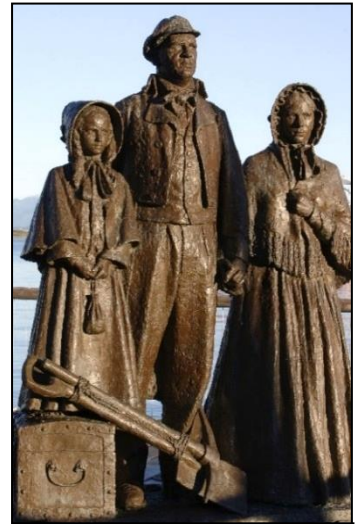




# New Zealand Society of Genealogists NELSON BRANCH JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



**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

Our e-mail address is [Nelson@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:Nelson@genealogy.org.nz)

Our Branch Library **Ancestors Attic** is at the Trafalgar Street Hall, 67 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

The 2018/2019 NZSG Nelson Branch committee is:

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

## Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

**Sunday 2 - 4 pm**

July 22	CLOSED (Meeting)	September 9	Peter Gillin
July 29	Judith Fitchett	September 16	Kevin Ryan
August 5	Tom Broad	September 23	Sandra Marris
August 12	Pete Gillin	September 30	Judith Fitchett
August 19	Bob McFadden		
August 26	CLOSED (Meeting)		
September 2	Beth Conrad		

**Mondays 1pm - 4pm**  
Cheryl Carnahan  
**Thursday 10am - 4pm**  
Cynthia Stratford's Team

## Programme for 2018

### Speaker and Topic details

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

## 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 Life of Percy Boland Adams, by Percy Adams NZ.BIO.ADAMS.

Booklet. Bookcase 02, loan donated Sylvia Wesney.

St Mary's Orphanage / Stoke Industrial School, NZ.NLN.ORG. Booklet.

Bookcase 02, loan donated Sylvia Wesney.

WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT Letters Home From NZ Troops (Leslie Brown, Ashley C Moore, Arthur Moore) MILNZ.NLN.WW1. Bookcase 07. Reference donated Cheryl Carnahan.

Dark Journey by Glyn Harper covers period 1914-1919, MIL.NZ.WW1. Book. Loan Bookcase 07. Donated Kay Switzer.

The New Zealand Genealogist June 2018. Loan Bookcase 01.

Huddersfield and District Family History Society Journal, Loan Bookcase 12, loan. Donated Cheryl Carnahan.

## Website Updates (from IGHS May newsletter)

### The National Records of Scotland

- Maps and plans to their website database

### FamilySearch

- Leicestershire Parish Registers, 1533-1991
- Australia, Victoria, Tombstone Transcriptions from Various Cemeteries, 1850-1988
- Denmark, Copenhagen City, Burial Registers, 1805-1968
- France, Saône-et-Loire, Censuses, 1836
- Mexico, Sinaloa, Civil Registration, 1861-1929
- Uruguay, Passenger Lists, 1888-1980
- USA Arkansas, Sevier County, Death Records, 1914-1923
- USA Idaho, Jerome County Historical Society, Minidoka Japanese Relocation Center Military Records, 1942-1945
- USA Kansas, Cemetery Abstracts
- USA New Jersey Naturalization Records, 1796-1991
- USA Michigan, County Births, 1867-1917
- USA Ohio, Washington County Newspaper Obituaries, 1884-2013
- USA Utah, Delayed Birth Certificates, 1900-1960

### FindMyPast

- British Armed Forces Medical Records WWI
- Women's Suffrage Petition 1866
- Kent, Lydd Midwife's Birth Register 1757-1815
- Wiltshire Social & Institutional Records 1123-1968
- Wiltshire Quaker records
- Yorkshire Stoney Royd Cemetery in Halifax
- Fife death index 1549-1877
- Chicago Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms, marriages and burials
- United States Deceased Physician File (Ama), 1864-1968 Image Browse

### Ancestry

- Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1832-1976
- Norfolk, England, Bishop and Archdeacon Transcripts of Parish Registers, 1600-1935
- UK, Register of Railway Employee Injuries and Deaths, 1911-1915
- Sweden Church Records for Kopparberg, Västerbotten, Halland, Kronoberg, Älvsborg and Norrbotten
- Washington, Episcopal Diocese of Spokane Church Records, 1870-1947

