

TEMPERO TALK

THE 2013 TEMPERO FAMILY REUNION(S)

Hosted by Tom & Linda TEMPERO

We Hope to See You in Folsom, CALIFORNIA

(It's more than just a prison)



Well, it's time to start thinking about the 2013 Tempero Reunion. Tom and I will be hosting this year in Folsom, California on August 30 – September 1. Folsom is a growing community with many fun activities close by. Our headquarters will be at the Hilton Garden Inn. Just across from the hotel is lots of shopping at the Factory Outlets, a movie theater and many restaurants. Also nearby is the American River where the adventurous can go whitewater rafting. We haven't had much rain this year so there might not be much whitewater. There is an old town area to explore with unique shops and antique stores. Folsom also boasts a small zoo, which is great fun for the little kids and a famous prison. The hotel is about a 35 minute drive from the Sacramento International Airport. Rooms have been set aside for us at a rate of \$99.00 per night which includes a full breakfast. Parking is free and the entire hotel is non-smoking. You can make those reservations via the internet at:

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/S/SMFFHGI-TFRF-20130830/index.jhtml>

Or you can call them directly at (916) 353-1717. The hotel is holding our rooms until August 16th. After that date they will be released.

We have reserved a meeting room from Friday afternoon through Saturday night. Anyone arriving on Friday can gather there. The meeting room will be available all day Saturday for visiting, games, etc. or you can go and explore the area. We will meet back in the meeting room for dinner around 6:00 which will be \$20.00 per person including tax and gratuity. That includes soda, iced tea or water, chips and salsa, building your own taco with ground beef, refried beans, Spanish rice, guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo, lettuce and tomatoes. A chef's choice dessert is also included. After dinner we will have our typical Tempero Family Business Meeting.

Sunday morning you can either be on your own or join me at my church for a 9:00 service. Then at noon everyone will gather at our home in Cameron Park, which is 14 miles from the hotel, for a catered BBQ lunch and swim. Stay as long as you like to visit your cousins.

We have included in this newsletter (if you received it by U.S. Mail) a registration form to be completed and returned to us. If you are receiving this via email there will be a separate email with a PDF of the registration form which you can complete and return back to us electronically. We aren't asking for any registration fee just a head count so we can give numbers to the hotel and the caterer.

We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones!!•

UP NEXT month!!!

MONTANA TEMPERO REUNION

You are Invited...

JUNE 15-16 2013
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
HERON, MONTANA



Hosted by Manford & Marvel TEMPERO

SATURDAY JUNE 15

Registration time 8:00 am to 11:00 am

A continental breakfast will be served
from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Getting to know each other again

*Please bring photos, stories and tall tales
about living with a Tempero.*

6:00 pm

Supper will be served at 6:00 pm

*It will be Pot Luck bring your favorite salad
and desert, the meat will be provided.*

*For those of you who are from out of town
don't worry about the food there will be*

*plenty. If you would like you could bring chips, pop
or other snack foods.*

After dinner around 7:30 - 8:00 pm,

*Tempero talk, a time to share. Manford will
start us off with some stories, tall tales, and other
things.*

*Please plan to share with us some special
memories you have. This will be a special time for
all the families as we all share memories, stories,
poems etc.*

SUNDAY JUNE 16TH

8:00 am - 10:00 am **breakfast**

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Tempero Church Service

12:00 pm

Eat left overs, clean up and say good-by. •

Places to stay

The closest motels are 12 miles away in Noxon Mt. Resort are limited so reserve your room as soon as possible.

Noxon Motel 406-847-2600

Single Bed \$50.00 • 2 Queens \$55.00 Includes Kitchenette and Internet

Aitken's Motel: 406/847-2191 Rooms are \$73.00

For more information please contact:

Manford Tempero - 406/741-3215 Call Manford for information about RV parking.

OR Irene Anderson - 406/827-4406

WHO IS GRAHAM ROY TEMPERO?

