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Emerald Isle, Misty Isle, Heritage Isle, call it what we may — the Shamrock Isle that spawned the Tohill sept in Derry has very personal calling for us all. So I begin at the beginning. Background matters are first mentioned in order for the reader to appreciate a little of the real problems encountered in tracing our Irish ancestors. This current work is really designed to elicit information from readers that may correct or enlarge family information. Readers may have information, photos, letters and so on which may add to our knowledge and help to make this work complete. Whatever happens, the research shown here will assist future researchers to discover more.

WHAT'S IN OUR NAME?:

Ireland was one of the first countries to use hereditary surnames. The eminent Edward MacLysaght, MA D Litt says, in his *Surnames of Ireland*, that the name is derived from O'Tuathail. He says that it is a County Derry sept whose location is indicated by the parish of Desertoghill. It was anglicised as O'Tuohill, and John O'Donovan "*Name Books*" 1830-1840, found it in the late 18th century to be Toghill and then Tohill. The few Irish births recorded on the LDS (Mormon) IGI fiches are listed under "Touhill".

My third cousin, Willie McPeake, of Portglenone, Derry, writes:

"the name had a lot of different spellings, Tuohill, Toughill, Toghill, while the names were spelt slightly different in the 1831 census to the 1901 census".

As few could write, the written version of the name would be that assigned by census enumerators and tax collectors. Willie has sent out a copy of part of the Ballymacpeake Upper census, 1901, indicating three families of Tohills (spelt by the enumerator as Toughill) in one area.

Peter Tohill writes:

"O'Tuathail would have been anglicised by English census takers at some time. It would have been written as it sounded phonetically to the English ear. Gaelic rules of grammar make the "h" silent and lengthen the "o". The result initially would have been "Toole". "O" is an important prefix in Irish genealogy terms. The oldest Irish names are identified by the "O" and many who dropped it in difficult times have now restored it".

So, where records may exist, variants of our name must be carefully regarded and scrutinised.

My daughter, Julia who was in London for a few years purchased (by mail order) from O'Corrain Heraldry, Bangor, County Down in Northern Ireland, a Tohill heraldic shield and gave this handsome article to me, Christmas 1987. It would be interesting to see how it all compares with the material supplied to Peggy when she purchased her shield from Macaulay Mann Heraldry in Croydon, London in the 70's! I am sceptical about such authenticity.

have been under the water longer than any other of the weapons found. Next in order came bronze swords, daggers, and spear-heads fitted for attachment to wooden shafts.

"... Desertoghill ... conveys the notion of hermitage, for it means "the retreat of Tuahill." An O'Tuathghail Bwee, the last chief of a small local clan, forfeited his lands as a punishment for complicity in the 1641 Rebellion. The name survives as Toghill, and may indicate a kindred to the O'Toole clan in Leinster.

"Tamlaght O'Crilly means "the plague monument of the O'Crillys"... Glenone means "the glen of the river".

"Magherafelt is interpreted as meaning "the plain of the rushes". Knockcloghrim means "the hill of stony ridge". Swatragh is interpreted as "the place of the soldiers"."

The term "Townlands" will often appear here. They are the smallest geographic division in Ireland and they represent a small area within a civil parish similar to a small farm or estate. Often they comprised only a few houses, and had an infinite variety of units of measurement to locally identify lands, including ancient ploughlands, or fixed by hills, streams, woods, paths and other features. Townlands had no form of civil government, and were used in the administration for tithe applotment (tax) books and valuation (tax assessments) purposes. Twenty or thirty townlands grouped round an abbey or church go to make a parish.

Ballymacpeake Lower and Tyanee are in the civil Parish of Tamlaght O'Crilly. Ballymacpeake Upper and Drummuck are in the Parish of Maghera. Ballymacombs Beg (the given townland of Henry's sister, Mary, in her death certificate) is in the Parish of Ballyscullion.

To us, so far distant, the striking observation is just how tiny the townlands are. Some contain as few as ten houses, like a small farm. They were the heart of Irish life: and there were over 64,000 such small administrative areas throughout the Emerald Isles. Each parish had many townlands. Parishes are civil and not always the same as religious parishes!

Ballymacpeake Upper contains	1,107a 3r 22p (Old Ordnance Map Ref 37)
Ballymacombs Beg contains	655a 3r 9p (Old Map Ref 37)
Ballymacombs More contains	954a 0r 22p (Old Map Refs 37, 38)
Tyanee contains	1,719a 1r 11p (Old Map Ref 33)
Drummuck contains	827a 2r 4p (Old Map Refs 33, 37)

NB: 640 acres = one sq mile.

Compare these sizes with the farm of my late uncle Roddie at Galloway, near Alexandra, about 14,000 acres. Henry's Central Otago farm contained 1933 acres. But this Central Otago land was tussock country: and it then needed several acres to sustain one sheep!

As the crow flies, "The Island" in Tyanee is only 8 kilometres from the farthest point in Drummuck - a comfortable walk; or one could drive over in a few minutes without noticing any of it these days. So, Ballymacpeake is situated between them. These five townlands are all situated in the Barony of Loughinsholin, and in the Poor Law Union of Magherafelt.

IRELAND — A BACKGROUND HISTORY:

Until the Vikings landed in 795 AD, the Island was populated by the Celts. Norwegian Vikings plundered Irish Monasteries 800-850, and the Danish Fleet defeated the Norwegians, taking possession of Dublin, 853. The Irish defeated the Norwegian and Danish forces at Clontarf, 1014. More than a century after the defeat of the British in 1066, the first Norman settlers arrived in Wicklow with 300 soldiers from Wales in 1169 but were turned back by the Danes of Waterford. In the 1550s Queen Mary encouraged English settlements and in the 1600s English and Scottish settlements were made in Ulster on land confiscated by the British Throne.

Using the method of plantation settlements, the English newcomers ousted long-established Irish families in the most fertile areas. Enormous tracts of land were confiscated in southern Counties after an unsuccessful rebellion, and the land leased at a penny per acre to English immigrants. In 1598 another rebellion began and was again put down. King James of Scotland then actively encouraged migration, offering unlimited land at the minimal cost of sixpence per acre, and thousands from the Scottish lowlands migrated to Ulster and Counties Antrim and Down.¹

In 1641, in a desperate attempt to achieve independence, yet another rebellion began. Cromwell's army put this rebellion down with great severity and confiscated another two and a half million acres. By the end of the 17th Century, a mere 15% of Irish land remained in Irish hands. Additionally, in the early 1700s, more Ulster lands were confiscated. During the English Revolution of 1688 the Irish supported Catholic James II against William III but were defeated at Boyne, 1690. The city of Londonderry was the jewel in the crown of the Ulster Plantations and in the 1680's it was by far the largest town in Ulster, yet had only about 2,000 inhabitants. In 1689 the city suffered its most serious challenge when it was besieged by French and Irish forces loyal to the deposed King James II. The crisis had begun in December 1688 when a group of young men (the 'apprentice boys') fearing that the citizens were about to be slaughtered by a garrison of Catholic troops sent to take over the city, slammed the gates shut in the face of the arriving soldiers. The citizens and refugees threw in their lot with the Protestant King William and Queen Mary. But almost all Ireland supported King James, and on 18 April 1689, James came to Derry and summoned the city to surrender. He had come to Ireland seeking a secure base from which to reconquer his English throne but he was rebuffed, and the city then withstood an appalling siege of 105 days. The capitulation of Limerick came in 1691 on conditions which were not fulfilled, and more subjugation and oppression followed. The Treaty of Limerick (1691) penalised public worship for Catholics and Presbyterians, and it was to be more than a century before the Penal laws were abolished by the Catholic Emancipation Act, 1829.

French Huguenots fled persecution in France in the late 1600s and some settled in Ireland. Many eventually left for America. Other European settlers fled from persecution in their own lands but fared little better in Ireland until the Penal laws were repealed.

The 1798 Rebellion was fanned by the ideals of the French Revolution and ineffectively supported by the French. This Rebellion was finally snuffed out at the battle of Vinegar Hill, 21 June 1798. Reprisals saw even greater loss of Irish life than in the battles in both Ulster and Leinster, and the outcome was the enactment of the Act of Union in 1800 which abolished the Irish Parliament and made Ireland more firmly a colony than ever before, while the problems of that solution endure to the present day!²

In 1560 the Anglican Church became known as the State Church of Ireland. In 1834, 81% of the people were Catholic with only 11% belonging to the Established Church of Ireland. Because the Government had problems maintaining a State Church, accepted by so few, the Church of Ireland was disestablished in

¹ Torr Head is only 14 miles from the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland; and Rathlin Island, off the north eastern tip, was for years considered to be Scottish territory.

² Kevin Whelan, Visiting Professor of History, Notre Dame University, Indiana, at the 8th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry. Christchurch February 1997

1871 and deprived of its property and authority. Catholics were given the right to vote in 1793 but remained ineligible for seats in Parliament for decades.

Catholic churches were forbidden to keep records, or indeed to have a church until well into the 19th century. Willie McPeake writes:

“The Priests were wanted men. They had a price on their heads, so there was little chance of any records...The Priests used to say Mass in a secret place. They used a large stone or rock for the Altar - these are called “Mass Rocks”... One Priest was caught about 2 miles from Ballymacpeake. He was hanged by the authorities where he was caught, and the man who betrayed him was paid £5.”

The Great Easter Rebellion of 1916 was smothered by British forces and more terrible suppression ensued, inflicted by many disgraceful modes including the “Black and Tans”. But in 1921 appeasement was offered by the dubious, expedient “Partition” of the Island, and the Irish Free State became a free and independent member of the British Commonwealth. This was not accepted by all in Ulster nor by many in the South, but for different reasons. The Unionists had raised Volunteers to resist the Catholics, by Civil War if necessary. Fighting erupted in the South. Members of Sinn Fein, desiring total severance from England, were suppressed by Irish arms during which the Four Courts in Dublin were blown up on 2 July 1922 with the loss of most Irish vital records in the resulting fire. About 11 centuries of the Nation's historical records were lost in that fire. The building had been taken over by rebels during faction fighting, and used as a bomb factory. It was blown sky high by Irish Government troops.

The Republic finally achieved absolute freedom, and legal separation from Britain in 1948. The struggle continues in the North.

Emigration theories abound. Some say that the Irish left to escape poverty and persecution¹. Kerby Miller² argues that between 1845-1855, when the great potato blight was at its height, poverty and hunger pushed them to emigrate to America. But between 1856-1900 he claims it was more of a pull effect from relatives already abroad. Janet Nolan³ postulates that women emigrated so that they could reclaim their lost importance in Irish life enabling them to marry and re-establish their important economic position in the labour intensive economy of pre-famine Ireland. Most went to America but a good number came to New Zealand and Australia. Land was an important issue for all Irish and the famine devastated the agricultural class structure when the English landlords scuttled peasant proprietorship for the biggest money return by consolidation and eviction - even without compensation until the First Irish Land Act, 1870, required landlords to compensate tenants and pay for their improvements upon ejection. Only by the Second Irish Land Act, 1871, were tenants granted the advantages of fair rent, security of tenure and free sale of their interests in their holdings.

Catholics were obliged to observe English rules of inheritance and succession. A Catholic could not devise his land at discretion: on death it had to be divided equally among the heirs, thus fragmenting the estate. The Irish Parliament forbade Catholics either to purchase land or to lease it for more than 31 years. Catholic orphans had to be brought up as Anglicans, and Catholics could not send their children to Catholic schools, could not vote, hold office or serve in the militia, enter the professions or engage in commerce.⁴

So, there are reasons enough for our ancestors to emigrate. I have found evidence of the pull effect from those Tohills already happily established in New Zealand.

¹ Ruth Edwards “*An Atlas of Irish History*”, p 130

² “*Emigrants and Exiles*”, p 280

³ “*Ourselves Alone*”, p 8

⁴ Kerby Miller “*Emigrants and Exiles*” p 77

Even so, unrest between Catholic and Protestant on occasion spilled over to New Zealand, and came to a head on two reported occasions: the first sectarian clash was at Hokitika in 1868,¹ and the other was in 1879 between Canterbury Orangemen, who were attempting their first public procession, and the Catholic population of Timaru.²

IRISH VITAL RECORD PROBLEMS AND SOURCES:

Thus is illustrated the difficulty in tracing ancestors in Ireland. A census of all large and some small landowners was taken c1659. Hearth money rolls registered for property owners 1685-1705. A Register of Deeds was established in 1708 but will be found of little use. The Irish were not required to register land transactions until 1703 when legislation, intended to prevent land from being transferred to Catholics, was enacted. Initially, only a few deeds were registered by so called "upper-class" Protestant landholders. Once the Penal Laws were eased in 1778, Catholics also began to register their property. Some Counties were diligent but others didn't bother. Few owning or leasing small farms registered deeds.

Protestant householders in Antrim, Derry, Armagh, Donegal and Tyrone were recorded in 1740. In 1766 Rectors of the Church of Ireland recorded householders by parish, indicating religion and some other details. Records for Derry survive in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. In 1821 a population census was enumerated; but only fragments survived the Public Record Office fire in Dublin, 1922. Tithe applotments (tax lists for compulsory support of the Established Church of Ireland) were compiled 1824-38. Poor Relief for Ireland was enacted 1838. A cartographic study of Ireland (Lewis: *A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland*) was completed in 1846 to standardise the County boundaries; and a householder list was compiled of every householder and land owner/renter 1848-64. Fiches of some Counties are available in NZ but Derry is not yet here.

SOME TANTALISING CENSUS RECORDS FOR DERRY SURVIVE

Although the census of 1831 also burned in the 1922 fire, some Derry parishes survived, including Maghera,

the one we are interest in. It contains head of household, religion, and number of males, females and servants, and extracted tantalising names of interest to us will be found later. Only two small parish records of the 1841 census (Cavan) survived the fire. A sizeable number of the 1851 census returns for parishes in county Antrim survived the fire, while the 1861 and 1871 censuses were destroyed by order of the British government. The 1881 and 1891 censuses were also destroyed. The 1901 census is the earliest extant.

Antrim and Derry were linen areas. Flax growers and spinners were given a spinning wheel in 1796. A microfiche of names (many poorer people) is held by the Auckland Public Library (Social Science Dept). Griffiths Valuations contains the surnames of all heads of households, indexed by County, with the name of the owner, lessor, area of land and buildings, gardens and value over the period 1848 to 1864 taken to determine what tax each person should pay to support the poor law union. Some surveys started in 1839. Each townland, within a parish, gives the tenant's names with the Ordnance Survey Map Number and the

¹ David McGill — "*The Lion and Wolfhound*".

² Seán Brosnahan — "*The Battle of the Borough*" in *New Zealand Journal of History*, April 1994. Seán is related to Felicia Mellor who appears in the Family Tree of John Tohill and Brigid Henry below.

section number beside each householder. A copy of the Index is held in the Auckland Public Library. Those who earlier paid Applotment Tithes [see later] are marked "T" in the index.

After Griffiths' valuation was completed, periodic valuations were continued and serve as a census of land occupiers and owners after 1864. Copies are at the Valuation Office, 6 Ely Place, Dublin. If the map reference number is supplied along with the townland, parish and a copy of the entry in Griffiths Valuation, the Department could supply a record of each change of ownership marked in different coloured inks each valuation period from 1864. This will often tell when an ancestor died or emigrated and which relation leased or owned later.

The Irish Group NZSG has a copy of *Landowners of Ireland*. This is a record of those 1 acre and over, 1876. Derry then had a population of 173,932 and 32,601 individual houses. I extracted the following entries:

			Area	Ann Value
McErlane, Henry	Knockcloghrim	Castledawson	1 acre	7-10-0
McErlane, James	Ballymacombs	Bellaghy	1.3.10p	1-10-0
McPeake, David	Ballymacpeake	Bellaghy	14.3.39p	6-7-0
McPeake, Eliza	"	"	13.2.19p	7-3-0
McPeake, William	"	"	9.1.19p	4-13-0
Toghill, James	Leitrim	Castledawson	1.2.0p	1-5-0
Toghill, Laurence	Ballymacpeake	Bellaghy	10.1.20p	7-0-0
Tohill, Roderick	Ballymacpeake	Bellaghy	9.2.10p	5-10-0

My Great grandfather, Roger was also known as Roderick.

The annual value was fixed having regard to the scale price of agricultural produce. There are a number of Mulhollands listed, including Thomas and William at Ballymacombs.

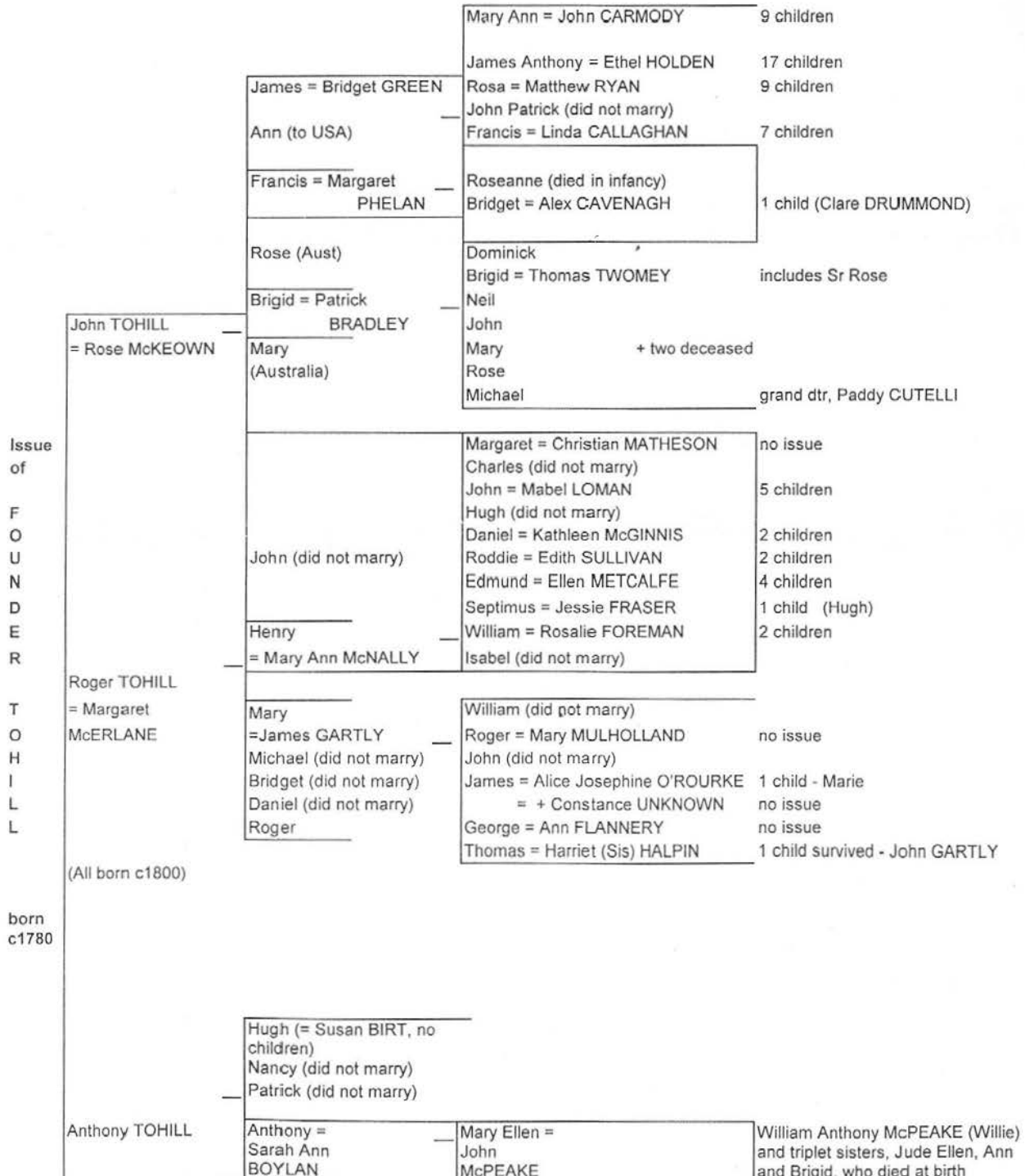
The NZSG Irish Group helped the Mt Roskill Library (LDS Mormon Church), Auckland to obtain Wills of Ireland 1858-1922 on 3 microfilms. It has an index 1858-1877 period. Each year is evidently alphabetically arranged, giving a precis of each will, name of deceased and executor, place and date of death and relationships, land (if applicable), value, townland and parish, and residence. This could be a valuable resource for New Zealanders, especially for those living in Auckland, because personal research is welcome.

The Old Age Pension Act (UK) was passed in 1908 to benefit those who could prove they had attained the qualifying age of 70 years. The Government accepted birthplace and ages found in the 1841 and 1851 census as proof of age for those born before registration became law, so even Applications up to 1934 will be of interest. Luckily, some applications for census searches, and some census extracts, exist at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in Belfast. Applications contain the name of the parents, place of residence in 1841 or 1851, and age at time of application. Occasionally some corroborating evidence will be stored with the application, such as marital status, parents, and sometimes even the year of marriage, mother's married name, the names of people who had lived in house, notes of searches and localities of residence. Derry is among the Counties most represented. The Applications are now being indexed, and the Family History Centres (Mormon Church) have some indexes available for public search

— in particular for Ulster. We know that Roger died before 1905, but he must have had other issue of pensionable age in 1908 or soon thereafter.

Marriage Notices for, inter alia, Magherafelt 1845-1946 are housed in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Here is a chart of possible descendants of the three Tohills listed in the 1831 Derry Census, Townland of Ballymacpeake. Willie McPeake says that his great grandfather was Michael Tohill, not Anthony as I have listed. Originally I had assumed that Willie had descended from Roger. Reader's opinions are warmly welcome.



The 1828 Tithe Book, the 1831 census and the 1859 Griffith's Valuation have been searched for Maghera Parish. In 1828 Roger (Rodger) had two farms, one 16 acres in extent, the other about 47 acres. He paid £1/14/8 in detestable tithes.

In 1831 four Tohill (sic) families resided in Ballymacpeake Upper in adjoining houses: Roger, who headed a family of four (2 males, 2 females), James (strangely, nothing else listed), Anthony, who headed a family of four (2 males, 2 females) and John who headed a family of eight (6 males and 2 females). It is thought that all four were brothers.

Charles McErlane lived in the next house, and headed a family of four (1 male and 3 females). He is possibly the father-in-law of Roger Tohill.

The Griffith's Valuation, 1859, identified Roderick Tuohill (sic) farming 11 acres in all in Ballymacpeake Upper, leased from the Earl of Strafford, Sir Robert Bateson Bt., and Lady Louisa Trench - rateable value £5/10/0. He and Daniel Mulholland rented land from the same landlords, 2 acres, with an annual rateable value of £1/5/0. Households headed by Anthony and John Tuohill (sic) farmed and lived there, too, renting from the same landlords. The Representatives of Roderick (Toghill, sic) are listed in the "Landowners of Ireland, 1876" - 9 acres 2 roods 10 perches, net annual value £5-10-0, (based on sale price of agricultural produce).

THE NEW ZEALAND TOHILL FAMILIES

In the course of tracing all the New Zealand Tohills, I have come to make a one name study of the name, and reckon that I have identified them all. There are seven distinct families, named Tohill, migrating to New Zealand in the order that follows. **More than 1,400 New Zealand Tohill descendants (including spouses) are named herein.** Some facts are really shown here in order to help clarify research, and reach conclusions. All corrections will be well received.

I am fairly confident that these interactions among the seven Families are significant:

	Family		Family
Edward (Waipori)	1	Father said to be Michael, and no connection yet found	
Henry (Alexandra)	2	First cousin of Bridget Bradley and first cousin once removed of James Anthony Tohill	4
John (Ravensbourne)	3	Bridget Bradley was godmother of at least one of his sisters-in-law	2, 4
James Anthony, Victoria to Alexandra	4	Nephew of Bridget Bradley and first cousin once removed of Henry	2
John and Bidy, Napier, Blenheim, Wellington	5	His sister Rose (who married James Barham in Dunedin, 1880) arrived on same ship as Isabella Tohill, with consecutive ship numbers, 1878, and clearly as a family. Isabella married John Collins 1884 in Dunedin and is believed to be the aunt of Patrick Tohill (Hawera Family)	7
Joseph and Elizabeth, Wellington	6	No connection yet found	
Patrick, Hawera	7	Nephew of Isabella Collins, nee Tohill	
Isabella		emigrated to NZ with Rose Tohill [above] jointly as a family and married John Collins: bridesmaid Bridget Bradley, the younger.	
Bridget Bradley (nee Tohill)	2, 4	first cousin of Henry (husband [Patrick] found him work), aunt of James Anthony, godmother of at least one of the children of John and Sarah Ann Everitt, and [or her daughter] witness to marriage of Isabella Tohill (who emigrated with Rose Tohill [Family 5])	2, 4, 3, 5, 7

This family began with the arrival of Edward (sometimes Edmund) Tohill to the Waipori Gold Field c1864. Assuming his stated age on death to be correct, Edward was born c1840. He married Sarah Ann(e) Nolan at Waipori, 10 April 1871. On the Notice of Intention to marry, Edward said that he was a carter, aged 30 and had been in Waipori for 7 years, while Sarah said that she was a domestic servant, aged 26 years, and 4 months at Waipori. Sarah stated on the entry of birth of their third child, Edward William Tohill, 25 April 1877, that she was then 33, and born in Co Galway, and that Edward (sic) was born in Tipperary. Sarah could not write then, and I doubt the accuracy of the County of origin of Edward. They had three children who attended the Waipori school. None of them appears to have had issue; and the family became extinct when Edward William Tohill died at Dunedin 24 August 1974, at the grand age of 97. Edward's (Edmund) burial record at Waipori, 14 May 1913, aged 73, says that he was the son of Michael, mother unknown. Sarah died 8 June 1938, said to be aged 95. His first born, Michael 1872, (recorded as Touhill) seems to have been named in accordance with Irish and Scottish tradition, namely, after the paternal grandfather.

⇒ The 1831 census of Ballymacpeake townland, Maghera Civil Parish, does not list a Michael Tohill, which might eliminate him from the family of Roger. Seemingly that census for the townland of Drummuck also did not list a Michael Tohill, although 28 Tohill households in Derry were identified in the census. Willie McPeake, my third cousin, living in Portglenone, says that he is the great grandson of a Michael Tohill, who had issue, Hugh c1851, Anthony c1855, Nancy c1856 and Patrick c1861. A Michael Tohill does appear in the 1859 Griffith's Valuation referred to later

Edward first appears on the 1867 Tuapeka Electoral Roll, owing land at Waipori. He was a miner, as well as a carrier, and bullock driver. Police files, 1875, reveal that Edmund (sic) was a carter, living in a hut at Waipori Bush, where he had two bed covers stolen from him. An early settler recounted how Ned would try to get his bullocks to cross the ford in the Waipori river, while he crossed the footbridge dry shod, but it never came off! Ned never swore at the bullocks. The worst he would say was "Bagger the bullocks". In the 1900's Ned cut manuka for Fred Knight's bakehouse and the Otago Pioneer Quartz Company. He was a customer of Cotton's(?) store. There was no wood in the tussock hills of Waipori when the first prospectors arrived. It had to be brought from the bush, 12 bullock miles away. Edmund attended to this first necessity, and a small local history by Marguerite Parsons says "and for that great blessing this man goes down in Waipori history". His other son, Michael was an express driver on the 1893 and 1897 Electoral Rolls. His only daughter, Mary, married Daniel O'Brien. Sarah Ann enrolled on the 1893 Taieri Electoral Roll immediately following female suffrage.

Edward junior appears on the 1908 Tuapeka Electoral Roll, surfaceman, Waipori. He is on the 1908 Bay of Plenty Roll at Waimata, contractor, and Michael is on that Roll at Te Karaka, labourer. Michael is on the 1914 Bay of Plenty Roll at Te Puka Hotel, Tokamaru Bay, labourer. The 1919 Bay of Plenty Roll shows Michael at Kaitertahi, Waipaoa Freezing Works, labourer, and Edward at Tiniroto, bushman. The BoP 1925 and 1928 Rolls show Michael at Hautanoa, Tokamaru Bay, labourer. Edward married Jeanie Wright in 1924 and she predeceased him. When he died in 1974 his estate was left to the NZ Blind Foundation. Michael (retired freezing worker) died on 18 December 1958. By his last will made on 14 November 1958, he left his estate to the Parish Priest of Mosgiel, and he desired to be buried in the Waipori cemetery. Mary O'Brien died on 30 November 1958, and is buried in the Andersons Bay cemetery, Dunedin. Her death notice (with "Elizabeth" added) claimed that she was the mother of Mary (Mrs S Varcoe, Dunedin), Dan (Lower Hutt) and Doris (Te Kuiti), but these were her step-children. So on the death of Edward in 1974, this New Zealand branch became extinct.

- ◆ Daniel O'Brien was a son of William O'Brien (31) and Bridget Finn (24), who married at Waipori 2 March 1868, and one of their 8 children, born 1873 at Waipori. His first marriage to Mary Jane McLane, 27 December 1906, produced three children, Mary, Doris and Daniel. Bridget died 24 September 1911. He then married Mary Tohill (sole beneficiary of her father's estate) 9 August 1916, at St Joseph's Cathedral Dunedin. Daniel and Mary were in the same Standard II class at Waipori School, 1884. He died 26 April 1961, aged 88, and is buried at Lawrence cemetery with his first wife.
- ◆ Beginning in 1862, the solitude of the Waipori Flat above the gorge was invaded by swarms of gold-miners, and to serve their needs a township sprang up at the junction of the Lammerlaw stream and the river. Even after the main rush was over, miners lingered on, and they and the sawmills kept the township going. The 1886 census, for example, enumerated 75 people in the township and another 80 in the vicinity. School, church, hotel, hall, and a scatter of dwellings remained, and in the nineties dredging brought about a partial revival. But it was an isolated spot, difficult of access from either Lawrence or the Taieri.
- ◆ The O'Brien brothers were reputed to be the last miners at work during the building of the Dam. William perfected the system of using water power to drive a dredge at Waipori. It is claimed that the first gold dredge in the world, to work out of a river, was at Waipori — the *Upper Waipori* dredge was built in 1889-1890. Cotton's store had goods booked in 1902 to O'Briens Patent Dredge Co. Records show that O'Brien and party were working a small claim half a mile above the Bakery Flat 1900-1903, and worked in Tucker Gully and Long Gully. Dan O'Brien left school, 6 October 1885, at about 12 or 13, to go mining. He applied for a claim between the Jutland Flat claim and the Bakery Flat claim, July 1905 (L&S 8153), on behalf of the Golden Point Co.