### TheGenealogist

- Change of Name Database
- Tithe Maps of North and East Yorkshire in Colour

## RootsIreland

- County Clare, Church of Ireland Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the parishes of Drumcliff (Ennis), Feakle, Killaloe, Kilrush-Kilkee, Ogonneloe, Tulla, Iniscaltra, Kilnaboy-Kilkeedy, Sixmilebridge, Miltown-Malbay, Kilfenora and Tuamgraney.
- Roman Catholic Marriages in the parishes of Cratloe, Ennis, Feakle, Mountshannon-Whitegate, Parteen and Scariff.
- Civil Registrations of Death in the SRD of Ennis from 1864 to 1959
- County Westmeath, Castlepollard Roman Catholic Baptisms 1796-1805 & 1812-1829, Marriages 1825-1870 and Deaths 1793-1825. Collinstown Roman Catholic Baptisms July 1842 - March 1844

## MyHeritage

- 1834 Denmark Census
- 1840 Denmark Census
- Queensland, Australia, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1852-1885

## Online Genealogy Index

Something new - but been around a long time!! Online Genealogical Index, <http://ogindex.org> .



This is something I really love about our wonderful hobby. Whilst there is so much that is new, there is so very much that stays the same!! And we must have the antenna alert, looking for what's new that is old!

My antenna found this site whilst I was in Salt Lake City on this year's Hooked on Genealogy Tour. It started, in its present format, in 2012. Created by, a FamilySearch employee in England, Tim Manners. The majority of the links are free to use at home and all are free to use in your local Family History Centre. Worth checking to see if any are on other sites also. AND included are links to the "Wayback Machine".

You will see you have a choice of searching in England (not all counties covered), Wales and the Isle of Man. 'No use to me' I hear you say. Haven't you heard? Most of the sites we search are like an iceberg - some are there for all to see, but much is below the water line and takes a little more effort on your part. You could find Births/Baptisms, Marriages and Banns, Deaths and Burials. Cemetery Records, Pedigrees, Newspapers, School Registers, War Graves etc. etc. - Jan Gow Famnet newsletter July 2018

## Three questions to ask yourself before getting your DNA tested

*(This was in the NZSG Oamaru Branch newsletter and poses some interesting questions)*

DNA testing has become more popular and accessible than ever for genealogists of both the professional and hobbyist levels. Even people who aren't interested in re-searching their family tree are getting DNA tests done to discover more about their health, heritage, and to connect with long-lost or previously unknown relatives. In fact, from its beginnings as a consumer product in the early 2000's, when it was prohibitively expensive for most consumers, DNA testing has now become affordable for almost everyone, and is now an industry unto itself, separate from the genealogy community, but tied to it.

In other words, you don't have to be interested in genealogy to get your DNA tested, but if you are a genealogist, you will probably have your DNA tested. Whichever camp you fall into, you should research the various companies out there that offer testing, to determine which one best meets your needs, based on what you hope to obtain from the testing. Once you've decided on a company, ask yourself these three questions to determine if having your DNA tested is truly for you. Remember, while DNA testing is interesting and useful to most people, it is not a product for everyone.

### 1) Why Are You Getting your DNA Testing Done?

This is a really important question to ask yourself before ordering that test kit. Obviously, different people will have different reasons for doing it. Are you testing to find out more about your health history and risks? If so, what do you plan to do with the information? Will you take it to your doctor to get recommendations, or will you make lifestyle adjustments on your own, based on the results you get back?

Are you doing it to find out about your origins? If so, are you more interested in knowing about your recent ancestors and where they came from (usually within the past 500 years), or are you more intrigued by the idea of your deep ancestry (usually 1,000 or more years in the past)? Are you going to use the information to help put together a family tree, or are you just curious and want the surface information without digging more deeply into it?

