

William John HARRIS and Harriet Agnes FISHER

Chart 6-7

(Weblink Harris Fisher 1909 New Zealand)

(Weblink to William's parents Harris Morris 1878 New Zealand Chart 12-13)

(Weblink Harriet's parents Fisher Luestrange 1880 New Zealand Chart 14-15)

William John HARRIS

B 24 August 1883 Invercargill NZ

D 22 November 1962 Invercargill NZ

M 07 October 1909 Invercargill NZ

Harriet Agnes FISHER

B 07 April 1885 Invercargill NZ

D 11 December 1959 Invercargill NZ

Children:

1. William John HARRIS born 09 April 1910 Invercargill NZ
2. May Harriet HARRIS born 12 August 1911 Invercargill NZ
3. Maurice HARRIS born 26 September 1913 Invercargill NZ
4. **Doris HARRIS** born 15 August 1915 Invercargill NZ
5. Marjorie Alice HARRIS born 26 June 1917 Invercargill NZ
6. Male living HARRIS born 14 June 1927 Invercargill NZ
7. Vera HARRIS born 02 November 1929 Invercargill NZ

The family history of William (Bill) John HARRIS and Harriet Agnes FISHER

William (Bill) John HARRIS was born on the 19 (registered 24) August 1883 at Waikiwi Invercargill New Zealand. His parents were recorded as George Thomas HARRIS age 32 born (abt 1852) London England occupation Carpenter and Alice formerly MORRIS age 23 born (abt 1860) Warrington England who were married on 5 June 1878 at Gladstone. George Thomas HARRIS father from Waikiwi registered the birth on 23 October 1883.

(Reference NZ RGO Birth 1883 Folio 4375 item 417 Invercargill District)

William's daughter Vera stated that the family always celebrated their fathers birthday on the 19th August not 24. George must have given the incorrect date when registering William's birth.

Waihopai School

William HARRIS admission date 1888 parent George Thomas Harris register number 469J

William HARRIS admission date 1893 parents G T Harris register number 662

Waikiwi School

William J HARRIS admission date 1896 registers father George I HARRIS register number 14

SEARCH Invercargill electoral rolls for William John HARRIS from 1904 -1908

Harriet Agnes FISHER was born on the 22 November 1885 in Longburn Invercargill New Zealand. Her parents were Edward Alexander FISHER and Margaret Isabella formerly LESTRANGE.

NOTE: I have been unable to locate the Invercargill birth registration to confirm the date. Harriet's youngest daughter Vera confirmed the birth date of her mother.

Harriet born at Aerial Invercargill on 7th April 1885 at 5.30 pm.

(Reference a piece of paper written by Edward Alexander FISHER and handed down to grandchildren Vera HARRIS later MCDERMOTT and later living HARRIS in Australia)

Averial and Longbush are situated on the outskirts of Invercargill. Further details can be found in the publication "Dolimore directory".

When Harriet mother Margaret died in 1880 the story handed down state that Harriet was sent to a convent school where French Nuns taught her how to sew, knit, embroider, crochet, lace work etc. During her lifetime Harriet produced beautiful handwork.

I can find no records for Harriet Agnes FISHER in the Catholic School registers that the Invercargill NZSG Branch transcribed.

SEARCH Invercargill electoral rolls for Harriet Agnes FISHER 1906 -1908

Intention to Marry 06 October 1909 Invercargill district
William John HARRIS bachelor occupation carpenter age 26 and Harriet Agnes FISHER spinster occupation dressmaker aged 24 intended to marry at the Office of registrar of marriages in Invercargill. William recorded that he had dwelled in Waikiwi for 26 years (life) and Harriet had dwelled in Invercargill for 14 years (since 1895).
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington BDM series 20 item 74 page 607 item 616 Invercargill District)