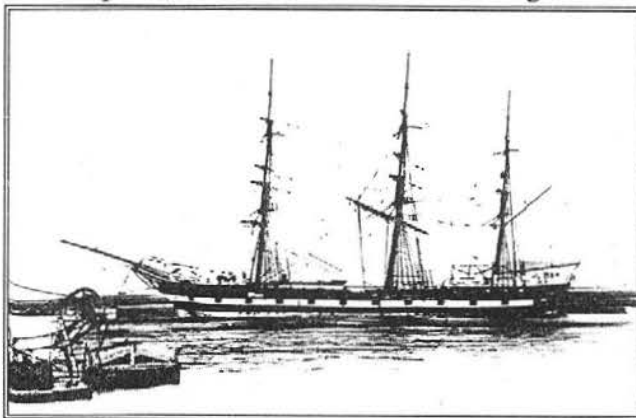
In summary, Edward and Sarah had three children:

- * Michael, 1872, died 1958, did not marry;
- * Mary, 1874, married Daniel O'Brien (widower) in 1916, died 1958, no issue;
- * Edward William, 1877, married Jeanie Wright in 1924, died 1974, no issue.

2 HENRY TOHILL — ALEXANDRA

The next family began with the arrival of my grandfather, Henry Tohill, on the sailing ship *City of Dunedin*, 13 March 1867, having departed Glasgow 7 December 1866. The ship was of 1085 tons, and built for the Albion Line in 1863 specially to carry immigrants from the Clyde to Dunedin. She was sold to American interests in 1880. Accommodation was in the 'tween decks, the space being divided into three by bulkheads, single women being in the after compartment, married folk amidships, and single men in the forward compartment. Each mess had its own mess captain, who looked after the drawing of stores, preparing meals, and the messing arrangements generally. Passengers provided the police, whose principal duty was to see to the carrying out of the strict rules regarding the segregation of the single men and single women, who were not allowed to mix or even hold conversations!

The *City of Dunedin* could travel 14 or 15 knots under full sail. A diary for one voyage records how a snow squall struck her and all hands were called on deck to shorten sail; seas were tumbling on board, filling her decks fore and aft and passengers below dared not come on deck. That day she covered 328 miles in 24 hours.



Photograph: David Alexander De Maus 1847-1925 — from the D A De Maus Collection, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, NZ.

On Henry's voyage, the *City of Dunedin* had endeavoured to make passage through the Southern Channel of the Irish Sea but was caught in a southerly gale off the Isle of Man. She then bore up and took the North Channel passage, and passed Tory Island on the 11th. Heavy gales prevailed on the coast for the first fortnight. The equator was crossed on 18 January 1867, while the meridian was passed on 8 February, and the Cape of Good Hope on the 12th. From leaving the channel, fine weather prevailed; so much so that the topsails were not reefed once. Nevertheless ice was seen almost daily on latitude 45S from long. 11.40E, until reaching long. 140E. The *City of Dunedin*, under the command of Captain Tilley, brought a large cargo of general merchandise, 11 saloon and 124 steerage passengers, including 39 single women — most of whom were assisted passengers. Four deaths occurred on passage, but with these exceptions, the general health of passengers was reported to have been good. The *ODT* published notices of appreciation and thanks to Captain Tilley, signed by fifteen named passengers and "49 others", and to Mr Stokes, the surgeon, reputedly signed by all passengers, but none were named.



An unknown artist's impression of the *City of Dunedin* entering Otago Harbour — from the D A De Maus Collection, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, NZ.

Henry first worked for Patrick Bradley, who was a carrier (husband of Bridget, [nee Tohill], and first cousin of Henry). As a wagoner he soon came right through to Alexandra, where he settled. In those early days, the thousands of miners who flocked to the interior needed supplies of food, timber and other provisions and these had to be brought from Dunedin. It took the horse-drawn drays two or three weeks to complete the round trip, and bullock wagons could take even longer — the early wagons travelling along the famous, and now romantic, Dunstan Trail, long abandoned by reason of its altitude and ruggedness. Leaving the wagoning, Henry worked as a digger for wages on a rich sluicing claim at Frenchman's Point, situated at a bend in the Clutha river, just below the bridge on the west side of the river.

Frenchman's Point¹ was worked from at least 1864. The *Dunstan Times* said in 1867 that paddocking operations had commenced and should the season prove favourable, more gold would be produced from that highly auriferous spot than from any other similar space of ground in NZ. It was reputed to be very

rich. Indeed a dividend of £600 per share was paid in June, and 900 ounces had been won that year. An article in 1868 explained that it was on the west bank of the Molyneux, (now the Clutha) 200 yards below the junction of the Molyneux and the Manuherikia, originally long pointed running into the river with loose shingle and sand about 80 feet deep. The top had been sluiced off into the Molyneux and 18 feet below was the golden deposit. By 1868 the tunnels were below the level of the Molyneux and accordingly very wet, although kept reasonably dry by massive pumps operated by water wheel.

Although traces had been found in 1858 (10 years after the organised settlement of the Province of Otago) the rush began in this then arid, treeless wilderness, with tremendous summer heat and bitter cold winters, in 1862. Men disregarded all hazards in pursuit of the rich deposits, and it is reckoned that upwards of 30,000 diggers¹ toiled along the mighty Clutha at the height of the rush. Yet by 1868 primitive mining had declined; the miners were unable to invest their earnings in other business opportunities in the District, and the population of Clyde and Alexandra was but a shadow of its numbers at the height of the rush, with many Chinese working over abandoned claims. The 1868 census records 148 Europeans and 100 Chinese in Alexandra. The purely mining days of the Dunstan came to a close about 1870, from which date gold production was dependent on dredging and sluicing companies. Alexandra, situated near the Old Man Range (Obelisk, 1,695m) about 190 km north-west from Dunedin, has the lowest rainfall in New Zealand, 60% of which falls in the summer. Its coveted life-style depends today on successful irrigation, which may escape the notice of the impatient traveller. And the most Southern Vineyard and Winery in the World today – “Black Ridge” – is in the Alexandra district.

Alexandra is situated 141 metres above sea level. The town's annual rainfall is 343 mm; and annually it has 65 rain days, 86.2 air frost days, 154 ground frost days and 2,064 hours of bright sunshine.

First appearing on the 1872-73 Dunstan Electoral Roll, Henry became manager and "Mine Host" of the *Royal Mail Hotel* at Alexandra c1874, in which year he is first found to have paid £2-10-0 Night Licence, £2-10-0 Billiard Licence and £3-15-0 rates. He ran that hotel until it closed in 1876. Apparently the *Royal Mail Hotel* was Alexandra's first, earlier owned by Lewis Cameron before he moved on to the original *Caledonian Hotel*. Where was the *Royal Mail*? Henry is listed as proprietor in Stones Directory published in April 1875. Indeed many public gatherings were held there including the meeting which resolved to form the Alexandra Borough in 1867. Four others are listed in 1875 including the *Geelong*, *Caledonian*, *Criterion* and *Bendigo*.

Henry purchased the *Criterion Hotel* in May 1876 for £300 - paying £1 fee on transfer of licence from Donald McDonald. The purchase was assisted by a Building Society mortgage which was later discharged and replaced with a mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand to secure advances of £206-15-4. On 16 August 1876 he borrowed £100 from Walter Rice, of Cardrona under a Bill of Sale and gave security over the billiard table, stock-in-trade, household furniture, plate, linen, glass, china, and other effects of the *Criterion Hotel*. Presumably this was to pay for those chattels following valuation. Interest was payable @ 15%. When the Bank called for repayment Henry defaulted. The Bank accordingly sold the hotel under its power of sale, by public auction, on 28 March 1890. It had to buy in at £200. This enforced sale had followed slack trade during this well-documented, stagnant, economic period of early New Zealand.

While operating the hotel Henry was also was a general contractor, being engaged by the Vincent County Council and Alexandra Borough Council for major works of the time. These included lowering of Limerick Street, Alexandra, October 1876, £44-10-0, and other works that year. He and his partner David McConnochie of Clyde, are described in *One Hundred Years of Vincent County*, by John H Angus, as "important contractors in the early 1880's". Indeed with his partner, David McConnochie, Henry signed the very first Vincent County contract let on 2 April 1877 to form, pitch and gravel 80 chains of road between Muddy Creek and Lauder for £845. Henry also features in Borough financial records for buggy hire, hire of horses and drays, and labour carrying out other casual and contractual road works. The *Dunstan Times* reports him in receipt of Council contract money until at least 1897.

¹ *The Dunstan*, by CWS Moore, Otago Centennial Publications, 1953

This photograph of Henry, Mary Ann and all their family includes an inset of Charles who, presumably, was then dead.

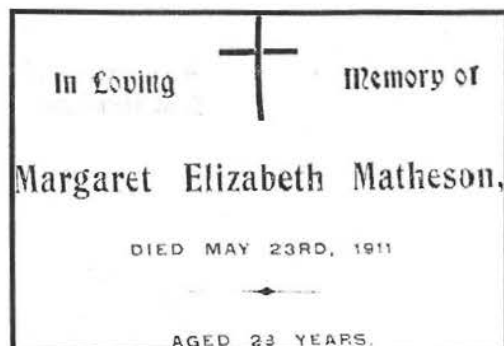


Back row L to R: Roddie, Charles, Daniel, Hugh, Margaret

Middle row L to R: John, Henry, Mary Ann

Front row L to R: Edmund, Sep, Belle, Bill

Photograph presumably taken c 1910. Note the still poses required, and the wind movement in trees.



Margaret was 28 when she died

As was customary for publicans at the time, Henry also catered for functions. He was the successful tenderer for supper at the official opening of the Alexandra Town Hall, July 1877. His successful tender was 4/3 per head, being paid £22-2-0 for the contract. The *Dunstan Times*, 27 July 1877, reported

“The Ball and Supper given at Alexandra on Wednesday evening last, to commemorate the opening of the new Town Hall was a splendid success and with all was a very jolly affair. The Hall was tastefully decorated with flags and considering its unfinished state, looked remarkably nice. When the whole of the internal fittings are completed it will be a very handsome room and compare very favourably with many over which there has been a greater fuss.

“The Alexandra Brass Band under the leadership of Mr Paget, by way of prelude, played several overtures and marches most successfully, the room being then filled with a gayer and brighter assemblage than we can remember to have seen in Alexandra for a long time.

“The Ball was opened and dancing was carried on with short intermissions till nearly midnight when a general move was made to the Library Hall adjoining where was laid out a Feast fit for the Gods, it comprising flesh and fowl of every sort with custards, blanc manges, jellies, pasties,

and in fact a good show of everything that was nice, the whole supported by a profusion of wines and beers, and a fair sprinkling of lighter liquids to suit the palates of ye ladies and ye dons of temperance.

“As before said the feast was a right royal one and right royal justice was done to it which was evidence sufficient of its quality. The clatter of knives and plates having ceased, the Chairman (James Samson Esq, Mayor) ably supported by Mr W Beresford as Vice-Chairman, proposed customary toasts, which having been drunk and responded to, a move was again made to the ballroom when dancing was renewed with fresh vigour and kept up till daylight when God Save the Queen brought to a close as happy an affair as it has been our good fortune to be present at in Alexandra.

“Of the guests present fully a score were from Clyde and but for circumstances of the County Council meeting being held on the same day there would have been more; the Teviot also and the surrounding districts were well represented. Mr H Tohill was the caterer.”

When Henry took over the Criterion Hotel he advertised in the *Dunstan Times* that he had taken it over from the late Donald McDonald and

“trusts by strict attention to comforts of travellers and the public generally, to retain their patronage.

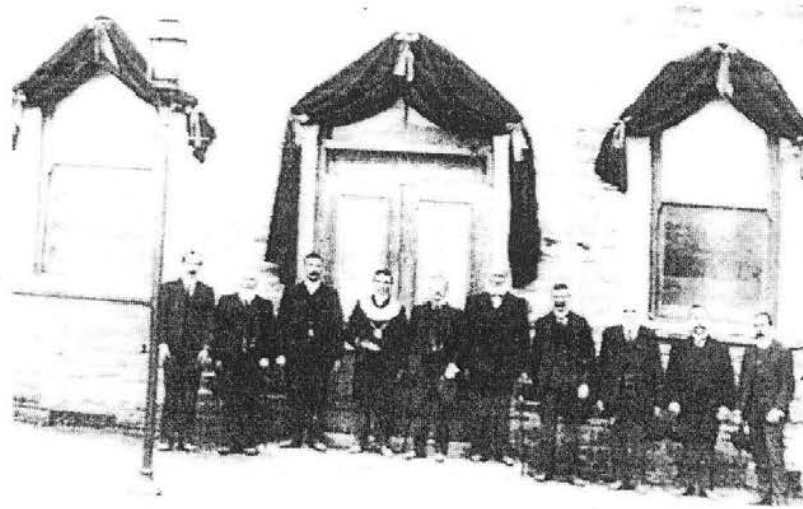
Good wines and spirits. A first class billiard table.

The stables are replete with every convenience, likewise good loose boxes, with the attendance of a first class groom”.

Incidentally he paid a dog licence of 10/- 1881-1885, when such licence fees were major sources of Borough income — that fee being greater than rates for a residence.

Henry entered into pastoral and orcharding pursuits, and in his later years, acquired a neighbouring sheep run, and in his pastoral work, he found work for his sons. He was also successful in developing a coal business, probably contracting for the fifty or so dredges working for gold on the Clutha, the Manuherikia and even two on the Fraser rivers, and altogether he had many interests which he managed with creditable success, according to his obituary in the *New Zealand Tablet*. Henry was an Alexandra Borough Councillor over a span of 33 years: 1879-1882, 1884-1890, and 1909-1912. He served on the Alexandra

School Committee, 1893. Electoral Rolls incorrectly listed him as a hotel-keeper long after 1890, but when registering births 1892-97 he described himself to be a miner. What did he mine - gold or coal?



This photograph is from page 74 of "*Alexandra — a Place In The Sun*", by Gordon Ramage. The caption says that is of the "Jubilee Celebrations in 1912 of the 50th anniversary of the discovery of gold". He names the Mayor, Councillors and Town Clerk assembled in front of the Alexandra Town Hall. But I believe that he has the wrong caption: they are incorrectly named and he has omitted Henry, the bearded one. This photograph also appears opposite page 76 of "*The Dunstan*" by CWS Moore, with the caption

"Memorial Service at Alexandra for King Edward VII", and nobody is named. The sombre drapes support that caption, and it is more likely correct.

Rabbits even then were a menace. His fruit trees were on one occasion damaged by rabbits through negligence of the council in regard to the flood gates of the borough water race on his land. The council visited the orchard, saw the damage and replaced the 75 trees damaged by the council's negligence.¹

He made his will shortly before his death and appointed as executors his brother, Daniel, and his "cousin" James Anthony Tohill. He left the farm (section 113 Block I Leaning Rock SD, held under Lease in Perpetuity) to his brother, with whom he had contracted over many years. The residue was left to be divided equally between his widow, Mary Ann, and each of the eight surviving issue. Why did Mary Ann receive so little?

Obituaries were published in the *Otago Daily Times*, 3 April 1918, the *Dunstan Times*, 8 April 1918 and *NZ Tablet* May, 1918. Henry was described as

"well known and much respected...successful in developing a coal business, and altogether he had many interests which he managed with creditable success. A busy man he yet found time to devote to public service, and was first elected to the local Borough Council in 1879 or 80... and eventually entered into pastoral work and orcharding pursuits... In recent years he acquired a neighbouring sheep run, and in this pastoral work he found employment for his several sons"

An article in the *Central Otago News* August 1961, stated that Henry "at one time owned all the land from Muttowntown to Alexandra, right back to Springvale".

Henry had a horse "Dolly" who lived on Roddy's farm "Olrig" at Galloway to a great age. She loved the water and any unsuspecting rider, on fording the Manuherikia, often got an unexpected bath.²

Assuming his stated age on death to be correct, Henry was born c1834. Henry was joined by

- his sister Mary who married James Gartly 11 January 1881, and died 27 January 1935;

¹ "*Alexandra - a Place in the Sun*", a history of the Alexandra Borough Council — Gordon Ramage, 1990.

- his sister Bridget, who was declared bankrupt in Dunedin 6 April 1881 and who died, unmarried, Dunedin, 18 October 1924;
- his brother Daniel (baptised 23 April 1854, Bellaghy Church - sponsors Daniel Crilly and Rose Crilly); and
- his brother, John, emigrated c1883, and died a bachelor in Alexandra, 1 June 1885, aged about 38.

Daniel arrived together with John (**Family 3** below), in 1876. He died a bachelor at Alexandra, 27 June 1928, still unable to write, although he had been able to sign his name. His obituary in the *Otago Daily Times*, 27 June 1928, said that he was "in failing health for some time; he was of a quiet and retiring disposition".

Henry was the son of Roger (sometimes Roderick) Tohill and Margaret McErlane and born in the Townland of Ballymacpeake, Parish of Lavey. Roger and Margaret had other children who did not emigrate to New Zealand, including Roger, baptised Lavey Chapel, 14 March 1839 (sponsors Felix McCrystal and Catherine Bradley) and possibly an Anthony, a Michael and Nancy.

Henry married Mary Ann McNally, who was baptised as "McNulla", 2 November 1856 at Greenlough Church. Mary Ann was the daughter of Charles McNulla and Elizabeth Beattie of Tyanee, and the sister of

- Robert, baptised 18 October 1846 (sponsor Eliza Beatty),
- Elizabeth, baptised 25 March 1849, (sponsors James McAtamney and Mary A Beatty)
- Sarah, baptised 11 May 1851 (sponsors Hugh McTamney and Mary McTamney),
- Charles, baptised 5 May 1853, (sponsors Patrick McNulla and Mary Sweeney)
- Hugh (McNally, sic), baptised 31 July 1859, (sponsors John Beatty and Jane McNally).

All were baptised at Greenlough Church, Derry, and near Ballymacpeake. McAnulla and McNulla are recorded variants of McNally, which name means "son of the hound of Ulster", and originating to the east of the river Bann.

In the 1833 Tithe Book, Charles McAnulla and sons were farming some ten acres, and paid £0/5/11 tithes for compulsory support of the detested Established State Church of Ireland (Anglican). Tithes were collected by the landlord, according to the average price of corn during the preceding 7 years, and paid to that church. In the 1831 census, three McAnulla(sic) families resided in Tyanee headed by Charles, John and Felix. Charles headed a family of four (2 males, 2 females). The Griffith's Valuation, 1859, identified three McAnally (sic) families living in Tyanee at that time, headed by Charles, Patrick and Daniel. Charles and Patrick jointly farmed 10 acres, with houses and land (annual rental value £5/5/0) and, with Thomas McAnally, and also James snr, James jnr, Margaret and Catherine Convery almost another four acres land only, owned by James Courtenay, as landlord, in 1859 - total annual rental value £9/5/0. Daniel McAnally rented a building from Daniel Madden, with an annual rental value of 5/-. It is thought that this Charles McAnally is the husband of Elizabeth Beattie (my great grandmother), and that his father was the Charles referred to in the 1831 census and 1833 Tithe Book.

The census of 1901 for Tyanee, lists three neighbouring McNally households headed by Charles (50), Patrick (73) and Elizabeth (80). This Charles (with wife Ellen, and six children) is the son of Charles McNally and Elizabeth Beattie (presumably born c1821). The six children were James (20), Lizzie (16),

Patrick (14)¹ Ellen (22), Joseph (12) and Maryann (10) - all then single and born in Co Derry. Patrick was a widower, living alone. Elizabeth (80) was then a widow, (born Co Antrim) and she shared the house with her bachelor son, Hugh (40) and her unmarried grandson, Robert Blaney (25).

- My cousin, Peggy, visited the area 14-20 September 1955 and stayed with Lizzie and met Mary (probably Maryann above). Lizzie had worked as a children's nurse in London, and later married Loius O'Neill - no issue. Lizzie met Peg on arrival in Belfast - it being her first visit to the city in 20 years! Lizzie and Louis lived in a whitewashed Council cottage in Tyanee with her uncle Hugh. The cottage was on a hill, with a fine setting and views of the country side for miles. Mary (single) worked in Belfast. Ellen lived with her brothers, Joe and Jimmy, in the old home where Mary Ann McNally lived as a child - a white washed cottage with thatched roof and "built on". Joe was still farming the land, a bit, with Ellen's help. All were unmarried. Peg had tea in the room where Mary Ann McNally was born. The locality was known at "the Island", with the river Clady flowing by the cottage near the river Bann, and is about 5 kilometres distant from Ballymacpeake townland. Peg saw the cottage ("1826" on it) where her father, John had stayed with Michael? during his visit in WWI. (Anthony's cottage had been demolished). Mr Dan Mulholland then owned the land of Roger, and he told Peg it was the field of Roger. Dan Mulholland had nine children, including Brian and Ave Mulholland, who now reside on Roger's land. Dan told Peg that Michael had died in an Asylum. Brian and Ave have been included in a video sent out by Willie McPeake.

Unlike the name McErlane, which is very much a south Derry name, "Beattie" is not. It may be Scottish. In 1859, there were four Beatty (sic) households in the Tamlaght O'Crilly Parish, headed by Catherine in the Townland of Tyanee, and by James, Robert and William in the Townland of Glenone. The latter three appear to have no connection.



Mary Ann came to New Zealand c1879, and was governess at Galloway Station, near Alexandra. It is thought that she came to the Maniototo to family already there with the object of being married off. Her son John said that she was born in Antrim, but the farm was over the river Bann in Derry. They were married in Henry's own *Criterion* Hotel, 24 November 1881 and had a family of eight sons and two daughters. The witnesses were Patrick Cotter, Post Master, Alexandra South, and Annie Day, Alexandra South.

New Zealand women got the right to vote in 1893, and Mary Ann immediately enrolled on the Tuapeka Supplementary Electoral Roll, November that year.

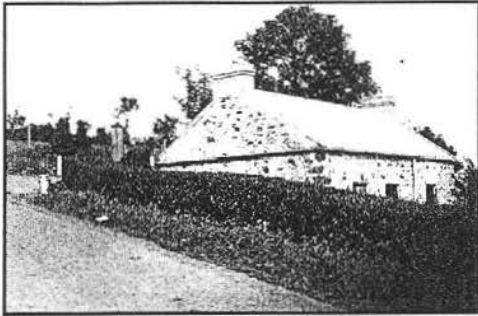
It seems that she was in her 46th year when she gave birth to her last child, Isabel (Sister Gregory) in 1902, whose entry of birth was not found in the indexes. Mary Ann died in 1948, in her 92nd year — considerably older than was recorded.

All Henry and Mary Ann's known descendants follow. All of Mary and James Gartly's family are thought to be likewise listed below.

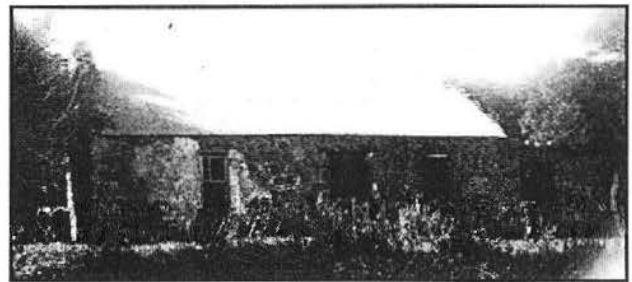
¹ Patrick had married Susan McLoy, 9 sons and 1 daughter, Eileen, who married in September 1955. Susan McLoy had a

THE FIVE CHILDREN OF ROGER TOHILL AND MARGARET McERLANE WHO EMIGRATED TO NZ

Five issue of the marriage of Roger (aka Roderick) Tohill and Margaret McErlane in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, settled in New Zealand. There are other issue, waiting to be traced in Ireland. The baptism of one other only, has been located – Roger 14 March 1839, Lavey Chapel, Londonderry - sponsors Felix McCrystal and Catherine Bradley.



[Cottage on left is the birthplace of Roger Tohill at the roadside, Ballymacpeake.]



[Cottage on right is John Tohill's on the hillside, Ballymacpeake, where my uncle John called during WWI]

Birth years, printed here for the five, are calculated from ages stated on death certificates, and are not proved. Baptisms generally took place within days rather than weeks, so the ages of those whose baptisms have been found will be fairly accurate.

In 7 generations, Roger Tohill has 162 descendants from the five of his issue who settled in New Zealand. If we count spouses, too, then there are 236 descendants - hopefully, all listed below. Any errors or omissions? Please let me know as soon as convenient.

A - John: born c1837, came to New Zealand 1884, described as a farmer, but probably was a farm worker, died at Alexandra on 1 June 1885 of Enteric Fever.

B - Bridget: born c1845, domestic servant, first appeared as a bankrupt in Dunedin, 6 April 1881. She seems to have lived only in Dunedin, and presumably is the one described as the "unmarried sister" in the obituary of Henry. Bridget died 18 October 1924, being buried in the Southern Cemetery.

C - Daniel: baptised 23 April 1854, Lavey Chapel, Londonderry - sponsors Daniel Crilly and Rose Crilly. As a farm labourer he was an assisted immigrant-£16, under the Vogel Schemes, to Canterbury, arriving on the *Jessie Osborne* which sailed from Glasgow 6 November 1875 and arrived at Lyttelton, 30 January 1876. (Accompanying him was John Tohill [18] also a farm labourer, who settled in Dunedin, married Sarah Ann Everitt [born Dunedin, 1861] in 1877 and who reputedly had 22 children, but only 18 have been found to be registered — see **Family 3**). I reckon that John and Daniel were first cousins, but this is still to be proved. Daniel originally settled in Bald Hill Flat (now Fruitlands), near Alexandra. He paid to Alexandra BC, dog tax of 10/- in 1879. He remained a bachelor, dying of a heart attack, 27 June 1928, and is buried in the family plot at Alexandra. He worked with Henry as a resourceful contractor. Before the railway came to Alexandra¹ Daniel did his share of work with the wagon trains on the road, carrying goods from Wedderburn and Ida Valley Railway Stations. Daniel acquired land in Alexandra including part of

¹ 18 December 1906

the site of the present Primary School near Dunorling and Ventry Streets, Alexandra which he sold to the Otago Education Board for school extensions. He died at Clyde Hospital, but had lately lived with Roddy at Galloway. The *Dunstan Times* published a list of subscribers to the Dunstan Hospital in 1891. Daniel gave 5/- and was listed as of "Galloway Station".¹ Roma recalls the old man, with a great white beard.

On 16 Aug 1911 he successfully tendered for carting soil — 300 loads more or less to the new Baths site at Alexandra @ 1/- per load, 100 loads of gravel from the *Karanui* Dredge @ 2/- per load and 6 loads more or less of sand @ 2/6 per load. On 4 Sep 1909, along with his neighbour, Alex Maskill, he petitioned the Borough Council to improve the unsatisfactory state of the streets fronting their properties, for "after each rainfall the water lies about in pools for weeks at a time". For all that, remember that Alexandra has the lowest rainfall in NZ - about 15 inches a year! Although he was described as illiterate in his will dated 19 June 1928, Daniel had signed his name to the complaint and tender — both signatures being identical! Roddie was the sole beneficiary under his will.

D - Mary: born c1848, who married James Gartly - see at the end of this section.

E - Henry: born c1836, sailed on the sailing ship *City Of Dunedin*, (1085 tons, built specially to carry immigrants from the Clyde to Dunedin) which departed Glasgow, 7 December 1866 and arrived at Port Chalmers on 13 March 1867. He was first employed by Patrick Bradley, in Dunedin, who at 28 and as a miner, had married Henry's cousin, Bridget Tohill, 27 June 1860, at Kilmore, Victoria, Australia. Patrick Bradley had arrived in Australia in March, 1857 from Co Derry, being then a joiner. He was accompanied by his brother Neil Bradley, a painter. Bridget, also born in Co Derry, Ireland, and 21 on marriage, a servant, and was the daughter of John Tohill, farmer and Rose McKeown or McGowan. Patrick and Bridget came over to NZ soon after the birth of their first child, Dominick, 1861, he becoming a carrier. Bridget was also the aunt of James Anthony Tohill [**Family 4**] who arrived in NZ in 1905, and settled in Alexandra. More about the Bradleys appears below.

After the leaving the hotel in 1890, Henry continued to provide casual labour and carried out contract work for the Borough and Vincent County. He became a general contractor (including coal for the dredges) and later acquired farming land, and died 31 March 1918.

His age is hard to establish, for he offered many different ages on marriage and entries of births of children. He married at the age of about 45, in his own *Criterion* Hotel on 24 November 1881.

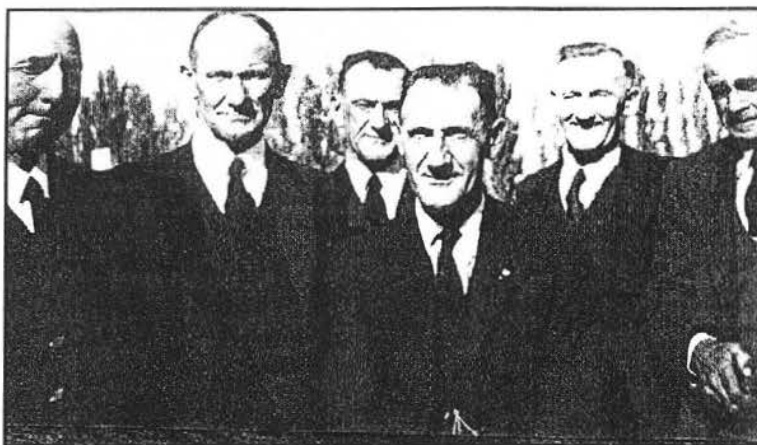
The first generation is, of course, only two persons:

- 1-- Roger TOHILL (c1800-bef 1872)
- sp-Margaret McERLANE (c1810- ?)

Five of the second generation came to NZ but only two married: Henry and his sister, Mary.

2-- Henry TOHILL (c1836-1918) Alexandra 1867, Miner, Publican, Contractor, Borough Councillor married Mary Ann McNally who had arrived in NZ in c1878, and was the Governess at Galloway Station. The discovery of her 1856 baptism establishes that she was much older than thought - indeed probably aged 25 on marriage, 91 on death, and 45 on the birth of Belle.

Following the death of Henry in 1918, Mary Ann moved to Dunedin, first appearing in public records in 1922. She rented various properties or rooms. When she became ill, she boarded with Mrs Pratt at Gamma Street for some years before moving into the "Little Sisters of the Poor Home" at Andersons Bay, where she died 13 April 1948.



She is buried in the family Plot at Alexandra. I attended her funeral, and took this photograph of the five sons who were pall bearers along with their second cousin, James Anthony Tohill. My uncle John was working in Malaysia at that time.

