

# Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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**Next Meeting**  
**3 May 2022**  
**7pm Maruawai Center**  
**Mystery night.**  
**New hard copy**  
**resources available for**  
**one night only. Do Come**

### *April Meeting report*

This was an excellent friendly meeting with members participating in many subjects.

- **The treasurer requests members wait until after the AGM before paying subs.** It simplifies the records for her.
  - The NZSG appears to have rethought the \$10 levy per each branch member.
  - Archway New Zealand has a new complicated format *see next article*. ... **NZ wills are available on Family Search.**
  - ***DNA Family Secrets on Sky Living starting 15 April***
  - Trish Diamond can assist with queries in the South Australian Genealogy Association. They have webinars.
  - Be aware photos of your ancestors on your Ancestry file maybe used on other files, unless your file is private.
  - FindMyPast also has photos but you can opt out.
- Sue Wilson, has painted a spectacular family tree
- My Heritage has a photo scanner

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### **Archives New Zealand.**

On 8 February Archives New Zealand replaced Archway with a new way of searching their collections?

To get the best out it you will need a **RealMe login**. You may already have used one for your student loan, passport renewal or National Super. Time to find that password!

If you don't have a RealMe login, go to [www.realme.govt.nz](http://www.realme.govt.nz)

and you will find what you need to do to get a login.  
*Thanks to Hutt Valley Branch*

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Education was compulsory and free in NZ in 1877 but some schools existed before then. School records a valuable resource for tracing your family. **The Kiwi Collection is adding new school records in May.**

**Websites** London Picture Archive. Over 250,000 images of London from the collections at London Metropolitan Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery  
<https://www.londonpicturearchive.org.uk/>

**Family Tree Live Webinars.** A whole range of fabulous upcoming presentations, including Australian and New Zealand ones, so click on the link below to find out what's on when.  
<http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/> **Genealogy and History Events.**

**What's on?** To keep you up to date with what's coming up, we've compiled a list of the (mostly) Australian events, both in person, and online that are coming up. As you can see there, is plenty on, so if you wish to keep on learning, and boost your genealogical and historical knowledge, you can do so - with many being available from the comfort of your own home.

<https://www.gould.com.au/coming-genealogy-history-events/>

**Otago Settlers Association.** The Settlers' Association have newsletters containing articles about historical stories about Otago and Dunedin, which they've loaded to their website. There's a keyword search to make finding information easier. This is a free service from the Otago Settler's Association, and they would welcome any feedback. <https://otagosettlers.org.nz/>

**Layers of London.** A map-based history website developed by the Institute of Historical Research. Users can access free historic maps of London and contribute stories, memories and histories to create a social history resource about their area.

<https://www.layersoflondon.org>

*Thanks to Hutt Valley Branch*

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## PAPERSPAST UPDATE

One new newspaper title has been added in January and 4 others have had more years added:

**Te Awamutu Courier** April 1936 to 1950 This paper was previously named Waipa Post (which is available from 1911 to April 1936)

**Southland Times** 1921-1928 (coverage starts in 1862) **Taranaki Daily News** 1921-1928 (coverage starts in 1900)

**Wanganui Chronicle** 1920-1950 (coverage starts in 1860)

**Timaru Herald** 1936-1945 (coverage starts (coverage starts in 1864)

Three of these are shortlived newspapers based in Gisborne, no issues of which have previously been digitised.

The other 3 titles are existing papers based in **Greymouth, Hastings and Waimate.**

**Grey River Argus:** years 1921-1935 added. This daily starts in 1866

**Hawke's Bay Tribune:** 1921-1936 added. This daily starts in 1910.

**Waimate Daily Advertiser:** years 1905-1906 and 1920-1929 added. Daily from 1914. Starts in 1898.

**Gisborne Standard & Cook County Gazette:** 1887-1891. Published 3 days a week.

**Poverty Bay Independent:** 1885-1886. Published Saturdays only at the start then 3 days per week.

**Poverty Bay Standard:** 1872-1876; 1881-1884. Publication varied from 2 to 6 days a week. For its final year it was renamed The Telephone.

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## Requests for Military Records.