William John HARRIS age 26 born (abt 1883) Waikiwi Invercargill occupation Carpenter bachelor from Waikiwi married Harriet Agnes FISHER age 24 born (abt 1885) Longbush Southland occupation dressmaker spinster from Waikiwi on 7th October 1909 at the Office of the Registrar of Marriages Invercargill. William's parents were recorded as Alice nee MORRIS and George Thomas HARRIS occupation Carpenter. Harriet's parents were recorded as Margaret nee LEUSTRANGE and Edward Alexander FISHER occupation Gardner. William and Harriet both signed the register and the witnesses were Florence Blanche HARRIS (William's sister) from Waikiwi and Edward Alexander FISHER (Harriet's father) a Gardner from Waikiwi.
(Reference NZ RGO Marriage 1909 Folio 7746 Invercargill District)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories
1909 HARRIS Wm Waikiwi occupation Labr
1910 HARRIS Wm Waikiwi occupation Labr
(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones Otago and Southland Directories)

SEARCH Invercargill district electoral rolls for Harriet Agnes and William John HARRIS from 1909 – 1922 in the Waikiwi - Awarua district

William and Harriet had a son William John HARRIS who was born 09 April 1910 Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio 2933 Invercargill district)

William and Harriet had a daughter May Harriet HARRIS who was born 12 August 1911 Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio 4569 Invercargill district)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories
1911 HARRIS Wm Waikiwi occupation Labr
1912 HARRIS Wm Waikiwi occupation Labr
1913 HARRIS Wm Waikiwi occupation Labr
(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones Otago and Southland Directories)

William and Harriet had a son Maurice HARRIS who was born 26 September 1913 Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio 6676 Invercargill district)

William and Harriet had a daughter Doris HARRIS who was born 15 August 1915 Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 Folio 6776 Invercargill district)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1915 HARRIS Wm Waikiwi occupation Labr

1916 HARRIS Wm Collingwood Waikiwi Vig. Inv. occupation Labr

1917 HARRIS Wm Collingwood Waikiwi Vig. Inv. occupation Labr

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones Otago and Southland Directories)

1915 Post Office directory

HARRIS Wm Jno, crptr, Main N rd, Prstnvl (Prestonville)

1916 Post Office directory

HARRIS Wm Jno carp, Main 3 rd Inver (Invercargill)

(Reference Wellington Public Library Post Office directory 1915 page 1404 & 1916 page 1427)

William and Harriet had a daughter Marjorie Alice HARRIS who was born 26 June 1917 Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio 5326 Invercargill district)

During World War One (1914-1918) there were two records for

[1] William John HARRIS First reservist, address Tuatapere Wallace, occupation Labourer, recruiting district Dunedin

[2] William John HARRIS Second reservist, address Waikiwi, occupation Carpenter, Classification F.

William may have registered twice.

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1918 HARRIS Wm Collingwood Waikiwi Vig. Inv. occupation Labr

1919 HARRIS Wm Collingwood Waikiwi Vig. Inv. occupation Labr

1920 HARRIS Wm Collingwood Waikiwi Vig. Inv. occupation Labr

1921 HARRIS Wm Collingwood Waikiwi Vig. Inv. occupation Labr

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones Otago and Southland Directories)

Waikiwi School records

William HARRIS admission date 1915 parents William Harris register number 841

May HARRIS admission date 1917 parents William Harris register number 957

Maurice HARRIS admission date 1919 parent William Harries register number 1140

Doris HARRIS admission date 1920 parent William Harris register number 1221

Marjorie A HARRIS admission date 1923 parent W J Harris register number 1397

May HARRIS admission date 1925 parents William Harris register number 957

Maurice HARRIS admission date 1925 parent William Harries register number 1140

Doris HARRIS admission date 1925 parent William Harris register number 1221

Richard HARRIS admission date 1933 parent Harris register number 222

Vera HARRIS admission date 1935 parent William Harris register number 2406

Waihopai School records

Marjorie Alice HARRIS admission date 1929 parent William Harris register number 548

Makarewa School records

Marjorie HARRIS admission date 1929 parent Harris register number 531

Marjorie Alice HARRIS admission date 1931 parent W Harris register number 579

William John HARRIS managed the White House Hotel at Wallacetown Junction Lorneville from 1922 to 1931. The White House Hotel still operates and is situated on the Riverton Highway, Lorneville, Invercargill.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones and Southland Directory Publications)

White House Hotel and/or Wallacetown Junction Hotel

“Southland Times” newspaper 07 November 1987 page 11 and also February 1994

Taverns in the Town by John McNeish page 317

Also Search for details about the two deaths in the hotel

[1] a lady guest around 1918 and [2] a Chinese gentleman who died in the stables.

