



# New Zealand Society of Genealogists NELSON BRANCH AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER



Early Settlers - Port  
Nelson

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION MEETINGS FROM MAY TO OCTOBER WILL BE HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM NEXT TO THE ATTIC AT 67 TRAFALGAR STREET**

Door charge GOLD COIN DONATION.

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Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

## Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

**Sunday 2 - 4 pm**

August 20	Dennis Bush-King	October 1	Barbara Wells
August 27	Meeting	October 8	Pete Gillin
September 3	Barbara Wells	October 15	TBA
September 10	Bob McFadden	October 22	TBA
September 17	Kevin Ryan	October 29	Sandra Marris
September 24	Sandra Marris	November 5	Barbara Wells

**Mondays 1pm - 4pm**

Cheryl Carnahan  
**Thursday 10am - 4pm**  
Cynthia Stratford's Team

## Programme for 2017

**Date**

**27 August (Sun 2pm)**

**25 Sept (Mon 7.30pm)**

**30 Oct (Mon 7.30pm)**

**12 Nov (Sat 2pm)**

**26 Nov (Sun )**

**Speaker and Topic details**

**Celia Hawea - Tracing your Whakapapa**

**Film: For King & Country: NZ's First World War** covering NZ's experience of WW1

**Sandra Marris - Surviving Salt Lake City**

**Scottish & Irish Group Meeting at the Attic**

**Willowbank Heritage Park Visit** details to be advised later

## 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.

## Members Queries

Do you have a query or queries that you would like help with? We can put them in our newsletter and there maybe someone amongst our members who can help or give you some suggestions as to where to look. As well as going to our members the newsletter is also sent to various organisations such as the local libraries and museum, and also to several other NZSG Branches through out NZ It also goes on the NZSG website.

## Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

**Sundays 2 - 4**

**Mondays 1 - 4**

**Thursdays 10 - 4**



## New Acquisitions

**The New Zealand Genealogist June 2017.** Bookcase 01, Loan.

**1941 Casualty List From Nelson Evening Mail Index** and Newspaper extract, Reference, donated by The Nelson Provincial Museum.

Classification NZ.MIL.WW2

**Birth Death & Marriage Notices 1941** - index and newspaper extract. Reference, donated by The Nelson Provincial Museum. Bookcase 04.

**Funeral sheets**, vol 24, 25. Reference, Bookcase 04.

**The Webby Family by Webby Jaquie**, Loan, Bookcase 01. Classification NZ.FH.WEBBY

**Bovey family**, Loan, Bookcase 04. Classification NZ.FH.BOVEY

Many fiche from the Scottish Interest Group including **Register of NZ Immigrants of Scottish Birth arriving before 1 January 1921**, **Obituaries of Scottish born Immigrants died in NZ Volume One & Two**. Reference. Cabinet 01.

**The Highland Clearances** by Prebble John. Loan, Bookcase 12. Classification SCT.LH Donated by Scottish Interest Group

**The Diary of John Campbell**, Loan, Bookcase 12. Classification SCT.LH Donated by Scottish Interest Group

**Dovedale School Committee Minutes** Folder 01, 02 & 03, plus school committee minutes and Ledger 1888-1894. Reference. Bookcase 09.

## The Federation of Family History Society's 2017 Genealogy Guide

The 2017 edition of Our Really Useful Information Leaflet is now available to download from the Federation of Family History Societies' website. It's free and lists over 80 websites of interest to family historians. It also includes a 'how to' genealogy guide and contact details for their member societies. The new edition has an article on using newspaper archives in your research, written by Helen Tovey of Family Tree magazine.

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/tips/guides.php>

There is still time to enrol in the events/courses being held at Nelson and Richmond Libraries during the last weeks of Family History month.

## Family History Month at Richmond Library

August is Family History month at the Richmond Library and with the Queen Street upgrade in mind our theme this year is "Queen Street through the years".

There's lots happening including the following courses:

- **'Further Steps in Family History'** 2nd course - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00am to 12.30pm  
A beyond the basics course, suitable for anyone who has previously attended an 'Introduction to Family History' course or who has experience with searching online family resources.
- **Historic NZ Newspapers** - Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 10.00am to 12.00pm. This course will look at the Papers Past website and how to effectively use it to find information about your ancestors.

