

Gore Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists March 2023

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March 2- 4

Next Meeting
7 March 2023
Time 7 pm
I Site center
Lindsey
Georgia USA

February 2023 Meeting report

The walkabout in the Charlton Cemetery was cancelled due to inclement weather. A small number of members met at Elaine's home where everyone discussed many genealogy subjects followed by a lovely supper.

Gore Historical Cemeteries Trip

13 March 2023

Depart 9am

From Old High School car park

Cost \$50.

Visit the following cemeteries:

Mataura cemetery, Otaria, **Pukerau** cemetery, lunch at Riversdale and visit the **Riversdale** cemetery, visit **Waikaia** museum and cemetery. HOME!

Numbers and money to be at I Site on our Genealogy meeting night, 7 March.

Please put the money in a named envelope.



Riversdale & Waikaia

This is your chance to visit these cemeteries

Hokonui Heritage Center Resources

Bruce Cavanagh (Archivist) is available on internet, and on Tuesday 130pm, to 4pm.

His office is presently in the building at the end of the Information Center car park, and a white bell is on the edge of the white door notifies him of your presence.

Our thoughts go out to the many displaced and suffering people up north and in Hawkes Bay. In cities, towns, settlements, and many situations everything has been destroyed. The mud and silt is appalling and it continues to rain! And Rain and rain Have you ever thought of what you would want try to save with only minutes to decide in such a traumatic event. Fires can usually be fought, but flood waters cannot be stopped.



**Don't forget to register for
 RootsTech 2023, 2-4 March.**

Which is VERY CLOSE

Go to

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech>

for more information. There is something to interest everyone.

RootsTech 2023 will be taking place in person in Salt Lake City, Utah, and as a digital experience online, providing attendees with the option to connect in a ...

[Register for Virtual Event](#)

[Speakers](#)

[Browse NEW Virtual Classes](#)

EIGHT TALKS AVAILABLE ON LINE

10 Sources for researching your Scottish Ancestors

without certificates - Alison Spring

Coal Mining Research by Rhian Diggins

Frugal Family History by Alison Spring

Irish Family History by Alison Spring Issues with

Age on Records by Davina Wilcock

Killing off your Ancestors Alison Spring

Looking for Ancestors in Jamaica Yetunde Abiola

The DNA journey of my mother from Jamaica to

Nigeria by Sharon Tomlin

Sadly, Peter Nash was able to read the harrowing account of a 3x great grandmother who was bravely brought before the courts, one of the earliest divorces by a woman.

She won her case but lost custody of their 8 children. Though her family were wealthy, her husband was deemed to be the breadwinner! The bereft woman was permitted to see her children for two hours every Thursday.

N.B. The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act 1857 (England) was a landmark step in women's emancipation. (Ref. womemslegallandmarks.com)

Ancestry to remove the Rootsweb Mailing list archive

And (temporarily?) remove WorldConnect trees.

So much for Ancestry committing to preserve the free RootsWeb resources they took over all those years ago. Although the mailing lists closed for posting a while ago now, there is so much history in the archives that was still accessible, freely shared. For particular lists, why not submit the archive of posts to the Internet Archive? Although this may not be a complete archive, it's better than nothing. (Try this for the Surnames you are interested in.)

To get as much as you can into the Archive it is best to log in (accounts are free) as that gives more options for preserving the content for a page / set of pages. Last time Ancestry "improved" the access to the WorldConnect trees, so much detail was lost, they were harder to navigate and were off-line for several years.



It was an introduction to the FREE access any member of a library who subscribes to the PressReader service can

access. Which for us, includes the Gore Libraries. PressReader is a worldwide collection of digital newspapers and magazines with something for everyone to get lost in.

The pre-requisite is that you have your Library membership card set up with a password. If you haven't already done so, go to gorelibraries.govt.nz/ for their About the Library >

How do I? and read the appropriate section on how to do this.

To access the wide ranging newspapers and magazines available from your browser of choice, go straight to PressReader.com.

Important! Do NOT just enter your email address / library pin on the form you are presented with.

Make sure you select Library or Group first.

Thanks to Kapiti Branch

[Kensington and Chelsea, London, England, Poor Law Records, 1695-1921](#)

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Don't order military service records just yet! (English??)

