Linda and Tony





It was in the 1970's when the Edwin Fox was to be salvaged and restored, that I began to take an interest in our family history, as I knew my great grandparents, George an Elizabeth, had come out from England on the Edwin Fox in 1875

In the 1970's our family members did not have any great knowledge or indeed interest, let alone records, of where the Wilcock family came from.

Over the following **25** years in my leisure moments, I slowly unfolded the history of our ancestors.

It is with much regret that I did not talk more to my father (**Laurie** who died 1992), about these matters whilst he was alive.

The information in this book was complied over the last **20** years with the aid of --The Edwin Fox Society **(Picton)** **--Len Wilcock (my 2nd cousin)** decessed.2003 of Hamilton -- **Maud Wilcock (nee Gibson)** decessed.1990 of Wanganui. and the **Turnbull Library** in **(Wellington)** together with research in - N Z. Australia **&** England.

I make apologies to the female side of our family, as this book has generally followed the Wilcock male decendants, down the ages.

I hope you find the information in this album interesting, and the facts here in will enlighten you and future generations of the highlights of our family's development 1843 --- 2005

Brian Wilcock



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Family Tree

Wilcock of Pontefract
York, England
1624 to 25 December 1874

All records from Pontefract unless otherwise stated. The earliest record at Pontefract was the marriage on 8.6.1686 of John Wilcock m. Mary Hogg. In 1708 Richard Wilcox ` a stranger' was buried at Pontefract and we believe he was the father of the John Wilcock married there in 1686.

Gt x 9 RICHARD WILCOCK — m. 12.10.1624 Thornhill by Dewsbury to Alice waterhouse - from LDS records

Gt x 8 RICHARD WILLCOCKE — bap. 4.9.1625 Thornhill by Dewsbury m. 12.2.1649 Thornhill by Dewsbury Ann Copley (LDS) Richard buried on 14.2.1708 " a stranger" at Pontefract.

Gt x 7 JOHN WILCOCK — bap. 19.10.1662 Thornhill d. 13.10.1719 Pontefract. Occ : Shoemaker
m. 8.6.1686. Pontefract Mary Hogg d. 1728

Gt x 6 JOHN WILCOCK — b. c. 1690 bap (A.N.A baptist) 1.8.1710 Pontefract aged 20 years. d. Pontefract 5.7.1773.
m. 19.3.1719 Mary Moxon d. 25.11.1776 . Occ: Shoemaker.

Gt x 5 JOHN WILCOCK — bap. 25.7.1720 d. 7.5.1800. Occ: Cordwainer m. 17.10.1746 at Kippax to Mary Pickard. d. 11.5.1752.
Children: JOHN WILCOCK 1747, WILLIAM WILCOCK bap 9.7.1749 d. 8.3.1750 .
JOHN WILCOCK bap. 1720 Re-married - records missing - Children were Elizabeth 24.2.1759, Wm. 1762. Elizabeth 25.3.1764/1791, Ann 26.3.1769 m. Jos Handley, Jenny 19.5.1771, Wm. 6.6.1773 m. Grace Gleddle

Gt x 4 JOHN WILCOCK — bap. 22.10.1747 d. 9.5.1797. Occ: Carpenter & Joiner. m. Ann Walker b. 1744 d. 17.10.1821
Children: JOHN WILCOCK 1774 Kippax, Mary b. 4.2.1776 Kippax. d. 20.12.1778, Abraham 1777/78 , Ann 14.11.1779 m. Ab Sutcliffe, Richard 3.2.1781 m. Sarah Sharp, Abraham 22.2.1783 , Mary 10.12.1786 , Hannah b. 16.8.1789 m. Wm Shaw , Elizabeth 13.3.1791 d. 19.5.1872

Gt x 3 JOHN WILCOCK — b. 30.7.1774 Kippax d. 9.12.1856. Occ: Carpenter & Joiner m. 12.6.1796 Mary Bainsfather re-married 7.10.1822. Sarah Ramskill b. 1891 d. 19.8.1857

Gt x 2 JOHN WILCOCK — b. 21.1.1810, Pontefract. Occ: Carpenter & Innkeeper. m. 16.9.1832 Martha Wilson

GtGf GEORGE WILCOCK — b. 27.3.1843, Pontefract d. 1931 NZ. Occ: Carpenter , Wheelwright & Farmer. m. in Manchester 28.10.1866, Elizabeth Collins b. 1864 d. 1931 NZ.

George and Elizabeth emmigrated to New Zealand 25.12. 1874

EDWIN FOX.

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SHIP'S DIMENSIONS

Gross Tonnage	747 tons
Poop Tonnage	88 tons
Registered Tonnage	836 tons
Water Line Length	144 feet 8 inches
Overall Length	160 feet
Water Line Breadth	29 feet 8 inches
Depth	23 feet 6 inches
Poop	54 feet
Forecastle	22 feet
Build	Carvel 2 decks
Signal Letters	J.D.M.N.

The Edwin Fox as she appeared in her days of glory as a full-rigged ship when she saw service as a troopship during the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. Very few alterations were necessary for her to transport convicts to Australia and subsequently immigrants to New Zealand.–1014.

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The Edwin Fox as it was on the 18th October 1967 just prior to it's salvage.



Edwin Fox lifts free of sand

Wellington (PA).—The 133-year-old Edwin Fox towed 10m into deeper water.

First major stop was taken on Friday when a

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Edwin Fox lifts free of sand

Wellington (PA).—The 133-year-old Edwin Fox lifted with high tide in Queen Charlotte Sound yesterday and floated free for the first time in 20 years.

Refloating the teak former sailing ship that brought 800 settlers to New Zealand in the last century began in Shakespeare Bay early yesterday.

Pumping of the hull started at 4.30am and as the tide began to rise the Edwin Fox slowly lifted to an even keel, rising with a 200-tonne load of shingle still in the hold.

By full tide at noon, it was floating free and was towed 10m into deeper water.

"The lower part of the hull appears in very sound condition, and continuous pumping is not needed to keep her afloat," Edwin Fox Restoration Society president Harry Stace said.

The successful operation ended several days' activity aimed at refloating the hull for the first time since it was abandoned on the beach at Shakespeare Bay 20 years ago.

The Edwin Fox's last years had been spent as a coal hulk supplying the boilers of Picton freezing works.

First major stop was taken on Friday when a mechanical digger removed the sandbar which had built up alongside the hull.

Over the weekend efforts were made to pump the shingle and coal ballast from the hull, but this met with only moderate success. On Monday it was decided to pump the hull dry to see if it would lift the load of up to 200 tonnes.

"Now we have proved that the hull is still reasonably watertight for its age, we are waiting for final approval to tow her to Picton so that restoration work can begin," Mr Stace said.



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5/14/13 Box 19 210

5/713. Edwin Fox

Extract from Journal of the Surgeon Supt. of ship "Edwin Fox"

Remarks

Left Gravesend Dec. 25th. 1874 and towed down the Thames weather foggy. the vessel was soon brought to an anchor it being too thick to proceed, got under weigh next day and towed down channel till abreast Falmouth where the tug left us cleared the channel in about two days from Falmouth, encountered S. W gales with thick and rainy weather till off Madeira, crossed the line February 8/75. off the Cape March 11/75. sighted the Snares at. 6 AM Wednesday April 14th.

The health of the passengers has on the whole been good. Bronchitis and Catarrh were very prevalent during the first month particularly amongst the children, two of which died from that cause. there has not been so much diarrhaa as is usual on Emmigrant ships amongst the children and that I am of the opinion is due to the extra quantities of Soup and Milk issued to those under the age of twelve years- The prevalence of catarrh was due to the damp thick weather we had on the first Month after leaving England- The condensing machine has worked well during the passage condensing 280 gallons on an average daily The hospitals were admirably situated being all under the poop. I would recommend the carrots being kept on as a regular article of diet —

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List of Extra Childrens Stores put on board

Milk 200 dozen in 80 Cases
Gravy Soup 1056 lbs in 11 Cases

Extra Medical Comforts

Meat Soup	50 lbs	in 1 case	
Essence of Beef	50 "	1 "	
Mutton Broth	50 "	1 "	
Milk	4 dozen	in 1 "	
Chicken Broth	20 lbs	in 1 "	
Boiled Beef	10 one lb Tins		in 1 Case
" "	20 ½ lb "		
" Mutton	10 one lb "		
" "	20 ½ lb "		
Sauk	20 Buckets		
Lemon Juice	4 Buckets		

