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Next Meeting
1 June 2021
7.pm Maruawai Center
Research with many books
and some to purchase.
Raffle to be drawn..

May AGM Report

There was a large number of members present for this important meeting. All positions of Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin editor and Webmaster have remained the same. Elaine presented her excellent Annual report. Vicky Newman won the Rose bowl for her superb work and contribution to the branch.

Subscriptions remain at \$20.. Payment is now due **Gore Genealogy Branch Bank # 030915025441200**

Elaine used her laptop to show many hints and the benefits of putting different coloured dots on your DNA family contacts, plus uploading your DNA results to Gedmatch.

Websites

wilson.connection.org.nz – Diane Wilson

Women's War Service Auxiliary WWSA (Also known as women without sex appeal apparently!)

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/women-together/new-zealand-womens-royal-army-corps-association>

Women in WW1

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/12-things-you-didnt-know-about-women-in-the-first-world-war>

VAD Records

During the war, many New Zealand nurses and Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs) went overseas to assist sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals in Europe and Africa. It was their own choice and it was a dangerous role.

<https://vad.redcross.org.uk/>

<http://www.greatwar.co.uk/research/civilian-records/medical-volunteers.htm> links to both the British red cross and Friends ambulance unit. Quakers also formed the; Friends War Victims Relief Committee.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/about-quakers/our-history/quakers-and-wwi>

This page from the Australian Women's Archives Project gives information about VAD's from Australia

<https://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0491b.htm>

www.nzhistory.govt.nz has a long article "Supporting the war effort 1914-1919." Thanks to Papakura Branch



FINDMYPAST will be shortly be available at the Gore Library, which has relocated for 18 months to Jacob Street, Gore.

This is brilliant news for us all
ANCESTRY.COM is already connected and working.
The building is well heated and very pleasant.
There are plenty of car parks available.



Scotlandspeople now has FREE Kirk records – this is where you can discover any misdemeanors your ancestors may

have committed. NB Not all parishes are available.

New Zealand website

NZ Legal Information Institute Website

<http://www.nzlii.org/>

Facebook group, NZ Super Sleuths which is a Facebook group of genealogists who help each other solve their research problems.

<https://photomyne.com/colorize-app> free website to colour your black and white photos

With an old photo Copy/Paste or click the

link [069ea342-8a68-426e-82ce-75c5ad6788fd-0-Enhanced-Animated.mp4](https://www.findmypast.com/0-Enhanced-Animated.mp4)

www.findmypast.com has a British Red Cross

Register of Overseas Volunteers 1914-1918

Australian Military Commemorative rolls of Honour

Kent parish records

More Nursing homes

Nurse McKenzie, Wyndham

Nurse Shepherds, 128 Leet St, Invercargill

Hill Jack, Dunedin

Quendon, Dunedin

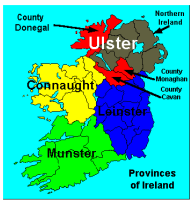
Glen Mavis, Oamaru

Nurse Lawrence, Edendale

Nurse Merdith, Te Rata 166 Tweed St, Invercargill

Nurse Barkers, Mataura =

Mrs Fisher nursing home is not on the list



Ulster Plantations – Ireland

Counties: Antrim, Armagh, Cavan .

In the 17th century, during the reign of James 1, it was decided that there should be an organized colonization or

plantation of people from mainly England and Scotland to Ulster Ireland by populating the region with settlers loyal to the British crown. It was thought the rebellions would cease and the population would accept English control.

In 1606 wealthy landowners started to receive small private parcels of land taken from Gaelic chiefs and transferred to British landowners. Eventually half a million acres across six counties were confiscated. The aim was to convert the Irish Catholic population to Protestantism but it was generally a failure.

Hatred for the planters grew with the influx of settlers from the 1620s, and the increasing marginalization of the Irish with “smoldering resentment” among the Irish, who had been “unfairly dispossessed of their lands by force and legal chicanery”. Petty violence and sabotage against the planters was rife,

In 1641 The Ulster Catholics rebelled, and mounted a rebellion which resulted in a massacre and many of those who had been part of the plantation fled back to Britain.

