

Richard Woodward MORRIS and Jane WELLS

chart 26-27 - maternal
(website HA Morris Wells 1858 England)

Richard Woodward MORRIS

B 09 May 1829 Warrington Lancaster England

D 08 December 1897 Invercargill New Zealand

1st M 16 June 1849 Carmarthen Wales (3 children)

2nd M 19 December 1858 Warrington Lancaster England (2 children)

Esther MORRIS

B circa 1826 Carmarthen Wales

D circa 1890 perhaps Carmarthen Wales

M 16 June 1849 Carmarthen Wales (3 children)

Jane WELLS

B 06 July 1828 Warrington Lancaster England

D 27 July 1906 Grassmere Invercargill New Zealand

M 19 December 1858 Warrington Lancashire England (2 children)

Children:

1. Richard MORRIS born 1850 Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfied Pembrokeshire Wales
2. Sarah Woodward MORRIS born 04 May 1851 Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfied Pembrokeshire Wales
3. John MORRIS born 1856 Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfied Pembrokeshire Wales
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

Richard Woodward MORRIS was born 09 May 1829 in Warrington Lancaster England. He was the illegitimate child of Ann MORRIS. I believe his father was Richard WOODWARD. It would be another 2 years before Richard was baptised on the 22 May 1831.

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 microfilm 494237)

According to the military records of Richard Woodward MORRIS he would have been born circa May 1829 in Warrington Lancaster. When Richard became a private on 08 May then his birth would work out to be 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. I have been unable to locate any confirmation to confirm this story.

1841 census workhouse Warrington Lancashire England

- Jane MORRIS age 81 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire (grandmother)
 - Ann MORRIS age 32 Inmate born in county Warrington Lancashire (mother)
 - 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 researcher 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 did however locate Richard attending a military funeral in 1881 and the article stated that "Richard Morris late H.M. 14th Buckinghamshire (2 medals and 1 bar) served in the Crimea".

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 01 August 1881 page 2)

I previously wrote to the Public Records Office now National Archives in England plus searched the soldiers' documents on microfilm in New Zealand and found no trace for a Richard MORRIS only a Richard Woodward 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 period. 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 the same person.

(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 17 years 9 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 months, 5 feet 5 inches & 5 feet 8 inches height, dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, fair complexion, and trade labourer. There were four pages of service documents for Richard Woodward 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 proves that Richard did not see service in the Crimean War.

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

In 1849 the 14th Regiment was stationed in Newport Mon Wales but Richard was with a detachment based in Carmarthen Barracks Wales. This would be where he met and married his first wife Esther MORRIS.

Esther MORRIS and Esther MORRIS married

Esther MORRIS was born circa 1826 Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales. Her father was Richard MORRIS occupation maltster.

1841 Census Treleach ar Bettws Carmarthen Conwil Wales

- Esther LEWIS age 80 born in County No
- Esther MORRIS age 15 born about 1826 in County Yes Carmarthenshire Wales

(Reference Ancestry website 1841 Census Treleach ar Bettws Carmarthen Conwil Wales piece 1383 book 23 folio 5 page 2)

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. Esther's father was Richard MORRIS occupation maltster.

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

Richard and Esther had a son Richard MORRIS born 1850 Carmarthenshire Wales

(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1850 March quarter Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire volume 26 page 5350)

The 14th regiment was post to Athlone Co West Meath Ireland in the spring of 1850 but in 1851 Richard was still stationed in Wales.

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)

Richard and Esther had a daughter Sarah MORRIS born 04 May 1851 Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales

(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1851 Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales [1] June quarter volume 26 page 622 [2] September quarter volume 26 page 621)

The Crimean War took place between 1853 and 1856 and a peaceful settlement was concluded on March 30 1856. Richard's service records stated that he saw no overseas service so this proves that he did not serve in the Crimean War.

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

(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1856 Carmarthen district county Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales [1] 1856 March quarter volume 11a page 560 [2] June quarter volume 11a page 635 [3] September quarter volume 11a page 591)

Private Richard Woodward MORRIS enlisted age 17 discharged age 26 birth date about 1830 birth place Warrington Lancashire England enlisted year 1847 discharged year 1856 Regiment 14th Regiment of Foot Regimental number 2721.

(Reference Ancestry website UK Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records 1760-1920)

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. His last contacted the War Office was towards the end of 1869 when a letter (reference G48989) of reply was sent to Richard on 26 November 1869.

The above 1869 reference might have been in 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 to place on his military file but the letter took 7 months to reach the War Office.

After Richard was discharged from the 14th Regiment he deserted his wife Esther sometime between October 1856 and before 19 December 1858 as this is when he married Alice WELLS.

Richard's first wife Esther was still living and Richard had not divorced her so our Richard MORRIS became 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 Richard and his second wife Alice WELLS.

Richard Woodward MORRIS deserted Esther MORRIS

After Richard deserted Esther she remained in Wales working hard to support their three children Richard, Sarah and John MORRIS.

1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Division 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 Division Wales ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22)*

1871 Census 1 Hopkin Court Swansea Wales

- Esther MORRIS 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)*

Please note I am not sure which of the two death registrations below belong to our Esther. She had been living in Carmarthen Wales and they may have transcribed her Christian name incorrectly or she moved and the other registration belongs to her.

Eliza MORRIS age 64 born about 1826 died 1890 Carmarthen Wales. Or was it Esther MORRIS age 64 born about 1827 died 1891 Dudley Staffordshire England.

(Reference RGO UK death registration 1890 March quarter district Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire volume 11a page 751 RGO UK death registration 1891 September quarter district Dudley County Staffordshire England volume 6c page 4)

Jane WELLS

Jane WELLS was born in England and baptised 06 July 1828 Warrington Lancashire England. Her parents were recorded as Alice and Sowden (Lowden) WELLS.

(Reference FHC LDS Family Search microfilm 1468988 Warrington Lancashire England)

Baptisms solemnised Parish of Warrington in the County of Lancaster in the Year 1828

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 Bishops Transcripts Births Parish of Warrington Lancaster England 1827-1834 page 111 line 891)

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 who she named William WELLS.

William WELLS was born about 1850 Warrington Lancashire England

(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1850 Warrington Cheshire Lancashire England [1] 1850 March quarter volume 20 page 942 [2] 1850 March quarter volume 20 page 941)

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)

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 and Jane WELLS marry

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's first wife Esther was still living in 1858 and they never divorced making our Richard MORRIS a bigamist.

I do not have any information regarding the marriage witnesses Martha and James SWATEN. In time I will research to see if they are related to Richard or Jane.

Richards and Jane had a son Henry MORRIS who was born 20 November 1859 at Warrington Lancaster England.

(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

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

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

Warrington Guardian 18 April 1863

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 is 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 ether 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 had received relief and were likely to become again chargeable, they would upon the report of the relieving officer, give assistance as they thought necessary.

(Reference photocopy of document Warrington Guardian 18 April 1863 page 62 or 6a from the late Edwin SHEAT Palmerston Otago New Zealand)

Warrington Guardian Saturday 25 April 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.

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

Richard and Alice MORRIS left Liverpool England on 06 May 1863 and arrived in Lyttelton Christchurch New Zealand on 17 August 1863. The voyage of the "British Crown" took nearly 3 months. There was no passenger list for ship "British Crown" at National Archives in Wellington.

Lyttelton Times newspaper 24 June 1863 page 4

Shipping Intelligence – Government have chartered the British Crown 1,100 tons to sail from Liverpool the latter end of next month with 300 unemployed Lancashire operatives for Canterbury New Zealand – London Correspondent of the Otago Daily Times 26th March

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Lyttelton Times newspaper 24 June 1863 page 4)

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 on board, 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 publication White Wings by Sir Henry Brett Volume II Page 360)

Lyttelton Times newspaper 08 August 1863

Ship British Crown – List of persons who have been selected from the distressed Cotton Districts for passage to Canterbury New Zealand in conformity with the Colonial Secretary's letters of the 14th November 1862 and 13th December 1862.

