



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH
APRIL 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.

Please Note April's meeting is at Nick Smith's Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

At this month's meeting we will be screening a DVD we received with the February Family Tree Magazine. It covers the National Archives and the Society of Genealogists, both in London and the Scottish Archives in Edinburgh. It also looks at their online search engines (ie. Discovery (National Archives), ScotlandsPeople and the SOG one) and is well worth viewing especially if you are planning an overseas trip.

AGM Next month is the AGM. If you are interested in standing for the committee please let us know as new blood is always welcome.

Regards

Barbara

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

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| Sunday | 2 - 4 pm | May 28 | Barbara Wells | Mondays 1pm - 4pm |
| April 23 | Sandra Marris | June 4 | TBA | Cheryl Carnahan |
| April 30 | Barbara Wells | June 11 | Pete Gillin | Thursday 10am - 4pm |
| May 7 | Bob McFadden | June 18 | Judith Fitchett | Cynthia Stratford's Team |
| May 14 | Pete Gillin | June 25 | Sandra Marris | |
| May 21 | Sandra Marris | July 2 | Barbara Wells | |

Programme for 2017

| Date | Speaker and Topic details |
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| 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 - 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

The Attic is very fortunate to have been gifted by Hilary and John Mitchell, the 4 volumes of their work **Te Tau Ihu**.

This series, entitled *Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka* details the People and the Land, the new Society that emerged following pakeha colonisation, a volume detailing the genealogy of the chiefly families of Ngati Tama and Te Atiawa, and the births, deaths and marriages of Maori in Nelson and Marlborough as recorded by Church of England, Wesleyan and Roman Catholic Churches.

These volumes really detail a lifetime interest for Hilary and John, not only of the Maori People of Nelson Marlborough but also many of the early settlers because their detail is usually referenced to tales or documents directly from the era being described.

Review of these publications is essential for anyone researching their early Nelson Marlborough genealogy, but don't expect to carry out this task quickly as you will become side-tracked by the detail and the wonderful illustrations - many of which are in colour. These volumes are now at the Attic but for reference only - not on loan

Cheryl Carnahan

New Acquisitions

Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka Vol 01 Te Tangata Me Te Whenua, Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka Vol 02 TeAra Hou -The New Society, Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka Vol 03 TeAra Hou -Nga Tupuna -The Ancestors, Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka Vol 04 TeAra Hou -Nga Whanau Rangatira o Ngati Tama Me Te Atiawa -The Chiefly Families. 4 volumes donated by Mitchell Hilary & John, reference, Bookcase 05. Classification **NZ.NLN.MAO**.

Norfolk Ancestor FHS, Sept 2016, Dec 2016, journal loan Bookcase 12, donated by Lois Moreland.

Kent Family History Journal Sept 2016, Dec 2016, journal loan Bookcase 12, donated by Lois Moreland.

The Neudorf Valley by Bensemman Merlene & Perry Clive. Loan, Bookcase 02. Classification **NZ.TAS.LH.NEUDORF**

Waitapu to Waitui by Dawber Carol. Loan, Bookcase 02. Classification **NZ.TAS.LH.GBAY** donated by John Fellowes.

Ink Cartridge for sale

Cheryl has a new unopened ink cartridge for sale for a Canon Pixma printer, cartridge no.40. Costs \$50.00 sell \$20.00 donation to the NZSG Nelson Branch. ph Cheryl 5447684.

Who Do You Think You Are? Live Speakers' Handouts

<http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/>

Speakers' handouts or slides presented at WDYTYA? Live shows in Birmingham 2017 and previously in Glasgow and London are published here as PDFs or online links. Not every speaker will have provided slides of their presentations but they do expect more to arrive, so if the talk you wanted isn't yet represented on the list below do pop back to this page and check again later.

Click on the speaker's name to download the PDF.



Waimea College Night Classes

Life Writing: Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm 3 May - 5 July (10 weeks)

If you want to use your own life as the raw material for writing, this is the class for you. Perhaps you want to write a memoir, biography or family history but don't know how to begin? Or you've made a beginning and don't quite know what to do next? Perhaps you'd like to make your writing more lively and interesting? The class will offer an encouraging environment for you to learn new techniques, and try new approaches to your non-fiction writing.

Tutor: Ro Cambridge 3 May - 5 July 2017 In association with the Adult Learning Support Free Enrolment Procedure

Email ace@waimea.school.nz with your contact details (address and phone numbers) and the course you would like to attend. They will email back a confirmation plus an invoice.

You can also enrol by phone or in person at the Waimea College Finance Centre which is beside Reception. The Finance Centre is open for enrolments between 8.30am and 4.00pm including school holidays. Here you may pay by cash, EFTPOS or cheque (we are unable to take credit cards). Internet banking details are on your enrolment confirmation invoice.

They will advise you if a course is full at the time of your enrolment and can place your name on a waiting list. Any enquiries should be directed to Waimea Community Education on (03) 544 6099 ext. 870, (or option 2) sending an email to ace@waimea.school.nz

13 Tips For Searching Trove's Historical Newspapers (Famnet newsletter April2017)

Most of us use the NZ newspaper website Paperspast. Here is an article about the Australian equivalent. Remember that our NZ ancestors moved quite freely between Australia & NZ. Maybe you lost a NZ relative on your family tree. Explore this site - you may find the lost ones appearing in Australia.

Australian's are spoilt by having [Australian historical newspapers](#) available at their fingertips and online through [Trove](#). Not also forgetting that it's all totally free as well. Can you believe that there are over 200 million articles already on the National Library of Australia's Trove Newspapers site, and that figure grows every month, with new papers being added? It is a vast resource which is used not only by tens of thousands of Australian genealogists, historians, students and academics on a daily basis, but also by many overseas who are researching something about Australia, or someone who was in Australia.

But how do you search? Type in a name and see what comes up? Well, there's more to it than that. When searching newspapers you have to think of how things would be written in the newspaper at the time, which can be quite different to general search websites. So here are some tips for you.

- When searching for a birth, don't just look for the person's name, as they often aren't mentioned. (i.e. On the 23rd June, at Hobart, Mr and Mrs E. Smith of a daughter)
- When searching use initials, not just their full name - or an abbreviation (ie. Wm instead of William)
- When looking for a wife, look for "Mrs W. Baker" (as in wife of Mr William Baker) rather than her own name of Elizabeth
- Use place name together with a surname to help narrow down your search
- Or as an alternative to using a place name, use an occupation and surname
- Remember to use different spellings of names, as every name has variants
- Remember some places changed name, so look for a previous place name (ie. Friezland in Brisbane was renamed to Kuridala in 1916; or Tweedvale in South Australia became Lobethal etc)
- If you are looking for immigration details and can't find a shipping list, look for an obituary. Many say when they arrived, and often what ship they came in on
- When looking at newspapers don't dismiss newspapers from other states, because the news may well have been reported elsewhere (and sometimes has better information) than the ones you're looking at
- When looking for a death, don't dismiss papers that occur years after the death as they may be mentioned in a "In Memoriam" entry
- You've done a search, and it's come up with 1000s of entries, too many to go through every one, use the "Refine Your Results" options on the left hand side of the page. So you can choose a state, choose a paper, choose an entry type, narrow down by decade
- When looking at the paper and date range, it doesn't mean that 'every' issue between that range has been scanned yet. So check what's actually covered by browsing

Also one more point is that the text of the newspapers has been scanned and OCRd (Optical Character Recognition). So how well it reads (and can be found by searching), depends on the quality of the original. Sometimes it's best to browse, rather than simply rely on searching as you will pick things up that the search didn't. <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>

1.3 Million Victorian Probate and Wills Online (Famnet newsletter April2017)

Following on from the previous news item here is another source for Australian research.

The [Victoria Wills and Probate collection](#) on Findmypast is a vast index that now contains over 1,364,000 records. These list the names of deceased persons whose estates passed probate through the Supreme Court of Victoria in Melbourne between 1841 and 1989.

Wills and probate records are invaluable in family research, as these kind of documents can provide details of next of kin, property owned and significant dates. Each record includes a transcript and a number also include image of original probate documents. Transcripts will reveal your ancestor's death date, occupation, residence, the date of the grant, the nature of the grant, and to whom it was committed. They also include the file number and a link to order a copy of the original from Public Records Office Victoria.

Images may provide the last will and testament of your ancestor and an inventory of your ancestor's estate (which may include an itemised list of assets and liabilities). These would provide not only insight into your ancestor's economic standing, but also into your ancestor's relationships with other family members, friends and institutions. If you have a family heirloom, inventories can provide details of its acquisition and worth.

If you're eager to get searching, here's the direct link to the [Victoria Wills and Probate collection](#)

The Family History Guide-Mar 2017 (Famnet newsletter April2017)

FamilySearch is now pairing with third-parties who produce training on several topics for individuals wanting to learn more about FamilySearch features and research strategies.

This training also includes geography-specific research strategies.

The Family History Guide is a website that represents a best-in-class learning environment for family history. Its scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you achieve your goals, systematically.

Whether you are brand new to family history or a seasoned researcher - or somewhere in between - The Family History Guide can be your difference maker.

