

Richard Woodward MORRIS and Jane WELLS

Chart 26-27

(Weblink HA Morris Wells 1858 England)

(Weblink to Richard's parents HA Woodward Morris England chart 52-53)

(Weblink to Jane's parents HA Wells Alice about 1823 England chart 54-55)

Richard Woodward MORRIS (5 Issue)

B 09 May 1829 Warrington Lancaster England

D 08 December 1897 Invercargill New Zealand

M 16 June 1849 Carmarthen Wales

M 19 December 1858 Warrington Lancaster England

Esther MORRIS (3 Issue)

B about 1826 England

D 1890 perhaps Carmarthen England

M 16 June 1849 Carmarthen England

Jane WELLS (3 Issue)

B 06 July 1828 Warrington Lancaster England

D 27 July 1906 Grassmere Invercargill NZ

M 19 December 1858 Warrington Lancashire England

Children:

1. Richard MORRIS born 1850 Athlone Ireland

2. Sarah Woodward MORRIS born 04 May 1851

3. John MORRIS born 1856

and

4. William WELLS (MORRIS) born 31 March 1850 Warrington Lancaster England

5. Henry MORRIS born 20 November 1859 Warrington Lancaster England

6. **Alice MORRIS** born 17 February 1862 Warrington Lancaster England

The Family History of Richard Woodward MORRIS and Alice WELLS

Richard Woodward MORRIS was born about 09 May 1829 Warrington Lancaster England. He was the illegitimate child of Ann MORRIS and we believe Richard WOODWARD. It would be another 2 years before Richard was baptised.

Baptisms solemnised in the Parish of Warrington in the County of Lancaster

When baptised	22 May 1831 (No 29)
Child's Christian name	Richard Illegitimate son of
Parent's Christian and surname	Ann MORRIS
Abode	Oxford Lane
Quality Trade or profession	Blank
By whom the ceremony was preformed	Tho. Lowe Curate

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 1468988 Bishop Transcripts Warrington Lancashire England page 4 No 29 & England ODM film 494237)

According to the military records of Richard MORRIS he would have been born about May 1829 in Warrington Lancaster. If Richard became a private on 08 May then his birth could have been 09 May. Please note that quote "full age of a male or female is twenty one years which age is completed on the day preceding the anniversary of a person's birth."

(Reference publication Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England information forwarded by Morris family researcher in England)

Information from a now deceased descendant stated that the MORRIS family are believed to have travelled from France to Cornwall and could have been Huguenots. So far no reference has been located.

1841 census workhouse Warrington Lancashire England

- Jane MORRIS age 81 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
 - Ann MORRIS age 32 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
 - **Richard MORRIS** age 12 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
 - Eliza MORRIS age 11 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
 - Rubin MORRIS age 7 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
 - Ralph MORRIS age 6 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
 - Henry MORRIS age 4 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1841 census West Derby Warrington Lancashire England page 57)

I was informed by a New Zealand descendant, that Richard MORRIS served with the British Imperial Force, 14th Foot Regiment in the Crimean War and that an article appeared in a New Zealand newspaper "The Oxford" confirming the details. To date I have been unable to locate the newspaper article as many of the early Oxford newspapers have not survived.

I wrote to the then Public Records Office in England and searched the soldiers' document on microfilm in New Zealand and found no trace for a Richard MORRIS. Years later I personally searched the records at National Archives in England and located information that a Richard Woodward MORRIS served in the 14th Regiment during the Crimean War. I believe that this was our Richard MORRIS and it has now been confirmed by another MORRIS family researcher in England that indeed he is one of the same people.

(Reference FHC LDS Film number 0876904 Great Britain War Office Soldiers documents 14th Regiment of Foot 1760-1854 Millard-Peers)

On 8 February 1847 Richard Woodward MORRIS enlisted as a soldier boy in the 14th Regiment of Foot at Warrington Lancashire aged 17years 9/12 months. His service number was #2721. Private Morris served for 9 years and 67 days and was discharged in Mullingan on 29 August 1856. When discharged his description was age 27 years 2/12 months 5 feet 5 & 5/8 inches height, Dark Brown Hair, Dark brown Eyes, Fair complexion, and trade Labourer. There are four pages of service documents for Richard MORRIS.

(Reference National Archives England Soldier Records 14th Regiment WO 97/1434 Microfilm from 769-772)

The Crimean War took place 1853-1856 between Turkey, supported by Great Britain, France and Sardinia and the [Czar] Russian Empire. A peaceful settlement was concluded on March 30 1856 by the Treaty of Paris. Further research undertaken also by MORRIS family member in England proves that Richard did not see service in the Crimean War.

Upon enlisting in the 14th Regiment Richard travelled to Ireland to join his regiment.

Esther MORRIS was born about 1826 in Wales or England. Her father was Richard MORRIS occupation maltster.

Richard Woodward MORRIS age 20 bachelor Private of 14th Foot Regiment married Esther MORRIS age 23 spinster on 16 June 1849 at Tabernacle Chapel Carmarthen Wales. Richard's father was recorded as Richard MORRIS occupation labourer and Esther's father Richard MORRIS occupation maltster.

ORDER (Reference RGO UK marriage registration 1849 June quarter Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire volume 26 page 873)

In 1849 the 14th Regiment was stationed in Newport Mon Wales but Richard was with a detachment based in Carmarthen Barracks Wales.

Richard and Esther had a son Richard MORRIS born 1850 Carmarthenshire Wales
ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1850 March quarter Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire volume 26 page 5[35]0)

The 14th regiment was post to Athlone Co West Meath Ireland in the spring of 1850

1851 Census Lawnas [sic] Street Saint Peter Saint David Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales

- Esther MORRIS head married age 20 [sic] weaver wife born Carmarthen
- Richard MORRIS son age 1 born Carmarthen

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1851 census Saint Peter Saint David Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales ED2g household 43 HO 107/2473 page 129)

Not sure if correct Esther Morris

Richard and Esther had a daughter Sarah Woodward MORRIS born 04 May 1851 Carmarthenshire Wales.

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1851 September quarter Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales volume 26 page 621

(Reference information from living descendant MORRIS and researcher in England)

Richard and Esther had a son John MORRIS who was born 1856 Carmarthenshire Wales

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1856 March quarter Carmarthen district county Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales volume 11a page 560)

Richard Woodward MORRIS was discharged from the British force on 29 August 1856 in Mullingan Ireland. The service records state that he had no overseas service but he did achieve promotion to Corporal on 20 April 1855 a rank which he held until 02 March 1856 when he was reduced in rank to Private having spent the previous 2 months in an Army jail.