An inside look at one of our Tempero Genealogists

By Dick Tempero (Indy)



Graham Roy Tempero, the second of four children born to Rose Pocock Tempero and Herbert George Tempero (Clive, Graham, Colin and Nina), was born on 12/10/1945 at White Waltham, England and grew up near Maidenhead which, in turn, is not far from Great Milton, home of the Tempero family in England. After completing school at 15, he started a six year apprenticeship in tool making. After finishing the apprenticeship, he worked in another firm for a year before spending 18 months tool making in Adelaide, Australia. He returned to England in 1969 and, in 1977, married Linda Ebsworth. They had three children, Kevin, Steven and Donna. In 1988, after they decided on a change of life for them and the children, they immigrated to Adelaide. Before his retirement in 2006, he worked for the American company, Tenneco Automotive, which manufactures exhaust systems and ride gear for the car industry. He worked there as a toolmaker and tool room supervisor for 17 years. Divorced in 1994, Graham and Linda stay in touch and are the proud grandparents of Kai, Courtney and Jordan.

When he was a youngster, his dad often took the children to Great Milton and told stories about the Tempero's. Inspired by what he heard, he decided to learn more about the people in his fathers' stories and how they were related to him. This led to a decision the best way to do so was to do some genealogical research and start to build a family tree. He began by visiting known Tempero places, graveyards and looking in other likely places. It was a slow slog. For example, he told me that in all of the graveyards he had visited, he had yet to find a Tempero headstone. As his work became more sophisticated he learned where to search and what to look for. He ultimately found records in Oxford which took him back to John Tempero in the 1600's. But even after some 6 years of footwork his records still had many holes in them (and older records are in Latin!).

About that time (early 80's) Clive, now a policeman in Oxfordshire, called him that the police station in Henley-on-Thames had received a letter from someone in New Zealand inquiring about Tempero's in England. They knew Clive, Clive got the letter to Graham and this opened up a whole new area of research for him. His reply to the author of that letter, Joan Laird nee Tempero, led to Henry and Penelope Tempero who immigrated to New Zealand. In 1991, his mother Rose came to visit and brought with her "The Burke's Peerage World Book of Tempero's" that many of us have seen at one time or another. He wrote to all of those listed and was gratified with the responses. One was from Joan (and Steve) Tempero which led him to all the research she had done on the descendents of Charles and Thomas Tempero in the United States.

He is now, as a result of his trip to the New Zealand Family Reunion, filling out his records with new information from both the New Zealand and the United States. He also knows that John Tempero had parents and came from 'somewhere'. Was it elsewhere in England? Or Portugal? Or somewhere else? And what, for goodness sake, is the origin of the name Tempero? There is still much to discover!

It is his fond wish that we set up a repository that would be available to all Tempero's, one that we could all be a part of keeping up to date. If we are able to accomplish that, he will take great pride in the role he has played to help make that happen.

Questions, comments or suggestions may be addressed to Graham at [Graham Tempero gtempero@smartchat.net.au](mailto:gtempero@smartchat.net.au) or me at Richard M. Tempero tempero5774@sbcglobal.net or 5774 E Fall Creek Parkway N Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226-1016. This article is based on a discussion that Graham and I had in the Sydney International Airport on February 25th while on our way to the 2013 New Zealand Tempero Family Reunion in Christchurch, NZ. •

My Time at the 2013 New Zealand Reunion



By Graham Roy TEMPERO

When I first heard there was going to be a family reunion in New Zealand I thought to myself that I would love to attend but it would mean that I would be venturing outside my comfort zone. Not that I worry about traveling as I have been doing plenty of that over the years. More so it was to the thought that I would be mixing with strangers. Although saying that, it did occur to me that most of the people going would be in the same boat, we often are strangers, but we all are cousins.

So there I was, a week before I had to leave and I had not made the family tree sheet I had been planning to do since I heard about the reunion. But not to worry, it's me all over again, leaving everything until the last minute. Well, I had it finished a day before I was due to leave, so you might say the ink was still wet as I boarded the plane in Adelaide.