Name and age

- Richard MORRIS age 34
- Jane MORRIS age 35
- Henry MORRIS age 3
- Alice MORRIS age 1
- William MORRIS age 13

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Lyttelton Times newspaper 08 August 1863 page 3)

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

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

Lyttleton Times newspaper 19 August 1863

Lyttelton – Arrived – August 17 British Crown ship 1121 tons Whitefield from Liverpool with Government immigrants

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 of NZ Papers Past website Lyttleton Times newspaper 19 August 1863 page 4)

Lyttleton Times newspaper 22 August 1863

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.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Lyttelton Times newspaper 22 August 1863 page 4)

Wellington Independent newspaper 25 August 1863

Shipping Intelligence - The ship British Crown from Liverpool with the first batch of Lancashire emigrants arrived at Lyttleton 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)

Southland Times newspaper 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 commencement of the war in America she has changed hands, having previously been called .the Franklyn Haven, when carrying the United States flag. The captain left the tug steamer off the Turca light on the 6th May with immigrants numbering 406 souls, or 312½ 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 24 longitude passed the meridian of the Cape July 7 sighted St. Paul's on the 22nd the only land seen till passing the Snares on Wednesday, Aug 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 superintendence 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 carries one of Normandy's apparatus for distilling fresh water, capable of supplying three hundred gallons per diet 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, and 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)

Information about the British Crown in the Lyttelton Times newspaper 15-8-1863 recording details of 406 (342½) passengers was reprinted in the same newspaper on 01 August 1923. Note I have searched the 15 August 1863 newspaper and cannot locate the article.

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

Richard MORRIS did not appear on the petition dated 31 December 1863 and signed by 24 Oxford residents to the Superintendent of the Canterbury Province. Perhaps Richard and his family were not 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 this 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)

Upon arriving in Lyttelton in 1863 the family may have dwelled in Christchurch for a short time but they were settled in a freehold property section 1912 in Oxford by 15 April 1865.

I have not searched the land documents for section 1912 in Oxford Street/Main Street Oxford.

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 1865.

Lyttelton Times newspaper 15 April 1865

Name of Claimant = Richard MORRIS

Place of abode = Oxford 1 & 2

Nature of Qualification = freehold & household

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Lyttelton Times newspaper 15 April 1865 page 6)

Lyttelton Times newspaper 18 April 1865

Name of Claimant = Richard MORRIS

Place of abode = Oxford 1 & 2

Nature of Qualification = freehold & household

Place where Property situated and name and description of the same = 1 acre part of section 1912 Oxford & On said section

By whom attested = A A Dobbs

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Lyttelton Times newspaper 18 April 1865 page 2)

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)

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)

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)

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 1867 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 1867 January 24 – date of discharge 1867 March 04 – results cured

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

Press newspaper 10 April 1867

The report also contained a complaint that a veranda in front of Mr Morris's house in Oxford Street projected three feet over the pavement.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 10 April 1867 page 2)

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)

Oxford Canterbury 28 June 1867 Nominal Roll of the persons enrolled and serving in the Oxford (No 10) Company C.R.V. (Canterbury Rifle Volunteers)

Efficient

- Rank Col. Sergt.
- Name Rich Morris
- Date of enrolment 16 November 1866
- Number of parades 46
- Capitation grant £2 10s 0d

Non Efficient

- Rank Private
- Name Wm Morris
- Date of enrolment 16 November 1866
- Number of parades 46
- Capitation grant £2 10s 0d

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Army Department 1867 Capitation Rolls of Volunteers Corps agency ARM series 41 box 4 record 1867/1j including duplicate document)

06 July 1867 Petition Inhabitants of Oxford in regard to establishing a Magistrate Court signed by Richard MORRIS

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

Christchurch Museum

M628 Richard MORRIS 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 Card Index Christchurch Museum G R MacDonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies)

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)

When time permits search the Selwyn County Council office Archives who hold the Oxford council papers and the Archives NZ Christchurch for November 1867 Canterbury papers.

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 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.

(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 via Ashley Gorge 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

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)

		North	to	◀Victoria Street▶
		Ashley		Hathaway
		Gorge		Morris (1 acre part section 1912 Oxford)
		▲		Gundry
		High Street		Miss Dodds School
		▼		Comyns Brewery

		South from Oxford	Baptists Church	
			W Ryde	
			Drill Hall (now The Colour Purple Shop)	
◀Church Street▶				

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

“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)

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)

Star newspaper 16 July 1868

Local and General – Oxford Road Board – A meeting of this Board was held at the Road Board Officer at Oxford on July 10 – Letters were read from Mr R K Kenrick and Mr R Morris each offering to put up a public pound at his own expense on condition of receiving the appointment of pound-keeper.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Star newspaper 16 July 1868 page 2)

Press newspaper 01 August 1868

Oxford District – Notice to Ratepayers – I hereby give notice that at a Meeting of the Road Board of the above District held on the 26th June at the Road Board Officer a Rate of Sixpence in the pound on the rateable property in the district was ordered to be made and levied and that the said rate became payable to Mr Richard Morris Collector to the Board on and after the 13th July 1868. Wilson Fisher Chairman 7.30

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 01 August 1868 page 1)

Press newspaper 08 October 1868

Lyttelton October 06 – Drunkenness – Richard Morris was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Dismissed with a caution.

Comment – I do not think this is our Richard as Lyttelton is some way from Oxford.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 08 October 1868 page 3)

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)

Star newspaper 23 to 30 November & 1 to 29 December 1868 & 08 February 1869

Constitutional Reform Association – The following additional Signatures have been received – Oxford – R Morris (plus many others)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Star newspaper 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 November & 01, 02, 03, 04, 11, 26, 28, 29 December 1868 & 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, February 1869)

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)

Star newspaper 11 June 1869

Local and General – Appointments – In a New Zealand Gazette dated June 3 it is notified that Mr Richard Morris is appointed Clerk to the Bench at Oxford.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Star newspaper 11 June 1869 page 2)

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 Canterbury Provincial district

- Richard MORRIS 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)

Press newspaper 06 May 1870

The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained on the List of voters for the Electoral District of ASHLEY

Christian names and Surnames of each Person objected to = Richard MORRIS

Place of Abode = Oxford

Nature of the supposed Qualification = Household (No. 2)

Ground of Objection = same as No. 1 qualification

Name and place of Abode of Objector = George Lilly MELLISH Kaiapoi

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 06 May 1870 page 6 & 7)

Star newspaper 26 May 1870 & Press newspaper 01 June 1870

News of the day – The Honourable Mr Lee met electors of the Oxford district on Monday evening at the Drill-shed Oxford – (details of the meeting and people attending) – It was proposed by Mr Morris – “That this meeting having heard the Honourable G L Lee’s address confirms the confidence placed in him by the electors as their district representative in the Provincial Council and pledges itself his re-election”.

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Star newspaper 26 May 1870 page 2 & Press newspaper 01 June 1870 page 2)

Press newspaper 06 October 1870

Resident Magistrates Court – Kaiapoi October 04 - Civil Cases – Birch and Co (Kaiapoi) v R Morris (Oxford) claim £22 10s 2d - £15 4s had since been paid. The dependant did not appear. Judgment for the plaintiff for £7 6s 2d and costs.
(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 06 October 1870 page 2)

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)

Press Newspaper 20 February 1871

The General Elections – Ashley Election – Oxford Mr M Morris deputy returning officer (includes various other places and officer listed)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 20 February 1871 page 2)

Press Newspaper 16 March 1871

Kaiapoi - Tuesday March 11, 1871 - Before G L Mellish Esq., R.M. Supposed Escape from Custody of a Bailiff - Alexander Smith was brought up in custody of Sergeant Davis of Oxford where he had been arrested charged on warrant with escaping from legal custody. It appeared from all the facts brought out that Morris the bailiff to the Oxford Court had arrested accused a week since on a warrant of commitment and took him to Lyttelton. When there from accused's version of the affair Morris wanted to know what he must do. Accused said he might get a relation near Kaiapoi to arrange the matter whether they returned. Morris gave him leave to arrange the affair and come to him on the following morning. The morning however came and there was no appearance of the debtor. Hence the warrant being issued and these proceedings. His Worship dismissed the case

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 16 March 1871 page 2)

Richard MORRIS resigned from the Office of Bailiff at the Oxford Court between March and April 1871

Press newspaper 04 April 1871

The bailiff to the Oxford Court (Mr M [sic] Morris) having resigned we understand that Mr M Lynsky who is also clerk to the Court at Rangiora and Leithfield has been appointed.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 04 April 1871 page 2)

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. I have been unable to locate any documentation regarding the bullocks and dray.

