

# Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists ay 2015

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**Next Meeting**  
**7 April 2015-**  
**Tuesday 8pm - Heritage Centre**  
**Dr Arron Fox - Using Defence**  
**Force records for family history.**  
Please bring any documents or medals  
you wish to be identified by an expert.

## March 2015 Meeting Report

A large number of members were present at this meeting which was held at the Mormon Church Library, Gore. Elder & Sister Roberts welcomed us all, and Raewyn Ramage from Maitua spoke of the importance of genealogy to their church.

Members who had brought their laptops and iPads were assisted by the missionaries to access the many unique LDS sites which was very successful. The computers in the LDS library are available on the following days:

**Monday and Wednesday 9am -**

**Thursday evening 5.30pm – 7pm**

This an extremely generous offer by Raewyn, so it is hoped many members will be utilize the library.

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**FindMyPast Australia** New South Wales, Macquarie Park Cemetery Transcriptions, 1922-2001: index of headstone inscriptions.

Queensland Immigrants nominated for passage 1884-1907 in Maryborough. Assistant Immigration Agents publicised ships' arrivals in the local press, provided information and services to immigrants such as accommodation and employment.

Queensland Register of Immigrants 1864-1878 registered in Toowoomba.

Queensland Passage certificates 1887-1874: an index from the Queensland State Archives from Warwick.

Queensland Land Orders 1861-1874: transcripts taken from registers of land orders issued to immigrants on the completion of their obligations under the Immigration Act, 1864-1869.

### **UK**

Lancashire, Manchester Cholera Victims 1832, contains detailed notes relating to the first 200 cases of the 1832 Cholera epidemic in Manchester, transcribed from 'The origin and progress of the malignant cholera in Manchester' by Henry Gaultier MD, published 1832.

**Britain**, Trade Union Members, Service and Casualties contains the details of members from 18 different unions. The records include daily trade union news and business and acknowledge members who have joined the services. Many include pages of the union's Roll of Honour and some include photographs of the members. The Workers' Union Record regularly features photographs of service men.

### **Irish**

Over 1.6 million new articles from historic Irish newspapers to include updates to 36 existing titles and five new titles from all over Ireland—the Belfast Protestant Journal, Current prices of grain at Dublin Corn Exchange, Newry Herald, and Down, Armagh and Louth Journal, Tipperary Vindicator, and Weekly Vindicator.



**Ireland national Role of Honour 1914-1921** is a collection of transcripts from all available references for Irish casualties published before 1922. They include soldiers who died in the WWI, Ireland's memorial records, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission newspaper articles and books.

**Family Search** Canada, Nova Scotia Delayed Births, 1837–1904 Czech Republic, School Registers, 1799–1953 US, Ohio, Crawford County Obituaries, 1860–2004 United States Passport Applications, 1795–1925 US, Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1939, 1955–1994 being just some of the newly indexed or browsable un-indexed as yet collections added recently

### **Dick Eastman's newsletter snippets**

Can't find your immigrant ancestors coming to NZ?

Perhaps this new site may help.

<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/03/05/englands-immigrant-records-1300-1550-now-online/>

<http://www.englishimmigrants.com/>

**Ancestry.** Australian WWI Service Record 1914-1920. These records include service dossiers for the following units; Australian Imperial Force, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, Royal Australian Naval bridging train, Australian Flying Corps and the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Dossiers include comprehensive biographical information as well as service and casualty records.

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/> contains images that are the property of National Archives of Australia, are searchable, but may only be reproduced with NA of A permission.

**ANZAC Memorial** database contains a book compiled to commemorate both Australians and New Zealanders who died in WWI. Information is provided about each soldier.

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx/dbid=1145>

**Ancestry.com.** New Zealand Officiating Ministers 1882-1920. This database contains lists of all ministers who had the right to perform marriage ceremonies under their churches' denominations. *Many thanks to Kapiti Branch.*

#### Latest additions to Papers Past (February 2015):

Hastings Standard (1896-1920)

Press (1929-1935)

Star (1915-1917)

Westport Times (1868-1874, 1879-1884, 1886)

**www.libertyellisfoundation.org** This is the new name for the Ellis Island for searching for passengers and crew on ships to New York for the period 1892 – 1924.

The period 1925- 195 will be added next year. There are over 51 million records here.