L to R: Roddie, Dan, Sep, Bill, Eddie and James Anthony Tohill.

Henry and Mary Ann had ten children, the third generation, namely:

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| 3-- Margaret Elizabeth TOHILL (1883-1911) | TB, recovered in Australia but recurred; Dressmaker. |
| 3-- Charles Henry TOHILL (1885-1909) | Coal miner, TB |
| 3-- John TOHILL (1891-1974) | Dredgemaster, Siam, West Africa, Malaya. Retd to Christchurch |
| 3-- Daniel McErlane TOHILL (1892-1978) | Farmer, Barman, Alexandra -Twin |
| 3-- Hugh Augustus TOHILL (1892-1918) | Twin, Surfaceman, Vincent CC. WWI |
| 3-- Roderick TOHILL (1893-1987) | Farmer, Chairman Vincent CC and other local bodies, JP |
| 3-- Edmund Neil TOHILL (1895-1986) | Farmer, caretaker etc, Wellington |
| 3-- Septimus Michael TOHILL (1897-1966) | Farmer, Rabbiter |
| 3-- William TOHILL (1901-1982) | NZ Railways, Wellington, formerly Otorohanga |
| 3-- Isabel (Sr M Gregory) TOHILL (1902-1975) | Mercy Order, Te Aroha, Kaitaia and Ponsonby |

Here follows the families of the above issue (third generation):

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| 3-- Margaret Elizabeth TOHILL (1883-1911) | TB, recovered in Australia but recurred; Dressmaker. |
| sp-Christian Laurits MATHESON (1871- ?) | Dredgeman. Naturalised 1911, said to have gone to USA. |

Christian was a Norwegian, who worked on the dredges. His naturalisation is recorded as 1 November 1901 in one source, and 1 November 1911 in another. The later date seems more logical. He was born at Christiana (Oslo), and was aged 40 at the time of naturalisation. Maggie attended Alexandra school from 9 April 1888 until 25 January 1895 (Standard IV) when she left for "home, work". Maggie had suffered TB, and was sent to Australia to stay with relations, and cured in that climate. After her return, she was caught by rain after a dance, TB returned and she died. There were no issue, and Christian is said to have gone to the USA after her death. Maggie is said to have been the first female in Alexandra to own a bicycle, bought in Dunedin for her by her uncle Dan. People used to come out to watch her ride it.

The *Dunstan Times* of 5 October 1896 reported a social for invited children and some friends given by the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand. About 40 adults and 80 children attended and Miss Maggie Tohill wore a pale blue frock. Her two cousins, Willie and Roger Gartly attended as Sailor Boys.

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| 3-- Charles Henry TOHILL (1885-1909) | Coal miner, TB |
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He was registered Henry only, so Charles was assumed at a later date. Charlie attended Alexandra school from 5 May 1890 until 18 November 1898 (Standard III) when he left for work. He worked as a coal merchant for Henrv. and got TB. then generally incurable

3-- John TOHILL (1891-1974)

Dredgemaster, Siam, West Africa,
Malaya. Retd to Christchurch



Private John, known as Johnson because of appearance similar to the head of Jack Johnson - the world heavy weight boxing champion) attended Alexandra school from 4 October 1897 until 22 November 1905 (Standard IV) when he left for work. His enrolment record is confusing, for the original entry stated that he had attended no previous school, but "Dunedin" was subsequently written over that entry by another hand. His date of admission is also the reputed date of birth of Septimus! John enlisted 6 October 1916 and left with the 23rd Reinforcements 2 April 1917, arriving Devonport 10 June 1917. He was made Rifleman when he left for France, 6 July 1917 where he served until August, and was classified unfit, 26 September 1917. At the time of enlistment John was 5' 10" with fair complexion, grey eyes, light brown hair, weight 171 lb and was a Dredgeman, working for the Ngapara Dredging Co.

Mabel, Jack and Clem

He married Mabel Edith Loman at Newton Abbot, England, the daughter of John Loman and Ann Elizabeth Bridle. Clem was born in England. While in the UK, John visited Ireland and met up with some of his relatives including Anthony Tohill, the father of Mary Ellen McPeake and mother of Willie McPeake. John was settled on a small farm at Galloway under government scheme for returned servicemen, but this proved to be unsuccessful. He and Mabel lived in Dunedin for a period in the late 20's (working at Methvens, engineers) until he went to Siam, and Mabel later moved to Christchurch. Returning to NZ he worked at Kumara and then at Gillespies Beach, Fox Glacier before going back to Malaysia. John narrowly escaped the Japanese advance in WWII through Burma, travelling down a river with two other men from the mining company, and returned to NZ before he moved to the Gold Coast, Africa. After the war he went back to Malaya, and Clem joined him. John was a prominent rugby player (wing forward) and represented Vincent County. He first made the Alexandra senior XV in 1908. Immediately after WWI he played for NZ Services Team and scored a try against Wales on Cardiff Arms Park, the game being narrowly won by the Services team. Having married, he did not make himself available for the NZ Services Team which toured South Africa following the cessation of hostilities.

sp-Mabel Edith LOMAN (1898-1972)

From and married in UK

4-- Clement Wallace TOHILL (1919-95)

Dredges, similar area, retired to
Christchurch

sp-Shirley WONG (1926)

Born in China

5-- Mary Patricia TOHILL (1952)

Malaysia, Legal Executive

sp-George OOI

" (div)

6-- Nigel OOI (1974)

"

5-- John Clement TOHILL (1963)

Chemical Engineer, Tauranga

- Jeanette Mary McDonald (1961)

Medical Laboratory Technician

6-- Jennifer Leslie (sic) TOHILL (1992)

4-- Margaret Devonea (Peggy) TOHILL (1921)

Christchurch (Belfast)

sp-Alan Stevens JORY (1920-1986)

Air NZ Engineer

5-- Peter John Alan JORY (1967)

BCM (Lincoln)

- 4-- Loman Basil Leslie (Bill) TOHILL (1925) Auctioneer, fruit and vege
produce, Auckland
sp-Nola Evelyn CAWOOD (1927) Remarried, now Williams,
Palmerston North
- 5-- Clement Joseph TOHILL (1948-1948)
5-- Evelyn Loma TOHILL (1949)
sp-Gary Dante JAMES (1946) Div
6-- Tanya Kathryn JAMES (1971)
6-- Megan Donna JAMES (1973)
6-- Emma Kirsten JAMES (1974)
6-- Shaun Daniel JAMES (1978)
- 5-- Katherine Annette TOHILL (1951) Nurse, Palmerston North
sp-John Neville PEDERSEN (1950) Builder, Palmerston North
6-- Alastair Marc PEDERSEN (1973)
6-- Belinda Fran PEDERSEN (1974)
- 5-- Christine Anne TOHILL (1956) Whitby, Wellington
sp-Colin Blake MARSHALL (1953)
6-- Kimberley Loman MARSHALL (1984)
6-- Natalie Blake MARSHALL (1989)
6-- Brooke Evelyn MARSHALL (1990)
- sp-Olga Harriet MONK (nee Hearsey) (1932)
5-- Deborah Ann TOHILL (1958)
sp-Kevin William MITCHELL (1958)
6-- Sarah Jade MITCHELL (1980)
6-- Rhiannon Amber MITCHELL (1983)
- 4-- Noeline Joan TOHILL (1927) Christchurch
sp-Thomas Bernard BUTLER (1925) Ret'd Traveller
5-- Christopher Thomas BUTLER (1955) Redemptorist Bro. Australia
5-- Lynette Mary BUTLER (1960)
sp-Brendan Stephen HANRAHAN (1961)
6-- Kelly Marie HANRAHAN (1992)
6-- Rebeca Jane HANRAHAN (1995)
- 4-- Mabel Annette Mary TOHILL (1934) Now Christchurch
sp-Patrick COSTELLOE (1927) Was with Public Trust Office,
Greymouth, Timaru etc
5-- Bernadette Mary COSTELLOE (1957) Expecting first child, 1997
sp-Michael John MURPHY (1957)
5-- Helen Margaret COSTELLOE (1958)
sp-Ronald ANGEL (1957) (sic)
6-- Matthew Willem ANGEL (1981)
6-- Carla Mary ANGEL (1983)
6-- Thomas Henri ANGEL (1987)
- 5-- Elizabeth Therese COSTELLOE (1959) Townsville, Australia
sp-Ronald William FLETCHER (1958)
6-- Christiane FLETCHER (1988)
6-- Danielle May FLETCHER (1990)
- 5-- Patrick Gregory COSTELLOE (1960) Lawyer, Christchurch
sp-Marie Rae OSBORN (1947)
6-- Alexandra Gabrielle COSTELLOE (1988)

- 5-- Michael Dominic COSTELLOE (1963) Dunedin, Accountant, Works Civil Construction Ltd
 sp-Suzanne Elizabeth FRASER (1963) School Teacher
 6-- Samuel Michael COSTELLOE (1983)
 6-- Emma Lucy COSTELLOE (1986)
 5-- Timothy John COSTELLOE (1965) BA in History, Nelson
 -Margaret Irene SEEMANN (1967)
 6-- Jamie Céilidh Te Peke Mae COSTELLOE SEEMANN (1993)
 5-- Simon David COSTELLOE (1968)

4-- Bernadette Isabel Clare TOHILL (1937-1992) Lately, IRD Invercargill

3-- Daniel McErlane TOHILL (1892-1978) Farmer, Barman, Alexandra



Golden Wedding

Private Daniel attended Alexandra school from 7 March 1898 until 13 November 1909 (Standard IV) when he left for work. He enlisted 9 June 1915, and embarked with the 7th Reinforcements 9 October 1915, disembarking at Suez, before going on to France 9 April 1916. At the time of enlistment, Daniel was 5' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " with medium fair complexion, grey eyes, light brown hair, weight 11 st 10 lbs and was employed as a coal carter for his father, Henry. Daniel was steadily promoted, and became a Sergeant, 15 November 1917. He visited Ireland with Jack. Dan worked on farms and various jobs around Alexandra and nearby. He married Kathleen Bertha McGinnis, daughter of Michael Patrick McGinnis and Bertha Field. Another rugby player, Dan first appears as a member of the Alexandra second XV (possibly the first entry of a second XV), 1912. He captained the Galloway Football Team, 1920 Vincent Champions.

sp-Kathleen Bertha McGINNIS (1897-1978)

- 4-- Noeleen Bertha TOHILL (1929) Alexandra
 sp-John William FARQUHAR (1925-1992)
 5-- Michael John FARQUHAR (1950)
 sp-Sharyn Catherine DRUMM (1949-1986)
 6-- Kenneth Patrick FARQUHAR (1971)
 6-- Kirsty Lyn FARQUHAR (1973)
 5-- Patricia Erin FARQUHAR (1952) Div
 sp-Allan Edmund DAWSON
 6-- Jo-Anne DAWSON (1973)
 sp-Grant McCALL Gore (Dissolved)
 7-Georgia Kate McCALL (1993)
 sp-John Andrew McBEATH Gore
 7-Cassie Elizabeth McBEATH (1997)
 6-- Scott Robert DAWSON (1974)
 6-- Adam John DAWSON (1977)
 5-- Judith Lynn FARQUHAR (1956) Queensland
 sp-Allister George PATTERSON (1949)
 6-- Daniel Allen PATTERSON (1985)
 6-- Kathleen Elizabeth PATTERSON (1991)

- 6-- Stacey Lynn PATTERSON (1993)
 5-- Treacy Margaret FARQUHAR (1962)
 sp-Richard John NEWMAN (1956) Gold Coast
 6-- Brittany Kate NEWMAN (1988)
- 4-- Daniel Henry TOHILL (1936) Alexandra
 sp-Doris Peggy CLARK (1934)
- 5-- Murray Daniel TOHILL (1960) Alexandra
 sp-Sharon Francis BRADLEY (sic)
- 6-- Danielle Michelle TOHILL (1996)
- 5-- Anthony George TOHILL (1962) Invercargill
 sp-Michelle Lyn MORRISON (1964)
- 6-- Cody Lee TOHILL (1990)
 6-- Jayden Troy TOHILL (1993)
- 5-- Lynn Maree TOHILL (1965)
 sp-Stephen TELFER Queensland
 6-- Sarah Therese TELFER (1994)
- 3-- Hugh Augustus TOHILL (1892-1918) - Surfaceman, Vincent CC, farm worker.

Hugh's middle name was registered as Augustine. Hugh attended Alexandra school from 4 March 1898 until 13 November 1907 (Standard IV) when he, too, left for work. He worked for the Vincent CC as a road surfaceman. On enlistment, Hugh was working on Henry's farm, was 5' 10½", had a "healthy complexion", grey eyes, light brown hair, and weighed 12 st 1 lb. Hugh enlisted 6 October 1916 and embarked with the 22nd Reinforcements 16 February 1917, landing at Devonport 2 May 1917. He served in France, where he died of wounds 25 July 1918 sustained the previous day near Rouen, and is buried (grave #912/11) in Fonquevillers Military Cemetery, about 2 km north of Steuenterne. By his will, dated 12 June 1918, he left his estate to his brother Edmund (named Edward in the will).



Prior to war service Hugh was an outstanding rugby player and captain of the Vincent Sub-Union team. As well, he was the leading goal kicker. Hugh first played in the Alexandra senior XV in 1910. I have his rugby and war medals and the WWI plaque. The *Dunstan Times* of 5 August 1918 reported:

"The sad news of the death of Private Hughie Tohill was received during the course of Saturday's patriotic football tournament and caused quite a gloom over players and spectators. Poor Hughie! He was both a splendid footballer and generally a fine type of our young New Zealand manhood while personally he was a favourite on all sides. A sad feature of the tournament, the proceeds of which are to be donated to the erection of a fitting memorial to such gallant lads, as the subject of this notice, was that three brothers, Eddie, Roddie and Sep were leading players of the Alexandra senior seven".

The *Dunstan Times* gave details of that tournament elsewhere in the same issue: Alexandra had beaten Matakanui 3-0 "but the three Tohill brothers pulled out" and then Cromwell 16 defeated Alexandra 0. Cromwell had defeated Clyde 3-0 in the earlier game and went on to defeat Millers Flat 3-0 in the final.

The monument on the intersection of Tarbert Street and Centennial Avenue in Alexandra is the memorial referred to.

- 3-- Roderick TOHILL (1893-1987) Farmer, Chairman Vincent CC and other local bodies, JP

Roddie's birth was registered by Henry as Roddy, and he was named Roddie when in 1920, at Dunedin, he married Edith Mary Sullivan, the daughter of John Sullivan, born County Cork, Ireland and Margaret Leslie Booth, born Ophir, Central Otago. He (enrolled as Roger) attended Alexandra school from 2



October 1899 until 14 July 1903 (Standard I) when he left to go to the newly erected sun-dried brick school at Springvale. Admission records for that school were lost in a fire. He came back to Alexandra school (still Roger, and with Roderick also recorded) on 26 January 1904, having attained Standard II at Springvale, and left 31 March 1910 (Standard V) for work at home. Roddie also played rugby, and was on the management committee of the Vincent Rugby Sub-Union as early as 1920. He missed war service through contracting rheumatic and typhoid fevers. His Run, "Olrig" was purchased in 1919 and he and Edie extended it over the years and farmed there for the next 41 years before retiring to

Christchurch. Roddie had a great love of racing and he owned many gallopers and a few trotters over a fifty year period. Roddie's public service included the Vincent County (chairman), Hospital, Electricity and Rabbit Boards. He was awarded the Coronation Medal in 1953 and was a JP. Edie also raced a few gallopers, and was a life member of the Alexandra Ladies Golf Club.

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| sp-Edith Mary SULLIVAN (1890-1971) | |
| 4-- Roma Edith TOHILL (1924) | Teacher, retired Masterton |
| sp-Charles James Houston GAVIN (1917-1979) | Dairy Farmer |
| 5-- Mark Charles GAVIN (1952) | Fuji Xerox, Lower Hutt |
| sp-Janice Isobel Long (1942) | |
| 5-- Paul Joseph GAVIN (1954) | Insurance broker - Wrightsons, Wairoa, JP |
| sp-Philippa Anne WEST (1954) | Local library |
| 6-- Matthew Dean GAVIN (1976) | Apprentice chef., Auckland Casino |
| 6-- Damian Paul GAVIN (1978) | To join NZ army 1997 |
| 5-- Maureen Edith GAVIN (1958). | Masterton |
| sp-Jeffrey David CLARK (1958) | Equipment Hire, Masterton |
| 6-- Benjamin Jeffrey CLARK (1986) | |
| 6-- Gemma Maree CLARK (1988) | |
| 5-- Patricia Mary GAVIN (1965) | Ministry of Education, Wellington |
| 4-- Moya Margaret Isobel TOHILL (1930) | Now Waimate |
| sp-Herbert George HINTON (1923-1990) | Of Orchardist family; Div |
| 5-- Erin Jenette HINTON (1951) | |
| sp-Alan James ROWAN | Div |
| 6-- Gavin Alan George ROWAN (1970) | |
| 6-- Anita Kim ROWAN (1971) | |
| sp-Donald Rick THOMPSON | |
| 6-- Mana Otaka THOMPSON (1976) | |
| 5-- Herbert Roderick HINTON (1953-1979) | Accidentally killed |
| sp-Judith Margaret McTAGGART | |
| 5-- Sandra Edith HINTON (1955) | |
| sp-Wayne Lerway DAY | |
| 6-- Dianna Keri DAY (1972) | |

6-- Nikki Melanie Moya DAY (1977)
 6-- Michelle Leigh DAY (1979)
 5-- Ava Leigh HINTON (1957)
 sp-Tima Tanya NATHAN
 6-- Lee Herbert NATHAN (1973)
 sp-John McKNIGHT (- ? 1989)

3-- Edmund Neil TOHILL (1895-1986)

Farmer, caretaker etc, Wellington

Trooper Edmund enlisted 26 October 1914, being then employed as a labourer by H C Nind at Galloway. At the time of enlistment Edmund was 5' 7½" with fair complexion, blue eyes, fair hair, and weighed 10 st 8 lb. He embarked with the 2nd Reinforcements 14 December 1914, arriving Egypt 29 January 1915. He was transferred to Driver 9 February and embarked for Gallipoli 17 May 1915, serving there until rejoining his unit at Sidi Bishr 9 June 1915, and was promoted to Lance Corporal in Cairo 10 November 1915. Admitted to NZ General Hospital 30 December 1915, Edmund became dangerously ill, invalided back to NZ 17 March 1916 and was discharged no longer fit for war service on 15 February 1917, although he served in the National Reserve Battalion, WWII. He married Ellen Mary Metcalfe, daughter of William James Metcalfe of Dunedin, born 1859, and Mary Ann Dore, born 1860. Edmund attended Alexandra School from 2 February 1900 until 18 December 1907 (Standard IV) when he, too, left to attend the Springvale school. He returned to Alexandra school on 10 February 1909 and left about the end of 1909 (Standard VI), destination unrecorded. The Alexandra school celebrated its diamond jubilee in 1926. On the first day, Sunday, 400 people took part in a procession round the town. The procession stopped at the Soldiers' Memorial "where a charming ceremony was combined with an official welcome...Mr E Tohill spoke on behalf of the ex-pupils."¹ Eddie also played rugby, and first appears with Dan playing for the Alexandra second XV, 1911. He, too, farmed at Galloway and raced trotters. Eddie was also a Guide and labourer on the Haast Road construction in the 1930's. He and Ellen owned a property at Russell Street, Dunedin 1926-27 and the family were later at Waikouaiti. In the early 1940's he was caretaker of, and resided with Margot and Yvonne at, the St Clair hot salt water pool. I spent two marvellous summer holidays with them. Eddie was a guard at the conscientious objectors camp near Foxton later in WWII.

sp-Ellen Mary METCALFE (1887-1973)

4-- Desmond TOHILL (Bro Benedict) (1911-1995) Greenmeadows, entered Marist Order,
 31 December 1934

4-- Yvonne Marie TOHILL (1920) Police clerk, Wellington

4-- Margot Sylvia TOHILL (1923-1995) Wellington

sp-John Joseph BOLAND (1920) Leather worker

5-- John Joseph BOLAND (1949) Sydney, Dep Principal Primary school.

sp-Lorraine Maryanne JOWETT (1950)

6-- Kate Louise BOLAND (1979)

6-- Larissa Sharon BOLAND (1985)

5-- Sharon Mary BOLAND (1950) Journalist, *Evening Post*, Wellington

5-- Desmond Edmund BOLAND (1956) Bergamo, Italy, clerical

sp-Graziella CELESTI Lawyer, teaching

6-- Matteo BOLAND (1995)

5-- Martin Patrick BOLAND (1959) Ansett Air, Wellington,

sp-Nicola Lee HUNTER

5-- Yvonne Mary BOLAND (1962) Librarian, *Evening Post*

- Neil Gregor McDONALD Primary teacher

6-- Patrick Emmet Boland McDONALD (1991)

¹ "To Celebrate a Century" by S R Stevens, 1964

6-- Johnny Gregor McDONALD (1993)

4-- Valerie Lucille TOHILL (1925-1926)

Pneumonia

3-- Septimus Michael TOHILL (1897-1966)

Farmer, Rabbiter

Sep was registered as Michael Septimus, the names being reversed by usage before he entered Alexandra school on 31 August 1903. He left on 14 December 1907 for the Springvale school. He came back to the Alexandra school on 10 February 1908 (having attained Standard I) and remained there until 21 December 1911 when he left for the convent school at Alexandra.



Sep's birth date is recorded in these school records as 6 September 1897 and that may have been the true date. The admission records at St Gerard's convent for the early

period do not exist, but Sep and Belle are recorded in its history as first day pupils, 1912. Sep married Jessie Isabella Fraser, who emigrated to NZ in 1926, and who was the eldest daughter of Daniel Fraser of Nairn, Scotland and Charlotte Trotter Smith. In May 1919, Sep purchased Run 244J at Galloway, containing 1227 acres held under Crown Lease of Small Grazing-Run. He paid £500, and had three mortgages including one to the Estate and a third to his uncle Dan. The venture was unsuccessful, and he sold out to his sister-in law, Edith Tohill in 1925. He was a rabbiter for most of the rest of his life. At some stage he is reputed to have owned the race horse "Brilliant Hope" which won the Lochella Gold Cup at the Vincent races, Omakau, January 1927. Sep played for the Maniototo County Sub-Union and was Vincent County Sub-Union rugby captain, playing for Alexandra, Galloway, Clyde, Matakanaui (1922, 23) and other successful local clubs as work opportunities took him about Central Otago.

"A bit of excitement was caused in the main street (in November, 1917) by a horse yoked to a cart bolting away from the Post Office. It rushed up Tarbert Street towards the Recreation Ground and made a straight line into the reserve. The horse got through but the cart being wider than the gate, came to a sudden stop. A good deal of damage was done to the iron gate being badly twisted, the posts wrenched out of position, and the wooden fence smashed. Fortunately the driver (Mr S Tohill) was out of the cart at the time."¹

sp-Jessie Isabella FRASER (1904-1984)

From Nairn, Scotland

4-- Hugh TOHILL (1927)

Ret'd lawyer, NZ Law Soc Exec., Past Dunedin City Councillor

sp-Priscilla Jean POSTGATE (1934)

5-- Julia Jane TOHILL (1960)

London, 5 years, now Hamilton NZ
Dissolved

sp-Barry Allan CARRUTH (1958)

sp-Richard Shaun EVANS (1961)

Regional Manager, Business Banking,
Countrywide Bank.

6-- Tessa Jane EVANS (1993)

6-- Gabrielle Clare EVANS (1996)

¹ *Alexandra Herald* 11 November 1917. In April 1920, the Alexandra Borough Council insisted that the gate "must be replaced without further delay" - *Alexandra, A Place in the Sun* ibid. The war memorial had not yet been constructed.
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[HT with Julia, aged 7 months -
20 November 1960]

- 5-- Rebecca Rosemary Anne TOHILL (1961) Software Marketer, Past NZ Swim
Capt., & World Student Games in
Mexico - Wellington
- sp--Grant Alexander HENDERSON (1960)
6-- Alexander Hugh HENDERSON (1992),
6-- Samantha Kate HENDERSON (1993)
- 5-- Megan Mary TOHILL (1963) Nurse, midwife, XII Commonwealth
Games swimmer, London 4 years, and
Milan, now Wellington
Telecommunications, software Engineer
- sp--Christopher Robert CHOTE (1963)
- 3-- William TOHILL (1901-1982) NZ Railways, Wellington, formerly
Otorohanga



Club, Wellington.

William married Rosalie Ursula Foreman in Wellington, daughter of Henry Foreman and Mary O'Connell. He joined the Post and Telegraph Department at Alexandra in 1916, and he told me that he later worked as a Telegraph messenger at Mosgiel before going to Invercargill. He then joined the NZ Railways. William attended Alexandra school from 5 March 1906 until he "left" on an unrecorded date, and is also believed to have been a first day pupil at St Gerard's convent school, 1912. He played senior rugby in Invercargill and Wellington, and became President of the Marist-St Pat's Rugby Football

[Photo: Rosalie and Bill with Belle]

- sp-Rosalie Ursula FOREMAN (1900-1980)
- 4-- Brian Henry Augustus TOHILL (1933) Tawa. Was Audit Manager, Reserve
Bank
From UK
- sp-Helene Mary FitzGerald PALFREY (1940)
5-- Simon William TOHILL (1968) BCA, Marketer Sun Alliance, Tawa
senior cricket
- 5-- Stuart John TOHILL (1969) BA, Tawa senior cricket, Wellington,
UK
- 5-- Michael Hugh TOHILL (1973) BA, now also on OE in UK
- 5-- Nicholas James TOHILL (1974) BCA, from Victoria University
- 5-- Liam Peter TOHILL (1978) At Victoria University, 1997
- 4-- Marie Patricia TOHILL (1936) School Secretary
- sp-Bernard John CARMODY (1929) Retired Builder, Levin
- 5-- Frances Anne CARMODY (1958) Teaching, Upper Hutt

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| 5-- David Vernon CARMODY (1959) | Brisbane, Sales Rep |
| sp-Kaye Melvin HEALEY | Separated |
| 6-- Vanessa Kaye CARMODY (1980) | |
| 6-- Sonia Rosalie CARMODY (1982) | |
| 6-- Luke David CARMODY (1985) | |
| 6-- Anthony John CARMODY (1986) | |
| 5-- John Vincent CARMODY (1961) | Greymouth, Farm valuer B Agr Com.,
VFM |
| sp-Jillian Marie JONES (1965) | BA, Teacher |
| 5-- Pauline Mary CARMODY (1964) | Photo Technician, now Lower Hutt |
| sp-Andrew Thomas STEWART | Separated |
| 6-- Christopher John STEWART (1986) | |
| 5-- Katherine Louise CARMODY (1964) | Desk Top Publisher, Hamilton |
| sp-Angus Donald MACLEOD (1957) | From Scotland, Engineer Carter Holt |
| 5-- Christine Elizabeth CARMODY (1967) | Teacher's Aide - engaged 1997 |
| | |
| 3-- Isabel (Sr M Gregory) TOHILL (1902-1975) | Mercy Order, Te Aroha, Kaitaia and
Ponsonby |

Belle joined the Sisters of Mercy Order, Auckland Group, in the 1920's, and taught at several North Island towns. She attended Alexandra school from 11 February 1907 until 21 December 1911 (progress not recorded) when she left to attend the newly opened St Gerard's convent school.

D - Mary born c1848, married James Gartly who had come out from Scotland in 1869 (a son of William Gartly and Elizabeth Lamont). James and Mary married in Cromwell on 11 January 1881. A witness to the marriage was Maggie Mulholland, of Cromwell. I would like to know who she was and if related, for there is a regular Mulholland family connection. Mary's obituary stated that she was born 1848, and arrived NZ 1878. James and Mary farmed at Springvale, a locality near Alexandra. James first paid rates of 5/- in 1872, and dog tax 1873,74.

James Gartly is first mentioned in the Dunstan Electoral Roll, 1872/73 and qualified to enrol as householder of a "Framed Tent", Manuherikia. There are 730 men on that Roll, with 82 of them residing in Alexandra. (Clyde was then the main centre). Where was that dwellinghouse?

A William Gartly also paid an instalment of 3/- rates in 1874, followed by 2/3 in 1875, but he does not feature in the accounts after his payment of 1/6 in 1876. I believe that James had a brother, William, and he is likely the same one. Shipping Records of Assisted Immigrants at National Archives, Wellington, also record the arrival of George Gartly (26, ploughman) Margaret (24) and children Ann (5), Jessie (1) and infant at Otago from Aberdeen on the *Parsee* 11 June 1874. Their passage cost the NZ Government £40-10-0.¹

Here follows the descendants of the marriage of Mary and James Gartly, (they are the only Gartlys so far found in New Zealand, although William was possibly a brother of James):

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 2-- Mary TOHILL (1848-1935) | |
| sp-James GARTLY (1846-1940) | NZ 1869, from Scotland, Farmer |
| Their issue (also third generation) are : | |
| 3-- William Henry GARTLY (1881-1900) | |
| 3-- Roger GARTLY (1885-1958) | |
| sp-Mary Ann MULHOLLAND (1891-1968) | |
| 3-- John Edward GARTLY (1885-1911) | Miner |

¹ National Archives SS15/142.

- 3-- James GARTLY (1887- 1948) NZ Police, Charge at Taradale
 sp-Alice Josephine O'ROURKE (c1887-1934)
 4-- Marie GARTLY (1924)
 sp-Constance Emma UNKNOWN (c1887-1976) died 23 Oct 1976
 3-- George GARTLY (1889-1968)
 sp-Ann FLANNERY (? - 1967)
 3-- Thomas GARTLY (1892-1974)
 sp-Harriet Mary (Sis) HALPIN (1898-1984)
 4-- Stillborn child buried 25 May 1929 Buried with two Halpin schoolgirls who died
 1912, 1914 - may not be their child
 Civil Engineer, Invercargill
 Teacher
 4-- John Anthony GARTLY (1936)
 sp-Joyce Helen MOONEY (1940)
 5-- Michael John GARTLY (1963)
 5-- David Thomas GARTLY (1966)
 5-- Stephen James GARTLY (1968)
 5-- Rachel Mary GARTLY (1971) Dunedin
 -Nigel WATERS
 6-- Maia Helen Waters (1994)
 5-- Sarah Louise GARTLY (1971)

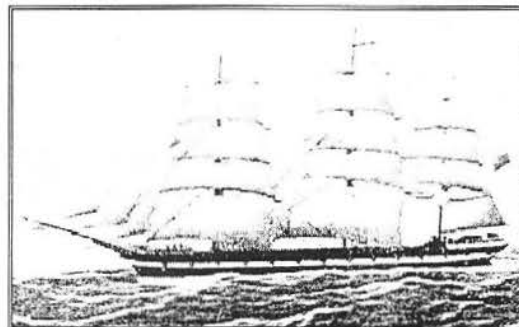
NOTE: some status, occupations and locations may not be up to date.