(Information sent to me by the late Edwin SHEAT Otago NZ)

Press newspaper 16 May 1871

Oxford – Mr M Lynsky has been appointed bailiff and clerk to the Bench of Magistrates at Oxford in the place of Mr Morris resigned.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 16 May 1871 page 2)

Press Newspaper 29 May 1871

OXFORD - Friday May 26 [Before G L Mellish Esq., RM and Crosbie Esq., JP] Breach of Public-House Ordinance - Richard Morris and Victor Roy were charged with a breach of this Ordinance by fighting in the Harewood Arms Hotel and on the road adjoining on the 28th April last. Both the defendants admitted the offence, Morris stating that the row arose with him, who alone was to blame in the matter, and that he explained this to the police asking to let the matter drop. The case as against Victor Roy was dismissed and Richard Morris was fined 10s and costs 11s 6d.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 29 May 1871 page 2)

Press Newspaper 29 May 1871

Magistrates Courts – Christchurch – Tuesday March 25 – Civil Cases – Same (Ward) v Richard Morris for £3 5s 11d and costs 10s.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 29 May 1871 page 3)

Search the records at Archives New Zealand Christchurch Office for Canterbury court records covering the period 1867 to 1871

Press newspaper 24 July 1871

Oxford – Civil Cases - M Lynsky v Morris claim £3 7s 8d amount of an IOU dishonoured judgement was given for plaintiff by consent to pay the amount in three weeks or receive three weeks imprisonment

Morris v Stewart claim £3 6s judgement for plaintiff for £3 4s and costs

Morris v Burke claim £1 10s for service of a writ plaintiff being bailiff some time ago at Oxford and defendant is bailiff in the Christchurch Court adjourned till 18th August.

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 24 July 1871 page 3)

Press newspaper 18 September 1871

Magistrates Courts – Oxford – Friday September 15 – Civil Cases

J Bell v R Morris claim £6 17s. It transpired that £4 18s had been paid of this sum and judgment was given for 19s and costs to be paid by the plaintiff.

R Morris v G Hathaway claim £5 12s incurred as expenses in arresting a man named Kenrick some time ago judgment was given for plaintiff who was at the time bailiff to the Court for £-4 12s

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 18 September 1871 page 3)

Press newspaper 16 October 1871

Abusive Language - George Hathaway senior was charged with using provoking and abusive language to one Richard Morris on the 6th inst. at Oxford. From the evidence it appeared the parties are neighbours and not on good terms. His Worship cautioned defendant to keep quiet for the future and ordered him to pay costs 9s.

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 16 October 1871 page 3)

Press newspaper 11 December 1871

Magistrates Courts – Oxford – Civil Cases – Woodfield v Morris £5 16s 3d judgement by consent

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 11 December 1871 page 3)

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)

Press newspaper 05 March 1872

Oxford – Civil Cases – R Morris v L Giles claim £6 2s being amount which the plaintiff alleged he had promised to pay him on account of a person named smith. This Mr Giles strongly denied and judgement was given for the defendant and judgement was given for the defendant with costs

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Press newspaper 05 March 1872 page 3)

Press newspaper 03 August 1872

Disorderly House - Frances Giles was charged on the information of John Thomson with keeping a disorderly house at Oxford. He stated he was a neighbour of hers and that her house was frequented by men at all hours that the frequently heard very offensive language used and drinking and dancing going on which was a great annoyance to him and the neighbours. Enoch Cole corroborated this statement as did also Richard Morris who said he had occasion to go there in company with another man for his son William to take him home, that he heard dancing and great

noise and saw a man go with two buckets of beer to the house that his son did not go with him at that time, and he subsequently returned and saw men with coats off and sleeves turned up as if going to fight. The place was a nuisance to him and the neighbours. In reply to the Bench Sergeant Muller stated that this woman's husband left her about a year ago and since then she kept by repute a house of ill-fame but that he never knew the woman to conduct herself disorderly in the streets. Accused in defence said there was a drunken man at her house on one occasion but she could not get him out and as to Morris's statement it was he and his wife who abused and called her insulting names at her own house. Mr Woodfield who was called stated that accused received some money from time to time from a person who wrote to her. The Bench cautioned her as to her conduct and gave her one month to clear out of the place she now occupies.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 03 August 1872 page 3)

Press newspaper 23 December 1872

Magistrates Court – Oxford – Wednesday December 18 - Assault – Michael Flanagan v J Webber Defendant had apologised having mistaken complainant for R Morris. Case by consent withdrawn.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 23 December 1872 page 3)

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)

Search for Richard MORRIS 1873 NZ Government Gazette page 263 additional info LTN

Press Newspaper 01 September 1873

Oxford – Wednesday August 27 – Civil Case – Superintendent of Canterbury by collector v Richard Morris claim £1 5s for education rate and school fees and 5s property rate section 17 judgment for plaintiff will costs 17s ordered to be paid within seven days or fourteen days imprisonment. (Includes many others for same offence).

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 01 September 1873 page 3)

Press Newspaper 25 October 1873

Oxford Wednesday October 22 - Civil Cases - J Stewart c Richard Morris claim £7 10s cots 17s judgements for plaintiff by default

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 25 October 1873 page 3)

Press Newspaper 25 February 1874

Oxford – The usual fortnightly meeting of the Road Board of the above district was held at the office on February 20th - A letter was received from Mr R Morris calling the attention of the Board to the damage done to his land by water in the main drain. The clerk was instructed to examine and report on the matter at next sitting of the Board.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 25 February 1874 page 3)

Press Newspaper 07 January 1875

Oxford – A meeting of the ratepayers of the East and West Oxford district was called to elect three members in lieu of Messrs Sladden Sedcole and Gamman retiring on Jan 5th. The candidates for the ensuring year were Messrs Paul, Parish, R Morris, D Fisher, J Pearson junr., H Sedcole, S Gamman and H Terry.

The results were Mr John Pearson 86 – Mr Sedcole 69, Mr J Paul 43, Mr S Gamman 42 Mr R Morris 33, Mr D Fisher 27, Mr H Terry 20 Mr R Parish 16 (Richard Morris did not succeed)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 07 January 1875 page 3)

Richard wrote to the Board of Education offering to teach the Oxford School boys Military Drill Feb 1875. I have been unable to locate any record regarding the offer.
(Reference Information forwarded to me by the late Edwin SHEAT Otago New Zealand)

Search Archive New Zealand for 1875 Education Board correspondence registers

Star newspaper 13 July 1875

Mr J E M.H.R. for the Ashley District met his constituent's resident in Oxford and its vicinity at the East Oxford School room on Friday evening last. (Further information about the meeting and people attending) – Mr Morris moved – “That this meeting approves of Mr Brown's doings in Parliament and has full confidence in him as Representative for the District in the General Assembly”. Mr P Briggs seconded the motion.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Star newspaper 13 July 1875 page 3)

Press newspaper 09 August 1875

Oxford Mechanics Institute - The usual meeting of the committee of this institute was held on Friday the 30th ult. and was very fully attended. The president in the chair. The honorary secretary read a letter he received in reply from the Provincial Secretary re the allocation of grant to public libraries. A warm discussion ensued thereon. Most of the members were of opinion that the institute should be vested in the Superintendent, and a resolution to that effect was carried by a large majority. An application on behalf of the Good Templars by Richard Morris for the use of the Oxford Institute for a period of from five to ten years on condition of their making an addition thereto was deferred until the question of the change of trust was decided the secretary to write to the present trustees asking them to be good enough to meet and carry out the resolution of the committee.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 09 August 1875 page 2)

Press newspaper 25 October 1875

East Oxford – The returning officer then called on the meeting to nominated candidates for a new committee when ten were nominated. A show of hands was called for which resulted as follows – J Hill 15, R Morris 15, W Stout 15, G Keats 14, Henry Sedcole 14, Gardener 12, C Ahrens 11, Wilson Fisher 18, T Sharplin 10, J Weeber 10. The chairman then declared the first eight duly elected. A vote of thanks to the returning officer was passed and the meeting was terminated.