Wm A Smith



The voyage of the "Edwin Fox" was to be eventful. She sailed from emigration wharf, Graves End, London on 23 December 1874 under Captain Walpole. A few hours after parting from her tug she was forced to run for shelter off "The Downs" owing to a furious gale from the west.
Coming in to anchor, the Edwin Fox collided with the schooner "Westward Ho" , the schooner sank, but all the crew were rescued. In the accident the "Edwin Fox" lost her jib, boom and an anchor, before another anchor could be made fast, she drifted into the rocks.
With the coming of night and the ebb tide all the passengers were removed to safety.
At the high tide next day she was refloated, no leaks were found so the ship was towed back to London where a complete survey was done by the emigration authorities, slight injury to the ships sheathing was found but no damage to the ships hull whatsoever. With the survey completed the "Edwin Fox" sailed once again with 259 emigrants on board, this time under Captain Davis.
On 25 December 1874 the "Edwin Fox" left Graves End and was towed down the Thames, the weather was very foggy, the vessel was soon brought to anchor as the fog was too thick to proceed, the next day 26 December they raised anchor and continued being towed down the channel for 2 days until abreast of Falmouth, where the tug untied and left the ship. The "Edwin Fox" encountered strong south westerly gales with thick fog and rain until off Madeira.
The voyage was then uneventful, crossing the "Line" on 8th February 1875. On 20th February 1875 and 12deg, south of the equator, a daughter was born to Elizabeth and George, she was named, "Edwina" after the good ship "Edwin Fox". The voyage continued with the ship rounding the "Cape of Good Hope" on 11th of March 1875. Another 31 days sailing saw the "Edwin Fox" off the "Snares" on 14th of April, finally berthing in Wellington, New Zealand on 18th April 1875.

On this voyage 6 children were born, and 6 deaths recorded.

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George Wilcock , born in Pontefract on 27.3.1843, was one of a large family.

In 1858 at the age of 15 years he entered into an apprenticeship with businessman "Rubin Wass" as a wheelwright and carpenter. The starting wage of 3 shillings per week, rising annually by 1 shilling per week, completing his trade in September 1862.
On 28 October 1866, George at the age of 23 years, married Elizabeth Collins aged 21 of Cheshire. Married at St Johns Church, Manchester, this marriage was not the wish of Elizabeths parents who owned a butchery business in Cheshire where she was employed. On the day of the wedding Elizabeth crept away from the shop to join her new husband at the alter at St Johns Church. By 1873 they had been married 7 years and had 3 children, Martha, John (my grandfather) and Emma. It was at this time George decided to seek a new future for his family, he decided to go on his own to New Zealand to explore the possibilities of his family immigrating there.
He left England in 1873 alone on a sailing ship which caught fire and sank. George was a survivor of the disaster.

Elizabeth, being a strong willed person insisted that she and the children would accompany him on the next voyage.

George applied for an assisted immigrant passage under the "Emmigrant and Colonist Aid Corporation" of England, headed by the Duke of Manchester. The corporation had purchased some 42,000 acres of land 12 miles north of Palmerston North, named the "Manchester Block" eventually to be named Fielding after the local agent "William Fielding". The corporation eventually sponsored 2000 immigrants over 5 years to develop and settle this dense bush land. George, Elizabeth and 3 children were able to secure passages on the "Edwin Fox" , a sailing ship of some 835 tons, departing London on the 23 December 1874.

SS "Edwin Fox"

IMMIGRATION OFFICE 5228 NEW ZEALAND

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME OF PARENTS.	SEX.
24/1/75	James & Ann Cannon	Male
6/2/75	George - Emma Haskell	Male
20/2/75	George - Elizabeth Wilcock	female
24/2/75	Edwin - Eliza Weeks	male
15/3/75	John - Smphena Higgins	female
29/3/75	Heimich - Almina Knigge	female

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
25/12/74	Lillie Mills	female	14 mos	Bronchitis
26/12/74	John Seaton	Male	5 mos	Diffuse Bronchitis
27/12/74	William Bonnell Robins	male	9 mos.	Convulsions
6/2/75	Edward Mooney	male	26 yrs.	Diarrhoea
20/2/75	James Cannon	male	21 mos	Phagedenic Abominables
29/3/75	John Munro	male	67 years.	Irritative pneumatic delirium, bed sores, and general exhaustion as the sequence of fracture through the lower third of Femur

I hereby certify that the above is a correct Statement of Births and Deaths amongst the Government Emigrants by the Ship.

(Sd) J.J. Sykes Surgeon Superintendent.
J. McScott Immigration Officer.

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"Edwin Fox" — Voyage to Wellington, arriving 1875. April 18
List of Heads of Families and Single Adults.

ANDERSON, James
ANDREWS, Catherine
ATKINS, Samuel
BALE, Philip
BONNELL, Julianna
BOOTH, William
BOULDEN, George
BOWDEN, Charles
BRACELIN, James
BRADSHAW, Henry
BROSNAN, Thomas
BROSNAN, Ellen
BROSNIHAN, Margaret
BROWN, Eliza
CANNONS, James
CANNONS, Ann
CANNONS, James
CARTER, Frederick
CHEESEMAN, Henry
CLARIDGE, William
CLARKE, Maria
CLOSE, Stephen
COFFEY, Michael
COLEMAN, Julia
COLLINS, Michael
CONNOR, Honora
COOK, Walter
CROWTHER, Dixon
CULLEN, Mary
DOBBIE, Thomas
DODDY, Jeremiah
DOOLEY, Francis
DOWNEY, Mary
DUNN, John
DUNN, F
FEAHEN, John
GARDNER, Charles
GASH, George
GAVEY, James
GOULD, Jane
GREENHILL, Frederick
GRINT, Annie
HALL, Alfred
HARRISON, William
HASKELL, George
HEMMING, Caroline
HOGAN, James
HOGAN, Mary
INGRAM, Jasper
IRWIN, James
IRWIN, Albert
JACKSON, James
KEARNEY, James
KEARNEY, Thomas
KEARNEY, Mary
KEEGAN, Patrick
KEEPRON, Ellen
KELBOW, James
KELBOW, Lavinia
KENDALL, George
KENDALL, William
KERSHAW, William
KILLCHER, Maurice
KIMBER, John
KING, Arthur
KINGERLEE, Thomas
KITSON, William
KNIGGE, Herman
LAPP, Henry
LANGLEY, Walter
LEITCH, Elizabeth
LeNOWRY, Francis
LLOYD, John
LOXLEY, William
LYNE, Thomas
LYNG, John
MACKIE, George
MAINING, William
MAHONEY, Daniel
MARTIN, Thomas
MILLS, Henry
MOORE, Louisa
MORREY, Edward
MUNRO, James
MURPHY, Daniel
MURPHY, Honora
NICOLLE, Judith
OKI, John (to Nelson)
PELLARD, William
POWER, Kate
PRICE, David
PURCELL, Martin
PURCELL, Bridget
QUARTERMAN, Leonard
QUIRKE, Bartholmew
REED, Thomas
REIDY, Mary
ROBERTS, Morris
ROBINS, William
ROWLAND, George
SALTER, Thomas
SEXTON, James
SHEA, Margaret
SMITH, William
STACEY, Joseph
STRATFORD, Charles
SULLIVAN, John
TEEHAN, Jeremiah
TURNER, Michael
WALSH, John
WARD, George
WARWICK, Margaret
WEALLEAVERS, James
WEBBER, Joseph
WHENBAW, William
WHYTE, Archibald
WICK, Thomas
WICK, Edwin
WIGGINS, John
WILCOCK, George
WILLIAMS, Jasper
WILLIAMS, William
WILLIAMS, Jane
WOOD, George
WOODNEET, Arthur
WOODNEET, Annie
WOODNEET, Mary
WOODWARD, Stephen
WOOLFORD, Charles
WOOLFORD, Ambrose

Additional to Archives. Source: Descendants.

The name of George Wilcock's wife: Elizabeth
A daughter was born to them during the voyage whom they named Edwina Fox Wilcock.

The name of James Cannon's wife: Ann
A son of James and Ann, died during the voyage, and a new son was born to them while still at sea, whom they christened James.