Richard's final discharge was on 13 October 1856 (character Indifferent) with place of residence given as Lincoln England. He last contacted the War Office towards the end of 1869 and a letter of reply was sent on 26 November 1869 reference G48989.

The above 1869 reference could be connected to Richard's letter of application dated 22 February 1869 for appointment of Clerk and Bailiff at Oxford New Zealand to His Honour the Superintendent to the Canterbury Provincial Council. Perhaps Richard sent a copy to England and it took 7 months for the information to reach the War Office.

Richard Woodward MORRIS deserted his wife and in 1858 married Alice WELLS even though his first wife was still living. Richard was a bigamist.

I will continue below with the details of his first wife's life until her death in 1890. Then I will follow with the details of Richards and his second wife Alice.

1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales

- **Esther MORRS** head married age 35 charwomen born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- Richard MORRIS son unmarried age 11 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 9 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- John MORRIS son unmarried age 5 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1861 census St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22)

1871 Census 1 Hopkin Court Swansea Wales

- **Esther MORRS** head married age 46 Lodging house keeper born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- Richard MORRIS son unmarried age 21 Labourer born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 19 Dress maker born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- John MORRIS son unmarried age 15 labourer born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1871 census Swansea Glamorgan Wales ED 18 household 162 RG 10/5454 page 29)

1881 Census 1 Dewesbury Court St Mary Swansea Town Glamorgan Wales

- **Esther MORRIS** mother (head) widow age 58 Care taker of Officers born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales
- Sarah RODGER daughter widow age 28 Charwomen born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales
- Esther ROGER granddaughter age 4 born Marmouth Newport

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1881 census St Mary Swansea Town Glamorgan Wales ED1 RG 11/5356 page 51)

Esther MORRIS died about 1890 perhaps Carmarthen Wales.

Jane WELLS was born in 1828 and baptised on 6 July 1828 in Warrington Lancaster. Her parents were Alice and Lowden WELLS.

Baptisms solemnised in the Parish of Warrington in the County of Lancaster [Page 111]

When baptised	6 th July 1828 (No 891)
Child's Christian name	Jane daughter of
Parents Christian and surname	Lowden and Alice WELLS
Abode	Tilley Street
Quality trade or profession	Joiner
By whom the ceremony was preformed	Thos Lower curate

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 1468988 British Births Parish of Warrington Lancaster England 1827-1834)

1841 Census Tilley Street Warrington Lancashire England (transcribed WILLS)

- Lowden WELLS (WILLS) age 45 Joiner born Lancashire England
- Lowden WELLS age 15 Wheel-right born Lancashire England
- George WELLS age 9 born Lancashire England
- Alice WELLS age 45 born Lancashire England
- Phoeby WELLS age 19 born Lancashire England
- **Jane WELLS** age 12 born Lancashire England
- Sarah WELLS age 6 born Lancashire England
- Ann WELLS age 3 born Lancashire England
- Mary CARTER age 79 born Lancashire England
- Sarah FIDAL age 20 Rular born Lancashire England

(Reference source National Library of NZ Ancestry 1841 Census Warrington West Derby Lancashire England)

Jane Wells was nearly 22 years old when she had an illegitimate child named William WELLS.

Baptisms solemnised in the Parish of Warrington in the County of Lancaster

When baptised	31 March 1850 (No 1204)
Child's Christian name	William
Parents Christian and surname	Jane WELLS
Abode	Tilley Street
Quality trade or profession	blank

By whom the ceremony was preformed Hugh Bostock
(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 1469047 Bishop Transcripts 1849-1853 Warrington Lancashire England)

William WELLS was born about 1850 Warrington Lancashire England
SEARCH (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry RGO UK birth registration 1850)

1851 Census 72 Tilley Street Warrington Lancaster England

- Lowden WELLS head married age 57 carpenter born Warrington Lancashire
- Alice WELLS wife married age 56 born Warrington Lancashire
- **Jane WELLS** daughter unmarried age 22 born Warrington Lancashire
- George WELLS son age 20 Carpenter born Warrington Lancashire
- Sarah WELLS daughter age 16 born Warrington Lancashire
- Ann WELLS daughter age 13 born Warrington Lancashire
- William WELLS son age 1 born Warrington Lancashire

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 087213 page 382 & 394 Warrington Lancaster England)

Richard MORRIS aged 31 years bachelor occupation Labourer and Jane WELLS aged 30 years spinster occupation servant married 19 December 1858 at Wilfred's in the parish of Grappenhall in the County of Chester Warrington England. Their residence at time of marriage was recorded as Latchford. Jane's father was Lowden WELLS occupation Joiner. Information regarding Richard's father was left blank. Richard signed the marriage registration but Jane made her X mark. The witnesses were Martha and James SWATEN who made their X mark and J W S SIMPSON who signed the register.
(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry RGO UK marriage registration 1858 December quarter volume 8c page 125 Warrington Cheshire Lancashire England)

Richard MORRIS was a bigamous as he was still married to Esther MORRIS. Esther did not die until 1890 in England.

Henry MORRIS the son of Richard and Jane was born 20 November 1859 at Warrington Lancaster England.

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry RGO UK birth registration 1859 December quarter Volume 8c page 133 Warrington Cheshire Lancashire England)

1861 Census 17 Gandey Court Parish of Warrington Municipal Ward of North East Borough of Warrington Town Warrington Ecclesiastical District of St Elphans

- MORRIS Richard head married aged 33 occupation Labourer born Warrington
- MORRIS Jane wife aged 32 occupation Washer woman born Warrington
- WELLS William son aged 11 scholar born Warrington
- MORRIS Henry son aged 1 born Warrington

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 0543030 Census 1861 page 16 Warrington Lancaster England RG 9/2794 page 4 & National Library NZ Ancestry)

Alice MORRIS was born on 17 February 1862 at 29 Tilley Street Warrington in the County of Lancaster England. Her parents were Jane nee WELLS and Richard MORRIS occupation General Labourer. The birth was signed and registered on the 28 February 1862 by her mother Jane MORRIS of 29 Tilley Street Warrington. William Harrison the registrar signed the registration.

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry RGO UK birth registration 1862 March quarter Volume 8c page 160 Warrington Cheshire Lancashire)

Richard and Jane MORRIS made an application for free passage to New Zealand. This was accepted but Richard did not have the money to purchase articles for the journey so he approached the Board of Guardians and details are recorded in the Warrington Guardian dated 18 April 1863.

