



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



Early Settlers - Port
Nelson

Please note that from February 2018 our monthly meetings will be back at Smith's Hall, 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.

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.

The 2017/2018 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:

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Please contact any of the committee for questions & suggestions

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday 2 - 4 pm

November 19	Kevin Ryan	January 14	Pete Gillin
November 26	CLOSED	January 21	Judith Fitchett
December 3	Barbara Wells	January 28	Sandra Marris
December 10	Kevin Ryan	February 4	Barbara Wells
December 17	Judith Fitchett	February 11	Pete Gillin

Mondays 1pm - 4pm

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

PLEASE NOTE THE ATTIC WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 18th DECEMBER TO 14th JANUARY inclusive

Programme for 2017/2018 (2018 subject to change)

Date 2017	Speaker and Topic details
26 Nov (Sun) 2pm	Willowbank Heritage Park Visit (see below)
2018	
26 Feb (Mon 7.30pm)	Annette Walker History of local ports
26 Mar (Mon 7.30pm)	Shannan Carr, Archivist & Tom Ranson Heritage Officer from Nelson City Council
23 April (Mon 7.30pm)	For King & Country film from Archives NZ - open to the public
28 May (Mon 7.30pm)	Mike Johnston, Geologist & Local author
24 June (Sun 2pm)	Helen Pannett from the Nelson Provincial Museum - Oral History
22 Jul (Sun 2pm)	Triona Williamson - Grandad
26 Aug (Sun 2pm)	Family History Month - interactive Grandparents & family histories
24 Sept (Mon 7.30pm)	To be advised
29 Oct (Mon 7.30pm)	Walking with James Hogg - Bruce Gilkinson
25 Nov (Sun)	To be advised

Next Meeting: Sunday November 26th 2pm Christmas meeting at the Willowbank Heritage Village, Wakefield



We are holding our November Christmas meeting at the Willowbank Heritage Village south of Wakefield.

Stroll along the village street and visit the many different stores and establishments, each one an echo of New Zealand's past.

View the goods for sale in the general store (1930s), haberdashery (1950s), bakery (1960s), china store (1950s), radio + electrical store (1960s). Dress in period costume at Hiddlestone's clothing store and photograph yourself against a period backdrop in the 1930s photographic studio.

Christmas afternoon tea will be provided and Judith has a Genealogy Quiz to complete in teams. Spot prizes to be awarded

For any queries or comments contact Judith Fitchett 5488819 or fitchett@ts.co.nz

Please bring the usual Gold Coin Donation to go in the Donation box at the Village.

Directions to get there

Drive through Wakefield on the main road going south, past the turnoff to 88 Valley, and over the Jimmy Lee Bridge over the 88 Valley Stream. Once past the 100kph sign turn left off Main Rd, then left, then right into large parking area. The village cannot be seen from the road.

Look for our NZSG Nelson Branch sign which Judith will put at the roadside. If you reach the Olive Grove you have gone too far.

If any one wants a ride or can offer someone else one can they please contact a member of the committee



2017/2018 NZSG Nelson Branch Subscriptions Reminder

Just a reminder that there are still some subscriptions outstanding. If you haven't yet renewed your sub the Committee would appreciate your early attention to this matter. If you do not wish to continue your subscription can you please let a committee member know so we can remove you from the membership list.

Members Research Interests Form Reminder

Members Interest forms were sent out with the subscription forms. You were 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

Who Ploughed So Well, A history of the Win Family, by Win Roger, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, classification NZ.FH.WIN

Show Me the Way to go Home, by King Allanah, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Fairweather, Thurlow, Eddy, Bailey, Blakemore, Lyon, Rouse, Daubney, classification NZ.FH.FAIRWEATHER

Murchison District Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. No.10, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Brown, Dellow, Salmond, Spiers, classification NZ.LH. TAS. MURCHISON

Murchison District Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. No.11, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Blakemore, Rouse, Lyon, Russ, Lynch,Whitnall, Curtis, classification NZ.LH. TAS. MURCHISON

Murchison District Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. No.12, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Jennens, James, Worthington,lyon, Dellow, Russell, Bush, classification NZ.LH. TAS. MURCHISON

Murchison District Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. No.13, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Hunter, Curtis, Eslie, James, Lester, classification NZ.LH. TAS. MURCHISON

Murchison District Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. No.14, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Curtis, Malcolm, James, Hodgson, McNee, Clark, Horner, classification NZ.LH. TAS. MURCHISON

Murchison District Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. No.15, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families McNee, Moonlight, Diserens, Monahan, James, Kilkenny, Conway, James, classification NZ.LH. TAS. MURCHISON

