



**New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
NELSON BRANCH
MARCH 2018
NEWSLETTER**



**Early Settlers - Port
Nelson**

Our monthly meetings will be back at Smith's Hall, corner Waimea & Quarantine Roads Annesbrook from March. Meetings are normally held 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 the Trafalgar Street Hall, 67 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

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Please contact any of the committee if you have any questions & suggestions

Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

Sunday 2 - 4 pm

March 18	Tom Broad	April 22	Sandra Marris
March 25	Sandra Marris	April 29	Barbara Wells
April 1	Closed (Easter)	May 6	Judith Fitchett
April 8	Pete Gillin	May 13	Pete Gillin
April 15	Kevin Ryan	May 20	Bob McFadden

Mondays 1pm - 4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

Programme for 2018

Speaker and Topic details

26 Mar (Mon 7.30pm)	Shannan Carr, Archivist & Tom Ranson Heritage Officer from NCC
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)	Annette Walker History of the Early Ports of Tasman & Golden Bays
26 Aug (Sun 2pm)	Triona Williamson - Grandad
24 Sept (Mon 7.30pm)	Unusual certificates
29 Oct (Mon 7.30pm)	Walking with James Hogg - Bruce Gilkinson
25 Nov (Sun)	Christmas meeting to be advised

NB Gill Knox who is the NZSG Board director responsible for the Top of the South region (ie. Nelson/Marlborough) will be attending our Branch meeting on 26 March.

March Branch Meeting

Please note that Tom Ranson will be asking members if they have any ideas for future Heritage Week so please bring your suggestions.

Members Family History Question Time

It has been suggested that members' family history questions at branch meetings ie. general questions and brick walls, be emailed to members prior to a meeting, with a limit of two questions per meeting. Questions to be sent to Barbara at pb-mthope@xtra.co.nz. at least 3 days before the meeting. Note they can also be put in our newsletter which goes to local libraries and the museum, several other NZSG Branches and is also put on the NZSG website.

Christmas Tree Festival

It has been proposed the branch take part in the Christmas Tree Festival held at the Nelson Cathedral . each December. Ideas put forward include Victorian Christmas cards, and a card that looks like a book with branch family tree names on it. Members to be asked, via the newsletter for ideas and to be involved. The committee would like members to forward ideas and also to get involved. Contact Judith Fitchett.

Legacy Group Meeting

Judith Fitchett and Denis Bush-King would like to hold Legacy Group meetings at the Attic on a monthly basis, provisional time 6:00 - 8:00pm on a Thursday. If you are interested in attending can you please get in touch with Judith .

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

No new Acquisitions.



Report on Branch meeting Monday 26 February

Unfortunately, our planned speaker for the meeting was not well and was encouraged that her health was more important than the meeting and that we would reschedule her for later in the year. So the meeting was a bit of a pot-pourri.

Firstly we had Gail Collingwood bringing along some photographs to see if members could identify anyone in them. They were taken in the 1993 Suffrage Year Centennial when Gail co-ordinated the various activities.

This was followed by Jennifer Coad of Ngai Tahu descent. Ngai Tahu decided to assemble stories of those WW1 veterans of Ngai Tahu descent and publish them. Jennifer was able to assist them with what she had researched on her grandfather. Recently, she was taken to Christchurch by Ngai Tahu for a gathering of those that had identified and/or contributed family members to this first collection of stories. She was presented with a copy of the book, He Rau Mahara To Remember the Journey of our Ngai Tahu Soldiers, from the Pa to the Battlefield, which she brought it along to our meeting. It is a very impressive publication and a book to treasure.

Judith Fitchett mentioned a book she had bought which was "Make Her Praises Heard Afar - NZ Women Overseas in World War One" by Jane Tolerton. It contained all manner of women and the various types of work they did not just nursing. She mentioned that Jane Tolerton had talked to Cheryl and herself about the work and book on the nurses that Cheryl had co-ordinated. Jane had referenced that book in her book. Two short humorous youtube clips followed. Both were by Ellen DeGeneres and covered storing computer passwords and computer passwords used.