"Air line"

3 JOHN TOHILL, RAVENSBORNE, DUNEDIN

John Tohill, believed to be Henry's (and Daniel's, above) first cousin, arrived in 1876, settled in Dunedin, and founded the third family. John and Daniel arrived aboard the full rigged iron clipper ship *Jessie Osborne* at Lyttelton, 30 January 1876, as Assisted Immigrants to Canterbury, under Julius Vogel's vigorous Immigration, Population and Expansion Schemes.¹ John was listed as "Tohill", while Daniel was recorded as "Toghill".

According to "White Wings", the *Jessie Osborne* was chartered to convey immigrants, and was a fine full-rigged ship of 1058 tons. On this, her first voyage, under Captain Falconer, departing 6 November 1875 and carrying about 280-294 immigrants and general cargo, the vessel encountered a succession of heavy gales in the Bay of Biscay, impeding progress. She crossed the equator after 31 days, rounded the Cape of Good Hope 3 weeks later, and then made some splendid runs in the Southern Ocean. On five separate days, she logged upwards of 300 miles. On arrival at Lyttelton, one passenger was down with typhoid fever, so the ship was placed in quarantine for a week.



Sailing on her, and on the same immigrant terms, was my great uncle Daniel Tohill, whose age was stated to be 20. Both were described as Farm Labourers, and each passage cost £16 wholly paid by the Government. Only three passengers came from Derry.

John must have soon come down to Dunedin. He married Sarah Ann Everitt in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 27 December 1877. The Notice of Intention to marry addressed to Dr Moran, Bishop of Dunedin, shows that John was a cab driver, and resident in South Dunedin for 3 weeks. Fr John Sheehan

¹ National Archives Shipping Ref 15/252.

celebrated. The witnesses were Charles Everitt, Wood Turner of Caversham, (brother of Sarah Ann) and Mary Anne McKewen, Hanover Street, Dunedin.

John gave his age as 18, when the ship sailed from Glasgow, on 6 November 1875. His date of birth was later recorded by NZ Railways as 26 September 1855, but that year must be wrong. He married in 1877 at the age of 20, stating, in the Notice of Intention to marry, that he was a minor, and declaring that there was no person in the Colony who had authority to consent to his under-age marriage. (Sadly for us, parties to a marriage did not have to state their parents until 1880.) It is therefore concluded that he was born in Derry, Ireland, 26 September 1857. John is reputed to be the father of 22 children but the registrations of only eighteen have been found.

Sarah Ann Everitt's age was given on the Notice of Intention to marry as 19. Sarah was, in fact, born at Caversham, Dunedin, in 1861, was only 16 on her marriage, and was a dressmaker. Her parents were Thomas Everitt and Ann Everitt (nee Caton). Tom was then a cab proprietor, and one speculates whether John worked for him.

The Everitts were a pioneer Catholic family both born and married in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. Tom was the son of Thomas Everitt, a labourer of Sheffield. On 14 May 1854, at the age of 28 years, his father being dead, he married Ann Barnes, at St Marjes Church, Sheffield. Ann was 22, the daughter of Thomas Caton also deceased, and formerly a labourer, was already a widow, and lived at Paradise Square, Sheffield.

Tom and Ann's second child, John, was born on 10 January 1857 at 49 Eyre Lane, Sheffield. Tom was then a workman at the Lead mills. Tom and Ann sailed on the *Mary Ann*,¹ and arrived at Lyttelton, 4 August 1859 with their first two children. The Nominal records in the Christchurch Public Library record the passengers on the *Mary Ann*, including infants - Thomas Everitt, 4 and John Everitt, 2.

As testified in "*The Turn of the Tide*", their third child, Charles, was born in Kaiapoi on 13 November that year.

Tom and Ann Everitt soon moved to Dunedin, and took up residence in Caversham on the Main South Road. They were known to the French Marist Missionary, Fr Antoine Seon S.M. who arrived in New Zealand 1841, and who was appointed to the South Island Mission 1852-1861. Fr Seon visited Dunedin in May 1860. On Sunday 6 May he baptised, in the Everitt home, their son Charles - Godmother, Ellen Donnelly. Being a Sunday, it is surmised that Fr Seon would also have said Mass in their home.

The Visitation Book of the Rev Thomas Burns, one of the Presbyterian founders of the Otago Settlement in 1848, indicates that in 1857 there were 90 Catholics in Otago, and 12 were known to be in the Forbury area. The Otago Gold Rush began after Gabriel Read's discovery on 20 May 1861, with rapid population expansion.

The freehold Everitt home was known as "Sheffield Cottage", Calderville, and situated on land near Parkside Home, two houses before the then Commercial Hotel, between Fitzroy and David Streets. Here, says Monsignor Mee, most certainly was the first baptism, and in all probability also the first Mass in the area of Forbury Parish, 6 May 1860. (The first Catholic Mass in Dunedin had been celebrated by Fr Seon on 30 November 1850)².

Over succeeding years more Everitt children were born and baptised - Sarah Ann, 1861, baptised by Fr Moreau, and then Mary Elizabeth, 1863, Eliza, 1866, Anne, 1869, and Ellen,³ (Godmother Bridget

¹ One of my wife's great-grandmothers, Emma Maria Rogers (19), also emigrated on the same voyage.

² Bishop Pompallier, who established the Church in New Zealand, said Mass at Wellers Rock, at the Heads on the Otago Peninsula, during a visit to the Whaling Station, 1840.

³ Was she named Ellen after Ellen Donnelly, godmother of Charles Everitt? And was Ellen Gabriel Tohill named after her aunt?

Bradley) 1873, all baptised in St Joseph's Church by Fr Moreau. The foundation stone for this brick Chapel in Tennyson Street, with freestone dressings to the doors and windows, was laid on 18 May 1862, and later became St Joseph's School. Sarah entered Caversham school 1866 and left for St Joseph's 1871. The others are not recorded at Caversham school.

Tom Everitt who was first a carrier, then a cab proprietor, and later still a coach proprietor, died in January 1887 aged about 60. He served in the Otago Militia, 1865 — occupation then Labourer. Tom was active in the Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Pride of Dunedin No 3780, and the *ODT* advertised that members of the Court were requested to attend the funeral, leaving his late residence for the Southern Cemetery - "Regalia: white gloves and neck ribbons". His widow, Ann, died in May 1897, aged about 65.

One of their grandchildren, Sr Thomas, born in Sydney, Australia, a daughter of Tom Powell and (it is guessed) Henrietta, wrote to another nun in Melbourne, Sr Rose. Sr Rose (Order of Sion) is related to the **Families 2 and 4** being a granddaughter of Bridget Bradley, (nee Tohill) and Patrick Bradley, the early Caversham settlers. More about the Bradleys will be found under the section "The Bradleys" later.

Sr Thomas wrote an undated letter from Iona Convent, Perth, Western Australia, and claimed that John (but she called him Daniel) came out from Ireland as a 16 year old, settled in Dunedin and had 22 children, 4 of whom died at birth. She said that

"his wife (would be Sarah Ann Everitt) died just after the last child was born (would be Mary Ann Agnes) so he was left with 18 children. He put the girls in the Good Shepherd Convent in Christchurch. One became a sister there - she (presumably Kitty) often wrote to me. My mother (presumably Henrietta) left there at 18 and came to Sydney. Married a Tom Powell. We never knew or had contact with any of the family in NZ in those days...

Some years ago (letter undated) my brother and I went back to NZ and met up with a brother and sister of our mum - the only two of the 18 left, and we met so many of the Tohill cousins in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin...

I was the youngest of four children. My sister, Iris, died at 16, my Dad at 45 and one brother at 18. All died within 8 years of TB. My older brother, Tom, was a wonder and kept the family together when mum died. He only died about 5 years ago. He has three lovely children. One is manager of Potters Ltd., a stockbroker firm, who have an office in Melbourne. All live in Sydney and often come over on business here, so I see them often..."

The two last known surviving issue of John and Sarah Ann Tohill were Alphonso and Mary Ann Agnes so the visit by Sr Thomas must have been before 1979.

After their marriage John and Sarah Ann lived in St Kilda where their first child, John Thomas Tohill, was born on 28 June the following year. John was still a cab driver (21) and Sarah Ann was still aged 16 on his birth, which was registered by Sarah Ann. John Thomas died in infancy, 1879. It was customary for Irish people to follow the traditional naming pattern of naming the first male child after the fathers' father. I believe that they would have named John Thomas after both grandparents of the infant. If that belief is sound, then John's father was also John Tohill, of Ireland. A John was a brother of Roger Tohill, for they lived in adjoining rural houses in the Townland of Ballymacpeake, near Portglenone, Londonderry. Roger was the father of Henry and Daniel of Alexandra [**Family 2**]. However, John of Ravensbourne was born c1855 and is therefore assumed to be one generation later. Thus John of Ravensbourne might have been the second cousin of Daniel and Henry, or their first cousin, once removed, or some other relative. But Daniel [**Family 2**] was baptised 23 April, 1854, so perhaps John of Ravensbourne is not one generation removed! I think that there might have been two "Johns" - one a nephew of the other, so that John of Ravensbourne would have been first cousin of Henry and Daniel etc [**Family 2**] and of Brigid Bradley. And the cousins, Daniel and John, would have emigrated together — as described above.

The Christian naming tradition was strictly followed in most of Ireland. The father named the first-born after his father or mother, and the mother the second-born after her father or mother. They are alternated until both sets of parental names were used up. Then they used the names of their brothers and sisters — always alternating. We speculate how often this tradition endured in New Zealand.

The third child, Daniel, was born 2 April 1881 at Wingatui, so it is assumed that by then, John had begun work with NZ Railways. Construction of the branch rail to Central Otago — an awesome feat of pioneer engineering and playing a fundamental role in accessing the high country for farming — had commenced at Wingatui in 1879. Later records of NZ Railways indicate that on 23 March 1883 he was engaged as a labourer at Manuka.

On 7 May 1883 he was moved to Henley. The birth of their fourth child, Thomas Everitt Tohill, on 11 January 1883, was registered at Outram. John was moved to Outram on 4 May 1885, back to Henley on 26 January 1891, and then on 25 May 1891 to Ravensbourne, where he lived until 1906, when he moved to Hillside Loco. The family probably lived in Railway houses while on the Taieri. John has been variously described as a ganger, labourer, platelayer and surfaceman and, in 1902, he was earning 6/6 per day.¹

The older children began school at Otokia, some moving to Ravensbourne School in 1891, while some of the girls went to St Joseph's girls school in the city.

Following female suffrage, Sarah Ann Tohill immediately enrolled on the Chalmers Electoral Roll, 1893. She collapsed and died aged 43, on 10 January 1905, while on a railway train between Ravensbourne and Dunedin — the verdict of a jury being heart disease. In her arms was the youngest child, Mary Ann Agnes, only 4 months.

Stones and Wises Directories record John living at Bay View Terrace, West Harbour 1892, Grant Street, West Harbour, 1900, 1905, and 3 Forbury Road from about 1906 until 1909 when he moved to 1 College Street, Caversham. He is listed there until about 1925 when he may have moved to Christchurch. He died there 13 November 1935, from 33 Spencer Street, Addington, age given as 86, but actually 78, and is buried in the Southern Cemetery, Dunedin.

Fr (now Monsignor) Peter Mee, in *"The Turn of the Tide"*, 1977, relates the days before St Bernadette's church was built in 1934. Mass was celebrated in the Forbury Parish in the Loyal Caversham Oddfellows Lodge Hall at Forbury Corner from 1919 to 1934. Much organisation was required to make the arrangements for Mass work smoothly, and Monsignor Mee says that while many assisted, one name that was still remembered was that of Jack Tohill.

"For many years", he wrote, "Jack was directly involved in seeing that everything was as it should be for the celebration of Mass. Jack had retired from the Railways and his main interest now became a more active interest in Church life. It is said that he was a regular attender of funerals. Whatever his interests were during the week, it was well known where they were on the Sunday — the Hall at Forbury Corner. It was no mean task to have the hall ready for Mass, especially if there had been a dance the previous evening with streamers around the hall, and the French Chalk still on the floor. Even after the sweeping, people going up to Communion had to watch their step on the slippery floor. Jack would sweep the floor, arrange the table for Mass, see the side room was in order for Confessions, carry the forms from around the hall and from the side rooms. The forms had to be arranged so that there was a centre aisle. The seats were long forms with no middle support".

¹ Railway staff records at National Archives.

Later on in "The Turn of the Tide", Fr Mee wrote

"After Mass each Sunday, John Tohill, self-appointed caretaker and sacristan, dutifully began the task of putting the seats back, dismantling the altar and sweeping the hall. Usually the hall was left in a better state than it was found. John's last task was to see that the gas was turned off".

The births of 18 only issue of John Tohill and Sarah Ann Everitt were registered. When Sarah Ann died in 1905, her death certificate declared that she was survived by 9 sons and 6 daughters. As 3 sons predeceased her, only 15 surviving children could be nominated, and their names will follow. Sr Thomas's numbers are incorrect.

As will be seen, only 2 males: Charles and Francis, and 2 females: Sarah Ann the younger and Henrietta (Ettie) are unaccounted for: As Sarah Ann was 19 when her mother died, she would not have been put in the orphanage, so the conclusion is that Ettie (14 when her mother died) was the mother of Sr Thomas.

The 18 children located are:

- John Thomas, 28 June 1878 - died 1879.
- Annie Isabella, 23 July 1879 was at Otokia School, then entered Ravensbourne School 1 June 1891 and left 27 September 1891 to Catholic School. Lived at 58 King Edward Street, Dunedin 1905 and at 6 Elm Row, 1911, 1 College Street, 1922 (Electoral Rolls), 8 Howells Lane, 1935, 209 Cargill Street, and died at Dunedin 30 December 1963 - never married.
- Daniel, born at Wingatui 2 April 1881, attended Outram School, then entered Ravensbourne School 26 May 1891 and left 18 December 1891 "to Catholic School". He married Frances Anna O'Kane of, and at, Waitahuna on 10 October 1903. Frances, born 10 November 1882, was the daughter of Patrick O'Kane. Daniel joined the NZ Railways as a junior porter on 23 May 1898 at 3/- per day.¹ He was a Railway Porter living at Abbotsford 1900, Sawyers Bay 1903, (5/- per day) a Canvasser, Huxley Street, Sydenham, and a Picture Framer, Cadogan Street, Christchurch 1904, Burlingham Street, Christchurch 1906, but when his third child, Daniel Cyril was born at Dunedin 3 January 1908, Daniel was described as a labourer. That birth was registered at Waitahuna, where Anna was born, and where they possibly then had visited. Daniel and Frances appear on the 1908 Christchurch South Electoral Roll at Burlingham Street, Sydenham, he being a canvasser. In 1911 he was a fireman, and the family lived at Clive Square, Napier. The 1914 Wellington South Roll lists them at 24 Waripori Street, he being a motorman. In 1919 they appear on the Christchurch East Roll at 93 Barbour Street, where he was an agent. I did not locate him in the 1922 Rolls. Daniel (motor mechanic) and Frances are on the Auckland Central Roll at 42 Wellington Street. and on the same Roll at Ailsa House, Chaple Square in 1928. Daniel died at Auckland, 23 February 1950.
- Thomas Everitt, 11 January 1883, attended Outram School, then entered Ravensbourne School 26 May 1891, and left 18 December to Catholic School. In 1905 and 1908 he is listed on the Dunedin North Rolls at 254 Cumberland Street, Dunedin, a groom and in 1911, living at Peacocks Lane, Napier with Raphael, a Blacksmith's Striker. He (Blacksmiths striker) is listed at Pocock's Lane, Napier 1914 Roll, as a labourer at 91 Hastings Street, Napier 1919, and, with Bessie, on the 1925 and 1928 Napier Rolls at 15 Swan Street, he being a platelayer. He died at Auckland 8 October 1937.
- Sarah Ann, 26 June 1885, attended Otokia School, then entered Ravensbourne School 1 June 1891 and left 27 December 1891 to Catholic School. Nothing further has been found.

¹ Railway Staff records at National Archives.

- John Raphael (registered only as John, but called Raphael), 10 September 1886, entered Ravensbourne School 5 September 1894 as new scholar, and left to St Josephs 24 July 1895. He, too, was living at Peacocks Lane, Napier in 1911, and was a Labourer. He married Helen Mary Evans at Napier in 1913 and they had five children. In 1919, Raphael was at the Government Workshop, Napier. They are listed in 1922 Electoral Rolls at 46 Tutanekai Road, Auckland, and Raphael was a Striker. The 1923 Appendixes (AJHR) mention that he was subclass 5, grade 1, and had served 4 years 6 months for superannuation purposes and his rate of pay was then 1s 11 23/44d per hour. In Wisers 1934, he is listed as a Labourer at Arawa Street, Auckland. He died at Auckland in 1960.
- Charles, 6 December 1887, entered Ravensbourne School 7 May 1894 as new scholar, left 24 July 1895 to St Josephs. Nothing further has been found about him.
- Lawrence, born and died 1889.
- Henrietta, (Ettie) 22 July 1890, at St Joseph's Girls School Dunedin, in the nineties but no detail recorded. It is concluded that she moved to Sydney about 1908 and married Tom Powell there.
- Ellen Gabriel, (Nellie) 15 September 1892, also at St Joseph's Girls School Dunedin, in the nineties but no detail recorded. She married (as Helen, not Ellen) Richard Edmond Humphreys at St James Church, Wellington on 25 March 1918. The witnesses to the marriage were Rona Tohill and Iris Tohill, residing with their parents at 140 Britomart Street, Berhampore, Wellington. Both would be her nieces, daughters of Daniel. They were only teenagers then.
- William Henry, 12 July 1894 entered Ravensbourne School 29 Oct 1900 as new scholar, left 20 Dec 1905 to South Dunedin ie nearly a year after death of mother.
- Alban Joseph, 21 January 1896 - entered Ravensbourne School 18 Feb 1901 as new scholar and he, too, left 20 Dec 1905 to South Dunedin.
- Anthony Boyle, May 1897 - March 1898.
- Patrick Francis Xavier, 1898 - attended Caversham School from Macandrew Road school 9 June 1909 and left to go to work 25 August 1911. Nothing further found.
- Catherine 1899 - date not stated, but birth registered 4th quarter, entered Ravensbourne School 20 Mar 1905 as new scholar and also left 20 December 1905 to South Dunedin. She will be the nun mentioned by Sr Thomas, and is listed in the 1922 Rolls at Mt Magdala Convent, Hallswell, Christchurch. She died in 1966, Christchurch.
- Edward O'Reilly, 5 December 1900, entered Ravensbourne School 5 December 1905 as new scholar, and also left 20 December 1905 to South Dunedin. He entered Caversham school from Christian Bros and then left 5 September 1910 to Christian Bros. He is listed in Directories as Billiard Saloon Proprietor, 30 George Street, Port Chalmers 1932-39, and as a Pastry Cook, 301 Castle Street, Wisers 1948. He married Elizabeth Kennedy Edminstin of Port Chalmers in 1938, and died at Christchurch 1956, without issue. Edward had been living at 88 Disraeli Street, Christchurch and was a railway crossing keeper. He died of heart failure at the Grove Road railway crossing. Elizabeth is listed on the 1996 Glenfield Electoral Roll as at 10 Greenvalley Rise, Northcote, Auckland.
- Alphonso, 1 December 1902 - After attending Christian Brothers School, and attaining Standard IV, he entered Caversham School 9 June 1909. His progress is not further recorded, and he left school for Christian Bros and work on 20 December 1915. He is listed as a Labourer, 8 Oates Street 1931-34,

My Grandfather

Quarryman 63 Nairn Street, Mosgiel until 1936, Labourer at Blue Spur 1939, where he owned 15 acres, and at Port Chalmers. Wisers 1948, where his wife owned a property at Ocean Terrace. He married Catherine Frances Robertson Wilson in Christchurch, 1928, and died at Dunedin 24 July 1979. Known as "Curly."

- Mary Ann Agnes, 1904. She, too entered a Convent. Mary left the convent, married Eric McDonald at Christchurch, 1939, and died there, 25 March 1986.

When Mary Ann died in 1905, her death certificate records that she was survived by 15 children. I have shown that 3 had predeceased her. The total number of 18 therefore seems to be correct.

Three of the men served in World War I - Thomas Everitt, William Henry and Alban Joseph. All embarked with the Main Body of 8,427 men, which left Wellington in ten transports on 16 October 1914. Only Thomas returned, and with a bride.¹

Thomas Everitt Tohill #10/1171, giving his birth year as 1884, (born 11 January 1883) enlisted at Napier 21 August 1914. At that time he was a self employed Blacksmith, residing at Hastings Street, Napier and had served with the Dunedin City Guards for 4 years. He was 5' 6" weighed 9 stone 12 lbs, had grey eyes, and fair hair. Private Thomas E Tohill served in the Wellington Infantry Regiment, 9th Hawke's Bay Brigade, and sailed with the Main Body on 16 October 1914, arriving in Egypt 3 December 1914. He was wounded on Gallipoli, evacuated and admitted to Hospital in Malta, 13 August 1915, and removed to England where he was in and out of hospital for much of 1916. He served in France in 1918, and he was admitted to Hospital at Walton, with tonsillitis in May 1918. He married Bessie Davison at Walton on Thames, 22 April 1919, sailed for NZ on the *Athenic* 14 July 1919, and was discharged on 29 September 1919, being then 5' 7½ inches! He received the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

{ William Henry Tohill #8/628, enlisted 26 August 1914 at Dunedin, giving his true date of birth - 12 July 1894. He was then working at Hillside Workshops as a driver, and lived at 62 King Edward Road, Dunedin. William had served with the 4th Regiment Territorials for 2½ years. He was 5' 7½", weighed 10 stone, had a ruddy complexion, blue eyes and sandy hair. His chest measurements were 32¼ inches minimum and 35 inches maximum, and he had slight varicose veins. Private William Tohill served with the Otago Infantry Battalion, 4th Company, and sailed with the Main Body, 16 October 1914, arriving Alexandria, Egypt 3 December 1914. William embarked for the Dardanelles 12 April 1915, and on 12 June he was reported as missing between 1 May and 23 May. The finding of the Board of Inquiry, held at Moascar Camp, Ismailia, on 20 January 1916, was that William was now believed dead. William's remains were found by the Imperial (later, Commonwealth) War Graves Commission in 1919. It is assumed that he was killed by a sniper, and left lying where he was, not even being found by the Turks. His identity tag must still have been present, and these were favoured souvenirs of the Turks. William's remains are buried in Quinn's Post Cemetery, in the Anzac sector of Gallipoli.² The Plaque and Scroll were forwarded to John Tohill in 1921, and the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal were forwarded in 1922.

{ Alban Joseph Tohill #10/1012 enlisted at Napier on 14 August 1914, as Albert Joseph Tohill, and gave his date of birth as 28 July 1894, thus adding nearly 2 years to his true age of 18½. He was then a labourer, employed by Mr J Bilby at Onga Onga, and resided at Green Lane, Hastings Street, Napier. His previous service was with the Napier City Cadets. He was 5' 7",

¹ Altogether seven Tohills thus served - four sons of Henry, and three of John. John may have had additional sons who served in the Australia Forces. Three Tohills died on active service, and all others were wounded. Two married English girls.

² Letter dated 5 February 1995, from Patrick Gariépy, noted Gallipoli Researcher, Eugene, Oregon, USA, to me.

weighed 134 lbs, had hazel eyes and brown hair. His chest measurements were 34 inches minimum and 36 inches maximum. Private Alban Joseph Tohill served with the Wellington Infantry Battalion, 9th Company and sailed with the Main Body 16 October 1914, arriving Egypt 3 December 1914. Alban received shrapnel wounds to the spine on Gallipoli on 30 April 1915, and was evacuated to the Bombay Residency Hospital, Alexandria, on 2 May, where he died of the wounds on 19 August 1915. He is buried at Chabley (?spelling) Military Cemetery, Egypt, Grave #2246. The Plaque and Scroll were forwarded to John Tohill in 1921, and the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal were forwarded in 1922.

NOTE:

Records from St Josephs School in the city were mainly kept for the nuns' financial and musical reasons. They do record the admission of an Elizabeth Tohill on 30 January 1893, and the presence of a Tottie Tuhill (sic) there in July 1896. Henrietta and Ellen were recorded by their nick names! They were exempt from payment of school fees.

**DESCENDANTS FROM THE MARRIAGE OF
JOHN TOHILL AND SARAH ANN EVERITT**

Here follows 150 descendants, in six generations, traced from the marriage. There are 206 descendants if we count spouses, too. If there are any errors or additions to be made, please advise as soon as possible.

- 1-- John TOHILL (1857-1935)
sp-Sarah Ann EVERITT (1861-1905) Born Dunedin
- 2-- John Thomas TOHILL (1878-1879)
- 2-- Annie Isabella TOHILL (1879-1963) Never married
- 2-- Daniel TOHILL (1881-1950) Auckland
sp-Frances Anna O'KANE (1882-1950) Born Waitahuna
- 3-- Frances Mary Veronica TOHILL (Rona?) (1904) Auckland
sp-Frederick Stephen KING (-1960)
- 4-- Frances Marcia KING (1927)
4-- John Frederick Patrick KING (1928) ?
4-- Brian KING
4-- Peter KING
sp-Harold Gordon JACKSON
- 3-- Iris (Ellen) TOHILL (1906)
sp-William Arthur FULLER (1909)
- 4-- James Arthur FULLER (1936)
4-- Raymond Charles FULLER (1939)
4-- Lorraine FULLER (sic) (1943)
- 3-- Daniel Cyril TOHILL (Cyril) (1908) Auckland
sp-Blanche Dora JOHNSTON (1914-1995)
- 4-- Blanche Noeline TOHILL (1936)
sp-Christopher James OSTERMEYER (1931)

5-- Mark OSTERMEYER (1956)
 sp- Belinda Anne McKENZIE
 6-- Kyle Anne OSTERMEYER (1982)
 6-- Benjamin OSTERMEYER (1985)
 5-- Kurt OSTERMEYER (1959)
 sp- Susan Jane O'MALLEY
 6-- Joseph Daniel OSTERMEYER (1991)
 6-- Asher OSTERMEYER (1994)

4-- Diana Marie TOHILL (1939)
 sp-Stanley Russell SMITH (1940-1975?)
 5-- Gordon SMITH (1960?)
 5-- Deborah SMITH (1962?)
 5-- Sharon SMITH (1964?)

4-- Rodney Nobel TOHILL (1943) Australia
 sp- Margaret UNKNOWN
 5-- Felicity TOHILL
 5-- Stephanie TOHILL

4-- Neville Cyril TOHILL (1944) Matawai, Trapper
 sp-Wendy Lorraine ALEXANDER (1948) Diss
 5-- Lon Devan TOHILL (1967) engaged to Vanessa Baigent, 25.12.96
 5-- Vicki Michelle TOHILL (1969)
 5-- Karina Wendy TOHILL (1976) Auckland, export clerk
 sp- Anne UNKNOWN

4-- Linda Daphne TOHILL (1948) Tauranga
 sp-Russell Wayne SMITH (1942)
 5-- Tracey SMITH (1970?)
 5-- Raewyn SMITH (1972?)
 5-- Gary SMITH (1974?)