Warrington Guardian 18 April 1863 page 62 or 6a

Board of Guardians

The usual weekly meeting of the board was held on Wednesday last. Mr Beckly in chair.

Emigration

The following letter from the Rev W Quekett sector was read:

Rectory April 15th 1863

Gentlemen - The bearer **MORRIS** with **his wife and family** have obtained free passage for New Zealand. I shall feel obliged if you will inform me whether the board will assist them with outfits. He has his embarkation order with him, where in the quantities required for the voyage are mentioned. There are 30 souls in all that are about to leave and the little funds I have collected will not be sufficient for all their outfits; therefore, I shall feel obliged by an answer in this point before I make further appeal to my friends. If my presence should be desired at the board. I shall be happy to attend and give any information, in my powers, before I leave for London tomorrow.

I am & a
W Quekett

A letter was also read from **Richard MORRIS** asking the board to grant him articles he needed. On being called into the board room, he stated in reply to the chairman that he was now out of work and had no means of maintaining himself and family. He was going to New Zealand in the hope of bettering his position; but before he could embark it was necessary that he should have an outfit, consisting of certain articles of clothing, which he hoped the board would allow him. About twelve months ago he had two weeks relief from the board, but had not either before or since, been chargeable to the parish. He had no furniture, nor any clothing but those in which he stood. The chairman said it seemed to be a case in which the board might, with great propriety, make a grant. The man would, in all probability become chargeable to the rates unless assistance was given to him to emigrate. Some conversation took place on the subject on the course of which several members of the board expressed their concurrence in the chairman's opinion, and it was ultimately decided that Mr Bancroft should be instructed to enquire into the circumstances of the applicant and report to the board next week, when the case would be taken into consideration. The chairman said with regard to the thirty persons mentioned by the Rector, the board could bind themselves to any course, or agree to give any sum, without knowing the circumstances of the parties. The case of each applicants must be decided on its merits: and if they were persons receiving relief, or hand received relief and were likely to become again chargeable, they would upon the report of the relieving officer, give assistance as they thought necessary.

(Information and a copy was sent to me by the late Edwin SHEAT Otago NZ)

Warrington Guardian Saturday April 25 1863 page 6c

Emigration

Mr Bancroft, relieving officer, having reported the information he had obtained relative to the man **MORRIS**, who applied to the board last week to defray the cost of his outfit to New Zealand, the Board resolved that it was not a suitable case in which assistance could be granted.

There was no other business.

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Richard and Alice MORRIS left Liverpool England on 06 May 1863 and arrived in Lyttleton Christchurch New Zealand on 17 August 1863. The voyage of the "British

Crown" took nearly 3 months. There is no passenger list for ship "British Crown" at National Archives in Wellington.

Wellington Independent newspaper 25 August 1863 page 2

Shipping Intelligence

The ship British Crown from Liverpool with the first batch of Lancashire emigrants arrived at Lyttelton on the 16th Inst.

British Crown 1106 Tons from Liverpool

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Wellington Independent newspaper 25 August 1863 page 2)

Arrived on the British Crown 17-8-1863 distressed emigrants from North of England

- Richard MORRIS age 34
- Jane MORRIS age 35
- Henry MORRIS age 3
- Alice MORRIS age 1
- William MORRIS age 9

pars list: Ref. Lib [Canterbury Museum Library]: LT (Lyttelton Times) 16 November 1867, 23 January 1868, 11-June 1869, 03 April 1871, and 13 February 1875.

(Reference Canterbury Museum NZ index card G.R. MacDonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies M 628)

White Wings

The British Crown

The British Crown, an American built ship of 1150 tons, commanded by Captain Whitfield, sailed finally from Tusker Light on May 6th 1863, with over 400 souls onboard, for Lyttelton. She arrived on August 17th 1863, having made the passage in 103 days. This was the first ship to arrive at Lyttelton direct from Liverpool. Twelve deaths occurred, all children, during the voyage, and there were none births. This ship did not make a second voyage to the colony.

(Reference White Wings by Sir Henry Brett Volume II Page 360)

Lyttelton Times August 19th 1863 page 4

About 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon a ship was described in the offering, and shortly after the harbour master was on his way down the harbour, with a fair wind at that time; the ship was about 10 miles from land, and on boarding her she proved to be the British Crown, from Birkenhead, with the first batch of the Lancashire immigrants sent out under the superintendent of her Majesty's Government Emigration Commissioners. The vessel anchored for the night near the Heads, and on Sunday the slight breeze from S.E. enabled her to come up the harbour, as far as the red buoy beyond Camp Bay. On Sunday afternoon the Commissioners reported the ship with a clean bill of health, but gave orders to prevent people boarding. This order had the effect of preventing our reporter from visiting the ship, and it was only through the courtesy of Captain Sproul he was enabled to do so on Monday morning; many of the people and the watermen having been refused. On getting aboard, every attention was shown, and information freely given. The British Crown was built at Boston U.S., in Nov 1858, is 1,150 tons register old measurement: length of lower deck 178 feet, and 23 feet beam, with 8 feet space between decks at the main hatch, She is part owned by Messrs W H Daunt & Co of Liverpool. Since the commencement of the war in America she has changed hands, having previously been called the Franklyn Haven, when carrying the U.S. flag. The Captain left the tug steamer off the Tursca light on the 6th May, with immigrants, numbering 406 souls, or 342½ statute adults. Nothing of importance occurred during the passage out, with the exception of adverse winds and calms; crossed the line on the 8th June in 34 long., passed the meridian of the Cape July 7; sighted St Pauls on the 22nd, the only land seen till passing the Snares on Wednesday, August 11th; a good

run to the Heads, with fair wind, making the voyage in 103 days from the docks. Twelve deaths occurred all children and 9 births. The ship is in command of Captain Whitfield, and the passengers are under the medical superintendent of Dr Jollie; this gentleman is selected for his office by the Emigration Commissioners at home, and is entitled to a gratuity of £1 per head on all passengers landed alive. The people speak in high terms of praise, of the captain, doctor, and officers of the ship for their unceasing endeavours to make them comfortable. An address was presented to our Local Commissioners, thanking the Government for the assistance rendered to the passengers and their families, and another is to be forwarded to the Emigration Commissioners at home for providing them with every possible comfort and convenience during the voyage. Dr Donald, on behalf of our Government, made a suitable reply, giving them a welcome to Canterbury. The ship, internally, presented an appearance creditable to all concerned - captain, officers, crew, and passengers; she is a real specimen of cleanliness, and her arrangements much superior to what we have hitherto witnessed under the old regulations. She carried one of Normandy's apparatus for distilling fresh water, capable of supplying 300 tons gallons per diem, with the consumption of an average of 500lbs of coal. The British Crown is the first ship from Liverpool direct for Canterbury, and is consigned to Messrs. Dalgety, Buckley & Co; she brings 501 tons of general cargo, but no cabin passengers.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past on line Southland Times newspaper 04 September 1863 page 2)

Lyttleton Times August 22 1863 Page 4

THE SHIP BRITISH CROWN - This ship was visited by his Honour the Superintendent on Thursday last, accompanied by Mr Murray Aynsley. The visitors expressed themselves highly gratified with the arrangements for the accommodation and comfort of the passengers. This must be considered a compliment by Capt. Whitfield and his officers, as it is seldom the shipping in our port, particularly the immigrant's vessels, receives the honour of such a visit. No doubt the good character the British Crown has acquired for superiority has induced this visit, and we trust that all our future immigrant ships may deserve the same mark of approbation.

