

THE GERMAN SETTLERS WHO REMAINED IN NELSON

(Weblink SP Germans in Nelson)

There is a large amount of information held in Wellington and Nelson repositories about the Germans Settlers from the St Pauli and Skiold who remained in Nelson. I have transcribed some of this information covering the period around 1843 to 1853.

Bett Collection of Nelson

The Bett collection located at the Nelson Provincial Museum with duplicate copies held at the Alexander Turnbull Library is a valuable collection of material about the Nelson district and includes information about the Germans families and the early Nelson Settlement. I have transcribed some of the Bett collection housed at National Library of NZ and the list is located in [Appendix S4](#).

1845 Nelson Early Militia

When Chief Paremata arrived at Happy Valley on 14th January 1845 and threatened some of the settlers many of the people in Nelson called for action. At a meeting on the 20 January 1845 the Nelson settlers decided to take steps to defend themselves. A ballot was held on 13th June 1845 and the Nelson Battalion of Militia was formed.¹ Military Historians state that the Nelson Battalion of Militia was the first Army unit formed in the South Island and perhaps one of the first in New Zealand. Formation date was 12 August 1845. I have extracted the names of some of the German settlers from a list dated 8th September. When time permits I will transcribe the complete document then save the details in [Appendix S4](#).

Name	Given name	Calling	Page	Address	Ship
BECKMANN	Fredrick	Cabinetmaker	4 & 12	Waimea East	St Pauli
BENSEMAN	Carl	Carpenter	1		St Pauli
BRUNING	Matthias		12	No address	Skiold
HAASE	Fredk William	Labourer	2 deleted	Left district?	St Pauli
MANSSSEN	Conrad	Gardner	4,12,14	Waimea East	St Pauli
MULLINS	Michael	Labourer	2 deleted	Left district?	Skiold
MULLINS	Richard	Labourer	2 deleted	Left district?	Skiold
SCHNIEDER	Peter	Labourer	2 deleted	Left district?	St Pauli
TEITZEN	Frederick	Labourer	4	Nile Street	Skiold
WESTFALL	Frederick	Labourer	4	Bridge Street	Skiold

Other Early Military Companies

The Nelson Township and other Nelson districts formed many early Military Companies.² To search the records you have to know the title of the company that the early settlers belonged to. For example the "Nelson Naval Artillery", "Wakapuaka Artillery Group", "Stoke Rifles" etc. I do not know if a military group was formed in the Moutere district where some German families settled.

1845 NELSON CENSUS

In 1845 a census was taken of the Nelson district in New Zealand. I understand that the census was taken around January. The census is one of only a few surviving census of

¹ Alexander Turnbull Library Manuscript & Archives Section Wellington MS Papers 1191 [Betts Collection] Nelson Militia Roll book 1845 and the Nelson Provincial Museum Isle Park Stoke Nelson houses the original Bett collection and details in the publication "Marching Onward" by Edward Latter page 11-21 The History of the 2nd Battalion (Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. I have been told that the original roll book of the Nelson Militia is held at Alexander Turnbull Library.

² Archives of New Zealand Wellington Agency ARM (Army) Series 41.

early New Zealand. I have only extracted the names of the German settlers from the “St Pauli” and “Skiold”.³ Transcription from the 1845 census is located in Appendix S1.