I was told that there was a newspapers reporter from the Southern Times who was researching information about the Whitehouse Hotel in Invercargill.

SEARCH Newspapers articles & publications

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1922 HARRIS Wm (Wallacetown Junction Hotel) Lorne known as Wallacetown Crossing

1927 HARRIS Wm (Wallacetown Junction Hotel) Lorne known as Wallacetown Crossing

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones and Southland Directory Publications)

William and Harriet had a son living HARRIS who was born 14 June 1927 Invercargill

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1927 folio Invercargill district)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1928 HARRIS Wm (Wallacetown Junction Hotel) Lorne known as Wallacetown Crossing

1929 HARRIS Wm (Wallacetown Junction Hotel) Lorne known as Wallacetown Crossing

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones and Southland Directory Publications)

William and Harriet had a daughter Vera HARRIS who was born 02 November 1929

Invercargill

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1929 folio Invercargill district)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1930 HARRIS Wm (Wallacetown Junction Hotel) Lorne known as Wallacetown Crossing

1931 HARRIS Wm (Wallacetown Junction Hotel) Lorne known as Wallacetown Crossing

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones and Southland Directory Publications)

SEARCH Invercargill district electoral rolls for

- HARRIS William John from 1922 - 1927 in the Waikiwi - Awarua district
- HARRIS Harriet Agnes from 1922 - 1927 in the Waikiwi - Awarua district

1928 and 1931 Awarua Electoral Rolls

- William John HARRIS Junction Hotel Wallacetown occupation Publican
- Harriet Agnes HARRIS Junction Hotel Wallacetown occupation Married

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

Between 1931 and 1932 William and Harriet along with their children moved from the Whitehouse Hotel back to North Road Waikiwi.

William's brother Richard HARRIS managed the White House Hotel from 1932 to 1943 then from 1944 to 1946 their brother-in-law Alexander Murdoch HOWDEN managed the same Hotel.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones and Southland Directory Publications)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1933 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter

1934 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter

1935 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter

1935, 1938, 1941 and 1943 Awarua Electoral Rolls

- William John HARRIS Wallacetown occupation Publican
- Harriet Agnes HARRIS Waikiwi occupation Married

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

Stones Otago and Southland Directories

1936 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1937 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1938 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1939 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1940 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1941 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1942 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Vic Invercargill Carpenter
1943 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Waikiwi Invercargill Carpenter
1944 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Waikiwi Invercargill Carpenter
1945 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Waikiwi Invercargill Carpenter
1946 HARRIS Wm John North Rd Waikiwi Invercargill Carpenter

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Stones Otago and Southland Directories)

During World War Two (1939-1945) Harriet and William lost 2 sons. Maurice HARRIS was killed in action 20 July 1942. They also lost their oldest son William John HARRIS junior who died after the war on 5 February 1946 in Invercargill.

1946, 1949, 1951 and 1954 Awarua Electoral Rolls

- William John HARRIS North Road Waikiwi occupation Publican
- Harriet Agnes HARRIS Waikiwi occupation Married

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

1957 Awarua Electoral Roll

- William John HARRIS 161 North Road Waikiwi occupation Pensioner
- Harriet Agnes HARRIS 161 North Road Waikiwi occupation Married

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

The original family home at 161 North Road Waikiwi was on the section where the Garden Grove motels are now situated which is opposite Charles Street Waikiwi.