(R Morris was elected with the first eight)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 25 October 1875 page 3)

Press newspaper 15 November 1875

Oxford Mechanics Institute – The annual meeting of the public was held at the above institutes on Friday the 29th ultimo to elect a committee &c for the current year. (Details of the meeting and people) – On the show of hands being taken the chairman declared the following gentleman duly elected – J R Gorton president, Messrs John Lee, R Morris, W Forbes, A R Markham, T Sharplin, G Keats, Hy Marsh, W McKenzie, W Wilson, E Youngman, W Comyns, A Wright.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 15 November 1875 page 2)

1875-1876 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)

Press newspaper 01 January 1876

L.O.G.T.Oxford – A vocal and instrumental concert under the auspices of the Transit Lodge Oxford was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday last. (Details of the

concert) Messrs Hamilton, W Risher and Woolstein acted as judges and Mr R Morris as spelling master.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 01 January 1876 page 2)

Press newspaper 22 June 1876

West Oxford Fire – Adjourned Inquest - (details about the fire) – Richard Morris deposited – I was about two miles distant from the fire on 13th when I saw Fisher's house burned down. I could not say where the fire started.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 22 June 1876 page 3)

Press newspaper 22 June 1876

Richard Morris said that he saw a fire in West Oxford at nine or ten o'clock but as he was two or three miles away at the time he could not say where it started.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 22 June 1876 page 3)

Press newspaper 15 July 1876

Inquest at Oxford – An inquest was held at Leur's Hotel on Friday afternoon on the body of John Banish (Johann Beamish) before D Sladden Esq., JP and a Jury of thirteen of which R Morris was chosen foreman.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 15 July 1876 page 2)

Press newspaper 02 August 1876

Road Boards Oxford – The Board met on Friday 28th instant at the usual hour. (Details of the meeting) – Messrs Woodfield, Sedcole and Morris waited upon the Board requesting that they would grant a sum in aid of the funds of the Oxford Fire Brigade. (Additional information) that Morris had finished fencing reserve (details continue)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 02 August 1876 page 3)

Press newspaper 04 August 1876

Oxford – Civil Cases – J Keats v R Morris £5 9s tendered £2 set off £4 3s judgement for plaintiff for £1.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 04 August 1876 page 3)

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)

Press newspaper 02 October 1876

Oxford – Wednesday September 27 (1876) – Police Ordinance – Jas Wilkie charged with using threatening language towards Richard Morris was fined 5s and costs.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 02 October 1876 page 3)

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 page 74 75 Mills, Fires and Early Industries)

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)

I was told that there was a photo of Richard MORRIS at the Oxford Town (A & P) Hall at Oxford North Canterbury. On a visit to Oxford I took a photograph of the image which was hung high on the wall in the supper room. Unfortunately the photo did not come out clearly. At a later Perhaps on my next visit I will see if I can take the photo off the wall and take another image of Richard MORRIS.

Press newspaper 15 September 1877

Oxford – The usual meeting of this Board was held on Friday September 7th (details of the meeting) – Mr R Morris waited upon the Board about a ditch in front of his house and requested to have it filled in. To be reported on next meeting. (Further details of the meeting)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 15 September 1877 page 1)

1877-1878 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)

Press Newspaper 16 January 1878

I.O.G.T. – A meeting of the Perseverance Lodge was held at the Central Oxford Town Hall on Friday last. There was a very good attendance. Brother R. Morris informed the lodge that he and his family would require a clearance car as he was leaving the district. He said he regretted very much his severance from the lodge as he had taken great interest in Good Templary since its introduction into the neighbourhood. He was however about to remove to Dunedin where he hoped to be enabled to make himself further useful in the cause for wherever he went he should always be ready to assist to the utmost of his power those now battling against the greatest curse to society. The lodge expresses its regret at Brother Morris's withdrawal and also its admiration of his conduct as a consistent Good Templar. It was unanimously resolved to present him with a third degree regalia. After a very enjoyable meeting the lodge was closed in due form.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press Newspaper 16 January 1878 page 2)

New Zealand's Blondin Henry MORRIS

Star newspaper 26 February 1878

The New Zealand Blondin - Last evening young Morris the New Zealand Blondin made his debut at the New Oddfellows' Hall. The attendance was for the first appearance of a comparatively unknown aspirant to public favour very good. The first portion of the entertainment consisted of a vocal and instrumental concert under the leadership of Herr Bunz. The orchestral selections were well rendered and the songs of Messrs Cardell, Hammond, and Hamilton, were warmly applauded. Miss Patti Rosa gained a hearty encore, to which she good-naturedly responded. The second part of the entertainment was however the attraction of the evening. Morris who was a very youthful appearance was attired in a becoming costume and to the strains of See the Conquering hero comes he stepped on to the rope his confident bearing creating a highly favourable impression. Keeping time to the music he made a preliminary journey and then a rapid one in the midst of which he halted assuming various positions standing on his head on the rope and throwing himself suddenly on his back. The applause was deafening and it was at once apparent that the New Zealand Blondin had achieved success. He then traversed the rope blindfolded and with a loose bag drawn over him an uncertainty of stop being well simulated. Next came some astonishing chair feats Morris balancing the chair on the rope and then climbing over it. He also seated himself upon the top rail of the chair back finally slinging it over his shoulder and carrying it to the starting place. He then carried his father over the additional weight apparently not making the least difference to him.

His next feat was to carry to the centre of the rope a combined chair and table and to partake of refreshment and in this feat an extraordinary specimen of balancing was unintentionally given. The wood work at the bottom had a series of slight grooves in order to give some hold upon the rope but in setting the cumbrous apparatus down Morris missed some of these grooves and his position appeared the more awkward. There was not however the slightest perceptible tremor and he appeared as unconcerned as if seated at a table in the ordinary manner coolly dusting his table and packing his utensils neatly away in a drawer before rising from his chair. He then took a barrow forward and backward and made his final bow for the evening amid hearty cheers his father announcing that this evening some new feats would be introduced. The Manilla rope appears to be of smaller diameter than the one Blondin used but we understand that they are identical in size and that in point of fact they were manufactured by the same firm. For so young a man Morris must be regarded as a performer of unusual excellence and his entertainment is decidedly worth witnessing.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Star newspaper 26 February 1878 page 2)

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)

Additional advertising and reports of performances by Henry MORRIS at the New Oddfellows' Hall and organised by his father Richard MORRIS appeared in the Press and Star newspapers on 01 March 1878 performances to be held on Friday 01 March and Saturday 02 March 1878. The Saturday morning and evening performance were stated as being his last performance in Christchurch.

Otago Daily Times and Southland Times newspaper 05 March 1878

Christchurch - Monday - Morris the New Zealand Blondin concluded a successful season here on Saturday and leaves for Dunedin to-day.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past website Otago Daily Times / Southland Times 05 March 1878 page 2)

Family move to Invercargill

The family did not move to Dunedin as stated in the newspaper and Lodge report but settled in Waikiwi Invercargill around March 1878 via Port Chalmers Dunedin.

Star newspaper 07 March 1878

Shipping – Lyttelton – Sailed March 6 Wanaka s.s. 278 tons McGillivray for Port Chalmers D Mills agent Passengers saloon – Morris and family.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Star newspaper 07 March 1878 page 2)

Press newspaper 13 March 1878

Land Transfer Act Notices – Richard Morris – 3418 – 1 acre part of Rural Section 1912 Oxford District. Occupied by Applicant

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Press newspaper 13 March 1878 page 1)

Southland Times newspaper 30 March 1878

The N Z Blondin - The first performance of the colonial emulator of the fame of the world famous Blondin took place last evening. It is much to be regretted that the weather turned unfavourable just as the entertainment was about to begin and consequently the effect was a little marred as the attendance was sensibly lessened. Notwithstanding the dampness which must have rendered the numerous feats doubly perilous a long and difficult programme was gone through. The various feats were such as to excite the wonder of the onlookers while the ease with which they were done entirely removed the fear which a clumsy performer would have excited. A most discreditable feature of the evening's amusement was the number who

availed themselves of the view to be obtained from the street thus evading the small charge made for admission. We have the authority of Mr Morris for saying that any person professing his inability to pay for entrance will be allowed to witness the performance gratis and we trust that for the credit of the town that none will be so niggardly as to share in what they are unwilling to pay for. There will be a matinee this afternoon at two o'clock at which the Volunteer Band will assist and which is advertised as being under the patronage of Sir John Richardson and we are confident that all those who admire daring will be in attendance and record their appreciation of what is really a first class exhibition.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 30 March 1878 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 09 April 1878

Blondin – There was but a moderate attendance at Blondin's performance last night notwithstanding the presence of the band which played up from the Albion Hotel. In thanking the spectators for their patronage Mr Morris sen. Announced that probably tonight would be the last on which Blondin would appear in Invercargill. Those therefore who have not seen him should not miss the opportunity and those who have may avail themselves of the last chance of witnessing his daring feats.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 09 April 1878 page 2)

Richard and Jane's daughter Alice MORRIS married George Thomas HARRIS on 25 June 1878 at All Saints Gladstone Southland New Zealand. The witnesses were Richard MORRIS (Alice's father) and Henry MORRIS (Alice's brother).

(Reference RGO NZ marriages registration 1878 folio 1572 line 4 Gladstone district Invercargill NZ)

Southland Times 03 January 1879

Mr Richard Morris on behalf of the New Zealand Blondin returns thanks for the patronage accorded the latter during his performance at the Caledonian gathering. Blondin was actually his son Henry.