The name of William Robin's wife: Mary

8 George and Elizabeth together with their three children, on disembarking at Wellington proceeded by Coastal Steamer to Wanganui, thence going to Fielding by horse and bullock team.
George started work for Messers Jas and C Bull on the construction of the Aorangi railway bridge (this bridge is just 1/2 km south of Fielding town and is still there to this day) this bridge is an important link on the main railway line from Foxton to Wanganui. J & C Bull were a prominent building company and owned a large timber mill in the area, this district was later to be named "Bulls" after this family. In the census records it shows George and family residing at Awahuri from 1878 until 1893, but , more recent research shows George as owning a farm at Aorangi just 2 miles from Fielding town, opposite the Aorangi dairy factory, which stood until recent years, in fact it may still be there. On completion of the Aorangi railway bridge in 1878, George joined the railway.
With George working away from home several weeks at a time, his eldest son John (My Grandfather) and his mother, Elizabeth ran the family farm, resulting in John (then 20 years old) being officially recognised as a farmer on the 1894/95 census. In 1894 George and family shifted to Wanganui and built a house at 166 Anzac parade on the corner of Mawae St. (this home still stands to this day (1999), just 5 or 6 sections from the bridge he was working on, at this stage he was foreman of works on the Foxton - Wanganui - NewPlymouth rail section. According to records, George was held in very high esteem by all that knew him.
George retired from the railway in 1903 at the age of 60, it was just prior to this that he bought a block of rough bush covered land at Opua Rd, just 7 miles north of Opunaki on the slopes of Mt Egmont, which they cleared and developed , son John and his new wife Eliza (my Grandparents) eventually ran the farm. Originally there was no accommodation on this land, their first home consisted of several sheets of corrugated iron leaning against a tree trunk, this is where Laurie (my father) was born in 1903. Dad always claimed he was born under a sheet of iron in the bush and had never been in hospital, even when he was born !!
George and Elizabeth's future from then onward for the next 18 years became a little hazy in my mind, I do know he was a very active positive man and at 60 years believed he had plenty to accomplish yet. He bought a property in Auckland and whilst there did a bit of developing etc. good information says, at one stage he moved a complete house across the harbour to Devonport, with the aid of horses, rollers, a few planks, and primitive tools of the day.
As years went by, in 1923 they returned to Palmerston North and bought a house on the corner of Albert St and Main St (only demolished of recent years, now stands an hotel) here they lived until they died in 1931. George and Elizabeth were both buried together in the Terrace End Cemetery, row 10.



Immigrant Wharf, Graves End.

From where the "Edwin Fox" left, on the 25.12.1874 with the Wilcock family on board. This wharf was opened in 1840 and closed in 1890. Now privately owned.
Photo taken 14.8.1989

THE HOUSE THAT GEORGE BUILT.
At 166 Anzac Pde.on the corner of Mawae St. Known as Pt.Section 89. Left Bank Wanganui River also lot 4 D.P. in Deeds Register office, Wellington as No 51. Owners details are missing prior to 1926. (Charles E. Williams) A huge double wedding was held here for their two daughters, Edwina and Annie, in 1900. Photo taken Feb 1999.



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OPUA ROAD-4km NORTH OF OPUNAKI

2½km UP OPUA RD ON THE LEFT, IS THE SITE OF THIS ORIGINAL OLD "CREAMERY" BUILT IN 1902/3 BY GEORGE WILCOCK AND A FEW LOCAL FARMERS ON A VOLUNTARY LABOUR BASIS



THE ORIGINAL OLD BOILER(THE CHIMNEY OF WHICH CAN BE SEEN IN THE PHOTO) THE BOILER STILL LAYS AT THE SITE OF THE OLD"CREAMERY" PHOTO TAKEN FEB 2000



GEORGE BUILT AND USED THE FIRST WATER DRIVEN MILKING MACHINEHERE, IT BECAME A TOURIST ATTRACTION. KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MACHINE IS KNOWN OF TO THIS DAY BY THE FEAVER FAMILY WHO SETTLED IN OPUA ROAD IN 1895,AND STILL LIVE THERE, PROBABLY NEIGHBOURS OF GEORGE WILCOCK

OPUA ROAD 1911-1959

PHOTO AND ITEM FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TARANAKI MUSEUM

The history of the Opua Road Co-operative Dairy Company spanned a period of 48 years. The first meeting of settlers to discuss the forming of a dairy company took place on May 1, 1911, when it was decided to form a company and erect a cheese factory.

Decisions from the meeting went into effect, on May 10, when a cheese plant was purchased from J B MacEwan's for £428-14-0.

On July 18, a tender was accepted from Mason and Struthers to erect a cheese factory at a price of £602-18-6. Mr Jas Austin was appointed first manager at a salary of £156 and Mr T H H Sinclair secretary at a salary of £14.

On July 22, a contract was arranged with Mr G Feaver for the supply of rata firewood, delivered and stacked at the factory at a price of 21 shillings a cord.

Mr G Wilcock was elected chairman of the company on July 28 and at the same time tenders were called for the erection of a manager's house.

A special meeting was called on September 28, at which it was decided to accept a price of £6-1-6 for the sale of six tons of cheese to Tooley Street agents Messrs Collett and Company.

Mr Cooper's tender of £190 to erect the manager's house was accepted on September 14.

Cheese was manufactured continuously until October, 1956, when, because of poor grading and lack of throughput, arrangements were made with Cape Egmont Dairy Company to supply cream and green casein.

These arrangements continued until October, 1958, when a meeting was called with the Opunake Co-operative Dairy Co to discuss a merger. After many long discussions and a series of meetings the shareholders voted in favour of merging with Opunake from June 11, 1959.

The Opua factory operated until June 30, 1960. From July 1, all Opua supply went to Opunake by tanker.



THE OLD CHEESE FACTORY IS 5.5 km UP OPUA RD ON THE RIGHT, IT STILL STANDS TO THIS DAY FEB 2000

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No. 40

Certificate of Registry of Birth

Pursuant to the Acts Anno Sexto et Septimo Gulielmi IV. Regis, Cap. lxxxvi., et Anno Primo Victoria Regina, cap.

1843. Birth in the ~~Sub~~-District of Pontefract in the County of York

No.	When and Where Born.	Name (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profesion of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
	Sixteenth of March				Martha Wilcock		The Mark X of Martha Wilcock	Twenty fourth of March 1843	
197	1843 at Pontefract	George	Boy	John Wilcock	formerly Wilson	Wheelwright	Mother Brough houses Pontefract		

I hereby Certify the above to be a True Copy of the Entry No. 197 in the Birth Register Book, No. 4.05. for the said ~~Sub~~-District of Pontefr

the said Register being legally in my custody. Witness my Hand this sixteenth day of November 1889

[signature]

Statute 6 & 7 Will. IV., c. 86, s. 41, it is enacted, "That every Rector, Vicar, or Curate, and every Registrar, Officer, and Secretary, who shall have the keeping for the time being of any Register Book of Births, Deaths, &c., shall at all reasonable times allow searches to be made of any Register Book in his keeping, and shall give Copies under the Hand of any Entry or Entries in the same, on payment of the Fee hereinafter mentioned; (viz. for every Search extending over a period of not more than One Year the sum of 1s., and 6d. additional for every Year, AND THE SUM OF 2/6 FOR EVERY CERTIFICATE." (not including the Stamp, 23 Vic., c. 15

By the 14 & 15 Vict., c. 99, sect. 14, whenever any book is of such public nature as to be admissible in evidence on its mere production from the proper custody, any copy thereof or extract therefrom PURPORT to be SIGNED and CERTIFIED as a TRUE COPY or EXTRACT by the Officer to whose custody the original is intrusted, made admissible in evidence in any Court of Justice provided it

THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF GEORGE WILCOCK WHO CAME TO N.Z. ON THE "EDWIN FOX IN 1875

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Marriage solemnized in the Parish Church of St. John, Manchester, in the County of Lanca
in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six

George Wilcock of the Parish of Manchester
Bachelor and Elizabeth Collins of the Par
Manchester, Spinster were married in the above Church, according to the
and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Banns this 28th
day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eig

By me George Slade

This Marriage was Solemnized between us: George Wilcock, Elizabeth Collins

In presence of us, George Sykes, Elizabeth Sykes X

The above is a faithful extract, taken this 28 day of Octr 1866

Joseph S Wood Parish Clerk.

GEORGE WILCOCK
AND
ELIZABETH COLLINS

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
28.10. 1866

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ALEX WILCOCK
(adopted son)

AUNT MARY WILCOCK
Spinster

EMMA
(Mrs Gavey)

GEORGE WOOLFORD
(Martha's eldest son)

MARTHA WILCOCK
(Mrs Woolford)
Eldest daughter

EDWINA FOX WILCOCK
(Mrs Gibson) & son VERDIN

ANNIE
(Mrs Walsh)
youngest daughter

ELIZABETH WILLCOCK----- GEORGE WILLCOCK.

Absent. Sons John & Charlie



OCCASION: Golden Wedding Anniversary at Wanganui East, 28 October 1916

GOLDEN WEDDING
At Wanganui East
28. 10. 1916

Mr & Mrs Wilcock, of Hipango Street, Wanganui East, celebrated their Golden Wedding on Saturday last. A large number of friends and relatives attended to do them honour on this auspicious occasion. A number of telegrams were received from those unable to attend.
Mr & Mrs Wilcock arrived in New Zealand by the good ship Edwin Fox in April 1875 and came on to Wanganui by steamer, thence going to fielding by horse and bullock teams. Mr Wilcock started to work for Messrs Jas and C Bull on the Aorangi rail bridge. After this was finished he commenced on the railway, after he was appointed foreman of works for the Foxton – Wanganui – New Plymouth section. Many important alterations were made under his supervision.
He retired from the railway service on attaining the age of 60 years in 1903 and has since been engaged in farming operations for several years. Mr Wilcock is 73 years of age and was born in Yourkshire.Mrs Wilcock is 70 her birthplace being Cheshire. There are eight of a family———
Mrs Woolford, Te Riki, Taranaki. John Wilcock, Palmersto North. Mrs gavey, Palmerston North. Mrs A Gibson, Wanganui. Mrs G Walsh, Petone. Alick Wilcock of Midhurst. Charlie Wilcock, Balance. Mary Wilcock Wanganui East. and 32 Grand children.
The presents on this anniversary of 50 happy years of wedlock were numerous and costly, a very pleasurable afternoon and evening were spent.