After arriving at Sydney domestic terminal, I made my way to the international terminal with quite a few hours to spare and just relaxed in one of the lounges. After a bit, I noticed some people that looked familiar. After a bit I plucked up the courage to walk along and ask the question, "You look familiar, are you Tempero's?" Yes, was the reply and I had met again my American cousins Joan, Steve, Sue and Dick Tempero before even getting to the reunion. Who would have thought that, with the thousands of people traveling through the Sydney airport every day, I would meet some cousins that I hadn't seen for eleven years. And, to top that, we were going to Christchurch on the same flight. We spent some time together before boarding the plane and, a few hours later, we arrived in Christchurch.

It was now 11P. We were all tired. Them especially. Since my passport allowed me to fast track through immigration and customs, I thought I would find transport for us all to the Redwood Motel before the others arrived in the lobby. I must have looked lost as I came through the main doors looking for the exit, but as I did I was approached by a man who asked if I was Graham Tempero. I was more

than surprised as I knew nobody there. It turned out that it was Gibb Lee, who along with wife Val, had organised the reunion. He was there with Val, along with John and Sue Parker from England. It was John who had picked me out even though it had been eleven years since we had met in England. We were soon safely in their two cars on the way to the Redwood.

Thursday morning came around in the blink of an eye. Gibb was there to take us all to their house for breakfast and later take us on a sight seeing drive around Christchurch to view the destruction caused by their two recent major earthquakes. Later that day we were treated to a lovely evening meal. Val and Gibb's hospitality was second to none. Friday was much the same, but this time there were lots of people turning up, meeting family that they hadn't seen for many years and, in some cases, meeting each other for the first time.

Saturday morning was soon there and it was time to get things sorted out in the hotel meeting room. There were people arriving with their old photo's and memorabilia. It was really interesting to see the Tempero family's bits and pieces. I was thinking that perhaps I could have squeezed a few more things in to my suitcase. By the time everyone was there, I think I must have been in Name Overload, what with meeting all these new people and trying to remember all their names. It was a good job we had name tags.

I was first up, asked to give a little chat about how I came involved with the Tempero family genealogy. I'm sure I must have missed some things in all the excitement. I found it interesting to hear how people had different ideas of how the name Tempero came about and where the name may have

originated. To all the other people that stood up and had their talks and slide show, a big thank you. I'm sure it added a lot of family information for everyone there. The time seemed to fly with everyone showing their photos and swapping information and stories about their families. With some time to spare before the evening meal, I was taken on a drive around the southern hills of Christchurch by Gray Bremner and then, calling in to see Ian and Barbara Scott on our way back to the motel. It turns out that Ian and Barbara's son, Callum works in Melbourne for the daughter of an old school friend of mine. What a small world we live in. The evening meal was an all you can eat affair with just about every sort of food available. It seemed that all were enjoying themselves and carrying on from where they left off earlier, swapping stories and info.

My Sunday was spent taking it easy with a walk into Christchurch and getting the feel of the city and seeing how things really are now that there isn't as much left in what used to be their main shopping area. I was surprised to see how people had managed to build a small shopping area out of shipping containers. These being painted in all sorts of bright colours and seemed like buildings made of gigantic Lego blocks.

Monday morning was soon there. Bright and early Gibb arrived with the mini bus to transport 9 of us on a tour around the Southern Island, while another 7 traveled in their own transport. I would only be going as far as Oamaru and then catch a bus back to Christchurch on Wednesday to fly back to Australia on Thursday.

The trip to Oamaru was uneventful except for a stone cracking our windscreen. We arrived in Oamaru mid afternoon after stopping off in Timaru to check on fixing the windscreen and having something to eat. We then met cousins Avis and Laurie Tempero and Margaret O'Brien before having an evening meal and going along to the penguin centre after dark. We saw plenty

of small penguins come ashore but the weather was very cold.

Tuesday was a special day where Laurie and Avis gave us a guided tour around Oamaru to show us where Tempero's lived, houses they built and where they were buried. Our next stop was the Waitaki Boys High School where Lincoln John Tempero was educated. He was later to become the top ranking officer in the New Zealand Navy. In the school memorabilia hall there was a plaque and photo of Lincoln on the wall along with his sword and naval hat in a display cabinet. (Lincoln is the older brother of Peter Tempero, Val's deceased husband and father of her four children).