Early Days in the Maruia and War Reminiscences, by Thomson Warick, Bookcase 02, loan, donated by Rosemary Venner, Main families Thomson, NZ.FH. THOMSON

Richmond Cemetery Tour 2017, families Mahoney, Cleaver, Saywell, Fittal, Washbourne, Nicholson, Thompson, Roil, Murcott, Harkness, Barnicoat, McRae, Stanton, Petrie, Croucher, Bell. Bookcase 04, reference, prepared by Carnahan Cheryl, classification NZ.TAS.CEM.TOUR



Family Business -An Italian in NZ, by Moleta Vincent [some Nelson content], Bookcase 02, loan, from the Elam Turner Library, classification NZ.FH.MOLETA
The New Zealand Genealogist, Bookcase 01, loan
Index of Nelson Artillery Papers 1878, 1882, 1889, & 31 Dec 1889 Nominal Roll of H Battery, have now been indexed, reference, Bookcase 07, classification NZ.MIL.NLN.ARTILLERY
Life in the Trenches, WW1, CD 041 loan, cabinet 01.
The Murchison books are presently being indexed.

Website Updates (from IGHS November newsletter)

Scotlandspeople

- 1935 Valuation Rolls

FamilySearch

- Portsmouth baptism, marriages and burials and workhouse records
- South Australia, Immigrants Ship Papers, 1849-1940
- Denmark Census 1921 and 1930
- Finland, Church Census and Pre-Confirmation Books, 1657-1915
- France, Saône-et-Loire, Census, 1856
- Italy, Salerno, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1806-1949
- South Africa, Pietermaritzburg Estate Files 1846-1950

FindMyPast

- Betham Genealogical Abstracts
- Crossle Genealogical Abstracts
- Thrift Genealogical Abstracts
- Warwickshire bastardy indexes 1844-1914
- Yorkshire Burials
- Cork, Pobble O'Keefe Census 1830-1852
- USA Connecticut Records

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Derbyshire, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
- Devon, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records
- Nottinghamshire, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1538-1837
- Yorkshire, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1538-1837
- Kikcaldy, Fife, Scotland, Poorhouse Records, 1888-1912
- Scotland, Extracted Parish Records, 1571-1997
- California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980
- New York, New York, Births, 1910-1965
- New South Wales, Australia, Colonial Secretary's Letters, 1826-1856

TheGenealogists

- Somerset and Dorset Records

Reclaim the Records [at archive.org]

- New Jersey Marriage Index 1901-2016

History brought to life Walk - Easby Park Richmond Sunday 19 November 2017.

First performance starts at 2.00 pm. Second performance starts at 3.00 pm.

Discover the untold historic stories as you walk through Easby Park (off Marlborough Crescent). This is not your ordinary history tour, actors will entertain you as they showcase what life was like many years ago. Come learn about your local history.

Review of Branch Meeting October 2017 (by Dennis Bush-King)

Sandra Marris gave us a taste of genealogy heaven - so many resources in one place at FamilySearch, Salt Lake City. Sandra joined Jan Gow's *Hooked On Genealogy* tour 28 May to 10 July 2017 which also included visits to London, Glasgow and Edinburgh. 2,800 photos later we got a taste of the experience - overwhelming, exciting, frustrating, a great opportunity. She told us how she had to do a lot of preparation in advance, how when searching the records you didn't always find what you were looking for, how easy it was to print off copies of documents or save them to a flash drive, and that even when you find the "wrong Wright", sometimes this is just as important in closing in on some vital research link. This might sound very familiar as we pursue this hobby of ours! But Sandra recommends the journey. Thanks for the insights.

Police Gazettes Online (from New Plymouth Branch newsletter contributed by Annette Larsen)

All police gazettes 70 years old and over are open and the gazettes from 1878 to 1945 are freely searchable on the Archway website. From 1877 the Gazettes are fully indexed, except for police appointments.

On the Archway site there is also an Info Sheet on the Gazettes. Police gazettes were published weekly from 1861 to 1990, with some gaps for some areas of NZ. They were distributed to police stations throughout the country to disseminate information relating to the daily work of the police and prison officials. In them you will find offences/incidents, including missing persons, deserters from ships, forgery (“uttering”), absconding husbands, unsolved crimes, etc, police appointments, promotions, dismissals. If you are looking for people who were in the force it is more complicated as this information is likely to be closed and you will have to seek permission. One of the useful features for the researcher is the photos of prisoners. However, there is not a photo of every prisoner.

