



**New Zealand Society of  
Genealogists  
NELSON BRANCH  
JUNE 2019  
NEWSLETTER**



**Early Settlers - Port  
Nelson**

Our monthly meetings are usually 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:

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

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### Ancestors Attic, Duty Roster

**Sunday 2 - 4 pm**

16 June	Bob McFadden	4 Aug	Barbara Wells
23 June	CLOSED Branch meeting	11 Aug	Pete Gillin
30 June	Barbara Wells	18 Aug	Judith Fitchett
7 July	Tom Broad	25 Aug	CLOSED Branch meeting
14 July	Bob McFadden	1 Sept	Barbara Wells
21 July	Judith Fitchett	8 Sept	Petre Gillin
28 July	CLOSED Branch meeting	15 Sept	Kevin Ryan

**Mondays 1pm - 4pm**

Cheryl Carnahan

**Thursday 10am - 4pm**

Cynthia Stratford's Team

### PROGRAMME - 2019

23 June 2019 (Sunday)  
28 July 2019 (Sunday)  
25 August (Sunday)  
23 September 2019  
21 October 2019  
24 November 2019

### Topic and speakers details

Show and Tell- see Convenor's message below  
Writing your family history - Sarah Ryder  
Seaview Cemetery Tour -coffee after at The Honest Lawyer - Cheryl Carnahan  
The Prow - Nicola Harwood  
Family Tree Live London 2019 - Judith Fitchett & Robyn Marshall  
Christmas Function (details nearer the time)

## From our Convenor

### Reminder Show and Tell meeting 23 June Sunday afternoon

In June there will be the first of our three Sunday afternoon meetings. This meeting we are calling it "Show and Tell". This is a result of feedback that you want to hear some of the interesting things that our members have found. This can be an interesting meeting or we can stand around and have an early supper it is up to you.

What we would like is for members to look into their family records and find something that is different (not your run of the mill BDM certificates which we all have) and tell us about it in say 5 minutes. As we need to plan this meeting could you please:

- Let me know at [bob.val@mcfadden.org.nz](mailto:bob.val@mcfadden.org.nz) ASAP and
- Look for that different, maybe quirky, item that you can show us;
- Let me know if you are happy to show your item and talk about it or would like a Committee member to do it for you.

I hope that we have so many of you responding that we will need to have more than one meeting to cover all the items.

Bob McFadden  
Convenor

### Legacy Group Meeting.

This is held on **the second Thursday of the month** at the Attic. All new members welcome. Gold coin donation. If you would like to go on reminder list please email Judith Fitchett at [fitchett@ts.co.nz](mailto:fitchett@ts.co.nz)

### 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.

**SKIOLD:** To mark 175 years since the barque *Skiold* arrived in Nelson with emigrants mainly from Mecklenburg, a celebration will be held 31 Aug/1 Sept weekend. For further details contact Karel Wallace, 7 Cambria Street, Nelson 7010, [cambria@cambria.co.nz](mailto:cambria@cambria.co.nz) or Heather Lankow at [heatheranddean@actrix.co.nz](mailto:heatheranddean@actrix.co.nz)

### Library - Ancestors Attic

The Library is open

**Sundays 2 - 4**

**Mondays 1 - 4**

**Thursdays 10 - 4**

#### Recent Acquisitions to the Library

**The Douglas Family**, booklet about the West Coast, loan, bookcase 02, classification NZ.FH.DOUGLAS

**Waimea College Class Lists** Recorded by Wilson Hawke 1959-1985 excl 1969,1970,1971,1972, reference, bookcase 11, classification NZ.NLN.SCH

**The New Zealand Genealogist**, April 2019, loan, bookcase 01.

**Granity School Centennial 1880-1980**, booklet, bookcase 09, classification NZ.WLD.SCH.GRANITY

**Nelson and Bays Yellow & White Pages 2019**, reference, bookcase 01.

**Elections NZ 2002 Nelson Parliamentary Electoral District August 2001**, reference, bookcase 03. Donated by Ham Baxter.

**Changes Rai Valley 1901-1902, Coda, The World of Emily Gracilla, The Peregrinations of Arthur, The Seabright Diaries**, all written by Nola Leov and Margaret Turner and donated by Nola Leov and all covering the Rai, Marlborough from 1883-1918. Loan, Bookcase 02. Classification NZ.FH.LEOV and NZ.FH.TURNER.



Also couple of websites that Cheryl found has interesting stories from the war.

<http://medalsreunitednz.co.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/medalmanz/>

## Books for sale

**The First 90 years of the School of Music.**

**Nelson Suter Art Society 1889-1989** by June Neale. \$15.00.

**Centennial History Brightwater & District Schools** includes Waimea West, Brightwater Girls, Garden Valley, River Terrace, Brightwater Boys, Wairoa Gorge & Totara Bush Household schools. \$15.00

**Suburban & Rural a church on the move a short history of the parochial District of Atawhai – Hira 1861-1981** by Rev Evans.

**Memorials in the churchyard of St Nicholas, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England plus other leaflets.**

**The people of Strathbogie Vol 2 1696** with index.

All \$1.00 unless stated. Anyone interested phone Cheryl Carnahan 5447684 or email [carnahan@kinect.co.nz](mailto:carnahan@kinect.co.nz)

## More Websites of Interest (Notes from Dennis Bush-King's talk at the May branch meeting)

### Papers Past

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

There are two main ways to find information in Papers Past: searching and browsing. Searching lets you enter a query term and retrieves articles that contain that term (you can select exact phrase or several words). Browsing lets you look at all the newspapers, starting with a year, a region, or a newspaper title. All the newspaper titles on the site can be searched and browsed. Use the filters if you want to concentrate your search.