Under the Penal Laws, enacted after the Catholic defeat in the [Jacobite-Williamite war](#) of the 1690s, all those who refused to acknowledge the English King as head of their Church – therefore Catholic and Presbyterians – were barred not only from the parliament but from any public position or service in the Army.

Thousands of people were killed and injured during the bloody rebellion.

Findmypast 1798, Claimants and Surrenders database includes rebels who surrendered to magistrates in the Dublin area, and persons claiming compensations for their losses sustained during the unrest.

Did you know

Lunatic asylums such as Bethlem (Bedlam) (London) were popular with Regency tourists. They came to ‘gawp’ at the inmates, who spent their days chained and fettered and lying on straw. It was called Bethlem, originally based on Moorfields and was rebuilt at St George’s Fields in 1812; it attracted hundreds of visitors annually.



INTERVIEWING RELATIVES



dreamstime.com

- Don’t hesitate 0 elderly people have s disturbing habit of suddenly dying – then it is **TOO LATE**

- **And you lose a whole library**

- A personal visit is preferable, but please phone first and take with you tape recorder, I phone or ipad, pencil and

notebook

Do be tactful – everyone has skeletons in the cupboard

Do be flexible – ignore the question list if the he/she doesn’t want to talk

Be aware there will be gaps in memories

Don’t interrupt when they are talking

Listen attentively and give encouragement

Don’t argue if dates and names don’t fit in

Don’t overstay your welcome or tire your relative.

Take time to chat before you leave, then you can return

Questions

What is your first memory- how any brothers /sisters did you have

Where did you live – did you have your own bed, or did you share with family members – were they younger or older than you

Did you have daily chores – what were they

Can you remember your first day at school -who was the teacher

What did you do the first day– was it hot, cold or snowy

Which school- how did you get there – walk, ride a bike, pony or go through paddocks

Did you use chalk or slates- take lunch- where did you eat it

How was the room heated - did you participate in school concerts - play sport.

What were the roads like – clay, mud, grass or gravel Did you ever make butter in a churn

Did you have any pets – what were their names

What did your mother bake in – coal or electric range and how often did she bake, what was Sunday lunch

How often did you go to town or shop – where was it – how did you travel

Where did you go for holidays –did you travel by train, car

Can you remember which ship Great grandparents came out to NZ on.
 Was it close to a world event –gold rush, [World war or Dunedin exhibition
 What can you tell me about your childhood, parents and grandparents.
 Where were they born or went to school.
 Describe them – tall, short, happy or solemn
 Did they play any musical instruments]
 Do they have any photos of weddings, christenings or their grandparents .
 Any letters, family bible, birthday books or certificates of special events
 Where did you meet your husband – where did your parents meet
 Did you attend church –Sunday school, sing in a choir
 Were you allowed to play cards, bike, do housework, farm work colour in a picture, or
 Allowed to clean your shoes on Sunday for church on the Holy day.
 Did everyone attend church on both morning and afternoon. How did they travel
 What was your fathers occupation- was life hard for them.
 Did they ever tell you what it was like when you were born
 What was it like during the depression.

More Websites for you to try

wilson.connection.org.nz –

The Wilson Collection is launched 2 new indexes on 4th May-

- Police Gazettes for Canterbury, from Archway, indexed by Glenn Coster
- NZ Engineering Biographical Index from Rob Aspden

Famnet by Peter Nash

MYHeritage -Welcome to Deep Nostalgia™ — the sensation that’s taken the internet by storm!

Over 80 million animations and counting!

I’ll give you an example. I took a photograph of my great grandmother, Elizabeth COUTTS nee DINNISS, who died about 1902, leaving a very young family. She and her immediate family have caused me much trouble in sorting out her ancestors and I have grown very attached to her. This I then colourized her photo at <https://photomyne.com/colorize-app> which is a free website with which I am having a lot of fun.

Then I went to <http://familytr.ee/deep> which allows you to use it (but only six times) for free

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and you’ll see that she blinks, moves her head and gives a wee smile.

What can old people do with all their books?

