

HARRIS
Hutt Valley - Taita
Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information
(Weblink HVF Harris Harris)

Abraham HARRIS and Sophia HARRIS
Family History

Abraham HARRIS

B 1810 25 August 1810 Broomfield Chelmsford Borough Essex England

D 1874 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand

M 1830 Broomfield St Mary The Virgin Essex England

Sophia HARRIS

B 1811 England

D 21 September 1888 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand

Children:

1. Sophia HARRIS born 1831 England
2. James HARRIS born 1833 England
3. Edward HARRIS born 1835 England
4. Walter HARRIS born 1837 England
5. Thomas HARRIS born 1839 England
6. David HARRIS born 29 November 1841 [or 1840] Wellington New Zealand
7. Charles David HARRIS born 21 February 1843 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand
8. Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand
9. Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand
10. William Henry HARRIS born 1850 New Zealand
11. Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS born 1851 New Zealand
12. Abraham John HARRIS born 1855 New Zealand

[Abraham HARRIS – Section No 7 & 10 Pakuratahi]

Abraham HARRIS born 25 August 1810 Broomfield Chelmsford Borough Essex England

Sophia HARRIS born 1811 England

Abraham HARRIS married 30 October 1830 Broomfield St Mary The Virgin Essex England
Sophia HARRIS

Abraham and Sophia had a child Sophia HARRIS born 1831 England

Abraham and Sophia had a child James HARRIS born 1833 England

Abraham and Sophia had a child Edward HARRIS born 1835 England

Abraham and Sophia had a child Walter HARRIS born 1837 England

Abraham and Sophia had a child Thomas HARRIS born 09 August 1839 Broomfield
Sedgemoor Somerset England or 1839 Chelmsford Essex England

(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1839 September quarter district Chelmsford County Essex England volume 12 page 54)

Ship "Bolton" departed 19 November 1839 Gravesend England arrived 30 April 1840 Port Nicholson Wellington New Zealand

- Abraham HARRIS age 29 labourer & Brickmaker
- Sophia HARRIS age 29
- Sophia HARRIS age 8
- James HARRIS age 6
- Edward HARRIS age 4
- Walter HARRIS age 2
- Thomas HARRIS age 10 weeks

Abraham and Sophia had a child David John HARRIS born 29 November 1841 (or 1840) Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO birth registration 1840 folio website 1840/650 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris)

Abraham and Sophia had a child Charles David HARRIS born 21 February 1843 Taita Hutt Valley Wellington New Zealand

Abraham and Sophia had a child Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1848 folio website 1848/927 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris

Abraham and Sophia had a child Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1848 folio website 1848/953 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris

William Henry HARRIS born 1850 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1850 folio website 1850/1062 parents Sophie and Abraham Harris

Abraham and Sophia had a child Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS born 1851 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1851 folio website 1851/3866 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris

Abraham and Sophia had a child Abraham John HARRIS born 1855 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1855 folio website 1855/3198 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris

Abraham HARRIS Farmer River Hutt Jurors List 1852 NZ Gazette page 34

1853-1864 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Abraham HARRIS Taita Leasehold Taita Lower Hutt
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1865 Hutt Electoral Roll - Abraham HARRIS

1870

Memorandum of Agreement made the thirteenth day of January One thousand eight hundred and seventy Between Edward William MILLS of the City of Wellington in the Province of Wellington Ironmonger and Iron-founder of the one part and Abraham HARRIS of the Hutt district in the same Province carter of the other part Do hereby the said Edward Williams MILLS agrees to sell to the said Abraham HARRIS and the said Abraham HARRIS agrees to purchase for Five hundred pounds all that the agreement for the lease of a piece of Land at Pakuratahi in the said Province of Wellington containing three and half acres or thereabouts being part of Section Number ten on the Plan of the said District formerly made with Terry