(Lyttleton Times 08 August 1863 page 3 copy received from the late Edwin SHEAT Otago NZ)

Southland Times 04 September 1863

ARRIVAL OF FIRST SHIP WITH LANCASHIRE OPERATIVES.

(From the Lyttelton Times, August 19.)

About, three o'clock on Saturday afternoon a ship was descried in the offing, and shortly after the Harbor Master was on his way down the harbor, with a fair wind at that time the ship was about ten miles from land and on boarding her she proved to be the **British Crown**, from Birkenhead, with the first batch of the Lancashire immigrants sent out under the superintendence of her Majesty's Government Emigration Commissioners. The vessel anchored for the night near the Heads, and on Sunday the slight breeze from S.E. enabled her to come up the harbor, as far as the red buoy beyond Camp Bay. On Sunday afternoon the Commissioners reported the ship with a clean bill of health, but gave strict orders to prevent people boarding. This order had the effect of preventing our reporter from visiting the ship and it was only through the courtesy of Captain Sproul he was enabled to do so on Monday morning many of the people and the watermen having been reinsert. On getting aboard every attention was shown, and information freely given. The **British Crown** was built in Boston, United States, in November 1858 is 1.150 tons register old measurement length, of lower deck 178 feet, and 23 feet beam, with 8 feet space between decks at the main hatch. She is part owned by Messrs W H Daunt and Co, o. Liverpool. Since the

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(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past on line Southland Times newspaper 04 September 1863 page 2)

“The Lyttleton Times” 01 August 1923 reprint of details about the British Crown 15-8-1863 with 406 (342½) passengers

(Reference Christchurch Museum Library Indexed from The Lyttleton Times shipping transcripts)

31 December 1863 a petition signed by 24 Oxford residents to the Superintendent of the Canterbury Province. Richard MORRIS did not appear on the document so he could not have been living in Oxford at this time.

(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch agency CAAR accession 287 Box CP48 item ICPS 1376a/1863)

There was another petition signed by Oxford residents and again Richard MORRIS did not appear on the document but the petition was not dated.

(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch agency CAAR accession 287 Box CP601 item CP 601c/9)

1864-1865 Oxford Provincial Council persons qualified to vote list = No trace Richard MORRIS or section 1912 Oxford

(Reference Christchurch Public Library Electoral rolls 1864-1970 volume 1 & 2 Canterbury NZ Provincial Council)

Between 1864- 1866 the family left Christchurch for Oxford according to the calculation taken from information on the two Intentions to marry for William MORRIS. On his 1st Intention to Marry in 1875 he recorded that he had dwelled in Oxford for 9 years and on his 1884 2nd Intention to Marry he recorded dwelling in Oxford for 20 years.

When the newspapers “The Oxford and Cust Observer” and “The North Canterbury Times” become available then search the papers for additional information about the MORRIS family in Oxford and Canterbury from 1863 to 1873. **SEARCH AGAIN**

1865-1866 Ashley Electoral roll

Richard MORRIS - place of abode Oxford - no of claim 1 - nature of qualification
Freehold - place where property situated and description of same one acre a part section
1912 Oxford - no of claim 2 - nature of qualification Household - place where property
situated and description of same on said section

(Reference National Library of NZ Wellington microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1865-66 Ashley no.215)

1866-1867 Ashley Electoral roll

Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912
Oxford - on said section

(Reference National Library of NZ Wellington microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1866-67 Ashley no.320)

1867-68 Ashley Electoral roll (list of new claims) = No trace Richard MORRIS

Oxford's Association with the Armed Forces began on 16 November 1866 with the
formation of No. 10 Company, which was known as the Oxford Rifle Volunteers and
became an accepted unit of the Canterbury Rifle Volunteers the following year.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 187 Local Interests and Organisations)

By April 1867 the Oxford Rifle Volunteers Company had made good progress. A rifle
range had been constructed in the Eyre river-bed and the men were being instructed by
Colour-sergeant MORRIS, late of the 14th Foot Regiment.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 188 Local Interests and Organisations)

SEARCH Archive NZ Wellington Office Agency ARM series 42 item Oxford Rifle Volunteers Company for Sergeant Richard MORRIS

06 July 1867 Petition Inhabitants of Oxford in regard to establishing a Magistrate Court
signed by Richard MORRIS **PHOTOGRAPH to be placed on web**

(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office agency CAAR accession 287 box CP101 item ICPS 1103[1-5]/1867)

Richard was rate collector for Oxford Road Board November 1867. He offered to take
charge of Oxford bush sections to prevent them being destroyed by fire. Appointed
Clerk of the Bench of Oxford. Richard had fought in the Crimean War and was troubled
by a wound he received there and had to go to Hospital in 1867.