Other events include a workshop on **'Caring for your Photos'** with guest speaker Darryl Gallagher, the manager of the photographic collection at Nelson Provincial Museum and a **Richmond memories get together**; an informal chat with others about Richmond as you remember it in the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

Please note that all courses and events are free, but spaces are limited so bookings are essential.

To book, please phone 03 543 8500. Further information can be found on the Tasman District Libraries website Featured Events page.

## Family History Month Programme at Nelson Library. August 2017

### **Ancestry and More.** Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am - 11.00am

Learn the basics of Ancestry.library edition, and see what else the library has to offer. Elma Turner Library Nelson. Bookings essential

### **Art/Craft Family/Whakapapa.** Tue 22 11.30am - 12.30pm

Delve into the relationship between art and family history. Hear local crafter Pam Stade talk about her craft and its relationship to family traditions. Followed by Cindy Batt talking about how whakapapa is passed on through the many forms of Māori artistic expressions.

### **The Time of My Life (repeat)** Tue 29<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Want to record a few memories in your own words? You don't have to write your whole life to leave something for the grandchildren. This talk/workshop explores ways of finding and writing down a memory or two. Elma Turner Library Nelson. Bookings essential

### **Isel House families and Tour.** Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.00pm at Isel House

Take a tour of Isel House, learn about the Marsden Family and check out the local Stoke families' histories researched and displayed at Isel House in Stoke.

### **All Month at Elma Turner Library. Help us celebrate family stories**

Tell us where you're from - pop a pin on the map at the Red Wall. Share something about your family for our Facebook page. Children can draw or write a family message on our tree in the Children's Library. Take a moment to admire the art and craft in our display cabinets.

## Website Updates (from IGHS August newsletter)

### **The National Archives**

- Northamptonshire section of the Manorial Documents Register

### **FindMyPast**

- Lincolnshire Burials 1754-1812
- London Marriage Licences 1521-1869
- Monmouthshire Burials
- Somerset Parish Registers
- Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions
- Westminster Catholic Records
- Wiltshire Wills and Probate Index 1530-1881
- Yorkshire Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts Browse
- Yorkshire Memorial Inscriptions
- Dublin City Ordnance Survey Map 1847
- Ireland, Maps and Surveys 1558-1610
- Canada 1861 and 1871 census
- Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish registers

### **Ancestry UK and Ireland**

- Anglesey electoral register 1832-1977
- Dunfermline, Music School Registers 1910-1920
- Fife, Rosyth Dockyard, Employee Books 1866-1920
- London, Poor Law School District Registers, 1852-1918
- London, School Admissions and Discharges, 1912-1918
- English and Welsh Long Term Workhouse Inmates 1861
- Royal Air Force Airmen Records, 1918-1940
- Irish Reproductive Loan Fund 1821-1874 TNA T91

U.S., Navy and Marine Corps Registries, 1814-1992

New York, New York, Death Index, 1949-1965

### TheGenealogist

- Northumberland Parish Registers
- 1921 UK Directories

### Forces War Records

- Pipers of Scottish and overseas Regiments during the Great War 1914-18

### RootsIreland

- Monaghan and Fermagh Clones Parish, Baptisms 1764-1767, Marriages 1817-1822

### DeceasedOnline

- Crewe Cemetery
- Nantwich Cemetery
- Sandbach Cemetery
- Weston Cemetery
- Crewe Crematorium

## PASSENGER LISTS: WHERE DID MY ANCESTOR COME FROM?

This article was in the Famnet August newsletter (it was originally from a blog from Auckland Public Libraries)

When we start out researching our family tree, one of the first things we want to know is how did our first New Zealand ancestors get to this country?

For many of us, that means looking for passenger lists of the 19th or early 20th centuries. The problem for the new researcher (and sometimes the more experienced with a brick wall) is that there is no one-stop shop for this information - it is scattered amongst a range of sources, some on the Internet and some not; some in NZ and some overseas; some in published hard copy, but most not. Knowing where to look, and what to look for, is quite a task. So today I want to discuss some of the best resources that I know of as a librarian, in the hopes that they may help someone make that new discovery or breakthrough.