3-- Margaret Catherine Verna TOHILL (Veena) (1920)
 sp-Edgar (sic) WEBB
 4-- Nicola Anna Margaret WEBB (1943)
 4-- Julie Ann WEBB (1950) check name

2-- Thomas Everitt TOHILL (1883-1937) Auckland, no issue
 sp-Bessie DAVISON (1882-1960) Married in England

2-- Sarah Ann TOHILL (1885) Not traced

2-- John Raphael TOHILL (1886-1960) Auckland.
 sp-Helen Mary EVANS (1890-1969)

3-- Mary Rachel TOHILL (1914-1960)
 sp-Thomas SISSON (1913)

3-- Frances Mary TOHILL (1916)
 sp-Bernard Frank BULL

3-- Thomas Alban TOHILL (1919-1937)

3-- Mary Agnes TOHILL (1921-1931)	
3-- John Lewis TOHILL (1923) sp-Patricia Margaret O'SULLIVAN	Formerly Hamilton, now Brisbane
4-- Anne Patricia TOHILL (1955) sp-Peter John WARD	Brisbane
4-- John Stephen TOHILL (1961)	Brisbane
2-- Charles TOHILL (1887)	Not traced
2-- Lawrence TOHILL (1889-1889)	
2-- Henrietta TOHILL (Ettie) (1890)	Married Tom Powell, Australia ??
2-- Ellen Gabriel (Nellie) TOHILL (Helen) (1892-1962) sp-Richard Edmond HUMPHREYS (1893-bef 1946)	in Christchurch 1925-1935+ Wellington, Humphreys on Marriage and Driver on 1935 Elect Roll
3-- James (Marshall?) HUMPHREYS (1919)	
3-- Warwick John Mervyn HUMPHREYS (1925)	
3-- Pamela Rowena May HUMPHREYS (1936)	
2-- William Henry TOHILL (1894-1915)	Killed in action, Gallipoli
2-- Alban Joseph TOHILL (1896-1915)	Died of wounds, Gallipoli
2-- Anthony Boyle TOHILL (1897-1898)	
2-- Patrick Francis Xavier TOHILL (1898)	Not traced
2-- Catherine (Kitty) TOHILL (Str Helen) (1899-1966)	Christchurch, Mt Magdala
2-- Edward O'Reilly TOHILL (1900-1956) sp-Elizabeth Kennedy EDMINSTIN (1910)	died Christchurch, no issue Auckland, 1996
2-- Alphonso TOHILL (1902-1979) sp-Catherine Frances Robertson WILSON (1905-1968)	Otago <i>My Grandfather "Curly"</i>
3-- Celia <u>Frances</u> TOHILL (Frances) (1927-1984) sp-Thomas Joseph FORBES (1923-1979)	Twin of George
4-- Ngaire Ann FORBES (1950) sp-Barclay Thomas SIEVWRIGHT (1947) 5-- Clayton John SIEVWRIGHT (1969) 5-- Lane Thomas SIEVWRIGHT (1971)	Dunedin
4-- Richard John FORBES (1952) sp-Catherine Anne SEATON (1957) 5-- Mark Richard FORBES (1976) 5-- James Robert FORBES (1979)	

4-- Stuart Douglas FORBES (1954)
sp-Susan Ellen PARKER (1964)
5-- Victoria Marie FORBES (1984)
5-- Thomas Reginald FORBES (1986)
5-- John William FORBES (1990)
5-- Christopher Stuart FORBES (1992)

Now Rotorua

4-- Allan Raymond FORBES (1957)
sp-Jean Marie McALEVEY (1957)
5-- Daniel Raymond FORBES (1976)
5-- Paul Joseph FORBES (1978)
5-- Amie Marie FORBES (1979)
sp-Jennifer Ann BAXTER (1961)
5-- Peter Allan FORBES (1990)
5-- Carl Murray FORBES (1992)

4-- Bruce Thomas FORBES (1959)
sp-Judith Mary WEKKING (1959)
5-- Shane Jason FORBES (1978)
5-- Angela Michelle FORBES (1981)

4-- Elizabeth Frances FORBES (1962)
sp-Barry Leslie CARMICHAEL (1958)
5-- Aaron Desmond CARMICHAEL (1987)
5-- Jayson Thomas CARMICHAEL (1992)

3-- Edward George TOHILL (1927)
sp-Lorraine Mary CAIRNS (1935)

Oamaru, twin of Frances

4-- Lynette Susan TOHILL (1957)
sp-Arthur Andrew ALLINGTON (1956)
5-- David Wayne ALLINGTON (1981)
5-- Bevan Craig ALLINGTON (1983)
5-- Serena Marie ALLINGTON (1985)

4-- Stephen George TOHILL (1959)
sp-Catherine Debra CAMERON (1962)
5-- Ricky George TOHILL (1985)
5-- Jay Cameron TOHILL (1987)
5-- Skyla Kate TOHILL (1993)

3-- Alphonso John TOHILL (1929-1988)
sp-La-Rita Frances BOKSER (1934)

Mosgiel

*My father
+ mother*

4-- Dianne Rae TOHILL (1956)
sp-Malcolm Gordon CARMICHAEL
5-- Steven James CARMICHAEL (1976)
5-- Keryn Lee CARMICHAEL (1978)
5-- Deanne Lyn CARMICHAEL (1980)

My sister

4-- Denise Kaye TOHILL (1958)
sp-Wayne PEACH (sic)

My sister

5-- Tania Ann PEACH (1979)
 5-- Regan PEACH (sic) (1981)
 5-- Calvin James PEACH (1984)

4-- Kathryn Amelia TOHILL (1961)
 Richard Theodore GIMPEL
 5-- Tara Louise GIMPEL (1987)
 5-- Logan Rhys GIMPEL (1990)

4-- Graeme John TOHILL (1972)

3-- Rosemary Kathleen TOHILL (Rose) (1934)
 sp-Nelson Stanley READ (1928)

4-- Carolyn Sylvia READ (1952-1954)

4-- Mervyn Douglas READ (1953)
 sp-Karen Ruth OLSEN
 5-- Glen READ (1980) (sic)
 5-- Dawn READ (1983) (sic)

4-- Brian Leslie READ (1954)
 sp-Gloria Jean LUCIBELLA
 5-- Pamela Jane READ (1984)
 5-- Lindsay Peter READ (1989)

4-- Allyn John READ (1955-1955)

4-- Kevyn Bruce READ (1957)
 sp-Adrienne Kathleen REID
 5-- Alistair David READ (1979)
 5-- Jason Andrew READ (1980)
 5-- Katrina Marie READ (1982)

4-- Sharyn Rosemary READ (1960)
 sp-Neville Scott SPIERS (1954-1996)
 5-- Garath John SPIERS (1980)
 5-- Kelly Rose SPIERS (1983)
 5-- Cindy SPIERS (c1991)

3-- Colleen Patricia TOHILL (1940)
 sp-Brian Francis WILSON

4-- Jennifer Rae WILSON (1961)
 sp-Geoffrey David HOLDING
 5-- Sarah Ruth HOLDING (1981)
 5-- Rachel Ann HOLDING (1983)
 5-- Naomi Elizabeth HOLDING (1984)

4-- Wendy Katrina WILSON (1963)
 sp-Alan James CAREY
 5-- Melissa Jane CAREY (1989)
 5-- Hannah CAREY (1991)

Mosgiel, manager

Myself

My Sister

Port Chalmers

Div

James and Bridget's second child was James Anthony Tohill, born 17 January 1880. He came to visit his cousins in New Zealand in 1905 and stayed. In 1908 he married Mary Ethel Holden (born at Monte Christo, Clyde) a daughter of Moses Holden (a coach driver of Clyde) and Esther Jane Weaver, and they had seventeen children. James Anthony and Mary Ethel lived out their years in Alexandra, he dying 27 September 1963, and she 24 November 1963. Four of their sons served in WWII, with Jack and Frank serving in the Australian forces. All of their issue were known to me, and all are recorded, along with their descendants below.

Jim first got work on construction of the road/rail bridge across the Manuherikia river at Alexandra. On its completion he got work on the dredges where he remained for about fifteen years. He gained an Engine drivers certificate of competency for stationary engines in 1908. Also a rabbitier, then a carpenter, Jim was known for getting up at 5 am and ride his bicycle to Poolburn, Ida Valley, (23 miles) to his work and return. And he was known as a great worker who could turn his hand to any job and make a success of it. He was a champion axeman and won many competitions against all comers. Being an Australian, he was also a very good allround cricketer.



Jim and Ethel after their 'Golden Wedding Mass, Alexandra, 1958, with thirteen of their seventeen children.

Back: Bridie, Kevin, Terry, Joe, Steve. Middle: Irene, Gay, Zita, Danny, Rosa, Mick. Front: Mollie, Jim, Ethel, Nancy.

Ethel is said to have had a 19 inch waist when she married. She had a fine soprano voice, and was a member of the Gaiety Club of the 20s and early 30s, and of various Alexandra choirs. She was in demand at concerts over a wide area of Central Otago. Her services were in special demand during fund-raising efforts of both world wars, and she sang in public right up to within a few months of her passing.

Billie recounts that Jim and Ethel went for a two week trip to Victoria to see Jim's family. It turned out to be a three month trip as they were caught up in a shipping strike in Melbourne. They stayed with Jim's brother Frank, and had little money to survive that time. "They stayed with Bridget and brother John. I remember Ethel saying she offered to 'do' the spuds and did so under running water, when her mother-in-law ripped into her for wasting precious water!! She remained scared of her for the rest of the stay"! Jim and Ethel had left their then nine children with Ethel's mother — Esther Jane Holden (nee Weaver).

Their Alexandra home was sited on a few acres within the Borough, and handy to the town centre. (I have stayed there, and recall helping the boys (and girls) to pinch green walnuts from a neighbouring orchard, with dire stomach consequences). Cows were grazed for milk and butter, and they occasionally wandered off the property. In 1940 a Council committee waited on Jim to "appeal to him to avoid unpleasant proceedings by abating the nuisance". Jim gave an assurance that it would not happen in future - "unless by accident".¹

¹ "Alexandra - a Place in the Sun", a history of the Alexandra Borough Council — *ibid.*

Here are the 213 traced descendants of James Anthony Tohill and Mary Ethel Holden (there are 303 descendants if we count spouses, too):

- 1-- James Anthony TOHILL (1880-1963)
 sp-Mary Ethel HOLDEN (1888-1963) Dredgeman, later carpenter
 Fine singer
- 2-- James Stephen TOHILL (1909-1968)
 sp-Kathleen Mary ROBINSON (-1971) Was NZR engine driver
- 3-- Deirdre Margaret Mary TOHILL (1933)
 sp-Roger Austin ROELANTS Freelance writer, Auckland
- 4-- John Marius Albertus ROELANTS (1962) Sydney
 4-- Helene Mary ROELANTS (1964) Auckland, librarian
 4-- Miles Marius ROELANTS (1967) Spina Bifida and lives full life, Auck
- 3-- Etain Mary TOHILL (1937-1956)
 3-- Gabrielle Mary TOHILL (1942) Sydney
 sp-Peter ROBBINS
 4-- Rupert ROBBINS (1968)
 4-- Claudia ROBBINS (1970) Sydney, Film and TV actress- name Claudia Karvan. She won the 1996 Australian Film Institute best TV actress award for *GP*
- sp-Arthur KARVAN
 4-- Paris KARVAN (1974)
- 2-- Francis Xavier TOHILL (1910-1971)
 sp-Thelma GUMBELTON (-1975) Was office work, Sydney, RAAF
 Sydney, noted violinist
- 2-- John Martin TOHILL (1911-1986)
 sp-Margaret TUOHEY (1900-1986) Carpenter, Myola, Victoria, Australia
 Died October, Elmore
 Elmore
- 3-- Zita TOHILL
 sp-Laurie SEDDON
 4-- Tony SEDDON
 4-- Karen SEDDON
 4-- Jenny SEDDON
 4-- Paul SEDDON
 4-- Maria SEDDON
 4-- Lynda SEDDON
- 3-- Anne TOHILL Nursing tutor, Melbourne
 sp-Bill MARLAND
 4-- Cecilia MARLAND
 4-- James MARLAND
- 3-- Dorothy TOHILL Toowoomba
 sp-Bill GRAHAM
 4-- David GRAHAM
 4-- Mark GRAHAM
 4-- Nicholas GRAHAM
 4-- Peter GRAHAM
- 2-- Charles Martin Weaver TOHILL (1913-1967) was orchardist, Alexandra
- 2-- Mary Josephine (Mollie) TOHILL (1914)
 sp-Stuart Charles Robert HARDING (1912-1982) Dunedin
 3-- Laurence Stuart HARDING (1937) Surveyor, Lower Hutt
 sp-Eilane (sic) Miriam KING

- 4-- Stephen Laurence HARDING (1963)
 3-- Anne Marie HARDING (1940) Farming, Craigellachie, Central Otago
 sp-John Charles BENINGTON (1935) Lawrence, meat inspector
 4-- James Robert BENINGTON (1965)
 4-- Charles Anthony BENINGTON (1968)
 -Aroha GAY
 5-- Max John BENINGTON (1996)
 3-- Martin James HARDING (1942) Local Body, Palmerston North
 sp-Margaret Maree GILKISON
 4-- Katie Elizabeth HARDING (1975)
 4-- Ayme Josephine HARDING (1977)
 3-- Claire Louise HARDING (1954) ANZ Bank, Dunedin
 sp-Noel John BEAUMONT
 4-- Lucy Margaret BEAUMONT (1974) London, OE
- 2-- Theresa Esther TOHILL (1916) Whakatane
 sp-Joseph Collins HULL Div
 3-- Charles Roger HULL (1939) Auckland
 sp-Alexandra Valmae (Sandra) JONES
 4-- Jason Walter Joseph HULL
 4-- Carina Maria HULL
 4-- Marcus HULL
- sp-Karl Henning Bertil HJELMSTROM (1912-1979)
 3-- Bertil Henning HJELMSTROM (1943)
 sp-Rosemarie ASSINK (-1983)
 4-- Monique Therese HJELMSTROM (1974)
 4-- Karl Henning HJELMSTROM (1977)
 3-- Sven Karl HJELMSTROM (1945) Music Teacher, Auckland
 sp-Hendrina SLUITERS
 4-- Esther Hendrina HJELMSTROM (1983)
 3-- Gregor Leif HJELMSTROM (1949) Lismore, woodcraftsman
 sp-Jenny THOMAS
 4-- Kelda HJELMSTROM
 4-- Karyn HJELMSTROM
 4-- Anna HJELMSTROM
 3-- Jonathan Olaf HJELMSTROM (1954)
 sp-Janine Mary WILLS
 3-- Markus Ivar HJELMSTROM (1958-1968)
- 2-- Patricia Lillian TOHILL (1918-1957)
 sp-Ernest William Frederick GRIMMAN (1909-1980) was scrap dealer, Dunedin
 3-- Elaine Patricia GRIMMAN (1941) Music, Loughrea, Galway, Eire
 sp-John CHMILAR
 4-- Kristophor CHMILAR 1st class Hons Electronic Enging.
 3-- Christopher James GRIMMAN (1948-1963)
 3-- Brenda GRIMMAN (1952) Burnham Military Camp
 sp-Stewart William KINGI
 4-- Chachikahn Tu Tapu (Che) KINGI (1983)
- 2-- Rosa Ethel TOHILL (1918-1980)
 sp-Douglas John BOYD Farming, Taieri Plains
 3-- John Charles BOYD (1950) Co-owner, Harris Shoes Dunedin
 sp-Christine Fenella PYNE (1954) Forsyth Barr, Sharebrokers, Dn

- 4-- Melanie Kay BOYD (1977)
 4-- Nathan John BOYD (1980)
 3-- Hugh Dominic James BOYD (1951) Auckland
- 2-- Margaret Annetta (Nancy) TOHILL (1919-1974)
 sp-Alan SMITH (1912) Retired from Railway workshops
 Kaitangata
- 3-- Eleanor Marie SMITH (1943)
 sp-Abe SEYMOUR
 sp-Te Aroha Frederick GREEN
 4-- Kiri Irene GREEN (1965) Queensland
 sp-Steven Brian WENCK
 5-- Lawrie Reihana WENCK (1993) Twins)
 5-- Liam Te Aroha WENCK (1993) Twins)
 4-- Diane Aroha GREEN (1970) Lawyer, Dunedin
 4-- Teremanu Annette GREEN (1974)
- 3-- Brian Anthony SMITH (1944)
 sp-Eileen Meri KARAITIANA
 4-- Quentin Brian SMITH (1972)
 4-- Hayden Anthony SMITH (1975)
 4-- Anna Catherine SMITH (1977)
 sp-Margaret Meta CLEAVER
 3-- Stephen James SMITH (1948) was hospital orderly, Dunedin
 sp-Farley Lorna SCHUSTER
 4-- Tristran James SMITH (1983)
 4-- Margaret Annette SMITH (1986)
- 3-- Philip Gregory SMITH (1948)
 sp-Alison Leah REID
 4-- Nicola Annette SMITH (1975)
 3-- Marie Theresa SMITH (1952)
 4-- Bridget Lee SMITH (1969)
 sp-Andrew BROWN
 5-- Chloe Margaret BROWN (1987)
 sp-George MILES
 4-- George Alan MILES (1976) Australia
 sp-Allan PIRIE
 4-- Andrew PIRIE (1992)
- 3-- Catherine Mary SMITH (1955)
 sp-David Ernest GRAHAM (1955)
 4-- Oren Steven GRAHAM (1988)
 3-- Gregory Alan SMITH (1958)
 sp-Sue SUBRISKI
 4-- Bridie Mary SMITH (1986)
 4-- Darcy Gregory SMITH (1988-1988)
 4-- Adelaide SMITH
- 3-- Esther Jane SMITH (1960)
 sp-Shaun Joseph McGARRY
 sp-Michael Joseph DEVANEY (1955)
 4-- Ellen Jane Irene DEVANEY (1991) Dunedin, Nurse
 Taxi Operator, Dunedin
- 2-- Zita Mabel TOHILL (1920-1988)
 sp-Sidney James DOWDESWELL
 3-- Peter Edward DOWDESWELL (1943) Brisbane, retd Naval Commodore
 sp-Adele WILLIAMS Johannesburg, South Africa

4-- Sean DOWDESWELL
 4-- Catherine DOWDESWELL
 3-- Richard Kevin DOWDESWELL (1945) Auckland
 sp-Anne Marie GILLARD
 4-- Luke Richard DOWDESWELL (1984)
 4-- Hannah Elizabeth DOWDESWELL (1989)
 3-- Frances Lillian DOWDESWELL (1948) Auckland
 sp-Lawrence Stephen Arthur HARMER
 4-- Angela Frances HARMER (1970)
 4-- Lawrence Jeffrey HARMER (1973) Whangaparaoa
 3-- Cynthia Esta DOWDESWELL (1955) Auckland
 sp-Tony Steven HARRIS
 4-- Amanda Laura HARRIS (1985)
 4-- Michael HARRIS
 3-- Nigel Edwin DOWDESWELL (1956) Brisbane
 sp-Kayl HEDL div
 4-- Jessica DOWDESWELL
 2-- Kevin Anthony TOHILL (1921-1996) was furrier, later taxi proprietor
 sp-Florence Jean POTTER (1923) Wellington
 3-- Irene Margaret TOHILL (1945)
 sp-Ian Thomas MacFARLANE
 4-- Kim MacFARLANE (1965) Kerikeri
 -Andrew SCOTT
 5-- Samuel MacFARLANE SCOTT (1989)
 5-- Libby SCOTT
 4-- Tracy MacFARLANE (1967)
 sp-Murray WHITE Upper Hutt
 5-- Jaydon Robert WHITE (1996)
 3-- Lesley Ethel TOHILL (1947) Tacoma, USA
 sp-Richard LARSON
 4-- Paul LARSON (1971)
 4-- Michael LARSON (1974)
 3-- Carol Robyn TOHILL (1948) Rotorua
 sp-Te Moengaroa TAIKATO
 4-- Steven TAIKATO (1968) Japan
 sp-Japanese Girl
 4-- Kevin Richard TAIKATO (1969)
 4-- Brock Adam TAIKATO (1977)
 3-- Linda Kathleen TOHILL (1949) Rotorua
 sp-Brian Tuhuaia NGAMOTU
 4-- Donna Marie NGAMOTU (1966)
 sp-Unknown
 5-- Stacey (Maria Donna?) NGAMOTU (1985)
 5-- Dylan NGAMOTU (1993)
 4-- Wanita Patricia NGAMOTU (1970)
 sp-Not known
 5-- One child
 4-- Katrina Anna NGAMOTU (1974)
 sp-Unknown
 5-- two children
 4-- Tarati Rose NGAMOTU (1979)
 3-- James Anthony TOHILL (1954) Australia
 Perth, WA

- 3-- Daniel Terence TOHILL (1955) Auckland, Landscaper
 sp-Judith Gaye BISHOP (1958)
 4-- Oscar Rupert TOHILL (1988)
 4-- Poppy TOHILL (1995)
- 3-- Patricia Barbara TOHILL (1960) Lower Hutt
 sp-Chris BATIE
 4-- Timothy Chris BATIE (1993)
 4-- Mitchell James BATIE (1995)
- 2-- Bridget Cecilia (Bridie) TOHILL (1923-1989) North Canterbury
 sp-John James BELL (1919)
 3-- James Anthony BELL (1945) Fireman, Christchurch
 sp-Barbara Jane WILLIAMS
 4-- Christian Stephen James BELL (1965)
 sp-Jayne Maree VINCENT
 4-- Marcus John Charles BELL (1969)
- 3-- Celine Mary Esther BELL (1947) Gold Coast, Australia
 sp-Paul Darry RUDDLESSEN
 4-- Duane Curt RUDDLESSEN (1971)
 4-- John Paul RUDDLESSEN (1975)
- 3-- John Darroch BELL (1949) Christchurch
 sp-Jennifer Ann REVIL
 4-- Sarah Jean BELL (1982)
 4-- Andrew John BELL (1987)
- 2-- Gabrielle Maureen TOHILL (1925-1989) was orchardist, Alexandra
 sp-Lancelot Clifford KINRAID (1921-1983) div
 3-- Marion Ethel KINRAID (1944-1994) was health consultant, Sioux Falls, SD, USA
 sp-James Francis CARMODY (1943) div
 sp-Paul John KOEHLER (1933) sculptor, div
 4-- Jamie Paul KOEHLER (1976)
 sp-John Darrell THOMPSON (1933) Physicist Professor, Sioux Falls
 3-- Frances Elizabeth KINRAID (1946) Adult student, Vic University Wgtn
 sp-John Raymond MOLLOY (1946) Div
 4-- Simon Cain MOLLOY (1966) Graphics Designer, Wellington
 4-- Emily Grace MOLLOY (1976) Wellington
 3-- Claire Marie KINRAID (1948) Wellington, beautician
 sp-William Alexander ROBERTS (1941) div
 4-- Shane Alexander ROBERTS (1966) Christchurch
 sp-Tiffany Jane BABINGTON
 5-- Joshua Alexander G ROBERTS (1990)
 4-- Jason Martin ROBERTS (1968) Wellington, *Dockside Restaurant*
 sp- Katrina (sic) BRIDWELL
 5-- William James BRIDWELL-ROBERTS (1995)
- sp-John Joseph Patrick MURPHY (1923)
 3-- Kevin John MURPHY (1959) Barbados Valley, Western Australia
 Michele WOLLERMAN
 4-- Kale MURPHY (1991)
- 3- Patricia Lillian MURPHY (1960) Wellington
 sp-Michael John HAY (1955) Lawyer
 4-- Daniel Michael HAY (1982)
 4-- Dairne Patricia HAY (1985)
- 2-- Terence Gregory TOHILL (1926-1997) Hokitika
 sp-Marcella Elizabeth THOMPSON (-1988)

- 3-- Martin Edward TOHILL (1959) Driver, Hokitika
 sp-Betty Margaret CRON
 4-- Jason Edward TOHILL (1981)
 4-- Lynn Barbara TOHILL (1983-1991) Drowned while fishing, Hokitika
 4-- Terry Neal TOHILL (1985)
 4-- Brendon Lee TOHILL (1988)
 3-- Kevin Anthony TOHILL (1961) Driver, Christchurch
 sp-Susan J UNKNOWN
 4-- Amy TOHILL
 4-- Megan Sarah TOHILL (1985)
- 2-- Irene Marion TOHILL (1928) Owaka
 sp-James Norman McPHEE Was sawmiller, freezing works
 3-- Robert William McPHEE (1951) Dunedin, medical artist
 sp-Karen Anne COLLINGS
 4-- Daniel Francis McPHEE (1978)
 4-- Elizabeth Louise McPHEE (1981)
 4-- Jessica Kaye McPHEE (1986)
- 3-- Edwin James McPHEE (1952) Electrical Inspector, Owaka
 sp-Wendy Joan COLLINGS
 4-- Simon McPHEE
 4-- Alethea Jayne McPHEE (1977)
- 3-- Alistair Stuart McPHEE (1953) Civil Engineer, Pounawea
 sp-Stephanie Jill DAVIDSON
 3-- Michael John McPHEE (1957) Catlins Valley, carpenter
 sp-Anabel LLEWELLYN-WILLIAMS
 4-- Elena Jean McPHEE (1989)
 4-- Rosa Clare McPHEE (1991)
 4-- Holly Josephine Marian McPHEE (1994)
- 2-- Joseph Laurence TOHILL (1930-1988) was fencer, musterer etc
 sp-Myra Jill (Billie) STEVENS (1936) Clyde, Music, Central Otago
 Community Service award, 1996
- 3-- Steven James TOHILL (1955)
 3-- Patrick Laurence TOHILL (1957-1991)
 3-- Joseph Sean TOHILL (1959)
 sp-Rosemary Kaye Tippet (1959)
 4-- Rosemary Kaye TOHILL (1984)
 3-- Kieran Edward TOHILL (1961)
 3-- James Anthony TOHILL (1963)
 3-- Mary Josephine TOHILL (1965)
 3-- Gavin TOHILL (1969-1969) died at birth
 3-- Michael Gregory TOHILL (1970)]
- 2-- Daniel Gerard TOHILL (1932) Oamaru, was electrician
 sp-Kathleen Isobel KERSE
 3-- Leueen Margaret TOHILL (1961)
 sp-Kevin Noel MAAKA
 4-- Craig James MAAKA (1978)
 4-- David Shane MAAKA (1980)
 4-- Lesley Anne MAAKA (1983)
- 3-- John Francis TOHILL (1962) Nelson
 3-- Mary Anne TOHILL (1964)
 3-- Gerard Daniel TOHILL (1965)
 3-- James Steven TOHILL (1968)

3-- Christine Jane TOHILL (1970)
 3-- Kathryn Bridget TOHILL (1971)
 3-- Michael Patrick TOHILL (1974)
 3-- Gabrielle Sally Lee TOHILL (1979)

Nelson - student/parent
 Ruby Bay, horticulture

This photograph was taken following the Mass in honour of the Golden wedding of James Anthony Tohill and Mary Ethel Holden, celebrated at the old John the Baptist Church, Alexandra, 8 July 1958.



Back row: Stuart Harding, George Gartly, Jack Murphy, Sep Tohill, Jack Bell, "Jenny" (Jessie Isabella) Tohill, Nan Gartly, "Cassie" (Kathleen Bertha) Tohill, Mabel Tohill, Ernie Grimman, Edie Tohill, Roddy Tohill, Alan Smith.

Third row: Jim McPhee (obscured), Ted Kelliher, Jock Boyd, Marcella Tohill, Anne Harding, Gabrielle Tohill, Kath Tohill (obscured), Billie Tohill, Elaine Grimman, W Claude McDonnell, Joyce Jamie, Bob McGettigan, Hugh Cullen, Veronica McDonnell, Laurie Harding.

Second row: Fr Ives, Nora Kelliher, Marion Kinraid, Bridie Bell, Gay Murphy, Kevin Tohill, Zita Dowdeswell, Joe Tohill, Danny Tohill, Joyce Jamie, Annie McGettigan, Martin Harding.

Seated or in front: Claire Kinraid, Irene McPhee, Mollie Harding, Terry Tohill, James Anthony Tohill, Rosa Boyd, Mary Ethel Tohill, "Mick" (Charles Martin Weaver) Tohill, Nancy Smith, Steve Tohill, Frances Kinraid.

Those entered in bold print are thirteen of their seventeen children. Those named above, and not found elsewhere in this publication, are:



Nan Gartly is Anne; Ted Kelliher and Nora Kelliher - Nora was sister of Anne Gartly; Claude McDonnell and Veronica McDonnell - Veronica was the sister of Kath Tohill; Joyce Jamie is niece of Mary Ethel Tohill, being daughter of her brother, John Holden; Bob and Annie McGettigan - Annie was sister of Ethel; Hugh Cullen was very good friend of the Hardings, and then of Jim and Ethel.

This photograph, given to my mother, is inscribed

**"To Dear Jenny' With love from Ethel.
 Souvenir of Alexandra of August 10th 1934".**

¹ Jessie Isabella Tohill (nee Fraser).

5 JOHN TOHILL AND BRIDGET HENRY — TO NAPIER, AND WELLINGTON

John and Bridget, with ten of their twelve children, were the next to emigrate. They arrived at Napier in 1909. But they had been preceded by John's sister, Rose, who arrived as an assisted immigrant, 21, domestic servant, on the *Invercargill*, at Port Chalmers, 2 October 1878, having sailed from Glasgow on 12 July. Rosie was accompanied by Isabella Tohill, 20 also a domestic servant and assisted immigrant to Otago, 2 October 1878¹. They are jointly listed as "2 adults" on the passenger list so clearly they travelled together as family. Their passages of £7-10-6 were fully paid by the NZ Government. I have a transcript of a diary of that voyage on disk available to anyone interested. Few names are mentioned, but the daily account of life and progress on the voyage is well documented.

- ◆ Rose (22, a cook) married James Edward Barham (24, a miner) at St Joseph's Cathedral, 16 June 1880. The celebrant was Fr W Newport, and the witnesses were John Gilman and Mary Jane Jamieson. In the Notice of Intention to Marry, Rose stated that she was 3 weeks resident, and James said he was 3 days resident.
- ◆ Isabella (housemaid) married John Collins, (27) South Dunedin Parish, 15 April 1884. She was a daughter of Daniel Tohill, farmer, and Mary Tohill, nee Convery. The witnesses were James Collins of Dunedin and Bridget Bradley, Caversham who is often mentioned herein.² More will be found under the chapter, "The Collins", below.

Really, some further chronological precedence should be given to Rosie and Isabella. And Catherine another sister of John, had already emigrated. The family of Rose has been traced by Peter Tohill, 51 Braemar Road, Castor Bay, Auckland, but little is known about the family of Catherine (who married Edward (Ned) Henry c1870, presumably in Ireland). So, much remains to be done to trace this family, and relationship.

Research in Dunedin has found that, according to her headstone, Catherine died 3 September 1907, aged 52 and is buried in the Old Napier Cemetery. Her son, Peter, died 7 December 1914, aged 25 and is buried with her. John Barham is on the 1908 Napier Electoral Roll at Waghorne Street, on the 1914 Roll at Battery Road and on the 1919 Roll at 112 Waghorne Street. Edward Patrick Barham is on the 1914 Napier Electoral Roll at Battery Road. [Other references can be found in the researched Electoral Rolls on file - HT].

Much of what now follows about **Family 5**, was first taken from the 1993 reunion publication of this family compiled by Peter Tohill, and then extracted from a Gedcom Disk supplied by Annette Kirkwood, of Wellington, with further research on the database done by me.

John was born in the Townland of Drummuck c1855, and Bridget (Biddy), Ballymacpeake, c1862. They were married in Greenlough Chapel on 18 August 1880, the witnesses being James McGee and Mrs Hugh McAtamney, and both fathers were called farmers. Their years of birth are calculated from the entry of marriage.

¹ National Archives Ref 15/321.

² Caveat: Bridget Bradley had a daughter Bridget, born Dunedin, 1866 who married Thomas Twomey, 25 May 1886. They immediately went to Melbourne, and are the grandparents of Sister Rose of Mt Sion Convent, Victoria, who is in close contact with Clare Drummond of Melbourne. Clare, is my third cousin. Clare's grandfather, Francis Tohill born c1840, also a son of John Tohill and Rose McKeown or McGowan arrived in Victoria 1858

Peter records that John, senior, was the son of Michael Tohill, and baptised 1 January 1855, church not stated. His wife, Bridget Henry, was baptised 1 January 1860, church not stated. Both died at Wellington - John 23 August 1931, and Bridget 20 June 1937.

John's father, Michael, is thought to have been born c1825 and died 13 November 1883. His mother was Bridget Scullion (c1830-c1880). Michael's father is said to have been Donald (or Donal) Tohill, probably born c1800. The name Donald or Donal has not been commonly handed down in any family so far traced. Scottish genealogy authorities say that Donald was frequently alternated with "Daniel".

Michael Tohill and Bridget Scullion had the following children:

- John (who came to NZ),
- Catherine, c1855, married Ned Henry, emigrated to NZ and died 3 September 1907.
- Rose, c1857 (who also both came to NZ, as discussed above),
- James c1855 (remained in Ireland, and who married Catherine ? and had a son, Francis 11 September 1887),
- Michael, c1860 (remained in Ireland, and who married Ellen Scullion and had family of
 - Joseph, 23 November 1882,
 - John, 14 February 1886, (who married Mary Royalty and whose descendants have been traced by Peter)
- Mary Bridget c1862 who married James Grant, from Mayogall 25 December 1881, Lavey Chapel, and who then emigrated to Kentucky, USA. Their descendants, beginning with Beatrice Agnes Grant, 22 September 1883, have been traced by Peter.