(Information and a copy was sent to me by the late Edwin SHEAT Otago NZ)

Christchurch Hospital admission and discharges volume

Page 351 dated from Monday 21 day of January to Monday 28th January 1867 =

- R [Richard] MORRIS name of patient – sex M [male] – Age 41 – disease [no details]
– date of admission January 24

Page 352 dated from Monday 28 day of January to Monday 04 February 1867 = same

Page 353 dated from Monday 04 day of February 1867 to Monday 11 February = same

Page 354 dated from Monday 11 day of February 1867 to Monday 18 February = same

Page 356 dated from Monday 18 day of February 1867 to Monday 25 February = same

Page 358 dated from Monday 25 day of February 1867 to Monday 04 March = same

Page 360 dated from Monday 04 day of March 1867 to Monday 11 March =

- R [Richard] MORRIS name of patient – sex M [male] – Age 41 – disease tender [sic]
hips – date of admission January 24 – date of discharge March 04 – results cured

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch agency CATV accession 384 item 9/3 1 Christchurch Hospital admission
register 1863-67 pages as above)*

In that scattered community there was some difficulty in securing the rates and the first
rate collector, Richard MORRIS was appointed in November 1867.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 126 Road Board and County Council)

SEARCH Archives NZ Christchurch for November 1867 Canterbury papers no trace from oxford OXFORD council paper are at Selwyn County Council office Archives

In the publication "Oxford The First 100 Years by O A Gillespie next to page 62 there is a map of High Street Oxford and it is marked where Richard MORRIS lived with his family. Houses erected up to 1867 are marked by a square and Richard's house has this mark. I have a copy of the map as well as a current map of the Oxford district.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie next to page 62 Mills, Fires and Early Industries)

Richard MORRIS lived on right side of High street 2 sections back from Victoria Street. When you travel from North to South after your pass Queen Street on your left the buildings and homes on your right begin with:

Drill Hall (close to the now 'The Colour Purple' shop)
W RYDE
Baptist Church
Comyns Brewery
Miss Dodds School
Gundry
Morris (2nd section from corner)
Hathaway

Then you now have reached Victoria Street on your right.

(National Library of NZ 'Oxford The First 100 Years' by O A Gillespie next to page 62)

1868-1869 Ashley Electoral roll

Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912 Oxford - on said section

(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1868-69 Ashley no.330)

In February 1868 Canterbury recorded the worst flood in its history. Torrential rain fell at Oxford, and water sweeping down the hills undated the as yet undrained lower country and the township.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 119 Closer Settlement)

"No Attempt was made in earlier times to protect the forest from fire. The first was a personal effort by Richard MORRIS who advertised in January 1868 that he would undertake such work for those owing bush sections."

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 72-73 Mills, Fires and Early Industries)

SEARCH January 1868 Canterbury newspapers

Letter to the Canterbury Provincial Council from Mr R Morris application for appointment of Clerk and Bailiff at Oxford

Oxford 22 February 1869
Sir Believing a Magistrate Court may be established here at Oxford and having acted as Clerk and Bailiff for the last 18 months and the occasional manning of the Court here, I would respectfully beg to offer my services to act in the like capacity and will forward the necessary references if required. I have the honour to be Sir Your Obedient Servant Richard Morris Oxford
His Honour the Superintendent

(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office agency CAAR accession 287 box CP101 item ICPS 235/1869)

1869-1870 Oxford district Canterbury Provincial Electoral Roll

- Richard MORRIS – place of abode Oxford – nature of qualification freehold and household – place where property situated and description of same 1 acre part section 1912 Oxford

(Reference Christchurch Public Library Provincial of Canterbury Roll of Electors 1869-1870 Oxford page 18 line 138)

1869-70 Ashley Electoral roll (list of new claims) = No trace Richard MORRIS
1869-70 Ashley Electoral Roll Canterbury Provincial district
MORRIS Richard place of abode Oxford Nature of Qualification freehold Pt Sec 1912
Oxford Electoral District Oxford
(Reference Christchurch Library Electoral Rolls for Canterbury District)

OXFORD

Township on the banks of the Eyre River, at the Northern edge of the Canterbury Plains, below the southern foothills of the Puketeraki Ranges, Oxford County, Central Canterbury, on Prov. S.H. No 72, 20km northeast of Springfield, 33 km west of Rangiora, 55km north-west of Christchurch. Schools, public hospital, Farming and sheep raising district, camping sites in the Ashley Gorge about 9km to the north, and picnic spots by the Waimakariri Gorge, 12km to the south-west. The settlement originated as a bush camp and sawmilling centre in the 1850s but the forest in the nearby hills were destroyed by fire about 1900. Named after the university city of Oxford England, or possibly after the Bishop of Oxford in the 1850s, Samuel Wilberforce (1805-63) who was one of the foundation members of the Canterbury Association.

(Reference Wisers New Zealand Atlas)

1870-1871 Ashley Electoral roll
Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912
Oxford - on said section
(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1870-71 Ashley no.347)

Richard had two bullocks and a dray, which he said he had made over to his son William, but magistrate Mellish did not believe him April 1871.
(Information sent to me by the late Edwin SHEAT Otago NZ)

SEARCH Canterbury court records for April 1871

1871-1872 Ashley Electoral roll
Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912
Oxford - on said section
(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1871-72 Ashley no.476)

SEARCH 1873 NZ Government Gazette page 263 additional info LTN = Richard MORRIS

1872-1873 & 1873-1874 & 1874-1875 Ashley Electoral roll
Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912
Oxford - on said section
(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1872-73 Ashley no.444 & 1873-74 no 433 & 1874-1875 no 465)

Richard wrote to the Board of Education offering to teach the Oxford School boys Military Drill Feb 1875.
(Information sent to me by the late Edwin SHEAT Otago NZ)

SEARCH Archive NZ 1875 Education Board correspondence registers

Oxford main industry was milling and was often plagued by fires. The milling industry was well established when in 1876 another large area of forest was again ravaged by fire. In 1880 fire destroyed Luers's mill along with 80,000 feet of timber. Friday 14 January 1898 a nor-west gale swept two fires across the hills and practically wiped out the industry.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page74 75 Mills, Fires and Early Industries)

1875-1876 & 1876-1877 Ashley Electoral roll

Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912
Oxford - on said section

(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1875-76 Ashley no.447 & 1876-1877)

One of the worst of the early gales recorded struck closed to the district of Oxford on 9 September 1876. It blew down a church close beside the school at View Hill, swept away the shelter at the Bexley railway siding near Waimakariri Gorge, and destroyed the early crops. Another nor-wester struck in September two years later in what the residents called 'black Monday'. St Andrew's church at East Oxford was blown off its foundations: the Methodist church was scattered over the landscape, the lock-up at West Oxford was blown away, fowls and fowl-houses went with the wind, a girl organist was lifted by one gust and thrown on top of a gorse hedge and tons of earth was swept from cultivated fields leaving them bare.

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 119-120 Closer Settlement)

A descendant told me that there was a photo of Richard MORRIS on the Oxford Town (A & P) Hall at Oxford North Canterbury.