[sic] and cave [sic] afterward wish and now held by him the said Edward William MILLS by and under Walter HODDER all that the Mill machinery engine coiler saws breaking down frame furniture and tools now being in and about said premises Together wish the right of cutting timber on the land of the said Walter HODDER as under agreement with the said to Walter Hodder and also all the right title and interest of him the said Edward William MILLS in and to an agreement for a lease of part of Section Number Seven on the plan of the same District made and agreement to be granted to one E MORGAN and to afterwards with him the said Edward Williams MILLS by certain Aboriginal Natives and other persons entitled in that behalf and the said Abraham HARRIS agrees to pay for the premises the said sum of Five hundred Pounds in manner following that is to say One Hundred and Sixty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on the seventh day of March next One hundred and sixty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on the seventh day of April and the balance or sum of lone hundred and Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on the Seventh day of June now next and the said Edward William MILLS agrees that on payment of the last of such amounts he the said Edward William MILLS his executors or administrators will and shall execute an assignment of all such his interest aforesaid It being understood that the said Abraham HARRIS purchases and takes the said Edward William MILLS sells only and agrees to assign only such interest in the said land as he the said Edward William MILLS now possesses but that the said Edward William MILLS will assist the said Abraham HARRIS so far as in him lay but at the costs of the said Abraham HARRIS to procure valid leases from the said Walter Hodder and the Natives That in the meantime the said Edward William MILLS will grant and the said Abraham HARRIS shall accept a lease of the said Land Mill, Mill Machine tools and premises hereby agree to be sold and continue a tenant under the same until payment of the full sum of Five hundred Pounds that if default shall be made in payment of any of the said sums or any part thereof the unpaid portion shall bear interest after the rate of Ten Pounds per centum per annum and the said Edward William MILLS shall have the option of cancelling this agreement at any time after default and reselling the premises

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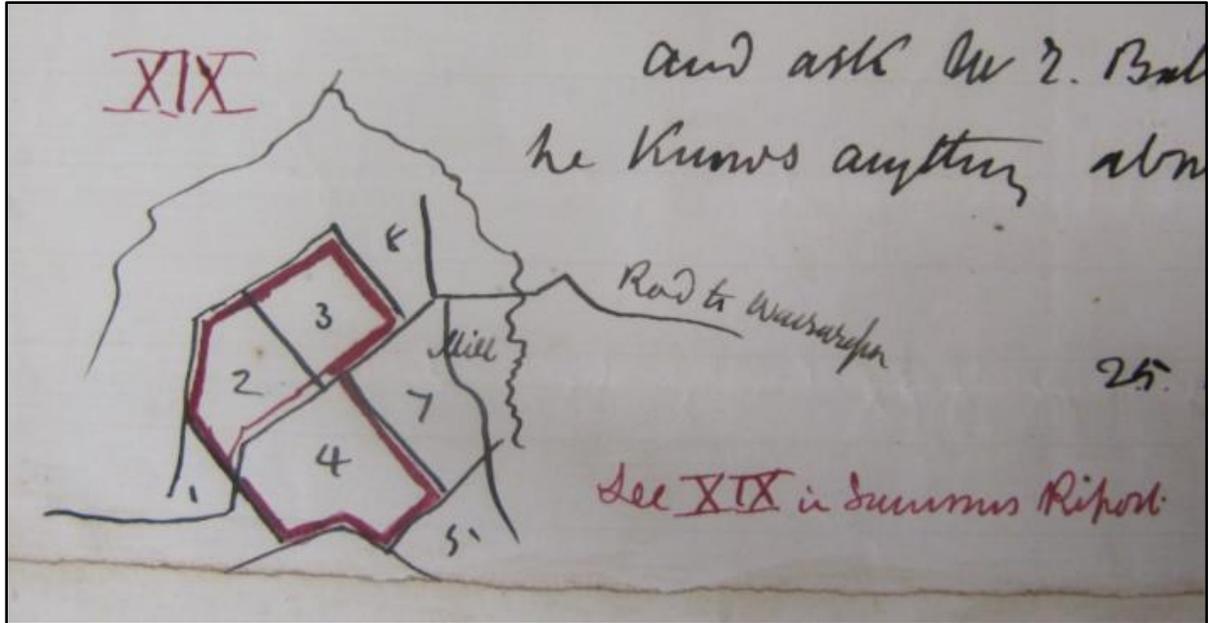
Dated 13 January 1870 Mr E W Mills and Mr A Harris Agreement – Brandon & Quick Memorandum that whatever is paid by the within the named Abraham Harris on a certain deed of lease dated fifteenth day of December One thousand eight hundred and seventy shall be taken in part payment of the purchase money within mentioned (signed E W Mills) And the said Abraham Harris shall on demand pay any deficiency on such resale – As witness – Signed by the before mentioned Edward William Mills and Abraham Harris in the presence of (signed E W Mills & A Harris)