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

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 website Southland Times 03 January 1879 page 2)

Southland Times 20 June 1879

Article covering renewal application for Waikiwi Hotel licence for George Alfred Tapper 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)

Southland Times newspaper 18 July 1879

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

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Southland Times newspaper 18 July 1879 page 3)

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

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

Southland Times newspaper 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 website Southland Times newspaper 21 July 1879 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 29 July 1879

In Bankruptcy – IN the District of Western Otago holden at Invercargill – In the bankruptcy of Richard Morris of Waikiwi Laborer – Notice is hereby given that the creditors having failed to elect a Trustee I have appointed Thomas Perkins Esq., Accountant to be creditors Trustee in the said estate and that the said Thomas Perkins has in writing accepted such Trusteeship – Dated at Invercargill this 28th day of July 1879 – Arthur C Henderson Clerk of District Court

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 29 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 receive 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

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

Southland Times 06 September 1879

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 as 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)

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

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

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

1881-1882 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 and in the meantime refused to spend any money. The chairman of the Waste Lands Board informed the applicant that it was with the Road Board alone that he had to do and that the Waste Lands Board was powerless to help him. But the hardship of the case lies in this that the Oreti Road Board had now at its credit some £1900 received from the Government out of deferred payment moneys and received for the express purpose of making roads for the benefit of deferred payment lands. It appears simple monstrous that such money should be hoarded pending the action of the Road Board in reference to sinking its existence in the two countries. We are informed that there are two selectors from Dunedin encamped at present with their teams and new machinery at Hillend Bush who like the others are getting. On the ground it seems as if the Road Board were forgetting its primary duty and inflicting an unnecessary hardship by with-holding money as it is doing and neglecting the immediate formation of a road where it is so urgently required. If we are not misinformed the road is already laid off and only a temporary formation at a small cost would suffice to enable the settlers who are waiting to get forward. It is surely a case' where a little exertion might be made and we trust the Oreti Road Board will be induced to bestir itself. We are quite aware that it requires a resolution of the Road Board and the subsequent sanction of the Waste Lands Board before roads can be declared those on which deferred-payment money can be expended. But if these preliminaries are necessary there is all the more need for speedy action. It will be three months before another application for merging can be made by the Oreti Road Board. But the truth is that their expending or not expending at once the money in question has no connection whatever with the business of merging and will not in the slightest degree affect the application. The money is held in trust and the Board has no duty but at once to lay it out for the purposes for which it was destined. The equities and urgency of the case ought to be stimulus enough for the Board, but if it should prove otherwise then we have no doubt that somewhere there lie the means of bringing legal pressure to bear in the way of forcing them to do their duty.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper Friday 22 April 1881 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 11 June 1881

Letter patent have been issued during the past year to the following amongst others – Richard Morris Invercargill an instantaneous fire escape

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 11 June 1881 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 01 August 1881

Military Funeral – Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mr James Hamilton last of the 92nd and 79th Highlanders and also a member of the I.R.V. were interred with military honors. [Details some of the mourners] Richard Morris late H.M. 14th Buckinghamshire (2 medals and 1 bar) served in the Crimea.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 01 August 1881 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 09 December 1881

Richard Morris applied for a month's extension of time to begin residence on his deferred-payment section Taringatura. He explained that there were no roads to the place and he had not been able to erect his house in time. The application was granted.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 09 December 1881 page 2)

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)

Southland Times newspaper 01 August 1884

For the defence Richard Morris deposed that the potatoes were not worth digging he put the contents of the half acre in kerosene tin.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 01 August 1884 page 2)

1887 Awarua Electoral Roll records

- Richard MORRIS qualification Residential abode Waikiwi occupation Labourer

1887 & 1889 Stones Otago and Southland Directory

- Richard MORRIS labourer SEARCH PLACE AGAIN

Southland Times newspaper 20 December 1889

Assault - John Gardiner was charged with having on the 25th November at Otautau assaulted one Richard Morris. Mr A C Henderson appeared for the complainant and Mr O'Reilly for the defendant. Richard Morris deposed that on the date in question he went to Otautau as bailiff to execute a distress warrant against the defendant. He took possession of the store in defendant's absence. When defendant arrived there he asked complainant how he got in and he had said he had got in by the back door. Gardiner ordered him out but he would not go out. The defendant cooled down until about ten o'clock at night when he took advantage of complainant's back being turned to seize him by the arms put his knee in the small of complainant's back and wrenched his arm. Complainant asked him not to break his arms but Gardiner replied that he would break his b-- neck. Gardiner managed to get him out but he managed to regain admittance to the premises early the following morning by means of a subterfuge. The defendant ordered him out again but he said he would not go out alive whereupon Gardiner used various threats towards him. The defendant was very drunk at the time. When Gardiner put him out forcibly he threatened to shoot him if he attempted to return. He (complainant) had suffered considerable pain in his arms and back through the assault. Constable Joyce deposed that Morris had complained to him of the assault and when witness spoke to defendant the latter said he had merely put his arms round the old man and lifted him out. Some days afterwards Morris again complained and said he would not stop alone in the house. Gardiner arrived at the time and said that if Morris was afraid he would go away altogether and stop at the hotel. The defendant stated that when the complainant came to the place he had no warrant and he (defendant) told him in the evening that he ought to know his duty better than to take possession before producing a warrant. To illustrate the legal position of affairs he put his arms round Morris and gently lifted him out on to the veranda. They had then a peaceable talk and defendant afterwards threw himself on the bed and fell asleep. When Morris was there he (defendant) did all he could to make him comfortable. The plaintiff recalled said he had shown the warrant to the defendant about a quarter of an hour after the latter had entered the house. The defendant said Morris did not show him the warrant till the following day. His Worship said there was no doubt but an assault had been committed. The complainant had gone to defendant's place in the discharge of his duty and had been wrongfully and forcibly put out. He would probably not have done so had he been sober but he was not sober and it was necessary that bailiffs going about the country doing their duty should be protected. The defendant would be fined L5, with costs L1 10s in default fourteen days imprisonment.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 20 December 1889 page 3)

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)

Southland Times newspaper 18 January 1890

Hugh McIntosh was charged with having on the 10th inst. sold two glasses of whisky to one Richard Morris he not being a licensed person under the Act. Sergeant Macdonnell conducted the prosecution and Mr Brodrick appeared for the defendant Detective Maddern deposed that he visited the defendant place at Wrights Bush at 3.30 p.m. on the 10th inst. He was going into a room when a female tried to shut the door. He walked in however, and saw a glass with whisky in it on the mantelpiece and also a bottle containing the same kind of liquor. A man named Gutzmetz put ginger ale in the whisky and it was drunk by another man named Morris. Witness had a bottle of ginger ale himself paid for it and went out but in consequence of something he returned and accused McIntosh of selling whisky to the men who were present. The defendant replied that he kept whisky in the house for himself. Witness then searched the cupboards and found four bottles containing whisky, and in another room behind the shop he found nine bottles full. He took all the liquor away except about a bottle which he left because McIntosh said he could not do without a drop of whisky. McIntosh admitted that the men had whisky from one of the bottles found in the cupboard in the front room. By Mr Brodrick he went to the place specially to catch McIntosh. He did not arrange with Morris beforehand to catch McIntosh. When inside the house however he called on Morris to take charge of the whisky found in the cupboard while he searched the rest of the house. He did not taste the liquor he saw in the glass but judged it to be whisky from its appearance. McIntosh did not try to conceal anything while witness was in the house. Richard Morris deposed that he was in the defendant's store on the day in question about 2.30 p.m. Witness first had some milk to drink but being hot and having walked a long distance it made him ill. He therefore asked the woman who was there for a drop of brandy but she said she had none and gave him some whisky which he drank with ginger ale. The defendant was present at the time. After witness had eaten some bread and cheese he paid for the whisky. The butcher Gutzmetz then arrived and witness asked him to have a nip. The butcher said he would and McIntosh supplied him with a whisky from an inner room witness paying for them for two bottles of ginger ale and for the bread and cheese to a woman in the defendant's presence. The butcher then went away and returned in about ten minutes when witness who was going to get a drive to town with him called for two whiskies. They were then in another room and McIntosh produced a bottle from the cupboard. Witness gave McIntosh 2s to take 1s 6d from for the two whiskies and a bottle of ginger ale and just at this stage Detective Maddern entered the room. The detective asked for a bottle of ginger ale drank it paid for it and went out. Afterwards witness went outside to go away in the cart when the detective said he intended to make a case against McIntosh announced that he had a search warrant and called on witness to assist him. When witness went into the house McIntosh whispered to him "say you only had bread and cheese and ginger ale." By Mr Brodrick He had not previously arranged with the detective to go to McIntosh's. When witness paid the woman she said the bread and cheese would be sixpence. There was no arrangement that witness was to be paid for acting as informer he had not turned informer yet. Frederick Gutzmetz deposed that when Morris asked him to have a drink he had some ginger ale with whisky in it. Witness did not see any money pass. He always had whisky when he went there Mr McIntosh always shouted for him. On this occasion however it was Morris who asked him to drink and witness said he