Harriet Agnes HARRIS nee FISHER aged 74 years (born Invercargill) died on 11 December 1959 at the Southland Public Hospital Kew from her usual residence 161 North Road Waikiwi Invercargill. Her parents were recorded as Margaret Isabella nee LEUSTRANGE and Edward Alexander FISHER occupation Gardner. She was aged 23 years when she married William John HARRIS in Invercargill. Her living issue were 1 male aged 32 and 4 females aged 48, 44, 42 & 30. The cause of death was Carcinomatosis know 3 months, Spheroidal cell carcinoma of breast 3 months, Pathological Fracture of the ribs with Plueral Effusion 10 weeks, Pathological fracture of right femur 3 weeks. Dr D G Allan last saw her on 10 December. The Church of England Minister J W Fitzpatrick buried Harriet on the 12 December 1959 at the Waikiwi cemetery. Ritchie MASON the Funeral Director of Invercargill registered the death on 14 December.

(Reference RGO NZ Death 1959 folio 5002 item 500 Invercargill District)

Harriet Agnes HARRIS, place Wallacetown & Waikiwi, occupation Married Women, Court Invercargill, filed date 5 February 1960, type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 item 41/60 Invercargill)

1960 Awarua Electoral Rolls

- William John HARRIS 161 North Road Waikiwi occupation Pensioner

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

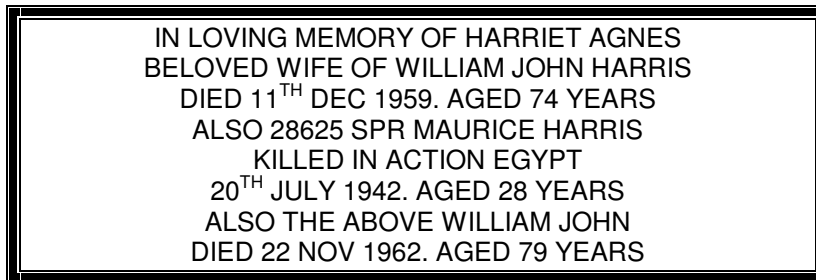
William (Bill) John HARRIS age 79 years (born Invercargill) died on 22 November 1962 at the Southland Public Hospital Kew from his usual residence 161 North Road Waikiwi.

His parents were recorded as Alice Jane nee MORRIS and George Thomas HARRIS occupation builder. He was aged 26 years when he married Harriet Agnes FISHER in Invercargill. His living issue were 1 male age 36 4 female age 49, 45, 42 & 34. The cause of death was Decompensated Congestive Cardiac Failure, months as recorded by Dr L G MOFFAT. He was buried on 23 November at Waikiwi. Ritchie FRASER the Funeral Director Invercargill registered the death on 23 November 1962.
(Reference RGO NZ Death 1962 folio 5621 item 511 Invercargill District)

William John HARRIS, place Invercargill, occupation Age Beneficiary, Court Invercargill, filed date 30 November 1962, type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office probate agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 item 552/62 Invercargill)

William John and Harriet Agnes HARRIS are buried together in Block 31 Plot 14 at the St John's Cemetery Waikiwi Invercargill. Directions on locating the grave at the Cemetery are, enter the cemetery entrance turn sharp left and walk down Block 31. Grave 13 is the grave of William and Harriet HARRIS. There is a plaque bearing the names and details are recorded above. I have visited the cemetery and taken a photograph of the grave and this is held in the file.



William & Harriett HARRIS their children and descendants

1- William (Bill) John HARRIS born 09 April 1910 Invercargill NZ died 05 February 1946 Invercargill NZ married 1939 Invercargill Violet Muriel DES LANDES born 1910 died 5th September 1999 in Wellington

- 1-1- Living HARRIS married
- 1-1-1- Living HARRIS married
- 1-1-1-1- Living HARRIS
- 1-1-1-2- Living HARRIS
- 1-1-1-3- Living HARRIS
- 1-1-2- Living HARRIS
- 1-2-Living HARRIS married
- 1-2-1- Living
- 1-2-2- Living
- 1-2-3- Living
- 1-2-4- Living

William John HARRIS was born on 09 April 1910 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio 2933 Invercargill district)

William HARRIS 1915 Waikiwi School admission registers father William HARRIS registration number 841.