In the Returns, you can get the following info: person’s name, where and when tried, offence, sentence, nationality, trade, birth year, height, complexion, hair and eye colour, nose, mouth, chin, and extra remarks. The remarks section can be very useful as it states whether there are previous convictions and how many. Also we are given information on any distinguishing features such as scars, tattoos, disabilities, etc.

Working your way around the site

- 1) Google “Archway” and go on to the site
- 2) Type in “New Zealand Police Gazettes” (Make sure you type it exactly this way)
- 3) Click “search”
- 4) Click on “go” button to right of 909
- 5) At the bottom of the screen, change the “1” to a “7”.
- 6) Click the >> button
- 7) Scroll down to the year you want and click, then click on “view record”.
- 8) There are indexes down the left side to search on with a name.

Hints It is good to have a year to search on. This year will probably come from some article you have discovered on the paperspast site, where a person has been in court or fallen foul of the law. There are various indexes down the side of the page so if you don’t find the person in one, try another. Note the arrows (found with your cursor) on either side of a downloaded page - they are a quick way to get to the next page or the previous page. To change your search to a different year simply go up to the top of your screen and click on the “x” to get back to page 7. Above all you may need some patience! The results are well worth the effort as you can find new information that was not in the newspaper on the person for whom you are searching. This may help you ascertain whether someone in a news article is your person, particularly if the person has a common name. Warning - you may find out something disturbing about a family member. Even from the distance of time the knowledge you have obtained could be upsetting.

Lady Day

Before 1752 the English calendar commenced on Lady Day, 25 March, every year. This made the numbering of the months different from what we know them today.

2017 Position of the month	1752
1 JANUARY	11
2 FEBRUARY	12
3 MARCH	1
4 APRIL	2
5 MAY	3
6 JUNE	4
7 JULY	5
8 AUGUST	6
9 SEPTEMBER	7
10 OCTOBER	8
11 NOVEMBER	9
12 DECEMBER	10

In order to accommodate the change from the old system to the new, the year had to be adjusted by dropping eleven days from the Calendar. In 1752, therefore, the days jumped from 2 September to 14 September overnight. This caused riots throughout England as unenlightened people protested about the eleven days they seemed to have lost from their lives.

Many people went to the grave eleven days too early in their estimation. Bearing in mind the calendar change, all dates prior to 1752 are under the old system. Therefore, a person born in the seventh month was born in September (this is where the months originally earned their names, sept being the prefix of seven, octo for eight and so on). To further complicate matters, Scotland changed its calendar to the present Gregorian system in 1600.

Scottish/Irish Meeting held 12 November

The November meeting of the above group was held last Saturday afternoon at the Attic. We had a good attendance. Kevin Ryan told us about the Irish Griffith Valuation and the Irish Applotment records, what was in them and where they can be found. . Margaret Miller spoke on the Rating records to be found on Scotlands People. The indexes are free but you need to pay for credits to get the actual record. I gave an explanation on the three Scottish Statistical Reports that can be read online for free. These are good background reading for the different parishes in Scotland and cover the late 1790s, the period between 1836 and 1845, and 1951. If anyone who was not there wants some more information on any of the above let me know and I can e-mail you some notes. - Barbara Wells



LETTER TO SANTA

Me stocking I hung on the chimney with care
And all that you left me was one lousy bear
One lousy teddy stuffed into me sox's
No leggo or qyro, not even the box
I put out a piece of me mums Xmas cake
And a couple of stubbie's I took from dads crate
You came down the chimney I knew that you'd been
By all of the mess that you left on the scene
There's dust and there's dirt all over Mums floor
And great mucy scoot prints lead out the back door
You've eaten me mum's cake and drunken dads beer
And all that you left me was one lousy bear
Santa your rotten, your dirty, you smell
I wanted a bike with a big shiny bell
I wanted some chocolates an orange or two
If you didn't have them, then some apples will do

I waited and waited since Xmas last year
I waited and waited till Xmas was here
One lousy teddy, you come take it back
Stuff the dam thing, back into your sack
You useless old Santa, you can't get it right
I don't want a teddy, I wanted a bike
Next year old Santa, things will change here
There'll be no more dads beer
There'll be no more cake
I'll set a huge fire to burn in the grate
One lousy teddy, I didn't want that
Rotten old Santa, your hairy and fat
One lousy teddy----
Oh Santa your great
I'm so sorry Santa there's been a mistake
The teddy you left was for my sister Kate
You've gone and you've left me, me bike after all
Me dad, he just found it out in the hall
Its red and its shiny and got a big bell
And there chocolates and oranges with it as well
Thankyou dear Santa I knew you'd come through
Merry Xmas to all
Yours truly
Hugh

Thanks to Cynthia Stratford for this delightful poem.