



# GORE BRANCH of the NZ SOCIETY of GENEALOGISTS

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## COMING UP

**August Meeting - Tuesday 4 August 2009, 7pm**  
**Colleen Whitefield – Srapbooking**  
 Venue - Hokonui Heritage Centre, Norfolk Street, Gore

**July Meeting** - Tom McCord took us down memory lane in Mataura, recalling the hive of industry that existed when he grew up:  
 - the freezing works which at that time exported rabbit & generated power from the river;  
 - the paper mill which also made its own power and had its own coal pit – burning 95mt /week. It employed over 200 people at one time and had three paper making machines. After the war power was put into the national grid. During the depression men at the mill planted the trees on the left on the way to Milton;  
 - the dairy factory, which was the largest factory in the Southern Hemisphere under the one roof, having 13 vats for cheese making;  
 - the saw mill;  
 - concrete products, blacksmiths, carpenters, cordial & soap factories & transport companies like Osbornes.

There were seven grocers in Mataura and two taxis – largely used to take freezing workers to Mandeville and back!

When Tom biked to Mataura from Gore the road was gravel and local farmers used to walk their stock to the works. Cattle also came by rail. Most workers walked or biked to work and there was only one car in the company carpark.

The Mataura Bridge was built in 1939 and Tom told of when one of the men working on the bridge fell into the river. Both he and his rescuer were docked their pay for to the time they were off the job while the former was being rescued.

## Running CDs on Vista

Some CDs including the UK National Burial Index & the LDS British Vital Records Index v2 do not initially run on Vista. If you cannot obtain the data from other places, to run these and other programs under Vista:

- Install your program as normal and before running right click on your screen icon for the program (such as NBI).
  - Select Properties - Then after clicking the Compatibility Tab - Tick the box " Run this program in compatibility mode for: "Windows XP (Service Pack 2) or whatever your program was running on before. Also tick the box at then bottom under Privilege level to "Run the Program as an Administrator" - Then click OK.
  - Simply then click on your program Icon to run the program as normal.
- Many thanks to Bruce Cavanagh*

## FINDMYPAST.COM ADDS AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

In a surprising development [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) has added over 850,000 Australian records. I initially had difficulty finding them at the site, but discovered most of them (relating to New South Wales and Victoria) under the *More Records* tab, in the *Other Records Collection 1320-1996*. The remaining entries, all death-related records for the state of Victoria, can be found in the *Parish Records Collection 1538-2005*, which is under the *Births, Marriages, and Deaths* tab.

*Lost Cousins.com*

## DO YOU HAVE CANADIAN RELATIVES?

There are lots of Canadian records that are available free online at Library and Archives Canada, the Canadian national archives - and even if you're not aware of any Canadian connections it might be worth searching for some of the rarer surnames in your tree, because there were a lot of migrants who arrived in Canada in the 19th and 20th centuries.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.htm>

*Peter Calver, Founder, LostCousins*

## NZSG News: The Mailing List

The NZSG has a very active Internet emailing list that can be accessed by members.

Anyone with e-mail can participate in mailing lists. Mailing lists use e-mail to send messages on a particular topic to a group of subscribers who can send messages to the entire list, encouraging discussion and the exchange of ideas among members.

The NZSG member mailing list is an interactive list to encourage discussion on Society matters or genealogical questions. In order to receive e-mail from a mailing list, you have to subscribe yourself, and you can always unsubscribe from a mailing list.

Members can choose to receive messages posted to the list in one of two ways:  
 In **Full mode** every message posted to the list is sent as a separate message;  
 In **Digest mode** messages are stored and are sent combined into a single message. This will usually be sent about once per day.

The address of the list is [memlist@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:memlist@genealogy.org.nz)

To subscribe to the *Full* mode of the list send an email to the list with the subject **SUBSCRIBE**. To unsubscribe to the list send an email to the list with the subject **UNSUBSCRIBE**.

To subscribe to the *Digest* mode of the list send an email to the list with the subject **SUBSCRIBE DIGEST**. To unsubscribe to the Digest mode of the list send an email to the list with the subject **UNSUBSCRIBE DIGEST**.

To find out more log on to the NZSG website using your membership number & password and look under Members Area.

## Interview Tips from Legacy Family Tree 7.0

### 'Interview Questions'

This old African proverb, "when an old man dies a library burns," resonates with genealogists. If I could have just an hour more with my great-grandmother, I would have so many questions. Is there anyone in your life that you need to talk with before it is too late?

You need to know the best kind of questions to ask. For example, "how was your childhood" might get you the response of "it was okay." Interview done....

