

Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists June 2022

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Next Meeting
7 May 2022
7pm Maruawai Center
Choose a local person –
Research and share your
Results with the group

May AGM Meeting report

The Annual General meeting was achieved very efficiently with Convenor Elaine. All positions have remained the same. Vicky Newman was awarded the Noeline Shaw, and Pam Milne Rosebowl for her superb secretarial skills.

Subscriptions remain \$20.00 Payable by the internet

Bank number 03 0915 025 4412 00

Archivist Bruce Cavanagh is available in the office Tuesday 1.30pm. Please contact him first by email.

bcavanagh@goredc.govt.nz

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/> - Explorer and Firefox will not work.

This is an excellent site to discover the names of children born to a couple over 100 years ago.

- Enter the family name. (don't list any children)
- Enter the mothers given name
- Enter the date 01/01/1860 (*don't limit the end date*)

Marriages that occurred 80 years ago.

Sometimes with pre 1875 records you may not get the result you expect so try:

- Entering only the names of the bride or groom not both.
- Entering the groom's names in the bride's fields or vice versa.

Deaths

When searching, you **must** enter:

- A Family Name and Search From Date
- You can search for death records if:
- the death occurred at least 50 years ago, or
- the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago.

To achieve the best results you should use a 'less is best'

The Gore Library now has
Ancestry and Findmypast available
Both are free – Please use them

The library hours are now
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 9.30 -6pm
Saturday 10am – 1.00pm

When did you last back up your valuable genealogical work?????

Consider all the certificates, you have searched and purchased. photos, stories you have gathered that information you have acquired.

Back it all up to

- **External Hard drive**
 - **Your computer**
 - **A flash drive**
- DO IT NOW- PLEASE**





A monument with a soldier sitting on a horse which has one leg off the ground indicates the soldier died in battle.

Lost and found: Family tree in search of roots
By Nelson Stuff reporter, Skara Bohny.
Somewhere out there, a family is missing its tree –
and the woman who found it wants them to reunite.

Nelson local Jenny Meadows has spent the last six weeks trying to track down the descendants of Mathias Szymański – sometimes spelled Schimanski or Szymanski – who arrived in Christchurch in 1883, after the Meadows family came across it by accident.

The family tree was compiled in 1983 by Sister Mary St Martha Szymański “in preparation of the centenary celebrations”.

Read the full article published on Stuff 30 March 2022 - *Schimanski was a name in Gore some years ago.*

Ancestry Ethnicity Inheritance

For those that have tested their DNA with Ancestry®, you can now see which ethnicities you inherited from each parent - even if they haven't taken a test.

Ancestry® has developed a technology called SideView™ to group your DNA by the parent it came from. Because a match is usually related to you through only one parent, your matches can help Ancestry® “organize” the DNA you share with them. Once that's done, Ancestry® tests the ethnicities of the DNA in both groups.

This shows which regions you inherited from each parent. The size of their DNA database is what makes this work.

With a network of over 20 million people, Ancestry® can provide these results without testing your parents (but it can't tell you which parent is which).

Thanks to Hutt Valley Branch

YouTube Genealogy

YouTube is an enormous collection of videos, and just some of them are interesting or useful.

In particular, there are lots of videos about genealogy. There are videos about how to do various types of research, how to record the information that you find and the experiences that other people have had researching their family history

Thanks New Plymouth Branch



Cutting left from the Daily Illustrated Mirror 5 April 1904 Gloucestershire Echo 27 December 1926 page2

Christmas Day was busy.... at St George the Martyr, Southwark, with ceremonies for nine couples simultaneously and earlier in the morning yet another couple by special license.

Family Tree September 1989 excerpt of article by Mary Pinder

Mass Weddings In the past many people worked a seven day week, and until late at night. Christmas Day was therefore the day for weddings, because it was a whole day's holiday followed by another one.

Occasionally this was followed by a Sunday. This resulted in en masse weddings. About five pairs at a time stood at the altar rail as the parson passed along the row. Then the bridal couple and witnesses paraded in turn to the Vestry to sign the register and left the church making way for the next group.

St George the Martyr parish in North Southwark was in a densely populated area and had mass weddings.

Between the years 1891-1941 the numbers of pairs varied from three to twenty nine.

The practice ceased by 1942.



Best free Irish sites

An invaluable source of Irish genealogy information can be found at Ireland Reaching Out. It is a unique programme that connects Irish diaspora all over the world with volunteers who are knowledgeable about Irish genealogy and who can help them connect with their roots, giving local family history guidance.

There is a vast amount of free Irish genealogical information to be found on the internet, and at IrelandXO Insights - Top FREE Irish Genealogy Resources 2022 | Ireland Reaching Out you can find the best FREE Irish ancestry websites for the most relevant archives along with the latest free tools and indexes to help you navigate them.