ORDER (Reference Waikiwi School records transcribed by Southland Branch NZSG)

Violet Muriel (known as Muriel Violet) DES LANDES was born about 1910.

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio? District?)

Brooklyn School

Violet Muriel DES LANDES admission date 01 February 1916 register number 15/3910

Mitchelltown School

Muriel DES LANDES admission date 04 March 1918 register number 126 former number 942

Te Aro School

Muriel DES LANDES admission date 02 February 1921 register number 1936

Intention to Marry 06 July 1939 Invercargill district

William John HARRIS age 29 Labourer Bachelor dwelled in Invercargill 29 years and

Violet Muriel DES LANDES age 28 spinster dwelled in Invercargill 11 days intend to

marry in the Registrars Office Invercargill by the registrar A E DOBBIE

(Archives NZ Intention to marry 1939 agency BDM series 20 item 238 page 4687-203 Invercargill district)

William John HARRIS married Muriel Violet DES LANDES 1939 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio 11998 Invercargill district)

SEARCH Electoral rolls Invercargill from (1931) 1939 - 1946

William John HARRIS and Muriel Violet HARRIS formerly DES LANDES

William John HARRIS junior aged 36 died on the 5 February 1946 in Invercargill and was buried in Block 32 Plot 574 of the Eastern Cemetery Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1946 Invercargill district)

Muriel Violet HARRIS nee DESLANDES died on 5th September 1999 in Wellington and was buried on 7th September.

Muriel Violet HARRIS – On September 5th 1999. Peacefully at Westwood Rest Home. Aged 88 year. Dearly loved wife of the late William. Loved mother of Richard and Robin. Much loved grandmother of Deidre (Perth), Leigh and Elaine, Shaun, Trina, Virginia and Stephen, And great grandmother of Nick, Courtenay, and Alexander. Friends are invited to attend Muriel's Funeral Service at Our Cockburn Street Chapel, Cockburn Street, Kilbinie Today (Tuesday) September 7th 1999 at 3.00pm thereafter Private Cremation.
Harbour City Funeral Home, FDANZ Tel 387-8301

(Reference New Zealand Wellington Dominion Post 7th September 1999)

HARRIS Muriel Violet - On September 5 1999 Much Loved Nana of Leigh and Elaine, Nick, Courtenay, and Alexandra. "Your life was full of kindly deeds. Always thoughtful of others needs. Loving Generous, Unselfish, and kind. A beautiful memory you left behind.

(Reference New Zealand Wellington Dominion Post 7th September 1999)

2- May Harriet HARRIS born 12 August 1911 Invercargill NZ died 26 April 1969
Invercargill married 1939 Invercargill Ronald Sommerville CHALLIS born about 1911
died 15 March 1971 Invercargill.
No Issue

May Harriet HARRIS was born 12 August 1911 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio 4569 Invercargill district)

Waikiwi School

May HARRIS admission 1917 & 1925 parent William HARRIS registration number 957

Information regarding May HARRIS can be found in the publication "North Makarewa" by Macintosh.

Ronald CHALLIS was born in 1911 Invercargill

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio registration Invercargill)

Waikiwi School

Ronald CHALLIS admission 1916 & 1925 parents Alfred CHALLIS registration number 902

Also 5 other children for parent Alfred CALLIS issue [1] Ernest CHALLIS Waikiwi 1925 ref 1150, [2] Alfred CHALLIS Waikiwi 1919 ref 1150, [3] Jean CHALLIS Waikiwi 1913 ref 668, [4] Maisie CHALLIS Waikiwi 1923 & 1925 ref 1396 and [5] Margaret CHALLIS Waikiwi 1913 ref 687

Intention to Marry 19 December 1939 Invercargill district

Mary (May) Harriet HARRIS age 28 spinster dwelled Invercargill 28 years and Ronald Sommerville CHALLIS age 28 labourer bachelor dwelled in Invercargill 28 years intend to marry in St Stephens Presbyterian Manse Bainfield Road Waikiwi Invercargill by Presbyterian minister L W ROTHWELL.

