

Gore Branch of New Zealand of Genealogists

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Next Meeting
5 April 2011 - 8 pm
Don Hesselin –speaking on
early Mataura
Hostesses - Judy Pulley and
Jill Youngson

Gabrels Gully

March 2011

Our sincere thoughts go to everyone affected in Christchurch after the earthquake. It was appalling to see the devastation and Japan's disastrous earthquake and massive tsunami with thousands of victims, and the nuclear power plants major problems.

Branch News

Research night was a learning session with members using the many amazing resources in the Hokonui Heritage Center. Several members discovered some of their 'aliens' and were extremely pleased.

Remember
Genealogy Display in Vintage Car Rooms
Pioneer Park
3 April 2011 1pm – 3pm

are due at the end of April. Newsletters
***Subs* will be emailed, however any**
member wishing to have them mailed
should contact Barbara ph 203 8910

NZSG AGM and Conference – Dunedin, 3-6 June 2011

Are you going to attend this special conference???. With the high petrol costs, maybe those going could car pool.

Ancestry.com.uk

Barbara sent out the notice of 'free access' for the 2011 UK Census day - 27 March. Hopefully members without a subscription used this brilliant opportunity. Remember to cancel before 10th April or your credit card will be charged!! My finds included finding my grandfather Benjamin Finlayson, and his very best friend Edward McLeod's arrival and ship into Queensland. It will be brilliant when this resource is available closer than Invercargill and Winton libraries. Ancestry.com and findmypast have different records, but the Australian ones are very useful with many of our ancestors landing there before coming to New Zealand. Refer to last newsletter



Our deepest sympathy goes to Convenor Rhonda Wilson and her husband Barry on the loss of father and mother in law.

NZ Genealogists Gore Branch History

The Gore Group of Genealogists started in 1976. A few interested people put an advertisement in the Mataura Ensign to register interest, and an initial meeting was held to which eleven people attended.

Some of the early members included Pat White, Pam Milnes and Noeline Shaw.

A room in the Calvin Church became the meeting place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and a locked wardrobe was located to store donated books. Realizing the importance of birth, deaths and marriages which were published daily, the early group began cutting and pasting those into scrapbooks. These books have become extremely useful to all members up to the present time.

Many happy years were spent there until our resources outgrew the wardrobe.

We then moved to a room in St Peters (St Pauls Hostel) (now SIT) and had shelving made to house our growing resources 1989 – 1994. The walking space in this room was extremely limited and any pregnant ladies who ventured in, had to reverse out – there was no room to turn around.

However the room where meetings were held was not renowned for its warmth during winter nights.

After 5 years St Pauls building was to be sold, so we moved to the Gore Public Library and were able to hold meetings in warmth and comfort (1994- 1998). Philip Casey and staff made us most welcome, but the meeting night had to change to the 1st Tuesday due to another group meeting on the same night. As we accumulated more resources including the BDM's microfiche and books, storage soon became a problem once again.

When Davidsons Grocery was purchased for the Hokonui Moonshine museum, Gore Historical museum and ISite, we were invited by Jim Geddes and Sue Wilson to make the move across the street in 1998. This has proved to be most beneficial to members of the Gore branch, and members of the public. Our resources have continued to increase, and with the Gore Historical resources we have one of the best, if not the very best Heritage Centers in New Zealand.

X Elaine Scott

1911 Scottish census

After a year of waiting, the 1911 Scottish census is set to be published online at

9.30 pm GST time on **5 April, 2011**. Remember charges for certificates increase by 1 pound at 12 midnight 1 April 2011, GST time. After that date your subscription will last 12 months.

Sometimes details needed to be changed and it was illegal to change the registers, so modifications were tagged with a note 'RCE' followed by a number. This points to the Register of Corrected Entries and are available on line.

