



New Zealand Society of Genealogists NELSON BRANCH JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER



**Early Settlers - Port
Nelson**

Our monthly meetings are back at Smith's Hall, corner Waimea & Quarantine Roads Annesbrook. 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 Sunday afternoons at 2pm.

NB The Attic will not be open on those Sunday afternoons.

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

June 24 CLOSED (Meeting)

July 1 Barbara Wells

July 8 Pete Gillin

July 15 Tom Broad

July 22 CLOSED (Meeting)

July 29 Barbara Wells

August 5 Tom Broad

August 12

August 19

August 26

September 2

September 9

September 16

September 23

Pete Gillin

Bob cFadden

CLOSED (Meeting)

Barbara Wells

Peter Gillin

Judith Fitchett

Sandra Marris

Mondays 1pm - 4pm

Cheryl Carnahan

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Cynthia Stratford's Team

Programme for 2018

Speaker and Topic details

24 June (Sun 2pm)

22 Jul (Sun 2pm)

26 Aug (Sun 2pm)

24 Sept (Mon 7.30pm)

29 Oct (Mon 7.30pm)

25 Nov (Sun)

Helen Pannett from the Nelson Provincial Museum - Oral History

Annette Walker History of the Early Ports of Tasman & Golden Bays

Triona Williamson - Grandad

Unusual certificates

Walking with James Hogg - Bruce Gilkinson

Christmas meeting to be advised

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

Recent Acquisitions to the Library

The New Zealand Genealogists, Feb & April 2018, Bookcase 01, loan.

Family Tree magazine, UK, Dec 2017 & Jan 2018, Bookcase 01, loan.

Nelson and Bays Yellow & White Pages, Bookcase 01, reference.

Irish Roots magazines, No 104 & 5. loan Bookcase 12, loan.



Website Updates (from IGHS May newsletter)

FamilySearch

- France, Marriages, 1546-1924, Births and Baptisms, 1546-1896
- Arkansas Second Registration Draft Cards, 1948-1959

FindMyPast

- UK deaths 2007-2016
- Lancashire published Registers & Records
- South Lancashire Regiment Prisoners Of War 1914-1918
- Norfolk browseable parish registers, Archdeacons' transcripts, parish chest, land tax assessments and borough records
- Shropshire published Registers & Records
- Staffordshire published Registers & Records
- British in India, Directories 1792-1948 Browse
- Ireland, British Army Officers 1914-1918
- Queensland, Justices Of The Peace 1857-1957, Register Of Land Sold 1842-1859
- Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Case Files Of Chinese Immigrants, 1900-1923 Image Browse

Ancestry

- 1939 National identity Register
- Cheshire, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1564-1837
- Norfolk, Bishop and Archdeacon Transcripts of Parish Registers, 1600-1935
- Victoria, Australia, Marriage Index 1837-1950, Birth Index 1837-1917 and Death Index, 1836-1988
- Victoria Asylum Records, 1853-1940
- Menden (Sauerland), Germany, Marriages, 1874-1935, Births, 1874-1906, Deaths, 1874-1986
- New York State, Death Index, 1957- 1968
- U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Swedish American Church Records, 1800-1946
- Poland, Krakow Apartments of Displaced Jews, 1940 (in German)

TheGenealogist

- Metropolitan Police Criminal Records Office: Habitual Criminals Registers and the Habitual Drunkards Registers.

Irish Genealogy Projects Archive

- Fermanagh, Galloon Register, Baptisms & Burials 1845-1881
- Monaghan & Fermanagh Clones Parish Reg., E. Div., 1815-1820 Baptisms

Clare County Library's Local Studies

- Roman Catholic Marriage Registers for Rath-Killinaboy Parish 1818 to 1844 and 1859 to 1880

DiscoverEverAfter.com.

- Deansgrange and Shanganagh Cemeteries Dublin

Combined Scottish/Irish Interest Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Scottish/Irish Interest Group will be on Saturday 14 July at the Attic at 2pm.

If you have any queries or topics you would like covered could you please let either Kevin Ryan (Irish) or Margaret Miller (Scottish) know or email me - Barbara Wells.