SEARCH and/or write Oxford council for copy of photo. PHOTO LOCATED

1877-1878 & 1878-1879 Ashley Electoral roll

Richard MORRIS – Oxford - 1 - Freehold – 2 – Household - one acre a part section 1912
Oxford - on said section

(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls Ashley 1877-78 no.490 & 1878079 no 705)

Christchurch Museum

M628 MORRIS Richard was rate collector to the Oxford Road 13th Nov 67
He offered to take charge of Oxford bush sections at Oxford and prevent them being destroyed by fire. He was appointed clerk to the bench at Oxford June 69. He had fought in the Crimean and was still trouble by a wound he had received, and he had to go into hospital in 67. He has 2 bullocks and a dray, which he said he had made over to his son William but the magistrate Mellish did not believe him. Ap 71. He wrote to the Bd. of Educ. Offering to teach the school boys of Oxford military drill. Feb. 75

Richard MORRIS 34

Jane 35

Henry 3

arrived by British Crown 17.8.63

Alice 1

distressed emigrants from North of England

William 9 V

Pars. Vol. Ref. Lib. LT 16.11.67: 12.1.68: 11.6.69: 3.4.71: 13.2.75:

(Reference Christchurch Museum G R MacDonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies card index)

The family moved to Invercargill around 1878 as on their daughter Alice's 1878 Intention to marry it recorded that she had dwelled in Invercargill for 3 months and son Henry's 1884 Intention to Marry stated that he had dwelled in Invercargill for 6 years.

1879-1880 Ashley, Invercargill & Maitaia Electoral rolls = No trace of Richard MORRIS

(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls 1879-1880)

Southland Times 03 January 1879

New Zealand Blondin

I beg respectfully to return my sincere thanks to all concerned for the very liberal support accorded at the Caledonian Gathering, under the very adverse circumstances, in regard to weather, in which the New Zealand Blondin was compelled to perform.

Yours respectfully
RICHARD MORRIS

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Southland Times 03 January 1879 page 2)

Southland Times 20 June 1879

Article about renewal application for Waikiwi Hotel licence for George Alfred Tapper etc.

The Waikiwi Hotel
Richard Morris considered the house was exceedingly well conducted

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Southland Times 20 June 1879 page 2)

SEARCH Archives NZ AJHR 1881 Section H3 page 469 for Letter patent and letters of registration for a Richard MORRIS

Southland Times 18 July 1879

IN BANKRUPTCY

In the matter of "The Debtors" and the Creditors Act 1876 and the Debtors and Creditors Amendment Act 1878 and in the matter of the bankruptcy of Richard Morris of Waikiwi Labourer a debtor.

This is to notify that Richard Morris of Waikiwi has this day filed a statement that he is unable to meet his engagements with his creditors. The first meeting of creditors to be held at the Resident Magistrate's Courthouse, Invercargill on Wednesday the 23 of July 1879 at 3 p.m.

Dated this 17 day of July 1879

ARTHUR C HENDERSON
1897 Clerk of District Court

also

Synopsis of New Advertisements

Richard Morris Waikiwi had filed and his creditors meet on 23rd inst.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Southland Times 18 July 1879 page 2)

Southland Times 21 July 1879

New Insolvents

The following declarations of insolvencies were filed at Invercargill last week: -
Richard Morris of Waikiwi, labourer. Particulars not filed.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Southland Times 21 July 1879 page 2)

Southland Times 06 September 1879

IN BANKRUPTCY

In the matter of "The Debtors" and the Creditors Act 1876 and the Debtors and Creditors Amendment Act 1878 and in the matter of the bankruptcy of Richard Morris of Waikiwi a debtor.

This is to notify that a meeting of creditors in the above estate will be held at the District Courthouse Invercargill on Monday the eighth day of September current to received trustees report and consider debtors application for recommendation or order of discharge.

Dated at Invercargill this 05 day of September 1879

Thomas PERKINS
1897 Trustee 2454
Mr Stewart solicitor for debtor

also

Synopsis of New Advertisements

The creditors of Richard Morris meet on 8th inst. To consider as to application for discharge

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Southland Times 06 September 1879 page 2)

Southland Times 09 September 1879

IN BANKRUPTCY

In the matter of "The Debtors" and the Creditors Act 1876 and the Debtors and Creditors Amendment Act 1878 and in the matter of the bankruptcy of Richard Morris of Waikiwi a debtor.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 20th September current or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard application will be made to the District Court at Invercargill under section 184 of the said Act for the Debtors order of discharge.

W STUART
Solicitor for the said debtor

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Southland Times 09 September 1879 page 2)

Southland Times 24 September 1879

District Court – At yesterday's sitting of the District Court Richard Morris (and others listed) were granted the usual orders of discharge

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Southland Times 24 September 1879 page 2)

1881-1882 & 1884 Awarua Electoral Roll

Richard MORRIS - nature of qualification Residential - occupation Labourer - place of residence Waikiwi

(Reference Hocken Library Dunedin microfiche NZ Electoral rolls Awarua 1881-82 no 926 & 1884 no 1093)

The Southland Times Friday 22 April 1881

A Case of some interest came before the Waste Lands Board yesterday and was stated by Mr Richard Morris s deferred payment, settler at Taringatura. It is well known that the only Government sales of land being made in this district at present are those on deferred payments and in Taringatura as many as 20 sections have been taken up recently averaging more than 200 acres each. Mr Morris is one of 15 selectors who hold licenses for as many of these sections and his complaint to the Board was that owing to the want of a road these selections could not get upon their holdings to build houses and plough the land and that they were likely in consequence to lose a season. Mr Morris stated further that the delay in making the road in question arose from the circumstances that the Oreti Road Board was waiting to be merged partly on the Wallace County Council

SEARCH AGAIN

1887 & 1889 Stones Otago and Southland Directory

- Richard MORRIS labourer **SEARCH PLACE AGAIN**

1887 Awarua Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS qualification Residential abode Waikiwi occupation Labourer

1890 Awarua Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS qualification Residential abode Waikiwi occupation Labourer

Waikiwi residential suburb of Invercargill City, Southland, on the north bank of the Waihopai Stream and to the southeast of the Waikiwi Stream, between the suburbs of Grassmere and Waihopai, on Nat S.H. No 6, 5km north of the city centre. Railway station on the Kingston Branch line, 5km north of Invercargill. Primary schools IHC school, Parks. Takes its name from the Waikiwi Stream.

