

# Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists December 2013

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**Next Meeting**  
**5 November 2013**  
**Tour and research in the**  
**Invercargill Public Library**  
**Meet at Gore Information**  
**Centre Car park**  
**NO later than 6.50pm**

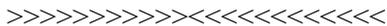
## October Report



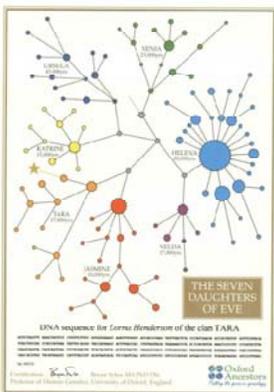
It was pleasing to have a large number of members present to hear Bruce O'Connor describe his family who originated in Mandeville and Riversdale. He

researched his relative, Patrick O'Connor who fought at Anzac cove, was wounded at Chunnuk Blair and discharged in NZ 1916. Bruce's experience of research on his Irish connections and a recent Gathering in Ireland was interesting and informative. Employing an Irish researcher was reasonably expensive and proved that research in that country is not easy, although it eventually did result in some good results.

y-DNA is the type to use if you are searching the direct paternal line (37 markers being a good starting point); mt-DNA is for the direct maternal line only and of limited genealogical use; and for all ancestors, at DNA (FamilyFinder), even though matches are less certain as generations pass, given the lottery of which ancestor's genes win in being passed on to the next generation. Family Tree DNA in Houston, Texas, is the company Lorna suggests we use. One kit provides two vials and is ordered online. Full instructions included. Lorna is using DNA to sort her growing One Name Study of the Fairbairn family. She has contact with fellow genealogists all over the world. She runs a DNA Interest Group who meets regularly at her home. Lorna Henderson



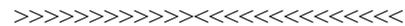
## Why Use DNA



Lorna Henderson from the Kapiti Branch became interested in DNA when she'd hit the proverbial "Brick Wall" that we all face sometime while searching for family. A piece on the Internet appeared to be the answer she was looking for and

so she investigated its possibilities. Would it answer the *Seven Daughters of Eve* question, is person A related to person B?

Lorna told us of the three types of DNA: YDNA, mtDNA, atDNA and their uses and of the main companies providing DNA results for genealogy - Ancestry, 23 and me, and Family Tree DNA.



## Web Searches

How many of us default to google for searching the web without considering alternatives? Yes you can find a heap of useful and sidetracking information using google, but it is programmed to filter what it delivers to your screen and not necessarily helpfully when searching for old information. Have you tried Mocavo? Although there is often a US bias in the results it is designed with us in mind, those digging in the past. It has recently pledged to remain free. It does offer a premium service to finance this, the benefits being remembered searches, updates to prior searches, and a growing data collection.

Thanks to Kapiti Branch for these articles



## Latest additions to Papers Past.

- King Country Chronicle (1906---1920)
- Oamaru Mail (1876 – 1920)
- Mount Ida Chronicle (1869---1926)
- Timaru Herald (1901 – 1920)

# Online Newspapers

Although NZSG members can no longer use their subscription to search the Irish newspaper collection (the Gale newspapers are still available), all of our members can now use FindMyPast at the APFHC to search their growing newspaper collection.

A recent announcement from FindMyPast advises: "The collection features almost 2 million articles from 6 newspaper titles (both national and local) with dates covered by each title ranging from pre-Famine era right up until post-Irish independence in 1926. For family historians, the newspapers contain hugely valuable articles like advertisements, obituaries and letters to the editor which help to paint a picture of the Irish lives of our ancestors.

we've also added new papers to our British collection from Dundee to Kent too." Newly added Irish titles include:

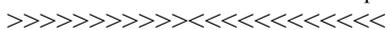
- The Belfast Morning News 1857-1882
- The Belfast Newsletter 1828-1900
- The Cork Examiner 1841-1926
- The Dublin Evening Mail 1849-1871
- The Freeman's Journal 1820-1900
- The Sligo Champion 1836-1926



**WW1 Centenary** Commemoration of the Centenary of WW1 commences in 2014 and will continue for the next four years. A formal structure has been put in place by the Government to provide an opportunity for a national recognition of those who fell in this war. On the local scene, Bruce Cavanagh is researching all the men who are listed on the Gore Cenotaph and collecting names of those soldiers from other Eastern Southland War Memorials.

These memorials were the result of appeal for donations from the public after WW2 or I????

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## Web Sites for NZ

[www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records/nzdf-archives/default.htm](http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records/nzdf-archives/default.htm)

This is the website of the NZ Defence Force Archives and gives details of how to obtain copies of service records for those who served from 1 January 1921 onwards in the NZ Army or Air Force or Navy. *X to Riccarton Branch*

## Sydney. cemetery:

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/people-and-places/old-sydney-burial-ground>

lists the archaeological work done and includes a download of some 2,000 burials.



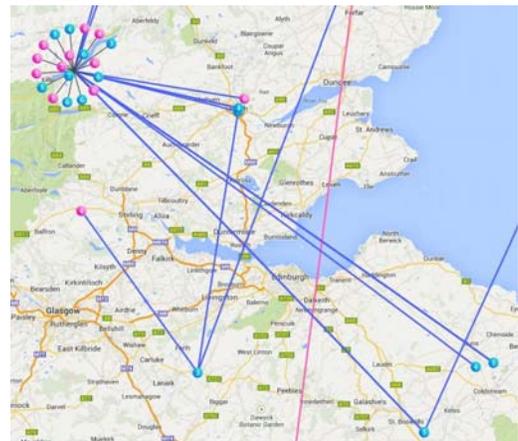
**Want to See Where you Came From**

Try Rootsmapper.com, a free place mapping tool that works on FamilySearch family trees.

Log in to your FamilySearch account, select the starting person, which defaults to yourself, and the number of generations you want to track and watch your ancestors' migration paths unfold before your eyes.

As with all automated mapping tools it pays to have standardised, consistent, place names, including the county/state/province and the country. One of my ancestors showed as being in Canada from an entered "Perth, Scot.", instead of Perthshire, Scotland. Easily corrected and rerun as there's a link from the map pin to the person in your tree. It also seems to get a bit confused if there's too many place parts and doesn't recognise the finest level of detail. Those seem to get mapped to a generic county.

However it is great fun to get a picture of how widespread your ancestors were. The balloon numbers show the generations from the root person and are clickable for finer details, including names/dates, adding their next generation to the map, resetting the map to them as generation one.



Thanks to Lorna Henderson, Kapiti Branch