Before 1855 parishes were expected to keep their own BMD records. The Church of Scotland maintained the Old Parochial Registers (OPR's). 3,500 registers from 1553 are available on ScotlandsPeople, but this is only a small percentage of the original total. Registration was costly and unpopular, and there were fines for not registering an event. However many Scots did not register them for various reasons, including poverty, religious dissent and indifference.

Illegitimacy records can be found in the OPR's in the Kirk Sessions – mothers or Parents had to confess illegitimate births.

Census records have been collected every 10 years since 1841 with the ages rounded up or down to the nearest five in 1841. Wives and widows often retained their maiden names, as they did on passenger lists and in death and headstone records.

The Highland Clearances by chief Scottish landowners in 1785- 1850 evicted crofters from their land and replaced them with large sheep farms, which often failed. At this time half of Scotland was owned by 10 men, and between them they displaced tens of thousands of people who emigrated to USA, Canada, Australia & New Zealand. www.theclearances.org

Scottish websites.

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk Births, marriages and deaths, 60 years of census and much more.

National Archives of Scotland www.has.gov.uk includes more specialises records including the key differences between English & Scottish records.

Cyndi's List. www.cyndislist.co/scotland.htm includes hundreds of links for further searches including Gaelic language and archaic words, and invaluable collection of mailing lists and discussion groups.

Rampant Scotland has a resource page devoted to the Clans and tartans, surnames listed with a short history and links to clan and family societies.

www.rampantscotland.com/clans.htm or
www.rampantscotland.com/genealogy

Congratulations to Rosalie for her brilliant work for the window displays. We are so very lucky.



New London Burials Added

Over 800,000 records are being digitised at DeceasedOnline Two cemeteries, St Pancras & Islington are the largest burial ground in UK. You can search the records at www.deceasedonline.com for free, with data available through subscription or pay-per-view access.

UK – The Old Age Pension Act of 1908 awarded a weekly amount of 5 shillings to those over 70 years, but anyone with an income over 12 shillings per week was excluded. In 1911 life expectancy was 54 for women, and 50 for men but for people living in poverty it was much lower. In many industrial areas, such as Lancashire mill towns, half-day schooling combined with half-day working continued.

1911 timeline..... England & Wales

January 'The March of the Women' the campaign song of the Votes for Women Movement, was performed and the Women's suffrage gained momentum.

31 May ..Titanic ship was launched

14 June... Start of 'summer strikes' spreading to coalmining

22 June... Coronation of George V and Queen Mary was celebrated at Westminster Abbey. Thousands of people lined the route from Bucking Palace to Whitehall.

3 November.. The 10th International Motor show was held at Earls Court with 1912 models on display. A11Hp four seater Humber with hood, screen, horns, lamps and tools could be bought for £285

16 December.. The National Insurance Act was introduced in an attempt to remove poverty that arose from illness or unemployment. It complimented earlier Liberal Social reforms such as Children Act and Old Age Pension Act of 1908.

1911 Census in Scotland & UK

This was the last Census before 1914 World War where thousands of lives of men and women were lost.

This Census was massive logistical exercise with the population of England and Wales being 36,075,269. With that number, wouldn't you think you should be able to find your ancestor.

Everyone was supposed to be enumerated on the night 2 /April 1911 but many people missed due to travel, and suffragettes boycotted the census.

By using a contemporary map with 1911 Census data you can locate the most likely schools and churches your ancestors attended.

Extended families were common, usually following death of spouse or re-marriage. The terms 'in-law' and 'step' were used interchangeably to list any children of a previous marriage.

If your ancestor was described as an 'employer' on the 1911 Census, look for details of their business in town or county directories, some are available on www.historicaldirectories.org

Web Sites Web Sites Web Sites

Gazettes Online. London, Edinburgh and Belfast.
Published by Authority – official Newspapers of record for the UK – <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk>

Cornwall – passengers emigration to Americas, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa –
<http://free.pages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~boneplace/passengers/list.html> On 1 November 1755 the force of the Lisbon earthquake caused a tsunami to strike Cornwall. The sea rose 6 ft at Michaels Mount, 8ft at Penzance and 10ft at Newlyn, leading to great loss of life. Doesn't compare to the height of the tsunami in Japan!