#### THREE GIFTS (1914)

**The maiden said "I give my work,  
My skill in healing lore.  
I tend the broken men, that they  
May rise to fight once more."**

**The stripling said, "I give myself  
My manhood and my life,  
And count the gift as rightly due  
To England, plunged in strife."**

**The mother said, "I fought a fight  
More sore than aught you won.  
You gave your skill, your health,  
your life,  
But I—I gave my son."**

*(From The People's Friend special WW1 edition—"The Great War" From the Stratford Branch*



**Ancestry added over 3 million records from Gloucestershire parish registers.** These links will take you direct to the relevant search pages:

Gloucestershire, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1813

Gloucestershire, England, Baptisms, 1813-1913

Gloucestershire, England, Confirmations, 1834-1913

Gloucestershire, England, Marriages, 1754-1938

Gloucestershire, England, Burials, 1813-1988

Kiwi Index V.2 The new Kiwi Index will be released shortly and will be released on a USB memory stick with approx. 9.5 million records and 250 different record types.

Latest Birmingham research:

<http://collections.ancestry.co.uk/search/UK/libraryofBirmingham>

<http://www.bmsggh.org/TYAIB/index.html> tracing your ancestors in Birmingham

[www.calmview.birmingham.gov.uk/calmview](http://www.calmview.birmingham.gov.uk/calmview)  
Archives and Heritage catalogue

[www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickshire-county-record-office](http://www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickshire-county-record-office)

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives/contact/LichfieldRecordOffice/home.aspx](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives/contact/LichfieldRecordOffice/home.aspx) Lichfield Record office

[www.birminghamarchdiocesanarchives.org.uk](http://www.birminghamarchdiocesanarchives.org.uk)  
Roman catholic records searchable index on line

[www.dudley.gov.uk/archives](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/archives) Dudley borough archives, business ledgers, maps and school records

#### THE STORY BEHIND THE GRAVESTONE

This is the title of a book that the Dunedin Family History Group will be publishing in December this year. If you want to write up to 20,000 words (approx 26 A4 pages) plus a photo of the gravestone, entries for the book are wanted now. Your article must be about the people whose names are recorded on the gravestone. It can be about any gravestone anywhere in the world. Entries and queries to [dfhg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dfhg@xtra.co.nz)

## Find'My'Past:'

The NewSouth Wales Will Books, 1800- 1952, contain over 415,000 wills containing beautiful images of the original handwritten documents only available online at Findmypast. The Records are copies of original Will Books held by the State records Authority of New South Wales and include the wills of a number of individuals from other states and countries, typically in cases where the individual was a resident of New South Wales but their last place of residence was outside the state, or where they had originated from overseas and left legacies to family members back home.

Also Tasmanian BDMs, which, as for NZ contain different degrees of detail depending on when the event was registered. At least some of these are images, not just transcriptions, but indexed. So whereas you can browse some of the images for free on FamilySearch, the indexes aren't necessarily available there.

## Prisoners'of'War'Records'

For years the International committee of Red Cross has been digitizing these records. They have now launched a major collection at [http://grandeguerre.icrc.org'](http://grandeguerre.icrc.org) From 1914- 1919. 8 million soldiers and 2 million civilians from many nations were imprisoned. From 1914 warring states submitted lists of prisoners to the ICRC's International Prisoners of War Agency in Geneva. These were copied to index cards, of which 5 million survive, with details of around 2 million prisoners/ It is a complex site to use;

**Start with surname, unit or regiment.**

*Many thanks to Hutt Valley Branch*

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## CWC Cemetery at Souda Bay, Crete

Graves side by side are a crew of a plane lost in the battle of Crete WW2. (An amazing experience

## The Commonwealth War Graves

Owes its existence to the persistence and compassion of Sir Favian Ware. He was 45 when WW1 broke out, so he was deemed too old to fight. He commanded a mobile unit of the British Red Cross and it distressed him the final resting place of graves were being lost forever. His unit recorded and cared for the all the graves they could identify.

By 1915 their work was given official recognition by the War Office and incorporated into the British Army as the 'Graves Registration Commission'. Later Sir Favian Ware was concerned about the fate of the graves and submitted a memorandum to the Imperial War Conference in 1917. **From this the Imperial War Grave Commission . (now CWGC) was established.**

About 80% of those buried Berlin 1939-1945 were airmen from the RAF's and Allied Bomber Command. The men with an average age of 22 played a major role in the strategic bombing campaign against Germany that contributed to the Allied victory. Over 55,000 men were lost in raids over Berlin and other parts of Germany. This was a death rate of 22%.

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1) **Any** certificates for **any** activity in **any** country (and we **ALL** have these) please remember to make one paper copy of each and mail it into the *NZSG Certificates Collection* (details on the website and in the ( magazine) so that all members have access now and into the future.