(Wanganui Cronical)
30. 10. 1916

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20 August 1985

Mr B.L. Wilcock
765 River Road
HAMILTON

Dear Mr Wilcock

GEORGE AND ELIZABETH WILCOCK

In your letter of 28 June 1985 you asked if we could confirm the date the Wilcocks arrived in New Zealand.

We cannot confirm their date of arrival, as we do not hold passenger lists for the Edwin Fox voyage of 1875. However, we can give you a confirmed date of arrival of the Edwin Fox. The arrival is reported in the New Zealand Mail, 24 April 1875 as follows: "April 18... Edwin Fox, barque, 835 tons, Davis, from London, with 259 immigrants. Turnbull & Co., agents".

I have sent you a copy of a drawing of the Edwin Fox, and an article about her latter days in Picton, and the possibility of restoration (Nelson Evening Mail, 24 October 1964. Shipping Box 2, p.61.)

I looked up the first few years of Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory, and found the following entries:

1875-6 No entry

1878 Wilcock, George, Carpenter, Awahuri, Wn.
[Awahuri - Wellington province, 104 miles N.W. by railway and coach from Wellington city; 20 miles from coast; in Manawatu county; 1 hotel, no churches but Eng. Presb. and Wesl. services held; pop. about 200; post town]

1880-81 Wilcock, George, carpenter, Awahuri, Wn

1883-84 " " " " "

1885-86 " " " " "

1887-88 " " " " "

1890-90 " " " " "

1892-93 " " " " "

1894-95 Wilcock, I., farmer " " "
[in the alphabetical section the initial is I, but in the towns and streets section the initial is J]

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Some of- **George & Elizabeth's** family at their home on the South Eastern Cnr- Main and Albert Street Palmerston North. Photo taken 1939

John **Charlie**
Mary **Emma**
Edwina



PALMERSTON NORTH
TERRACE END CEMETARY
ROW 10

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GEORGE WILCOCK'S APPRENTICSHIP PAPERS: Wheelright / Carpenter, 21 September 1858 to 21 September 1862
Master - Rhuben Wass. Starting wages, 3 shillings per week.

This Indenture Witnesseth That George Wilcock of Pontefract in
the County of York
doth put himself Apprentice to Rhuben Wass of the same Place
to learn his Art and with him after the Manner of an Apprentice to serve from the 1st Day of March
one Thousand eight hundred fifty Eight
unto the full End and Term of Three Years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended During
which Term the said Apprentice his Master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawful commands every
where gladly do he shall do no damage to his said Master nor see to be done of others but to his Power shall tell
or forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same he shall not waste the Goods of his said Master
nor lend them unlawfully to any he shall not commit fornication nor contract Matrimony within the said Term
shall not play at Cards or Dice Tables or any other unlawful Games whereby his said Master may have any loss
with his own goods or others during the said Term without Licence of his said Master he shall neither buy
nor sell he shall not haunt Taverns or Playhouses nor absent himself from his said Master service day
or night unlawfully But in all things as a faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master
and all his during the said Term And the said Rhuben Wass shall during the said Term ~~shall use~~

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his said Apprentice in the Art of Wheelwright Carpenter which he with by the best means
that he can shall teach and Instruct or cause to be taught and instructed ~~Finding unto the said Apprentice meat Drink~~
~~Lodging and all other Necessaries during the said Term~~
The said Rhuben Wass agrees to pay the said George Wilcock Three Shillings
~~per week for the first year Four Shillings per week for the second year~~ per week from September 21st 1858 to September 21st 1859
~~Five Shillings per week for the third year~~ per week from September 21st 1859 to September 21st 1860
~~Six Shillings per week for the fourth year~~ per week from September 21st 1860 to September 21st 1861
~~Seven Shillings per week for the fifth year~~ per week from September 21st 1861 to September 21st 1862
And for the true performance of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements each of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the
other by these Presents In Witness whereof the Parties above named to these Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals
the fifth day of February in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lady the Queen by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland QUEEN Defender of the Faith
and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Eight

George Wilcock
Rhuben Wass

NB. The Indenture Covenant Article or Contract must bear date the day it is executed and what Money
or other thing is given or covenanted for with the Clerk or Apprentice must be inserted in Words at Length
otherwise the Indenture will be void the Master or Mistress forfeit Fifty Pounds and another Penalty and
the Apprentice be disabled to follow his Trade or be made Free.

Witness [illegible]

100-YEAR-OLD BELIEVES IN HARD WORK

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B 20-10-1886
D June 1990

Maude Wilcock (pictured) of Wanganui, believes hard work never hurt anyone. And the sprightly white-haired lady ought to know — today she celebrates her 100th birthday.

But the centenarian claims she doesn't feel any different today than she did many years ago.

"I don't feel 100 at all," she said.

Yet if there is a secret to her longevity, she believes it's a life of hard work.

"For years I've done a man's work," she said. "When Alexander and I married, we married with nothing and we started with nothing. We have had to work together."

Mrs Wilcock (nee Gibson) was born at her parents' Brunswick Rd home in 1886. She was the youngest of William and Eliza Gibson's seven children.

At the age of nine she moved north to Stratford. She returned to Wanganui at the age of 18 when her mother died.

Unknowingly Mrs Wilcock had attended the local primary school with her future husband. But it wasn't until many years later that the young girl met her Alexander.

"My brother married Alexander's sister," she said. "I met Alexander again on his return to Wanganui when he was on leave with the Mounted Rifles in Trentham."

The couple married in 1909, and lived on a farm at the foot of Mt Egmont before returning to Wanganui about 45 years ago.

Although they had only one child — a daughter, Della — Mrs Wilcock's motherly influence touched the lives of many others.

Among them were her husband's sister's orphaned children.

The centenarian now lives in Alma Rd with her daughter. Her days are quiet ones — spent nurturing the garden or pottering around in the kitchen.

She keeps her hands busy with crocheting. She has made more than 45 single blankets which have been donated to societies and charities.

Mrs Wilcock has never smoked. But she said with a little wink, that she does have the odd spot of whiskey with water as medicine for when she's not feeling the best.

"I've had a good life," she said.

"I've lived by the 10 Commandments, as my mother taught me to. And my door has always been open to everyone.

"Now I have to sit back and be Lady Jane. I want to do things, but my back won't let me."

But Mrs Wilcock certainly deserves to be able to sit back and play the gracious lady.

It is a role she has played over the past two weeks as the build-up to today's celebrations, with many friends and relatives travelling from around the country to be with her.

Meanwhile, as her lounge fills up with birthday cards and presents, the festivities are expected to continue for another week as more well-wishers travel to celebrate with her.

20 Oct 1986

● By LIDIA ZATORSKI

A FEW FAMILY FACTS.

EDWINA. Married Maude's(nee Gibson) brother, a Gibson.
Maude . Married Alex,(Elizabeth & Georges) adopted son.
ALEX . Was Martha's illegitimate son, adopted by E&G
MARTHA. Married the son of Charlie Woolford, who came out on the "Edwin Fox" with George and Elizabeth.

MAUDE and ALEX — Took over George and Elizabeths farm in OPUA RD in 1909. John & Eliza then purchased in Stratford

ELIZABETH. On one of George's frequent work trips away in 1901 whilst living in Wanganui, she discovered in the bush, a whare with young children playing nearby, on entering the whare she found both parents dead. She took the children home and bought them up as her own having buried the parents nearby. Their family name was found to be Wealleans,one of these boys worked for John on his farm in 1936(35yrs later!!). The Wealleans family now own a fertiliser Co in the Waikato,I contacted a grandson of this family recently only to be told by him that they have not been able to trace their family back beyond Wanganui in the 1900 !!!, I told him of this story which was well known by our old family members.

GEORGE Imported 2 gold watches from England, one for each of his sons, John and Charlie,John (my grandfather) eventually gave his to Laurie who in in turn gave it to myself.I remember John using this on his farm in 1936. More information on this watch is else where in this album

WOOLFORD, CHARLES AMBROSE

"Charlie" Woolford was born in England in 1867, and arrived in New Zealand aboard S.S. *Edwin Fox* in 1875.

He spent his childhood at Bulls, and when he married Miss Martha Wilcocks who came to New Zealand on the same ship, he worked on the N.Z. Railways. In 1900 he settled as a farmer on Opua Road, and about 10 years later he took over a farm at Taungatara until his retirement to Opunake in 1920.