Are you looking to connect with relatives who have been out of touch with you for a long time, or who you never knew? Is this for nostalgic purposes or out of curiosity, such as to learn about the way your family expanded after your grandparents or great-grandparents? Are you adopted and looking for biological relatives? If you find them, do you plan on contacting them and asking about your birth parents, or are you just interested in the biological family tree?

These are all among the most common reasons people get their DNA tested. Knowing the reason(s) you are doing it will not only help guide you to the correct company to do the testing, but it will also keep your expectations clear when the results come in. When you know why you are testing and what you hope to achieve from it, you will be far happier with your results than if you go into it without any goals in mind for it.

## **2) Are You Prepared to Receive Information You Might Not Like?**

While most DNA test results will either be just what you expected or contain pleasant surprises, you have to pre-prepare for the possibility of getting results that might be surprising in ways you do not like. Examples may be discovering beloved old family tales are not true (or are not exactly the way you were told growing up), discovering an illegitimacy in your family tree, discovering a criminal in your family tree, learning you have an increased risk for one or more unpleasant diseases, or even discovering one or both of your parents are not your birth parents. It happens.

A man who took a DNA test and discovered his father was not his birth father wrote a book about his discovery, called "The Stranger in My Genes." When he and one of his brothers were tested together, the results showed they were half-brothers. Thinking it had to be a mistake, as they were all raised by the same man, they had their other siblings test; all the siblings had the same father, except the man who wrote the book. His was different.

Thinking his sainted mother could never have had an affair, he was reluctant to talk to her about it, and despite all the siblings testing, he still thought it must be a mistake. When he eventually brought it up with her, it turned out she did have an affair and was never sure about his biological father. She thought it could have been her husband, but the results of the DNA test let her know it was her affair partner. She refused to talk about it further but did give her blessing to him to write the book. This is just one example of the kind of thing you might discover in a DNA test.

No matter how sure you are of your health and heritage, you might discover something you didn't know that you won't like. Are you prepared to confront it and live with the knowledge? Don't test if the answer is "no."

## **3) Are You Willing to Be Contacted by Your Genetic Matches?**

Most DNA testing companies will show you the people who have also tested with their company who are close genetic matches to you. You will then be able to contact them through the testing company's website if you choose. However, remember that these matches can also contact you. If you are not testing to meet genetic relatives and correspond with them (or meet them, in some instances), make sure you put your settings on "private" with the testing company, or you will be contacted by matches looking for more information on their family tree, of which you are apart. Some members of these testing sites can be quite persistent in contacting you, even if you don't respond at first, so going private is a must if you don't intend to talk to anyone about genealogy and family - <https://ancestralfindings.com/dna-testing-questions/>

## **Top ten search tips for exploring the FamilySearch genealogy website**

Make sure that you mine every genealogical gem in the FamilySearch database with their top ten search tips.



FamilySearch is the world's largest family history website, with almost 2 billion records from nations around the world. However, with so much information online, it can be difficult to know how to get started.

Read on for FamilySearch's top tips for making the most of the website.

### **1. Persona centric**

FamilySearch is a persona centric record system. When you conduct a search for William you are presented Williams found in the records matching what you entered. We do not return documents, but rather the people found on documents, and each person found on a document has a unique ID. When we present to you in search results, a William that matched, we also tell you about all of William's relationships on the record and key document data.

When you attach "a historical record" to the Family Tree, what you are really doing is attaching William in the 1891 Census to William in the Family Tree (you are telling the system, and all other users, that you believe William in the record is the same real historical person as William in the tree).

### **2. Lowest to highest hanging fruit**

Users should follow a flow that lets them access the most data with the least effort first. Hints -> Search Indexed Records -> Browse Unindexed Records -> Catalog -> etc

Hints will often find the easy stuff and also some of the real difficult stuff to search for, but it will not find everything. Hints are on avg about 98.5% accurate, although that varies by location, collection, and family. After resolving all the hints, conducting searches in the historical records data set is the next most productive action, followed by browsing unindexed image sets.

### **3. Using the main search form**

This is the best place to conduct most searches. Some users go to collection specific search forms and miss actual records. Collections specific forms should be used only for very specific workflows looking for specific records.