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/what-can-old-people-do-with-all-their-Books?fbclid=IwAR0AvZm6A25vsbFtIsQtgcphdpNm1KR095eMQ5rNdXLtiMuTBRHik92LCm8>

Here is an article about a very real problem for us oldies. I must say that I donated two cartons of books on the Hokianga to the Hokianga Museum. I gave them permission to dispose of them as they wished. They seemed pleased and I felt very saintly. And I had downsized my library a little.

Thanks to Peter Nash - FamNet

Some thoughts on the online **Scottish kirk session records**

<https://vivsacademicblog.wordpress.com/2021/04/08/some-thoughts-on-the-online-scottish-kirk-session-records/> *Thanks to FamNet*

Findmypast

Monmouthshire Parish Records`



Scotland Modern and civil births 1855 – 2019

Scotland modern and civil deaths and burials 1855- 2021



Ancestry

The first stage of a major project to digitize First World War soldiers pension

records has gone live ahead of Remembrance Day A set of 50,485 records from Naval pensions ledgers and Merchant Marine cards was published at the start of October as a result of a

partnership of Ancestry and the Western Front Association. **WAF**

18,270 digital transcriptions of records area available to subscribers to search on **Ancestry.co.uk** history website **fold3.com**



In November 2012 WFA acquired an archive of approximately 6.5 million First World War records index cards and ledgers from the Ministry of Defence, saving them from destruction.

The records were used by the Government to keep track of pensions paid to soldiers, sailors and airmen injured in The First World War, as well as widows and dependants if men who were killed.

They are one of the largest surviving set of the British forces in First World War.

[OR Search WW1 Forces Records - 10M+ 1914-1918 WW1 Records](https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/)

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UK Based Transcription Team. Search Exclusive Military Records By Name, War or Regiment. 97% Accurate Records - Independently Verified. Search Over 26 Million Forces...

[Search Navy Records](#) · [Search RAF Records](#) · [Search WW1 Records](#)

Australian Passenger Lists

Findmypast has merged their collection of passenger lists into one simple search and added 9 million new records.

The **Australian National Passenger Lists 1898-** new: **1972 collection** consists of: New South Wales passenger lists (assisted & unassisted) 1881 British census crew and passengers on ships arriving in New South Wales Queensland customs house shipping passengers and crew 1852-1885 South Australia passenger lists 1847-1886

Passengers to South Australia on board Buffalo 1836 Tasmania Departures 1817-1863

Victoria inward passenger lists 1839-1923 Victoria outward passenger lists 1852-1915 Victoria coastal passenger lists 1852-1924

Each record includes a transcript and many also include an image of the original record. Passenger lists vary widely in size, length, and level of detail, as there was no standardized format. As well as revealing the dates and location of arrival and departure, many records will also reveal a variety of useful biographical details such as ages, occupations, nationalities, marital status, places of birth or residence.

Something to keep in mind was that until 1871, assisted passenger lists were kept separately from unassisted passengers.



Expanded its free online archives in April of 2021 with nearly 32 million new indexed family history records and over 3 million digital images from all over the world

including Austria, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, England, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Puerto Rico, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and the United States, which includes California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/record-collection-april-2021/>

1891 Census for Norway

New York, Index to Passengers Lists of Vessels, 1897-1902

Sweden: Vasterbotten Church Records 1619-1896; Index 1688-1860

Devon Parish Records Over 240,000 new baptisms, marriages and burials that you won't find anywhere else online are ready to explore, only on **Findmypast**.

PapersPast scroll down on Newspapers home page <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

Latest additions to Newspapers (April 2021):

Feilding Star (1930-April 1934),

Star (Christchurch) (1921-June 1935),

Sun (Auckland) (March 1927-September 1930)

Free Online course in Irish Family History



Family History.

It explains the resources available, and helps researchers interpret their findings in a meaningful way. The course is hosted on the free learning and empowerment platform **Alison.com**, which has kindly sponsored its publication. You can track your progress and even certify your knowledge at the end!

<https://alison.com/course/an-introduction-to-irish-family-history> - Thanks to Kapaiti Branch