He was a director of the Awatuna Dairy Company and a member of the Te Kiri School and Hall Committees. He was also keenly interested in coursing.

The Woolfords had a family of five sons and two daughters. Mr Woolford died at Hamilton in July, 1947.

The S.S. *Edwin Fox* by which both Mr and Mrs Woolford came to New Zealand as children, has an interesting history. The ship was built in India in 1853, mostly of teak, hand-shaped, adzed and iron-bound. It was used as a trading ship, carrying tea to England, and as a troopship during the Crimean War.

She brought settlers to New Zealand, and also transported convicts to Australia. (One hesitates to refer to the *Edwin Fox* as "she", but I am assured it is correct to do so.)

In 1947 the ship was being used as a coal bunker at Picton, later being banished to Shakespeare Bay where she lay on her side for about 20 years.

Then the Restoration Society stepped in, and the *Edwin Fox* was raised and steered by her own rudder, back to Picton. There she is being restored to original condition by the Society with the aid of voluntary labour. This is not just a New Zealand effort, there is international interest as well.

The ship's timbers were found to be in remarkably good order, and the workers discovered many interesting artifacts such as wine bottles, clay pipes, etc., which had been pushed down between the walls.

Charlie Woolford's name is on the 1875 passenger list together with our family. Descendants of this family are still in and around Oponaki/ Taranaki. Many passengers later married, I guess they all had some thing very much in common as they all experienced 3 months on the high seas in the Edwin Fox.
When you visit the **Edwin Fox** in Picton, Stop—think of these old settlers and what they suffered in the 1870's



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Oliver Malcolm Wilcock- the guy who immigrate to Australia bottom right on this family tree, his daughter (Enid Lewis) whom we met, tells her story.

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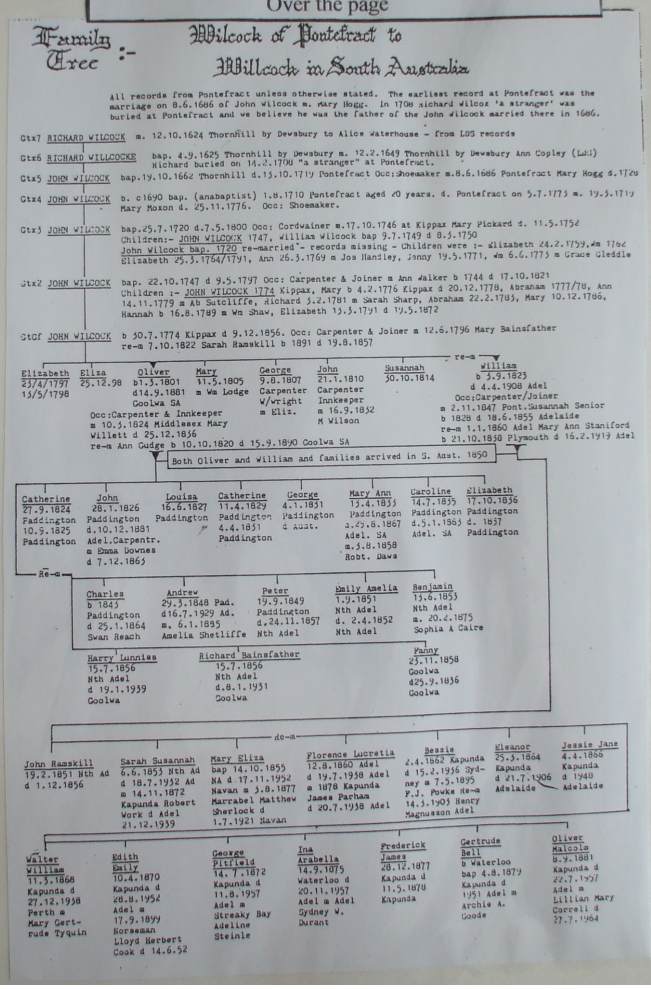

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Mr B L Wilcock
C/- T L Wilcock
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Dear Brian,

I was pleased to hear from you that it seems we are related. It makes me wonder what other members of the Willcocks from Pontefract emigrated to Australia or New Zealand last century.

I am enclosing the "tree". You will see that your great great grandfather John Wilcock b 21.1.1810 and my grandfather William were half brothers.

Thge 1841 Census of Pontefract shows that John Wilcock (Carpenter) and his wife Martha (nee Wilson) lived at North Gate and in 1861 John was shown as Carpenter and Innkeeper and they lived at 57 Hope and Anchor, North Gate. Their children were:- John b 20.3.1834, Jane b 7.12.1837, Ann b 1841, George b 1843, William b 27.12.1848, Emma b 19.11.1850, Charles b 1856.

A researcher took out all the Willcock records from St Giles/ St Mary's church in Pontefract for me some years ago and that is how we made up the "tree" of both Oliver and William who came to South Australia.

You will see that ancestors of our Willcock ancestor John b 30.7.1774 Kippax d 9.12.1856 Pontefract were all tradesmen - carpenters and joiners and before that cordwainers and shoemakers and that they all called their first son John.

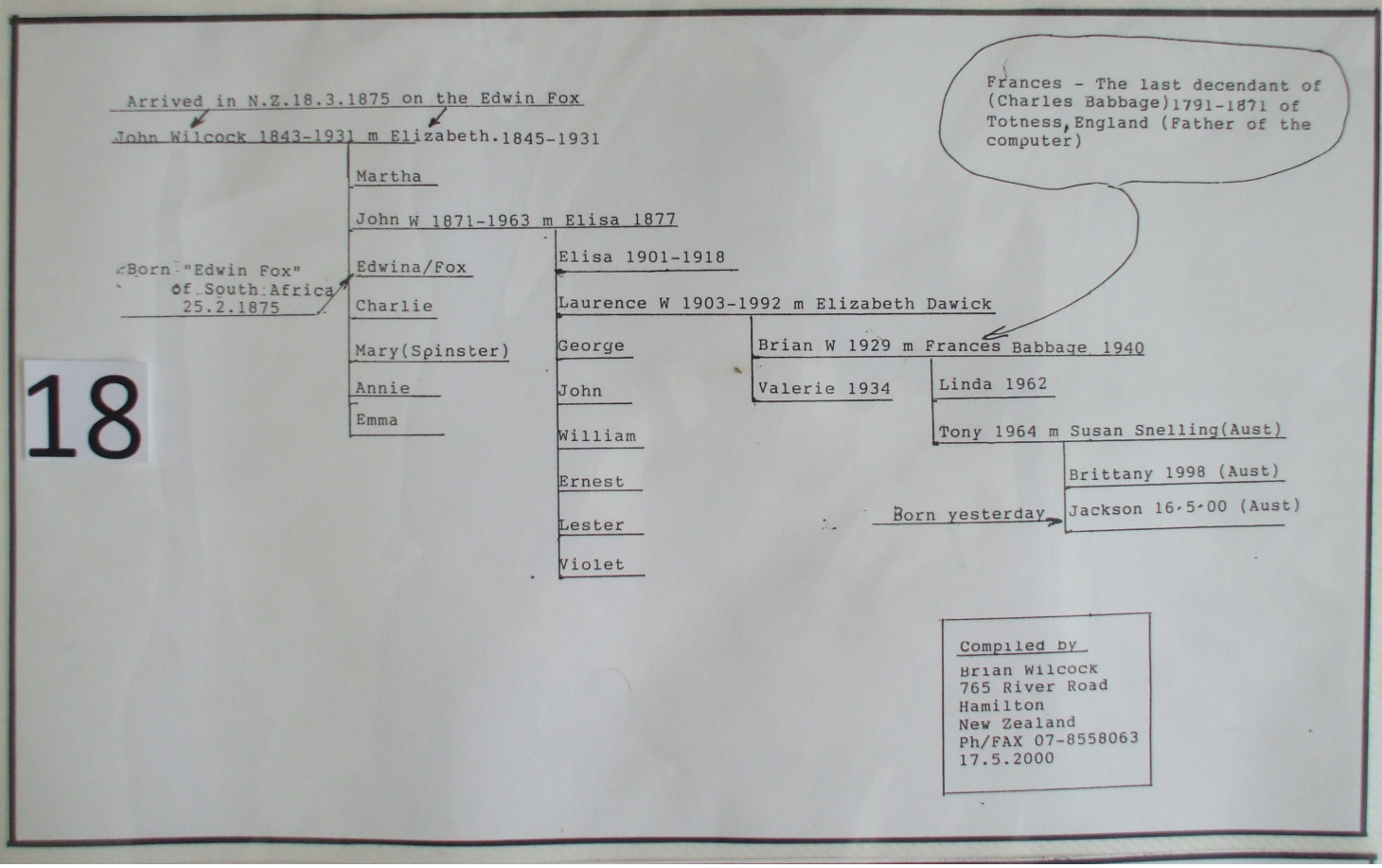
My father was Oliver Malcolm b 8.9.1881 and I have one brother Eric Malcolm who has 3 sons and a daughter and 8 grandchildren. They all live in Sydney and Eric's address is 19 Kenilworth Street Bondi Junction 2022 Ph (02)3876091.