#### **4. Events versus location & type**

When you enter a place and date in the event fields of the search form you are not specifying a record type nor record location. If I enter a birth place of Ohio, evidence for my person having been born in Ohio may be found on a census record from California. If you really want records ONLY of a specific type or from a specific location you should restrict the records returned by Location or Type using the fields near the bottom.

#### **5. Exact searching**

Exact will return record matching exactly the text you typed with 4 exceptions; 1) Capitalization is ignored (MacDonald==macdonald); 2) Punctuation is ignored (OBrien==O'Brien); 3) Diacritics are ignored (Pena==Peña); 4) Spaces are ignored (De la Vega==delavega). Use it cautiously because it can cause you to miss real matching record persons.

#### **6. Wildcards**

Search accepts the \* and ? Wildcard characters. When entered into a search field, the \* character will be replaced by zero to an infinite number of ambiguous characters (ex. Stan\* will return Stan, Stanley, Stanislaw). The ? replaces one, and only one, ambiguous character (ex. Eli?abeth will return Elizabeth and Elisabeth). You can put multiple wildcards in a single text string in the field, but you must have at least one unambiguous character.

#### **7. Exact, close and missing**

When evaluating each record, fields are scored by how close they match what was typed in. Exact matches contribute the most to the overall score for the record. Close matches (Frank=Franklin, Frankie, Francis, etc) contribute less to the overall score. If we find a record that matches other parameters, but is missing data in a specified field, we may still return that record but the overall score is slightly reduced. All field scores are totaled and the person matches are presented in search results with the highest scoring ones at the top. The system will not return records where the data on the record conflicts with the data entered.

#### **8. Location pages**

If you are new to researching in a location, click on the map and access that country's location page. On it you will find data and information that will get you up to speed faster (indexed & searchable record collections, browse only unindexed collections, learning center classes and training, the FamilySearch Wiki and the FamilySearch Catalog. Additional resources will be added to these pages over time.

#### **9. Single collection searching**

If you know the specific record you are looking for and know that it is found in a specific collection (like the 1940 US Census), you can locate and search just that collection by typing it's name in the "Find a Collection" box in the bottom right of the main search page.

#### **10. Evidentiary versus conclusionary**

FamilySearch does NOT treat evidentiary source documents (a birth certificate) the same as conclusionary tree people (a person in Genealogies or in Family Tree). When you search the Historical Records dataset, you will be searching only source documents and will not be returned other users' conclusion persons. If you want to see the conclusions made by other users, you can search Genealogies (a data set of 1 Billion+ lineage linked names submitted by users) or Family Tree (a wiki-like constantly growing and improving one word tree).

### **Archives NZ - Christchurch Office - details of shift**

In late June the Christchurch Office of Archives NZ began the process of moving to Wigram, near the Air Force Museum.

The Reading Room on Peterborough Street will close on Friday 13th July and the Archives will relocate to a new building in Harvard

Avenue near the Air Force museum, reopening there on Monday 6th August.

There will be no parking available on site at Peterborough Street during the move.

Please keep an eye on website, *Archway*, and Facebook or contact the Christchurch Office on 03 377 0760 and email

[Christchurch.archives@dia.govt.nz](mailto:Christchurch.archives@dia.govt.nz) if you have any questions.

### **Notice of temporary closure Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives from 1st June 2018 to September 2018**

After seven years with the Methodist Church's archives collection stored in a warehouse as a consequence of the Christchurch earthquakes, it will soon be moving into a purpose-built, environmentally controlled building. It is located at 54 Langdons Road, Papanui, Christchurch alongside the Methodist Church's Administration Division building.

The Methodist Archives in Christchurch has always been the national archive of the Methodist Church and our new repository will also include records from our closed branch in Auckland. There is a reading room and workroom and space for 1.5 km of records. We are closing for three months to move the collection and enable the Archivist and volunteers to unpack and arrange the collection ready for use.

The ability to answer written enquiries will be limited during this period and we will be closed to researchers until September 2018. From September we will be open Tuesday and Thursday 1 pm-4 pm or by appointment. Contact [archives@methodist.org.nz](mailto:archives@methodist.org.nz) Jo Smith Archivist

## Nelson College for Girls Guide Company 1927 - 1951

This booklet can be found in Bookcase 2 at the Attic. The index below may contain someone in your family. The searchable index is on the Attic computer.