The two main videos were from the Family Tree magazine. Both were UK based and explained using replicates of a WW1 trench system and the soldiers in it. They covered the makeup of the uniform and the necessities that the soldiers were given, the food they had, the makeup of a trench and the day to day duties and rosters the soldiers had. These videos were a lead in to the April meeting coming up where the

Nga Taonga Sound & Vision film "For King and Country" will be shown and will include some film of actual conditions.

In the final part of the meeting, Trev Valler spoke on a brick wall he had in trying to locate his grandfather's birth in Norway. This was apparently not being made easy by his grandfather changing his name and the Norwegian records not being nationally co-ordinated among other issues. Various suggestions were made, most of which Trev had covered, but anyone with experience with Norwegian records that could help, Trev would be interested.

Sandra Marris also had an Irish brick wall, which Kevin Ryan took home to research. - Bob McFadden

Attic Opening Hours

The Attic will be closed on Thursday 22 March.

As our Branch meetings on June 24th, July 26th and August 22nd will be held on Sunday afternoons at Nick Smiths Hall the Attic will not open those afternoons.

St John's Cemetery Wakefield

Christine from Willow Bank, Wakefield would like to make contact with any of our members who have ancestors buried in the old section of St John's Cemetery, Wakefield. Christine is compiling a history of the cemetery and those buried there. You can contact her on email at willowbank2002@gmail.com



125th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in NZ

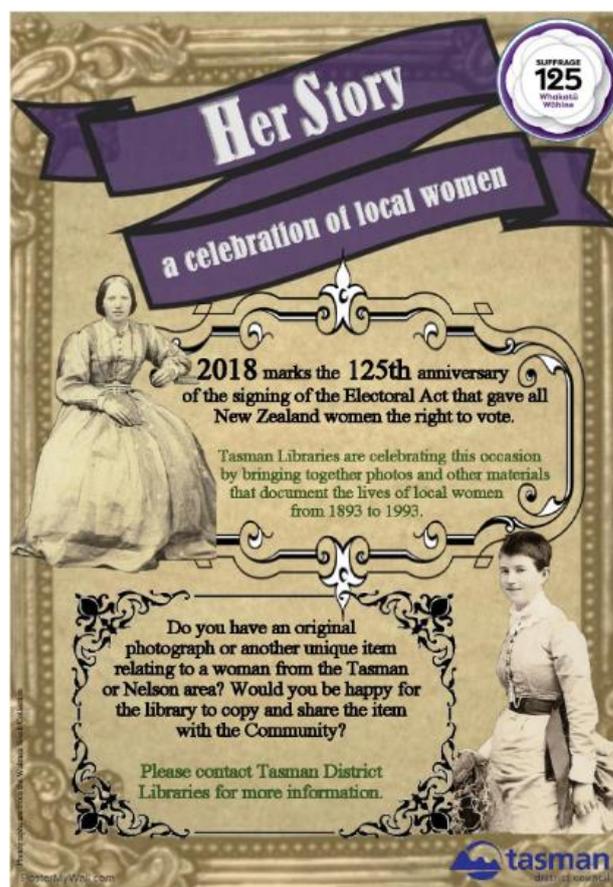
From 12 March until October 2018 Tasman District Libraries are running a promotion called 'HerStory: a celebration of local women' to

commemorate the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in NZ. They will be inviting members of the public to submit photos and other unique materials taken or created between 1893 and 1993, that relate to a woman or women from the Nelson Province.

Often families have photos and other materials that they treasure, but they don't realise how interesting the photos are to the wider community, or how important they are to our understanding of our region's history. As well as celebrating the women in our region, they also aim to digitally preserve these photos and make them more accessible to future generations.

The photos will be published on the Kete Tasman website and they will have a physical exhibition of them in the Richmond Library during the Suffrage 125 celebrations in September.