(Archives NZ Intention to marry 1939 agency BDM series 20 item 238 page 4732-425 Invercargill district)

May Harriet HARRIS married Ronald Sommerville CHALLIS 1939 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio 17174 Invercargill district)

May Harriet CHALLIS formerly HARRIS aged 57 years died on 26 April 1969 and was buried at St John Cemetery Waikiwi.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1969 folio Invercargill district)

May Harriet CHALLIS, place Invercargill, occupation Married Women, court Invercargill, file date 02 July 1969, type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 item 274/69 Invercargill)

Ronald Sommerville CHALLIS died on 15 March 1971 in Invercargill.

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1971 folio Invercargill district)

Ronald Sommerville CHALLIS, place Invercargill, occupation Carpenter, court Invercargill, file date 20 April 1971, type Will

ORDER (Archives NZ Dunedin office agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 item 170/71 Invercargill)

St John's Churchyard Waikiwi Cemetery Invercargill

I have visited the cemetery and taken a photograph of the grave, which is stored on the file. Directions on locating the grave at the St John's Cemetery are, enter the cemetery entrance walk down to Block 33 on your left. Walk down grass path and Grave 10 on the right is the grave of May and Ronald CHALLIS.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAY HARRIETT
BELOVED WIFE OF RONALD S CHALLIS
DIED 26TH APRIL 1969 AGED 57 YEARS
ALSO THE ABOVE RONALD S CHALLIS
DIED 15TH MARCH 1971 AGED 60 YEARS

3- Maurice HARRIS born 26 September 1913 Invercargill NZ died 20 July 1942 Egypt killed in action in World War Two

Maurice HARRIS was born 26 September 1913 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 Folio 6676 Invercargill district)

Waikiwi School

Maurice HARRIS admission 1919 & 1925 parent William HARRIS, registration number 1140

Sapper Maurice HARRIS service number 28625 of the 7th Field Company New Zealand Engineers was killed in action in Egypt on 20 July 1942 in the Western Desert.

Maurice HARRIS, War Second World War, Cemetery Western Desert, Number Spr 28625, died 20 July 1942, age 28 years, born 26 September 1913

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Reference 1A Series W1834)

Maurice never married but I was told that he was engaged before he went overseas. I was also told he had a catholic girlfriend. Maurice's mother Harriet was known to disliked any negative comments or jokes about Catholics but not many knew Harriet's mother Margaret and sister Charlotte were baptized, as Catholics and I believe Harriet was also baptised but I have been unable to locate any information to confirm this.

<p>4- Doris HARRIS born 15 August 1915 Invercargill NZ died 12 June 1982 Upper Hutt married 1941 Nelson James (Jim) Bertie LESSELS refer chart 2-3</p>
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5- Marjorie Alice HARRIS born 26 June 1917 Invercargill NZ died 6 July 1995 Dunedin NZ married 23 December 1946 Nelson Leonard John JOHNSON born 02 November 1908 NZ died March 1984 Nelson
No Issue

Marjorie Alice HARRIS was born 26 June 1917 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio 5326 Invercargill district)

Waikiwi School

Marjorie HARRIS admission 1923 & 1925 parent W J HARRIS registration number 1397

Waihopai School

Marjorie Alice HARRIS admission 1929 parent William HARRIS registration number 548

Makarewa School

Marjorie HARRIS admission 1931 parent W HARRIS registration number 579

Leonard John JOHNSON was born on 2 November 1908. His parents were JOHNSON

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio and new BDM ref 1908/

Leonard John JOHNSON served in World War Two where he became a prisoner of war.