I am 66 years of age and we have two children, Don and Bronwyn. Both are secondary school teachers, married to teachers. Don (and Ann) have four daughters and Bronwyn (and Phil) have a son and a daughter. My husband Bill was the head of Planning in the Postal Services Department but was retired (invalidity) in 1973. He had had multiple sclerosis for many years. He is still quite mobile but is unable to leave home for any length of time.
I was interested to see that the name Wilcock has continued in NZ with male descendants. In SA where the original brothers emigrated it has now died out - my last male cousin died recently, leaving two daughters. However there are many Willcocks in WA (descendants of Walter William) and in NSW (descendants of Oliver Malcolm).

I hope that you enjoy your trip to Australia and if you get to Adelaide we would like to meet your both. I will tell my brother. I'm sure he'd like to meet you too, if you are in Sydney. He is retired (age 61)..

With best wishes,

Enid Lewis



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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

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Registration District PONTEFRACT

371. **Birth in the Sub-district of** Pontefract **in the** County of York

Columns:— 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
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*See note overleaf.

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

Superintendent Registrar

5th September 1980 *Date*

TION:—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this ertificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to e false, is liable to prosecution.

JOHN WILCOCK (The first son of George) Birth certificate.
My Grandfather.

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JOHN AND ELIZA WILCOCK

John and Eliza (my Grandparents) moved from Opua Rd in 1909 having farmed there for some 6 years, this property was taken over by George's adopted son Alex and his wife Maude (died recently in 1990) in Wanganui at 104 years old. Their only daughter Della Wilcock, still lives in Wanganui (1999).
John and Eliza bought their own farm in Warrick Rd, 5 miles from Stratford town, from there they moved to a farm at Newbury, 10 miles north of Palmerston North, from where Laurie attended the Newbury School. Several years later John and Eliza moved to the Waikato and purchased a farm at Rotokauri in 1927, the property was overlooking and adjoining lake Rotokauri, they eventually sold this property to the Zimmerman family, who , in turn sold it to the Clark family, this farm, of recent years, has become a suburb of Hamilton.
John purchased another farm 1 mile away on the Rotokauri Hamilton/Rotokauri main road 2 miles before the Rotokauri School. They were tough days, grandfather ran a lot of sheep which were all shorn by hand. To maintain his meagre income he milked a few cows and with his horse and cart delivered milk to his customers in Hamilton 3 miles away. John and Eliza parted company in 1932 each going their own way, John and Eliza had 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls, Violet and Eliza, Eliza died young aged 17 years. The mother Eliza took the younger children and went and lived in Hamilton. John eventually sold his farm in 1939 and moved to live in Auckland where he spent many years. John eventually returned to live in Palmerston North purchasing a house in main St, where he resided until he died by misfortune in 1963 aged 92 years, he is buried beside his daughter in the Terrace End cemetery, row 9, directly opposite his parents.

BROTHERS



GEORGE
of Te Rapa
Poultry farms
Proprietor
8 Daughters
4 Sons
Wife
Florence



LAURIE
OF Rotokauri
FARMER
Wife
Elizabeth
(Bess)
1Daughter
1 Son



JOHN
of Tauranga
MILK DELIVERY
&
ORCHARDIST
Wife
Gladys
1 Daughter

DAUGHTER



VIOLET
Husband.Simon
MITCHEL
of Hamilton
2 Daughters



DAUGHTER
ELIZA
Oldest Daughter
Died at 17 yrs
Terrace End
Cemetary with
her father
Row 9

BROTHERS



WILLIAM (BILL)
of HAMILTON
TAXI
PROPRIETOR
Wife- Betty
(Elizabeth)
2 Daughters.



ERNIE
of HAMILTON
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PROPRIETOR
Wife.Marjory
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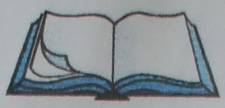

John Wilcock Born in Ponifract York England on 21 Jan 1871
He immigrated to N Z on the Edwin Fox aged 4, berthing at Wellington on the 18 April 1875
They travelled by ship to Wanganui then to Fielding by bullock wagon ,where the family farmed land at Awahuri

Eliza Jenkinson Born in London in 1877, she immigrated to N.Z.. in 1884 aged 7 years. they lived at Wangamomona where her father was a railway construction foreman in the early1890's

In 1894 **John** and his parents moved from Awahuri to Wanganui, **Eliza** was living at Wangamomona with her parents some 65 miles away, probably closer via the mountain tracks that existing in those days, some how **John** and **Eliza** met, they were married at Hawera on 24 Dec 1894 at this stage John was **23** years old and Eliza was **17**. Their first son George was born on the 15 Aug 1899. Their 2nd child, also Eliza, born in 1900 died in 1918 from the plague that ravished the nation at the end of the 1st world war. Their 3rd child was John, born on 7.4.01. Their 4th child **Laurie** was born on 9 Dec 1903, (under a sheet of iron) on the farm at Opua Road, 4km north of Oponaki, (Dad always claimed this was true) they had no house on this virgin land at the time. John & Eliza had another 4 children as years went by.- Violet- William (Bill)-- Ernie – and Les. making a total of 8 children.
Eliza spent 80 years of her life in N.Z. she eventually died on the 14 Aug 1964 one day short of her first sons 65 birthday
Little was ever known of **Eliza** my grandmother , I remember her as a hard working farmers wife/ mother and home maker, I believe **Eliza** was not the easiest of ladies to get along with, John and Eliza parted company in 1932.with John following his farming activities around the Waikato and Eliza living in Rimu Street Hamilton for many years, John & Eliza kept their family together, although they themselves were living apart.-------- **Eliza** currently rests in the Hamilton lawn cemetery Newstead.----

More on John and Eliza elsewhere in this book

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John's death by misfortune in 1963

John put his early evening drink of milk/water on the gas ring to warm up, he lay down to await his drink, and dozed off, at the same time the gas flame went out and the gas continued to spill into the room, of course John was nearly gassed. Off to hospital he was taken, he never really got over it, several weeks later he died from lung problems. I am sure had this accident not happened he would lived for many more years. He was 92 years old when he died.
He was a tough old nut,and a picture of good health, he was obsessed with gardenening,did not wear glasses, never smoked. and had his own teath at 92, he was never old and decrepid.
At 62 he had one tooth removed without anesthetic(he didn't like these modern ideas) he just wanted the B--- out !!

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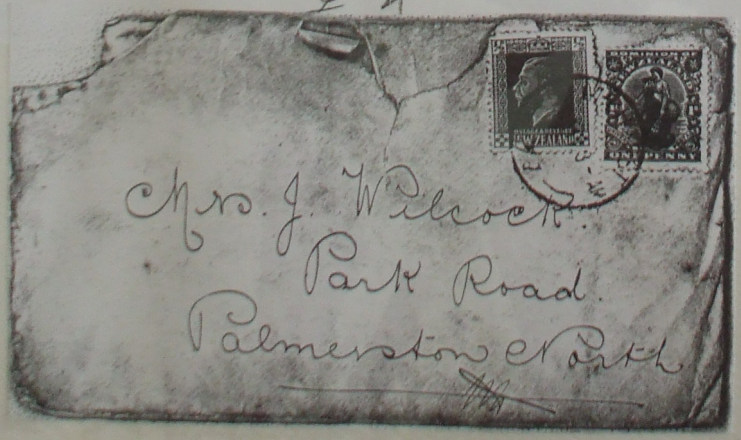

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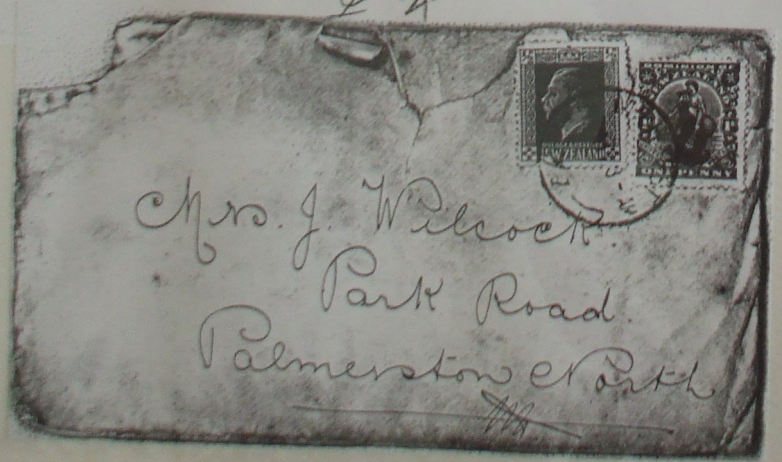