Name	Road	Calling	House	Section
BALCK Jno	Waimea East	Carpenter	TE	179
BECKMANN Frederick	Waimea West	Labourer	R	138
BEIT Elisa	Waimea Road Nelson			
BEIT Emily	Nelson			
BEIT Hy Jnr	Nelson			
BEIT Jr Jno	Waimea Road Nelson		T	450
BEIT Nich Jno	Waimea Road Nelson	Merchant	O B	663
BRENING Mathias	Tasman St Nelson	Shoemaker		421
BUSCH Mich	Waimea West squatter	Labourer	E	60
BUSCHL Hy	Waimea Road Squatter on sold section Nelson	Labourer	W	421
BUSCHL Hy	Waimea East	Labourer	E	36
FANSELOW Hans	Waimea East			179
FANSELOW Hy	Waimea East	Labourer		179
FANSELOW Jno	Waimea East			179
FELLING Fedor	Waimea East			161
FRANKS Jacob	Hardy Street Squatter on botanical gardens	Labourer	W	417
FRANKS Jacob	Hardy Street Nelson			
HERBERT Jas	Waimea South	Labourer		63
HERBERT Joseph	Waimea South	Labourer		63
HERBERT Joseph	Waimea South	Labourer		63
HINE Chris	Waimea Road Nelson	Missionary	T W	1044
JACOBSON Simon	Nile Street squatter Nelson	Carpenter	E	500
KARSTEN Christopher	Hardy Street Nelson	Cabinet maker	E	417
KELLING Chas	Waimea East	Farmer	W	159
LANGE Christian	Waimea East			179
LANGE Fritz	Waimea East			179
LANGE Jno	Waimea East	Labourer	E	179
LANKOW Hy	Waimea East			36
LANKOW Jno	Waimea East			36
LANKOW Jno	Waimea East			36
LANKOW Sophia	Waimea East			36
MARTIN Henry	Bridge Street Nelson			
MENSEN HY	Hardy Street Nelson	Labourer	T E	178
MULLINS Michael	Bridge Street Nelson	Labourer	T E	178
MULLINS Richard	Bridge Street Nelson	Labourer	T E	178
OOYE Wm	Waimea East	Labourer	T	138
OOYE Wm	Waimea South	Labourer	T	138
PHALL Wm	Tasman Street Squatter on sold section Nelson	Cooper		421
PHARPS Christopher	Hardy Street squatter Nelson		T E	419
ROSE Chas	Riwaka Valley		TE	67
SCHRODER	Waimea East	Labourer	TE	179
SCHRODER Chas	Waimea East			179
SCHRODER G Wm	Haven Street Nelson	Merchant	W	58
SCHRODER Hy	Waimea East			179
SCHUMAKER F	Nile Street Nelson	Constable	W	506

³ Archives of New Zealand Wellington Agency SSD Series 3 Item 1 1845 Nelson Census Repro 56 also located at Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington and Nelson

SCHWASS Frederick	Waimea East	Labourer	E	36
SCHWASS Frederick	Waimea South	Labourer	E	36
SCRODER G W	Bronti Street Nelson	Merchant		497
SIGGLEKOW August	Waimea East	Labourer	TE	179
SIGGLEKOW August	Waimea South	Labourer	TE	179
SIGGLEKOW Christian	Waimea East			179
SIGGLEKOW Christian	Waimea South			179
SIGGLEKOW Jno	Waimea East			179
SIGGLEKOW Jno	Waimea South			179
SIGGLEKOW Louisa	Waimea East			179
SIGGLEKOW Louisa	Waimea South			179
TIETZIN F H	Nile Street squatter Nelson	Labourer	E	404
WENDLEBORN Frederick	Waimea East			
WENDLEBORN Louisa	Waimea East			
WENDLEBORN Ludwig	Waimea East	Labourer	TE	
WESTFULL F	Collingwood Street squatter		W E	182
WESTFULL Wn	Collingwood Street squatter			213

Section 178 was the New Zealand Company Barracks Hardy Street also on the same section as the German families was a Martha SMITH calling Domestic Servant.

In the footnotes of the 1845 Nelson census for the Moutere District it reads:

"The roads throughout the Moutere District in the worst possible state. Bridges all broken down. Twelve houses and the framework of a church built by the Germans deserted. No chapel schools in this district".

NELSON CENSUS 1849

Another census was taken in Nelson in 1849 has survived. This census includes the question and answer about where the settler was born. I have only extracted the German born settlers.⁴ A Full transcription is located in [Appendix S2](#).

