

# Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists October 2014

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**Next Meeting**  
**2 September 2014**  
**Tuesday 8pm - Heritage Centre**  
Easter in Crete and  
Genealogy research in Caithness  
Avis McDonald

## September Meeting

Once again the Heritage Center was a hive of activity with several computer programs being demonstrated by members.

These included: Legacy, Family Tree Maker, Reunion and Brothers Keeper. It was wonderful to see what could be done with the different programs. New members could assess and decide which would be most suitable to their needs before trying a free version or making a purchase. Thanks to everyone for your cooperating and sharing your knowledge.

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## NZ District Keys

These books are situated next to the fiche drawers by the window and have Births and deaths 1854???  
To 1941???

They hold information of **where a birth or death was registered**, which is not necessarily where the event took place. This information **is not available** online DIA historical indexes.

Now that ancestry has the NZ Birth, Death indexes you can check the folio numbers provided on the index against the District Keys to determine the registration district from the comfort of your own home (if you have an Ancestry subscription).

There are no books for marriages, because the minister, priest or Vicar sent the copies of marriages to the RGO. you'll need alternate means for those. (Intentions to Marry – Liceneces)

You will still have to use the fiche at the Hokonui Heritage Center for the years not covered online either on Ancestry or the Dept of Internal Affairs website.

Remembering in all instances, that to order a printout, you'll need the newer reference number from the DIA website instead of the older folio number. *Thanks to Kapiti Branch*

## Divorce Records

*Thanks to by Melanie Middleton*



You can apply to the high court to view divorce files within the 100 year restriction. The address for Auckland is [aucklandhc@justice.govt.nz](mailto:aucklandhc@justice.govt.nz).

This is what I wrote in my last request ....  
*I wish to request access to the following divorce file, for family history purposes. I would like to be able to read and photograph the full file. Both parties to the divorce are no longer alive.*

You have to say you want to view the full file otherwise they might only grant access to the decree nisi which isn't going to be much help.

Under my request I attach details of the divorce file with a link to the record. In the case of both parties being deceased I provide details of their death with a link to the record - either NZ BDM, Cemetery Record or Archives Probate record. I also give my Archives reader card number. When it is approved they send an email to Archives saying you have permission and you order in the normal way (there is a tick box in the online ordering to say you have permission for a restricted record).

Obviously if both parties are deceased it is going to be easiest, as you accessing the file is not going to hurt anyone. But as another example I recently got permission to view my own parent's divorce file (going to read that one today!). My father is deceased so I gave a link to his death record and I included written permission.

I have only ever done this with Auckland files. I should point out that I gave the same advice to someone in Christchurch and she was denied access due to the 100 year limit, even after providing details of the deaths of both parties. I have advised her to go back to the court and try to talk to someone as I have a feeling it was just an over zealous person sticking to the rules unnecessarily.

## WEBSITES for British and Worldwide Research

### [www.railwaysarchive.co.uk](http://www.railwaysarchive.co.uk)

This is the website for British Railway History from its beginnings right up to the present day with around 9,000 accident reports and 4,000 other documents.

### [www.gravestonephotos.com](http://www.gravestonephotos.com)

This worldwide website relies on volunteers to take photos and compile indexes of the names on them. A small image of each headstone is able to be viewed and downloaded from the site but a high quality digital image can be requested free. Coverage in New Zealand is best for Auckland and Marlborough. For Australia most graves are in South Australia, Queensland and Victoria. Edinburgh is well covered.

### Website of the Month

### [www.historyofwar.org](http://www.historyofwar.org)

This site contains a huge amount of information about battles and wars from the earliest times right up to the present day. Has about 5,000 articles and 2,000 pictures. useful for WWI battles. *Thanks to Riccarton Branch*



### **Child Migration**

From 1869 to 1948  
various

workhouses, sheltered homes,  
orphanages and child care

organizations such as Barnado's sent over 100,000 orphaned, abandoned, pauper children ages 1 to 18 to Canada and other Commonwealth countries. They have come to be known as the British Home Children. The children were equipped with a trunk; a - good set of clothes; a Bible; and a copy of —The Pilgrim's Progress.

The idea of giving children from the poorer areas of Great Britain a -better life|| in the Colonies may have originally been seen as a benevolent move, however it was not long before the children were being set to work as, what can really only be described as, slave labour. They were often poorly fed and clothed, and had to work out in the fields in all weathers

Mostly the children were about 16 years of age, but there were many who were much younger who were generally put up for adoption. The boys were usually indentured to a farmer, and the girls put into service, until they reached the age of 18, at which point they could leave and do other things.

Unfortunately, many of them were never paid the small allowance that was due to them, so were left with few opportunities to advance in life.

It is estimated that over 4 million of the Canadian population, that is 12%, are a descendant of a Home Child.