Firstly, a little history about immigration to NZ. There were different immigration schemes that operated at different times and places, and the kinds of records that they left behind vary greatly. Schemes were run by private immigration (land) companies, by provincial governments, by central government and by private groups based on religious or ethnic affiliation. (And of course, some people paid their own passage here, seeking their fortune on the land, in business or on the goldfields.)

A list of sources on this complex situation, can be found amongst the research guides available on the website of [Archives New Zealand](#). On a first look-through, the list of possible sources seems a bit overwhelming, particularly if you only have a vague idea of when and where your family first showed up in New Zealand. So, the key is to work on that question of "when and where" till you have as accurate an idea as you can of the answer.

Look at electoral rolls, post office directories, and records of birth, death and marriage, to establish a timeline and location. Once you know that, check to see what resources exist for the nearest port, in the time period they first appear. As a rule of thumb, it is best to assume that people settled somewhere in the vicinity of their port of first entrance to NZ. This of course was not always the case, but it happened frequently, so start with that assumption till proven otherwise.

Many libraries or museums around NZ have worked to develop indexes of passenger arrivals based on their local port. For many, the records available for the purpose were mostly the passenger lists published regularly in the local paper as ships arrived in the port, supplemented with any official sources they have been able to access. Some of these indexes are now available online.

Examples of these are [AUCKLAND](#), [TARANAKI](#), [WELLINGTON](#), [CHRISTCHURCH](#), and [NELSON](#).

WARNING. It is always tempting to just jump in when searching a newly-found database, but you are not helping your research efforts at all if you don't also read about what it contains (or doesn't!) and how it is arranged. You may be missing some vital piece of information and not getting a hit on your search because

you didn't know some fact that was explained in the introduction to that database which you skipped in your excitement. BE SMART AND READ THE NOTES.

Many official passenger lists are held by the government department, [Archives New Zealand](#). Previously only accessible through (Wellington-based) card indexes, these are now being digitised in a joint project with the Latter Day Saints' FamilySearch.org. This is an ongoing project so you may need to keep checking for your family names till you get a hit, but when you do, you will be able to obtain (without charge) an image of the original passenger list. You can also look at Find My Past, available free to use at any of our 55 Auckland City Libraries on our [digital library](#).

Not all websites offering passenger lists are run by government departments or institutions. There are also many individuals out there who run free websites where they offer transcriptions of passenger lists as a goodwill contribution to the family history research community. There are too many to give an exhaustive list here, but a few of my favourites are [Denise and Peter's Our Stuff](#) ; [New Zealand Yesteryears](#) and [New Zealand Bound](#).

And one last word. If you still can't find that elusive record, do not despair. More and more material is being made available on the Internet as time goes by. That breakthrough may be just around the corner!

~ Janelle

## A quick first look at the new Scotland's People.

(This article is also from Famnet's August newsletter contributed by Jan Gow. Those of you who have heard Jan speak will recognise her style.)

*Bit scary to realise how I don't like changes!!! But my first impressions are not too favourable. It seems old fashioned somehow. Clunky. But - these changes we just have to accept and look for any silver linings!! Like the bright orange Search button. This is similar to the free surname search we used to have. I searched on Roderick M\*donald. Found over 7,000 entries - which is too many to look at, but was interesting to see how many in the Catholic registers. I added an end year and down to 1,332. Worth a quick check, but I will be using the Advanced Search most of the time.*

*The hits (a list of items that match your search criteria). I am disappointed that the county is no longer displayed. However, looking at the hits is free now. BUT looking at an entry is 6 credits instead of 5. I would love to direct you to a .pdf of the Alpha Listing of Parishes (Index of Place Names) or Civil Parish Map Index or Registration Districts or anyone of the lists that used to be available - but I can't find these. Let me know if you can. (have found it! - see below)*

*You will be pleased to know the \* works. So M\*donald gave me McDonald and Macdonald and MacDonald etc.*