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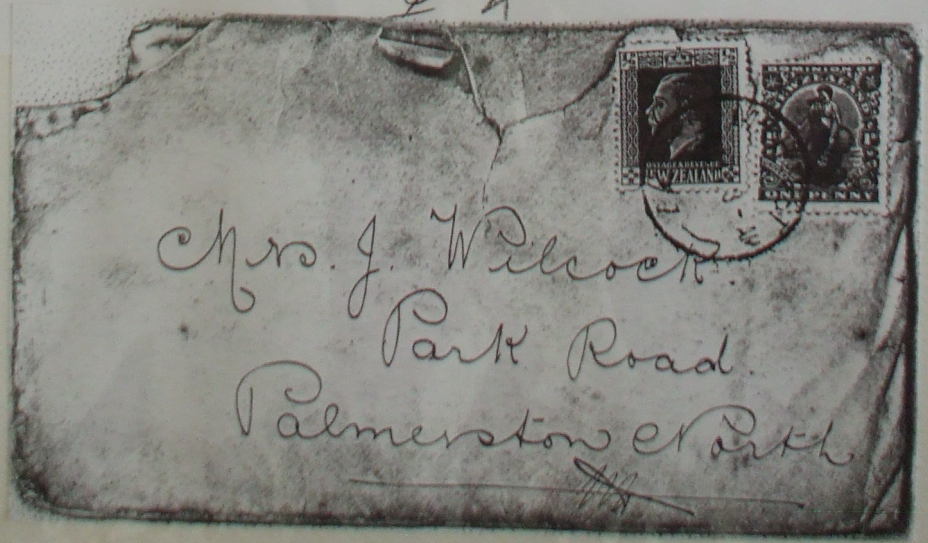

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How our name has evolved over the centuries --- Information—Thanks to Tony

Wilby.—Local, 'of Wilby,' villages in cos. Norfolk, Suffolk, and Northampton.

Robert de Wyleby, co. Northampton, Hen. III–Edw. I. K.
Wigan de Wyleby, co. Leicester, ibid.
Juliana de Wylleby, co. Notts, 1273. A.
1577–8. Richard Wilbie and Emma Tailor: Marriage Lic. (London), i. 79.
1603. Thomas Wilbe, or Wilbee, or Wilbie, co. York: Reg. Univ. Oxf. vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 264.
1687. John Wilby (co. Kent) and Mary Putnume: Marriage Alleg. (Canterbury), ii. 41.
London, 1; Philadelphia, 7; Boston (U.S.), 2.

Wilcock, Wilcocke, Wilcocks, Wilcockson, Wilcox, Wilcoxon, Wilcoxen. — Bapt. 'the son of William,' from nick. Will, and suffix *-cock* (v. Cocks); cf. Jeffcock, Simcock, &c.

Wilecoc Rossel, co. Devon, 1273. A.
Ricardus Wilkokson, 1379: P. T. Yorks. p. 266.
Adam Wylkokson, 1379: ibid.
Radulfus Wylcok', 1379: ibid. p. 145.
Willelmus Wilkocson, 1379: ibid. p. 174.
1526–7. Lawrence Hillis and Wynefred Wylcoks: Marriage Lic. (London), i. 5.
1576. Bapt.—John, s. Robert Wylecockes: St. Michael, Cornhill, p. 89.
1617. William Wilcock, of Flixton: Wills at Chester, i. 209.
1666. Richard Wilcoxen (co. Ches.) and Eleanor Starkey: Marriage Lic. (Faculty Office), p. 93.
London, 3, 3, 2, 2, 24, 1, 0; Philadelphia, 4, 0, 0, 0, 53, 0, 0; New York, 1, 0, 0, 0, 39, 1, 1.

Wild, Wilde, Wyld, Wylde.—Nick. 'wild, violent, untamed.' It was a popular sobriquet in Yorkshire, judging by the 1379 Poll Tax and the present county directory.

Emma la Willde, co. Oxf., 1273. A.
Walter le Wilde, co. Suff., ibid.
William le Wilde, co. Hunts, ibid.
William le Wild, 1313. M.

Laurie & Elizabeth (Bess)
1903 ----- 1992

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Newbury School
KIA KAHA

8 May 2003

Mr B. Wilcock,
765 River Road,
HAMILTON

Dear Mr Wilcock,

Re: Historical Records

We are in receipt of your letter dated 10th January 2003. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a whole lot more information than was given to you by Mr Ian Roberts in 1983.

I have included a copy of the 'Admission Register' which states George Wilcock (d.o.b. 16/8/99), Eliza Wilcock (d.o.b. ??), Laurie Wilcock (d.o.b. 10/12/02) and John Wilcock (d.o.b. 7/4/01) were all admitted to Newbury School on the 26/1/14. I have also included a copy of the log book page which states the same. Furthermore, I have included a copy of the original log book page announcing the result of the Proficiency exams and George Wilcock being Dux, along with the transcribed copy which is a page out of our centenary book – 1878 – 1978. Sadly, I was unable to find any further information re the school in Waitara they attended, or even the dates that the Wilcock family left Newbury School.

I hope this information has been helpful to you.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Prier
Secretary
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Elizabeth Dawick

Married Laurie on 26 June 1928.
Elizabeth (Bess)was my mother.
Mum came from a very prominent Palmerston North family, the detailed history of her family is written in detail else where in this folder.
This family history was written by Les Dawick then, of Potts Point Sydney on the 6 April 1968 just 4 months before he died !. he was the eldest son of William Dawick, and step brother of Bess , and Grandson of Samuel Dawick the original Dawick settler in Palmerston North in 1873.
Usually the female side of a family is overlooked, in our case a detailed history of Mums family has been written by Les, Mum's oldest step brother in his latter years, he was thought full enough to put his knowledge on to paper for the benefit of future generations who may be interested in their heritage.
It is interesting to note, all of William's children were self employed as were his 2 daughters husbands.
In our house hold there is a chiming clock Which William bought for himself for his 50th birthday in 1913. The clock had lacked a home since 1966, I inherited it in 1987 and had the mechanics completely reconditioned at the time.
All these old Dawick members are now resting in the Terrace End Cemetery, Palmerston North.



Brian



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CERTIFIED COPY of ENTRY in the REGISTER-BOOK of BIRTHS in the District of Opunake

Child. When and where born.	Child. Name of Child, and whether present or not.	Child. Sex.	Parents. Father. 1. Name and Surname. 2. Rank or Profession. 3. Age. 4. Birthplace.	Parents. When and where married.	Parents. Mother. 1. Name and Maiden Surname. 2. Age. 3. Birthplace.	Informant. 1. Signature. 2. Description. 3. Residence. 4. If entry a correction of a former entry, Signatures of Witnesses attesting the same.	Registrar. 1. When registered. 2. Signature of Registrar.
1903 9 December Opua Road Opunake	Laurence Richard Present	M.	1. John Wilcock 2. Farmer 3. 31. 4. Pontefract, Yorkshire, England	1894 24 December Hawera	1. Eliza Wilcock formerly Jenkinson 2. 26 3. London, England	1. Eliza Wilcock 2. Mother 3. Opunake	1903. 29 December W. A. Harding Registrar

William Alfred Harding Registrar of Births and Deaths in the District of Opunake

copy of the entry of the birth of Lawrence Richard Wilcock, in the Register-book in my office.

Given under my hand at Opunake, this 29th day of December, 1903. W. A. Hard

LAWRENCE WILCOCK (Son of John) Birth certificate.
My father.

WILCOCK, Laurance Richard. — On July 24, 1992 (peacefully), at Tauranga Hospital, in his 89th year. Dearly loved husband of Ruth and the late Bess. Loved father and father-in-law of Brian and Frances (Hamilton), Val and Maurice Gerrand (Huntly). Loved grandad of Tony, Linda and Simon Ellis, Andrea, Vivienne and John Rakels. Loved great-grandad of Nicola and Lauren. — His funeral service will be held at the Mt Maunganui Baptist Church, Tui Street, Mt Maunganui on Monday at 10.30am, followed by a service at the Hamilton Park Chapel, Newstead at 3.00pm, thereafter interment in the Newstead Cemetery. All messages to 141 Maunganui Road, Mt Maunganui. — Jones & Company, FDANZ.

NEW ZEALAND. (R.G.—12.

COPY OF REGISTER OF MARRIAGE BY OFFICIATING MINISTER.