(Reference Wisers New Zealand Atlas)

1893 Invercargill Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS qualification Residential abode Invercargill occupation Labourer

1894 Invercargill Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS qualification Residential abode Invercargill occupation Labourer

1896 Invercargill Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS Residential Gala Street Invercargill occupation Labourer

- Jane MORRIS Residential Gala Street Invercargill occupation wife
(Reference National Library Wellington New Zealand Electoral Rolls on Microfiche)

Southland Times 20 February 1897

Magistrates Court Friday 19 February (before J W Poynton Esq. S.M.)
ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A BAILIFF
Richard Morris sued Denis O'Keefe for L20 damages for assault and battery at Hedgehope on 18th December 1896 – Mr Wade Plaintiff; Mr Hall defendant. Mr Wade said that Morris had gone as bailiff to O'keefe's place
TYPE document

TYPE in full (Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Southland Times 20 February 1897 page 3)

1897 Invercargill Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS Residential Gala Street Invercargill occupation Labourer
- Jane MORRIS Residential Gala Street Invercargill occupation wife

(Reference National Library Wellington New Zealand Electoral Rolls on Microfiche)

Richard MORRIS aged 71 years born Lancashire England occupation Bailiff died on 08 December 1897 at Southland Hospital Invercargill. Cause of death was Cancer of Stomach 6 months Syncope as certified by Dr R A MACLEOD who saw him last 08 December 1897. Richard's parent details were recorded as "Unknown". He was buried on 09 December 1897 St John's Cemetery Waikiwi Invercargill. The Church of England minister Rev Archt STOCKER took the service. Richard dwelled in New Zealand for 34 years (arrived about 1863). He married age 31 years to Jane WELLS (WALES) in Lancashire England. His living issue were recorded as 1 male aged 38 years and 1 female age 36 years. The informant was Henry MORRIS son of deceased Invercargill who registered the death on 08 December 1897. The registrar was J BUSH.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1897 folio 2267 item 148 Invercargill district)

I have been unable to locate any probate, wills or letters of administration for Richard MORRIS

1899 Invercargill Electoral Roll records

- Jane MORRIS Residential Conon Street Invercargill occupation wife

(Reference National Library Wellington New Zealand Electoral Rolls on Microfiche)

1906 Stones Otago and Southland Directory

- Mrs Jane MORRIS Don street Invercargill

Jane MORRIS age 77 years born Lancashire Invercargill occupation householder old age pensioner died on 27 July 1906 at Grassmere Invercargill. Cause of death was Diarrhoea Exhaustion 1 week as certified by Dr R H HOGG who saw her last on 24 July 1906. She was buried on 28 July 1906 Saint John's cemetery Waikiwi Invercargill. Church of England minister Rev W SWINBURN took the service. She had dwelled in New Zealand for 45 years (arrived about 1861). Jane age 30 years married Richard MORRIS in Lancashire England. Her living issue were 1 male age 47 years and 1 female age 45 years. Undertaker John FRASER Invercargill registered the death on 30 July 1906. The registrar was J G Petrie.

(Reference RGO New Zealand death registration 1906 folio 2037 line 113 Invercargill district)

Grassmere residential suburban area of Invercargill City, Southland, on the north side of the Waihopai River, 4km northwest of the city centre. Primary school, Domain. Named after Lake Grassmere, in the Lakes District, Cumbria, northwest England.

(Reference Wisers New Zealand Atlas)

St John's cemetery Waikiwi Invercargill block XVII [17] section 1a purchased 9 December 1897 by H MORRIS & G T HARRIS

- Richard MORRIS 71 years Invercargill buried 9 December 1897
- Jane MORRIS 77 years Grassmere buried 28 July 1906

(Reference NZSG Microfiche Cemetery transcripts Invercargill)

I have visited St Johns cemetery and taken a photograph of the unmarked grave. Directions on locating the grave at the St John's Cemetery are, enter the cemetery entrance and walk towards block 17, which is on the right and walk down the left side of block 17. Richard and Jane MORRIS are buried in the first unmarked plot on the left. There are unmarked plots on the right and behind them. The graves of McCLUSKIE and TAYLOR are behind the other unmarked plots. Richard and Jane are on the same side as the grave marked TAYLOR.

Staff Sergeant Major Herbert TAYLOR	McCLUSKIE
Richard & Jane MORRIS ‡ (No headstone) ‡	Blank

Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS their children and descendants

1- Richard MORRIS born about 1850 England or Wales died married

Richard MORRIS was born about 1850 England. His parents are Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS.

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1850 March quarter Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfied Pembrokeshire volume 26 page 5[35]0)

1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales

- Esther MORRIS head married age 35 charwomen born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- **Richard MORRIS** son unmarried age 11 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 9 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- John MORRIS son unmarried age 5 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1861 census St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22)

1871 Census 1 Hopkin Court Swansea Wales

- Esther MORRS head married age 46 Logging house keeper born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- **Richard MORRIS** son unmarried age 21 Labourer born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 19 Dress maker born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- John MORRIS son unmarried age 15 labourer born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1871 census Swansea Glamorgan Wales ED 18 household 162 RG 10/5454 page 29)

2- Sarah Woodward MORRIS born 04 May 1851 Ireland died married 1876 Wales
Edward Bothwell RODGER born died
2-1- Esther RODGER born 1876 Wales

Sarah Woodward MORRIS was born 04 May 1851 Ireland. Her parents are Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS.

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1851 September quarter Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales volume 26 page 621
(Reference information from living descendant MORRIS and researcher in England)

1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales

- Esther MORRS head married age 35 charwomen born Saint Peter Carmarthen
 - Richard MORRIS son unmarried age 11 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
 - **Sarah MORRIS** daughter unmarried age 9 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
 - John MORRIS son unmarried age 5 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales
- (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1861 census St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22)

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- (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1871 census Swansea Glamorgan Wales ED 18 household 162 RG 10/5454 page 29)

Sarah Woodward MORRIS married Edward Bothwell RODGER / RODGER 1876
Newport Glamorgan Gwent Monmouthshire Wales

ORDER (Reference RGO Wales birth registration 1876 September quarter Newport M district County Glamorgan Gwent Monmouthshire Wales volume 11a page 323)

Sarah and Edward had a daughter Esther RODGER born 1876 Glamorgan Wales

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1876 September quarter Merthyr Tydfil district County Breconshire Glamorgan Mid Glamorgan Wales)

1881 Census 1 Dewesbury Court St Mary Swansea Town Glamorgan Wales

- Esther MORRIS mother (head) widow age 58 Care taker of Officers born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales
 - **Sarah RODGER** daughter widow age 28 Charwomen born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales
 - Esther ROGER granddaughter age 4 born Marmouth Newport
- (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1881 census St Mary Swansea Town Glamorgan Wales ED1 RG 11/5356 page 51)

3- John MORRIS born 1856 Ireland died married

John MORRIS was born 1856 Ireland. His parents are Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS.