Name	Place	Area	Calling	Section
BALCK John	Waimea East		Joiner	37
BECKMANN Frederick	Bridge Street	Nelson	Cabinet maker	13
BENSEMANN Cordt	Halifax Street	Nelson	Carpenter	20
BRUNNING Matthew	Waimea East		Shoemaker	36
BUSCHL	Waimea East		Stockowner	
BUSCHL Ann	Selwyn Place	Nelson		3
BUSH Hans	Waimea East		Labourer	37
FANZELOW Henry	Waimea South		Labourer	38
FRANK Christopher	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Shipwright	22
FRANK Jacob	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Gardner	22
FRANK Jacob Jnr	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Shipwright	22
FRANZELOW Henry	Waimea East		Farmer	35
HAMRECH Charles	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Cabinet maker	21
HEINE JWC	Selwyn Place	Nelson	Minister	3
HERBERT Isaac	Wakapuaka	Sub Nth	Carpenter	31
JACOBSON Simon	Bridge Street	Nelson	Shipwright	14
KARSTEN John CM	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Cabinet maker	22

⁴ Archives of New Zealand In Wellington Reference (Repro 57 no longer available has been withdrawn) original Agency SSD Series 3 Item 2 1849 Nelson Census part 1 [original in 3 parts, part 2 statistical data, part 3 census of Maori's dwelling around the Nelson district information written in Maori] also held at Alexander Turnbull Library and Nelson Provincial Museum.

KELLING Chas	Waimea East		Farmer	37
KELLING Theodore	Waimea East		Farmer	37
LANGE John	Waimea East		Farmer	35
LANKOW John	Waimea East		Farmer	36
LANKOW Louisa	Selwyn Place	Nelson		3
LANKOW Widow	Waimea East			37
MANSSEN Conrad	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Gardner	22
MANSSEN Henry	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson		22
PAAP Christian	Hardy Street	Nelson		15
PAHL William	Shakespeare Walk	Nelson	Cooper	22
ROSE James	Motueka		Farmer	47
SCHEUCHER George	Halifax Street	Nelson	Shoemaker	20
SCHRODER George M	Haven Road	Nelson	Merchant	
SCHROEDER George	Waimea East		Farmer	36
SCHUMACHER Frederick	Nile Street East	Nelson	Cabinet maker	16
SCHWASS Christopher	Waimea East		Labourer	37
SIGGLEKOW Hendrey	Waimea East		Farmer	36
WINDLEBORN FL	Waimea East		Farmer	35

There were a few German families living on section 22 Shakespeare Walk this must have been another New Zealand Company section. Some of these settlers were the families who went to Moutere and returned to Nelson after the floods.

There were no German settlers recorded as dwelling in the Moutere district in the 1849 census.

German Settlers living in Nelson around 1849

Rev HEINE wrote an article in the 1849 New Zealand Journal reporting on the German settlers that resided in the Nelson district.⁵ I have enclosed only brief information below. Full details on the article can be found in [Appendix S3](#).

Page	Surname	Family	District	Ship
184	BALK joiner	Wife & 4 children	Close to Ranzau	Skiold
194	BECKMANN joiner	Wife & 4 children (land Beit)	Nelson	St Pauli
194	BENSEMANN ship builder	Wife & 5 children wife spinning wool & weaving	Nelson	St Pauli
194	BRUNNING shoemaker	Wife & 3 children	Waimea district middle	Skiold
184	BUSCH Hans	Wife & 8 children	Waimea district	Skiold
194	BUSCHELL	Wife & 4 children	Waimea district south	St Pauli
184	FENZELEON	Wife & 8 children	Waimea district middle	Skiold
194	FRANK vine dresser	Wife & 3 children	Nelson	St Pauli
194	HAMMERICH	Wife & 2 children wife seamstress	Nelson	Skiold
194	JACOBSON ship builder	Wife & 3 children (crew of St Pauli)	Nelson	St Pauli
194	KARSTEN joiner	4 children (lost wife last year)	Nelson	St Pauli
184	KELLING brothers	Families?	Waimea district	Skiold
185	LANGE	Wife & 6 children 3 grown up & 1 son has oxen etc.	Waimea district middle	St Pauli
185	LAUKERS brothers	Brothers young living with	Waimea district middle	Skiold