AITKEN	Ada	HURST	Mr	ROGER	Miss
ALLAN	Elsie	JACKSON	B	SANDERS	Jean
ARGUE	W	JEFFREYS	M Miss	SCOTT	Ann Miss
BAIGENT	T	JEFFRIES	Mrs	SCOTT	Lady Beatrix
BARKER	Beth	JELICOE	Lady	SHEAT	R Miss
BASKIVILLE	D P Miss	JOHNSTON	Clarice Miss	SHIRTLIFFE	Miss
BEAUMONT	C Miss	JOHNSTONE	Clarice Miss	SIMPSON	H
BELL	Edna Miss	KEBBELL	Alison Miss	SLADDEN	Miss
BEVIN	J E Miss	KENNEDY	Miss	SLOAN	Miss
BLACK	J C Miss	KENNEDY	Mrs	SPEEDING	Margaret
BLEDISLOE	Viscount	LEDGER	F Miss	STEWART	Miss
BLOOMFIELD	Miss	LEGGE	Mrs	STEWART	Jean Miss
BRAIN	O Mrs	LEWIS	Alison Mrs	STEWART	Marjory S
BREMNER	Miss	LISLE	P	STEWART	Elizabeth Mrs
CHILDS	Barbara Mrs	LOW	Dr	STRATFORD	J
CHILDS	James Anthony Private	LUCAS	Mrs	STRINGER	Muriel
COLE	A	MACAULAY	Miss	THOMPSON	James Joseph Derek Private
COOTE	Pat	MACKAY	Jocelyn Miss	TURNER	E
CREASY	A	MAGEE	Peggy	WADSWORTH	Yvonne
CREASY	Arletta	MARSH	Y Miss	WALLACE	Mrs
CREASY	B	MASON	Miss	WALLACE	J
DUNN	D Mrs	MAUNSELL	Pat	WALTER	Betty Miss
DUTHIE	Joyce Miss	MCCOMBS	E R Mrs	WASHBOURN	Mrs
EDWARDS	D	MCGREGOR	Miss	WASHBOURN	Phillipa
EDYVEAN	Jean	MCRAE	Miss	WELLS	Miss
FELL	P	METHVEN	Mrs	WELLS	M
FERGUSON	Alice Lady	METSON	N	WESTON	M Miss
GARVEY	L	MILLAR	Miss	WEYERGANG	Miss Friedl
GIBSON	Beatrice	MILLS	Clara Miss	WEYERGANG	M C Mrs
GOULD	Mrs	MILNER	Mrs	WILL	J Dr
GOULD	A Mr	MONEY	Major	WILSON	Miss
GOULD	Barbara Miss	MONCRIEFF	Perrine Mrs	WILSON	W R Mrs
GRAY	Elsie Miss	MURRAY	Mrs	WOODS	Miss
GREAR	Barbara Miss	MYLES	Mrs	WORLEY	Miss
GREAR	Jean Mrs	NEALE	Brenda		
GRIGOR	Isobel	NOBLE	Mrs		
HAULTAIN	D Rev	POTTER	Muriel Mrs		
HAYCOCK	Olwyn	RAPLEY	G		
HEINZ	E	RENWICK	Mrs		
HERRICK	Miss	ROBERTSON	Miss		



## Exhibitions Coming Soon

# *It all comes back to Thread* EMBROIDERY NOW & THEN

Explore the kaleidoscope of colours and patterns in this exhibition which features the fantastic examples of contemporary and historical embroidery.

From the finely detailed sampler done by an 11-year-old in 1836 to an embroidery artist's 'lifelike' human lungs, thread can be used to express our heritage, our response to the world around us, to adorn and to transmit across time the love of this artesian craft.

Be amazed at the examples of hand embroidery from the Museum's vast textile collection alongside modern examples from private collections. [Learn more](#)

**7 July - 9 September 2018**



This entertaining, interactive and cheeky exhibition highlights many of the quirky, endearing and unexpected images from the Museum's vast Glass Plate Negative Collection.