

# Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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Next Meeting  
 4 April - Tuesday 7pm  
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 ANZAC Please bring medals etc  
 and tell us of your research of a  
 soldier in your family. ]

### Tapanui Museum and Family Repository Visit

12 members left Gore at 7pm on a bus trip for an awesome visit to the Family History Repository and the Museum. The amazing amount of family history photographs, transcripts, data base, and filing system was a surprise to many. The late Brenda Reditt, who was a Gore Genealogy member had spent hours in the Hocken Library transcribing any records from the Tapanui Herald newspaper. The excellent families filing system is modeled on Hokonu Heritage is very successful. Congratulations to the custodian Wilma Brock for all her work. Members who had their research notes with them, were busy writing until a beautiful supper was served. Moral of the story. **Always take your research notes when visiting repositories!!!**

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### Southland Times Death notices

Scrapbooks at the bottom, right side of book shelves.

This excellent and invaluable project was started in 1976 when the Gore Genealogy club was first formed. It has been continued to present day. Indexing must have been a serious challenge prior to computer programs such as Excel which has simplified the task. Back in 1976 it was normal to insert only one paid notice. The present trend or fashion often has several notices inserted on later days by family members including grandchildren, siblings, aunts, uncles and work mates. **Always check all of the pages for multiple notices on the pages they are indexed on!**

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Gore had a very strong Methodist parish from 1909. The small church and Sunday school on the corner of Irk and Fairfield Streets is

to be demolished to make way for an office block.  
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### The Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives has moved

The Administration Division of the Methodist Church has moved to its new office, Weteriana House, 50 Langdons Road, Papanui, Christchurch.

If you are interested in viewing any of the archives, the first step is to consult the catalogue on the website: [www.methodist.org.nz/archives](http://www.methodist.org.nz/archives).

To view anything of interest you will then need to make an appointment by contacting the archivist by telephone at 366 6049 ext 831 or by e-mail:

[archives@methodist.org.nz](mailto:archives@methodist.org.nz) in order to visit the office at Weteriana House, 50 Langdons Road, Papanui. Christchurch.

At least one day's notice needs to be given because the archives themselves are stored at another location and therefore need to be retrieved for you. There is no charge for accessing the archives but only for copies.

If you cannot visit, then the staff can answer written enquiries requiring research for \$25 per half hour. At least 24 hours notice in advance is required and an appointment time needs to be made during office working hours as a meeting room will have to be booked.

Thanks to Riccarton Branch NZSG Newsletter,  
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# Websites

Imperial War WW1 Museum

[www.iwm.org.uk/research/tracing-your-family-history/tracing-your-army-history](http://www.iwm.org.uk/research/tracing-your-family-history/tracing-your-army-history)

War Diaries –download for small cost

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Finding your Scottish ancestors

<http://ancestor.abel.co.uk>

**ScotlandsPlaces goes Free**

[www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk) this a government run website which offers a variety of historic databases, organized by geographic locations, is now completely free of charge. Originally it offered full access for a fee of 18 pounds. Records available include 15 different sets of historic tax rolls, Land Tax records at the site date from 1645 – 1831, although most of the tax records date from the late 18th century. Taxes included Horse Tax, Male servant Tax to raise funds for the war against France. ScotlandsPeople hold Ordnance Survey Name Books for all counties of Scotland, plus land ownership commission reports and records for Historic Environment Scotland, and archaeological and historical sites.

**Ireland XO reaching out**

[info@irelandxo.com](mailto:info@irelandxo.com)

Whether you are starting your Irish family history research or digging deeper, there are some excellent Irish resources online which are completely FREE to access and study. This weekly newsletter looks at the top choices for free online Irish resources and highlights and how they can be best used.

[info@eneclann.ie](mailto:info@eneclann.ie) Irish free newsletter

[Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) – Military collections including military deserters 18-1927, RAF muster roll 1918, courts martial registers 1806 – 1930, Army Lists 1882 – 1962

[Deceasedonline.com](http://Deceasedonline.com)- more than 120,000 records for Twerton cemetery & St James cemetery in Bath, as well as Haycombe Crematorium.

[FindMyPast.co.uk](http://FindMyPast.co.uk) – Registers of licences to pass beyond the seas 1573- 1677 (details of early travelers abroad) from TNA series E157. United

States births & christenings 18767- 1931 & deaths & burials 1833 – 1970. Monmouthshire workhouse, electoral & marriage recors, Scottish monumental inscriptions. More Easter Rising records. Surry monumental inscriptions.

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## Tracing Living Relatives

\*ZabaSearch is a USA people finder

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

Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Ryerson Index An index to death and funeral notices and other death type information published in Australia Newspapers from 1803 to present

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/v>

Memory Tree <http://www.amemorytree.co.nz/>

**Smithsonian Interviewing Guide:**

[www.folklife.si.edu/resources/pdf/interviewingguide.pdf](http://www.folklife.si.edu/resources/pdf/interviewingguide.pdf)

**Publish your own website:**

Cheaper than an Ancestry or FindMyPast subscription

Use Hoopla Hosting, a New Zealand company with an excellent help desk and helpful staff.

Almost cheaper than a cup of coffee, per month:

<https://www.hooplahosting.co.nz/client/aff.php?aff=1149>\*

*Thanks to Hutt Valley Branch*

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## More Websites

USA – New York Public Library has started to digitize 137 New York City directories from 1786 – to 1923 & they will be FREE online

<http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/new-york-city-directories>.

