



**New Zealand Society of  
Genealogists  
NELSON BRANCH  
MARCH 2017  
NEWSLETTER**



Early Settlers - Port  
Nelson

Normally our monthly meetings are at Smith's Hall, corner Waimea & Quarantine 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.

**NB. As Smith's Hall will be unavailable for the March meeting we are going to use the meeting room next door to the Attic in the Trafalgar Street Hall.**

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](mailto: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

As it is election year we may not be able to use Nick Smith's Hall for all our monthly meetings. We will let you know in plenty of time when we have to use an alternative venue.

March's meeting will therefore be in the meeting room next door to the Attic at the Trafalgar Street Hall at 67 Trafalgar Street opposite Trailways. At present April's meeting will still be at Nick Smith's Hall.

I've included some interesting articles from some of the other Branch newsletters as well as some snippets from the latest Famnet newsletter. This is a very worthwhile newsletter to subscribe to as Famnet is NZ based and has lots of interesting topics. You can join Famnet without paying any sub and ask to be put on their newsletter list. [http://www.famnet.net.nz/Login\\_pages/Home2.aspx](http://www.famnet.net.nz/Login_pages/Home2.aspx) or you can read their newsletters online at their site. You don't have to put your family tree into the organisations database unless you want to.

Regards

Barbara

**Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 - 4 pm</b>	April 23	Sandra Marris	<b>Mondays 1pm - 4pm</b>
Mar 19	Judith Fitchett	April 30	Barbara Wells	Cheryl Carnahan
Mar 26	Sandra Marris	May 7	Bob McFadden	<b>Thursday 10am - 4pm</b>
April 2	Barbara Wells	May 14	Pete Gillin	Cynthia Stratford's Team
April 9	Pete Gillin	May 21	Sandra Marris	
April 16	Easter Sunday TBA	May 28	Barbara Wells	

## Programme for 2017

Date	Speaker and Topic details
27 March	Dennis Bush-King - How to find Scottish & English Wills <b>NB Meeting at the Attic</b>
24 April	Exploring the Archives - DVD on English and Scottish Archives
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)	Cecilia Hawea - Tracing your Whakapapa

## 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**



## New Acquisitions

England, 1993, Evans Eric J, **TITHES Maps, Apportionments** and the 1836 Act, loan, Bkcase 12, classification **ENG.AID**,

**Family Tree magazine** Jul 2016, Sept 2016, December 2016,

VChristmas 2016, loan Bkcase 01

**NZSG, The New Zealand Genealogist**, Nov-2016, Dec-2016, Feb-2017, magazine, loan, Bkcase 01

**Seaview Cemetery Walk**, Stoke, Nelson. Families -Biddle, Ching, Blommaart, Campbell, Chisnall, Doidge, Eyles, Honour, Jellyman, Murcott, Robinson, Sullivan. Loan, Bkcase 04

**Searching Overseas** by Pedersen Susan, 1987, loan, Bkcase 05 donated by Jean Coulthard. Classification **AID**.

**Cumbrian Archive Service**, book, Cumbrian Ancestors 1993, loan donated by Jean Coulthard. Bkcase 12 Classification **ENG.CUM.LH**

**Tracing Family History Overseas from NZ**, book by Anne Bromell, 1991 ref. Bkcase 05, donated by Jean Coulthard. Classification **NZ.AID**

**Rotoiti Recollections**, donated by Jill Blechyden, loan, Bkcase 02, classification **NZ.TAS.LH.ST ARNAUD**

**How to Locate and Use Manorial Records** by Palgrave-Moore Patrick, 1985, loan, Bkcase 12, classification **ENG.AID**

**Aberdeen Obituaries 1748-1770**, by McDonnell Frances, booklet, 1996, loan, Bkcase 12, classification **SCT.ABR**

**Streets, Parishes, and Wards of the City of London**, map loan Bkcase 12, classification

**ENG.LND.MAP** Greater London Cemeteries and Crematoria by Wolfston Patricia S, booklet, 1985, loan, Bkcase 12 classification **ENG.LND.CEM**