would and helped himself to some whisky from a bottle that was on the mantelpiece. Subsequently Morris asked witness to have a ginger ale and he had one he did not notice what Morris asked for. Witness did not pour anything into Morris's glass. He did not see any money pass on this occasion either. By Mr Brodrick when Morris asked him to have a drink he did not think that he (Morris) was going to pay for it. He had never seen whisky sold in McIntosh's place. This was the case for the prosecution. Hugh McIntosh the defendant deposed that he did not sell any whisky to Morris on the 10th inst., nor did he see him get any in the house. He did not see Morris pay any money to Mrs Thomson witness's housekeeper. Morris did not ask for two whiskies when he was with the butcher nor did he pay him (defendant) any money. He did not keep whisky for sale but for himself and his customers who would often rather have a glass of whisky from him when they paid their accounts than 2 per cent discount. He had been accustomed to whisky from his birth it was a poor day that he did not have three nips and he sometimes had ten he could not do without it. It was Morris who said to him "mind stick to this very hard bread and cheese and ginger ale for me. On a previous occasion Morris said he was a teetotaller and could not take whisky. Had Morris taken the whisky at that time he (defendant) might have charged him for it. By Sergeant Macdonnell Whisky was very cheap about Wrights Bush. He sometimes got a bit mixed with whisky but he was as sober as a judge the day Morris visited the store. He might have had three whiskies that day but not more. His Worship remarked that defendant did not appear to be in a fit condition to give evidence he was not sober. Witness said he had had four whiskies before coming to court but was sober enough to answer the sergeant. His Worship said the defendant's condition was such that little reliance could be placed on what he said. Elizabeth Thomson housekeeper to the previous witness deposed that when Morris came to the store he was shaking and hungry and got some bread and cheese and ginger ale from witness. He did not get any milk from her and she never gave him any whisky. He paid her 1s 6d, 6d for the bread and cheese and 1s for the two bottles of ginger ale which he and the butcher had. Whisky was not kept in the store for sale she had never seen any sold during the five years she had been there. McIntosh was too good in giving it away. A bottle of whisky was standing on the mantelpiece on the day in question and the butcher was welcome to help himself. By Sergeant Macdonnell no women had complained to her of their husbands spending their earnings in the house on drink. It was not a sly-grog shop no matter what the people of the surrounding district might say. This was the case for the defence. His Worship said there cannot be a conviction on the evidence. The witnesses on one side or the other have perjured themselves. There can be no doubt of that and it is too often the case more frequent of late I think than it used to be. It is positively disgraceful that I should have to sit here and listen to the perjuries that are continually committed in that box. The case will be dismissed.

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Southland Times newspaper 18 January 1890 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 28 January 1890

Police Court - Monday, 27th – January – Alleged Violet Seizure from a Bailiff - Daniel McCallum was charged with having on the 23rd January seized a number of cattle which one Richard Morris had taken possession of under a warrant of the District Court in the case Kennard v McCallum. Mr Rattray appeared for the informant and Mr Matthews for the defendant. Mr Rattray said there were three other charges against the defendant one of having assaulted Morris on the 23rd and two of having assaulted Kennard who was assisting Morris. He suggested that the four cases should be heard together. Mr Matthews said they could not be heard together. It was alleged that one of the assaults had taken place on the 22nd and the others and the seizure on the 23rd and that two different persons had been attacked. Mr Rattray opened by stating that the informant Morris instructed by the bailiff of the District Court proceeded to the defendant's place at Waianiwa on the 22nd inst. to seize his goods and chattels under a warrant. The informant was accompanied by Kennard as assistant. When they arrived at defendant's place they seized some horses and a

cart. The defendant got very excited took a rail from a fence threatened them with it and threw Kennard down. The two then left to get police assistance and the defendant look the horses away. On the following morning they returned seized some cattle and drove them away. When they had got near Wallacetown Crossing they were overtaken by the defendant who was again in a very excited state. He headed the cattle and turned them back and on Morris and Kennard trying to stop him he assaulted both throwing a stone at Kennard and striking Morris with a whip. Counsel believed that there would be some dispute as to the ownership of the cattle that it would be alleged they were the private property of the defendant's wife. Even if this were the case the defendant counsel submitted had no right take the law into his own hands and seize from the bailiff. If the cattle were not the defendant's there was a proper legal process by which the rightful owner could recover possession. Evidence in support of the information was given by W B Godfrey, R. Morris, and Simon Kennard. Mr Matthews submitted that the case must be dismissed as the bailiff of the District Court. Mr Godfrey had not given the informant a proper warrant to seize. The bailiff of the District Court had only the same powers as the sheriff of the Supreme Court who was always required to issue a warrant under his seal. The Bench intimated that they considered Morris had been properly authorised by the bailiff of the Court but at Mr Matthews request took a note of the point raised. Jane McCallum wife of the defendant deposed that the cattle seized by the informant were her property she having received them from her father as a wedding present seven years ago. Daniel McCallum the defendant deposed that he made no objection to the bailiff taking the horse on the evening of the 22nd but when he saw Kennard going towards his (defendants) paddock he warned him not to enter in. Morris and Kennard consulted and talked of going to Thornbury for police assistance. He told them it was unnecessary and that they could take the horses with them. They went away without taking possession of the horse. He then went to one of his land lords a Mr Brooks to whom some arrears of rent were due and agreed to give him three horses and place them on Mr Brooks property. Next morning when Morris seized the cattle he (defendant) was in the act of bringing other three horses from a different part of his leasehold property to replace the three given to Mr Brooks. He followed Morris and Kennard and took possession of the cattle believing that in doing so he was exercising a legal right as they belonged to his wife and not to him. He used no violence towards Morris and Kennard either on the 22nd or the 23rd and did not even speak to them on the latter date. Alex. Harkness deposed that he had seen McCallum turn the cattle on the road near Wallacetown Crossing and had witnessed no violent conduct or stone-throwing. Their Worships considered a case had been made out and that the defendant had wrongfully seized the cattle. If the cattle were not his the owner had her proper remedy at law. However, under the circumstances, the Court considered that a fine of 20s and costs L1 18s 6d. Mr Rattray said that as the position and authority of Morris as bailiff had been vindicated he would withdraw the charge against McCallum of having assaulted him. The two charges of assaulting Kennard were quite different however and counsel felt bounded to proceed with them as the informant was in actual bodily fear of the defendant. Daniel McCallum was then charged with having assaulted Simon Kennard on the 22nd and again on the 23rd it being agreed to hear the charges together. Evidence having been taken the defendant was bound over to keep the peace himself in L 20 and two sureties in L10 each.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 28 January 1890 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 28 February 1890

Richard Morris gave evidence to the effect that he was present when Weavers offered to settle the matter for a five pound note

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 28 February 1890 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 29 March 1890

