

Ginkgo biloba.

MAIDENHAIR TREE

MARANUI GULLY.

MRS E. J. PRIME, 11.

PENDARVES ST., N. P., daughter
of T. C. LIST who once owned
this property reports that in a
visitors book in her possession
is the signature of DR FONG
FOO SEC dated 1/3/34.

DR SEC, Governor of
Rotary in Shanghai was the
guest of her father. then Gov.
of Rotary for N. Z. the two
having met in Washington

Mrs Prime clearly

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remembers that each ~~day~~ morning
before breakfast & again at
dusk. DR. SEC retreated to
the solitude of the gully to
worship beneath the Ginkgo, a
tree which is apparently revered &
associated with temples in
China.

On 10/3/34 the book
records a visit by LORD CHADY
BLEDISLOE on what would
presumably be the handing over
of BROOKLANDS PARK & MARANUI
GULLY to the town of New Plymouth

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In those Days, the private residences of Brooklands & Maranui had been opened to the public without charge on about three occasions each year resulting in large numbers of the population embarking on a walk which would embrace Pukekura Park, Brooklands & the historic piri, Maranui & the ~~at~~ ginkgo & a return via the racecourse

T. C. LYST was an ardent horticulturist & beautifier & was instrumental in the formation of a Beautifying Soc. George Fulber.
24/7/73.