**Illegitimacy** by McLaughlin Eve, loan, Bkcase 12, classification **UK.AID**

**Cemetery Walk Prominent Nelsonians buried at Wakapuaka Cemetery**. by Carnahan Cheryl. Families include Cawthron, Battle, Bird, Brunner, Cross, Dalton, De Pontius, Dudley, Kempthorne, Kirkpatrick, Gully, Lock, Mathieu, Richardson, Moonlight, Suter. Loan, Bkcase 04, Classification **NZ.NLN.CEM.TOUR**

**Family Notices 2015**, Nelson Evening Mail, reference, Bkcase 04

**The Hounsell Families to Nelson New Zealand**, compiled and donated by Barbara Wells, loan, Bkcase 02, classification **NZ.FH. HOUNSELL**

**Diamonds and Gold on the Aorere** by Botica Jan, loan, Bkcase 02, classification **NZ.FH. DIAMOND**

**McKEE F J 6/3969, PALMER H V 6/320, PALMER H V 6/320 diary**, WAR I COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT Soldiers of Nelson Tasman, ref, Bkcase 07, classification **NZ.MIL.WW I**

*Thank you to the people who have so generously donated books to the Attic. If you can't get to the Attic to borrow a book Cheryl will post any you want to you. She can also send you the catalogue to peruse. Golden Bay members are borrowing books this way and sharing them amongst themselves. We ask that you pay for the postage with stamps when you return them. Some items e.g.fiche, are not for borrowing but Cheryl can do look ups. The latest Attic library catalogue has been put on Tasman Kete.*

## Queen Street Richmond Heritage Photos

Starting in April and running until the end of August the Tasman Libraries will be running a promotion for Queen Street Richmond heritage photos. It's a tie in with the Queen Street upgrade which is happening at the moment. In the promotion they will be encouraging members of the public to donate copies of their photographs of Queen Street (and the shops, parks, businesses, farms and homes along it) to the library for publication on Kete Tasman. They will do all the scanning and copying, uploading etc. for the donor and then give them back their original. The donor only needs to fill out the donation form, drop the items off at Richmond Library and pick them up when they have finished with them.

They are going to send a poster and fliers to Cheryl so she will display them at the Attic.

## Latest additions to Newspapers on Papers Past (February 2017):

Bay of Plenty Times (1931-1940)  
Cromwell Argus (1876-1878, 1921-1948)  
Globe (1874-1882)  
Hawke's Bay Times (1861-1868)  
Horowhenua Chronicle (1931-1939)  
Lyttelton Times (Apr 1869-1889)  
New Zealand Times (1874-1920)  
Northern Advocate (1931-1935)  
Otago Witness (1916-1920)

## Website Updates

### FindMyPast

- Catholic Heritage Archive
- Early Emigration Records
- Britain, Royal African Company, 1694-1743
- British Royal Navy Allotment Declarations 1795-1852
- Norfolk Bishops transcripts and electoral registers
- Northampton General Hospital Admissions 1774-1846
- Northamptonshire Baptisms
- Warwickshire Monumental Inscriptions
- Pennsylvanian records

### Ancestry UK and Ireland

- London Transport Staff Registers, 1863-1931;
- Scotland, Rolls of Male Heads of Families, 1834-1842
- Moray, Scotland, Local Heritage Index, 1632-2014

Prussian Provinces, Selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1661-1944

### TheGenealogist

- Hampshire Police Letter Books
- Northumberland Colour Tithe maps
- War Memorial Index
- New records from Essex, Cumberland and Norfolk

### [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

- British Newspaper Archives Obituaries
- Australia, Victoria, Outward Passenger Lists, 1852-1924

### **RootsIreland**

- Armagh Diocese Marriage Licence Bonds 1727 - 1845
- Rathganon, Wexford RC baptism and marriage registers, 1803-1890s

### **FIBIS**

- East India Company Recruits 1843-50 Returns made by Dublin district recruiting officers

### [www.memento-mori.co.uk](http://www.memento-mori.co.uk)

- Glasgow cemeteries

There is a YouTube version of a talk "Criminals, Lunatics and Paupers: Finding Your Inmate Ancestors in the Scottish Records." It's a 58 minute presentation which you can find at <https://youtu.be/D-FxhDkb6XU>