Civil Action - His Honour took his seat at 11 a.m. – Helen Jordan v Thomas Ramsay Morton and Richard Morris - The hearing of this case in which the plaintiff claimed L150 as damages for illegal distraint of cattle was resumed the case for the plaintiff having closed on the previous Friday. Mr Macalister appeared for the plaintiff Mr Russell for the defendant and the following gentlemen formed the jury Messrs W V Siddall (foreman), Jas. Thomson, R. Sinclair, and J Sherwood. Mr Russell in opening for the defendants said that if he were personally identified with the defendant Morton and stood in his shoes he would almost feel satisfied to leave the case where the plaintiff had left it and go no further. He thought the jury would agree with him that the whole of this claim had on the plaintiffs own showing a perfectly farcical aspect. Even if it was admitted for a moment that the plaintiff was acting under bona fides in coming into the Court with her claim there was still the fact that no actual damage had been proved. The sum of L10 had been paid into court but had the defendants been in possession of the information which came out in cross-examination on Friday nothing at all would have been paid in. The plaintiff said she had lost the milk of five cows but she gave no time alleging only that they had been giving six and a half gallons per day. It was the duty of the plaintiff to show what damage had been sustained but there was no evidence that the cattle had suffered to the extent of one shilling by the distraint. On the other hand two practical farmers would be called who would say that if the cows had calved as usual in the spring the value of the milk which plaintiff would lose would not exceed L3 and that without making any allowance for grass or labour. But the plaintiff did not admit for a moment that there had been a loss of L3 as there would necessarily be a great shrinkage in the milk in the winter owing to shortness of grass. Another question for the jury to consider was the bona fides of the plaintiff's statement as to the ownership of the cattle. They had been told that the plaintiff had bought the cows with her own earnings but on cross-examination it turned out that she had got three of them in lieu of rent for a place belonging to her husband which she said her husband gave to her. He (counsel) was not in the slightest degree afraid of the jury awarding the plaintiff any damages at all but he wished to correct an erroneous impression which might have been created by Mr Macalister namely that this was a case for exemplary or vindictive damages. It could not be so since there had been no improper motive on the part of the defendants. Morton had simply seized the cattle for rent which the plaintiff admitted was due and had done so under an honest belief that they were her husband's. Before the seizure neither the plaintiff nor her husband had said a word about them belonging to her and subsequently when Morton found that she claimed them as her property he re-turned them. Evidence would be called to show that the cattle had been driven away quite quietly that they had been put to graze in a good grass paddock and had been properly and regularly milked. The jury would also be told by witnesses for the defence that the seven cattle and the horse which had been distrained were only worth L2 a head all round that supposing they had been sold and never returned a fair claim for their value would only have been L2 each. Evidence for the defence was given by James Ramsay Morton, Richard Morris, Robert Craig, James McMaster, John Cameron, and George Inglis. Counsel addressed the jury and his Honour is summed up. After a quarter of an hour's consideration the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for L15. Mr Russell submitted that on the verdict the defendants and not the plaintiff were entitled to costs as the case might have been determined in the R.M. Court. After argument his Honour said he did not think it was a case of such importance that it could not have been heard in the R.M. Court. He would not therefore certify for costs and each party would have to pay their own. The Court then adjourned sine die.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 29 March 1890 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 01 April 1890

Civil Action - Helen Jordan v Thomas Ramsay Morton and Richard Morris – (details of case and court process) Mr Macalister, in opening for the plaintiff, said she was the wife of George Jordan, residing at One Tree Point, and the defendants were

Thomas Ramsay Morton and Richard Morris the latter being sued in his capacity as the bailiff who executed what was alleged to be an illegal distraint. The statement of claim set forth that on the 31st January last the defendant had wrongfully removed seven head of cattle, one horse and a saddle, the property of the plaintiff. The cattle were returned on the 7th February, but the plaintiff claimed £75 for the loss of profit during their detention £25 as special damages for injuries to the cattle and horse through the defendants neglect and ill-treatment and £750 as general damages. (The report on the Court case continues with an adjournment for the following Monday)

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 01 April 1890 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 20 & 28 June 1892

All accounts due to the late firm of Wills and Co up to February 29th last must be paid at once to Wm Organ and Co Dee Street or their collector Mr Richard Morris

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 20 & 28 June 1892 page 3)

Southland Times newspaper 19 November 1892

Richard Morris complained of the straying of cattle on the streets and charged the inspector with tethering two of his own cows on a footpath. It was resolved that a special meeting be held to inquire into the charge that Mr Morris be required to attend.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 19 November 1892 page 2)

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

Southland Times newspaper 01 May 1896

Richard Morris bailiff gave evidence that when he was seizing the mare Dewe said it was McRae's as he was owing money on it.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 01 May 1896 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 09 May 1896

Richard Morris v John Cheyne (baker) was a claim for £14 11s 6d as commission in connection with the collection of book debts. Mr Macalister for plaintiff and Mr Russell for defendant. The case for plaintiff was that defendant had employed him to collect book debts in an assigned estate. The defendant declined to permit proceedings to be taken against those who would not pay stating that if he did so his cash business would be injured. Mr Macalister referred to a case which had been heard in the Supreme Court here and which he said was on all fours with the present case. Mr Justice Williams had then decided that where a man who was to get commission for certain services was prevented from completing his contract in consequence of an act of his employer the latter was responsible for the amount of the commission which he would otherwise have earned. The defence was that plaintiff was only entitled to commission on the amounts collected by him. After evidence, he was nonsuited with costs £1 1s.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 09 May 1896 page 4)

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 £20 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. O'Keefe reached home in the evening the worse for liquor and asked Morris what he was doing there saying he had a letter that authorised the bailiff to withdraw. This letter could not be found and Morris of course had to refuse to withdraw without authority. O'Keefe then treated Morris very roughly cruelly and savagely and turned him out of the house, Mrs O'Keefe brought Morris back afterwards and did the best she could for him but had not been able to alleviate the pain of an injured arm. Two doctors had been attending Morris whose injuries were of a harmful and annoying nature for man over 60 years of age. The case was one where a man obeying a process of the court had been treated in a ruffianly manner by a man who had taken too much drink. Richard Morris deposed that he had been acting as bailiff for the Magistrate's Court at O'Keefe's place at Hedgehope on December 18th. He was 69 years old. O'Keefe came home drunk at 9.30 in the evening. When asked for the letter warranting the bailiff to withdraw it could not be found. Morris said he could not withdraw without authority. O'Keefe caught him by the left arm and pulled and hauled him about and then swung him round on his arm. Cross-examined he might have told a man with whom he had ridden part of the way to Rakahouka that he had injured himself by a fall in Deschler's hotel. Mr Hall said the defence was a denial of the assault. There would be the evidence of O'Keefe's wife and of two men who were in the house at the time of the alleged assault who would say that O'Keefe had never touched Morris in any way. All would say that Morris had been complaining at the time of illness and that he was in the doctors hands and that he had a fall two or three days before Deschler's backyard. The young man Hanning who had given Morris a lift on the road in his dray would say that he had to assist Morris into the dray as he was not able to get in himself. Mrs O'Keefe deposed that her husband had not laid hands on Morris but that he had ordered him out of the house and Morris had gone. She had given him a bed and he had had his breakfast next morning when O'Keefe saw him but said nothing. Morris had complained of ill-health. John Cooney and Cornelius O'Driscoll, labourers, who were in the room when O'Keefe came in and found the bailiff there gave corroborative evidence. Thomas Harming, junr., said that he gave Morris a lift in his dray on his way out to O'Keefe's. Morris had been talking of his weak condition. He had assisted Morris into the dray as he could not get in himself. The defendant gave evidence on his own behalf and denied that he had laid hands on Morris. He had ordered him out of the house because he wanted him to sleep in the men's hut. Richard Morris (recalled) said that he had fallen in Deschler's yard and injured his leg so that he could not get into the dray. That had nothing to do with the injury on his arm. He reiterated his former evidence. His Worship gave judgment for the defendant without costs.

(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)

In the newspaper article dated 20 February 1897 it recorded that around 18 December 1896 Richard Morris had complained of ill-health and just under a year later he died of Cancer on 08 December 1897.

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

(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 grave	McCLUSKIE grave
Richard & Jane MORRIS † (No headstone) †	Blank grave

Richard Woodward and Esther MORRIS their children and descendants

- 1- **Richard MORRIS** born 1850 Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales died unknown married 1873 Swansea Glamorganshire Wales **Margaret LEWIS** born circa 1851-1855 Carmarthenshire Wales died unknown
- #Richard MORRIS was born 1850 Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales. His parents are Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS reference RGO UK birth registration 1850 March quarter Carmarthen County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire volume 26 page 5[35]0
- #1851 Census Lawnas [sic] Street Saint Peter Saint David Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales ED2g household 43 HO 107/2473 page 129
- Richard MORRIS son age 1 born Carmarthen
- #1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22
- Richard MORRIS son unmarried age 11 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen
- #1871 Census 1 Hopkin Court Swansea Wales ED 18 household 162 RG 10/5454 page 29
- Richard MORRIS son unmarried age 21 Labourer born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire
- #Richard MORRIS married 1873 Swansea Glamorganshire Wales Margaret LEWIS reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration 1873 December quarter volume 11a page 1214
- #1881 Census Bagillt Road Holywell Flintshire Wales ED 5 piece 5502 folio 104 page 24 – not sure if family
- Richard MORRIS head married age 22 born about 1859 General Labourer born Wrexham Denbighshire Wales
 - Margaret MORRIS wife married age 26 born about 1855 General Labourers wife born Llangefni Caenarvonshire Wales
 - Ellis MORRIS son age 1 born about 1880 Holywell Flintshire Wales
- #I have been unable to locate our Richard MORRIS on an 1881 census and the above transcription does not belong to our Richard.
- #1891 Census 10 Mainwarrington [sic] terrace St John Swansea Llangyfelach Glamorgan Wales ED 13 piece 4475 folio 51 page 2
- Richard MORRIS head married age 42 General Labourer employed born about 1849 Carmarthenshire Wales speaks both languages
 - Margaret MORRIS wife married age 36 born Carmarthenshire Wales
 - Sarah Edith KING visitor single age 16 general servant born Carmarthenshire Wales
- #1901 Census 82 Carn Road St Marks Swansea Glamorgan Wales ED39 household 123 piece 5079 folio 41 page 21
- Richard MORRIS head married age 51 Fireman on sea [sic] born about 1850 Carm Town Carmarthenshire Wales
 - Margaret MORRIS wife married age 49 born about 1852 Swansea Glamorgan Wales
- #1911 Census 82 Carmarthen Road Swansea Glamorgan South Wales (3 rooms) registration district 594 ED 31 household 189 piece 32788
- Richard MORRIS head married age 62 Corporation Worker born about 1849 Carmarthenshire Wales
 - Margaret MORRIS wife married age 60 born about 1852 married 38 years no children Swansea Glamorgan Wales
- #Richard MORRIS died 1928 Swansea Glamorganshire Wales reference RGO UK death registration 1928 June quarter district Swansea County Glamorganshire volume 11a page 998 age 78 born about 1850