C (?) Accountant Wellington

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Abraham HARRIS was residing in Pakuratahi around 1870s. He was operating a mill in the district.

1873 Pakuratahi Sections & Mill (Edward Morgan-Cruickshank-Mills)



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1870-1871 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Abraham HARRIS Taita Leasehold Taita Lower Hutt house and land
- James HARRIS Taita Freehold Taita house and land
- Thomas HARRIS Taita Hutt Leasehold Taita Hutt house and land 14 acres
- George HARRIS Hutt Road Leasehold Hutt Road house and land

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Abraham HARRIS died 22 October 1874 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 22 October 1874 folio website 1874/14422 age 64 born about 1810)

In the obituary notices we publish this morning appears we regret to say, the name of Mr Abraham Harris of the Taita. He arrived in Wellington in the ship Bolton one of the first of the New Zealand Company's vessels, and he has resided at the Taita ever since. During the Maori war he was driven off his land like the other settlers resident in that locality but he returned when peace was restored. He leaves a large family of children and grandchildren to mourn his loss

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 October 1874)

Deaths – Harris on 22 October at his residence Taita Abraham Harris aged 64 years

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 31 October 1874)

Abraham HARRIS date 22 October 1874 Christ Church Anglican cemetery Taita & St James Anglican Lower Hutt

Abraham HARRIS farmer Hutt death date 22 October 1874 court Wellington filed date 18 November 1874 type Will reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6029 record 774

Sophia HARRIS died 21 September 1888 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 21 September 1888 folio website 1888/2916 age 77 born about 1811)

Evening Post newspaper 22 September 1888

Another of Wellington's oldest settlers passed away last evening in the person of Mrs Sophia Harris relict of the late Mr Abraham Harris of the Taita. Mrs Harris arrived in Wellington with her husband in one of the pioneer vessels in 1840. Here they settled for some years and then removed to the Taita where Mr Harris engaged in sawmilling business. They experienced the many hardships that were undergone by the early settlers and also were obliged with others for a while to give up their home during the troublous times experienced with the natives. The war over they with the rest of the settlers returned to the Hutt district. Mrs Harris survived her husband some 15 years and succumbed last evening through general decay at the ripe age of 77. There was a large family of ten children all of whom are living while grandchildren and great-grandchildren make up a family circle of about 70. Mrs Harris was greatly respected throughout the district and was well known to all old settlers in this province who will sympathise with her family in their loss.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 September 1888)

Sophia HARRIS date 21 September 1888 Christ Church Anglican cemetery Taita

Sophia HARRIS widow Taita death date 21 September 1888 court Wellington filed date 02 October 1888 type Will reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6029 record 3095

Abraham & Sophia HARRIS their children and descendants

1- Sophia HARRIS born 1831 England death date and place unknown marriage date and place unknown

#Ship "Bolton" departed 19 November 1839 Gravesend England arrived 30 April 1840 Port Nicholson Wellington New Zealand

- Sophia HARRIS age 8

Not sure #Sophia HARRIS died 1914 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1914 folio website 1914/5779 age 73 born about 1841