1928. Marriage in the District of Palmerston North

No.	When and where married. (Date, Description of Building, and Locality.)	Names and Surnames of the Parties.	Ages.	Rank or Profession.	Condition of Parties:— 1. Bachelor or Spinster (or as now may be) Widower or Widow. 2. Date of Decree or Order Wife or Husband.	Birthplace.	Residence. 1. Present. 2. Usual.	Parents. (1) Father's Name and Surname. (2) His Rank or Profession.	Parents. (1) Mother's Name. (2) Her Maiden Surname.
367	June 26 1928 All Saints Church Palmerston North	Laurence Richard Wilcock	24	Carpenter	1. Bachelor 2. —	Opunake	1. Palmerston North 2. Palmerston North	1. John Wilcock 2. Farmer	1. Eliza Wilcock 2. Jenkinson
		Elizabeth Mary Dawick	23	—	1. Spinster 2. —	Palmerston North	1. Palmerston North 2. Palmerston North	1. William Thomas Dawick 2. Roadsiding West Coast	1. Edith Dawick 2. Hoddinott

MARRIED, after the delivery to me of the Certificate required by the Marriage Act, 1908, by D. Lawrence, Officiating Minister.

This marriage was solemnized between us, Laurence Richard Wilcock, Elizabeth Mary Dawick

In the presence of us, M. Wilcock Waylands Corner, M. Dawick Palmerston North.

I CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of the entry in the Register-book of Marriages kept by me at All Saints Church Palmerston North.

D. Lawrence Officiating Minister.

Registrar's Certificate No. 130, issued at Palmerston North

Denomination: Church of the Province of New Zealand commonly called the Church of England.



LAURIE & BESS.





1929 ROTOKAURI HOMESTEAD 1953

Laurie on leaving school, entered into a building apprenticeship which he completed in 1923, he continued to work as a carpenter in and around Palmerston North during which time he met Elizabeth Dawick (my Mother) a daughter of a prominent Palmerston North family. Laurie and Elizabeth (Bess) were married on June 26 1928.
With the earlier death of Elizabeth's father, " William Dawick" on the 27.9.1919, she was to benefit from his estate the sum of £ 2000.00 thus enabling Laurie and herself to go to Hamilton in the Waikato and purchase a block of undeveloped land 5 miles west of Hamilton, on the corner of Bagust Rd and Rotokauri Rd, just 100 yds from the Rotokauri School, and 2 miles up the road from John his father.
Laurie in 1929 moved to Rotokauri on his own in order to clear a site and start to build a house to accommodate Elizabeth and their new son Brian (me) born 29.9.1929. Mum and I hit town in 1930, the farm was slowly being cleared and established.
Laurie accumulated a small herd of cows which he milked and delivered daily to his customers in Hamilton 5 miles away. It was during the terrible slump of 1929 to 1935 that farmers had to walk off their farms, broke. Laurie and Bess were able to keep their farm, (thanks to Bess's earlier inheritance from her father) if anyone knew tough times they did. Laurie's father John, just down the road was about to loose his farm for the want of £ 200. Laurie was able to save his father by lending him the money, which Laurie did not have and indeed could ill afford. John's promise to repay Laurie never happened.
Laurie and Bess had a hard life on the land, on 28.1.1934 their daughter arrived, thus completing Bess and Laurie's family, we were a happy family and enjoyed a good life in our country environment. The milk delivery business was sold in 1936 and they continued to run the farm through the war years. They sold the farm and retired to live in Hamilton in 1953, Bess died on 25.9.1984 aged 79 years. Laurie re-married Ruth Young (widow) a very much respected old family friend, Laurie died in 1992 at the age of 89 to finally rest beside Bess in the Maple Lawn Cemetery at Newstead , Hamilton .



IN THE COW SHED 1933



MILK READY FOR DELIVERY 1933



THE FIRST DELIVERY VAN 1931 Austin 7

BAGUST RD.



VALERIE



BRIAN facing danger

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Certified Copy of Entry in the Register Book of Births

Nº 218524

at PALMERSTON NORTH

CHILD	
1. Surname	–
2. Christian or first names	Brian Laurence
3. Sex	M
4. When born	29 September 1929
5. Where born	Palmerston North
FATHER	
6. Name and surname	Laurence Richard WILCOCK
7. Profession or occupation	Carpenter
8. Age	25
9. Birthplace	Opunake
MOTHER	
10. Name and surname	Elizabeth Mary WILCOCK
11. Maiden surname	DAWICK
12. Age	24
13. Birthplace	Palmerston North
14. Name and surname of child if there has been any addition or alteration after registration of birth.	–

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the above particulars included in an entry of birth in the Register Book kept in my office.

Dated at Palmerston North *the* 22nd *day of* June *19* 92

Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths

CAUTION—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.

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NEW ZEALAND

Certified Copy of Entry of Marriage

Notice No. 478/61
Registry: Hamilton

	Bridegroom	Bride
Number	141	
When married	Saturday 21st October 1961.	
Where married	St Aidans Anglican Church. Hamilton.	
Name and surname	BRIAN LAURENCE WILCOCK	FRANCES IRENE BABBAGE
Age	32	21.
Profession or occupation	SHEET METAL WORKER.	–
Conjugal status (bachelor, spinster, widower, widow, or divorced. If widower or widow, date of death of former wife or husband. If divorced, date of decree absolute	Bachelor	Spinster
Birthplace	PALMERSTON NORTH	KAWHIA.
Usual residence (in full)	36 FOREST LAKE ROAD HAMILTON.	630 GREY STREET. HAMILTON.
Name and surname of father	LAURENCE RICHARD WILCOCK	CLIVE HERSHELL BABBAGE
Profession or occupation of father	SALESMAN	SHEEP FARMER
Name and surname of mother	ELIZABETH MARY WILCOCK	MARGORY ROSE SCOTT (formerly Babbage)
Maiden surname of mother	DAWICK	GEORGE

This marriage was solemnised between us—

Brian Laurence Wilcock (Signature of Bridegroom)

Frances Irene Babbage (Signature of Bride)

In the presence of us—

J A Bowers RD2 Matamata (Signature of Witness and full address)

M'Peterken 6/- N.Z. G.P. Waerenga (Signature of Witness and full address)

Married by me (after delivery of licence required by the Marriage Act 1955)—

R.K. Clark (Officiating Minister)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the entry in the Marriage Register kept at St Aidans Anglican Church. Hamilton.

R.K. Clark (Officiating Minister)

Denomination. Church of England.

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BRIAN & FRANCES 1961



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BRIANS FIRST TRANSPORT
SEPT 1933

Brian and Valerie were both born and bred on the Rotokauri farm, both attended the Rotokauri School, each eventually attended secondary schools in Hamilton. At 15 years old, Brian left school and took an apprenticeship in sheetmetal and air conditioning work, qualifying in 1951. He worked at the trade for several years. In 1957 he set up and managed a factory for the L.D.S. (Mormons) at Temple View to manufacture and install air conditioning in the N.Z. Temple plus 52 chapels throughout N.Z.

During the 50's Brian was a keen aviator, flying Tiger Moths, which were the excitement of the era.

In 1960 Brian met Frances Babbage, the last family descendant of Charles Babbage the father of the computer (1791 - 1871). Brian and Frances were married on October the 21st 1961, they built a house in River Road , Hamilton and were blessed with two children, Linda born 22.10.62, and Tony born 10.10.1964.

In 1967 Brian began his own manufacturing business in his trade in Frankton, the business prospered, but in 1971 the business was sold, he and Frances retained the buildings as rental properties.

Having sold the business Brian and family (retaining the home in River Road) moved to Suva (Fiji) where he set up and managed an air conditioning factory for W.R. Carpenters Ltd of Australia. During their two and a half years in Suva, Linda and Tony attended local schools which proved to have a higher education standard than N.Z.

On returning to N.Z. Brian entered into a real estate sales career for the next 12 years, finally retiring in 1989. Since retiring Brian and Frances have travelled extensively, in 1991 they purchased a motorhome in Australia and toured the nation intermittently for 5 years. They built a motorhome in N.Z. and in between overseas trips the N.Z. camper was used extensively.

40 years later they still reside in their original home at 765 River Road.



FIRST MOTOR CAR, 1929 AUSTIN 7
PHOTO 1949



BRIAN, READY TO TAKE OFF WITH PASSENGER
IN TIGER MOTH DH 82 ---- FEB 1951



TONY 1968



LINDA 1968

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Rotokauri School
In it's less glamorous moments

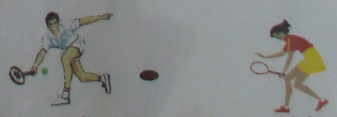
The school was opened in June 1911. Brian & Valerie attended this school which was only 500mtrs from home, it was accidentally burned down in Dec 1949.
The old school stood on the same sight as the new Rotokauri school stands today.







Rotokauri School tennis courts 1946
Some of the Rotokauri Tennis Club
From Left –Right
June McLachlan-Barbara Payne—Nona Payne (twins)
And -- **Ruth Honore—who 45 years later became my step mother.**



We were all pupils at the Rotokauri School