**England and Wales Civil Registration**

The new system of searchable index of births 1837 – 1915, and deaths 1837-1957 at

[www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes\\_serech.asp](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_serech.asp) is only available after setting up a free account confirming by email. Birth, marriages and death indexes for England and Wales have been available via subscription websites for many years,

but this is the first time the government has provided online access with various schemes failing in the past.

**Scotland** has had access for many years to this information via [www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk)

Northern Ireland <http://geni.nidirect.gov.uk>

At present the new service makes it easier to order offline certificates delivered by post.

The new English & Welsh online birth and death indexes include the mother's maiden name from 1837 onwards, instead of the usual 1911.

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## Genealogy in the Digital Age:

### Research sites:

Pinterest: [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)

History Pin: <https://www.historypin.org/en/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/>

Instagram: [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

### Publishing online:

Blurb/BookWright: [www.blurb.com](http://www.blurb.com)

Create your Life Story:

<http://createyourlifestory.com/conversation/askhelp-record-your-life-story/>

Saving Memories Forever:

<https://www.savingmemoriesforever.com/>

StoryKeep <http://storykeep.org/>

StoryWorth <https://www.storyworth.com/>

### DoHistory:

[http://dohistory.org/on\\_your\\_own/toolkit/oralHistory.html](http://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/oralHistory.html)

Oral History Association:

[www.oralhistory.org/web-guides-to-doing-oralhistory/](http://www.oralhistory.org/web-guides-to-doing-oralhistory/)

### Latest additions to Newspapers (February 2017):

- Bay of Plenty Times (1931-1940)
- Cromwell Argus (1876-1878, 1921-1948)
- Globe (1874-1882)
- Hawke's Bay Times (1861-1868)
- Horowhenua Chronicle (1931-1939)
- Lyttelton Times (Apr 1869-1889)
- New Zealand Times (1874-1920)
- Northern Advocate (1931-1935)
- Otago Witness (1916-1920)

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/>



## Jersey- Channel Islands

During WW2 Channel Islands came under German occupation - the only British territories to be in this position. The Germans occupied

Jersey from June 1940 until 9 May 1945. The Germans made the whole civilian population register under the 1940 Registration and Identification of Persons (Jersey) Order. The archives hold thousands of records of wartime population, names, addresses, dates and places of birth, maiden names and occupations. There are applications made by chemists, veterinary surgeons, Red Cross and calls for a relief ship to be sent from England. There is a wealth of information on the Archives & Collections homepage at <http://catalogue.jerseyheritage.org> – 300,000 items here. Click on ‘advanced search’ to the right of the search box .

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*Family Search film discontinuing ordering films due to expense*

Whilst more and more parish registers and other records are being made available online, either by FamilySearch or one of the commercial providers, there are many researchers whose only means of gaining access to records in archives thousands of miles away is to visit their nearest LDS Family History Centre.

According to Wikipedia there are over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm and around three-quarters of a million microfiches in the Salt Lake City library - local family history centres only hold a small fraction of this number, which is why the facility to order in films is so important.

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# WW1 Commonwealth Regiments

Thousands of young men throughout the British Empire joined up with great hopes of adventure. Many would have had friends or family living in England.

Servicemen from each country served in their own regiments, which were under the control of British military authorities.

Over 620,000 men served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. If your ancestor joined the CEF his service record is held at

<http://tinyurl.com/odx6r2q>

This is an ongoing project to digitise the service records of all CEF servicemen, and most attestation or enlistment papers are now available online. Some service records for 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the CEF at

<http://21stbattalion.ca> War diaries – [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html)

Many New Zealanders joined the Australian Imperial Force – maybe they were working or visiting over there at the time war was declared. 330,00 served in the Australian Imperial Force.

Their service records are held at National Archives of Australia [www.naa.gov.au/collection/search](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/search) Select 'Record Search' enter his name in the 'basic search' option the select 'view digital copy'. It will include dates, places, injuries, training he underwent, and if he died, copies of correspondence with his next of kin.

[www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au) holds embarkation rolls, honours and awards for gallant service and the Red Cross files for wounded & missing servicemen.

It is helpful to know your ancestors service number and regiment which can give more information.



## Prisoners of War

<http://grandeguerre.icrc.org>. The International committee of the Red Cross kept records of all prisoners of war captured during conflict, and these have been

digitized. Indexed by name, they can reveal where captured, imprisoned, next of kin and any injuries he sustained prior to his capture .

## Battle of Somme



This battle claimed a generation of young men. On a summer morning, at 7.30am July 1st 1916, mainly volunteers walked out into No Man's Land. Within 30 minutes they disappeared into what can only be described as machine gun oblivion. 57,000 became casualties on what was the British military history's blackest day, but the battle slogged on, and gradually the fighting changed. Tanks were used for the first time, the Germans were pushed back until a snowstorm brought fighting to a conclusion. More casualties occurred in one single day than the Crimean and Boer Wars combined.

The Somme saw the largest number of 'Pals Battalions' go into battle. The idea was to bring men from the same community together, to serve and fight. No-one realized that if they died, whole communities would be thrown into mourning.

Start your research in your own family, and the wider family for medals, photographs, documents.

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## TELL YOUR STORY



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Even if you are just starting out with a family tree containing

nothing more than you and your parents, the MOST IMPORTANT thing is to record the stories that you and your living ancestors remember.

**Records remain, but memories vanish!  
Do it NOW before those lovely relations  
with all the memories become forgetful,  
or die!**

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