We then went along to meet Ron Tempero at the retirement home where he now lives. At 91, he is as sharp as anyone remembering all sorts of things from the past. It was a real pleasure to meet him and hear him talk about our family. Later that day we travelled just outside town to meet Rod Tempero at his car building workshop. What an eye opener that was for me to see how he makes these high performance cars by hand with no computer aided machinery around. It was

brilliant. While there we also met Rod's father and mother, Errol and Winsome and Jane Tempero Campbell, his sister, and her children, Callum and Hamish. This day, I must say, was one of the highlights of the reunion for me.

On Wednesday morning, it was time to say goodbye to everyone as they were continuing on the tour and I was heading back home to Australia. I hope the rest of their journey

was pleasant and as good as could be. In closing, I would like to say it was a pleasure meeting everyone who attended the reunion. And may I, through Tempero Talk, say thank you to everyone for their input into making this a memorable occasion. I would particularly like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Gibb and Val for their kind hospitality and all their hard work to make it all possible. •



One of the many discussion tables

'13 TT 'COINCIDENCE AND OUR ATTENDANCE AT THE 2013 NEW ZEALAND TEMPERO FAMILY REUNION'



BY DICK
TEMPERO
(Indy)

Sue and my visit to the 2013 New Zealand Tempero Family Reunion was the result of the series of remarkable coincidences explained below.

#1. We first visited New Zealand on a Friendship Force trip in the early 1990's. Sue was able to spend two weeks, me three. The group members were all from Iowa and we spent several months planning, organizing and packing. About a week before we left, it suddenly dawned on me that Steve and Joan, my brother and sister-in-law, had been there a year before. I had not had the chance to talk to them about their trip so I called him and asked, "Did you see or do anything while you were there that we should try to do?"

He spoke briefly about the physical beauty and then mentioned a custom he and Joan had. Whenever they traveled, where ever they stopped, they would look in the local phone book to see if there were any Sandall's or Tempero's listed. They did so in Christchurch and discovered there was a listing for a Ada and a Marjorie Tempero. Steve called the number and, after an interesting discussion, he and Joan were invited to their home for 'high tea'. Though they had no idea what it meant or what to do, they went and very much enjoyed their visit. He gave me their names and address and suggested we call them. Since we were so close to departure, I wrote Ada and Marjorie explaining we would be in Christchurch in about three weeks and I would call them then to see if we could arrange a visit.

#2. We arrived on the north island ten days later and were promptly overtaken by group events. At the end of the week, our group flew off to Christchurch. We had decided to visit the owners of a sheep ranch on the south coast of the north island who Sue's mother had previously visited, so we took a train across the island, planning to fly to Christchurch early Monday morning. While we were waiting for them at the Wanganui Train Station, we took a page out of Joan and Steve's book and looked to see if the name Tempero appeared in the phone book. It did and we were soon in the presence of William Henry 'Harry' Tempero, a 70 year old, retired

railroader who had recently lost his wife. He was somewhat surprised but graciously greeted us and showed us some of his Tempero memorabilia including information about a small reunion some of his family members had had previously and a picture of an American couple who, he wondered, if we knew. To our amazement we were looking at Joan and Steve. (We later learned they had sent their picture to Ada and Marjorie in a Christmas card. They had then distributed it among some of their family members). After a pleasant visit, we bid Harry goodbye to be with our other friends, not knowing much more than when we started except that we had met this neat man named Tempero. (We learned this year that we later met one of his brothers, Alan when we were in Oamaru then and two more of them, Laurie and Jack when we were in Oamaru this year!)

#3. On Monday, we were up early (3:30AM) for the drive to the airport and, after a short flight, arrived in Christchurch (tired and bleary-eyed) at 7AM. We were taken aback to see a couple holding a 'TEMPERO' sign. Val and Gibb Lee introduced themselves, gathered our luggage, packed us in their small car and we were off to meet our group as they continued to their way to work.

#4. As we left the parking lot Val, a member of the Friendship Force planning committee, said she had really wanted to meet us. She told us her first husband, father of her four children, was Peter Tempero. He had died of cancer in 1978. As we talked, I discovered he, too, had been a lawyer and was about a year older than me. We talked about our respective children, her responsibilities of supporting and raising hers, our life, and her subsequent marriage to Gibb and, suddenly, we were being dropped off. Just as we were getting out, she said, "Oh, incidentally, I have arranged for you to meet the 'Auntie's' later this week!" You could have knocked me over with a feather!!!