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- 2- **Sarah Woodward MORRIS** born 04 May 1851 Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales died married 1876 Wales **Edward Bothwell RODGER** born died

#Sarah Woodward MORRIS was born 04 May 1851 Ireland. Her parents are Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS reference RGO UK birth registration 1851 September quarter Carmarthen district County Carmarthenshire Dyfed Pembrokeshire Wales volume 26 page 621 information from living descendant MORRIS and researcher in England

#1861 Census Private House St Peter Carmarthen Western Darision Wales ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22

- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 9 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen #1871 Census 1 Hopkin Court Swansea Wales ED 18 household 162 RG 10/5454 page 29

- Sarah MORRIS daughter unmarried age 19 Dress maker born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire Wales

#Sarah Woodward MORRIS married 1876 Newport Monmouthshire Wales Edward Bothwell PODGER (RODGER) reference RGO Wales birth registration 1876 September quarter district Newport (Mon) district County Monmouthshire Wales volume 11a page 323

#Sarah and Edward had a daughter Esther RODGER born 1876 Glamorgan Wales 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 ED1 RG 11/5356 page 51

- 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 RODGER granddaughter age 4 born Marmouth Newport

2-1- Esther RODGER born 1876 Newport Glamorgan Gwent Monmouthshire Wales

#Esther RODGER born 1876 Glamorgan Wales reference RGO UK birth registration 1876 September quarter Merthyr Tydfil district County Breconshire Glamorgan Mid Glamorgan Wales

3- John MORRIS born 1856 Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales died married

#John MORRIS who was born 1856 Wales. His parents are Esther and Richard Woodward MORRIS 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 ED 6 household 119 RG 9/4140 page 22

- John MORRIS son unmarried age 5 Scholar born Saint Peter Carmarthen Wales

#1871 Census 1 Hopkin Court Swansea Glamorgan Wales ED 18 household 162 RG 10/5454 page 29

- John MORRIS son unmarried age 15 labourer born Carmarthen Carmarthenshire

Richard Woodward and 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 New Zealand 1st married 30 June 1875 St Andrews Oxford New Zealand

Constance JOHNSON born about 1857 Rangiora New Zealand died age 25 years 1883 Oxford New Zealand (5 issue) 2nd married 08 May 1884 Oxford New Zealand

Rosalie BEAMISH born about 1864/65 Australia died 11 December 1942 Oxford New Zealand (7 Issue)

4-1-William George MORRIS born 24 April 1877 Oxford New Zealand

4-2-Clara Alice MORRIS born 28 August 1878 Oxford New Zealand

4-3-Anna Constance MORRIS born 1880 Oxford New Zealand

4-4-Richard Henry MORRIS born 1881 Oxford New Zealand

- 4-5-Charles Robert MORRIS born 1883 Oxford New Zealand
- 4-6-Ernest Heywood MORRIS born 11 October 1885 Oxford New Zealand
- 4-7-Bertie Frederick MORRIS born 1888 East Oxford New Zealand
- 4-8-Mabel Rosaline MORRIS born 1892 East Oxford New Zealand
- 4-9-Henry James MORRIS (twin) born 28 February 1896 Oxford New Zealand
- 4-10-Arthur Thomas MORRIS (twin) born 28 February 1896 Oxford New Zealand
- 4-11-Samuel Sydney MORRIS born 1899 Oxford New Zealand
- 4-12-Olive Violet MORRIS born 1901 Oxford New Zealand

Comment - for further information on the family group above please refer to the document on the website under HARRIS HA Morris Johnson 1875 New Zealand chart 26-27-1

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- 5- Henry (Harry) Joseph MORRIS** born 20 November 1859 Warrington Lancaster England died 10 October 1940 Riverton Invercargill New Zealand married 11 September 1884 Invercargill New Zealand **Honora (Rona) MOYLAN** born about 1861-62 Galway Ireland died 19 July 1923 Invercargill New Zealand (9 Issue)
 - #Henry Joseph MORRIS married 1884 New Zealand Norah MOYLAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1884 folio website 1884/2926
 - #Honora MORRIS died 19 July 1923 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1923 folio website 1923/9954 age 62 born about 1861
 - #Henry Joseph MORRIS died 10 October 1940 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1940 folio website 1940/26355 age 81 born about 1859
 - 5-1- Richard (Dick) William MORRIS born 1885 Invercargill New Zealand
 - 5-2- Margaret MORRIS born 1887 New Zealand
 - 5-3- Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 Grassmere Invercargill New Zealand died 1965 married 1920 New Zealand Mary Ann CROWE born 06 January 1893 place unknown died 1982 New Zealand
 - #Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio website 1888/16079 parents Norah and Henry Morris
 - #Ernest MORRIS married 1920 New Zealand Mary CROWE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio website 1920/9180
 - #Ernest MORRIS died 1965 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio website 1965/41991 age 77 born about 1888
 - #Mary Ann MORRIS died 1982 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio website 1982/42174 born 06 January 1893
 - 5-3-1- Hyacinth Mae MORRIS born 10 May 1926 New Zealand died 27 September 2019 Timaru New Zealand married John David BROWN born 1919 New Zealand
 - #John David BROWN born 24 February 1919 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1919 folio website 1919/6860 parents Maria Agnes and John Henry Brown
 - #John David BROWN died 2011 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2011 folio website 2011/4295 born 24 February 1919
 - #Hyacinth Mae BROWN died 2019 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2019 folio website 2019/28623 born 10 May 1926
 - #BROWN Hyacinth Mae (Hyacie) passed away peacefully at Glenwood Home on Friday 27 September 2019. Beloved wife of the late Jack and a dearly loved mother and mother in law of Tony, Pauline and John, Gerard, Michael, Julie and Mark and Louise. A devoted Nana to her grand and great-grandchildren and special friend to Barbara. Hyacie's family wish to thank the dedicated staff of Talbot Park and Glenwood Home for their wonderful care. Messages to PO Box 4041 Highfield Timaru 7942. A Requiem Mass to celebrate Hyacie's life will be held in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 19 Hislop Street Gerladine on Friday 04 October at 2.00 followed by private cremation reference stuff website
 - #DNA match Mrs Hyacinth May Brown (jessicalouiseb@gmail.com)
 - 5-4- Mary Josephine MORRIS born 1890 Invercargill New Zealand

- 5-5- William George MORRIS born 1891 Invercargill New Zealand
- 5-6- Henry Joseph MORRIS born 1893 Invercargill New Zealand
- 5-7- Thomas MORRIS born 04 May 1895 Invercargill New Zealand
- 5-8- Edward Peter MORRIS born 1898 Invercargill New Zealand
- 5-9- Margaret Beatrice MORRIS born 1900 Invercargill New Zealand

Comment - NOTE: For further information on the family group above please refer to the document on the website under HARRIS HA Morris Moylan 1884 New Zealand chart 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** born 25 July 1851 Bloomsbury Middlesex England died 28 February 1923 Invercargill New Zealand (9 children) **refer chart 12-13**

MORRIS & WELLS 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.

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
- Rubin 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)

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

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

- 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
The researcher's husband's MORRIS family arrive in Otago on the ship "Nourmahall" about 1856 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		
