



New Zealand Society of Genealogists NELSON BRANCH MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Early Settlers - Port
Nelson

Normally our monthly
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.

PLEASE NOTE May's
meeting is at the meeting room at the Trafalgar Street Hall
next to the Attic 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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PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE ELECTION MEETINGS FROM MAY TO OCTOBER WILL BE HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM NEXT TO THE ATTIC AT 67 TRAFALGAR STREET (if there is any change you will be notified)

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday	2 - 4 pm	June 18	Judith Fitchett	Mondays 1pm - 4pm
May 14	Pete Gillin	June 25	Sandra Marris	Cheryl Carnahan
May 21	Sandra Marris	July 2	Barbara Wells	Thursday 10am - 4pm
May 28	Barbara Wells	July 9	Pete Gillin	Cynthia Stratford's Team
June 4	Bob McFadden	July 16	Bob McFadden	
June 11	Pete Gillin	July 23	Sandra Marris	

Programme for 2017

Date	Speaker and Topic details
22 May (Mon 7.30pm)	AGM followed by John Dearing - Postal History and People - Motueka Area
25 June (Sun 2pm)	Mike Carnahan - Battle of Messines 7 June 1917 - a lot of Nelson men were killed
23 July (Sun 2pm)	Helen Pannett - Oral History
27 August (Sun 2pm)	Celia Hawea - Tracing your Whakapapa
25 Sept (Mon 7.30pm)	TBA
30 Oct (Mon 7.30pm)	Sandra Marris - Surviving Salt Lake City
26/27 Nov	Christmas meeting TBA

AGM 22 May - 7.30pm at the Trafalgar Street Hall

The next meeting of the Branch will start with our AGM before we are entertained with the talk by John Dearing.

The annual reports i.e. financial, library, research and convenor's will be e-mailed out to you before the meeting. Please read them and bring them and any queries to the meeting.

This AGM is the first one to be held under the new NZSG rules which we adopted at the EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) held recently. One of the requirements is a quorum of 20% of our membership which, for us, will be approximately 20 members. Please make an effort to attend the AGM on May 22nd even though the venue has changed so we at least have a good representation of our membership.

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be:

- Approval of the minutes of the last AGM and of the EGM on the 27 February 2017;
- Receipt of the Branch annual reports and statement of accounts;
- Approve amendment to the rules we operate under
Motion: *That the Nelson Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists adopts as its own rules, the amendment to the rules of the NZ Society of Genealogists adopted on 27 January 2017 and subsequently registered by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and uploaded to the Charities register on 20 March 2017*
These amendments have the advantage of reducing the quorum for an AGM or EGM to 10% of members with a minimum of 10 members. See below. The rules can be viewed at the NZSG website.
- Election of Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members; and
- General business

This year Barbara Wells would like to stand down as Treasurer, but will stay on the Committee if elected and is willing to help the new Treasurer with reports etc. during a transition period. Nominations are open for committee members and officers. The branch relies on volunteers to keep things running. We just need a few more people to join the committee. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions. If we are to continue as a viable Branch we need your support.

- Bob McFadden Convenor

Note: For election as Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer you need to be a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (not just the branch).

Amendments to rules to be voted on .

RULE 4. OBJECTS

Add in Rule 4.1 the words "... the members of the Society and" ... before the New Zealand public, so that the text reads:

"To promote the study of family histories, whakapapa, genealogies and kindred subjects to the members of the Society and the New Zealand public."

Add in Rule 4.2 the words "... the members of the Society and" ... before the New Zealand public, so that the text reads:

"To advance the education of the members of the Society and the New Zealand public in the study of family histories, whakapapa, genealogies and kindred subjects."

Add in Rule 4.3 the words "... the members of the Society and" ... before people wishing to compile, so that the text reads:

"To provide assistance for the members of the Society and people wishing to compile family histories from sources in New Zealand and overseas."

RULE 12.4 Meetings

Add the number 12.4.1 beside the existing text "A Branch or Interest Group Committee shall have the power to arrange the Branch or Interest Group annual programme and to determine, regulate and control the use by its members and others of its facilities and to control its activities."

Add as a new "Rule 12.4.2 Committee Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be chaired by the Convenor of the Branch or Interest Group, or a member appointed by the Committee to be the Chairperson."