Not related #Sophia HARRIS married 1883 New Zealand Samuel FERGUSON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 183 folio website 1883/1174 & Sophia FERGUSON widow died 20 July 1945 Christchurch reference RGO NZ death registration 1945 folio website 1945/25419 age 83 born about 1862

NOTE a family tree on Ancestry website recorded that Mary Ann's parents were Sophia and Abraham Harris

1- Mary Ann HARRIS born 12 March 1831 Broomfield Sedgemoor Somerset England died 04 June 1893 Wellington New Zealand married 1854 New Zealand **Captain John HOUGHTON** born 23 October 1818 Shoreditch London Hackney England died 08 September 1879 Wellington New Zealand

#Mary Anne HARRIS married 1854 New Zealand John HOUGHTON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1854 folio website 1854/1292

#John HOUGHTON died 1879 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1879 folio website 1879/5384 age 60 born about 1819

#Mary Ann HOUGHTON died 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1893 folio website 1893/2687 age 62 born about 1831

#Mary Ann HOUGHTON born 12 March 1831 Broomfield Sedgemoor Somerset England died 04 June 1893 Wellington New Zealand & Captain John HOUGHTON born 23 October 1818 Shoreditch London Hackney England died 08 September 1879 Wellington New Zealand buried Bolton Street cemetery Wellington New Zealand

- 2- James HARRIS** born 28 February 1833 England died 12 October 1897 Sanson New Zealand
#Ship "Bolton" departed 19 November 1839 Gravesend England arrived 30 April 1840 Port Nicholson Wellington New Zealand
- James HARRIS age 6
- #James HARRIS died 12 October 1897 Sanson New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1897 folio website 1897/5794 age 64 born about 1833
#Mr James HARRIS senior a resident of Sanson for the past 25 years died on Wednesday. He came to New Zealand in 1840 and resided for many years in Wellington city and at the Hutt reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 15 October 1897
#In loving memory of James HARRIS died buried 18 October 1897 aged 64 years buried Sanson cemetery Manawatu Horowhenua
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- 3- Edward Richard HARRIS** born 15 January 1835 Broomfield Sedgemoor Somerset England died 01 August 1901 Martinborough New Zealand married 1859 New Zealand **Mary Ann DAYSH** born 02 December 1839 Alton East Hampshire England died 24 May 1918
#Ship "Bolton" departed 19 November 1839 Gravesend England arrived 30 April 1840 Port Nicholson Wellington New Zealand
- Edward HARRIS age 4
- #Edward Richard HARRIS died 01 (buried 18) August 1901 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1901 folio website 1901/4250 age 66 born about 1835
#Edward Richard HARRIS an old and respected resident of Martinborough died there yesterday aged sixty six reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 August 1901
#Edward Richard HARRIS died 18 August 1901 aged 66 born 1835 – His wife Mary Anne HARRIS died 24 May 1918 aged 79 born 1839 – Abraham John HARRIS died 29 September 1935 aged 80 born 1855 – Margaret Mary HARRIS born 04 August 1861 died 26 June 1915 aged 76 – Kathleen Valentine HARRIS born 14 February 1898 died 25th April 1898 – Abraham William HARRIS born 11 February 1882 died 14 January 1900 aged 28 (should birth date be 1872 or age 18?) – Walter Claude HARRIS born 13 December 1891 died 29 March 1917 aged 26 all buried Waihenga cemetery Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand reference Ancestry website New Zealand cemetery transcripts
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- 4- Walter HARRIS** born 02 April 1837 Broomfield Sedgemoor Somerset England died 08 November 1915 Masterton Wairarapa New Zealand married 1866 **Sarah Jane WYETH** born 04 February 1847 Wellington New Zealand died 15 July 1930 Masterton Wairarapa New Zealand
#Ship "Bolton" departed 19 November 1839 Gravesend England arrived 30 April 1840 Port Nicholson Wellington New Zealand
- Walter HARRIS age 2
- #Walter HARRIS married 1866 New Zealand Sarah Jane WYETH reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1866 folio website 1866/6436
#Walter HARRIS died 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1915 folio website 1930/5381 age 83 born about 1837
#Sarah Jane HARRIS died 1930 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio website 1915/8397 age 78 born about 1837
#In loving memory of Walter Lawrence Victor HARRIS died 01 January 1896 aged 9 years – Reuben John HARRIS died 01 January 1896 aged 7 years – Mary Maria beloved wife of W Bayliss died 30 July 1907 aged 34 years "Not gone from memory not gone from