Obtaining military records from the Ministry of Defence has always been an expensive and lengthy exercise – at many times the waiting list has been so long that by the time a request reached the top of the pile the cheque in payment was out of date, resulting in even more delay.

It has always been free of an ex-serviceman or their spouse to obtain their file, but from 1st April it is going to be free for everyone (although there are some restrictions on who can place an order).

Research ?????? Do you remember what it was like to research your tree in 2005??

Gore Genealogy members had to order the films of parish records from the LDS church in Invercargill. When they arrived, we had to go to the LDS Church Library and sit and hand wind the whole film to find what we thought was going to be there. Didn't take any lunch breaks.. Too busy and we always came home exhausted.

How things have changed!. In those days an Ancestry subscription cost just £69.95 – which sounded like a bargain until we realized that in 2005 the main British records on the Ancestry site were the England & Wales censuses from 1851-1901.

The 1911 and 1921 censuses had yet to be released, and the 1841 Census was missing from Ancestry's collection.

What else was missing? Frankly, most of the resources we are most likely to use today had yet to be added – there were no parish registers (just a modest collection of transcribed entries), no Poor Law records, no electoral registers, no educational records to speak of, and no Scottish censuses.

If there were any military or immigration records they didn't merit a mention in 2005 newsletter, so clearly the enormous record sets we can search nowadays were added later. Indeed, you could even search the GRO BMD indexes at Ancestry in those days.

When you think about it, it makes the current price of £69.99 for a six-month Ancestry UK & Ireland subscription seem very reasonable, especially when you consider that most prices have doubled since 2005.

ZOOM ZOOM FACETIME FACETIME

The trouble with Zoom or facetime

Zoom is rather like DNA – genealogists either love it, or they haven't tried it. Which is a great shame, because over the past 3 years Zoom has wrought one of the greatest changes ever to the genealogy world.

Of course, Zoom is not the same as meeting in person – actually it's far better! It eliminates the problems of distance, travelling time, and travel cost for speakers as well as attendees, and generally there's more time for questions than would be possible at a conference or exhibition where there is a fixed schedule.

For people in different countries, or with mobility issues, sickness, or vulnerabilities it allows them to listen to, and ask questions of, speakers they might otherwise never hear live.

Whilst there may not be an opportunity to talk privately with a speaker, or to chat with other attendees, that's only because nobody has asked for this - Zoom can handle this as well!

<http://KingstonBMD.org.uk> for centuries of 20,076 births, 61,146 marriages and 11,996 deaths in Kingston Upon Thames area.

The McKercher Index

Genealogical database of the McKercher families of Perthshire and the surrounding counties of Scotland. The database documents their descendant families including those that left the highlands and those that have immigrated overseas.

The areas indexed are Fortingall, Kenmore, Weem, Dull, Menteith, Strathearn, Glasgow, Edinburgh as well as Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand. The researcher, Kori Maleski, is from Canada where many of the families emigrated and he is indexing all of the families of Fortingall, Kenmore, Weem and Killin in Perthshire in order to reconstruct family trees.

If you have Scots ancestors from the Loch Tay area it's well worth checking his indexes. Using his spreadsheets, Scottish naming patterns and DNA matches I've been able to go back another generation with my McLean, MacArthur and McEwen branches.

If you have ancestors that emigrated to Canada, Kori also recommends A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation Volumes 1 to 4 by Donald Whyte which is available from the NZ Society of Genealogists' Library (members can borrow or request lookups) and at the National Library Wellington, 1st floor Reading Room (on open shelf) FAMILY HISTORY CAN/ LIST The McKercher Index



Websites Ancestry.com.uk
Five centuries of Hampshire wills and probates, thanks to collaboration with Hampshire - County Council

East Sussex 1705-1963 Electoral registers.
20,425,086 records

West Sussex 1832- 1963 8,208,872 records
familySearch.org added 2,242,305 records from civil records of North East France.

TheGenealogist 629,000 Chelsea Pensioner records added

[Findmypast](https://tidd.ly/3hL9p0p) -(subscription) <https://tidd.ly/3hL9p0p>

Scottish National War Memorial - snwm.org online database of Casualties from World wars and conflicts 1945 since 1945.

65,000 new records opened in the 1939 Register.