Popular Topics:

Intro to the site

<http://thefhguide.com/introduction.html>

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Computer Basics

<http://thefhguide.com/introduction.html#cb>

Using Family Tree in FamilySearch

<http://thefhguide.com/project-1-family-tree.html>

Descendancy Research

<http://thefhguide.com/project-3-descendants.html>

Research Strategies for Specific Countries

<http://thefhguide.com/project-9-countries.html>

Indexing

<http://thefhguide.com/project-5-indexing.html>

Viewing and Adding Memories (Stories, Photos, Audio) in FamilySearch

<http://thefhguide.com/project-2-memories.html>

This information is up to date and very beneficial. It includes videos and all kinds of information to help you learn all aspects of family history.

(The above articles are from Famnet's April newsletter) <http://www.famnet.org.nz/>

Hartley V Palmer's WW1 Diary

Many of you would have read the front page article in the Nelson Evening Mail a few weeks back on this diary. It has now been uploaded to the Auckland War Museum's website and loaded to his page on their records. It is shown as 2 files - Part 1 and Part 2 because they can only accept files of a certain size. This will preserve the diary for all time for all to see. Click on the link below to read it

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph/record/C52429?n=hartley%20palmer&ordinal=0&from=%2Fwar-memorial%2Fonline-cenotaph%2Fsearch>



Silent City Meets Living City

14/10/2017



On Saturday, 14 October at 19h the municipality of Zonnebeke and the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 organise a **unique moment of silence and reflection** to commemorate the many casualties at **CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery**. During a serene sound and light show participants will illuminate the headstones and the names on the Tyne Cot Memorial to bring a fitting tribute.

The MMP1917 and the municipality of Zonnebeke invite the relatives of soldiers with a known grave at CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery or a name on the monument to the missing to come and experience this powerful and unique commemorative moment close to their relatives.

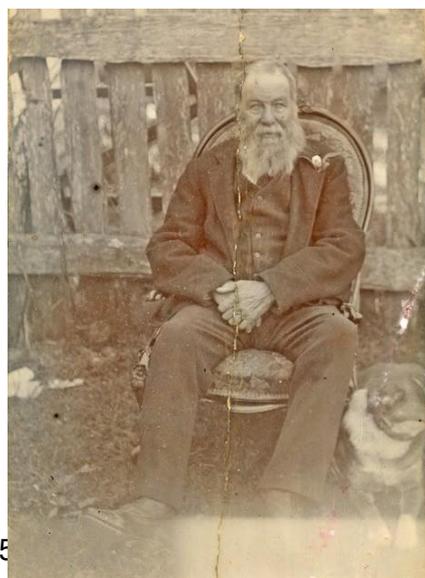
Do you wish to stand at the grave of your family or close to the missing monument during this unique and powerful commemoration? If so, please **complete and return the enclosed registration form by 17 April** (if you are interested you will need to download this form from the link) via 14-

18@passchendaele.be. If you cannot attend, you may be represented by someone. Please indicate this on the form.

For any questions regarding 'Silent City Meets Living City', you can contact the project coordinator of the MMP1917:

Debbie Manhaeve

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Can anyone identify this man?

This photo was sent to Cheryl Carnahan for identification. On the back is handwritten *Auty Harley*.

The photo came from a collection of Dawn Maisie IVES, after her death. She used to farm on Patons Rock Road.

If you can please contact Cheryl.

Website Updates (from IGHS April newsletter)

FindMyPast

- British Army, Plovdiv Military Cemetery Burials
- Russian Orthodox Church in London
- Chesterfield union workhouse death index 1838-1904
- Northamptonshire Militia list 1771 and freeholders 1795-1797
- Scotland Post Office Directories
- Ireland, Legal Administration
- Ireland Memorial Inscriptions
- Ireland Quaker records updated
- Manitoba Probate records 1871-1930 Browse
- Australian Capital Territory Marriages
- Victoria Register of Prisoners Under Sentence Of Hard Labour 1847-1853
- Victoria Cemeteries
- Victoria Burials & Memorials
- Victoria Divorce Cause Books 1861-1938
- Victoria Wills & Probate
- New South Wales, Stroud Baptismal Register 1892-1925
- New South Wales, Tea Gardens cemetery inscriptions 1898-2008
- Lower Canada Census 1842

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Royal Hospital Chelsea: Discharge Documents of Pensioners 1760-1887 (WO 122)
- Swansea and Surrounding Area, Wales, Gaol Records, 1877-1922
- Swansea and Surrounding Area, Wales, Poor Law Union Records, 1836-1916
- Swansea and Surrounding Area, Wales, Electoral Registers, 1839-1966
- Ireland, City and Regional Directories, 1850-1946
- Lithuania, Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1603-1921
- South Africa, Biographical Index, 1825-2005

TheGenealogist

- Middlesex tithe maps and quarter session records
- London Educational Records various
- Quarter Session rolls and books from Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Surrey and Middlesex