Launch of new website - Great Irish Famine Online

According to the website of University College Cork, the project, located at www.irishfamine.ie/irish-famine-map, "allows users access to interactive maps which facilitates research into the details of how the famine affected people in local areas, down to civil parish and town level. It will enable users to view online the information for any location across the island. People can analyse detailed information charting changes in the social, political and economic landscape of pre and post famine Ireland."

The Virtual Genealogical Society

The **Virtual Genealogical Society** has launched a new global organization serving family history enthusiasts of all levels <http://virtualgensoc.com/>. geared towards those:

- whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings
- who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIGs), conferences, and socializing
- with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists

The Virtual Genealogical Society was founded on 27 April 2018 with the recognition that many family history enthusiasts are merging technology and globalization in their genealogical pursuits. They aim to provide a forum for genealogists to connect, network, and mentor with genealogists around the world through monthly meetings online, webinars, social networking, annual conferences, and in-person meet-ups at conferences, institutes and events around the world.

NZSG Nelson Branch ACCESS database - Nelson/Tasman Index

The intent of the database which is on the Attic computers is to direct people to the material on the Library shelves and to assist volunteers with the inquiries from members and visitors.

At present it includes the following:-

- Births and Baptisms -Church data
- Births and Baptisms -Newspapers
- Buildings, Businesses, Churches, Cemeteries, Places & Events
- Deaths - Public Cemeteries
- Deaths -Churches incl cemeteries
- Deaths - Courthouse
- Deaths - Newspapers
- Deaths - Various Other Lists incl obituaries
- Māori
- Maritime & Immigration
- Marriages - Churches
- Marriages - Courthouse
- Marriages - Newspapers
- Marriages - Various Other Lists
- Military
- Orphanages
- Schools
- People 1840-1900
- People 1901-2000
- Public Services
- Sport & Recreation
- Transport

Deaths - Church Cemeteries

The ACCESS system has church graveyards recorded

Golden Bay 1887-1975

Motueka Wesleyan

Appleby St Albans 1883 - 1965

Stoke St Barnabas 1869 - 1981

Brightwater St Pauls 1886 - 1965

Hira St Johns 1864 - 1989

Hope St Johns

Motueka Old Wesleyan

Motupiko St George

Orinoco/Tadmor St James Church

Tadmor St James

Sarau St Pauls

Waimea West St Peter & St Paul
Waimea West St Michaels
Wakapuaka (near Glenduan turn off) St Andrews
Wakefield St Joseph
Wakefield St Johns

The private cemeteries included are

Whites Rd (Kelling), Huau (Delaware Bay), Pakawau, Puponga

Old Cemeteries included are Haulashore Island, Haven Or Pioneer Cemetery, Ngawhatu and Motueka Pioneer

The **Roman Catholic records for St Mary's Manuka St** are recorded but only cover this parish. As separate churches became established apparently their records became independent and so BDM's are not held for Waimea West St Peter & Paul, Wakefield St Joseph, and Takaka.

There is a lot of material held in the Attic that is not yet recorded on the Access database. There has been a lot of work done by various members over the last years and it is on going. A big thanks to Mike Carnahan who has worked very hard setting this up. We still need volunteers to help with indexing the records that are not yet on the database so if you can help PLEASE get in touch with Cheryl Carnahan.

The New Zealand Police Gazettes 1878-1945—now available on Ancestry

The Police Gazettes provided information and instructions to members of the police force. In this collection of police gazettes, which spans the years **1878-1945**, you will find the names of police officers, victims of crime, missing persons, and wanted or released criminals.

This collection, now available on Ancestry, contains Police Gazettes from the New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs. You can browse this collection to find out what kind of trouble your ancestors may have been getting into! These records can tell you the crime they committed and how long they were sentenced to prison. You might even find their mugshots!

The records within this collection can include the following information :

Name of convict, Sentence, Birth year, Physical characteristics, Alias name ,Age at conviction Crime committed.

If you don't have an Ancestry subscription you can access Ancestry (Library Edition) at most Public Libraries. The full Ancestry is also available at the Family History Library at the LDS church in Stoke. This has more records than the Library Edition.