2) Family histories - please donate a copy to the *NZSG Library* AND to the *National Library* as well as the local library and/or museum where the history is centered. That may well include an overseas location so also consider whether to include their national and/or state/regional library and genealogy society such as *Society of Australian Genealogists* or *Society of Genealogists (UK)* as well as *FamilySearch* (contact details in NZ are on their website).

Please note: you can donate pdf files of your family history to the *NZSG Library* to be accessed via their online catalogue so donations do not need to be limited to paper copies of published family histories.

3) Indexes to NZ resources - please consider donating a copy for inclusion in the *NZSG Kiwi Index*. (If it is of an overseas nature then I would suggest that the relevant genealogy society might be the best place, as well as the *FamilySearch* organisation).

4) Any digital records can also be deposited with the

NZSG *Digital Archive for Family History*. Log-in to the Members area for more details before using this link: [www.genealogy.org.nz/Digital-Archive-for-Family-History\\_397.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Digital-Archive-for-Family-History_397.aspx)

Founded in 1894, the *FamilySearch Library* in Salt Lake City began to acquire genealogical records and continues to do so today. The Library is now the repository for more than 300,000 books. The Library presently accepts the following materials:

- **Autobiographies and biographies containing genealogical material**
- **Family histories with genealogical information**
- **Indexes to records**

The *FamilySearch Library* also accepts other items although there are some guidelines as to what can be accepted as well as a list of items that cannot be accepted. Details may be found in the FamilySearch document "Gifts, Donations, and Loans to FamilySearch" at [familysearch.org/sites/default/uploads/Donations-Guidelines-REVISION-12-July-2012.pdf](http://familysearch.org/sites/default/uploads/Donations-Guidelines-REVISION-12-July-2012.pdf)

### WEBSITES for UK and Worldwide Research

[www.royalmailmemorials.com](http://www.royalmailmemorials.com)

This British website contains details of the more than 300 First World War memorials for Post Office staff who served in WWI and lost their lives. There are photos and transcriptions of the names on them plus details of their locations. You can search for a person's name.

### Website of the Month

[maritimequest.com](http://maritimequest.com)

This USA website of Michael Pocock could be useful for info and images of wartime vessels. It has received over 6 million visitors in the last 7 years. Its aims include a quest for a photographic history of the world's ships and to record little known tales of the sea and the history behind the world's greatest ships. Worth having a look at for any ship although there is an emphasis on more recent navy ships.

### ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

New databases have been regularly added to the website:

- NZSG Cemetery Records 1800-2008 [from our society's large set of fiche]
- NZ WW2 Appointments, Transfers and Promotions, etc 1939-1945 (from CD of Colonial Books, Dunedin)
- NZ Bankruptcy Notices 1893-1904 (from the NZ Gazette)
- NZ Who's Who for 1908, 1925 and 1938

- Scotland & Northern Ireland Death Index 1989-2013
  - England & Wales Death Index 2007-2013
  - UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901-1929 (details of what was sent to next of kin of dead soldiers)
  - California Naturalisations 1940-1991 (with images)
  - Oregon Biographical etc Card Index 1700s-1900s
  - South Africa Methodist Parish Registers 1822-1996
  - South Africa Births/Baptisms 1700s-1900s
  - South Africa Voters Lists 1719-1996
  - South Africa Directories 1813-1962
  - South Africa Eastern Cape Estate Files 1962-71
  - Jamaica Civil Birth Registrations 1878-1930
  - NSW Land Records 1856-59
  - Cyclopedia of NSW 1907
  - Cyclopedia of Tasmania for 1900 and for 1931 (browse only)
  - Cyclopedia of Victoria 1903
  - Cyclopedia of Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti and the Cook Islands 1907
- Thanks to Riccarton Branch

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Veterans UK is responsible for WWII service records - here is the form for those who are not next of kin and do not have consent

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/210235/request\\_service\\_details\\_general\\_enquirers\\_pt1\\_v6.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/210235/request_service_details_general_enquirers_pt1_v6.pdf)

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### **More from PapersPast**

The dates added to the newspapers from the first four of these places are in addition to those already on the site but the newspaper from

Masterton, the *Wairarapa Age*, is new and covers the period 1906-20, so includes WWI.

Milton's *Bruce Herald* has been extended 1906-20 (begins 1865)

Rotorua's *Hot Lakes Chronicle* previously went from 1898 to 1910 but now starts in 1895.

Reefton's *Inangahua Times* has been extended 1907-19 (begins 1877)

Dannevirke's *Bush Advocate* has been extended 1910-12 (begins 1888)

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### **Happy Easter Greetings to All Members**

Please travel safely – you are precious to your family and friends, and us all.