The above John (son of Michael and Ellen Scullion) also emigrated to the USA in 1909. He married there and eventually settled and raised a large family in Somerset, Kentucky. Peter says that the family is now spread throughout the USA, but still has a strong presence in Kentucky and Tennessee.¹

The 1831 census records Bridget Tohill (sic) heading a household of 2 females in Maghera. Laurence Tohill headed the adjacent household (2 males and 4 females). Details of all Tohills and others in that census will be found at the end of this publication.

Peter wrote that his family had a way-side inn/boarding house, flax farm and small orchard — 12/15 acres. Maghera is the nearest market town. John's brother, Michael, had a small adjacent farm. His old stone house still stood in 1992, but quite derelict, located some 100 metres down the grass track behind John's house. Mulhollands were old friends and neighbours.

Peter reflects on the eternal riddle to uncover exactly why our ancestors left Ireland, and I have touched on this point in the section "Ireland — a background history" above. The early famines, population explosion (in the 50 years to the 1831 census, Derry's population had doubled to 222,012), exorbitant rents, land aggregation efforts by landlords, and downturn in the linen industry provided reasons enough. In 1847 alone 12,385 emigrants left from Derry. The continued frustration and restrictions imposed by the English on the Gaelic language, on Irish song and dance and culture, stifled the talents of sons, John (Seán), an orator, teacher of Gaelic and Irish history, and of Harry who was skilled in Irish dance, the

¹ My late aunt, Isobel (Sister Gregory, St Marys, Ponsonby) is said to have corresponded with relatives in the USA, but I have no idea about them - HT.

fiddle and the Uilleann pipes. Inevitably, says Peter, the Tohills along with the Mulhollands, McPeakes and others became actively involved with the Fenians and Irish Republican Brotherhood. This was deplored by some clergy, and the parish priest at St Marys, Lavey Chapel, made life difficult for the Tohills and others, even encouraging parishioners to boycott the farming activities of the Tohills and trade of the family — John and James were also in some type of carpentry business. So the decision was made to leave Ireland in 1909. John and Bridget, with 10 of their family, embarked on the well known RMS *Athenic*.¹

The *Dominion*² carried this description of the voyage, under the command of Captain Kempson and a crew of 200, using the old "clipper route":

"The *Athenic* left the Royal Albert Dock on January 7 at 1.40 pm, arriving at Gravesend and anchoring for the night. On Friday January 8, after embarking passengers and luggage, departure was taken at 2.15 pm in a moderate northerly gale, and clear weather, moderating towards Plymouth, which port was arrived at 0.18 pm, January 9. After embarking passengers, baggage, and mails, the vessel left Plymouth 4.11 pm. Moderate northerly winds and fine weather were experienced to Teneriffe, which was made at 3.45 am on January 14. At 1.35 pm departure was taken for Cape Town. Moderate to light easterly and north-easterly winds being experienced to 7 deg N, when the wind hauled southerly. The equator was crossed on the morning of January 20, with a moderate southerly wind which continued to Cape Town, which was reached on January 28 at 10.10 pm. At this port the vessel disembarked three passengers and embarked thirteen passengers and a small mail, and left again on January 29 at 1.30 pm for Hobart. Moderate to fresh south-westerly winds prevailed to 28 deg E, when the wind hauled northerly, with overcast and misty weather to 70 deg E. From this to the Mewstone moderate to fresh south-westerly and northerly winds and fine clear weather were the rule. Hobart was reached at 5.20 am on February 16. The run from Hobart to Wellington was marked by fine weather".

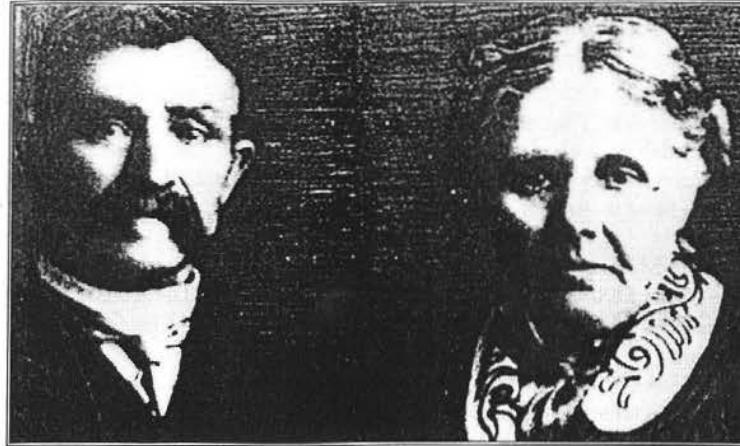
Cargo was discharged at both Cape Town and Hobart, and the *Athenic* arrived ahead of time-table date. Telegraph shipping news in *The Otago Daily Times* reveals that she carried 678 passengers on that voyage — 9 saloon, 73 second class passengers, and 596 third class. Two hundred and fifty four were for Wellington (names published in the *Dominion*, 18 February), 146 for Auckland, 100 for Lyttelton, 55 for Dunedin, 28 for Napier and the rest for minor ports. There was a keen form of race between the *Athenic* and the *Tongariro*, which had left London a few days earlier. By Hobart, the gap had been reduced. The *Athenic* sailed on 17 February to reach Wellington first, dropping anchor in the stream at 5 pm Saturday, 20 February, and was alongside the wharf at 7 pm. Shipping news in the *Dominion* says that she was "boarded by the Health and Customs Officers soon after arrival, and was brought alongside the wharf at 7.30 pm, a considerable time being taken in putting the passengers through the usual inspection". The Master of the *Tongariro* said that he had taken 54 hours longer in discharging cargo at way ports (30 at Cape Town and 24 at Hobart) than the *Athenic*. Shaw Savill advertisements, February 1909, announced that the outward passage money to London would include travel to the port of departure, which leads me to conclude that the company would have assumed liability for inward passage to the port of destination. I do not know how passengers got to their final destination, but I assume that it would have been overland by rail.

Shipping pages of the *Dominion* subsequently gave some details of the vessel's movements around the coast. She sailed for Lyttelton on 27 February to continue discharging operations, on to Napier (4 March), Gisborne (11 March) before returning to Lyttelton to load cargo and then returned to Wellington on 23 March. The *Athenic* sailed on its return voyage 25 March.

¹ This ship played a significant role in the lives of many people mentioned herein, so more will be found about her in the chapter "The *Athenic*" below.

² 23 February 1909.

John, Bridget and family settled in Napier, and presumably travelled by rail. Peter thinks that Napier was selected because John's sisters, Catherine Henry and Rose Barham, had already settled there, and the clear Hawke's Bay air would help cure their son Michael of tuberculosis. Sadly, as mentioned above,



Catherine died before John and Bridget arrived. Michael had previously gone to study for the priesthood in Maryland, USA, but contracted tuberculosis there, had to stop his studies and returned to Ireland. He died in Napier, 1913, aged 27.

One son, Joseph, born 2 November 1886, died in infancy. A daughter, Bridget or Bea did not come to New Zealand with the rest of the family. She migrated to the USA, where she became a nurse and married a McPhee. She

and her husband joined the family in Blenheim, intending to settle here. Eventually they abandoned the idea, and settled in California. All contact with the family and their descendants (if any) has been lost.

John and Bridget are on the 1919 and 1922 Napier Electoral Rolls, Carlyle Street, Napier. According to Peter's brief history of this family, John and Bridget later moved to Blenheim, and then to Wellington, being listed in Wises Directory at 11 Emerson Street, Wellington, and a labourer, Maxwell Road, Blenheim, both 1934. John P (Sean) was listed by Wises, 1934 as a labourer, Dillon Road, Blenheim. Other dates are not known, and few Wises Directories are held by Dunedin Public Library. [A detailed search of Electoral Rolls after 1928 remains to be done - HT]

Their third child, John Patrick (Sean), born 11 February 1884, first married Mary Theresa O'Reilly at St Mary's Church, Meeanee, Hawke's Bay, 14 April 1914. His occupation was given as a tramway conductor, with his father then stated to be a gardener. Mary Theresa O'Reilly, 27, was a tailoress born and living at Taradale, daughter of Daniel O'Reilly a farmer, and Mary O'Reilly, nee Hawkins. John's brother, James, a joiner of Napier was best man. They are on the 1914 Napier Electoral Roll - he at Carlyle Street, she at Carnell Street. Mary Theresa (Therese) died, after a short illness, of heart disease at New Plymouth, 17 January 1917, the daughter of John (sic) O'Reilly and Mary O'Reilly, nee Hawkins. She is buried in Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth and the Monumental Inscription states that she was born 1 May 1882.

John Patrick next married Sarah Dougherty (birth registered at Naseby as Docherty) of Ranfurly at St Josephs Cathedral, Dunedin on 18 November 1920. His 1966 obituary was contributed by Eileen Duggan, OBE, and gives "Sean" as an alternate name. The family must have called him "Sean". The obituary says that

his parents raised him to be a staunch Catholic and a "model layman", in a home that had an open door for any Irishman new to the country. He was instrumental in founding the Irish club in Wellington, which provided a focal point for young Irishmen, and helped to keep them in the Faith.

John (Sean) and Sarah had ten children, and I have all their names. I asked Peter, why John had married in Dunedin. Peter replied that John would have had no love of the English, and following conscription in 1916, would have "taken to the hills". He passionately wrote for the "Green Ray", which was published in Dunedin. The Hocken Library has copies.

John and Sarah are traced through the registrations of the births of their children: 1922, Wellington, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928(2), 1930, Wairau (Blenheim), 1931 Kilbirnie, 1935, 1937 Wellington. They are listed at the Royal Hotel, Grove Road, Blenheim on the 1925 and 1928 Wairau Electoral Rolls - he being described as hotel keeper. John and Bridget joined them in Marlborough and are listed on the 1928 Wairau ER.

John and Bridget's 11th child was Francis, who married Felicia Mellor of Otago. John and Felicia had only one child, Peter John, who married Rose Ann Thomas in 1963. Peter has compiled their family tree, and given a copy to me. We are both in touch with my third cousin, Willie McPeake in Portglenone, the town nearest to our Irish Townlands, Derry. Portglenone actually spans the river Bann, the boundary between Derry and Antrim. More of it might be in Antrim, although Willie's home is definitely in Derry.

The Griffith's Valuation, 1859, identified a Michael Toohill, (sic) farming 12 acres at Drummuck, leased from one, Samuel Alexander - rateable value £8/0/0. The next property was farmed by Daniel Toohill (sic). His land comprised 14 acres - rateable value £9/0/0 and also leased from Samuel Alexander. A James Scullion farmed land 2 farms distant.

Here follows 198 known New Zealand descendants of the marriage of John Tohill and Bidy Henry (there are 274 descendants if we count spouses, too):

- 1-- John TOHILL (1855-1931)
sp-Bridget HENRY (1860-1937)

- 2-- James TOHILL (1881-1955)
sp-Hannah TEAHAN (1893-1967)
Joiner, best man at John's first marriage,
supporter of the Home of Compassion; music
From Kerry

- 3-- Eamon Patrick TOHILL (1921-1977)
sp-Margaret Teresa (Mary) O'HANLON
- 4-- Erin Michelle TOHILL (1948)
sp-Robert Gary HOBBS
Auckland
- 5-- Christopher John HOBBS (1971)
- 5-- Simon Robert HOBBS (1974)
- 5-- Michael Craig HOBBS (1975)
- 4-- Cecelia Mary TOHILL (1949)
sp-Gerald Kevin McCARTHY
Napier
- 5-- Lisa Mary McCARTHY (1974)
- 5-- Matthew Kevin McCARTHY (1975)
- 5-- Debbie Cecilia McCARTHY (1977)
- 5-- Steven Gerald McCARTHY (1978)
- 4-- Patrick James TOHILL (1952)
sp-Alycia P BRIDLEY
Australia
- 5-- Kelly Ann TOHILL (1981)
- 5-- Hannah TOHILL (1985)
- 5-- Brady TOHILL (1987)
- 4-- Colleen Teresa TOHILL (1955)
sp-John FINLAYSON
Stokes Valley, Wellington
- 5-- Paula Alison FINLAYSON (1979)
- 5-- Blair John FINLAYSON (1981)
- 5-- Holly Teresa FINLAYSON (1984)
- 4-- Terence John TOHILL (1961)
Naenae, Wellington

- 3-- Sheila Bridget TOHILL (1923)
sp-John Joseph MORIARTY (1916)

- 4-- Kevin Gerard MORIARTY (1946) Christchurch
 sp-Catherine Dorothy MAY
 5-- Timothy James MORIARTY (1981)
- 4-- Brendan James MORIARTY (1948) Wellington
 sp-Christine Annette FULLER (1952)
 5-- Kerin MORIARTY [sic] (1973)
 5-- Leon MORIARTY [sic] (1975)
 5-- Helen MORIARTY [sic] (1977)
 5-- Owen MORIARTY [sic] (1979)
- 4-- James Francis MORIARTY (1951-1951)
 4-- Patricia Mary MORIARTY (1954) Christchurch
 sp-Paul Austen DEANS (1953)
 5-- Julia Mary DEANS (1974)
 5-- Sean Paul DEANS (1976)
 5-- Hannah Elizabeth DEANS (1979)
- 3-- Margaret Mary TOHILL (1925) Porirua
 sp-David O'CONNELL (1914-1979)
 4-- Philip James O'CONNELL (1952)
 4-- James Bernard O'CONNELL (1954)
 4-- David Lawrence O'CONNELL (1958)
- 3-- John Francis TOHILL (1926-1968)
 sp-Winifred (Freda) Adeline BAIRD Porirua
 4-- Matthew John TOHILL (1968-1986)
 4-- Mary Bernadette TOHILL (1969) Porirua, nurse
- 3-- Rose Ann TOHILL (1930) Tawa
 sp-Michael James ROBINSON (1920)
 4-- John Stephen ROBINSON (1953) Belfast, Northern Ireland
 sp-Jane ROY (1956)
 5-- Hannah ROBINSON (1987)
 5-- Leah ROBINSON (1992)
- 4-- Annette Maria ROBINSON (1954) Wellington
 sp-Russell KIRKWOOD (1948)
 5-- Heather Anne KIRKWOOD (1975)
 5-- Janice Marie KIRKWOOD (1976)
 5-- Steven Michael KIRKWOOD (1982)
- 4-- Brian James ROBINSON (1958) Wellington
 sp-Andrea Jane SUTHERLAND (1956)
 5-- Sian Mary ROBINSON (1987)
 5-- Laura Darcy ROBINSON (1992)
 4-- Teran Michelle ROBINSON (1971) Galway, Eire
- 3-- Theresa Mary TOHILL (1934) Porirua
- 2-- Michael TOHILL (1882-1913) Studied for priesthood in USA, but got TB, returned to Ireland; came to NZ with family.
- 2-- John (Sean) TOHILL (1884-1966) Founded Irish Club in Wellington, active writer for *Green Ray*, watersider
 sp-Mary Therese O'REILLY (1882-1917) No issue
 sp-Sarah (Maureen) DOUGHERTY (Docherty) (1897-1988) Married in Dunedin, 1920. What brought him to the south?

3-- Moira TOHILL (1922)	Wellington
sp-Hugh McLOUGHLIN	watersider
4-- Margaret Mary McLOUGHLIN (1948)	Waikanae
sp-Henry Robert KEEN (Harry)	
5-- Nicola Antoinette KEEN (1968)	Raumati
5-- Robert Andrew KEEN (1969)	
5-- Gregory Harmen KEEN (1975)	Raumati
4-- John McLOUGHLIN [sic] (1950)	Feilding
4-- Maria Josephine McLOUGHLIN (1951)	Porirua
sp-Kevin Francis HAMMOND (1948)	
5-- Bridget Anne HAMMOND (1971)	Wellington
sp-Murrey Stephen TOTTON (1969)	
6-- Christopher TOTTON (1991)	
6-- Nicholas TOTTON (1994)	
6-- Ashleigh TOTTON (1994)	
6-- Sarah TOTTON (1996)	
5-- Dominic Hugh HAMMOND (1973)	Porirua
5-- Peter Leslie HAMMOND (1981)	
5-- Amanda HAMMOND (1992)	
3-- John Charles TOHILL (1924-1924)	
3-- Lucy TOHILL (1925)	Miramar, Wellington
sp-Brian George GUNN (1926)	
4-- Wanda Julie GUNN (1947)	Mt Eden, Auckland
sp-Cornelis (Kees) Adrianus KORNDORFFER	
5-- Lily Shen KORNDORFFER (1973)	Wellington
5-- Diana Adele KORNDORFFER (1979)	Auckland
4-- John Charles GUNN (1949)	Martinborough
sp-Marie Elizabeth SIMMONS	
5-- Lisa Marie GUNN (1969)	Lower Hutt
sp-Daniel Roger AVERES (1966)	Sales Rep, engineering
6-- Joshua Daniel AVERES (1989)	
6-- Jacob Andrew AVERES (1991)	
6-- Joel Joseph AVERES (1994)	
5-- Stephen James GUNN (1971)	
5-- Denver GUNN [sic] (1977)	
4-- Janice Giselle GUNN (1951)	Wellington
5-- Sine GUNN [sic] (1975)	Wellington
4-- Patricia Consuella (Patti) GUNN (1965)	Washington, DC
sp-Peter LEVINE	
3-- Patrick TOHILL [sic] (1926-1995)	was Wellington
3-- Eileen TOHILL [sic] (1927)	Devenport, Auckland
sp-Clifton Harold WILLIAMS	
4-- Clifton Mark WILLIAMS (1951)	
sp-Kathryn Elizabeth ROUNTREE	
5-- Sam Tahu Rountree WILLIAMS (1986)	
4-- Christopher WILLIAMS (1953)	Auckland

- 4-- Michael Patrick WILLIAMS (1954) Auckland
 -Melda Mary WALSH
 5-- Leith Scarlet WALSH (Williams) (1976)
 -Linley Joy SCOTT
 5-- Emlyn David WILLIAMS (1986)
- 4-- Catherine Alberta WILLIAMS (1959) Melbourne
 sp-Philip McCRORY
 5-- Adrienne McCRORY (1992)
- 4-- Gregory John WILLIAMS (1964) Hataitai, Wellington
 sp-Sarah Josephine THOMPSON
- 3-- Charles Francis TOHILL (1928) Gisborne
 sp-Pamela ELLIOTT (1928)
 4-- Cindy Ann TOHILL (1955) Waiheke Island
 sp-Brendan David McGUIRE
 5-- Francis Dylan McGUIRE (1986)
 5-- Leah Grace McGUIRE (1989)
 5-- Tess Gabriel McGUIRE (1992)
- 4-- Kevin John TOHILL (1957) Napier, Manager
 -Barbara Helen BAKER Architect
 5-- Michael Baker TOHILL (1988)
 5-- George Arthur TOHILL (1990)
- 4-- Vicki Lee TOHILL (1959) Wellington, Community worker
 4-- Tracey Maree TOHILL (1961) East Sussex, UK
 sp-Giles Henry JUBB
 5-- Holly Catherine JUBB (1984)
 5-- Lorna Roselyn JUBB (1986)
 5-- Charles Daniel JUBB (1989)
- 3-- Maeve TOHILL (1930) Featherston
 sp-Johannes (John) BOOMERT
 4-- Joanne Christina BOOMERT (1957) Featherston
 sp-Michael HOLMES
 5-- Ben HOLMES [sic] (1976)
 5-- Emma HOLMES [sic] (1982)
 5-- Paul HOLMES[sic] (1982)
- 4-- Grace BOOMERT[sic](1959) Featherston
 sp-Stephen Joseph KING
 5-- Monique Ahi KING (1981)
 5-- Sarah Maria KING (1984)
- 4-- Steven John BOOMERT (1960) Featherston
 sp-Jennie Ann THORENAAR
 5-- Maddison BOOMERT (1996)
- 4-- John Laurence BOOMERT (1962) Auckland, Candidate for Parliament, 1996
 4-- Paul BOOMERT [sic] (1968)
 sp-Deborah SKIPPER
 5-- Jasper BOOMERT (1996)
- 4-- David Martin BOOMERT (1974) Featherston
- 3-- Nora TOHILL [sic] (1931) Whangarei
 sp-Desmond Hugh CARR (1928)
 4-- Bronwyn Mary CARR (1955) Whangarei
 sp-Trevor Malcolm JONES (1953)

- 5-- Duncan Martin JONES (1984)
 5-- Lewis Malcolm JONES (1986)
 4-- Martin Dale CARR (1956-1981)
 4-- Philip Kevin CARR (1958) Whangarei
 sp-Anna May CHURCHES
 5-- Joshua Philip CARR (1987)
 4-- Rosemary Lucy CARR (1960) Sydney
 sp-Ray FORD
 4-- William Patrick CARR (1963) Queensland
 4-- Catherine Dora CARR (1968) Sydney
- 3-- Judith Anne TOHILL (1935) Herne Bay, Auckland
 sp-Alan SMITH
 4-- James SMITH (1959) Glenfield
 Christine M GROBBEN
 5-- Amy Christine Grobбен GROBBEN (1981)
 Christina C CHARLES
 5-- Anna Marie CHARLES (1984)
 Joanne Marie SMITH (1958)
 5-- Rinata SMITH (1986)
 5-- Ryan James SMITH (1988)
 4-- Deborah Anne SMITH (1961) Auckland, lawyer
 sp-Charles John Perry HOLLINGS (1958) Anaesthetist
 5-- Caitlin Rose Tohill HOLLINGS (1991)
 5-- Zelda Eve Tohill HOLLINGS (1994)
- 3-- James Henry TOHILL (1937) Nelson, Carter Holt Harvey; Director
 sp-Susan Frances Mary McKELWEE Businessperson
 4-- John Daniel TOHILL (1967)
 4-- Sarah Jane TOHILL (1968)
 4-- Benjamin James TOHILL (1972) Nelson
 sp-Jacinda Ann Manager
 4-- Tobias Mark TOHILL (1978)
- 2-- Bridget (Bea) TOHILL (1885) California, USA, but briefly in NZ, 1920s
 sp-McPHEE
- 2-- Joseph TOHILL (1886-1886)
- 2-- Mary Benedicta TOHILL (1888-1968) Convents, Ashburton, Inglewood, Lower Hutt
- 2-- Arthur Joseph TOHILL (1889-1965) Carpenter, clerk, Civil servant
- 2-- Catherine (Cassie) TOHILL (1891-1973)
 sp-Francis James PUNCH (1885)
- 3-- Mary Teresa PUNCH (1924)
 sp-Desmond Hilary O'DONNELL
- 3-- Rose Ellen PUNCH (1925)
 sp-Francis William GATLEY Hamilton
 4-- John Gerard GATLEY (1956)
 sp-Carolyn Mary Hamilton

- 4-- Francis Peter Thomas GATLEY (1957)
 sp-Jolanta Jozefa PACHOLEK
 4-- Graeme Benedict GATLEY (1958) Hamilton
 Hamilton
- 3-- James Francis PUNCH (1926-1990)
 sp-Maureen Elizabeth BELL (1929)
 4-- Michael PUNCH [sic](1951) Ohakune
 4-- Bronwyn PUNCH [sic] (1954) Ohakune
 4-- Adrienne PUNCH [sic] (1955) Palmerston North
 4-- Antony PUNCH [sic] (1957) Ohakune
- 3-- Eileen Noella PUNCH (1927)
 sp-Joseph Frederick JESSUP Avondale, Auckland
 4-- Peter Joseph JESSUP (1958)
 sp-Patrice Irene ALLEN-BAINES
 5-- Matthew Peter JESSUP (1983)
 5-- Jamey Joseph JESSUP (1984)
 5-- Sean JESSUP
 4-- James Ernest JESSUP (1961)
 4-- Joseph Michael JESSUP (1962) Avondale
 sp-Elizabeth Marie BRADLEY
- 3-- Kathleen Mary PUNCH (1929) Gisborne
 sp-Bernard John McKEOWN
 4-- Sean Anthony McKEOWN (1957) Auckland
 4-- Carmel Alexis McKEOWN (1958) Gisborne
 4-- Francis Damian McKEOWN (1960) Australia
 4-- Trudel Ann (Trudy) McKEOWN (1961) Auckland
- 3-- Margaret Josephine PUNCH (1932)
 sp-Trevor Thomas FOGDEN
 4-- John Maurice FOGDEN (1955) Taupo
 sp-Jane Eileen HILL
 4-- Paula Maree FOGDEN (1957)
- 3-- Patricia Makarene PUNCH (1934)
 sp-Ivan Oliver Elvyn THOMAS
 4-- Paula THOMAS
 sp-Jason TAIVES
 5-- Damian TAIVES
 4-- Christine Frances THOMAS (1965)
 sp-Cals MONTAGRA
 5-- Anthony MONTAGRA
 5-- Peter MONTAGRA
 5-- Adrian MONTAGRA
- 2-- Henry Hugh TOHILL (Harry) (1894-1960) was tailor, Wellington; Irish music; Ceilidh
 sp-Florence IRVINE (1902-1988) Band, dance teacher; won awards for skills
 No issue
- 2-- Margaret Rosetta TOHILL (1895-1980)
- 2-- Francis Alphonsus TOHILL (1897-1963) Gardener/watersider
 sp-Felicia Ann MELLOR (1901-1986) from Otago

3-- Peter John TOHILL (1938)	Auckland, was Race Relations Office
sp-Rose Ann THOMAS (1938)	
4-- Michael Francis TOHILL (1964)	Auckland
4-- Catherine Ann TOHILL (1965)	
sp-Peter Remo CORDTZ	
5-- Jacob CORDTZ (1994)	
4-- Maria Therese TOHILL (1967)	Beach Haven, Auckland
sp-Lloyd Clements McMILLAN	
5-- Angus McMILLAN (1995)	
5-- Jack McMILLAN (1996)	
4-- Joanna Marie TOHILL (1970)	Auckland
sp-Ross FISHER	
5-- Bridget FISHER (1995)	
4-- Matthew John TOHILL (1978)	
2-- Rose Ann TOHILL (Sr M Coleman) (1899-1986)	Convents, Ashburton, Rangiora etc

6 JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH DILGER, NEE LUDLOW — WELLINGTON

Then followed Joseph and Elizabeth Tohill with Elizabeth's four children of an earlier marriage to Daniel Dilger, (a Belfast publican) during WWI, c1917. Three of the Dilger children assumed the name Tohill, (the other child, Joseph, drowned when 18, in 1926). Joseph and Elizabeth are respectively listed on a Wellington Electoral Roll in 1922 at 3 Marine Parade, Worsler Bay, and 195 Marine Parade, Seatoun. They had three children of their own born in Wellington, the first being Madeline 13 August 1917 at 24 Windsor Place. The names and addresses of many of the "Dilger" and Tohill extensive descendants are included here, and I have been in touch with some of them.

Elizabeth Ludlow had married Daniel Dilger in Belfast, c1904. She later stated that she was born in Co Antrim c1883, and that Daniel was born in Belfast. Elizabeth subsequently married Joseph (Alan) Tohill of Belfast, in Belfast, 20 March 1916, and migrated to New Zealand soon after. Joseph, a carpenter, born c1878, became a ships carpenter. Elizabeth died at Auckland 4 April 1958, but the death of Joseph has not been located. It was thought that he died in the Home of Compassion, Silverstream, but the nuns have no record.

MORE ON THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH TOHILL (NEE LUDLOW)

It should be noted that the years mentioned are generally the years of registration. Events that took place at the end of a year may have been registered in the first quarter the following year. Places are the Districts where the event was registered. Some of the detail now described has not been checked, and corrections are welcomed.

The four children of the first marriage were:

- (1) Lillian Elizabeth Dilger, c1906
- (2) Joseph Dilger, c1908
- (3) James William Dilger, c1909
- (4) John Patrick Dilger, 19 February 1910, Belfast Urban #15, ex 68 Milford Street, Belfast

Elizabeth subsequently married Joseph (+Alan?) Tohill of Belfast, in Belfast, 20 March 1916. They migrated to NZ soon after their marriage, with the four Dilger children, three of whom later assumed the name Tohill. Joseph and Elizabeth had three children in NZ:

- (5) Madeline, Wellington, 13 August 1917
- (6) George (Alan), Wellington, 18 October 1918, died 11 February 1995 (Ohope)
- (7) Frances Ursula, Wellington, 20 January 1922 (now Mrs Fawcett, Hamilton)

Elizabeth died at Auckland, 4 April 1958. Madeline was not mentioned in the death notice. The death of Joseph has not been located in the Index of deaths released up to 1990.

Now follows details of, and the descendants of, the originals:

- (1) Lillian Elizabeth, married William Crook, 1939, and resided in Wellington. She died cNovember 1958. The three issue of the marriage are:

Ernest Richard Crook, Wellington, 1940, who married and who is now dead

Theo Frances Florence Crook, Wellington, 1941, further details unknown

Ronnette Clarice Crook, Wellington, 1949, believed to be married.

- (2) Joseph Dilger drowned, Worser Bay, at the age of 18, in 1926.

- (3) James William married Helene Cardston Graham Watters, (sic, BDM ref #5516) 1940, and died cSeptember 1987. The three issue of the marriage are:

Alan Graham James Tohill, Devonport, 1941 Auckland (Ranfurly Shield) and NZU representative rugby player (lock), who died in a road accident, Waiwera Hill, 1965

John Selwyn Tohill, Auckland, 1942

Graham Desmond Tohill, Devonport, 1943

John Selwyn first married to Judith Dawn Kildea, 1965, and the issue of that marriage are:

Dean Alan, Auckland, 1969, with ASB, Auckland

Tracey, Auckland, 1972

His second marriage (1983) is to Jocelyn Nellie Fletcher and they now reside in Surfers Paradise, Australia. Their issue born in New Zealand are:

Kathryn Helene Tohill, 1983

Sarah Louise Tohill, 1985

Following the dissolution, Judith married Alan Raymond Macgehan in 1983.