Scottish Post Office Directories

These 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 <https://digital.nls.uk/directories/> .

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 our 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.

Three 100-year-old diaries returning home to New Zealand

Three original First World War diaries currently held in Leeds University's Liddle collection will be returned to New Zealand as a result of an agreement with the University, Neill Atkinson, Chief Historian Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage, said today.

“Manatū Taonga and National Library representatives have been working with Leeds University since the middle of last year to advance the digitisation of its New Zealand material and consider the possible repatriation of some of the items,” Neill Atkinson said.

“Peter Liddle visited New Zealand in 1974 to interview veterans and add to his First and Second World War collection which is now held by the university.

“The collection includes original documents (dairies and letters) from 15 New Zealand First World War veterans, as well as photocopied material and more than 70 oral history recordings.

“While the removal of this material did not breach any cultural heritage legislation at the time, some veterans and their family members have subsequently questioned how Peter Liddle obtained it.

“As a result the provenance of all the New Zealand items in the collection has now been investigated and three 1915 dairies, those of Cyril James Claridge, Hartley Valentine Palmer and Clifford James Walsh, will be returning.

“They will be placed into the National Library’s Alexander Turnbull Library collection for safe-keeping,” Neill Atkinson said.

We are looking forward to receiving them into the Library’s collection later in the year says Mark Crookston, Associate Chief Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library.

“Most importantly, digitised copies of all original material of New Zealanders in the Liddle collection will be made available to the Turnbull Library, significantly adding to our existing First World War collection.

“We acknowledge and thank our colleagues at University of Leeds Library for the constructive relationship we have established,” Mark Crookston said.

Both agree the four-year centenary of the First World War has drawn focus to the value of New Zealand’s documentary heritage. Having the diaries back here is a tangible reminder of the importance of this event in our country’s history.

Branch AGM

The AGM of the Nelson Branch of the NZSG was held before our monthly meeting on 24 June. It was great to see a good attendance. The current committee members were all re-elected plus Beth Conrad who has agreed to take over the Secretary’s job from Robyn Marshall.

The motion re the change in subscriptions was passed. Annual subscriptions will now be as follows:

Single membership be increased to \$20.00 for a member of the NZSG and \$25.00 if the person is not a member of NZSG.

Joint membership if two people living in the same household be increased to \$30.00 irrespective if either is a member of NZSG.

People who join the branch mid-way through the subscription year will be charged pro rata.

The AGM was followed by our speaker Mike Johnston who spoke on “Researching goldfields in Nelson.”

June 2018 NZSG Conference held in Christchurch Report by Cheryl Carnahan

A variety of topics were available over the three days of Queen’s Birthday weekend plus pre and post conference workshops. The topics ranged from Getting Started to Dating Historical Photographs to DNA and how to understand all that jargon.

The Plenaries consisted of the story of a young single woman who travelled to NZ and the English resources that were used to identify her in England. This talk was given by Janet Few an English researcher. Following that Maurice Gleeson talked about how the role of DNA helped in identifying WW1 soldiers

found buried on the Western Front. Each year between 30-60 of these soldiers are discovered, many of the remains are discovered during routine farm work. To put a name to the remains of the soldiers all the DNA of living relatives of known missing soldiers is being analysed, a huge task. Dr Maurice Gleeson is a professional genetic genealogist as well as a medical doctor, and he has a website at

<http://dnaandfamilytreeresearch.blogspot.com/>

Janet Few and her husband entertained us by acting out a day in the life of the 17th century working woman and man, along with a demonstration on a live model of the clothes the women wore. Commonly-used expressions were also explained - we now know that a threshold is the board used at the door to hold the thresh inside the house when rushes were used on the floor.

Janet then told us about a project she did in England called Remember Then: Memories of 1946-1969 and How to Record Your Own. Janet advertised for women only to participate and she set a theme for each month e.g. clothes, homes, school, housework, child rearing etc. This culminated in a book called *Remember Then*.