⁵ Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Publication "New Zealand Journal" 1849 Volume 1 page 184-185 & 194-195 Micro Reel 518/3 issue 253 London 11th August 1849

		little sister		
184	LAUKERS widow	7 & 11 yrs children husband died in settlement	Close to Ranzau	Skiold
194	MANSEN gardener	Wife & 3 children wife semesters	Nelson	St Pauli
194	OVYE	Wife remained in Germany	Waimea district south	St Pauli
194	PAARY labourer	Wife & 4 children	Nelson	Skiold
185	SCHRODER	Wife & 7 children 4 grown up 3 sons 1 daughter	Waimea district middle	Skiold
194	SCHUMACHER joiner	Wife & child wealthiest of Germans in town	Nelson	St Pauli
194	SCHUSTER shoemaker	Wife & 3 children	Nelson	St Pauli
184	SCHWASS	Wife & 11 children	Close to Ranzau	Skiold
185	SIGGLEKOW	Wife & 11 children several grown up	Waimea district middle	Skiold
194	TITJEN	(Land Beit)	Wakapuaka	St Pauli
194	WENDLEBORN	Wife & 6 children 3 grown up	Waimea district middle	Skiold
194	Englishman	Wife is German & 2 children	Waimea district south	

Early German Settlers memories and diaries

JMC Karsten / Bisley Autobiography

On 7th August 1893 JMC Bisley formerly Karsten wrote an interesting account of her memories of the early years in Nelson around the 1840's. It not only tells the story of her Karsten family but she also mentions other early German settlers.⁶

Rev Heine Diary

Rev Heine settled in the Nelson district serving to the needs of the Lutheran settlers until his death. His memories and diary are a valuable resource when researching the early German settlers and settlement of Nelson.⁷ "Nelson, A History of Early Settlement" author Ruth Allan made many references to Heine's diary especially when writing the chapter on the German settlers of Nelson.

August Heine

Rev Heine's son Augustus Heine compiled and collected information and papers on the early German Settlers of Nelson. He wrote to many of the descendants of the St Pauli and Skiold settlers. The letters of reply he received from the early German settlers and their descendants have survived.⁸

These letters and documents have been copied onto microfilm. On reel 4, papers dated June 1843-March 1844 are some translation from Rev Heine's Diary. On reel 5 are copies of the protest papers signed by the early "St Pauli" German immigrants. On reel 5 there is a letter written by Miss Mary Elizabeth MANSSEN in reply to August Heine request for information about the descendants of George and Johanna MANSSEN.

Anna DIERKS Diary 1875-1882

⁶ Nelson Provincial Museum, Isle Park, Stoke, Nelson Bisley JMK 1836-1917 Memoirs

⁷ Nelson Provincial Museum Isle Park Stoke Nelson

⁸ Alexander Turnbull Library Manuscript & Archives Section Wellington MS papers 1765 folder 1 & Microfilm MS 260 Reel 4 & 5 Heine Family Papers 1841-1959

Anna DIERKS was a daughter of Rev Heine. I have never sighted her diary but have read that it mentions many of the early German families living around Nelson and also in other parts of New Zealand.⁹

Early Nelson Jury lists

The Nelson Settlers who qualified as Jurors had their names published in the Nelson newspapers the "NZ Chronicle" and "The Examiner".¹⁰ Some of the Jury lists that were published in the Nelson newspapers have been indexed.¹¹ These Jury lists are most helpful in tracing the movements of the German families. Transcriptions from the Nelson Museum, National Library of New Zealand and "Papers past" website are located in [Appendix S4](#).