<http://www.scotsgenealogy.com/Library/IndextotheScottishGenealogist.aspx>

Black Sheep.
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/geneabloggers/2011/03/26/genealogy-television-and-black-sheep--oh-my>

Otago Witness, 17 March 1898, page 27
Biographical Sketches of the Colonists of the First Decade <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=search&d=OW18980317.2.207&srpos=305&e=-----10--301>

<http://notices.nzherald.co.nz/obituaries/nzherald-nz/> and

includes "In Memoriam" notices.

Home page of the Herald (<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/>) you can scroll down to the Classifieds heading on the right-hand side near the bottom and find a link to the death notices there.

Ancestry.com.au have just announced the addition of 4 Irish collections to their site

<http://www.ancestry.com.au/irishrecords-new>

NZ records - military ones being released for Anzac day.

Hocken Library digital collection
<http://archivescentral.org.nz/> and view and order photos from their collection.

<http://hockensnapshop.ac.nz/>

FamNet (www.famnet.net.nz).

NZ Catholic records – email Father John Harrison at Catholic Archives, Dunedin jphmsg@xtra.co.nz

Port Chalmers museum passenger arrivals.
<http://www.portmuseum.org.nz/>

If you would like to send large files without hassles go to www.pando.com click on download look for the free version.

Shipping from Australia to NZNZSG CD
"Passenger Lists - Victoria, Australia Outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923"
http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Products_48.aspx?CategoryId=11&pageId=0&ProductId=387

Public Record Office Victoria <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>
Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org/> Click on the link "Australia and New Zealand", then "New Zealand, Immigration Passenger Lists, 1855-1973"

Denise & Peter's "Our Stuff"
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ourstuff/Olwyn's%20NZ%20Bound>

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzbound/Gavin's%20Ships%20to%20NZ>

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~shipstonz/Corey's%20Yesteryears> (<http://www.yesteryears.co.nz>)

PapersPast (<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>)
Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives <http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz>

online passenger lists on Victoria Archives [www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/](http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au)

For Police records and policemen try Archives NZ, Wellington (see Research Guide 7 on Government Employment, page 8). And Police Gazettes at all 4 Archives may have some staff lists or promotions. The Gazettes are restricted for 70 years and police files for 70 or 100 years. Most large libraries will have a series of police histories for each police district.

<http://archives.govt.nz/research/guides/government-employment>

'Passenger Lists Leaving UK 1890-1960. and shipping to New Zealand in the 1900s is

<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/migration.jsp> also search 'Other passengers travelling on the same voyage:'

<http://uk-genealogy.org.uk/index.html>

Not all information completed or areas listed, but on each English county's page was a list of each town or parish. Beautiful maps for each county except Buckinghamshire shipwrecks and survival rates etc.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castaway_depot

Authorities in NZ and Australia arranged for the construction of depots and left food supplies and clothing for any survivors of ships wrecked in the Roaring Forties region should they be washed up or the lifeboats reach the Antarctic land mass. A 'must read' for all of us wanting to understand more of the perils our ancestors faced in order to provide a better life for their families than the one they left behind! NZSG has expanded the list of **On Line Newspapers** already available to their members.

Log in to the NZSG website, go to **MEMBERS AREA ON LINE NEWSPAPERS** for Online Newspapers

Searchable Newspapers

<<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen>>

Times Digital Archive - 200 years of The London Times

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=TTDA%20>

17th & 18th Century Burney Collection - 1,270 newspapers and news pamphlets from the United Kingdom

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=BBCN>.

19th Century British Library Newspapers parts 1 & 2

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=BNCN> –

includes papers originating in England, Scotland and Ireland The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=ILN>

19th Century UK Periodicals

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=NCUK>