The choice of topics I attended were mainly DNA orientated. Michelle Patient's topic was called To DNA or not to DNA. The most useful test for a genealogist is the autosomal, as DNA could go back to 8th cousins, although 3rd cousins will share up to 98% of your DNA but 8th cousins only 0.91 %, so it can be difficult to prove a relationship that far back. The other two DNA tests are YDNA=father, father back and mtDNA=mother, mother back. A lot of the people present had had their DNA test done with more than one company. DNA evidence is best when used in conjunction with paper records, but is still valuable when paper records are not available. Ethnicity results are estimates with some companies revealing places our ancestors were, about 2-3,000 years ago while others are closer to our paper based records at around 1,000 to 500 years ago.

There are several companies offering DNA testing-AncestryDNA; MyHeritage; FamilyTreeDNA; LivingDNA, 23andme.

You can upload your results from AncestryDNA to FamilyTree, MyHeritage and GEDmatch but not the other way round. We were encouraged to read as much as possible about the DNA process, where to find help on web sites and the help line with the various companies.

Maurice Gleeson spoke about the three main tests available and the different testing companies.

FamilyTreeDNA will do the 3 different tests. YDNA useful for doing a one name study has a reach of 200,000 years only on the father, father etc side. mtDNA tests mother, mother etc back 200,000 years as well. These two tests can pick up the migratory patterns of populations. The next test atDNA [autosomal] can test back 300 years or 5-7 generations approximately.

AncestryDNA similar to FamilyTree, the big difference is Ancestry has the largest global data base and the results can be linked to other data bases as well this company has better tools to help you interpret your results.

23and me of limited genealogical usefulness. It is used for assessing health risks. About 80% of your emails will not be answered as the test would have been done for health reasons.

Myheritage and **Living DNA** have only been on the market since 2016 and so the data base is small. They have useful tools for managing your results.

Gedmatch was explained by Australian Helen Smith. Gedmatch is a third party website developed by programmers who aren't associated with any DNA testing company. The results of your autosomal DNA can be uploaded to Gedmatch. Step 1 is to establish a free Gedmatch account by registering. Step 2 log in and click on Generic Upload and read the help file for uploading. Step 3 Go to your DNA testing company and follow the Gedmatch instructions. You will then need to wait about 24 hours for the file to be reviewed. The duty librarian at the Ancestors Attic can copy the notes provided by Helen which is in the Conference proceedings book.

Using Papers Past by Emerson Vandy was extremely interesting with some new tools recently launched. Papers Past ignore punctuation and case so **Mrs J Smith and mrs j smith** will bring up the same results. Putting your term in quotes searches for the exact phrase "mrs j smith" so if you were looking for mrs jane smith it would not be picked up. But "mrs j smith" OR "mrs jane smith" will give you both mrs j smith and mrs jane smith. **Smith OR Smythe -born** will search for articles containing either term but excludes items that also include the word born. You could put + - OR but there must be a space between each new term. An example if you want to search for the birth of a daughter surname Shaw. "shaw & daughter" ~3. This will bring up any words with Shaw and daughter just 3 words or less apart. So you won't get all the articles with daughter nor of Shaw. It doesn't have to be 3 but it would be a good starting point. A fuzzy search br?wn will bring up one letter in this case a vowel. You can put in more than one ?bro* will bring up several letters. Or brown~2 will substitute any 2 letters. I emailed Emerson just to verify that I understood him correctly his answer below.

Fuzzy tricks: term~1 (fuzzy search with one character mismatch), term~2 (two character), ~3 etc. * = multi-character wildcard, ? = single-character wildcard

Eg 1: jones~1 (this will give you matches for "Jones" even when the OCR has mis-recognised 1 letter, for example "johes")

Eg 2: Hartstone~2 (matches for when any two letters might not be identical)

A trick with this is that searching for fuzzy results for a term and using NOT to remove exact character matches for the canonical term as per example 3 below gives you a list of results containing OCR or spelling variations for the term (note however that this doesn't invoke the highlighting feature on the site)

Eg 3: puhirake~2 -puhirake

Eg 4: aluminium~2 OR aluminum~2

Overall a very worthwhile conference. The Attic has the conference proceedings which should be on the shelf in a few months' time when those who attended from Nelson have had a read.