

## George Ernest HARRIS (1876 - 1924) Genealogy

I received an email enquiry from England 18 November 2020 requesting assistance in locating correct birth parents for George Ernest HARRIS born New Zealand died England.

*"I am in the UK and have found my great, great, grandfather George Ernest Harris on the British 1881, 1901 and 1911 census. It states that his birth place is New Zealand which led me to ordering a copy of his birth certificate online." I then found his mother Emily Sunnex and father Charles Harris and latterly your very useful document of the Sunnex family tree. The census document does say that he is the son of the household master (Robert Harris, wife Jane Harris in Yorkshire, UK) but he is the only one of the household born in New Zealand so I think this is probably false.*

I researched the New Zealand records and located the correct birth registration and information about the English researcher ancestor. I have recorded the full details of my research below.

The enquirer ordered the wrong birth registration. There were three birth registrations in the name of George Ernest HARRIS.

### Conclusion

After some research I believe the 1876 New Zealand birth registration below is the person you are searching for.

*George Ernest HARRIS born 30 August 1876 Christchurch New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/11426 parents Jane and Robert Harris*

Order a copy of the birth registration not a birth certificate as the registration is a copy of the original entry (also costs less and has more details than the certificate).

Robert and Jane HARRIS and their 3 daughter arrived in New Zealand in 1875.

#Ship "*Himalaya*" departed 24<sup>th</sup> July 1875 Plymouth London England arrived 17 November 1875 Port Chalmers Lyttelton Canterbury New Zealand

- Robert HARRIS age 33 Leicestershire England bricklayer
- Jane HARRIS age 24
- Sarah A HARRIS age 4
- Lucy HARRIS age 3
- Emily HARRIS age 8 months

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington (Immigration) IM 15/217 page 7)*

I have been unable to locate any records regarding the Harris family returning to England.

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### Robert HARRIS and Jane SIVIL – Sheffield Yorkshire England

**0- Robert HARRIS** born 1842 Earl Shilton Leicestershire England died March 1917 Sheffield Yorkshire England married July 1869 Sheffield Yorkshire England **Jane SIVIL** born January 1851 Sheffield Yorkshire England died July 1909 Yorkshire West Riding England

#Robert HARRIS born 1842 Earl Shilton Leicestershire England parents Sarah nee Draper and Joseph Harris

#Jane SIVIL born January 1851 Sheffield Yorkshire England parents Caroline nee Johnson and George Savil (bricklayer)

#Robert HARRIS married July-September 1869 Sheffield Yorkshire England Jane CIVIL reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration 1869 September quarter district Sheffield County Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 412 line 91

1871 Census bk 3 Sheaf Street Nether Hallam Yorkshire England

- Robert HARRIS head married age 29 bricklayer born Earl Shulton Leicestershire England
- Jane HARRIS wife married age 20 born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Sarah Ann Elizabeth HARRIS daughter age 5 or 8 months born Sheffield Yorkshire England

Note Jane's parents and her siblings also resided at 5 Sheaf Street

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#Lyttelton Tuesday 29 August Cattle Trespass – Robert Harris for having one horse at large was fined 5s and costs reference Papers past website Star (Christchurch) newspaper 29 August 1876

#Magistrates Courts Christchurch Tuesday 29 August Cattle Trespass – Robert Harris for having a horse astray was fined 5s and 4s costs reference Papers past website Globe newspaper 29 August 1876

#Magistrates Courts Christchurch Tuesday 29 August Cattle Trespass – Robert Harris for having a horse astray was fined 5s and 4s costs reference Papers past website Press newspaper 30 August 1876

Perhaps son's birth #George Ernest HARRIS born 30 August 1876 Christchurch New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/11426 parents Jane and Robert Harris

#Robert HARRIS and family returned to England before 1880

1881 Census 54 Harwood Street Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England ED 41 piece 4637 folio 14 page 19