The most important thing to note is that they don't keep the original photos and other items, but will scan or photograph them and publish the copies online. In most cases they will make an appointment with the owner of the photos to meet at their closest Tasman



New Zealand women marching for suffrage

**1ST COUNTRY
TO GIVE
WOMAN THE
RIGHT VOTE
IN 1893.**

library (Richmond, Motueka or Takaka). They will then copy the photos while the owner waits, so they don't need to leave the items in their care. The photo owner will need to fill out a short donation form though, giving them written permission to photocopy or photograph their items and publish the digital copies online. A copy of the donation form is attached to this newsletter in case anyone is interested in the types of question they will ask 'donors' about their items.

New Zealand celebrates the 125th Anniversary of womens suffrage while the UK celebrates their 100th Anniversary

The campaign for suffrage in the UK- a historical background

Today, all British citizens over the age of eighteen share a fundamental human right: the right to vote and to have a voice in the democratic process. But this right is only the result of a hard fought battle. The suffrage campaigners of the nineteenth and early twentieth cen-tury struggled against opposition from both parliament and the general public to eventually gain the vote for the entire British population in 1928.

Who took part in the campaign? The first women's suffrage bill came before parliament in 1870. Soon after its defeat, in 1897, various local and national suffrage organisations came together under the banner of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) specifically to campaign for the vote for women on the same terms 'it is or may be granted to men'. The NUWSS was constitutional in its approach, preferring to lobby parliament with petitions and hold public meetings.

In contrast, the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), formed in 1903, took a more militant view. Almost immediately, it characterised its campaign with violent and disruptive actions and events.

Together, these two organisations dominated the campaign for women's suffrage and were run by key figures such as the Pankhursts and Millicent Fawcett. However, there were other organisations prominent in the campaign, including the Women's Freedom League (WFL). These groups were often splinter groups of the two main organisations.

What did they campaign for?

Before the first of a series of suffrage reforms in 1832, only 3% of the adult male population were qualified to vote. For the most part, the right to vote depended on how much you earned and the value of your property. For this reason, the majority of people who were able to vote were both wealthy and male. Throughout the 1800s, campaigners fought to extend the franchise and some concessions were made in 1867 and 1884. However, under these reforms women were still denied the vote and an increasing number of groups began campaigning for just that.

Campaigners for women's suffrage initially wanted the vote for women on the same terms as it was granted to men. This is because many of the original campaigners for women's suffrage were female middle class homeowners. Their priority was that the franchise should be extended to women of their own status rather than to all women. This version of reform did not include either working class men or women but, eventually, *universal* suffrage - votes for all - became the goal of the cam-paign.

Why were they campaigning?

The inability to vote meant that Victorian women had very few rights - their disenfranchised status became a symbol of civil inequality. Campaigners wanted the vote to be granted to women as they felt that too often the law was biased against women and reinforced the idea of women as subordinate to men. For example, until 1882, a woman's property often reverted to her husband on their marriage. Even after the Married Women's Property Act of 1882, the situation was not much improved - women now had to pay taxes on the businesses the new law permitted them to own but did not have any say in how those tax-es were spent. Campaigners felt that the best way to achieve equal status with men, in society and in the home, would be to get the vote and partici-pate in the parliamentary process.

How did they campaign?

The campaign for women's suffrage took several forms and involved numer-ous groups and individuals. The National Union of Women's Suffrage Socie-ties (NUWSS), formed in 1897, was constitutional in its approach. This meant that it campaigned peacefully and used recognised 'political' methods such as lobbying parliament and collecting signatures for petitions. The group also held public meetings and published various pamphlets, leaflets, newspapers and journals outlining the reasons and justifications for granting women the vote. Members of the NUWSS and other such organisations were known as 'suffragists'.

