



**New Zealand Society of  
Genealogists  
NELSON BRANCH  
SEPTEMBER 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.  
 Our postal address is NZSG Nelson Branch, P O Box 1879, NELSON 7140  
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 Our Branch Library **Ancestors Attic** is at 67 Trafalgar Street.  
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Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

**Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 - 4 pm</b>				<b>Mondays 1pm - 4pm</b>
September 17	Kevin Ryan	October 22	Labour Day weekend		Cheryl Carnahan
September 24	Sandra Marris	October 29	Sandra Marris		<b>Thursday 10am - 4pm</b>
October 1	Barbara Wells	November 5	Barbara Wells		Cynthia Stratford's Team
October 8	Pete Gillin	November 12	Pete Gillin		
October 15	Bob McFadden	November 19	TBA		

**Programme for 2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker and Topic details</b>
25 Sept (Mon 7.30pm)	Film: <b>For King &amp; Country: NZ's First World War</b> covering NZ's experience of WW1 See article on Page 6 of newsletter.
30 Oct (Mon 7.30pm)	Sandra Marris - Surviving Salt Lake City
12 Nov (Sat 2pm)	Scottish & Irish Group Meeting at the Attic
26 Nov (Sun )	Willowbank Heritage Park Visit details to be advised later

**2017/2018 NZSG Nelson Branch Subscriptions**

Branch subscriptions are due for the year 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018. The forms will be emailed out separately or if posted included with this newsletter. The committee would appreciate it if they could be paid by the end of October. You can pay through internet banking (Branch bank a/c details are on the subscription form), by cheque or you can leave your sub at the Attic. If you receive your newsletter by mail, we would appreciate it if you would include a book of stamps for postage.

## Members Research Interests Form

Members Interest forms will be sent out to members at the same time as this newsletter. You are invited to complete this form in order to help the exchange of information and addresses among local members and to answer genealogical enquires from elsewhere.

The names being researched will be added to the index of NELSON MEMBER'S INTERESTS which is held at the Attic. It has not been updated since 2014.

## 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 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

Haua Cemetery, Delaware Bay Wakapuaka Nelson, notes, reference, Bookcase 04, Classification **NZ.NLN.LH.CEM**

Guards of the Sea, by Grady Don. Loan, Bookcase 06, Donated by Bob McFadden. Classification **NZ.MBH.SHP**

St John's Methodist Church 1890-1990 by Venner Rosemary, booklet, Bookcase 02, Loan Classification **NZ.NLN.CH**



## Website Updates (from IGHS September newsletter)

### The National Archives

- Podcast Tudor trials: Confessions from the Star Chamber
- <http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/tudor-trials-confessions-star-chamber/>

### FamilySearch

- Staffordshire, Church Records, 1538-1944
- New online indexing tool
- Denmark Census, 1925
- Italy, Padova, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1621-1914
- Sweden, Household Examination Books, 1880 - 1920

### FindMyPast

- Buckinghamshire baptism, marriage and burial Index
- Middlesex Protestation Returns 1641-42
- Ireland's Calendars Of Wills & Administrations 1858-1920
- West Lothian, Poorhouse records 1859-1912
- West Lothian, Burials 1860-1975
- Canada Census 1851
- USA, Muster Rolls of The Marine Corps
- New Jersey, township of Hannover in Morris County. church records 1747-1794

## Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Bedfordshire, Petty Sessions, 1854-1915
- Bedfordshire, Land Tax Records, 1797-1832
- Bedfordshire, Valuation Records, 1838-1929
- Shropshire Extracted Church of England records
- Australia, Sydney, Anglican Parish Registers, 1818-2011

## TheGenealogist

- HO77 - The Home Office: Criminal Registers, England and Wales
- ADM 6 - The Registers of Convicts in Prison Hulks Cumberland, Dolphin and Ganymede
- Nottinghamshire Parish Register Transcripts

## [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

- Glasgow Mental Health records - 1915

## RootsIreland

- Waterford, St. Patrick's Churchyard, 1723-1855

## The Irish Genealogical Research Society

- Index to Wilson's Dublin Directory 1775

## <https://buried.fingal.ie/>

- Balbriggan Registers 1929-2013

## <https://www.madaboutgenealogy.com/>

Sue Saunderson, one of our members, sent in the link to this website which belongs to a friend of hers. It has just been reactivated and she hopes to update it weekly.