Have you submitted a request to the Defence Force Records in the last year for military records and not heard back? I was advised by them that they are only now working on

May 2021 (yes, 2021) requests. Delays have been caused by COVID-19 and its effects on staffing levels. However, I am suggesting that if you complete the same request form, scan, and email it to them asking for an in-person visit to their reading room (providing you're able to visit in person), then you should have phone contact with a date and time to visit them within a few weeks.

*Thanks to Hut Valley and Helene Philpott*

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## RESEARCH USING NEW ZEALAND ELECTORAL ROLLS: PART 4

by Alan Tunnicliffe © 10 April 2022

I showed an example from the 1905 Waiapu Roll in which married women were sometimes identified as the wife of their named husbands on the same roll.

In the course of recent research into a branch of my family-tree I have come across another instance of a Registrar who did a similar thing with his 1903 Patea (Taranaki) electoral roll. However, he identified the women on his roll in many different ways. I have only looked at a few pages from this roll. One of these is shown on the next page.

Here is a list of his descriptions of female electors: domestic duties, household duties, home duties, house



duties, housewife, wife, farmer's wife, married, domestic duties, married, married woman, spinster, domestic spinster, domestic duties, , spinster spinster, general servant, spinster, dressmaker, widow, lady housekeeper,

mother's help, lady help, companion, housemaid, waitress, assistant post mistress, schoolmistress, school teacher, teacher, music teacher, nurse, farmer,



farming, dressmaker assistant, dressmaker, art needlework, dealer, milliner, saleswoman, draper, picture farmer,

compositor boarding-house keeper, settler, wife of D. Murray wife of Robert Myhill wife of W. C. Page senr.

*Thanks to Riccarton Branch and Alan Tunnicliffe*

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## New Zealand War Graves Trust



NZ section graves in Chania, Crete

<https://www.nzwargraves.org.nz/>

This is the site where photographs, research and background information from the Trust's project are lodged. This website is a work in progress.

Photographs and information will continue to be uploaded to the website over the next two years. Already there are over 40,000 photographs on the website. More will be added as they come to hand.

*Thanks to Oamaru Branch & NZSG eKit*

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**Trade and local directories for England and Wales from the 1760s to the 1910s.**

University of Leicester, Special Collections online <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4/>

The collection contains 689 directories, with at least one directory for every English and Welsh county for the 1850s, 1890s and 1910s. Searchable by name, place, and occupation this is an essential tool for local, urban, and family history. You can find Kelly's and Pigot's directories here, as well as those by regional publishers. The collection provides access to scanned images and full text of the trade directories. These are large items, so please be patient if free text searching the whole collection. In the Branch Library we have the following: Pigot's Commercial Directories. 1828-1829. Cumberland, Lancashire, Westmorland. 1830 Norfolk, Suffolk Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Devonshire, Somersetshire, Wiltshire 1839. London and Suburbs, Kent, Surry, Sussex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex

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**From around the websites**

**Ancestry:** Have added several European record sets from Germany, France and Latvia. Several phone indexes have also been added or updated for Europe and the UK

**Ireland Reaching Out:** If you need help to discover what Parish your Irish ancestors came from, please post a query on the IrelandXO

**Message Board.** Their locally based volunteers, and IrelandXO community members from all over the world, will do their best to help you figure it out.

**Find My Past:** 8000 military nurses 1856-1994 have been added to the site. Scotland's People: Perth prison records have been added

**Papers Past:** Have added the Press 1962-1971

**Lost Cousins:** The 14th March newsletter has a masterclass How to make the most of your DNA test. If you don't subscribe to this free newsletter, you should. Peter Calver the founder of **Lost Cousins** puts

a huge amount of information in his newsletters and most people will find something of interest. It is free



**Have you heard of... Castle Garden?**

This was America's first immigration centre and preceded

[www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org) This is a free database of approximately 11 million immigrants through the port of New York from 1820-1892. It was used before Ellis Island.