RULE 12.5 Annual General Meetings

Replace In Rule 12.5.3 the words "... twenty per cent (20%) with "ten per cent (10%)" and

Add the words "... but with a minimum of ten (10) members," before shall constitute a quorum, so that the text reads: "At Annual General Meetings of the Branch or Interest Group ten per cent (10%) of the membership, as defined in Rule 5.1 (Ordinary, Joint, Youth or Life) and Rule 12.2.1 (Branch and Interest Group Local membership), but with a minimum of ten (10) members, shall constitute a quorum.-"

Add as a new "RULE 12.6 Extraordinary General Meetings

12.6.1 A Branch or Interest Group may find from time to time that matters arise between Annual General Meetings that require members to discuss and vote on issues of significance.

12.6.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by resolution of the Branch or Interest Group committee or by written requisition to the secretary of the Branch or Interest Group signed by not less than ten per cent (10%) of members of the Branch or Interest Group entitled to vote as defined in Rule 5.1 (Ordinary, Joint, Youth or Life) and Rule Branch and Interest Group Local membership).

12.6.3. At least thirty (30) days notice of the date of such Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to all Branch or Interest Group members, with the meeting to be held within ninety (90) days of the resolution of the committee or of receipt by the Secretary of the Branch or Interest Group of the written requisition.

12.6.4 At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Branch or Interest Group ten per cent (10%) of the membership, as defined in Rule 5.1 and Rule 12.2.1, but with a minimum of ten (10) members, shall constitute a quorum.

12.6.5 Only business stated in the resolution or requisition shall be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting, provided that any other business that in the opinion of at least two-thirds of the members present arises directly may also be considered.

12.6.6 The minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be presented to the next Annual General Meeting for confirmation, or in the case of a windup resolution of the Branch or Interest Group, be part of the formal records transferred in terms of Rule 12.12."

Renumber existing rules and any clauses contained therein:

Rule 12.6 Mode of Voting to 12.7

Rule 12.7 Funds and Financial Matters to 12.8

Rule 12.8 Power to Enter into Contracts in Society's Name to 12.9

Rule 12.9 Branches and Interest Groups Registered as Charities to 12.10

Rule 12.10 By-laws to 12.11

Rule 12.11 Disposal of Assets to 12.12

Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

Sundays 2 - 4

Mondays 1 - 4

Thursdays 10 - 4



New Acquisitions

Coaley to Stoke and Beyond The Jellymans by Lomath P & Flanagan D, loan Bkcase 02, donated by Jo Lewis, classification NZ.NLN.FH JELLYMAN.

Brereton Families of Ireland Vol 02, Brereton D & Brereton-Goodwin F, loan Bkcase 12, classification IRL.FH.BRERETON

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.

Website Updates (from IGHS May newsletter)

FamilySearch

- Durham Diocese Marriage Bonds and Allegations 1692-1900
- Essex, Bishop's Transcripts, 1779-1892
- Manchester, Parish Registers, 1603-1910
- Norfolk, Parish Registers (County Record Office), 1510-1997
- Northumberland, Non-conformist Records, 1708-1982
- Northumberland, Parish Registers, 1538-1950
- Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1984

FindMyPast

- Britain, missing beneficiaries and unclaimed estates 1910
- Kent parish register transcripts
- Norfolk Bishop's and Archdeacon Transcripts browse able
- Wiltshire parish transcripts
- Scottish Catholic Records
- British Columbia Estate Files Browse 1859-1949

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Metropolitan Police Pension Registers 1852-1932
- UK, Military Discharge Indexes, 1920-1971
- Bedfordshire Electoral Registers 1832-1986
- Dorset, Poor Law Settlement and Removal Records, 1682-1862
- Tower Hamlets

South Africa, Miscellaneous Court Records Index, 1652-2004, 2008-2011;

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

- Fermanagh, Derrygonnelly, Church Hill Baptisms, Wesleyan Methodist 1877-1930
- Mongahan, Clones Registers, Marriages 1694-1702 & 1757-1778
- Mongahan, Clones Registers, Baptisms, 1701-1704 and 1710-1713

RootsIreland

- Index to 60,000 Mayo headstones
- Westmeath Castlepollard Roman Catholic parish baptisms 1763-1790; marriages - 1763-1790; and death/burials 1764-1818

TheGenealogist

- British in India Collection
- Poll Books for Wakefield, West Yorkshire and other constituencies situated in Hampshire,