### **British Family History News, Hints and How To's**

#### **Genealogy -What's been happening this week?**

Here is a round up of this weeks new genealogy records for the period 13th August 2017 to 20th August 2017. Disclosure - This post may contain affiliate links Ancestry 1891 Census Ancestry have updated the 1891 census - not sure what this means as I had assumed that they had all the information online when...

[Read More](#)

#### **New Genealogy Records**

Here is a round up of this weeks new genealogy records for the period 6th August 2017 to 12th August 2017. Disclosure - This post may contain affiliate links Ancestry Ancestry haven't brought out anything new or done any updates, but they have announced the results of giving an Ancestry DNA test to a whole... [Read More](#)

## <http://digital.nls.uk/directories>

Robyn Marshall another member and the Branch's Secretary sent in this site.



**Scottish Post Office directories** provide a perfect basis for researching Scotland's family, trade, and town history. Over 700 digitised directories covering most of Scotland and dating from 1773 to 1911 are available here for you to use. With their alphabetical list of a location's inhabitants and information on their profession and address, the directories enable you easily to find out where people lived at a certain time and how they earned their living.

**In each directory you can:**

- [Browse and search](#) by place, year and resident's name
- View page by page
- View a PDF of the complete book
- Search the full PDF text
- Download files for free within copyright regulations (non-commercial use only).

The oldest volumes digitised were published in the late 1700s, when the demand for information about the increasing number of traders,

businesses and industries grew rapidly.

Most of the directories were published annually.

This makes them a valuable resource, especially for the years not covered by the census which, starting in 1841, was only carried out every 10 years.

And a reminder about an old favourite that we some times forget about.

**Cyndi's List** <https://www.cyndislist.com/> (From Oamaru Branch August newsletter)

*Cyndi's List* has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 20 years. *Cyndi's List* is **free** for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

**What exactly is *Cyndi's List*?**

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A **free** jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

***Browse Categories Alphabetically [example from the letter S]***

**Ships & Passenger Lists**—underlined lists below are links

**Category Index**

Disasters

Famous & Historical Ships

General Resources

How To

Libraries, Archives & Museums

Professionals, Volunteers & Other Research Services

Publications, Software & Supplies

Ship Lists: General

Ship Lists: Specific

Shipwrecks

Social Networking

**Related Categories**

Canals, Rivers & Waterways

Disasters: Natural & Man-Made

Ellis Island  
Immigration, Emigration & Migration  
Mariners & Seafarers  
Mayflower, Pilgrims & The Plymouth Colony  
Migration Routes, Roads & Trails  
Orphans  
Passports  
Ports of Departure  
Ports of Entry  
Railroads

**By clicking on United Kingdom resources, 26 links come up, including the following:**

192.com People Finder  
Search over 200 million names and addresses from the 2002 to 2007 official UK Electoral Registers.  
Powerful search options and integration with Directory Enquiries..  
1st Locate Friends Reunited  
United Kingdom.  
British Phonebook  
Free British phone book for England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland.  
Dial192.com - United Kingdom Phone Book Reverse Phone Book  
Reverse phone lookup of current and old UK Phone Numbers / Directory Enquiries for Residential and Businesses.  
Adoption  
Mailing Lists  
Maps & Geography  
Professionals, Volunteers & Other Research Services  
Queries & Message Boards  
Reunions  
Schools  
Search Engines

## **Election News!!! THE COLONIST, VOLUME XXVIII, ISSUE 4421, 3 APRIL 1886**

Branch member Max Buckley found this article in the Colonist dated 3 April 1886, under the search "Blacksmith shop". It came up under "News in Brief" and he thought it was relevant considering we are in election mode.

*The following election incident is related by 'Dagonet' in the 'Referee':*

*—' The other day at a place called Prickwillow, a man was driving some cows from one farm to the other, and one of the cows bolted and climbed a bank. Against this bank, and built with a sloping roof below it, is a blacksmith's shop. At the moment the cow got on to the bank a Conservative politician was in the shop haranguing the blacksmith—a Radical—on what he was pleased to term 'Radical lies and false promises.' ' You've returned a Radical for the county,' said the Tory, ' and now where's your cow and your three acres ? I suppose you expected 'em to fall through the. roof!'*

*At this moment there was a crash, and through the roof there fell, right at the feet of the Tory disbeliever, a real live cow. He—the politician, not the cow—gave a wild yell of terror and fled. He was afraid the three acres would follow and crush him.*

*This story is absolutely true. It occurred at Prickwillow, the cow belonged to Mr Joseph Scaber, and the blacksmith's name was Stanley. The story was wired to Mr Chamberlain at once, and he sent it on to Mr Gladstone as a birthday present,'*

Just as a matter of interest Wikipedia has this to say about **Prickwillow**.

Originally a small hamlet on the banks of the River Great Ouse, but now on the banks of the River Lark since re-organisation of the river system, the village of Prickwillow has an estimated mid-2005 population of 440. It lies in the south of the Fens, 4 miles (6.4 km) east of the city of Ely in Cambridgeshire, England, and is home to Prickwillow Museum, which tells the story of the changing face of Fenland. Prickwillow Museum is housed in the old pumping station and contains a major collection of working pumping engines. The village is also home to the Ely Group of Internal Drainage Boards.

## *For King & Country: New Zealand's First World War on Film*



NZSG Nelson Branch are holding a screening of *For King & Country: New Zealand's First World War on Film* on 25 September 2017. The programme, produced by Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision, New Zealand's audiovisual archive, shows our experience of the war on the home front and abroad.

*For King & Country* is educational and striking in the stories told and images shown. The 70-minute programme includes extracts from 37 films with complementary photographs and posters. Presented thematically, images of NZEF soldiers in Egypt, Gallipoli, Europe and the Middle East and the work of the medical corps are included along

with rare glimpses of home life; the first conscription ballot, fundraising activities and an intimate home movie. The programme finishes with activities surrounding the armistice in the UK and New Zealand, the return home of the Māori Contingent, and the unveiling of the Messines Ridge memorial in Belgium.

Of special significance are extracts from *Heroes of Gallipoli*, one of the few films that survive showing conditions at Gallipoli. Also featured is film of Cyril Bassett, the only New Zealander who received a Victoria Cross, which was also the only Cross given for Gallipoli.

### **Programme highlights**

- The programme begins in pre-war NZ and ends with the opening of the New Zealand Memorial at Messines Ridge in 1924
- Pre-war images show snippets of everyday life - picnics, a day out at the races and scenes at Whakarewarewa, along with still photographs of early film makers. The visit of the battleship *HMS New Zealand* in 1913 gives us a glimpse of early preparations for war.
- There are films of training at Featherston and Trentham Camps - including bayonet and machine gun training.
- The departure of the Main Body of the NZEF is covered, we see the faces of the men of the Otago Expeditionary Force at Tahuna Park, Dunedin and the Wellington Section of the NZEF departing for war.
- The important work of the New Zealand medical corps is also present, with glimpses of nurses treating the wounded at New Zealand Hospital Walton-on-Thames and Oatland Park.
- The New Zealand Divisional Rugby Team is seen touring Paris and in action, in a lucky win against France in 1918.
- Moving to the homefront we have images of the first conscription Ballot in 1916, fundraising in Wellington and a home movie reputedly made by pioneering New Zealand filmmaker Rudall Hayward.
- There are scenes of New Zealand soldiers on the Western Front and in the Middle East.
- The final part of the programme shows the Peace Day Procession in Dunedin in 1919 and the return of the Māori contingent, before reflecting on the cost of the war for every New Zealand household.

### **About Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision**

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision is New Zealand's audiovisual archive, dedicated to preserving our nation's moving image and sound heritage. For more information visit [www.ngataonga.org.nz](http://www.ngataonga.org.nz)