Intention to Marry 23 December 1946 Grey district

Marjorie Alice HARRIS age 28 spinster dwelled in Greymouth 3 days and Leonard JOHNSON age 38 Cook bachelor dwelled in Greymouth 3 days intend to marry in the Office of Marriages Registrars Greymouth by C A MOUTGOMERIE the Registrar.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office Intention to marry 1946 agency BDM series 20 item 280 page 3839-142 Grey district)

Marjorie Alice HARRIS married Leonard JOHNSON on 23 December 1946
ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1946 folio 19727)

Leonard John JOHNSON died March 1984 in Nelson. He was cremated and his ashes were interned at the Return Service Section of the Stoke cemetery Nelson.

ORDER Probate and Will

Leonard JOHNSON, place Nelson, occupation Retired, court Nelson, file date 28 March 1984, type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington probate agency AAO series 17073 accession W5410 item 89/84 Nelson)

Marjorie sold their home in Nelson and moved to Invercargill.

Marjorie Alice JOHNSON nee HARRIS died on 6 July 1995 in Dunedin
ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1995 folio)

Marjorie's funeral service was held in Invercargill and also a graveside service was held in Nelson where her ashes were place with her late husband Leonard John JOHNSON.

A plaque records the name of Marjorie Alice and Leonard John JOHNSON at the Return Service section of the Stoke cemetery in Nelson.

6- Male living HARRIS born 1927 Invercargill NZ married 1951 Female living HALL
6-1- Living HARRIS married
6-1-1- Living HARRIS
6-1-2- Living HARRIS
6-2- Living HARRIS married
6-2-1- Living
6-2-2- Living
6-2-3- Living

7- Vera HARRIS born 02 November 1929 Invercargill NZ died 1 October 2000
Invercargill married 1953 Invercargill Welby Martin McDERMOTT born died 16 May 2005
7-1- Living McDERMOTT married Living HUGHES
7-1-1- Living HUGHES
7-1-2- Living HUGHES
7-2- Living McDERMOTT married Living BROWN
7-2-1- Living BROWN
7-2-2- Living BROWN

Vera HARRIS was born on 2 November 1929 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1929 folio Invercargill district)

Waikiwi School

Vera HARRIS admission 1935 parent W HARRIS registration number 2406.

Welby Martin McDEMOTT was born about in Invercargill

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration folio Invercargill district)

Waimatua School

Welby MCDERMOTT admission 1930 parent George MCDERMOTT registration number 223 (also located his brother George Edward MCDERMOTT 1928 ref 182)

Intention to marry 17 August 1953 Invercargill district

Vera HARRIS age 23 spinster dwelled in Waikiwi and Welby Martin MCDERMOTT age 28 Carpenter bachelor dwelled in Clifton intend to marry in the All Saints Church of England Dee Street Invercargill by Church of England Minister F H WALDRON.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office Intention to marry 1953 agency BDM series 20 Item 341 entry number 299 Invercargill district)

Vera HARRIS married Welby Martin MCDERMOTT 1953 in Invercargill.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1953 folio 12932 Invercargill district)

Vera MCDERMOTT formerly HARRIS died on the 01 October 2000 Invercargill

Welby Martin MCDERMOTT died on 16 May 2005 Invercargill.

Both Vera and Welby were cremated and their ashes interned and their names recorded on Vera's parent's headstone at St John's cemetery Waikiwi Invercargill. Directions on locating the grave at the Cemetery are, enter the cemetery entrance turn sharp left and walk down Block 31. Grave 13 is the grave of William and Harriet HARRIS. There is a plaque bearing the names of Vera and Welby MCDERMOTT.

HARRIS miscellaneous information

The HARRIS Family Bible records the deaths of:

Surname	Given Name	Age	Date
GOODSIR	Annie Harriet	50	06 January 1936
FORTUNE	Jane Alice	63	29 April 1944
HARRIS	Richard	80	16 February 1972
HARRIS	William John	79	22 November 1962
HARRIS	Harriet Agnes	74	11 December 1959
HARRIS	William John	35	05 February 1946
HARRIS	Maurice	28	20 July 1942 KIA
CHALLIS	May Harriet	57	26 April 1969
CHALLIS	Ronald Sommerville	60	15 March 1971
LESSELS	Doris	66	12 June 1982

(Reference the HARRIS Family Bible held by living HARRIS in Australia)