- Robert HARRIS head married age 39 builder born Earl-Shilton Leicestershire England
- Jane HARRIS wife married age 30 born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Sarah HARRIS daughter age 10 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Lucy HARRIS daughter age 8 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Emily HARRIS daughter age 6 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- George HARRIS son age 4 scholar born Christchurch New Zealand
- John Wm HARRIS son age 1 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42

- Robert HARRIS head marriage age 49 builder born 1842 Earlsbetton Leicestershire England
- Jane HARRIS wife married age 40 born about 1851 Sheffield Yorkshire England
- George HARRIS son age 14 born about 1887 Canterbury New Zealand
- John HARRIS son age 11 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Alfred HARRIS son age 9 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Frank HARRIS son age 4 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- Albert HARRIS son age 1 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

- Rosie HARRIS daughter age 2 months born Sheffield Yorkshire England  
1901 Census 10 Cream Street Heeley Christchurch Sheffield Park Sheffield Yorkshire England ED 18 piece 4372 folio 135 page 8 household 26
  - Robert HARRIS head married age 59 Brick-maker worker born Earl Shilton Leicestershire England
  - Jane HARRIS wife married age 50 born 1851 Sheffield Yorkshire England
  - Frank HARRIS son age 14 Joiners apprentice Cart worker born Sheffield Yorkshire England
  - Rosie HARRIS daughter age 12 born Sheffield Yorkshire England
  - Albert HARRIS son age 11 born Sheffield Yorkshire England
  - Lillian HARRIS daughter age 8 born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- 0-1- Sarah Ann Elizabeth HARRIS born 1870 Sheffield Yorkshire England  
#Sarah Ann E HARRIS born 1870 Yorkshire England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1870 September quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 294  
1871 Census bk 3 Sheaf Street Nether Hallam Yorkshire England
- Sarah Ann Elizabeth HARRIS daughter age 5 or 8 months born Sheffield Yorkshire England  
#Ship "*Himalaya*" departed 24<sup>th</sup> July 1875 Plymouth London England arrived 17 November 1875 Port Chalmers Lyttelton Canterbury New Zealand reference Archives New Zealand Wellington (Immigration) IM 15/217 page 7
  - Sarah A HARRIS age 4  
1881 Census 54 Harwood Street Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England ED 41 piece 4637 folio 14 page 19
  - Sarah HARRIS daughter age 10 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- 0-2- Lucy HARRIS born April 1872 Sheffield Yorkshire England  
#Lucy HARRIS born 1872 Yorkshire England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1872 September quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 304  
#Ship "*Himalaya*" departed 24<sup>th</sup> July 1875 Plymouth London England arrived 17 November 1875 Port Chalmers Lyttelton Canterbury New Zealand reference Archives New Zealand Wellington (Immigration) IM 15/217 page 7
- Lucy HARRIS age 3  
1881 Census 54 Harwood Street Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England ED 41 piece 4637 folio 14 page 19
  - Lucy HARRIS daughter age 8 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England
- 0-3- Emily HARRIS born 1875 Sheffield Yorkshire England died 1938 Sheffield Yorkshire England (Mrs Pashley)  
#Emily Jane HARRIS born 1874 Yorkshire England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1874 December quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 356  
#Ship "*Himalaya*" departed 24<sup>th</sup> July 1875 Plymouth London England arrived 17 November 1875 Port Chalmers Lyttelton Canterbury New Zealand reference Archives New Zealand Wellington (Immigration) IM 15/217 page 7
- Emily HARRIS age 8 months  
1881 Census 54 Harwood Street Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England ED 41 piece 4637 folio 14 page 19
  - Emily HARRIS daughter age 6 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England

**0-4- George Ernest HARRIS** born 30 August 1876 Christchurch New Zealand died June 1924 Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England

Perhaps #George Ernest HARRIS born 30 August 1876 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/11426 parents Jane and Robert Harris

1881 Census 54 Harwood Street Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England ED 41 piece 4637 folio 14 page 19