*Ellis Island was a bleak unforgiving place where any family member who failed the strict health and dental inspection*

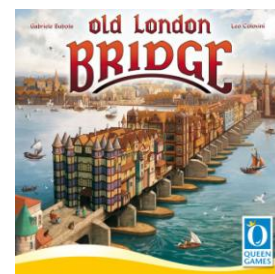
*or ability to speak English was sent back to the country of origin. Imagine the heart ache if a child in a family of 5 tested positive for TB.*

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**The London Picture Archive**

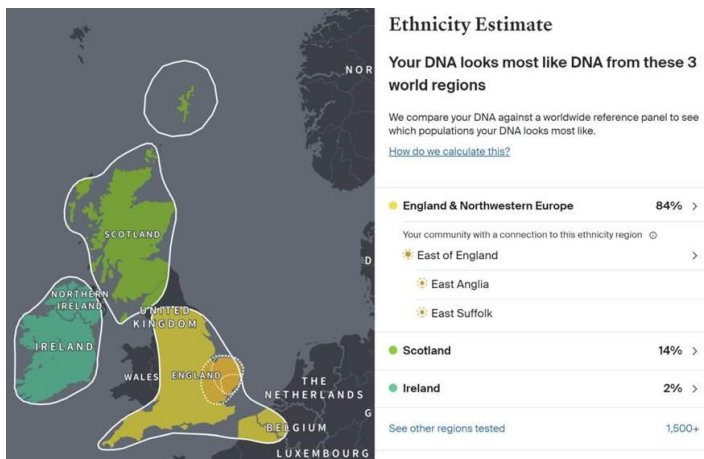
This site has over 250,000 pictures from the collections at the London Metropolitan Archives and the Guildhall Art Gallery

[www.londonpicturearchive.org.uk](http://www.londonpicturearchive.org.uk) One feature is the London Picture Map which you can search by location. The blurb says "it's a great way to discover images of a particular street or building. Many of the images which we have placed o'n the map are of buildings that no longer exist, giving you an intriguing view of 'Lost London'"



Thanks to Papakura Branch

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*I was delighted to see Shetland listed on this map in the correct location.*

Interestingly the percentage of DNA from Scotland has been increasing: it's 14% now, but it was shown as 8% last autumn, and in the update before that it was only 3%..

It's important to remember that whilst we inherit an equal amount of autosomal DNA from each parent – one set of chromosomes from each – the DNA passed on to us won't be representative of our parents' ancestry, because we don't get an equal amount from each grandparent. That's another reason why ethnicity estimates have to be regarded very cautiously!

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### Famnet- Peter Nash

It is my humble opinion that the Wilson Collection is the most important website for NZ research. How Diane does so much indexing is no surprise to me because I was once a member of her team and I have consumed many a virtual chocolate fish over the years. I have made most of my indexes available to Diane for her to use if she wishes to publish on that website.

Robert offered the General Resource Databases of FamNet (but Diane already had the same data). That many other people are doing likewise suggests that the future of the NZSG is at risk. Too many are walking away.

I should also suggest that another visit to the website should be done because another big load of data was added in early March. Good genealogical sleuthing using sideways and clever techniques.

### How can you assist to get this work done?

**Please if you have any certificates of New Zealand marriages which are not in the collection, can you please, please scan same and forward the scan to [info@wilsoncollection.co.nz](mailto:info@wilsoncollection.co.nz).** The collection is being much used and we would be grateful for any help. *Diane Wilson*

## DNA Testing for Family History



**From the editor:** Gail Riddel has written quite a series on DNA Testing.

You will see them all on the FAMNET website and they are a must-read, particularly if you are considering or have had a test done. They are easy to read and not too technical

### Transfer your Autosomal DNA from your testing to another company – Part 1 of 3.

If you have been reading my articles on DNA for a while, you will know there are three types of DNA.

(let's start with Ancestry. Here are the steps to follow.

1. Log into your Ancestry account and in the top menu under DNA, click on 'Your DNA Results' Summary.
2. 2 Click on the 'gear' icon to your right – this takes you to your settings.
3. 3 Note the box called 'Actions' – click on the box saying [Download Raw DNA data](#)
4. 4 Enter your Ancestry password and check the box showing you understand the need to protect your data.
5. 5 Confirm and you will receive an email giving you further instructions. Open it and click on the greenish box confirming the download.
6. 6 This will take you back to your Ancestry page – click on Download DNA Raw Data.
7. 7 If your downloaded files normally go to your 'Downloads' folder, it will be a zip file showing 'dna-data' and a date.

Now you can upload that Ancestry DNA file to whichever of the following companies you want.

***Note that you should not upload autosomal DNA to a company which already has your autosomal results.***

These are

- o FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA)
- o Gedmatch
- o Living DNA
- o MyHeritage DNA

There is far more DNA technical information on FamNet. *Thanks to Gail and FamNet for this article.*