#5. Sure enough, later that week Val took us to see Ada and Marjorie. We had a delightful time. There are many stories we could tell. I will tell only one. For the

first time we heard the name Graham Roy Tempero and learned of the work he had done to build a genealogical chart of the Tempero family in England, later continuing it into the New Zealand Tempero Family. We laid his chart on the floor to get a better look at it and, as I did, I found the names of Charles (b 1811) and Thomas (b 1815) Tempero, two brothers who had emigrated from England to the US. The chart had no other information about them. I knew that Joan, who had developed the U.S. Tempero Genealogical chart after she married Steve, had tracked the U.S. branch back to a Charles and a Thomas. The coincidence of the names was breathtaking and led me to realize we might actually be related to Marjorie, Ada and Peter. (On returning to the US, I discovered Joan had seen the entry and wondered the same thing when she had seen it the year before!) We also learned that Graham now lived and worked in Adelaide, Australia.

#6. The next day, while chatting with our hosts who lived south of

Christchurch in Ashburton, I mentioned our plan to visit Ada and Marjorie, the coincidence of our last name, my understanding their family had originally come from Oamaru (which is yet farther south), and that one of their relatives was named Errol who owned the Tempero Motor Car Company which built sports cars in Oamaru. Oh, he said, I knew Errol

years ago. Why don't we go there tomorrow? The next morning, we walked into the Tempero Car Company shop and I asked for Errol and introduced myself. We ended up spending half a day with him, met his father Alan, his wife Wynsome, two of their three children, Rod and Jane, and their grandchildren. We were treated to lunch and left mid-afternoon, having had a delightful time, still not knowing whether or not we were related to all these neat people with the same name who lived so far from us.

#7. The next major coincidence occurred as Sue and John Parker of Andover, England; Joan and Steve and Sue and I began the planning for the 2003 Tempero Family

Reunion to be held in and near Great Milton, England. We held our first planning session in our home in Indianapolis and the second (in 2002) at Sue and John's in Andover. As part of that session, we explored Great Milton and, while there, were pleased to meet Graham, who was in England on holiday, and his brothers Clive (and Pat) and Colin (and Sue). Graham, as it later turned out, was unable to take holiday for the 2003 Reunion, but we were pleased to welcome Val and Gibb Lee and Lesley Instone (who also had done considerable Tempero genealogical research) from New Zealand to the reunion in England. By now we had become convinced that the work of Graham and Joan should be consolidated and that we were, in fact, related.

During this Reunion, Val said, "When I retire, I will organize the first ever all New Zealand Tempero Family Reunion." Because of the great fun we had had meeting our family while we were in New Zealand, I responded

"When you do, we will be there!" And it came to pass. She retired. She and Gibb organized the reunion. (One that not only brought a large group of family members together for three days in Christchurch, but one that went on the road on the South Island for those who wished to meet other Tempero's and visit Tempero places of importance to



Americans at NZ reunion

Dick, Sue, Steve, Joan Tempero, Sandra & Peter Kersten

those early settlers.) We came, Steve and Joan came, Sue and John came, as did Graham! What fun. The articles in this issue tell you about Graham and the reunion thru his eyes. Articles in later issues will tell you about it through the eyes of others who attended. For us, it surely has been a long string of coincidences which have led us to appreciate the marvelous group of people who are proud to be part of the Tempero heritage!!! Now, frankly, I hope to elicit the help of others to see if we can push our heritage earlier than John Tempero in England in the early 1600's! •



Errol Tempero & family
Errol & Wynsome, Jane Campbell, Rod
Tempero, & 2 grandchildren



Val's family & Val (Lee)
Peter & Val (Lee) Tempero's children
Chris, Sue, Val, Carolyn & Linda



Fergus & Mary Sutherland, Joan, Steve & Dick Tempero (Sue took the picture) Val & Gibb Lee, Sue & John Parker

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