- George HARRIS son age 4 scholar born Christchurch New Zealand  
1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42
- George HARRIS son age 14 born about 1887 Canterbury New Zealand  
1911 Census 34 High House Ecclesall North Sheffield Yorkshire West Riding England 5 room
- George E HARRIS head age 35 married 11 years 4 children living Plumber General Plumber worker born New Zealand (British subject by parentage)
- Rose HARRIS wife age 32 married 11 years 4 children living business home born Stavday Derbyshire England
- Cissie HARRIS daughter age 10 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England'
- George HARRIS son age 08 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England'
- Connie HARRIS daughter age 4 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England'
- Lilly HARRIS daughter age 1 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England'

0-5- John William HARRIS born 1880 Sheffield South Yorkshire England

#John William HARRIS born 1879 Yorkshire England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1879 September quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 358

1881 Census 54 Harwood Street Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire England ED 41 piece 4637 folio 14 page 19

- John Wm HARRIS son age 1 born Sheffield Yorkshire England  
1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42
- John HARRIS son age 11 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England

0-6- Alfred HARRIS born 1882 Sheffield Yorkshire England

1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42

- Alfred HARRIS son age 9 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England

0-7- Frank HARRIS born January 1886 Sheffield Yorkshire England

#Frank HARRIS born 1886 Sheffield England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1886 January-March quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 505

1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42

- Frank HARRIS son age 4 scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England  
1901 Census 10 Cream Street Heeley Christchurch Sheffield Park Sheffield Yorkshire England ED 18 piece 4372 folio 135 page 8 household 26
- Frank HARRIS son age 14 Joiners apprentice Cart worker born Sheffield Yorkshire England

0-8- Rosie HARRIS born July-September 1888 Sheffield Yorkshire England

#Rosie HARRIS born 1888 Sheffield England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1888 September quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 331

1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42

- Rosie HARRIS daughter age 12 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

1901 Census 10 Cream Street Heeley Christchurch Sheffield Park Sheffield Yorkshire England ED 18 piece 4372 folio 135 page 8 household 26

- Rosie HARRIS daughter age 12 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

0-9- Albert HARRIS born 1890 Sheffield Yorkshire England

#Albert Edward HARRIS born 1890 Sheffield England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1890 June quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 355

1891 Census 5 Sheaf Bank Ecclesall Bierlow Heeley Yorkshire England ED 66 piece 3812 folio 42

- Albert HARRIS son age 1 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

1901 Census 10 Cream Street Heeley Christchurch Sheffield Park Sheffield Yorkshire England ED 18 piece 4372 folio 135 page 8 household 26

- Albert HARRIS son age 11 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

0-10 Lillian HARRIS born April-June 1892 Sheffield Yorkshire England

#Lilian HARRIS born 1892 Sheffield England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1892 June quarter Ecclesall Bierlow Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9c page 428

1901 Census 10 Cream Street Heeley Christchurch Sheffield Park Sheffield Yorkshire England ED 18 piece 4372 folio 135 page 8 household 26

- Lillian HARRIS daughter age 8 born Sheffield Yorkshire England

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#### Details of the two other New Zealand birth registrations for George Ernest HARRIS

[1] (Not related to English researcher)

#George Ernest HARRIS born 02 February 1878 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1878/4168 parents Emily and Charles Harris

#George Ernest HARRIS died 25 June 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1878 folio website 1878/1719 age 5 months (born about 1878)

#Charles Harris married 1866 NZ Emily Sunnex and their child George Ernest Harris died young

NOTE for further details please refer to the Sunnex Harris genealogy below.

[2] (Not related to English researcher)

#George Ernest HARRIS born 09 August 1876 Otaki New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/16494 parents Eleanor and Jonah Harris [Jonah Harris married 1864 NZ Eleanor Fill]

#George Ernest HARRIS died 21 July 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1894 folio website 1894/4478 age 17 born about 1877 (buried Karori cemetery Wellington with his parents Eleanor died 1907 & Jonah Harris died 1917)

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#### **Charles David HARRIS and Emma Elizabeth (Emily) SUNNEX – New Zealand**

**0- Emma Elizabeth (Emily) SUNNEX** born 06 November 1845 Taita New Zealand died 17 February 1893 Martinborough New Zealand married 11 April 1866 Wellington **Charles David HARRIS** born 21 February 1843 Taita New Zealand died 19 January 1913 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand (Issue 5 male & 5 female)