A search will often bring up a particular article but you should also follow the 'bread crumbs' at the top to see the whole page to download high resolution image. Can also convert to computer generated text for transcribing into articles.

Overseas equivalents include:

Australia <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

Everywhere including free ones, go to Wikipedia at

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\\_of\\_online\\_newspaper\\_archives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives)

Also, the NZSG website **members only** has access to UK newspapers including:

1. Times Digital Archive - 200 years of The London Times
2. 17th & 18th Century Burney Collection - 1,270 newspapers and news pamphlets from the United Kingdom.
3. 19th Century British Library Newspapers - includes papers originating in England, Scotland and Ireland
4. 19th Century US Newspapers - featuring full-text content and images from numerous newspapers from a range of urban and rural regions throughout the U.S.
5. The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003
6. 19th Century UK Periodicals Parts 1 & 2

## 2. Historic BDMs Online

For New Zealand go to <https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/>. The historic data available for you to search is limited so that information relating to people who might still be alive, can be protected.

Information available includes:

- Births that occurred at least 100 years ago
- Stillbirths that occurred at least 50 years ago
- Marriages that occurred at least 80 years ago
- Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago.

You will obtain a registration number which is a unique number allocated to every registered birth, death, marriage or civil union and replaces the former and familiar folio number as shown on the microfiche indexes

You can sort the results by clicking on any of the headings. Clicking on the father's name in a birth search will sort family groups together.

The search results include, where recorded, birth surnames, previous surnames and current surnames for an individual. The current name or previous name will appear at the top of your search results before records matching the criteria of your searching e.g. using the search criteria of Esther Jones, the list will show the current names or previous names before the birth names. See death example.

You can also choose to order a product, either a printout or a certificate, by adding it to your basket. The basket has the cost of all the products you have ordered. A printout is a scanned copy of the record or, if the record has been updated, it will be typed. A certificate has less information and is a legal document.

- The following are examples of Search Results you can expect to see:

#### Birth Search Results

Registration Number	Family Name	Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	Father's Given Name(s)	Still Birth
1905/3135	Smith	Vera Catherine Mary	Eliza Janet	Duncan David	-
1946/63595	Smith	Albert John	May Mary	Robert	S
1901/17317	Murray-Smith	Mavis Irene	Annie	Herbert	-

#### Death Search Results - Esther Jones

Registration Number	Family Name	Given Name(s)	Date of Birth/ Age at Death
1998/17172	Carr	Esther May	15 February 1915
2000/11496	Hughes	Esther Alma	21 July 1912
1998/18352	Jones	Margery Esther	9 November 1905

#### Marriage Search Results

Registration Number	Bride's Given Name(s)	Bride's Family Name	Groom's Given Name(s)	Groom's Family Name
1914/6983	Priscilla	Smith	Frank Murdock	Tofts
1923/3997	Annie Grant	Smith	Kenneth	McLennan
1915/54	Gertrude Mabel	Smith	Albert Edward	McMahon

Overseas equivalents include:

United Kingdom

<http://freebmd.org.uk/> (also don't forget <https://www.freereg.org.uk/> for parish records - can filter to see if the ones you are interested in have been transcribed; and <https://www.freecen.org.uk/> for census transcriptions)

[https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes\\_search.asp](https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp)

New South Wales

<https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/familyhistory/search;jsessionid=CF7E9CAA5A19679DE04765885ED9AE25?0>

Victoria <https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/>

Queensland <https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au/>

Scotland <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> (pay site, but searching is free)

### 3. **New Zealand Passenger Lists**

A good website to find other passenger site websites is

<http://www.freesurnamesearch.com/search/ausnzp/passengerstonz.html>

Digitised images from New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839-1973 can also be found on Family Search for those assisted passengers

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1609792>

### 4 **Find a Will**

Free search of the National Probate Calendar 1858-1996 for the UK and from 1996 to the present. If you want to purchase, the will you can for £10. The will be viewable on line for 31 days.

<https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

### 5 **Free Genealogy webinars**

Roots Tech <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

Family Search [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

You can also search on You Tube (genealogy research yields a list too long!

### 6. **Billion Graves**

<https://billiongraves.com/>

Use filters to select country

Don't forget New Zealand cemetery information

at <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~shipstonz/genealogy/cemeteries.html>

### **7. Others**

- A genealogical search engine - works enough of the time to help - <http://www.genealogyintime.com/tools/genealogy-search-engine.html>
- Tracing those ancestors who have had run-ins with the law convicts - <https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/>
- Citing sources and corroborating evidence - <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>
- Historical Maps - <https://www.davidrumsey.com/> and specific to London here is another good site <http://mapco.net/london.htm>
- London Picture Archive - <https://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk/home?WINID=1558861244236>
- Historical Directories - England and Wales <https://cdm16445.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16445coll4>
- New Zealand Digital records <https://digitalnz.org/explore>
- Digital British resources <https://www.connectedhistories.org/> - look under the Resources and Guides tabs
- Workhouses - <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/>
- The Internet Archive - great for historical books, official records <https://archive.org/>
- Any gaps in your WW1 genealogy? This is a great site for the New Zealand Troopships - the voyage details, those on board - with photos <http://www.flotilla-australia.com/hmnzt.htm>
- Historical books - New Zealand Websites <https://www.hardtofind.co.nz/>  
<https://www.smithsbookshop.co.nz/>  
<https://www.artybees.co.nz/>

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