The St Pauli passengers arrived June 1843 so I did not extract any information from this list

- 8 April 1843 = No records
- 17 February 1844 Saturday = No records
- February 1845 Jury List (no date recorded on list) = No records
- 07 February 1846 =
- 06 February 1847 =
- 05 February 1848 =
- 24 February 1849 =
- 15 February 1850 = The Nelson Examiner
- 13 February 1851 =
- 18 February 1854 Jury List t¹² = The Nelson Examiner
- February 1851-58

Some of the German Settlers recorded on the Jury lists are:

BECKMAN Frederick	BEIT Henry
BEIT William	BENSEMAN Cordt Heinrich
BUSCH Hans Henry	BUSCH John Henry
BUSCHL Michael	FRANKS Jacob
JACOBSEM Sigmund	KARSTEN Christopher
LANGE Fritz	LANGE John
MANSSEN George H.C.	MARTIN Henry
OVYE William	PAHL William
SCHEUCHER George	SCHNEIDER Peter
SCHRODER George William	SCHRODER John
SCHUMACHER Frederick	TEITYEN Frederick

Electoral Rolls of the Nelson District

The Early Nelson Electoral Rolls were published in the Nelson newspapers and the Nelson Provincial Gazettes.¹³ Some of these have been indexed by the Nelson Provincial Museum. Copies of the Early Electoral Rolls are on microfilm and available from National Library of NZ

⁹ Alexander Turnbull Library Manuscript & Archives Section Wellington and the Nelson Provincial Museum, Isle Park, Stoke, Nelson Anna Dierks formerly Heine Diary 1875-1882

¹⁰ Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Newspaper Section Early Nelson Newspaper "The Examiner".

¹¹ Nelson Provincial Museum, Isle Park, Stoke, Nelson Indexed Jury lists from Early Nelson Newspapers

¹² Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Newspaper Section "The Nelson Examiner" Saturday February 18th 1854 (334) Micro 393/783 Film Reel 14895

¹³ Archives of New Zealand Register room Nelson Provincial Gazettes 1853-1855 and Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington The Early Electoral Rolls are held on microfilm and some in book form and the Registrar Generals Office of Births Deaths and Marriages in Lower Hutt hold Electoral Rolls in book form from 1928 to current time for all of New Zealand and Nelson Provincial Museum Nelson Hold compiled indexed lists of Early Electoral Rolls of the Nelson Area.

and Alexander Turnbull Library. The rolls begin in 1853 and some transcriptions are located in [Appendix S4](#).

Nelson Province [NP] Government Registers

Many early Nelson settlers including the Germans and Missionaries wrote letters to the Nelson Provincial Government. These letters are recorded in the Nelson Provincial registers in alphabetical order under surname and subject. The registers are housed in the register room at Archives New Zealand in Wellington. The early registers are held under the Agency NP [Nelson Province] Series 7. To request the original correspondence note the item number next to the registered letter in the register book. Please note that if there is an X next to the item number then the letter no longer exists. The registers begin about 1853.

Some references below are held at Archives New Zealand Wellington in register room Nelson Provincial Council Registered Letters 7/1 and below NPC Series 7 Item 2

56/54	Lange John	Died 1 Feb 1856	Cor. J F Wilson
56/90	Schroder G	3 March 1856	
142	Heine J H Rev	March 1856	Lutheran
189	Heine J H Rev	15 March 1856	Naturalisation of Germans
212	Heine J H Rev	26 May 1856	Naturalisation of Germans
227	Kelling C	9 June 1856	Board Education & Roads Board
252	Heine J Rev	23 June 1856	Passage money Adelaide
312	Heine J Rev	28 July 1856	Naturalisation of Germans
593	Muller S L	15 December 1856	Provincial Secretary
600	Muller S L	18 December 1856	Provincial Secretary

NPC Series 7 Item 1a/1b Trust Funds Board / Inward Correspondence

53/38	Heine J W	23 August 1853	Lutheran
42	Muller S L	11 September 1853	
52	Heine J W	28 December 1853	
53	Heine J W	28 December 1853	
76	Heine J W	28 December 1853	
76	Tietjen F H	28 December 1853	
76	Kelling J F A	28 December 1853	
127	Schroder G W	16 March 1855	
156	Muller S L	20 December 1855	
158	Muller S L	29 December 1855	

NPC Series 7 Item 2a/2b

56/4	Muller S L	15 January 1856	
16	Muller S L	7 April 1856	
18	Schroder G W	1 July 1856	
29	Bush G F	24 November 1856	