In order to gain publicity and raise awareness, the more militant Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), formed in 1903, engaged in a series of more violent actions. They chained themselves to railings, set fire to public and private property and disrupted speeches both at public meetings and in the House of Commons. Members of the WSPU and other militant groups such as the Women's Freedom League were known as 'suffragettes'.

Many suffragettes went to prison as a result of their actions and their campaigns did not always stop there - whilst in prison, they often chose to go on hunger strike to continue gaining publicity for their cause and as a



result were sometimes force fed. One of the most infamous suffragettes was Emily Davison who, in 1913, threw herself in front of the King's horse at the Epsom Derby. She later died of her injuries and became a martyr to the cause.

When did this happen?

As a result of campaigns dating back to the mid-nineteenth century, some women were finally granted the vote in 1918. However, many women were still excluded from the franchise - the Representation of the People Act enfranchised all males and women over the age of 30 who already had the right to vote in local elections. 8,400,000 women were enfranchised. Universal franchise was finally granted with the Equal Franchise Act of 1928. - Oamaru NZSG February newsletter.

Mary Ann Müller - Nelson's own suffragette

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Mary Ann Müller in 1900.

Mary Ann Müller (born Mary Ann Wilson in 1819 or 1820 in London, died 18 July 1901 in Blenheim) was a [New Zealand](#) campaigner for women's suffrage and, more generally, women's rights. She is described by the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* as "New Zealand's pioneer suffragist".^[1]

She moved to New Zealand with her two sons in 1849. It is uncertain whether she was a widow or whether she had left her husband on account of his cruelty. She worked for two years as a teacher in Nelson and married her second husband, Stephen Lunn Müller, a surgeon and a fellow immigrant from Britain, there in 1851. Her first husband is known to have been dead by this point.^[1]

In 1864, she met British women's rights advocate Maria Rye, who was visiting New Zealand. Müller began to closely follow [feminist](#) movements in Britain and the United States. She also began to write articles on the topic of women's rights, which her friend Charles Elliott, the editor of the *Nelson Examiner*, published in his newspaper. Müller wrote under the pen name "Fémmina", primarily because her husband, a local politician, objected to her views.^[2]

In 1869, still under a pseudonym, she wrote *An appeal to the men of New Zealand*, the first pamphlet on the issue of women's suffrage ever to be published in New Zealand. Müller's argument was that it was necessary for women to obtain the vote in order for them to contribute fully to the progress of the nation. She also asked for the repeal of discriminatory legislation, and appealed to men - particularly members of Parliament - to take up the cause of women's suffrage. According to the *Encyclopaedia of New Zealand* (1966), her pamphlet "created considerable interest both in New Zealand and abroad".^[3] She received a letter of support and congratulations from John Stuart Mill. Unwilling, because of her husband's position, to become a public activist, Müller nonetheless met William Fox in private to discuss her views. According to the Brooklyn Museum, "the *Married Women's Property Act* of 1870 incorporated many of her ideas".^[4]

She revealed her identity only in 1898, seven years after her husband's death.^[2]

(There is a Mary Ann Muller Street in Stoke)

Website Updates (from IGHS March newsletters)

TNA Podcast

- Henry VIII and the break with Rome <http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/reformation-record-suzannah-lipscomb-henry-viii-break-rome/>

FamilySearch

- Kent, Canterbury Parish Registers, 1538-1986
- France, Seine-Saint-Denis, Census 1836, 1856, 1876 and 1896
- France, Hautes-Alpes, Census 1836 and 1896
- France, Dordogne, Census, 1836 and 1891
- America Iowa, Old Age Assistance Records, 1934-1946

FindMyPast

- London marriages St James Duke's Place, Gray's Inn, Somerset House and the Austin Friars Dutch Reform
- Mining Disaster Victims Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Yorkshire
- Durham Diocese Bishop's Transcripts 1639-1919 Image Browse
- Durham Diocese, Calendar Of Marriage Bonds & Allegations 1594-1815 Image Browse
- Norfolk, Electoral Registers 1832-1915 Image Browse
- Suffragette Collection