Graham Desmond married Anne Margaret Willis of England, in Toronto, Canada, 1969. They now reside at 38 Spencer Street, Crofton Downs, Wellington, where Graham is an IBM systems engineer. Issue of their marriage are:

Nicola Dawn, Auckland, 1971 - now Wellington, personal assistant

Michael Craig, Auckland, 1972 - now Wellington, student

- (4) John Patrick Tohill married Dorothy Ellen Hayes, 1936, and died at Taupo, 12 May 1994. Dorrie lives at 4 St Columbas Grove, Lower Hutt. Issue of the marriage are:

Patricia Elizabeth Tohill, Wellington, 1937

Bryan Hayes Tohill, Wellington, 1939

Patricia Elizabeth married Denis Patrick Mouat, 1959, (now 67 Epuni St., Lower Hutt) and their issue are

Christopher John Mouat, Lower Hutt, 13 February 1960, married to Jennifer Marr, residing in Taiwan (ANZ Bank) with two children:

Samuel Curtis Mouat, 17 January 1995

James Denis Mouat, 10 August 1996

Elizabeth Anne Mouat, Lower Hutt, 1 May 1962, who is married Graeme Josephson of Lower Hutt, and who have two children:

Harry Anthony Josephson, Lower Hutt, 27 January 1992

Annabel Patricia Josephson, Lower Hutt, 31 May 1994

Andrew Patrick Mouat, Lower Hutt, 5 April 1964. He and Christine Louise Neely have one child:

Olivia Jane, 27 December 1981, and reside in Melbourne, Australia.

Simon James Mouat, Lower Hutt, 13 October 1965, now residing in London married Megan Devine with one child:

Benjamin Ross Mouat, 25 December 1996

Nicholas Robert Mouat, Lower Hutt, 8 December 1968

Luke Daniel Mouat, Lower Hutt, 31 January 1980

Bryan Hayes married Patricia (Tosh) Marsland, 1962, (who owns a book shop at St Heliers). They live at 21 Shore Road, Remuera, Auckland. Their issue are:

Timothy Jude Tohill, Wellington, 1963. He and Jude ? have one child:

Isabella, 29 May 1994

Jonathon Richard Tohill, Wellington, 1965

- (5) Madeline died, unmarried, at Porirua 26 August 1961. Her death was registered under the names of Moreen Madeline Tohill.

- (6) George Alan (note birth indexed as George only) married Vera Cornish in 1942. The issue of this marriage are:

Kathleen Anne Tohill, Wellington, 1946 who married Kenneth Francis Bush, 1969. They reside at 47 Kohimarama Road, Auckland. Issue of this marriage are:

Angela Marie Bush, 1973

Michael Paul Bush, 1976

Brenda Frances Tohill, Wellington, 1947, who married Robert Withers of England, in England, and who now reside in Canada. They have no issue.

Trevor William Tohill, Wellington, 1952

Following the death of Vera c1952, George married Olga Helen Annette Jones (née Snowdon) and issue of the second marriage is:

Richard John Tohill, Auckland, 1960. He first married Tania Marie Cribb, and the marriage is dissolved, with Tania now living in Australia. He then married Joanna (Jody) Leicester, Auckland, 25 January 1995.

In 1960, George and Olga adopted Peter Anthony, Auckland, 1952.

Trevor William married Tina Marie-Renata, 1975, and their issue are:

Robert George, Christchurch, 1978 who died that year (cot death)
Sarah Marie, 20 August 1985
James William, 2 March 1988

Both parents are officers at Poremoremo, with Trevor being National President of the Prison Officers Association.

Peter Anthony married Sharon Lynne Armstrong, 1971, and the issue of the marriage are:

Anthony (Peter, seemingly added), Auckland, Driver, 1972
Sheree Linnet, Henderson, 1978

Anthony Peter is married to Linda Gaye ? and are on the 1966 Hunua Roll at 28 Takanini Road, Auckland.

- (7) Frances Ursula (now 40a Gibson Road, Dinsdale, Hamilton (0-7-847 7981) married Cyril George Fawcett, 1940. They adopted two children:

Kevin William Fawcett, Auckland, 21 March 1954, who is unmarried and living in Niue where he is an Adventure Tourism Operator; and

Colin Desmond Fawcett, Auckland, 12 January 1957, who married Gail Annette Young (dissolved) and their issue are:

Stephen James Fawcett, Hamilton, 1979
Rianna Michelle Fawcett, Hamilton, 1981
Mykala Maree Fawcett, Hamilton, 1986

Colin lives in Hamilton.

7 PATRICK: THE HAWERA FAMILY

- ◆ The "last" to arrive was Patrick Tohill, late of Hawera, who came to join his sister, Mary Ann Tohill and brother, Laurence Tohill — in 1926. They lived in Dunedin where Laurence died 15 July 1926, aged 23 years. Laurence was baptised 6 June 1898. Patrick is said to have arrived three months before the death of Laurence, but he is not mentioned in the death notice. More about Mary Ann will be found in the chapter, "The Collins" later.

Patrick was baptised in Derry, 21 January 1904, son of Patrick Tohill and Elizabeth Costelloe. Patrick is on the 1928 Wallace Electoral Roll at Port Craig, labourer. He moved up to Taranaki and married Margaret Mary Hackett at Hawera, 16 April 1936. They moved to Wanganui in 1938, then 40 miles in from Wairoa to work on the Waikaremoana electric generation tunnel in 1941, then back to Taranaki, in 1942. Patrick went sharemilking in 1946 at Kaimato for 5 years, then lived at Inglewood around 1953, before moving to the Patea Freezing Works, where he worked for 27 more years, until he suffered a stroke. He died May 1976. Margaret moved to Hawera in 1980, and died 11 September 1995.

Margaret had informed me that Patrick had been baptised at the Lavey Chapel, and that as well as Laurence, Patrick had a brother, Daniel, (also married to a Margaret) a sister (Mrs Ellen O'Neill [Dreenan]), and two sisters, Beatrix and Bella, who went to the USA. Patrick told her that he had two Tohill uncles who came to NZ when he was very young, and "they were lawyers and went down to the South Island". Nothing is known of this in the time frame. A cousin is Bella Bacon, 79 Mullaghall Road, Port Stewart, ET55 7EL. Further recent information indicates that Patrick and Mary Ann had three other sisters, Bridget, Elizabeth and Margaret

MORE ON THE HAWERA TOHILL FAMILY

Again it should be noted, that the years mentioned here are generally the years of registration. Events that took place at the end of a year may have been registered in the first quarter the following year. Places are the Districts where the event was registered.

I have the names and addresses of most of the descendants of Patrick and Margaret.

The issue of the marriage are:

- 1) Patricia Margaret, Hawera, 13 Feb 1937. Patricia married Neville Eugene Steffert, 1956, and living RD 28, Manaia, Taranaki, and have the following issue:

Catherine married to Ashley Waugh, with children:

Lauren
James

Janine Mary married to Guido Amadeus Rauber, (farming 159 Teviotdale Road RD3 Otautau) with children:

Kassian Matthias, 1 July 1986
Alexander Haaron, 21 January 1988

Maureen Joyce married to Ury Tarler with issue:

Natasha Alicia Cecilia, 20 October 1990

Michelle Margaret
Patrick John
Kevin married to Anna Cubilliana, farming Southland
Cushla teacher in Kuwait

- 2) Colleen Mary Wanganui, 13 Aug 1940, married Arthur Elsdon (Pete) Harrison, 1963, now of 39 Mt Royal Ave., Mt Albert. They have one daughter:

Paula.

- 3) Laurence James Hawera, Jun, 1941, married ("Gregory" added) Pamela Mary Sarelius, in 1965, now 29 Copellia Avenue, Coromandel, with the following issue:

Darren James, 1967, well driller, Levin, married to Sandra Marie Halcrow
Mark Gregory, 1970, electrician, Whitianga
Stephen Michael, 10 January 1973, estimator, Levin, married to Tina-Marie Elizabeth ?

- 4) Michael James Hawera, 22 Jul 1943, married Patricia Catherine McKee in 1965, with the following issue:

Brendon Michael 1966, married Maxine Joy Macale (dissolved) (now Feilding), fitter, with issue:

Sean Nicolas, 1988 - died 1988
Sarah Kay, 6 November 1989
Liam Patrick, 1991

Daniel Laurence, 1967, consultant, engaged to Lisa Owen, Karori, Wellington

Bridget Marie 1969, (B Ed) married to Cameron Wayne Percy (Napier) with issue:

Matthew Joseph, 1991
Christopher Michael, 1995

James Patrick 1974, BA BCA, library assistant, Wellington

Michael, engineer, and Patricia reside at 10 Seapoint Rd., Napier, phone 0-6-835 3778.

- 5) Jeanette (Jenny) May Inglewood, 16 Mar 1946, married Robert Bruce Preston, 1966, with two issue:

Adam Craig Preston,
Kelly Margaret Preston.

Jenny and Bruce live 48 Gulf View Road, Murrays Bay.





From an April 1970 By-Election pamphlet.

Hugh and Priscilla Tohill with Rebecca, Megan and Julia.

Vote for

**HUGH
TOHILL**

a man prepared to act
as well as talk ...

I was a Dunedin City Councillor from 1959 to 1968.

Opposite: Undaunted Gold Mining Co's String Band at the Claim, Matakauui: Sunday, 14 November 1932.

L to R: D McPherson, Ashburton, H Jacobs, Kaikoura, I Harper, Matakauui, E Fisher-Van-der-Hum, Christchurch, J Jacobs, Kaikoura and Edmund Tohill, Matakauui.



◆ The Bradleys

Some of the information here is taken from Family Group Records prepared by Paddy Cutelli, *The Cedars*, 1044 Tayforth Road, RD 4, Wanganui, a great-grand daughter of Patrick and Bridget (nee Tohill) Bradley. Variations have to be checked.

The grandmother of Sr Rose was Bridget Bradley born c1839, Townland of Ballymacpeake, Londonderry, the daughter of John Tohill and Rose McGowan or McKeon. Were these parents also the parents of John Tohill of Ravensbourne, born c1855, which would mean that he might have been the brother of Bridget Bradley? The age difference probably rules that out, with nephew being more likely.

The distinction of being the first Tohill to emigrate to New Zealand belongs to Bridget Bradley

Bridget first emigrated to Victoria, Australia, and there married Patrick Bradley, (born c1830 in Craigall Townland, Coleraine Parish, Derry) at St Patrick's Church, Kilmore, Victoria, 27 June 1860. After the birth of their first child, Dominick at Reedy Creek, Victoria, in 1861, Patrick and Bridget emigrated to Dunedin, NZ, and had eight more children here. One of the children, another Bridget (26), married Thomas Twomey (28) at Dunedin 25 May 1886, and the young couple immediately went to live in Victoria. One of their daughters, Rose, born 1903, is Sr Rose, the nun already referred to, and resident in Our Lady of Sion Convent, Victoria.

Patrick Bradley's parents were Dominick (sic) Bradley and Bridget Collins, both said to be farmers of Derry. Patrick found work as a wagoner for Henry (Bridget's first cousin) when Henry arrived in NZ in 1867. It is interesting to note that Edmund and his son, Michael, were wagoners, carriers, bullock drivers and express drivers. Bridget's son, Neil, (baptised 2 May 1863-1943) was dredgemaster of the *Eureka* at Alexandra when James Anthony arrived in 1905. Did he find dredge work for his cousin? Neil spent a lifetime in the dredging industry, washing up over 22,000 ozs of gold and he has the distinction of having started the first bucket dredge in Tasmania for tin ore.¹

Bridget Bradley (nee Tohill) had two known brothers — James, born c1835, [more details are recorded under **Family 4**] and Francis, born c1840 in Londonderry, who emigrated to Victoria, arriving on the "*Queen of the East*" 24 February 1858. According to his obituary, James caught the gold fever, and went over to NZ in quest of fortune. It is thought that he visited his relatives in Otago before returning to Australia. James married Bridget Green at St Kilian's Church, Sandhurst, Bendigo, 30 June, 1874, and one of their children, James Anthony Tohill, born 1880, [**Family 4**] came to NZ in 1905, married Mary Ethel Holden in Alexandra in 1908, settled there and founded a family of 17. He was a nephew of Patrick and Bridget Bradley.

Patrick Bradley was a carrier with a team of horses and wagons - according to Fr (now Monsignor) Mee. Paddy confirms that he set up business with a team of horses and a wagon, taking passengers and supplies into Central Otago. I have no doubt that my grandfather Henry, first worked for Patrick, bringing wagons right through to Central Otago after he arrived in New Zealand, 13 March 1867.

The Bradley family lived for a time on South Road, near Eglinton Road, and later leased land from John Sidey facing Burnett Street. Patrick first appears on the Caversham Electoral Roll, 1866, with the voting

¹ Jubilee Magazine of Christian Bros High School 1876-1936.

qualification "leasehold, 1 acre and dwelling, Caversham". They were an outstanding pioneer Catholic family. In "*The Turn of the Tide*", Monsignor Mee recounts how "the dray - then like a car today - played an important role in the life of the Bradleys. On one occasion Pat Bradley was engaged to convey the first Chinaman to the gold-fields in Central Otago".

Patrick Bradley had three brothers, said by Paddy Cutelli to have migrated to Australia in 1855 — Neil born c1833, James born c1835 and John born c1837. Paddy Cutelli says that these three brothers initially emigrated to New South Wales, and came over to NZ in 1860 and settled in Wanganui. In fact, Neil and Patrick arrived on the *Gipsy Bride* at Melbourne, March 1857. Clare Drummond has sent me a copy of the Passenger List. Patrick is listed as 25 and a Joiner, and Neil as a Painter, aged 23. Patrick is the great grandfather of Paddy.

Patrick died in an accident 28 February 1880. The accident is briefly mentioned in *Down the Years in the Maniototo*, by Janet C Cowan — one of the Otago Centennial Historical Publications, 1948, p63. She referred to a Mr Alex Cromb coming over the Dunstan Road in August 1884 with a wagoner and a ten horse team, and continued:

"Mrs Cromb recalls two fatalities on the mountain road, one at Bradleys Bend, the first cutting after leaving Styx, when a teamster called Bradley went over the gully..."

I found no mention of the accident in either the *ODT* or the *Otago Witness*, nor did the local newspaper, *The Mt Ida Chronicle*, report the accident.

After Patrick's death, Bridget purchased the site now known as 423 South Road, from John Sidey by deed dated 3 August 1882. The land was originally purchased by a John Bradley of Dunedin, labourer for £140.¹ John Bradley assigned his interest in the agreement to purchase to Bridget for £145 and executed the conveyance in Melbourne. The dwelling still stands, and appears to be in good order. Bridget is listed in *Stones Directory* as dairy keeper, South Road 1888-98. Bridget died at Dunedin, 1 September 1930.

Patrick and Bridget appear to have had 9 children (but not all BDM registration entries were found) :

- **Dominick**, 1861 (nothing known)
- **Neil (Cornelius)** 2 May 1863, who married Margaret Mary Mulloy (25) on 21 August 1902 with issue including
 - Imelda Bridget, who became Sister M Conrad, living Mercy Convent, South Dunedin,
 - Mary Eileen Elizabeth (seemingly did not marry)
 - Neil Patrick (assumed from 1946 Electoral Roll)
- **Bridget** 1866, who married Thomas Twomey (28) 25 May 1886 and immediately went to live in Victoria. One of their issue is Sister Rose, born 1903, living Our Lady of Sion Convent, Victoria. Bridget died 4 October 1959 and Thomas died 25 March 1932.
- **Michael Patrick** 1868 who died aged 5/6 months 11 December 1868.
- **Francis James** c1871, who died 2 October 1891 and is buried in family plot at Southern Cemetery.
- **John** 1872 (nothing known). Paddy has death noted 1927, marriage to Annie (unknown) died 11 June (year not stated). Registration of the birth of John Alexander Bradley at Port Chalmers, 1872, was found.

¹ If he was her son, John born 1872, he would have been too young to enter into that contract.

- **Michael** 1873 who married Catherine White (27) 25 November 1903. He entered Caversham school with birth date of 22 April 1873, from Christian Bros and returned to CB 1885. Catherine was of the Omakau White family. Con, Johnny and others were known to me as a child, and well known to my mother.

Issue of the marriage of Michael and Catherine include:

Francis James 1904, Michael Joseph 1906, Annie Bedelia 1907, Cornelius John 1909,

Phyllis Mary 1912, John William 1913, Rose Ann 1915 (Ryan)

- **Mary** 1877, who became Sister M Xavier, died 16 August 1910. She entered Caversham school under birth date 8 January 1876 and left 1883 to South Dunedin RC school.
- **Rose Ann**, 22 October 1878, who became Mother M Ignatius, died 15 August 1949.

Neil was one of the pioneer pupils of Christian Brothers School, which he left in 1877. He is listed in 1904 Stones Directory at 200 South Road, Master of the dredge *Eureka* which was on the Clutha river at Alexandra. He is listed as a driver at 423 South Road, 1934. Bridget conveyed that property to Neil Bradley, labourer, on 20 July 1927 by way of gift. Neil, retired, died 27 July 1943, and by his will dated 13 January 1937, being an engine driver, left a life interest to his widow (died 2 June 1969) with remainder to his daughter, Mary Eileen Elizabeth Bradley. She (known as Eileen) by her will dated 26 October 1966 (died 18 April 1969) appointed her brother-in-law George Jarvis of Kakanui, retired, to be executor, and left a life interest to her mother with personal effects to her sisters Rosanna Jarvis and Philomena Margaret Dolan and the residue equally to her brother Lawrence Michael Bradley and sister Philomena Margaret Dolan.

Michael (Joseph not on birth entry) contractor, acquired Crown leasehold land at Naseby (CT 134/32) in 1912, the lease being forfeited in 1924. He then acquired 4 acres freehold at Omakau when a railway surfaceman. It was taken under Public Works Act for a Police Station in 1943. He is listed at 47 Fingall Street, Dunedin in Stones Directory 1934¹. Catherine Bradley owned land at 54 Law Street, Dunedin. Following her death, it was transmitted to Michael Bradley. Michael died 19 April 1957 being described as formerly labourer, but lately retired railway servant. The beneficiary was Francis James Bradley, tobacconist, who sold in 1962. FJ Bradley, then retired, made his last will on 9 November 1966. He died 16 July 1971 leaving his estate to his wife Avice Constance Bradley. Avice died 1986. Her estate named grandchildren, Angela Bradley, Sharon (presumably Bradley), Michelle Bradley and Jacqueline Bradley and Rosalie Bradley of Alexandra (relationship not specified) as small beneficiaries. The residue was left to her two sons, Kelvin Verdun Leo Bradley of Dunedin, manager and Francis Brian Bradley of Dunedin, butcher.

Some Directory entries need study:

1903: Michael Patrick Bradley, a miner at Naseby. He is possibly encountered above and seems not to be part of the immediate family.

1938: Michael Bradley at 47 Fingall Street, and in 1946 Electoral Roll with Rose Ann Bradley, spinster.

1938: Michael Bradley at 54 Law Street. and in the 1946 Roll with Katherine Bradley.

¹ Margaret Bradley is listed on 1946 Electoral Roll at that address. And that was the address of Sadie O'Neill (sister of Mary Ann Garty) for messages when Mary Ann Garty (nee Mulholland) died 17 November 1968. Her death notice indicated that she had sisters, Brigid Carmichael and Margaret ? who died July 1867 (spouse of Stafford ? who died 10 March 1969), of Northern Ireland, Sadie O'Neill and Anne Marnane of Nightcaps and Sister Philomena Marie of Sheffield, England. Until her death, Brigid Carmichael, Moyagall, Knockcloghrim, Derry, corresponded with Peggy Tohill (Christchurch), the last letter being dated 29 March 1969.

1946: Electoral Roll — at 423 South Road: Lawrence Michael Bradley, blacksmith; Margaret Bradley, widow; Mary Bradley, spinster; Neill Patrick Bradley, lead light worker.

To round off, Francis Tohill married Margaret Phelan in Bendigo, Victoria, 15 November 1876, and is the grandfather of Clare Drummond, of Glen Waverley, Melbourne who has been corresponding with me, and who provided much of the above detail.

Just as this book was about to be printed, Paddy Cutelli forwarded a great amount of detail on the descendants of Bridget Tohill and Patrick Bradley. I then did urgent additional research, but time limitations preclude the usual checks. Here follows, errors and omissions excepted, the known 192 (262 if we count spouses, too) descendants of that marriage. **Really, the family could be recognised here as the first Tohill family, and one of eight, not seven, as affirmed earlier.**

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| 1-- Bridget TOHILL (1839-1930)
sp-Patrick BRADLEY (1830-1880) | |
| 2-- Dominick BRADLEY (1861) | No trace |
| 2-- Cornelius (Neil) BRADLEY (1863-1943)
sp-Margaret MULLOY (1875-1969) | Well known Dredgemaster |
| 3-- Rose Anna BRADLEY (1903-1984)
sp-George Shingleton JARVIS | no issue |
| 3-- Mary Eileen Elizabeth BRADLEY (1904-1969) | unmarried |
| 3-- Philomena Margaret BRADLEY (1907-1989)
sp-James Patrick DOLAN (1907-1976) | ex Law Courts Hotel, Dunedin |
| 4-- Kevin James DOLAN (1936)
sp-Mary Catherine SCOTT (1937) | Christchurch |
| 5-- Antony James DOLAN (1964) | |
| 5-- Mark Leo DOLAN (1967)
sp-Toni CARLTON | Australia |
| 5-- Gerard Kevin DOLAN (1968) | England OE |
| 5-- Matthew Joseph DOLAN (1969) | England OE |
| 5-- Peter John DOLAN (1972) | |
| 5-- Helene Elizabeth DOLAN (1974) | Dunedin |
| 4-- Neil Patrick DOLAN (1939)
sp-Mary Elizabeth CARTER (1941) | Naseby |
| 5-- Margaret Mary DOLAN (1961)
sp-Antony Charles REID (1962) | |
| 6-- Timothy Neil REID (1981) | |
| 6-- Brennan REID (1991) | |
| 5-- Stephen James DOLAN (1963)
sp-Judy Fay COWIE (1967) | Otematata |
| 6-- Tessa Fay DOLAN (1993) | |
| 6-- Kara Mary DOLAN (1996) | |
| 5-- Alan Raymond DOLAN (1963)
sp-Elizabeth Tryphena HOLMES (1964) | Dunedin |
| 6-- Georgia Grace DOLAN (1996) | |
| 5-- Catherine Anne DOLAN (1965)
sp-Sтивен Thomas PALIN (1959) | Dunedin |
| 6-- Josh PALIN (1988) | |
| 6-- Tom PALIN (1991) | |

5-- Laurence Owen DOLAN (1966)	Dunedin
sp-Janet Ann SMITH (1963)	Real Estate salesperson
6-- Abigail Sarah DOLAN (1984)	
6-- Sarah Jane DOLAN (1986)	
6-- Samantha Mary DOLAN (1991)	
6-- Benjamin Neil DOLAN (1993)	
5-- James Neil DOLAN (1967)	Australia
sp-Kim BIENEFELT	
6-- Jakob Ike DOLAN (1996)	
4-- Owen Anthony DOLAN (1941)	Philippines
4-- Frances Mary DOLAN (1943)	Havelock
sp-Raymon Peter RUSH	(dec'd)
5-- Gregory James RUSH (1973)	
5-- Maree RUSH	
sp-William Bradyn McNABB	
4-- Denis Joseph DOLAN (1946)	Melbourne, Australia
sp-Paula GRIMES	
5-- Phillip DOLAN	
5-- Paul DOLAN	
5-- Rebecca DOLAN	
4-- Christopher Conrad DOLAN (1948)	Otautau
sp-Monica Ann O'LOUGHLIN	
5-- Kirsten Ann DOLAN (1977)	
5-- Tracey Monica DOLAN (1979)	
5-- Bradley James DOLAN (1983)	
3-- Neil Patrick BRADLEY (1909-1943)	
sp-Lena ?	
3-- Imelda Bridget BRADLEY (Str M Conrad) (1911)	Mercy Convent, Dunedin, 60th Jubilee
3-- Laurence Michael BRADLEY (1912-1970)	
3-- James Bernard BRADLEY (1913-1966)	
sp-Mary Bridget McENTYRE (1910-1988)	
4-- Bryan John BRADLEY (1936)	Christchurch
sp-Joyce Mary MANSFIELD	
5-- Philippa Mary BRADLEY (1963)	
sp-Kerry Allan LAKE	
6-- Bradley Louis LAKE (1993)	
6-- Mathew Gordon LAKE (1994)	
6-- Nicholas Kerry LAKE (1996)	
5-- Andrea Margaret BRADLEY (1965)	
5-- Patricia Claire BRADLEY (1966)	
sp-Andrew John MOON	
6-- Olivia Jane MOON (1992)	
6-- Holly Frances MOON (1994)	
5-- Marie Joyce BRADLEY (1971)	

- 4-- Pauline Mary BRADLEY (1938) Christchurch
 sp-Graeme Cyril BROSANAN
 5-- Susan Mary BROSANAN (1962)
 5-- Brent Paul BROSANAN (1964)
 5-- Peter James BROSANAN (1971)
- 4-- Margaret Anne BRADLEY (1940) Dunedin
 sp-Barry Anthony McLAUGHLAN (1938) Sale, Victoria, Australia
 5-- Anthony John McLAUGHLAN (1962)
 sp-Kathrine Leander BORRITT
 6-- Rhianna Kate McLAUGHLAN (1992)
 6-- Keely Margaret McLAUGHLAN (1993)
 6-- Rory Guy McLAUGHLAN (1995)
 5-- Gerard Paul McLAUGHLAN (1963) Waikanae
 sp-Rosanne SANAI
 6-- Jessie Hayes McLAUGHLAN (1992)
 6-- Marlee Loy McLAUGHLAN (1995)
 5-- Marianne Therese McLAUGHLAN (1965)
 6-- Daniel Wayne McLAUGHLAN (1986)
 5-- Claire Maree McLAUGHLAN (1966)
 5-- Christopher James McLAUGHLAN (1968)
 5-- Denis Francis McLAUGHLAN (1976)
- 4-- Elizabeth Rose BRADLEY (1942) Perth, WA
 sp-Raymond Leonard TODD
 5-- Kevin John TODD (1963)
 5-- Marie Ann TODD (1964) near Greymouth
 sp-Craig Henry FREEMAN
 6-- Natasha Dawn FREEMAN (1986)
 6-- Dale Anthony FREEMAN (1988)
 6-- Aaron Shane FREEMAN (1990)
 5-- Paul James TODD (1966) Australia
 sp-Justeen ?
 6-- Amy TODD (1988)
 6-- Dylan TODD (1991)
 5-- Michael Joseph TODD (1971)
- 2-- Bridget BRADLEY (1866-1959) Victoria, Australia
 sp-Thomas Michael TWOMEY (-1932)
 3-- Nora TWOMEY No issue
 sp-Patrick VIGARS
 3-- Francis TWOMEY
 sp-Elizabeth DEACON
- 4-- Therese TWOMEY
 sp-Grace O'MALLEY
- 4-- Brian TWOMEY
- 4-- Margaret TWOMEY
 sp-Raymond STONE

- 5-- Maree STONE
 sp-Paul SLATTER
 6-- Joseph SLATTER
 6-- Liliana SLATTER
 5-- Andrea STONE
- 4-- Bernadette TWOMEY
- 4-- Mary TWOMEY
- 3-- Thomas TWOMEY (-1967)
 sp-Joanna VAUGHAN
- 4-- Mary TWOMEY
 sp-John KANE
 5-- Anthony KANE (1955)
 5-- Peter KANE (1957)
 sp-Elizabeth CHEMAKA
 6-- Elizabeth KANE
 5-- Anne KANE (1959)
 6-- Ryan KANE
 6-- Ryan KANE
 5-- Katherine KANE (1960)
 sp-Peter McGRATH
 6-- Larissa McGRATH
 6-- Odele McGRATH
 5-- Susan KANE (1961)
 6-- Jessica KANE
 5-- Brendan KANE (1964)
 sp-Tracy MARTIN
 6-- Benjamin KANE
 6-- Nicholas KANE
 6-- Jonathan KANE
 5-- Mark KANE (1966)
 5-- Paul KANE (1973)
- 3-- James TWOMEY (1894-1917)
 3-- Eileen TWOMEY
 3-- Agnes TWOMEY (1900-1929)
 3-- Harold TWOMEY
 3-- Rose TWOMEY (Str Rose)
- 2-- Michael Patrick BRADLEY (1868-1868)
- 2-- Francis James BRADLEY (1871-1891)
- 2-- John BRADLEY (1872-1927)
- 2-- Michael BRADLEY (1873-1957)
 sp-Catherine WHITE (Kate) (1876-1948)
 3-- Francis James BRADLEY (1904-1971)
 sp-Avice Constance WOODHAM (-1986)
- 4-- Kelvin Verdun Leo BRADLEY (1943)
 sp-Rosalie Anne BREEN
- WWI
 13 months, Snake Is. Pt Albert
 Nun, Melbourne
 Died at 13 months
 Nun, Melbourne
- Dunedin

- 5-- Michelle Anne BRADLEY (1967)
 sp-Lloyd DAVIES
 6-- Nicole DAVIES (1991)
 6-- Courtenay DAVIES (1993)
 5-- Sharon Francis BRADLEY (1968)
 sp-Murray Daniel TOHILL (1960)
 6-- Danielle Michelle TOHILL (1996)
 5-- Jacqueline Marie BRADLEY (1972)
 5-- Charleen Mary BRADLEY (1975)
- Alexandra
- Alexandra - note husband
[Family 2]
- 4-- Francis Brian Anthony BRADLEY (1945)
 sp-Ellenor Margaret RUSSELL
 5-- Dean Brian BRADLEY (1964)
 5-- Angela Frances BRADLEY (1966)
 3-- Michael Joseph BRADLEY (1906-1962)
 sp-Doreen Sylvia JONES (1912)
- Dunedin
- 4-- Cornelius Joseph BRADLEY (1932)
 sp-Shirley Lorraine COUCHMAN (1940)
 5-- Sandra Fay BRADLEY (1960)
 sp-Glen Alan HEALY
 6-- Jordan Patrick HEALY (1991)
 6-- Mikaela Louise HEALY (1994)
 5-- Debra Anne BRADLEY (1962)
 sp-Alan Gavin STRATTON
 6-- Matthew Alexander STRATTON (1985)
 6-- Chelsea Ann STRATTON (1987)
 6-- Timothy Alan STRATTON (1992)
 5-- Shona Maree BRADLEY (1966)
 sp-Brian Geoffrey PURSER
 6-- Marnie PURSER (1992)
 6-- Brook Rose PURSER (1995)
- Wanganui
- 4-- Doreen Lorraine BRADLEY (Paddy) (1934)
 sp-Peter Guilio CUTELLI
 5-- Wayne Peter CUTELLI (1956)
 sp-Elaine Carol READ
 6-- Bernadette Marie CUTELLI (1978)
 6-- Natasha Ann CUTELLI (1978)
 6-- Aaron Peter CUTELLI (1979)
 sp-Dianne Elizabeth PRICE
 6-- Karen CUTELLI (1976)
 5-- Anthony Michael CUTELLI (1958)
 sp-Karen Dale MONK
 5-- Wendy Anne CUTELLI (1959)
 5-- Vanessa Lorraine CUTELLI (1960)
 sp-Robert MURPHY
 6-- Chelsea Louise MURPHY (1988)
- Wanganui
- 4-- Kathleen Mary BRADLEY (1944)
 sp-Brian Gary LUCAS
 5-- Christine Marie LUCAS (1966)
 5-- Ross Michael LUCAS (1968)

- 3-- Annie Bedelia BRADLEY (1907-1994) ex Dunedin
 sp-Bertram Brash McCUTCHEON (1906-1984)
- 4-- Anne Beverley McCUTCHEON (1935) Waikouaiti
 sp-Anthony John DONALDSON (1931-1991)
 5-- Lynette Anne DONALDSON (1957)
 sp-Ronald James LONG
 6-- Gregory James LONG (1978)
 6-- Laura Jane LONG (1980)
 5-- Nicola Jane DONALDSON (1960)
 sp-Gregory Henry OLIVER
 6-- Samuel Gregory OLIVER (1981)
 6-- Anna Louise OLIVER (1983)
 6-- James Anthony OLIVER (1987)
 5-- David John DONALDSON (1963) Calgoorlie, Australia
 sp-Jane MACKIE
 6-- Coralea Jane DONALDSON (1996)
 5-- Mark Andrew DONALDSON (1966)
- 4-- Mary Nola McCUTCHEON (1940) Dunedin
 sp-John George TURNER (1939-1969)
 5-- Margo Ann TURNER (1959) Dunedin
 sp-Lindsay Ernest KROPP (1955)
 6-- Melissa Ann KROPP (1980)
 6-- Damian John KROPP (1983)
 5-- Donna Maree TURNER (1961) Alexandra
 sp-David Allan PORTER (1960)
 6-- Simon John PORTER (1986)
 6-- Amy Lee PORTER (1989)
 5-- Brett John TURNER (1965)
 sp-Paula Jayne SMITH (1968)
 6-- Bailey Wayne TURNER (1996)
 5-- Paula Lee TURNER (1967) Dunedin
 sp-Trevor William McCALLION (1965)
 6-- Hamish James McCALLION (1995)
 5-- Wayne Michael TURNER (1968-1988)
- 3-- Phyllis Mary BRADLEY (1912-1966)
 sp-Francis James O'NEILL (-1987)
- 3-- John William BRADLEY (1913-1977)
 sp-Margaret Annie (Nancy) NAUGHTON
 4-- Carol Anne BRADLEY (1950)
- 3-- Rose Ann BRADLEY (1915-1996) No issue
 sp-James Basil RYAN (1913)
- 3-- Cornelius John BRADLEY (1919-1928)
- 2-- Mary BRADLEY (Str M Xavier) (1876-1910)
- 2-- Rose Ann BRADLEY (Mtr M Ignatius) (1878-1949)

◆ The Collins'

ISABELLA TOHILL

Isabella Tohill married John Collins, (27) South Dunedin Parish, 15 April 1884. She was a housemaid of Caversham and gave her age as 21, and daughter of Daniel Tohill, farmer, and Mary Tohill, nee Convery. The witnesses were James Collins of Dunedin and Bridget Bradley, Caversham.