SEARCH (Reference RGO Ireland birth registration 1850

Richard and Esther had a son John MORRIS who was born 1856 Wales

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1856 March quarter Carmarthen district county Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales volume 11a page 560)

1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales

- **Esther MORRS** head married age 35 charwomen born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- Richard MORRIS son unmarried age 11 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 9 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- John MORRIS son unmarried age 5 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales

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- Esther ROGER granddaughter age 4 born Marmouth Newport

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website 1881 census St Mary Swansea Town Glamorgan Wales ED1 RG 11/5356 page 51)

Richard & Jane MORRIS their children and descendants

4-William (Schubert) (WELLS) MORRIS born 23 January 1850 Tilley Street baptised 31 March 1850 Warrington Lancaster England died age 90 years 18 February 1938 Oxford NZ 1st married 30 June 1875 St Andrews Oxford NZ **Constance JOHNSON** born about 1857 Rangiora NZ died age 25 years 1883 (new BDM ref 1883/3092) Oxford NZ (5 issue) 2nd married 08 May 1884 Oxford NZ **Rosalie BEAMISH** born about 1864/65 Australia died 11 December 1942 Oxford NZ (new BDM ref 1942/32368 Roseline) (7 Issue)

4-1-William George MORRIS born 24 April 1877 Oxford NZ

4-2-Clara Alice MORRIS born 28 August 1878 Oxford NZ

4-3-Anna Constance (Hannah) MORRIS born 1880 Oxford NZ

4-4-Richard Henry (Henry) MORRIS born 1881 Oxford NZ

4-5-Charles Robert MORRIS born 1883 Oxford NZ

4-6-Ernest Heywood (Ernest Edward) MORRIS born 11 October 1885 Oxford NZ

4-7-Bertie Frederick MORRIS born 1888 East Oxford NZ

4-8-Mabel Rosaline MORRIS born 1892 East Oxford NZ

4-9-Henry James (Herbert James) MORRIS (twin) born 28 February 1896 Oxford NZ

4-10-Arthur Thomas (Thomas) MORRIS (twin) born 28 February 1896 Oxford NZ

4-11-Samuel Sydney MORRIS born 1899 Oxford NZ

4-12-Olive Violet (Violet Olive) MORRIS born 1901 Oxford NZ

NOTE: For further information on the family groups above please refer to the document on the website (HARRIS) **HA Morris Johnson 1875 New Zealand 26-27-1**

5-Henry (Harry) Joseph MORRIS born 20 November 1859 Warrington Lancaster England died 10 October 1940 Riverton Invercargill NZ married 11 September 1884 Invercargill **Honora (Rona) MOYLAN** born about 1861-62 Galaway Ireland died 19 July 1923 Invercargill NZ (9 Issue)

5-1- Richard (Dick) William MORRIS born 1885 Invercargill NZ

5-2- Margaret MORRIS born 1887 NZ

- 5-3- Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 Grassmere Invercargill NZ
- 5-4- Mary Josephine MORRIS born 1890 Invercargill NZ
- 5-5- William George MORRIS born 1891 Invercargill NZ
- 5-6- Henry Joseph MORRIS born 1893 Invercargill NZ
- 5-7- Thomas MORRIS born 04 May 1895 Invercargill NZ
- 5-8- Edward Peter MORRIS born 1898 Invercargill NZ
- 5-9- Margaret Beatrice MORRIS born 1900 Invercargill NZ

NOTE: For further information on the family groups above please refer to the document on the website (HARRIS) **HA Morris Moylan 1884 New Zealand 26-27-2**

6- Alice MORRIS born 17 February 1862 Warrington Lancaster England died 15 December 1918 Invercargill New Zealand married 25 June 1878 Invercargill New Zealand **George Thomas HARRIS Chart 12-13**

NOTE: For further information on the family group above please refer to the document on the website (HARRIS) **HA Morris Harris 1878 New Zealand 12-13**

MORRIS miscellaneous Information

1851 Census 109 Winswick [sic] street St Pauls Warrington Lancashire England

- Richard MORRIS lodger unmarried age 21/27 Ag Labour born Woolston Lancashire (Reference FHC LDS microfilm 0087213 Census 1851 Warrington Lancashire England Enumeration District 3 page [33] 515)

NOTE: This is not our Richard MORRIS as he was in Ireland at the time.

Death registrations perhaps for the family that appear in the 1841 census below

- Jane MORRIS died 1844 June quarter death registration Warrington Cheshire Lancashire volume 20 page 553 England
- Ann MORRIS died 1842 September quarter death registration Warrington Cheshire Lancashire volume 20 page 666 England
- Ralph MORRIS died 1847 March quarter death registration Warrington Cheshire Lancashire volume 20 page 933 England

1841 census workhouse Warrington Lancashire England

- Jane MORRIS age 81 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- Ann MORRIS age 32 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- Richard MORRIS age 12 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- Ruben MORRIS age 7 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- Henry MORRIS age 4 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- Eliza MORRIS age 11 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire
- Ralph MORRIS age 6 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1841 census West Derby Warrington Lancashire England page 57)

Please note that the majority of New Zealand MORRIS transcriptions are recorded on the website at the end of document (HARRIS) **HA Morris Johnson 1875 New Zealand 26-27-1**

St Johns Churchyard Waikiwi Invercargill

- Jane MORRIS 77 years Grassmere buried 28 July 1906 block XVII section 1a purchased 09 December 1897 by H MORRIS & G T HARRIS

- Richard MORRIS 71 years Invercargill buried 09 December 1897 block XVII section 1a purchased 09 December 1897 by H MORRIS & G T HARRIS
- Emily MORRIS 86 years Waikiwi buried 13 August 1927 block XIX section 35 previously purchased
- William Arthur MORRIS 72 years Waikiwi buried 07 November 1915 block XIX section 35 purchased 03 January 1916 by W A MORRIS
- Rachel MORRIS 3 days 10 Selwyn Street buried 27 July 1934 block XIII section 2 purchased 31 July 1890 by William HAZELMORE father Ernest MORRIS

(Reference Invercargill City council St Johns cemetery register Waikiwi Invercargill & National Library of NZ microfilm cemetery transcripts Waikiwi cemetery Invercargill)

MORRIS enquirer addresses and information

Name	Address	Letter
MORRIS Living	Auckland	Not related
Husbands MORRIS family arrive in Otago on the ship "Nourmahall" C1856 and settled on Otago Peninsula. They came from Naupautan, Nottinghamshire with connection to Loughborough.		
FERGUSON Living	Australia	Not related
Arthur William MORRIS & Janet MOODIE issue 12 children lived Dunedin		