Ancestry

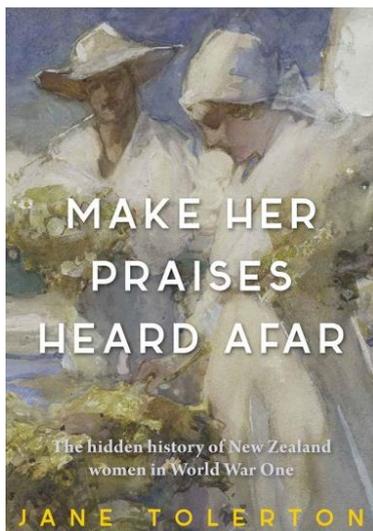
- Edinburgh Electoral Registers 1832-1946
- Liverpool Electoral Registers 1832-1970
- London City Directories, 1736-1943
- Registers of Employees of the East India Company and the India Office, 1746-1939
- Clare, Ireland, Church of Ireland Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1744-1991
- Rosyth, Fife, Scotland, Dockyard Employee Books, 1892-1967
- Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland, War Albums, 1899 - 1916
- Burntisland, Fife, Scotland, Directory and Yearbook, 1892
- Jersey, Hospital and Poor House Admissions, 1879-1916
- New Zealand, Police Gazettes, 1878-1945

RootsIreland

- Co. Wexford: Monageer RC Baptisms: 1838 - 1910, Piercestown RC Baptisms: 1811 - 1900, Piercestown RC Marriages: 1854 - 1900, Piercestown RC Deaths : From 1785

TheGenealogist

- Buckinghamshire Tithe Maps



Make Her Praises Heard Afar

Those of you at February's meeting will have heard Judith talking about this book. It is very readable and can be purchased at Paper Plus in Richmond for \$45. NB it is more expensive in Nelson bookshops.

It is not only about the 550 New Zealand nurses who went to World War One but covers the other women who went too - the doctors, ambulance drivers, munitions workers and mathematicians, civil servants and servicewomen in British units, and in many other roles. They mainly paid their own fares and worked for very little. Some provided amenities for soldiers and others, and these have often been attributed to the military or men's groups.

Make her Praises Heard Afar introduces women whose contribution to the war effort has been overlooked, telling an astonishing story with extraordinary range and depth of research. The title's use of a phrase from the national anthem invites New Zealand women to recognise that they

were us - 100 years ago. New Zealand women who have read World War One books by men and about men are ready to appreciate that women were there too. This book will appeal to a wide range of women - particularly those interested in women's history, feminism and World War One. There is much interest from family members of these women and from young women. The book is written for a wide readership in simple, accessible prose. - Abbreviated from the publishers Burton & Potton's website

<http://www.pottonandburton.co.nz/store/make-her-praises-heard-afar>

Maori Interest Group: From the NZSG Website:



https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Maori_205.aspx

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Phone: 04 232 5786; E-mail: [Māori](#)

Convenor: Mr. Owen ORMSBY

(Contact details as above).

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world? 'Tis people, 'tis people, 'tis people.

We are an active group throughout New Zealand researching their Māori ancestry or whakapapa.

Members are widespread with knowledge of a large area and a willingness

to help others in their research. A Members Interests List is available.

Further details can be found on the [Māori Interest Group](#) Website.

NZSG 2018 Conference



In 2018 we're celebrating the 50th Birthday of NZSG Canterbury Branch. The local NZSG branches, Canterbury, Bishopdale, Riccarton and Waimakariri, together with the Darfield Genealogy and Local History Group, look forward to hosting you at the 2018 conference.

The conference will be held over Queen's Birthday Weekend, 1 - 4 June 2018 at

Christchurch Boys' High School, Straven Road, Christchurch.

All information on the NZSG website: https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2018-conference_1604

New Zealand Probate Records

An ambitious nine year project to digitise hundreds of thousands of probate records has been completed.