That Bridget Bradley was the daughter of Patrick and Bridget Bradley (nee Tohill) born c1866. She married Thomas Twomey, 25 May 1886. The couple immediately went to Melbourne, and are the grandparents of Sister Rose of Mt Sion Convent, Victoria, who is in close contact with Clare Drummond of Melbourne, who is my third cousin. Clare's grandfather, Francis Tohill born c1840, arrived in Victoria 1858, also a son of John Tohill and Rose McKeown or McGowan.

Isabella died 19 December 1914 and John died 16 May 1926. Both are buried in the Southern Cemetery. In the same grave are also Laurence Collins 5 August 1893, aged 1 month, Cornelius Albert Collins 14 October 1896 aged 6½ and Mary Martha Collins, 7 July 1897 aged 5½ — Plot 5 Block II. The *ODT* death notice for John said he died at his daughter's residence, 1 Bishops Road, Dunedin. *Stones Directory* lists John O'Driscoll, builder, at that address. The 1925 Dunedin West Electoral Roll lists John Patrick Collins, John O'Driscoll, and his wife Margaret O'Driscoll residing there. Margaret would have been "the daughter". Margaret also used a second name of Ann added after birth registered.

Births registered in the Index found are:

Margaret Collins, 1885 [married John O'Driscoll]; John Patrick Collins, 1887 [died 1969]; Daniel Joseph Collins, 1888 [died Oamaru 1971] Cornelius Albert Collins, 1890 [died 1896]; Mary Martha Collins, 1892 [died 1897]; Lawrence Collins, 1893 [died 1893]; Isabella Agnes Collins, 1895 at Port Chalmers; and Thomas Edward Collins, 1898 at Port Chalmers [married Mary Ann Tohill, born c1897 — see below].

I did not find the birth of Cornelius Alphonsus Collins, the under age-child later mentioned in the application for grant of letters of administration, 1917.

John Collins was a hotelkeeper. He is listed in 1893 *Stones Directory* as a stoker, Josephine Street, Dunedin. When females attained suffrage in 1893, Isabella immediately enrolled and is listed at Josephine Street, Caversham. John began his hotel life at the *George Hotel*, Port Chalmers in 1895, then moved on to the *A1 Hotel*, Pelichet Bay, Dunedin, and then to the *Gladstone Hotel* (over 100 beds), 6 Maclaggan Street from c1903. His entry in the *Cyclopedia of NZ* (1906) says that he was interested in social matters, was an ardent and well known bowler, member of the Dunedin Jockey Club and the Caledonian Society, and won several trophies at the Caledonian Games. John arrived on the *Christian McCausland*, 21 November 1873.

The property at 1 Bishops Road was transferred to Isabella Honora Hall, Ngarita Eileen O'Driscoll and Joan Margaret O'Driscoll in 1944. It is assumed that these ladies were daughters of John O'Driscoll and Margaret (Ann) Collins. Ngarita Eileen (26) married Alfred William Milligan, upholsterer on 23 December 1944 at St Joseph's Cathedral. Joan Margaret Theresa (25) married Kenneth Gibb Butler, wool store employee, on 31 January 1945 at St Joseph's. A witness to that marriage was "M I Collins",¹ 4 Foyle Street, Oamaru,² Exchange Operator.

¹ Margaret Isabel Collins

The Estate of Isabella Collins was sworn at under £2,400 for Probate purposes. There was almost a three year delay before Probate was sought in 1917. The nominated executors renounced, and there was obviously difficulty in getting the next of kin to agree on administrators who should seek a grant of administration with will annexed. Consents to the grant were given by the children: Margaret O'Driscoll, and John Collins (the younger) and Daniel Joseph Collins, both of Trentham, members of the NZ Expeditionary Force, who were of full age. Isabella Collins (daughter) also consented on 12 April 1917 after attaining that age. The under-age children were stated to be Cornelius Alphonsus Collins and Thomas Edward Collins. It is assumed that the above were all the surviving children of Isabella.

Isabella provided for several legacies to the church, and to the Parish Priest of Termoneeny, Maghera £40 to erect a headstone on the grave of "my mother and father" — not named, but as already mentioned, on her marriage stated to be Daniel Tohill and Mary Tohill (nee Convery).

She left the residue of her estate to her children, including a one-quarter share left on life interest to Thomas Edward Collins, and after his death for his issue, but if none to be divided among the other children of Isabella living on his death.

John made his last will on 22 December 1924 and died 15 May 1926. Evidence adduced for Probate disclosed that he was born at Ennis, Co Clare. His estate was sworn to be under the value of £15,000 for Probate purposes, and later assessed at £14,003-3-8 net for estate duty.

John left legacies of £4,000 to daughter, Margaret O'Driscoll, £2,000 to daughter, Isabella Collins, £1,000 to son Daniel Joseph Collins and £1,000 on trust to pay £1-1-0 weekly to son John Collins while unmarried, then capital to be paid to him, but if he died unmarried the same to be divided among the siblings who survived John (the younger) and £1,000 to son Cornelius Albert Collins. (Note different middle name). After some legacies to the Church, the residue went equally to all children.

The Christian Brothers School Jubilee Magazine, 1936, mentions that Daniel was with the NZ Railways, Oamaru with a family running near double figures; John had 5 children and living in Roslyn; Ted was Mine Host at the Southern Hotel "and is very successful"; while "Con" (presumably Cornelius) was a hotel keeper "in some town up north with a Maori name we can't spell".

Daniel Edward Collins, of Oamaru railway employee, made his last will on 29 November 1963, and died 28 August 1971. His executor was his son, also Daniel Edward Collins, (an Otago rugby representative) and he left his estate to his wife Catherine Collins.

The will of John Patrick Collins, of Dunedin, workman was made 23 December 1964 and he died 2 August 1969. He is listed 1929 Directory at 18 Northview Crescent, Dunedin, labourer. He left his estate to his wife Agnes Collins who predeceased him on 31 July 1968? Letters of Administration with will annexed were accordingly granted, and the beneficiaries were Mary Isabel Collins of Dunedin clerk, Edward Patrick Collins of Dunedin, plasterer, (Wales Street), Thomas Vincent Terence Collins of Dunedin, painter, Ngarita Agnes Dowling of Timaru, housewife (wife of Denis), Desmond Albert Collins of Dunedin, seaman, Cornelius Adrian (Neil) Collins of Dunedin, broadcaster (now also Dunedin City Councillor), Raymond Francis Collins of Dunedin warehouseman, and the administrator, John Gerald Collins of Dunedin, commercial traveller.

² At that address in 1929 Stones Directory were Daniel Joseph Collins, railway employee, and in the 1928 Oamaru Electoral Roll, Catherine Collins, his wife, and in the 1946 Oamaru Electoral Roll, those two and Daniel Edward Collins, plasterer and Margaret Isabel Collins, spinster.

MARY ANN TOHILL

Mary Ann Tohill, baptised 4 November 1892, married Frederick Selby 25 July 1916, but the marriage ended in divorce, at Napier 21 February 1929. She reverted to her single name by Deed Poll dated 9 August 1929 when she returned to Dunedin. Mary Ann (32) then married Thomas Edward Collins (31), barman, (six years her junior) 17 October 1929 at the Registry Office. [A witness was "I Collins", spinster, 338 Rattray Street, Dunedin. Is this Isabella Agnes Collins, sister of TE Collins?

Mary Ann died suddenly at Alexandra on 9 September 1940, (aged 45) and is buried with her brother, Laurence, in the Southern Cemetery, Dunedin. Mary Ann and her husband ran the *Southern Hotel*, Princes Street, Dunedin, for some years. Thomas Edward Collins was born at Port Chalmers, son of John Collins and Isabella Tohill. above. Mary Ann owned a property at Rattray Street, Dunedin from February 1929 until 1937. No children were mentioned in the ODT death notice.

In the will of Mary Ann dated 12 December 1929, Thomas Edward Collins was stated to be a barman. He was still a barman, and resident at Careys Bay (Port Chalmers) when he obtained probate of her will in 1940. Her estate was sworn to be under £300 for Probate purposes, and later sealed at £302-1-2. Thomas Edward was the sole beneficiary. The only Thomas Edward Collins located in Probates at National Archives, Dunedin, was a signal erector, NZ Railways who died 26 March 1961 leaving another spouse. That person resided at Grange Street.

Mary Ann was the daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Tohill (nee Costelloe) and therefore niece of Isabella Collins (nee Tohill), and first cousin of her second husband, Thomas Edward Collins.

Isabella was the daughter of Daniel and Mary Tohill (nee Convery).

RMS ATHENIC

Quite apart from the 1909 voyage of John Tohill and Bridgid Henry, so much of our lives have been touched by the *Athenic* that it really needs a chapter all to itself.

SHAW SAVILL & ALBION COMPANY, LIMITED	
HEAD OFFICES	
14, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON, E.C.3	

R.M.S. "ATHENIC"	
12,234 TONS	
Sailing from SOUTHAMPTON	
22ND JUNE, 1926.	
VIA PANAMA CANAL, TO WELLINGTON,	
NEW ZEALAND, DIRECT	

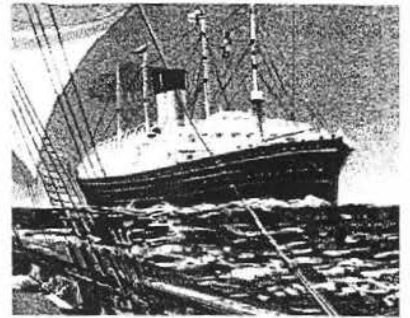
Captain	R. DAVIES
Chief Engineer	JOHN E. ROBERTS

The *Athenic* was a twin screw vessel originally of 12,234 tons and 530 ft x 63 ft,¹ draught 31 ft, capable of service speed of 14 knots, four decks, black hull, white superstructure, buff and black funnel and red boot-topping. She was built at Belfast by Harland & Wolff, launched 17 August 1901, delivered 23 January 1902 and began her maiden voyage to Wellington 14 February 1902. She originally sailed via Plymouth, Teneriffe, Cape Town and Hobart to various ports in New Zealand, but by 1909 seemed only to come to Wellington. The homeward voyage was via Cape Horn, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and Teneriffe. But after the Panama Canal was opened, the *Athenic* cruised to and from Wellington from 1916, via the Canal direct. Occasionally she called at Pitcairn Island, and did so on my mother's voyage in 1926. She was one of a fleet of about twenty Shaw Savill & Albion steamers (White Star Line), and passengers on New Zealand bound voyages were mainly migrants. She last sailed as a passenger ship in October 1927, and was sold, rebuilt as a Norwegian whaling mother-ship in 1928 and renamed the *Pelagos*. She was captured by the German auxiliary cruiser *Penguin* 15 January 1941, and

¹ She was later lengthened, and was 12,336 tons on my mother's voyage.

sent to Bordeaux with a prize crew. She was then managed under the German flag and used as an experimental vessel by the U-Boat Flotilla in Norway. A victim of German spite when the Germans evacuated Norway, she was sunk at the Kirkenes on 24 October 1944, but was raised by the Norwegians in 1945 and, after repairs, served as a whaler again. On 28 June 1962 she arrived in Hamburg to be broken up.

The outbreak of World War I, caught the *Athenic* at her berth at Wellington, where she was requisitioned for use as a troop transport. She was fitted to carry 56 officers, 1195 other ranks and 340 horses, when she, and seven other ships, sailed from Wellington with the Main Body to Egypt, 15 October 1914. Privates Alban Joseph Tohill, Thomas Everitt Tohill and William Henry Tohill (all **Family 3**) were in the Main Body. With her great capacity for refrigerated cargo, she was too valuable for mere transport, and she was discharged from charter and returned to her owners, although sailing under British Government control throughout the remaining war years. Indeed, she carried troops to England on 30 December 1916 (703 men), 16 July 1917 (832 men) and 31 December 1917 (1155 men) on a per capita cost — at times very crowded! At the end of WWI, the only survivor, Private Thomas Everitt Tohill, following convalescence, was aboard for the voyage home beginning 14 July 1919. My four Alexandra uncles who served, would not have sailed on the *Athenic* on any of those dates.



When my mother, Jessie Isabella Fraser, left Scotland in 1926, she embarked at Southampton. After 1919, outward-bound passengers were embarked by tender there. On this voyage the *Athenic* under the command of Captain E Davies, carried 16 first class passengers, and 51 second class passengers, while the vast majority of 496 (including my mother) travelled third class. Passengers were designated for the ports of Wellington, Auckland, Lyttelton, Port Chalmers and Napier in 1926. I have Jessie's copy of the passenger list, containing the list of passengers, maps of the Canal and route, this sketch of the vessel, with its vital details, and regulations for passengers on the voyage. Jessie suffered ptomaine poisoning after eating at Panama, and was in the ship's sick bay across the South Pacific. She spent time at Plimmerton convalescing before coming down to Dunedin, where her intended husband awaited her on the railway station, only to be immediately cast aside!

It appears that Elizabeth Edminstin was, with her family, on the same 1926 voyage. She married Edward O'Reilly Tohill, the 16th child of John Tohill and Sarah Ann Everitt (**Family 3**) in 1938. Elizabeth Kennedy Tohill is on the 1996 Northcote Electoral Roll, retired, 10 Greenvalley Rise, Northcote, Auckland. She would then be about 86 years of age.



The County of Londonderry *Sources for family History*, compiled by Brian Mitchell, states that there are 28 Catholic parishes with registers pre-dating 1900, but there are no 18th century registers for the county. Registers held by parishes include Bellaghy (Ballyscullion) baptisms and marriages from 1844; Greenlough (Tamlaght O'Crilly) baptisms, marriages and burials from 1846; Kilrea, the same; Lavey (Termoneeny and part Maghera) baptisms 1837-1839, 1852-1865 and from 1867, marriages 1837-1839, and from 1852, burials 1837-1839 and from 1868; Maghera baptisms and marriages from 1841 and burials 1848-1888; Magherafelt & Ardrea (North) baptisms and marriages from 1834.

For the record, Irish civil registration commenced January 1864, although registration of Protestant marriages began in 1845.

Naturally enough originally there was no requirement to register any Birth, Death or Marriage record anywhere. The Papal Council of Trent, 1563, first required Catholics to keep vital records in Europe. But it was to be at least two centuries before Civil Registration was inaugurated. England began in 1837, while registration began in New Zealand for Births and Deaths in 1848, and for Marriages in 1854. The amount of information to be gathered from NZ records significantly improved for Births and Deaths from 1876, and for Marriages from 1880.

There were 101 Tohills recorded in ninety five 1994 General Parliamentary Electoral Rolls, and it has been my aim to place them all according to their branch — for all Tohills are part of a sept from Derry. Most were born in the Townland of Ballymacpeake and some in Drummuck, only a few minutes walk apart. There are 103 Tohills recorded in the sixty 1996 General Parliamentary Electoral Rolls. I have both years entered on data base.

I have recorded every Tohill birth, marriage and death in New Zealand up to 1990, and traced almost all. Those not accounted for are included under "Strays" below.

NEW ZEALAND STRAYS

- A) The first one noted was the marriage of Patrick. This is indexed under "To~~o~~hill". Patrick was said to be aged 35 when he married Delia Ford (24) at Oamaru, 1895, - Folio #1972. Inspection of the entry of birth their son, Patrick William, 16 May 1912, indexed under the name "To~~o~~hill", shows the second "o" crossed out - (#3045). The father's age is given as 52, and the mother's as 40, both of which accord with the marriage entry. Patrick, senior, was said to have been born in Tasmania, in the entry of birth, and residing at Alma, near Oamaru. Directories record him under the name Tohill, but no entry of death was found. Delia was stated to have been born at Oamaru. The 1893 and 1897 Oamaru Electoral Rolls list Patrick To~~o~~hill as a ploughman at Enfield. On the 1902 Roll they were at Arun Street, and in 1908, 1914 at Awamoa. Land Registry records show that Patrick owned 64 acres at Awamoa from 1903 to 1921. He also owned a small holding at Alma from 1920 to 1921. Patrick then owned 2 acres at Kakanui from 1921 until the mortgagee exercised the power of sale in 1936. Directory listings under Tohill are incorrect.
- B) The next entries are the marriages of Alice Mary Tohill, 1905, #489 and Gertrude Margaret Tohill, also 1905, #490. There is also the entry of marriage of Agnes Mary Tohill, 1904, #2852. Inspection of these entries show that all were To~~o~~hills, daughters of Daniel Edward To~~o~~hill, of Ekatahuna, farmer, and his wife Dorcas Eliza, nee Lynch, and were born in Wellington. Daniel and Dorcas To~~o~~hill are listed on the 1893 and 1897 Masterton Electoral Rolls as hotel keeper and married woman respectively. The daughters might have had a brother William Henry To~~o~~hill, a chemist of Ekatahuna, for he witnessed two of the marriages. Another possible brother, Edward Dormer To~~o~~hill was enrolled on the 1897 supplementary Roll. The marriage of Gertrude Margaret was dissolved - decree absolute 17 September 1926. Daniel Edward To~~o~~hill died at Wellington, 21 August 1907, aged 68. The entry of death recites that he was born in Co Cork, Ireland, and had lived in NZ for 45 years. Clearly this family is not related to us, but needs to be mentioned because of the index entry.
- C) Violet Tohill's birth was registered at Wellington, 1906 #2167. At the age of 21, she was adopted by Joseph Morris a bricklayer of Kaiti, Gisborne and his wife Agnes Morris in 1927 - #2869/27, Auckland. The original certificate cannot be inspected, so we do not know the name of either biological parent. Was it a To~~o~~hill?
- D) The birth of Robert Tohill, is registered in the Gisborne Registry 1907, #4593. He was adopted out. The original certificate cannot be inspected, so we do not know the name of either biological parent. Is there a connection with Violet or the next mentioned strays?

- E) The 1908 Gisborne Electoral Roll lists Joseph Tohill, carpenter, and Angelina Tohill married residing at Kahutia Street. They arrived at Wellington on the *Tongariro* 2 August 1905¹. Joseph (27) and Angelina (26) were accompanied by Elizabeth (23, domestic), believed to be the sister of Joseph. Nothing has subsequently been found of Joseph and Angelina on Rolls, births, deaths or marriages resources. Having regard to the detail about Elizabeth next mentioned, I doubt if they were related to us.
- F) Elizabeth Tohill married Edward Dishington McLaren, a Quantity Surveyor and Valuator, born Edinburgh and residing at Parnell, at the Presbyterian Church, Kent Terrace, Wellington on 26 March 1913, Folio #1982. According to the entry of marriage, Elizabeth was 27, born in Cookstown, Co Tyrone, the daughter of George Tohill, Butcher and Jane Nolan, formerly Tohill, but born Diao (spelling?). Cookstown is about 15 miles, as the crow flies, from Maghera. A witness was M Nolan, Victoria Street, Hamilton.
- G) The death of Thomas Everard Flynn, "commonly known as Tohill", 28 August 1915, at Thorndon Quay, Wellington, aged 13 months, is entered in Folio #2093. His father was said to be Thomas Tohill, a carrier, and his mother, Clara Flynn (sic). The infant, was born at Wellington, 1914 and registered as Flynn, #986/1915, and is buried in the Karori cemetery. The infant's death, found by the coroner to be "complications due to teething" is indexed under both surnames.
- H) Clara Tohill is listed on the 1914 Wellington North Electoral Roll, at 109 Thorndon Quay, married. There is no husband on the Roll. Was she the Clara Flynn in the preceding paragraph?
- I) Clare Tohill, aged 21 and therefore born c1916, married Henry Charles Fitzgerald at St Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, Wellington, on 12 April 1938 Folio #1467. The entry of marriage recites that she was born at Wellington, the daughter of William Tohill, a carrier, and Clara Teresa Tohill, nee Flynn. Could she be the sister of Thomas Everard Tohill, deceased, with the informant unsure of her father's name? Registration of the entry of her birth under the name "Flynn", was added in 1916 in writing, with no registered Number. Clare (with Teresa added) Fitzgerald later married Albert Arthur Rolfe, 1966 - Folio #12286.

Registration of the deaths of Clara Teresa Tohill, and any other Thomas or William Tohill, have not been found. "Flynn" needs to be checked out.

- J) Annie Tohill, widow, is listed on the 1908 Taieri Electoral Roll, Factory Road, Mosgiel. Nothing further has been found under any resource.
- K) Lily Tohill, 20 Parliament Street, is listed on the 1908 Wellington North Electoral Roll. Nothing further has been found under any resource. Could she have been the Elizabeth, mentioned above? Or more likely Lillian — **Family 6**, above?
- L) Adrian Gerard Tohill, was born at Auckland 1951 #5403. He was adopted out. The original certificate cannot be inspected, so we do not know the name of either biological parent.

Further research at National Archives Shipping records, on 17 January 1995, brought up these interesting entries of assisted immigrants:

Margery Toughill (28) a housemaid of Londonderry arrived on the SS *Waikato*, (sailed 5 May 1877) as an immigrant to Canterbury, 1877 - Ref 15/291. Her fare of £13-11-6 was wholly paid by the NZ Government.

Margaret Toughill (24) and Mary A Toughill (22) both of Londonderry, general servants and immigrants to Canterbury, arrived together on the SS *Opawa*, 25 October 1880 - Ref 15/377. The

¹ National Archives SS1/492 #14.

ship had sailed 5 August 1880. It seems that they were nominated by Margery Toughill of Tuam Street E, Christchurch. The passenger list has this unexplained reference: "Canterbury 6834".

John Toughill (30) and Michael Toughill (26) both labourers from Londonderry, arrived together on the SS *Aorangi*, 11 May 1884 - Ref 15/463. It had sailed on 29 March 1884, and brought immigrants to Canterbury and Otago. Their joint fare of £30 was paid as to £10 by them and the balance was paid by the NZ Government. The Otago Provincial Gazette 823 is also noted. Is this the same John Tohill (37) [Family 2, above] who died Alexandra 1885? If so, what became of Michael? Did he return to Ireland?

Margaret Mulholland from Londonderry, arrived on the SS *Rakaia*, 1878 - Ref 15/320. Another Margaret Mulholland (20), a domestic servant from Londonderry, arrived on the SS *Canterbury*, at Port Chalmers, 10 December 1878 - Ref 15/332. It had sailed from Glasgow, 12 September 1878. A Maggie Mulholland of Cromwell, was a witness to the marriage of Mary Tohill to James Gartly, 11 January 1881 at Cromwell. The same one?

OTHER IRISH TOHILLS

In the General Index of Places and Names in the Public-Records Office, Belfast, searched at the Family History Centre, Dunedin, the following Toghill entries were noted:

Michael	Drummuck 1824 Emigration List	Ref 671/152
Peter	ditto	ditto
James	ditto	ditto
Nancy	Drummuck 1834 Emigration List	ditto
Daniel	Drummuck 1835 Emigration List	671/158
Michael	Drummuck Migration List 1836	671/161

Royal Irish Constabulary records, held on LDS Films 0856061/161B and 0856058/194B, read at the FHC in Dunedin, also show a Michael Tohill, from Derry, aged 23 on enlistment in 1846, who resigned and emigrated — year unknown.

The McClay gravestone inscriptions held in the PRO, Belfast, (D3672/10) list two very old Tohill gravestone inscriptions in Maghera Old Church graveyard:

"Here lies the body of Roger Toghill who died 30 August 1705 aged 41 years also his wife Ann Toghill who died March 1 1703 aged 73"; and

"Here lieth the body of Nancy Touchill who died January 3 1780 aged 65 and Nelly Touchil who died March 20 1780 aged 78."

1831 CENSUS - LONDONDERRY

In Ireland, the Government carried out census enumeration for the whole country every 10 years from 1821. But the earliest surviving census returns date from 1901. Remnants of the 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 censuses remain for some areas. County Londonderry is very fortunate in that 1831 census returns still exist.

The 1831 census returns for the County identify 38,651 heads of household together with the number of persons living in each household and their religious denomination. The census is organised by civil parish with each head of household listed against its appropriate Townland, or town and street address.

Parish abbreviations used in the table below are: Bs, Ballyscullion; Ma, Maghera; Mf, Magherafelt; Tc, Tamlaght O'Crilly.

Here follow some interesting entries worthy of pursuit. Róger Tohill (below) married Margaret McErlane. One of their daughters, Mary, married in NZ, the bridesmaid being Maggie Mulholland. One, Daniel Mulholland, is said to have acquired Roger's land in Ireland. One of Mary's sons married Sadie Mulholland in NZ, and the Mulhollands are said to have been great friend of the Tohills. Hence some of their entries are recorded here for further research.

The McNallys were looked at, as Henry married Mary Ann McNally, (christened in Greenlough Church, Derry, 1854) in NZ. It seems that the McNallys (aka McNullas) lived in Antrim. But following the Lewis cartographic study, described earlier, perhaps the boundary was settled on the river Bann.

The Beatties or Beattys were also looked at. Few appeared, and it seems as if they may have been Scottish settlers or itinerants.

Surname	First	Civil Parish	Townland
MCERLANE	Rose	Mat	Ballymacpeake
MCERLAIN	Charles	Tc	Moneystaughan
	Henry (2)	Tc	ditto
	Neal	Tc	ditto
	Patrick	Tc	ditto
MCERLAIN	Daniel	Tc	ditto
	Henry	Tc	Ballymacpeake
MCERLANE	Charles	Ma	ditto
MCERLIAN	James	Tc	Moneystaughan
MCERLIAN	John	Tc	ditto
MCNALLY	few to consider		apparently from Co Antrim
TOHILL	Anthony	Ma	Ballymacpeake
	Bridget	Ma	Drumack
	James	Ma	ditto
	James	Ma	Ballymacpeake
	James	Mf	Magherafelt
	John	Ma	Ballymacpeake
	Laurence	Ma	Drumack
	Laurence	Ma	Moyagall
	Martha	Ma	ditto
	Mathew	Ma	ditto
	Patrick	Ma	ditto
	Philip	Ma	ditto
	Roger	Ma	Ballymacpeake

	Rose	Ma	Drumack
	William	Ma	ditto
TOUGHILL	John	Tc	Moneystaughan
	Patrick	Bs	Ballyscullion
MULHOLLAND	Charles	Bs	Ballyscullion
	Charles	Bs	Ballymacombs
	Daniel	Tc	Moneystaughan
	Daniel	Tc	Glenone
	Edward	Bs	Ballymacombs
	Felix	Ma	Ballymacpeake
	Felix	Tc	Moneystaughan
	Henry (2)	Bs	Ballymacombs
	Henry	Tc	Moneystaughan
	Henry (Jnr)	Tc	Ballymacpeake
	Henry (Snr)	Tc	Ballymacpeake
	James	Bs	Ballymacombs
	James	Tc	Moneystaughan
	John (4)	Bs	Ballymacombs
	John	Tc	Moneystaughan
	John	Tc	Ballymacpeake
	Margaret	Bs	Ballymacombs
	Mary	Tc	Moneystaughan
	Owen	Ma	Drumack
	Patrick (2)	Bs	Ballymacombs
	Thomas (2)	Bs	Ballymacombs
	William	Bs	Ballymacombs
	William	Ma	Ballymacpeake
BEATTIE	Hugh	T	Tamlaght
BEATTY	Alexander	T	ditto
	James	T	ditto
BEATY	John	Tc	Tyancee
	William	Tc	ditto

Those able to supply additional information will be warmly welcomed. I will also be pleased to correct any matter herein when information is supplied.

I have all the Tohills on the NZ Electoral Rolls, 1994 and 1996 entered on database. I also have all the Tohill births deaths and marriages registered in New Zealand up to the end of 1990 on that database. The programmes used for that data is MS Works version 3.0. This document was prepared on MS Word, version 6.0.

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