, classification NZ.FH.HICKMOTT.

Pakawau School Centenary, Pakawau School 1873-1973,Rakopi School 1912-1938 [West Haven], Puponga School 1905-1941. reference, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.TAS.SCH.PAKAWAU.

Upper Moutere School Jubilee 125th Commemorative Booklet 1982, reference, Bookcase 02, classification NZ.TAS. SCH.MOUTERE UPPER.



Motueka District High School & Parklands School 125th Jubilee 1857-1982 reference, Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.TAS.SCH.MOTUEKA**.

Nelson Education Board Historical Booklet 1856-1956 reference, Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.NLN.SCH**

Motueka -Riwaka Presbyterian Parish Centennial Celebration 1865-1965 reference, Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.TAS.CH.RIWAKA**.

Centennial Celebrations Motueka Schools 1857-1957, Motueka Primary & Secondary, Pangatotara and Hau, 1965 reference, Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.TAS.SCH.MOTUEKA**

Tales of a Pioneer Alfred Saunders by Saunders Ellen Ann (editors), 1927. Loan Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.NLN.FH.SAUNDERS**.

Early Takaka And The Lower Takaka School by G. Chapman-Cohen, 1860-1949 copy no.2. Loan Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.TAS.SCH.TAKAKA**.

New Zealand Memories Issue 121, Aug/Sep, pp 16, A House Divided, Wakefield, and issue 122, 2016, Bookcase 01 loan.

Nelson Intermediate School History by Frances E.M.Ellis-Emery. copy no.2. 1951-1991 Loan Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.NLN.SCH.INTERMED**.

Dovedale School, 85th Anniversary Souvenir copy no.2, 1869-2002 Loan Bookcase 02, classification **NZ.TAS.SCH.DOVEDAILE**.

Website Updates

FindMyPast

- British Army discharges, 60th Foot 1854-1880
- Buckinghamshire Marriages
- Gloucester Apprentices 1595-1700
- Huntingdonshire Marriages 1754-1837
- Kent Parish Registers for Wrotham, Stansted, Wouldham, Southfleet, and Leybourne
- Middlesex War Memorials
- Worcestershire Probate Index 1660-1858
- Ireland, Royal Irish Constabulary Service Records 1816-1922 and directories
- Scotland Non-Old Parish Registers Vital Records 1647-1875
- Scotland Prison Registers Index 1828-1884
- Scotland Mental Health Institutions Admissions 1857-1859
- Roxburghshire, Kelso Dispensary Patient Registers 1777-1781
- New South Wales Passenger Lists
- New South Wales 1841 Census
- New Zealand Waikaraka Cemetery Memorial 1902-1940
- New Zealand Civil Service Examinations 1906-1907
- Queensland Passports Index 1915-1925

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Australia, Births and Baptisms, 1792-1981
- Germany Hesse parish registers

www.familysearch.org

- Cambridgeshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1599-1860
- Devon Bishop's Transcripts, 1558-1887
- Devon and Cornwall Marriages 1660-1912
- Manchester, Parish Registers, 1603-1910

- Scotland Church Records and Kirk Session Records 1658-1919
- General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland, 1847-1864
- France, Dordogne, Censuses, 1856
- Spain, Soldier Personal Service Files, 1835-1940
- South Africa Transvaal Probate Records from the Master of the Supreme Court 1869-1958

TheGenealogist

- Hampshire Genealogical Society indexes to baptism, marriages and burials

DeceasedOnline

- Highgate Cemetery

IrishRoots

- Sligo marriages, 1864-1939

MyHeritage

- New York City Marriages 1950-1995

[https://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections-](https://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections-explore/Leeds%20General%20Cemetery%20Burial%20Registers%20IndexLeeds)

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- General Cemetery Burial Registers Index

Some Interesting Snippets from other NZSG Branch newsletters.

This Month in New Zealand History

1 Feb 1842 The ship "Fifeshire" arrived at Nelson (now Nelson's anniversary day)

3 Feb 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake

6 Feb 1840 Treaty of Waitangi

15 Feb 1882 The ship "Dunedin" left Otago for UK with the first refrigerated cargo of frozen lamb

25 Feb 1943 Japanese mutiny at Featherston POW camp

<https://www.gro.gov.uk>

The birth index for England and Wales can be searched for no fee at the above website. This gives the maiden surnames of mothers (except for illegitimate births) for the period 1837-1916, in contrast to existing indexes which only give this information from 1911. The only drawbacks are that each period of searching has to be done in a maximum of 5 year blocks and that males and females have to be searched for separately.