57/55	Bush G F	21 February 1857	
80	Bush G F	14 March 1857	
126	Beit J	26 November 1857	
58/135	Sixtus C	25 March 1858	
Nelson Trust Fund - New Reg.- N.T.F. 2/4 NPC series 7 Item 8b			
72	Heine J W C	30 May 1863	
78	Heine J W C	12 October 1863	
NPC series 7 Item 16b			
107	Kelling F	18 May 1865	
137	Lange H	17 August 1867	

Education Rates

Among the Nelson Provincial Government papers I located a list of persons liable for Education Rate in the district of Nelson. Some of the St Pauli passengers are recorded in the lists.¹⁴ Settlers are recorded under the different Nelson districts and some include the names of women who are heads of their household.

The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Nelson)

The Province of Nelson gazette has a wealth of information regarding the German and Nelson settlers who involved themselves in local Nelson politics.¹⁵ Some of the Germans were elected to local committees to administer the Education and County Roads Act.

The following gentlemen have been elected to form local committees under the provisions of the "Education Act".¹⁶

Suburban North = Conrad H MANSSEN and others

Moutere = Messrs J W C HEINE, Charles SIXTUS and others

Waimea East = Fedor KELLING, Frederick TIETJEN and others

Motupipi = Henry W BUSH and others

The following gentlemen have been elected under the provisions of the "Country Roads Amendment Act"

Suburban North = G H MANSSEN and others

Waimea East = Fedor KELLING and others

Moutere = Cordt Heinrich BENSEMAN and others

The gazettes also have a vast variety of information recorded in them such as Electoral Rolls, land information etc. The NZ Gazettes are valuable source information.

Birth Deaths and Marriages

Before New Zealand registration began information about early birth, death and marriage are often found in Church records. At Archives New Zealand in Wellington I located the Waimea South Nelson marriage register of the Rev Dolamore for the dates 1857-1855 & 1872-1885¹⁷. No Germans were recorded in this register.

A copy of the early Lutheran church register is housed at the Nelson Provincial Museum in Stoke Nelson. This was where I was able to locate my ancestors 1847 birth and baptism.

¹⁴ Archives of New Zealand Wellington Agency NP [Nelson Province] Series 18 Item 3 1861 & 1874

¹⁵ Archives of New Zealand in Wellington Register Room.

¹⁶ Archives of New Zealand in Wellington Register Room NZ Govt Gazette Nelson Wednesday September 30 1857 No 21

¹⁷ Archives New Zealand Wellington reference agency BDM series marriage Item Nelson Book 56 1/1

As most of the early German Settlers of Nelson were Lutherans this is a valuable resource when trying to located any early birth, death and marriage registrations.

New Zealand Company Land Allotment Register

The New Zealand Company Nelson land allotment register records the names and section number that was first allotted to the land purchasers and early settlers in the Nelson Township. The series/box also records other Nelson suburban districts including Suburban North.¹⁸ The register regarding re-selection of the land in Nelson is held on microfilm.¹⁹

Nelson Land and Property purchased by the German Settlers

The New Zealand Company land allotment register lists the early selection of land but none of the Germans steerage passengers are listed. The German Agent BEIT purchased 5 allotments and the Northern German Missionary Society purchased 1 allotment.

We know that some of the St Pauli steerage passengers gave Beit money to purchase land on their behalf but Beit did not have their names recorded on the land documents. Most of these Germans stayed in Nelson waiting for Beit to release the land or money to them. Beit was paid \$3,500 by the New Zealand Company in December 1848 and told never to return to New Zealand. He was given 3-4 months to gather up his family and leave. The Beit family left in 1849 for Sydney, Australia.

The "St Pauli" passengers listed below gave Beit money to purchase land on their behalf before leaving Germany.²⁰

1	BECKMANN	J Heinrich Franz	38 Carpenter	Married
2	BENSEMANN	C.H	32 Carpenter	
3	DIECKMANN	H	35 Smith & Farrier	Single
4	JAENSCH	Ferdinand Robert	24 Yeoman	Single
5	LANGE	Conrad Johann Fredriech	36 Smith & Farrier	Married
6	OVIYE/ORGE	Justus Wilhelm	37 Joiner Yeoman	Single
7	SCHIEB	Jacob	52 Cooper	Married
8	SCHNEIDER	Peter	28 Labourer	Married
9	SPANHAKE	Johann Heinrich Friedrich	22 Agri Labourer	Married
10	TIETJEN	Treban Alois	37 Yeoman	Single

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Nelson land title documents after 1853.