In an unassuming room, tucked away in Archives New Zealand's Wellington office, volunteers from around the world have been methodically working their way through more than 4 million pieces of paper.

For the past nine years, it's been a base for international genealogy organisation, FamilySearch, working to archive New Zealand probate records, up till 1993, making them available online for free.

It's an ambitious project that has, this week, finally come to an end, with volunteers Mike and Lois Woods of Page, Arizona, in charge of digitising the last of the records. For the past 18 months they have been based in Wellington.

"Each of these documents represents a living, breathing human being who existed here on Earth, so to say it's just a probate is erroneous, because that may be the only record of that person in existence," Lois Woods says.

Probate records are crucial to genealogical research and contain more than 30 types of documents including wills, affidavits, property records and death certificates.

Mike Woods, who handles the technology side of things, estimates he's made copies of more than 300,000 documents during his 18-month stint, using a slick camera and lighting set up.

"Luckily, the camera is always in focus so I can get through quite a high number in a short amount of time," he says.

The pair came to New Zealand at their own cost to undertake the archiving work after becoming hooked on learning -and teaching others - about their own family histories. The New Zealand probate records are available on www.familysearch.org - Stuff Dominion Newspaper January 25 2018 (Abridged)

Australasian Really Useful Research Leaflet

To celebrate National Family History month in Australasia the Federation of Family History Societies in the UK has updated *Our Australasian Really Useful Leaflet*. You can download it for free at their website <http://www.ffhs.org/tips/RUL-Aus-2017-809.pdf>. The FFHS has produced this leaflet in association with the Society of Australian Genealogists and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations. It focuses on how to research your ancestors if you live in Australasia (which includes NZ) and is also a great resource for UK family historians who may have ancestors who went to Australasia. It gives a long list of websites and has a how-to guide. It also lists family history societies that can help with your research.
- NZ Genealogist February 2018

Nelson Heritage Festival (a date to put in your diary)

Nelson City Council Heritage team warmly invites all members of the Nelson Historical Society and the NZ Society of Genealogists Nelson Branch to a Powhiri as a start to the Nelson Heritage Festival.

The formal start to Nelson Heritage Festival 2018 this Powhiri takes place at Whakatu Marae. The occasion will be a great way to start the festival but also to recognise the combined knowledge and mana of the Society members who along with the NZ Society of Genealogists Nelson Branch are especially invited to this event. Together these people do amazing work, with care and passion, keeping memories and respect for history alive in Nelson. The Powhiri will act as acknowledgement of these two pillars of Heritage study in Nelson. It's also a wonderful chance to be welcomed on to the Marae if you have never had the chance before.

The Powhiri starts at 9.00 AM on Monday 9th April. Anyone not already welcomed into the Marae should meet at the Miyasu gardens entrance for formalities to start.



NEW EXHIBITION OPENING THIS SATURDAY 17 MARCH

National Geographic's 50 Greatest Photographs showcases many of the most compelling imagery published in the history of the magazine.

This exhibition will transport visitors behind the lens of some of National Geographic's most engaging images. From Steve McCurry's unforgettable Afghan Girl to Michael "Nick" Nichols's iconic photograph of Jane Goodall and a chimpanzee, to Thomas Abercrombie's never-before-seen view of Mecca, the exhibition features 50 of the magazine's most remembered and celebrated photographs from its 130-year history.

In addition to seeing the photos as they appeared in the magazine, visitors will be able to see the 'near frames' taken by the photographer for some of the photos. These are the sequence of images made in the field before and after the perfect shot.

The exhibition is accompanied by videos with behind-the-scenes stories and interviews with the photographers. Through these videos, visitors are able to hear the accounts of places the photographers travelled to and the remarkable people they met in the pursuit of their photojournalist work. The exhibition will run from 17 March until 27 May 2018 at the Nelson Provincial Museum, 270 Trafalgar Street, Nelson. The exhibition will be free of charge for Nelson Tasman residents. Open daily from 10 am.