*You will be extra, extra pleased to know that the columns are sortable!!!! Wow!!!! So you can click on the RD Name and have an alpha sort. I clicked on this and went to page 5 to find all entries in Killearnan - a parish in Ross and Cromarty.*

*BUT - more disappointment - in the earlier version you could highlight and copy entries displayed in the 'hits' list. (left click to left of first character and then shift left click to the right of the last character) You could then paste this into a spreadsheet and examine the information. Sort by father's name, then date. NBG now. Does not paste into columns. Also, when the county was displayed in the 'hits' we could highlight and copy all the entries in our county, just in case we might see a pattern. But with the county not displaying, we can't choose this. BUT you can choose a county when you first start the search and you can still choose up to 5 parishes within a county.*

*And worse - the date is displayed in the 'hits' in numbers as day/month/year - and all those in the USA are going to think it is month/day/year!!! Oh, dear how could ANYONE think it acceptable to do anything other than display the month in letters when working with genealogy dates????*

*Another new procedure - once you have searched for a person, scroll down and on the LH side you will see search for a Birth/Marriage/Death. Click on one of these and there will be an automatic search for the new event with the criteria you have already entered.*

*So, if you first searched for a death, and then asked for a birth, this will automatically search for the same person you asked for in the death search.*

*You need to choose to create a new search to be able to search for someone new. A big disappointment is the search strategies when searching on more than one surname. I have always searched for a female death in SP as my first choice. Because you can enter her maiden name as well as her married name. Mother's maiden name sometimes too. Although I don't add this very often.*

*BUT - not any more!!! Somehow it only searches on both names, but not finding them together in one entry. So if you searched for a death on just the married name and get 100 hits and then you add the maiden name - which should REDUCE the number of hits because now you are asking for the two surnames to be on one entry - and, horror of horrors, the number of hits increase!!!*

*So searching for Ann GOW's death gives 86 hits, add in her married name of Wilson and we have 1,217 hits. Adding that second surname has to REDUCE the number of hits, but it has obviously just added all the Ann Wilson entries to the Ann Gow entries. Adding the mother's maiden name TAYLOR, reduced the hit list to 2 - neither of which are*

*correct. I looked at one entry - it was Ann WILSON, unmarried, with WILSON parents the mother's maiden name being TAYLOR. No Gow mentioned anywhere. Ann was born in 1807 and married a WILSON but I don't know when so I searched 1855-1910 and age 45-103. I sorted on the RD and scrolled down to Glendevon where I knew she had died.*

*Two entries there - Ann WILSON and Ann GOW - the same entry twice. This was the correct document. But the search . . . oh dear.*

*I pretended that I had found Ann Wilson nee Gow in the 1871 census, but not the 1881. So searched from 1871 to 1881 and age 60-80. Now I have 12 results and I looked at two. Neither had both the GOW and the WILSON name.*

*We had no luck in searching for a marriage with both surnames. Just NIL hits. But searching for each separately found their marriage. But no way could we find it with the two surnames which would narrow the number of hits. You have the opportunity to click on the Spouse link to see if you can see the surname and so maybe find the marriage. Not that great if you have hundreds of hits for John Wilson for instance. And you have to click each one to see who the spouse is!!!!*

*We have lost the search on the two surnames. Horror!!! I do believe they are working on this! If you select Advanced Search and look towards the top on the RH side, you will see a choice of Record Guides. Now, more than ever, you need to read the Guides and watch the videos. You will find some interesting information, but I can't guarantee that you will find the answer you are looking for. I tried to find a list of parishes and which county they are in and the registration district number - and I have!! I typed to search for registration districts. Then clicked on Statutory Registers. Scroll right to the end of the page and click on Parishes and districts - registration districts. Down about 3/4s of the page click on Registration Districts and then Registration District Guide - click on this!! This is downloaded automatically - you need to watch carefully. The .pdf file opens at the A's!!!*

*Here is the link*

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//research/statutory-registers/registrationdistrict-guide.pdf>

*You can save this to your computer. You can't search for a place but you can choose a page number to jump to. You may find a quicker pathway, but you only have to find it once and save where you know you can find it easily!!!*

*Just a quick first look. Interested to hear what others think.*

*Jan Gow*