Remember, to make sense of the records you discover, ask our volunteers by way of our IrelandXO Message Board.

Websites -Ancestry:

New record sets UK-

- **UK, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Service Records, 1917-1920**
- **UK, Women's Royal Air Force Service Records, 1918-1920**
- **Edinburgh, Scotland, Army Attestation Registers, 1796-1857**

Very topical right now Western Ukraine,

- **Ukraine, Catholic Church Book Duplicates, 1600-1937 Kyiv, Ukraine, Orthodox Consistory Church Book Duplicates, 1734-1930**

Ireland Reaching Out:

Their 14 April newsletter focused on School records.

“In 1832 there were 789 National Schools in Ireland. By the end of the century there were 8670”

https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irish-national-education-sources-relating-19th-century?utm_medium=email&utm_source=emfluence&utm_campaign=National_education_1800s

Find My Past:

Their 22 April update focuses on English Roman Catholic Records and they include a helpful list of Latin words commonly found in these records

Papers Past:

Latest additions to Newspapers (April 2022):

- Gisborne Standard and Cook County Gazette (June 1887-1891)
- Grey River Argus (1921-1935)
- Hawke's Bay Tribune (1921-September 1936)
- Poverty Bay Independent (March 1885-1886)
- Poverty Bay Standard (October 1872-1876, 1881-1884)
- Waimate Daily Advertiser (1905-May 1906, 1920-1929)

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Lost Cousins:

The latest newsletter includes an article on What you really need to know about the 1921 census. Thanks to Papakura Branch

Have a read of the May FamNet newsletter.
http://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/May_2022/Newsletter.htm

Free to subscribe to, always an interesting read. The May edition contains an excellent article about

NZDF Personnel Archives and Medals (PAM)

The FamNet newsletter and that of Peter Calver, founder of Last Cousins, <https://www.lostcousins.com/>, are always on my "read on receipt" newsletters.

Introduction

NZDF Personnel Archives and Medals (PAM) contributes to the development of New Zealand's military heritage by providing advice on and interpretation of New Zealand military information we hold. We safeguard the personnel files of over 1 million ex-serving military, and provide information from these files to them, their families and other interested parties in accordance with New Zealand Government legislation. The files held at PAM at Trentham Military Camp are an invaluable resource for documenting the social and military history of New Zealand. They provide a unique record of the military service of the men and women who served our country at home and overseas.

Do read this – it has a list of what they hold, and more importantly, what they don't hold.

There are no records of Land girls – because they were never in the Army!!!

There are also many records which have either been destroyed in fires or by attrition.

Application form available from our website
<https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records/>

Or try a straight Google search “NZDF Archives”

- Email: NZDF.PAM@nzdf.mil.nz
- Telephone – (04) 527 5280

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

Memories are important

My mother-in-law has just died and with her almost 100 years of memories and history. As I write this I am thinking about the obituary we will be writing for her old school magazine. We were lucky in that, several years ago, I had the foresight to encourage her to record her memories onto a cassette tape. It was easy for her to use and gave her something to do when she was alone. We now have a series of voice recordings copied on my computer full of her school, family and war memories – in her voice. Priceless! It is so much more personal and poignant than the written word can be.

It is a timely reminder that unless we record our memories and history, at some point, it will all be lost in the midst of time. Many historians (family and social) concentrate on researching people, places and events of times gone by. Our own lives in the here and now hold little importance to us, but they are as important to our descendants as our ancestors lives are to us. Surely the future researchers are entitled to facts and first-hand accounts of our lives after we have gone. Assuming our children or grandchildren don't throw them away.

I have said this before and will say it again, record the memories of your nearest and dearest, and your own whilst you still have the time and wits to do it. You will never know when it will be too late, until it is.

Thanks to [Anne Sherman](#) and FamNet

12 Steps to Reducing Your Genealogy Paper Clutter

<https://familytreemagazine.com/organization/and-the-genealogy-paper-trail/>

What Will Happen When I Become a Death Certificate?

<https://chiddicksfamilytree.com/2022/04/24/what-will-happen-when-i-become-a-death-certificate/>

The FamilySearch blog post for 16 May '22 shows yet more millions of records have been added to the site. Index only, not images, at this stage, but for a wide variety of countries.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/new-records-16-may-2022>

Additions to the England, Lincolnshire, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1574-1885

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4149576>

A swath of South African vital and parish records, which do often come quite close to present day (as these things go)

Assorted Non-conformist church records added to existing collections for

Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Northumberland.

The week before saw the addition of a new Canadian collection of nearly 1million indexed records for Canada, Border Entry Lists, 1908-1918

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4123954>

Their Samoan vital records collection was added to. Back in April a new collection for the UK was added,

Prisoners of War, 1715-1947 (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4459223>)

Thanks to Kapati Branch

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This is an excellent magazine. Hope you will register