If you had the right set of thought-provoking questions you could get more out of the "library."

In Legacy (Reports > Books/Other tab > Interview Questions) choose the subject of your interview...

- My Memories
- Your Memories
- Father Remembers
- Remembering Father
- Mother Remembers
- Remembering Mother
- Grandpa Remembers
- Remembering Grandpa
- Grandma Remembers
- Remembering Grandma
- Christmas Memories
- Family Folklore
- Life in Your Town

... and select which categories/questions you want to include, and you have everything you need to conduct a perfect interview.

You can even interview someone else about your mother/father/grandparent. For example, if you select the "Remembering Mother" interview, Legacy will give you the right questions to interview someone else about mother. Here are the questions from the "Family Time" category within this interview:

- How would you describe my mother's family life when she was growing up?
- When they worked together, what did they do?
- Tell me about some of their family excursions.
- What is one of your favourite, funny memories about my mother's family?

Notice that the questions are open-ended. You'll never get a Yes or No response to these.

You can select from the default questions, write your own questions, or even create your very own interview.

When you are ready, print the entire interview, save it as a text file or a .pdf that you can send in an email.

This "when an old man dies a library burns" quote was a good reminder to me to talk more with my "more experienced" relatives before it is too late. Now where did I put Grandma's telephone number ... ●

**IRISH WILLS** from Alison Glenie, Librarian, NZSG.

We are grateful to the Irish Interest Group for funding the purchase of a series of new indefinite loan films relating to Irish Wills from 1858 onwards - included in these are not just indexes but also copies of original wills.

To see details of the years and areas covered

1. Check our library catalogue on the website at [http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Search\\_the\\_Library\\_219.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Search_the_Library_219.aspx)
2. Choose Advanced Search &
3. Enter the letters IRL.PROB.FLM in the Shelf Location
4. You will see a list of 34 films of Irish Will books and registers

Note the films are available to use in the FRC only, and may not be borrowed. To make these new Irish Probate Films accessible to all members, the Research Team have offered to do look ups. Note : This is a members' service only.

#### Email requests

\* Email requests go to [researchservice@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:researchservice@genealogy.org.nz)

\* The Research Team will do a 5 year search for a name for you.

\* If they find your name in the index, they will locate and scan the image of the original will for you and email the result to you free of charge.

#### Postal requests

\* Write to Research Service, New Zealand Society of Genealogists, PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741.

\* The Research Team will do a 5 year search for a name for you.

\* If they find your name in the index, they will locate and printout a copy of the original will for you and post it to you.

\* Charges are photocopying and postage only.

Good Luck

Alison Glenie,

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### WERE YOUR ANCESTORS NON-CONFORMISTS?

If you're having difficulty finding the baptisms of your ancestors you might want to consider the possibility that they were non-conformists.

Between 1754 and 1837 marriages in England & Wales were only legal if they took place under the ordinances of the established church, the only exceptions being for Jews and Quakers, who were allowed to conduct their own ceremonies. No matter how strongly they objected, Roman Catholics and non-conformist Protestants such as Baptists, Methodists, and Congregationalists had no choice but to marry in the established church.

As a result, the discovery that your ancestors married in their local parish church doesn't mean that they also worshipped there - nor that they would have been baptised there. If you find marriages, but not baptisms, then this suggests that they were non-conformists - in which case you may find the relevant baptisms in non-conformist records.

Some of these registers and other records are held by local archives, but many are at The National Archives in Kew. Check the TNA website [nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://nationalarchives.gov.uk) (put Nonconformist Registers in the search box) which explains what records they hold, and how they can be searched - some are available online.

Peter Calver, Founder, [LostCousins.com](http://LostCousins.com)

### STOP PRESS from our Auckland Correspondent

Newly Discovered WWI Photographs - at least 400 glass photographic plates preserving the images of British WWI soldiers on the way to the Somme were found in the loft of a barn at Warloy-Baillon and cast out as rubbish. In recent months, the plates, some in perfect condition, some badly damaged, have been lovingly assembled and their images printed, scanned and digitally restored by two Frenchmen. The Independent Magazine has published a large selection of the images. From evidence in the pictures it is possible to identify the period and some of the military units - The Northumberland Fusiliers, the Tramways' Battalion of the Glasgow Highlanders, the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, the Royal Army Service Corps, the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Engineers, a few Australians, a South African, a lone New Zealander.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/exclusive-the-unseen-photographs-that-throw-new-light-on-the-first-world-%20war-1688443.html>

thanks to Avis McDonald