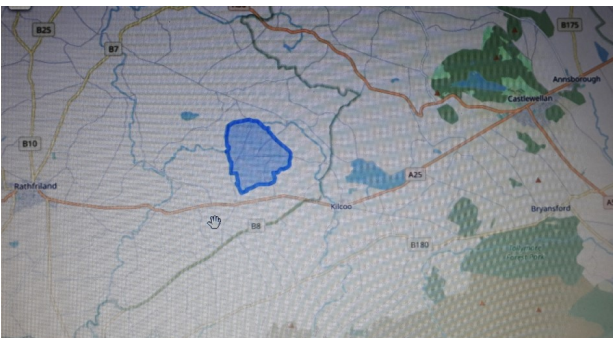


From Cabra, Co Down to Gore, NZ

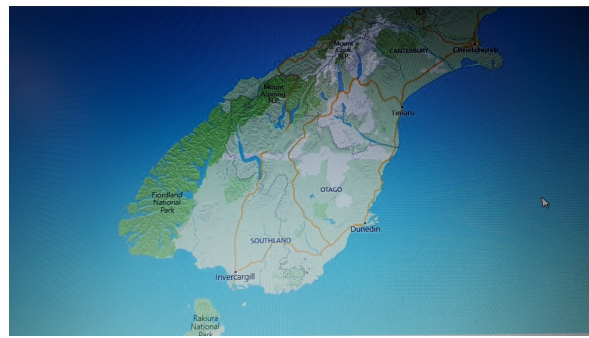
David Mark: From Islandmoyle, Cabra County Down to Gore, New Zealand

David Mark was born at his Aunt Teresa's (Clarke) house in the townland of Lisnasluggan, Annaclone, County Down in 1885. The young David was reared at his Mother's (Rose Travers) farm in Islandmoyle, Cabra, County Down. David left Ireland for New Zealand in 1910 and moved to Gore in South Island where he found employment working on farms with teams of horses putting crops in and helping with the harvest.

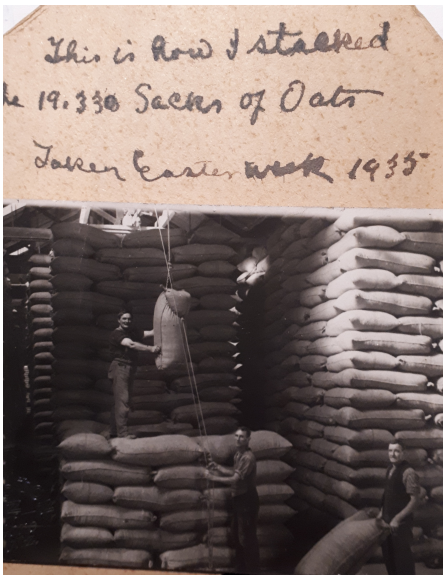
In the early 1920s David decided to return to Ireland for a short while. He met and married a widow woman Mrs Susan Flaherty. David and Susan and her two daughters (Teresa and Molly) relocated to Gore. Over the next decade David and Susan added another five daughters (Susan, Rose, Nellie, Nora and Emily) to their family.



Islandmoyle, Cabra, County Down



South Island, New Zealand



*This is how I stacked
the 19,330 Sacks of Oats
Taken Easter week 1935*

From the late 1920s up to the early 1950s David worked as a storeman in Flemings Oat Mill, Gore. This photo shows David Mark standing on a stack of oat sacks - 19,330 sacks!

Flemings Creamoata, Northern Roller Milling in Gore:
<https://southlandnz.com/gore/historic-building/flemings-creamoata-mill>

David sent several letters back home to his cousins in Annaclone, Co. Down, where he described his early life in County Down as well as describing life in Gore and South Island NZ from 1910 onwards.

David passed away in Feb 1957, while Susan passed away in July 1978. A grandson Kevin Lonie, now lives in Australia, with relatives living in Banbridge, Northern Ireland. A letter dated 19 February 1931, along with photos and a notebook, will be available to view at the Ulster-New Zealand Trust exhibition.

Thank you to Donal Clarke who has donated family photos and letters to the Trust Collection.