This is extremely useful for finding the births (and deaths) of children who were born and died in between censuses and were previously unknown (and in many cases they were never baptised). The death index gives ages in the early years where the existing indexes do not give an age at death, but be aware that in many cases the age stated to be in years may actually be in weeks or months in the case of infant deaths, which if under one year is usually stated as 0. There is no marriage index on this website.

New Zealand Police Gazettes online at <https://archway.archives.govt.nz/>

• Steps to follow

Search for New Zealand Police Gazettes > Click 'go' for the 909 records in the top line

> Click on 'Refine Search' > In the 'Held at' line untick all except Wgtn & Digital Repository- Click 'go'

> At the bottom of the screen go to page 7 of 14 > Scroll down and you will come to the digitised records 1878-1945

From FaceBook group New Zealand History and Genealogy

2017 Historical Anniversaries

From the centenary of the Russian Revolution and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, 2017 looks set to be an exciting year in the world of history. Here are some significant historical anniversaries.

The Russian Revolution - One of the biggest anniversaries of the year, 2017 will mark 100 years since the Russian Revolution. Heralding the collapse of the 300-year-old Romanov royal dynasty, a bitter civil war and the rise of communism, the revolution had a profound impact on the course of world history.

Battle of Passchendaele - As the centenary of the First World War continues, 2017 also marks the 100th anniversary of the battle of Passchendaele. Remembered for its unremitting bleakness and apocalyptic mud, the battle began on 31 July 1917. By the time the conflict had ended in November 1917 there were 325,000 Allied and 260,000 German casualties.

US entry into the First World War - Another notable event from the First World War - US entry into the conflict - also happened 100 years ago, on 6 April 1917. US involvement marked a decisive turning point in the war, as more than five million American soldiers ultimately fought in the conflict.

The Reformation - This year also marks 500 years since the beginning of a huge - and tumultuous - change in the religious make-up of Europe. On 31 October 1517 (commemorated as '*Reformation Day*'), German protestant reformer Martin Luther published his 95 Theses condemning what he saw as the corruption of the Catholic Church. Luther's Theses was quickly reprinted and shared across Europe, triggering a seismic shift in European religion with a legacy of lasting conflict.

Six-Day War - June 2017 marks 50 years since the Six-Day War, when fighting broke out between Israel and the armed forces of Egypt, Jordan and Syria in June 1967.

Other anniversaries in 2017 include the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen; the 150th anniversary of the publication of Marx's *Das Kapital* (volume 1) and the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which stated British support for "*the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people*". <http://www.historyextra.com/article/bbc-history-magazine/2017-Anniversaries/>

2017 Significant Anniversaries

- 150th of Maori Representation Act, setting up Maori seats (1867)
- 100th of First World War battles for Messines (June) and Passchendaele (Oct) in Flanders, Belgium (1917)
- 100th of first enemy incursion into NZ territory (German raider *Wolf* lays mines, sinking several ships - 1917)
- 100th of introduction of six o'clock closing of bars (Dec 1917)
- 100th of change of title from Governor to Governor-General (1917)
- 75th of fall of Singapore (Feb 1942)
- 75th of battles of Minqar Qaim (June), Ruweisat Ridge (July) and El Alamein (Oct-Nov), in North Africa (1942)
- 75th of arrival of US Forces in NZ (June 1942)
- 50th of adoption of decimal currency (July 1967)
- 50th of end of six o'clock closing (Oct 1967)
- 50th of Strongman coalmine disaster on West Coast (Jan 1967)
- 25th of first, non-binding referendum on electoral reform (Sept 1992)

'Selected anniversaries 2014-2018', URL: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/handsonhistory/significant-anniversaries>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 13-Aug-2014

Australia Day is the official National Day of Australia. Celebrated annually on 26th January, it marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British Ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at Sydney Cove by Governor Arthur Phillip.