love but gone to the heavenly home above (t Hoar) – Annie beloved wife of T Stumbles died 22 June 1910 aged 42 – The trail was hard the sock severe to part with one we love so dear – In loving memory of Walter HARRIS died 08 November 1915 aged 78 years – In loving memory of Sarah Jane HARRIS died 15 July 1930 aged 83 – (Separate plaque) In loving memory of Walter Harris died 08 November 1915 aged 78 years - (Separate plaque) In loving memory of Sarah Jane HARRIS died 15 July 1930 aged 83 years (T Hoar) all buried Masterton cemetery Block Q Row 5 Wairarapa New Zealand reference Ancestry website New Zealand cemetery transcripts

5- Thomas HARRIS born 09 August 1839 Broomfield Sedgemoor Somerset England died 04 April 1924 Sanson New Zealand married 1859 New Zealand **Phoebe Ann RAYNER** born 18 January 1840 England died 08 October 1922 Sanson Wairarapa New Zealand
#Thomas HARRIS born 09 August 1839 Broomfield Sedgemoor Somerset England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1839 September quarter district Chelmsford County Essex England volume 12 page 54
#Ship "Bolton" departed 19 November 1839 Gravesend England arrived 30 April 1840 Port Nicholson Wellington New Zealand

- Thomas HARRIS age 10 weeks

#Thomas HARRIS married 1859 New Zealand Phoebe Ann RAYNER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 312 website 1859/2904
#Phoebe Ann HARRIS died 1922 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1922 folio website 1922/9043 age 82 born about 1840
#Thomas HARRIS died 1924 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1924 folio website 1924/2654 age 84 born about 1840
#In loving memory of Phebe Ann beloved wife of Thomas HARRIS died 08th October 1922 aged 82 years. In loving memory of Thomas HARRIS died 04th April 1924 aged 84 years also their son Allen Rayner HARRIS killed in action in France 24th August 1918 aged 38 years. In loving memory of Mary Ann HARRIS died 10th August 1942 age 80 years Also Phebe HARRIS died 28th August 1942 aged 6? Years all buried Sanson cemetery Sanson Horowhenua Manawatu

6- David John HARRIS born 29 November 1841 Wellington New Zealand
#David John HARRIS born 1840 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1840 folio 29 website 1840/650 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris

7- Charles David HARRIS born 21 February 1843 Taita Hutt Valley Wellington NZ died 19 February 1913 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand married 1866 New Zealand **Emily / Emma SUNNEX** born 06 November 1845 died 17 February 1893 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand
#Charles HARRIS married 1866 Emily SUNNEX reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1866 folio 0767 website 1866/6628
#Emma HARRIS died 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1893 folio website 1893/527 age 48 born about 1845
#Charles David HARRIS died 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1913 folio website 1913/1171 age 69 born about 1844
#Charles David HARRIS died 19 January 1913 aged 70 born 1843 (or 1842) - Emma HARRIS born 06 November 1845 died 17 February 1893 aged 48 - daughter Eliza Anne born 24 May 1873 died 20 December 1908 aged 35 all buried Waihenga cemetery Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand reference Ancestry website New Zealand cemetery transcripts

8- Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand died 09 December 1938 Masterton Wairarapa New Zealand married 1868 New Zealand **George DEW** born

#Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1848 folio website 1848/927 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris
#Ellen Matilda HARRIS born 1848 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1848 folio website 1848/953 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris
#Ellen Matilda HARRIS married 1868 New Zealand George DEW reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1868 folio 906 website 1868/7259
#George DEW is charged on warrant issued by the Carterton Bench with having deserted his wife and children at Carter since 05th April last. Description A labourer, about fifty one years of age, 6 feet high, fair complexion, brown hair, sandy whiskers and moustache, very bow legged owing to left leg having been broken, walks lame and on the side of his foot. Said to have been seen at Napier in July last and it is thought that some tidings of him may be heard at Dr Newman's flax-mill Turakina reference 1890 New Zealand Police Gazette page 202
#George DEW died 1927 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1927 folio website 1927/5822 age 87 born about 1840
#George DEW born 1840 died 15 July 1927 buried Mangatera cemetery Dannevirke New Zealand
#Ellen Matilda DEW died 1938 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1938 folio website 1938/26140 age 90 born about 1848
#Ellen Matilda DEW born 1848 died 09 December 1938 buried Archer Street cemetery Masterton New Zealand

9- William Henry HARRIS born 22 July 1850 Lower Hutt New Zealand died 15 July 1853 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand (died young never married)
#William Henry HARRIS born 1850 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1850 folio website 1850/1062 parents Sophie and Abraham Harris
#William Henry HARRIS died 1853 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1853 folio 209 website 1853/540 age 3 born about 1850
#William Henry HARRIS born 22 July 1850 Lower Hutt New Zealand died 15 July 1853 Taita Lower Hutt buried Christ Church Anglican cemetery Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand

10- Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS born 1851 New Zealand died 1913 New Zealand married 24 June 1874 New Zealand **Squire BARLOW** born 1848 England died 18 April 1885 Wellington New Zealand
#Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS born 1851 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1851 folio website 1851/3866 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris
#Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS married 1874 New Zealand Squire BARLOW reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1874 folio 652 website 1874/7789
#Barlow-Harris – on 24th June at the Manse by the Rev Mr Moir Squire Barlow to Elizabeth Sarah youngest daughter of Mr Abraham Harris reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 08 August 1874
#Squire BARLOW died 18 April 1885 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1885 folio website 1885/2453 age 37 born about 1848
#Elizabeth Sarah BARLOW died 15 June 1913 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1913 folio website 1913/3721 age 63 born about 1850
#Elizabeth Sarah BARLOW born 1850 died 15 June 1913 & Squire BARLOW born 1847 died 18 April 1885 both buried Bolton Street cemetery Wellington

11- Abraham John HARRIS born 1855 New Zealand died 29 September 1935 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand married 1881 New Zealand **Maggie/Margaret Mary O'BRIEN** born 04 August 1861 County Limerick Ireland died 26 June 1915 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand

#Abraham John HARRIS born 1855 New Zealand reference RGO birth registration 1855 folio website 1855/3198 parents Sophia and Abraham Harris
#Abram John HARRIS married 1881 New Zealand Maggie Mary O'BRIEN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1881 folio 1800 website 1881/1776
#Abraham John HARRIS died 1933 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio website 1933/7897 age 78 born about 1855
#Abraham John HARRIS age 80 born 06 February 1855 New Zealand died 29 September 1935 [sic] & Margaret Mary HARRIS born 04 August 1861 County Limerick Ireland died 26 June 1915 Martinborough Wairarapa both buried Waihenga cemetery Martinborough
#Abraham John HARRIS died 29 September 1935 aged 80 born 1855 – Margaret Mary HARRIS born 04 August 1861 died 26 June 1915 aged 76 – Kathleen Valentine HARRIS born 14 February 1898 died 25 April 1898 – Abraham William HARRIS born 11 February 1882 died 14 January 1900 aged 28 (should birth date be 1872 or age 18?) – Walter Claude HARRIS born 13 December 1891 died 29 March 1917 age 26 all buried Waihenga cemetery Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand
