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Next Meeting
5 April 2016
Tuesday 8pm -
Heritage Centre
Research Night. Bring info on
your Brick Walls

February Meeting

Our two lovely 'Joans' – (Bottle and McConachie) were informative, entertaining and positive speakers on the resources they have at the Winton Public Library. This includes births, deaths and marriage indexes. They are in attendance each Tuesday 1pm - 5.30pm to assist any researchers.

Online Genealogy magazine worth a look:

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html>

Has a synopsis of recent Genealogical news. (ie) about Ancestry moving everyone to a new Ancestry Website. Format and discontinuing Family Tree software support.

FamilySearch has made two additional significant WWI collections available online with the help of The National Archives, and findmypast.com. These include the United Kingdom WWI Service Records 1914-1920 collection and the United Kingdom WWI Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Records 1917-1920 collection. These two collections combined add more than 43,000,000 images to FamilySearch's growing military databases

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2125045>

Once again my sincere thanks to Bruce Cavanagh for his comprehensive and brilliant data base of information of the ex Gore High school pupils.

(Mother's maiden surnames are in upper case.)

So Ancestry's Birth or death index doesn't show the place of the event? Or have mis-indexed it? Have you tried the NZSG computerized District Keys index?

Thanks to Lorna Kapati Branch

FINDMYPAST NEWS

Good news for researchers with relatives living in England or Wales in 1939 is that the Hokonui Heritage Research version of FindMyPast, which can only be used within library, does give free access to images of the 1939 Register. The same access is also available, at no extra cost, to subscribers to FindMyPast.

Recently FindMyPast added indexes of New Zealand Births, Deaths and Marriages with transcribed details.

Births of those born 120 years ago or more marriages of those born 120 years ago. Deaths same as on the NZ Government BDM website (i.e. up to 50 years ago or aged 80 or more at death). The big advantage of the FindMyPast search screen is that you do not have to enter a surname or years and can use a wildcard * with an initial letter if wanting to pick up variant spellings of surnames and thus find some names that have been entered incorrectly in the NZ Government BDM database. You can just enter a first name if you wish and these too can be in wildcard format.

You can do similar searches on Ancestry.com's.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA BDMs

The Victorian Government's website of indexes to births, deaths and marriages has for many years charged a fee for searching. It is now free to conduct searches there: online.justice.vic.gov.au/

The birth index gives names of father, and of mother including her maiden surname, also place of registration. The marriage index does not give place. The death index gives age at death, names of father, and of mother including her maiden surname, also places of birth and of death.

You may order certificates via the website: A\$24 for a downloadable image or A\$31 for an actual certificate posted to you. *Thanks to Riccarton Branch*



Gore High School Ex pupils Memorial Gates (World War 2)

Ex Gore High School pupils who were killed, or died as a consequence of World War 2.

D. AYSON	L.G BAILEY
J. T. BANNERMAN	J. BARTON
J. BECCARD	W.A.BURNETT
E. E CAMERON	E.E.CAMERON
E M. CHRISTIE	C.S.CLEARWATER
P.J.D. COONEY	J. COPLAND
A.J. DERRICK	G.C. DUNN
R.W. FINLAYSON	R. FLETCHER R
T. FYFE	A I GERKEN
W.C. GRAY	J.H.HESLIP
R I HESSELIN	L.J.
KIRKPATRICK	
G.F. LANGHAM	C F LECKIE
J.A. LEITCH	D.L.C. LIDDELL
E.A. MAJOR	C.T. MASON
R.N. McBRIDE	J.B. McDONALD
L.W.P. McDOWELL	S. MENZIES
J.M. MITCHELL	J.O. MITCHELL
J.A. PATERSON	J.A. PORTER
T.G. QUILTER	R.E.ROMANS
A.J.N. SCOTT	F.S. SIM
J. N. SINCLAIR	N.B. SMITH
D B TERRY	A.W. TESCHNER
M.C. TITHER	R.J WARDROP
C.W. WELSH	H.G. WHITTY
O.E. WILSON	G.M. WYETH
A.W. YATES	

AYSON Douglas Hepburn Sergeant NZ42998
2 OUT RNZAF
Son of Douglas Hepburn AYSON & Florence Mary FACHE of Gore
Died 29 January 1943 by accident at Otaki Beach
Born Gore, 21 years
Buried Gore Cemetery

BAILEY Lloyd George, Sergeant 30230
22 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of Alexander BAILEY & Sarah Catherine NEWBY of Christchurch
Killed in action 11 December 1941 in Western Desert.
23 years
Name appears on Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma

BANNERMAN James Thomas, Private 45087
25 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of Robert Bruce BANNERMAN & Jane Williamson Landreth LYALL
Killed in action 28 November 1943 in Italy
Born Gore, 28 years
Name appears at Sangro River War Cemetery

BARTON James Henry, Flight Sergeant,
NZ426158, Wellington (Karori) Cemetery

626 Sqdn. RNZAF
Son of Rev. Frazer Burnett BARTON & Jeannie Cordiner REID of Gore
Killed in action 12 May 1944 in Europe
Born in Auckland, 21 years
Name appears Runnymede Memorial

BECCARD James Frederick, Gunner 27879
14 Light Anti-Aircraft Regt. NZ Artillery
Son of Son of Frederick William BECCARD & Alice Thelma PORTER of Waipahi
Killed in action 25 November 1941 in Western Desert
Born Gore, 20 years
Name appears on Alamein Memorial, Egypt
BURNETT William Alan, Private 17675
20 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of Andrew BURNETT & Marion Henderson CLULEE of Otama
Killed in action 30 November 1941 in Western Desert 22 years
Buried at Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma

CAMERON Ewen Eric Flight Sergeant, NZ424776
354 Sqdn. RNZAF
Son of Ewen Angus CAMERON and Roda Evelyn SHEPHERD of Wendonside
Killed in action 6 July 1944 in India
Born Gore, 27 years
Name appears on Singapore Kranji War Cemetery

CAMERON Ewen William Lance Corporal,
441380, 25 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of William McKay CAMERON and Marion
(Minie) Tait CAMERON of Mataura
Killed in action 25 July 1944 in Italy
Born Mataura, 22 years
Name appears on Arezza War Cemetery, Italy

CHRISTIE Elliot Martin Elliot Martin, Major,
505283, Wellington Infantry Regt.
ED - Son of John CHRISTIE and of Honor Martin
HORE of Blue Spur - Husband of Gertrude Thelma
CHRISTIE (nee ALEXANDER)
Died of disease 12 April 1943 in Wellington
45 years
Buried Wellington (Karori) Cemetery

CLEARWATER Colin Souter Private, 451158
23 Bn NZ Infantry
Son of Alfred Ernest CLEARWATER & Myra Jean
SOUTER of Mataura
Killed in action 23 July 1944 in Italy
Born Mataura, 21 years
Name appears on Florence War Cemetery

COONEY Patrick John Denis Flight Sergeant,
NZ403951, 460 (RAAF) Sqdn. RNZAF
Son of Patrick Francis COONEY & Maria Elizabeth
KEAN of Gore
Killed in action 13 March 1942 in Europe
Born Gore, 23 years
Name appears at St Joris Communal Cemetery

COPLAND James Sergeant, 553945
NZ Armoured Corps.
Son of Andrew Gardener COPLAND & Amelia
CALDER of Waimumu & husband of Dorothy
Grant MCLEOD of Mandeville
Killed in action 30 July 1944 in Italy
Born Bushy Park, 32 years
Name appears at Florence War Cemetery

DERRICK Allan James Private 445876
23 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of James Samuel DERRICK & Olive Sarah
HARDY of Gore
Killed in action 19 March 1944 in Italy
Born Wyndham, 22 years
Name appears Cassino War Cemetery

DUNN Gordon Christie Sergeant 8980
NZ Army Service Corps.
Son of David Albert DUNN & Helen MacKAY of
Invercargill - Husband of Joan Christina HUNTER -
Died of wounds (*Prisoner of War*) 1 February 1942
in Germany
29 years
*Name appears on Krakow Radowicki Cemetery,
Poland*

FINLAYSON Roderick William Sergeant Pilot,
NZ39923, 40 Sqdn. RNZAF
Son of George Sutherland FINLAYSON & Ann
STRANG of Dunedin
Killed in action 12 May 1941 in Germany
Born Invercargill 24 years
Name appears on Kiel War Cemetery

FLETCHER Robert Stewart Private. 19881
23 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of Samuel FLETCHER & Catherine
QUALTER of Thistle St., Gore
Killed in action 15 July 1942 in Western Desert
Born Gore, 41 years
Name appears on El Alamein War Cemetery

FYFE Thomas Major, 9244
23 Bn. NZ Infantry
Son of William Henderson & Harriet Darton FYFE
& husband of Vera Constance FYFE of Dunedin -
*Killed by a sniper on 1st day of the German
invasion of Crete*
Killed in action 20 May 1941 in Crete
48 years

Buried at Suda Bay War Cemetery, Crete
GERKEN Alexander Ivan Private 556023
25 Bn NZ Infantry
Son of William George Victor GERKEN &
Christina Ivy CUNNINGHAM of Gore & husband
of Eva May GERKEN (nee BROWNLIE) of Gore
Killed in action 18 March 1944 in Italy
Born Balfour, 28 years
Name appears on Cassino War Cemetery

GRAY William Clarke Gunner 20642
NZ Artillery
Son of Peter Clarke GRAY & Jane McCracken -
Husband of Elsie Violet GRAY (nee DOMIGAN)
Killed in action 20 May 1941 in Crete
Born Balfour, 37 years
Name appears on Athens Memorial

HESLIP Joseph Hart Private 435320
Son of Thomas HESLIP & Maggie Hallum
McMILLAN of Talbot St., Gore
Died of disease, 27 May 1943 at Waiouru, NZ
Born Gore 21 years
Buried Gore cemetery

HESSELIN Robert Ian Private 440970
23 Infantry Btn.
Son of Forrest Frederick HESSELIN & Queenie
Alexandra GOURLAY of Mataura
Died of wounds 25 May 1944 in Italy
Born Mataura, 21 years
Name appears on Cassino War Cemetery

KIRKPATRICK Lawrence John Flying Officer
NZ414990, 75 Sqdn. RNZAF
Son of Matthew KIRKPATRICK & Grace
WOODRUFFE of Gore - Waikaka
Killed in action 23 September 1943
Born Gore, 20 years
Name appears on Rheinberg War Cemetery

LANGHAM Gerald Fitzgerald Flight Sergeant
NZ41913, NZ Artillery
Son of James LANGHAM & Mary Ann MARTIN
Killed in action 18 October 1941 in North Africa
Born Riverton, 22 years
Name appears pm Alamein Memorial, Egypt

LECKIE Cameron Farquharson Gunner 22326
NZ Artillery
Son of William Gunn G LECKIE & Helen Cameron
FARQUHARSON Lorne St, Invercargill
Died of disease 18 October 1941 in Egypt
35 years
Name appears Heliopolis War Cemetery

LEITCH James Alexander Private 19838
6 NZ Infantry Brig.
Son of William LEITCH & Elizabeth
McCARTNEY of Mataura - Husband of Annie
Agnes LEITCH of Mataura

Killed in action 8 December 1943 in Italy
Born Mataura, 28 years
Name appears at Sangro River War Cemetery

LIDDELL David Lloyd Carnegie Flight Sergeant
NZ402877, RNZAF
Son of Andrew LIDDELL & Winifred GRANT of
Balfour
Killed in action 12 April 1942 in England
Born Gore, 22 years
*Name appears on North Luffenham (St. John the
Baptist) Churchyard*

MAJOR Edward Alan Lance Corporal 091747
27 Machine Gun Btn.
Son of Thomas MAJOR & Dorothea NIEDERER
of Mataura
Killed in action 17 April 1945 in Italy
Born Mataura, 25 years
Name appears on Faenza War Cemetery

MASON Charles Thomas Lieutenant, 10363
23 Infantry Btn.
MC - Son of Andrew MASON & Elizabeth Ann
LITTLE of Gore -
Killed in action 12 July 1942 in Western Desert\
Born Pukerau, 26 years
Name appears on El Alamein War Cemetery

McBRIDE Robert Nesbitt Sub Lieutenant
HMS Landrail
Son of Robert John Smith & May Wood McBRIDE, Sydney,
NSW
Killed in action 17 November 1943 in Pacific
Born Gore, 20 years
*Name appears on New Zealand Naval Memorial,
Devonport, Auckland*

McDONALD John Bagrie Flight Sergeant
NZ4215743
RNZAF
Son of Alexander McKenzie McDONALD & Ellen
Tait BAGRIE of Otikerama
Killed in action 17 October 1944 in Pacific
Born Gore, 20 years
Name appears on Bourail Memorial

McDOWELL Logan William Pullar, Corporal
9588, 23 Infantry Btn.
Son of Andrew Logan McDOWELL & Elizabeth
Margaret PULLAR of Gore
Born Dunedin, 25 years.
Killed in action 20 May 1941 in Crete.
Name appears on Athens Memorial

MENZIES Stewart Sergeant 15796
26 Infantry Btn
Son of Thomas Andrew MENZIES & Agatha Jane VARCOE, Lumsden
Killed in action 26 December 1943 in Italy.
Born Lumsden, 25 years
Name appears on Sangro River War Cemetery

MITCHELL James Martin Sergeant 17405
23 Infantry Btn.
Son of David Martin MITCHELL & Emma Jane GREAVES of Gore – (Teacher at Lora Gorge School). 31 years
Died of wounds 25 May 1944 in Italy
Name appears on Cassino War Cemetery

MITCHELL John Oughton Leading Aircraftman
NZ421831, RNZAF
Son of Francis Cook MITCHELL & Elizabeth OUGHTON of Tukurau
Died in accident 7 November 1942 in Taieri NZ
Born Mataura, 19 years
Buried in Wyndham cemetery

PATERSON James Alfred Flying Officer 36193
RAF
M.B.E. Son of Samuel Barr PATERSON & Fannie GEORGE of East Chatton - *Gore District's 1st casualty of WW2*
Killed in action 27 September 1940 in Farmingham, England
Born Dunedin, 21 years
Buried Orpington St Mary Cray Cemetery, England

PORTER James Alfred Private NZ579634
Base Training Depot
Fell from a railway viaduct between Abbotsford & Wingatui - Married Florence Kalvina THORBY in 1924.
41 years
Died in accident 6 March 1943 in New Zealand
Buried Oamaru Cemetery

QUILTER Thomas George, Lieutenant, 168755
Royal Engineers
Served with UK Forces - Son of Thomas & Elizabeth QUILTER & husband of Clara Catherine McCONNELL of Mataura
40 years
Died 20 February 1943 in Algeria
Name appears Bone War Cemetery, Annaba

ROMANS Reginald Everard, Lieutenant Colonel, 9232, 23 Btn NZ Infantry
DSO MiD - Son of George Henry ROMANS & Mary Elizabeth WHITE of Arrowtown - Brother of Raymond George ROMANS
Died of wounds 19 December 1943 in Italy
34 years
Name appears on Sangro River War Cemetery

SCOTT Andrew James Newell, Pilot Officer, NZ414685, RNZAF
Son of William Lorimer SCOTT & Marian Phebe DICKSON of Mataura
Killed in action 3 February 1943 in Netherlands
Born Mataura, 22 years
Name appears on Amersfoort (Oud Leusden) General Cemetery

SIM Frederick Stanley, Private, 16162
20 Infantry Btn.
Son of Thomas SIM & Elizabeth TAPPIN of Gore & husband of Vera SIM of Gore
Killed in action 27 November 1941 in Western Desert
Born Crookston, 41 years
Name appears on Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma

SINCLAIR John Neil, Flight Sergeant, NZ42467
RNZAF
Son of William Neil SINCLAIR & Mary Elizabeth WILLIAMS of Edendale
Killed in air accident 27 October 1943 in New Zealand
Born Mataura, 23 years
Buried Edendale cemetery

SMITH Noel Blair, Sergeant. 9154
20 Infantry Btn.
Son of Joseph SMITH and Violet Isabel CRAIG of Thistle St., Gore
Died of wounds 25 May 1941 in Crete
Born Gore, 21 years
Name appears Suda Bay War Cemetery, Crete

TERRY Denzil Ernest, Private, 67043
24 Infantry Btn.
Son of Ernest TERRY & Olive GRIEVE of Trafford St., Gore
Killed in action 26 March 1943 in Tunisia
Born Gore, 31 years
Name appears at Sfax War Cemetery

TESCHNER Alexander Wallace, Flight Sergeant
NZ439269, RNZAF
Son of Carl TESCHNER & Elsie WALLACE of
Knapdale
Killed in action 20 September 1945 in New Guinea
Born Gore, 20 years
Name appears on Bourail NZ War Cemetery

TITHER Michael Cameron, Lieutenant 15613
MM - Son of Patrick TITHER & Christina
McDONALD & husband of Joy Matheson TITHER
(nee ROBERTSON) of Waiiau, North Canterbury
Killed in action 7 January 1944 in Italy
Born Riversdale, 30 years
*Name appears on Moro River Canadian War
Cemetery*

WARDROP Robert John, Flight Sergeant
NZ422003, RNZAF
Son of John WARDROP & Ellen Gertrude
WRIGHT of Herbert
Killed in action 2 December 1943 in United
Kingdom
24 years
Buried Campbelltown (Kilkerran) Cemetery

WELSH Carson Walker, 2nd Lieutenant, 10654
26 Infantry Btn.
MM - Son of Walker & Jane Johnstone WELSH of
Invercargill
Killed in action 22 March 1944 in Italy
29 years
Name appears Cassino War Cemetery

WHITTY Horace George, Corporal, 47090
NZ Corps of Signals
Son of William & Frances Emily WHITTY of Gore
- Died as a result of an Army truck capsizing into a
ditch near Featherston
Killed by accident 12 December 1941 in New
Zealand.
Born East Gore,
Buried Gore Cemetery

WILSON Oliver Edgar, Private 267889
23 Infantry Btn.
Son of Rowland WILSON & Sarah WHITE of Gore
& husband of Margaret Mavis WILSON (nee
BRUORTON) of Christchurch
Killed in action 22 July 1944 in Italy
Name appears on Florence War Cemetery

WYETH George Morton , Gunner 24978
NZ Artillery
Son of William George WYETH & Jean MORTON
of Brydone
Killed in action 1 December 1941 in Western
Desert
Born Edendale, 23 years
*Name appears on Knightsbridge War Cemetery,
Acroma*

YATES Albert William, Signaller 31881
2 Divisional Signals
Son of Albert YATES & Georgina Mary McLEAN
of Gore
Killed in action 4 July 1942 in Western Desert
23 years
Name appears on El Alamein War Cemetery

<https://www.rootstech.org/>

FamilySearch blog about Joshua Taylor's "Can I Undo That? 25 Tech Mistakes to Avoid" Always good when someone reinforces something you believe in - don't restrict yourself to only one family tree program, no one program does it all

RT2759 - Your Brick Wall is not as Tall as You Think

<http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/>



If you have not been, or not able to go to Wellington and see Te Papa's exhibition (on display till 2018) it is possible to look at it, on the above website. Te Papa with Weta Workshop, created 'an exhibition like no other'. This model of a doctor attending a soldier is 2.4 times human size – real people are seen behind it. The displays are powerful re-creations of named people and events, and tell a powerful story. Photo: Bruce McMillan

NB. Please note:

Rhonda has indicated that she will be stepping down as Convenor at the AGM in May So please put on your thinking caps (or even raise a hand to volunteer) and come forward with suggestions for committee members and/or someone willing to take on the role of Convenor.

Sorry folks for his long newsletter, but with the closing of the Gore High School Hostel this term, this information is very important.