You can find more information on British Home Children on the following site:

<http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/>  
*thanks to Kapati Branch Newsletter*

A friends father was one of these children who was sent to Canada. His autobiography states he was nothing more than a white slave until he left the farm to marry.

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## **Mimihau Book Launch**

Pre publishing Book Orders to be placed and paid for by **30 September 2014** –

*(The Hokonui Research Center has ordered and paid for a copy for the Center )*

**Cost is \$50.00 if collected at the November Book launch. Please include \$6.50 extra per book if unable to collect.**

**Pre Pay Internet Banking with your Name in the Particulars or Reference Column to Mimihau District History  
SBS 031355: 0730269. 00.**

**OR**

**Return this slip & Cheque to; Mimihau District History,  
C/o J.H. & M.C. Ayers, 506 Mimihau Waiarikiki Road ,  
2 R.D., Wyndham. 9892,**

Name .....

Address.....

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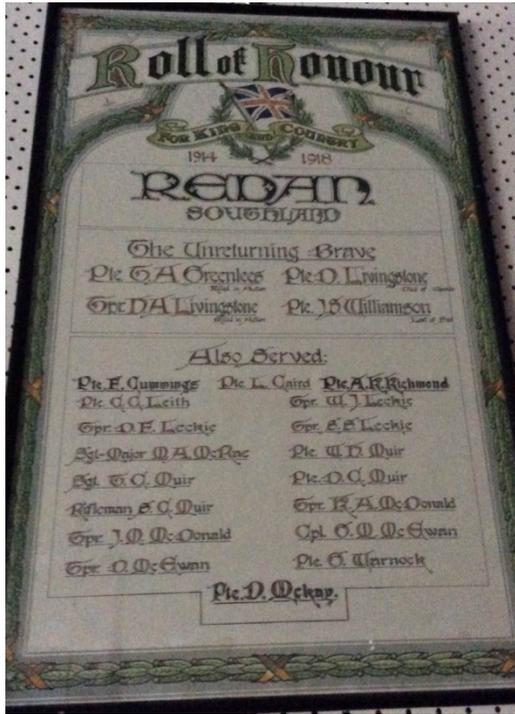
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## **FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 2015**

Alexandra Park in Auckland is the venue for our 2015 Family History Fair. The dates confirmed are August Friday 7th August with the School days in the morning; open to public from 2pm, Saturday 8th August and Sunday 9th August 2014 All Welcome.

Keep this on your calender because it was a fabulous, educational fun weekend last year (apart from a broken arm

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## Redan Roll of Honour For King and Country

Originally kept in Redan School but is now held in the Wyndham Museum, Crimea Street, Wyndham.

**Redan**—farming locality in the valley of the Redan Stream, 13kms south east of Wyndham, 31kms from Mataura. Flaxmilling until 1972. Named after the Russian fort overlooking the port city of Sebastopol on the Crimea Peninsula. Ukraine.

- T A GREENLEES**  
**D LIVINGSTONE**  
**H A LIVINGSTONE**  
**J S WILLIAMSON**
- Also served,*
- E CUMMINGS (Private)**  
**L CAIRD (Private)**  
**CC LEITH (Private)**  
**A R RICHMOND (Private)**  
**D F LECKIE (Corporal)**  
**W J LECKIE (Corporal)**  
**T C MUIR (Sergeant)**  
**W H MUIR (Private)**  
**S C MUIR (Rifleman)**  
**D C MUIR (Private)**  
**J M MCDONALD (Corporal)**  
**R A MCDONALD (Corporal)**  
**D McEWAN (Corporal)**  
**G M MCEWAN (Corporal)**  
**D MCKAY (Private)**  
**G WARNOCK (Private)**

### *Those who fell in 1914-18 War*

#### **Thomas Archibald Greenlees, Private 25231**

Born 26 November 1884 at Redan, Southland, son of Alec and Isabella (nee Beange) Greenlees  
 Husband of Elsie McCowan Paterson, married 1916.  
 He left Wellington on the Maunganui ship for Devonport, England

Killed in action on 7 June 1917 in Belgium.

*Awarded British War Medal 1914 – 1920*

*Victory Medal.*

*Honoured on the Messines Ridge British Cemetery Belgium*

*Name also appears on Wyndham War Memorial??????*

#### **Dugald Livingstone , Private 53216**

Born 1886 , son of late Dugald and Mary (nee McDonald), Livingstone, of Browns. Born 1886.  
 Brother of Hugh Alexander Livingstone killed in action.  
 Left Wellington 12 June 1917 on ship Tahiti for Devonport, England

*Died of wounds 1918 between England and France.*

*Honoured on Brookwood Military Cemetery. Woking, Surrey, England*

*Name also appears on Wyndham Memorial????*

#### **Hugh Alexander Livingstone- Trooper 9/1968**

son of late Dugald and Mary (nee McDonald), Livingstone, of Browns. Born 189, son of M Livingstone, Winton. Left Port Chalmers 16 October 1914 for Suez Canal Egypt on ship Ruapehu  
*Died 6 or 7 August 1915 at Gallipoli, Turkey.*

*Honoured on Chunuk Bair NZ Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey*

*Name also appears on Wyndham Memorial*

#### **James Smith Williamson – Private 82406**

Son of James and Elizabeth WILLIAMSON (nee Smith) of Redan. James was a farmer . He embarked from Wellington 2 October 1918 on ship Matatua for London, England.