[The Victorian Slum](#) is a series of documentaries on YouTube

## **Tracing Living Relatives (from a talk given to the Hutt Valley branch by Jan Bonnet)**

### **Suggestions for finding people:**

- Look for uncommon surnames.
- Find siblings for all generations.
- If you can find even one family member it can be an opening.
- Look for libraries and archives in the places where people originally came from. There might be something there.
- Use atlases to find nearby towns, villages, hamlets, locations.
- Use phonebooks to find similar surnames then make contact.
- Look up births on microfiche.
- Use the NZSG Marriage Index.
- FindMyPast is useful. <http://www.findmypast.com.au/>
- ZabaSearch is a USA people finder <http://www.zabasearch.com/>
- The United States Social Security Index can be found on Ancestry and Family Search [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- There are Wills online for United Kingdom and New Zealand.
- Obtain BDM printouts or certificates for legal proof.
- Electoral Rolls and Habitation Rolls can be very useful.

Maps particularly for Europe as borders have changed over the years

Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Ryerson Index an index to death and funeral notices and other death type information published in Australia Newspapers from 1803 to present

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/>

Memory Tree <http://www.amemorytree.co.nz/>

Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

## NZ Police Gazettes (Wellington series)

The NZ Police Gazettes (Wellington series) have now been digitised and are available for viewing on the Archway website. While these are the National Headquarters (Wellington) set, they include occurrences from all over New Zealand.

In order to access these files type New Zealand Police Gazettes into the search box on Archway's home page and click "search"

2. Now click on the "go" button to the right of the 909 line

3. At the results page at the bottom of the screen are the number of pages. Change the number 1 to 7 and then click the >> button

4. Scroll down and you will see the gazettes 1878 (vol 2) onwards to 1945 have "view or download digitised record" beneath each record - click on this for whichever year you wish to view.

5. Then click on "New Zealand Police Gazette ... vol..."

6. Click on view or download digitised record

**To view 1877 vol.1** you need to do the following -

Step 1 as above

2. click "go" to right of 23 series of records

3. Scroll down to Police gazettes [record group] (17653) 1861-1930

4. Click Go to associated records

5. Scroll down to New Zealand Police Gazette vol.1

6. Click on view or download digitised record

**NOTE:** you will see volumes for Otago above the Wellington vol.1 but there is currently no index for these

Each volume is indexed but a word of caution: there is a general index which is then followed by Discharged Prisoners, Index convicted prisoners later became Persons summarily convicted (1903 onward), and index to prisoner's photographs (1908 onward) - photographs may be separate from main section. If you are looking for someone who was in the police force, then look under "Police" in the general index not the person's name.

You will find information about victims, men absconding and not paying maintenance for wives and children, perpetrators of crime (broken down into types of crime), deserters (military), missing friends, and rewards offered. Descriptions of criminals give height, hair and eye colour, complexion, nose chin, mouth and remarks such as previous convictions, tattoos, scars etc.

Just a word of warning though, you may find family members accused of crimes you would rather not know about - entries still have the power to shock and disgust even from the distance of time.

Archives New Zealand have an information sheet about these books at

[http://archives.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Police\\_Gazettes.pdf](http://archives.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Police_Gazettes.pdf)

There is a blog on the subject at

<http://familyhistorymatters.co.nz/2015/03/21/research-your-new-zealand-criminal-ancestors/>

The New Zealand Genealogist magazine has articles in Nov/Dec 2008, Nov/Dec 2010 and Jan/Feb 2011 issues.

## 6 Things to look for in FamilySearch in 2017

Worldwide interest in online genealogy services and activities will continue to grow solidly in 2017. And **FamilySearch** plans to play a major role in creating millions of new, fun family discoveries and online connections. Here are 6 exciting developments to look forward to from FamilySearch in 2017, a global leader in free online family history services.