The Land and Survey Nelson Provincial Government documents have been index and some of the early German settlers are listed.²¹ The Nelson City Council Lands and Deeds department also have an early card index cabinet that also record some of the early Germans settlers.²² This card index cabinet is now housed at Archives New Zealand in their

¹⁸ Archives of New Zealand Wellington Agency NZC [New Zealand Company] Series 104 item 3

¹⁹ Archives of New Zealand Wellington NZC CO 208-260 Micro Z Reel 679

²⁰ Archives of New Zealand Wellington Agency NZC Series 104 Item 4 page 306-311 Heine to Fox 22 December 1846 & Agency NZC Series 3 Item 14 150 BUSCHL Michael and Alexander Turnbull Library Newspaper Section "The Examiner" Nelson OVIYE versus BEIT 26 May 1849 page 50, and Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington And Nelson Provincial Museum Diary John Waring Saxton 16-17 May 1849

²¹ Archives of New Zealand Wellington Reference area in Indexed boxes marked LS-N Series 63

²² Nelson City Council Building Nelson Lands & Survey Department

Christchurch Office. There is also some reference held in the Wellington Office and these are listed below.

LS-N	63/8	No 27	BECKMANN Johann Heinrich Frederick
LS-N	63/8	No 22	BENSEMANN Curt Henry
LS-N	63/8	No 22	HEINE
LS-N	63/8	No 6	MULLER Stephen Lunn
LS-N	63/9	No 68	LANGE John Fritz
LS-N	63/9	No 68	HEINE
LS-N	63/16	No 480	FRANK Jacob (Jnr)
LS-N	63/16	No 454	SCHUMACHER Frederick
LS-N	63/17	No 496	BUSCHL Michael
LS-N	63/17	No 496	SCHNEIDER Peter
LS-N	63/17	No 496	KELLING Charles
LS-N	63/17	No 506	LANGE Christopher
LS-N	63/17	No 508	HEINE
LS-N	63/21	No 819	MULLER Stephen Lunn
LS-N	63/21	No 819	BENSEMANN Carl Henry

Freeholders of New Zealand 1882

In 1882 the government took a census of all the people in New Zealand that owned property and many of the German settlers of Nelson and New Zealand are listed.²³

Published and unpublished material regarding the St Pauli passengers

There is a wealth of published material about the early Nelson settlement and the German Settlers. Publications are listed in Appendix three.

Published and unpublished material on the Early Germans of Nelson

Published books and newspapers are valuable sources of information about Germans in Nelson and New Zealand but there are many unpublished papers held in Alexander Turnbull library manuscript section that are also of great value. I have compiled only some of the references.

Published material

Nelson A History of Early Settlement Chapter X "The German Settlements" page 309-352	Ruth M Allan
The Jubilee History of Nelson	Lowther Broad
Brother Wohlers Te Porora O Ruapuke	Sheila Natisch (great-granddaughter)
The German Connection New Zealand and German-speaking Europe in the Nineteenth Century	Edited by James N Bade
Pioneer Passengers	June E Neale
White Wings	Sir Henry Brett
The Road to Sarau From Germany to Upper Moutere	Jenny Briars & Jenny Leith
The Nelson Narrative	H F Ault
Nelson College Old Boy's Register	Compiled by JJG McKay and HF Allan
Early Tide to Wakapuaka	P Wastney

²³ Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington information on microfiche Freeholder of New Zealand 1882 and Microfilm also held with the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and the Family History Centre of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Totara Park.