*Drowned 27 September 1919 (lost overboard). .*

*Honoured on the Otago Provincial Memorial, Andersons Bay, Dunedin.*

*Name also appears on Wyndham Memorial*

The Redan Roll 1939 – 1945

with the 5 soldiers who lost their lives, plus the plus the two Mokoreta Rolls of Honour will be in next month's newsletter. These three Rolls for Redan and Mokoreta are all held in Redan - Mokoreta Hall.

George Taylor has kindly offered to photograph these three Rolls of Honour

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## More and Even more Websites

### Ancestry

New collections include:

**NSW:** Medical Registers, 1925-1954, Hospital & Asylum Records, 1840-1913. Passengers Arriving at Port Phillip, 1846

**Norfolk** Non Conformist Records 1613-1901 **Dorset** Quarter Sessions Order Books, 1625-1905 **UK** Naval Officer and Rating Service Records, 1802-1919

### FindMyPast

—28,000 new Wakefield and District baptism records and 150,000 National Burial Index records from Cleveland —

The Wakefield baptisms contain 28,372 records - transcripts of original parish registers made by the Wakefield and District Family History Society, covering 9 parishes: Wakefield All Saints, Warmfield St Peter's, Chapelthorpe St James, Monk Bretton St Paul's, Felkirk St Peter's, Ryhill St James, Wragby St Michael's, Wakefield St Andrew's, South Ossett Christ Church Spanning the years 1622 to 1913, and added to the existing collection of Wakefield baptisms - now totalling 213,000 records and over 30 parishes from Wakefield district in West Yorkshire.

Findmypast This week have added almost half a million new records including:

[Irish parish registers for County Fermanagh](#)

[Irish cemetery records for County Tyrone](#)

[Eastbourne marriages, Bodle Street Green, 1841-1996](#)

[Eastbourne baptisms, Bodle Street Green, 1841-1996](#)

<http://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz> / - site of the Air Force Museum at Wigram near Christchurch.

<http://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/all/> -

Search the Australian War Memorial for pre WWI conflicts, WWI, WWII.

<http://www.everymanremembered.org/> The Royal British Legion is working with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to keep alive the memory of those who fell in the First World War.

The 150,000 Cleveland burial records have also been added to their **National Burial Index** records and were transcribed by the Cleveland Family History Society. Thousands of these new records have never before been published by the Federation of Family History Societies and are only available at Findmypast.

**FamilySearch** Extracts from their blog about —notable collection updates|| include 3,427,354 indexed records from the Canada Census, 1911, collection; and if you have any Czech ancestry: 1,334,575 image records from the Czech Republic, Censuses, 1800–1945, collection.

*Thanks to Stratford & Kapati Branches*

Australian records, with **inbound passenger lists to Victoria, 1839-1923** and **outbound from Victoria 1852-1915**.

## More from Findmypast

**200,000** new Surrey marriage index records (1500-1841) from the West Surrey Family History Society., parishes of Abinger, Addington, Albury, Alfold, Ash.

**8,588** new records to their Surrey strays marriage index 1565-1846., ie details of people from the county, who were married in parish churches outside of Surrey.

**33,275** records added to the Middlesex Marriage Index 1811 – 1840 also from the volunteers of the West Surrey Family History Society  
62,625 new parish transcripts of baptism and burial registers added to the collections for Cheshire, Sheffield and North West Kent. Thanks to Kapati Branch.

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## 5 Golden Rules for Genealogy

- Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone
- Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to importance of the document
- The further away of the library or cemetery, the more awkward the opening hours will be
- The relative you most need to talk with, is the one whose funeral you are currently attending
- Where ever you find two or more siblings, there will two or more spellings spellings

*Oh So True*

*Thanks to Wanganui Newsletter.*

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## Red Ceramic Poppies

*And hundreds of even more Red Ceramic poppies*

[https://www.google.ca/search?q=Tower+of+London+moat+poppies&rlz=1C1GGGE\\_enCA447CA447&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=601&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=visWVLmDLly1yAT9i4DoAQ&ved=0CBwQsAQ](https://www.google.ca/search?q=Tower+of+London+moat+poppies&rlz=1C1GGGE_enCA447CA447&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=601&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=visWVLmDLly1yAT9i4DoAQ&ved=0CBwQsAQ)

An amazing site with each poppy honouring a soldier who lost their lives in WW1. Please do look at this site which is astounding.



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