Gloucestershire, Somerset and New Westminster in Canada

- The Roll of Mayors of the Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester
- Worcestershire Parish Records

Deceased Online

- Highgate Cemetery

New Zealand, City & Area Directories, 1866-1954 [FREE Index on ancestry.com]

Contained in this database is a collection of city and area directories for New Zealand, from 1866 to 1955. Each directory contains several sections: street, county, alphabetical name, commercial, professional, advertisements, and index. The alphabetical name directory is the most useful for researching ancestors as it lists the name of each head of household with their district or city of residence. Often their occupations and/or street addresses will also be listed. The street directory has the same information for households but is organized by city and street; the commercial and professional directories contain information on businesses and companies.

The majority of this collection is comprised of the Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory. Although unauthor-ized, it was a commercial endeavour sanctioned by the Post Office and published by Henry Wise & Co., Dunedin. It covered all of New Zealand and was the first national postal directory of householders published nearly every year or two years from 1872 to 1955.

Information in this Database:

- Surnames
- Street addresses
- Districts/cities of residence
- Professional listings
- Commercial addresses

Why Use Directories:

Directories are extremely useful for locating people in a particular place and time. They are excellent census sub-stitute records. If you have traced an ancestor through several years of directories and they then disappear, it likely means that the individual either moved or died. The advertisements and professional or commercial sections of the directory can also help you learn more about your ancestor's occupation and may lead you to other occupational records.

Directories Presently Included:

This database currently includes directories for the following years. Those marked by asterisk have been indexed. Others are image-only:

Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory: 1866-67*, 1872-73*, 1875-76*, 1878-79*, 1880-81*, 1883-84*, 1885-86*, 1887-88*, 1890-91*, 1892-93*, 1894-95*, 1896-97*, 1898-99*, 1900*, 1901*, 1902*, 1903*, 1904*, 1905, 1906, 1907*, 1908, 1909, 1910*, 1911, 1912, 1913*, 1914, 1915, 1916*, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920*, 1921, 1922, 1923*, 1924, 1925, 1926*, 1927, 1928, 1930*, 1931, 1933*, 1934, 1936*, 1938*, 1940*, 1942*, 1943, 1946*, 1947*, 1950-51*, 1953-54*, 1955

Stone's Otago & Southland Directory: 1907*, 1909, 1915

Stone's Dunedin & Invercargill Directory: 1886*

Steven's & Bartholomew's New Zealand Directory: 1886

The New Zealand Gazette, 1860-1894 [On ancestry.com—Browse this collection]

The New Zealand Gazette is the official newspaper of the government and is produced every Thursday by the New Zealand Gazette Office, Department of Internal Affairs. This project includes the years 1860, 1870, 1871, 1873, 1882-1888, and 1890-1894.

Gazettes are full of material that can be of use and interest to family historians. They include notices about:

- bankruptcies
- appointments and releases of receivers/managers
- appointments and releases of liquidators
- meetings and last dates by which to prove debts or claims
- cessations of business
- partnerships
- land transfers
- charitable trusts
- friendly societies and credit unions
- incorporated societies
- changes of name
- justices of the peace
- native land court dealings
- native adoptions
- military notices
- nurses, doctors and teachers registers
- general notices

Because gazettes include such a wide variety of notices, researchers can find many ordinary people, not just government officials, mentioned in their pages. The gazettes can also be used to place individuals in a specific time and location, as well as putting people and communities in historical context.

Helpful leaflets from the FFHS

The Federation of Family History Societies publishes two free information leaflets which are useful guides to family history research.

The first is 'Our Really Useful Information Leaflet'. It gives researchers with roots in the British Isles plenty of information on how to grow their family tree, including several pages of on-line addresses of websites and local societies.

The second is 'Our Really Useful Australasian Information Leaflet'. This focuses on how to research ancestors if you live in Australia or New Zealand, covering research in the British Isles as well as in Australasia.

For both leaflets, go to <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/guides.php> The NZSG is a member of the FFHS.



Jean's 90th

Last Anzac Day one of our members Jean Coulthard turned 90. This is a photo of her taken at her birthday party with her granddaughter. Jean and her husband Allan retired to Nelson in 1989 from the UK. She quickly became involved with the local Branch and served on the Committee for many years first as the Librarian and then as Convenor from 1994 - 1997. Congratulations Jean and may you have many more birthdays.