German Family Histories

Manssen Family in New Zealand	Lynly Yates
Sixtus Family Reunion	Craig Sixtus
The Buschls 1843 to 1993	Glenda Buschl & Ian Cunniffe
Brother Wohlers Te Porora O Ruapuke	Sheila Natisch
The German Connection Chapter 24 Wohler of Ruapuke	Sheila Natisch
The German Connection Chapter 22 The Subritzky of Houhora	James N Bade
The Subritzky legend	Mike Subritzky
Bensemman Family reunion 1956	
The Ewers family 1855-1985 reunion booklet & family tree	Chris & Joan Ewers
From Serfdom to Freedom The Schwass family in New Zealand 1844-1989	Stan Jones
Roots, trees and branches A Sigglekow family history	Heather Sigglekow

Other Manuscripts

Memories of the Life of JFH Wohlers	Translated by John Houghton Dunedin 1895
Germans in NZ a bibliography	Compiled by Marion Empson
Germans in NZ 1840-1870 Thesis	By Patricia L Berry 1964

Miscellaneous Reference Sources

Rev J Wohlers Diary (translated)	ATL
Rev Johann W C Heine Diary	NPM & ATL
Memories JMC Bisley (Karsten)	NPM
Germans in New Zealand 1840-1870	Patricia L Berry (thesis)
NZC papers & microfilms	NA, ATL, NPM & Public Records Office England
New Zealand Company	NA=8 Volumes
Nelson Province	NA=1 Volume
Old Land Claims	NA=1 Volume
Dr F.A. Bett historical collection	NPM & ATL
Early Nelson Newspapers	ATL & NPM
Nelson-Tyree Photographic collection	NPM

Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Newspaper section
 "The Examiner Newspaper" index to Volumes 1-11 1842 - 53
Index Volume III 1844-5 German Settlers

75	Mostly settled at a place called Schachstral where they are building a chapel
107	Skiold from Hamburg 140 Immigrants are settling on seven section in a block in Waimea

Index Volume III 1844-5 Immigration

266	St Pauli German Immigrants J Beit * family
279	St Pauli an unhappy ship letters
283	St Pauli an unhappy ship letters
285	St Pauli an unhappy ship letters
289	St Pauli an unhappy ship letters
34	Heavy Floods much damage to roads & bridges

Volume IV 1845-6

106	Germans note on some who left here recently
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Volume VII 1848-9

82	Mr Heine confirmed as Paster of Lutheran - Germans
45	Death 28 October 1849 at Ellendale Mr Michael Tully act 45 (Ellendale was the name of the Manssen home in Suburban North)

Volume XI 1852-3

118	Land Proclamation offering Nelson Town, Suburban, Accommodation & Rural sections for sale
166	Land Proclamation offering Nelson Town, Suburban, Accommodation & Rural sections for sale
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Volume XI 1852-3 Deaths

175	A German lad named Buschl burned to death
196	Mrs Jacobsen a German died suddenly

Volume XIII 1854-5

218	Ploughing Matches
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280	Ploughing Matches

SEARCH the above newspaper references and below

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- ◆ A list of holding from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. that covers information about Germans research in New Zealand and overseas.
- ◆ Come Trace your roots in Hamburg information brochure
- ◆ German Settlers Reunion Bus trip information sheet.
- ◆ German Settlers Reunion Programme information and letters from Barry Brown
- ◆ 150th Jubilee Upper Moutere Community 1843-1993 letters from Jenny Briars and Pauline Morris.
- NZSG European Research Library and Shipping researcher Mrs Mossong letter and information.

August HEINE the son of Pastor HEINE collected information and wrote to many of the German descendants from the “St Pauli” and “Skiold” passenger asking them for information about their families. Amongst these papers I located a letter written by Mary Elizabeth MANNSEN the daughter of George & Johanna MANSSEN my ancestor.²⁴ This source of information will assist in locating information about the German settlers and their descendants who remained in Nelson.

SEARCH the references below for other German settlers

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 09 September 1848 article about 1849 census²⁵

- H C MANSSEN.

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- M = MANSSEN Conrad Labourer, Nile Street West

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 31 March 1849.²⁷

- M = MANSSEN Conrad Gardner, Nile Street West

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 16 February 1850.²⁸

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