### **Personalized Dashboard**

Now available in 2017, if you log in to your free **FamilySearch** account today, you will be greeted with your own, customized home page full of interesting, relevant activity feeds, notifications, and suggestions on your personal dashboard. The more you work on your personal FamilySearch family tree, the newer, applicable content the system will automatically send to you through your dashboard throughout the year. In other words, it continues to work for you even when you're not.

New features include:

**Recommended Tasks.** "Next-step" suggestions for specific ancestors in FamilySearch Family Tree that can lead to new discoveries.

**Ancestor Hints.** As millions of new historical records are added to FamilySearch weekly, the savvy search engine maps them against your Family Tree. High probability matches are presented for your consideration as “hints” on your dashboard. Keep checking back to see what new information it has been dug up on your ancestors. Add it to your ancestor’s source page.

**Recent Ancestors.** Forgot what you did the last time you visited your tree? Your new dashboard will automatically keep track of the ancestors you are researching each time and create a list that makes it easy to pick up where you left off a few minutes ago or during a previous visit.

**To-do Lists.** Make quick notes in this convenient new feature to help you remember what you want to do on your next visit to your Family Tree. Jot short reminder notes about records to search, people to contact, photos or documents to upload and add to an ancestor’s profile, or personal and family stories you want to capture for posterity in the Memories feature.

**To-do Cards.** See fun new photos, stories, and relevant documents about your ancestors that have been recently added by other family members and cousins to your collective family tree. It’s a fun way to identify relatives who are currently working on your family lines and make new discoveries or connections with extended family members.

### **New and improved Mobile Apps**

FamilySearch’s two mobile apps—FamilySearch Family Tree and FamilySearch Memories—will see cool new updates. Users will be able to search Ancestry.com from the convenience of the FamilySearch mobile app. Imagine being able to search the two largest online sources of family history records from your mobile device! A new descendancy view feature will give users the ability to create notes for specific ancestors, easily see a log of any changes made by others, and download user-contributed memories (Memories app). Multiple windows in the Family Tree app will significantly increase the speed of research from mobile devices.

### **Improved Searching**

The [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) search engine is already best-in-class, but in 2017, users will notice even faster search results from newly published historic records worldwide, and quicker hints from those new records and user-contributed trees.

### **New Indexing Tools**

“We are really excited to launch the web-based version of our successful indexing software in 2017,” said Craig Miller, FamilySearch’s Senior Vice President of Product Development and Engineering. “It will be easy to use and will work on any digital device with a web browser (excluding cell phones), eliminating the need to download the indexing software. That means more volunteers worldwide will be able to contribute in making more of the world’s historical records searchable by name online, and more quickly.”

**Indexing** is the nifty, web-based tool FamilySearch volunteers use to make hundreds of millions of historic records worldwide searchable by name for free online each year. These indexes are the secret ingredient to your ability to discover ancestral connections online quickly and easily. Additional innovations to the tool in 2017 will include more rapid completion of tasks, improved help, and even automated indexing for some record sets (obituaries) which means more records searchable at your fingertips, faster.

### **New Discovery Experiences**

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is a top tourist attraction for the state of Utah. In February, 2017, FamilySearch will open a wonderful, state-of-the-art Discovery Experience attraction on the Library’s main floor. The new feature will enable guests to have fun, large-as-life personal discovery experiences with their family history using the latest technologies. Similar discovery experiences will be implemented in select locations worldwide in 2017, including St. George, Utah!

### **More Free Historic Records**

Over 330 FamilySearch digital camera teams worldwide will digitally preserve 125-150 million historical records in 2017 for free online access. Another 200 million images will be added from FamilySearch’s microfilm conversion project that uses 25 specialized machines to convert its vast microfilm collection at its Granite Mountain Records Vault for online access. Over 30 percent of the 2.4 million rolls of microfilm have already been digitized and published online. The digital collections can be located in the FamilySearch catalogue online and by perusing collection lists by location.

FamilySearch’s online community of volunteers will be focused on creating searchable name indexes to two major collections in the United States (marriage records and immigration records that will include passenger lists, border crossings, and naturalization petitions), and core record collections from select high priority countries.

If you are not familiar with all the wonderful free benefits of FamilySearch, create your free account at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), and start your fun journey of discovery.

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