#Emma Elizabeth (Emily) SUNNEX born 06 November 1845 Taita New Zealand

#Intention to marry application 11 April 1866 Charles HARRIS bachelor Carter age 22 dwelled Taita many years and Emily SUNNEX spinster aged 20 dwelled Taita many years intend to marry Registry Office Wellington by Registrar, father William Sunnex gave consent for the minor to marry reference Archives New Zealand Wellington Intention to marry applications

#Emily SUNNEX married 1866 New Zealand Charles HARRIS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1866 folio website 1866/6628

#Charles HARRIS Karori Leasehold Karori house and land 1870-1871 Wellington Country Electoral Roll

#Charles HARRIS Hutt ratepayer Featherston Highway District 1877-1878 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Charles HARRIS Hutt ratepayer Featherston Highway District 1878-1879 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Charles HARRIS Hutt ratepayer Featherston Highway District 1879-1880 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Charles HARRIS residential Hautotara settler 1880-1881 Wairarapa South Electoral Roll

#Charles HARRIS Greytown settler residential 1893 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Emma HARRIS died 17 February 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1893 folio website 1893/527 age 48 born about 1845

#Emma Elizabeth HARRIS nee SUNNEX born 06 November 1845 New Zealand died 17 February 1893 buried Waihenga cemetery Martinborough South Wairarapa New Zealand (parents Eliza & William Sunnex spouse Charles David Harris children Mary Ellen Harris, Eliza Jane Harris & Thomas Harris) reference Ancestry website NZ cemetery transcripts

#Charles David HARRIS died 01-19 January 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1913 folio website 1913/1171 age 69 born about 1844

#Obituary Mr Charles Harris - It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Mr Charles Harris one of the pioneer settlers of the Lower Valley which occurred at Martinborough on Sunday. The late Mr Charles Harris was born in Wellington in February 1843 shortly after the arrival of his parents in the Dominion. When he came to man's estate he engaged in sawmilling with his lather at Maungaroa and Pakuratahi and then tried his fortune at the diggings in Gabriel's Gully and the Thames. Subsequently he engaged in a carrying business with his brother Mr Walter Harris of Opaki between Masterton and Wellington before the construction of the railway. After giving up this he acquired Want-wood station afterwards purchasing Hautotara and Birchhill. These he carried on with success until recently when ill health obliged him to sell out and retire from active business. Since then he has lived in Martinborough. The late Mr Harris was rather of a retiring nature and did not take much part in public life with the exception of serving for some years as a member of the Featherston Road Board. He was also vice-president and steward of the Lower Valley Jockey Club when in existence. On the first election for the Town Board in Martinborough he was elected at the top of the poll but could not take his seat at the time owing to pressure of business. Mr Harris had many dealings with the native race by whom he was held in great esteem and probably no man the district had more influence with the Maoris. The deceased was widely known and highly respected throughout the Wellington and Wairarapa districts and will be much regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends reference Papers past website Wairarapa Age newspaper 21 January 1913

#Waihenga cemetery Martinborough Wairarapa headstones HARRIS – Emma HARRIS born 06<sup>th</sup> November 1845 died 17<sup>th</sup> February 1893 aged 48 & Charles David HARRIS died 19 January 1913 aged 70 born 1843 reference Ancestry website NZ cemetery transcripts

0-1- Mary Ann SUNNEX born 1864 New Zealand died 1865 New Zealand (died young never married)

- #Mary Ann SUNNEX born 1864 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/8792 mother Emily father not recorded  
#Upper Hutt Wednesday 20 April – Emily Sennox v Chas. Harris – For support of an illegitimate child; settled out of court reference Papers past website 23 April 1864  
#Mary Ann SUNNEX died 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1865 folio website 1865/7415 age 16 months born about 1864
- 0-2- James HARRIS born 13 July 1866 Taita New Zealand died 26 August 1867 Upper Hutt New Zealand (died young never married)  
#James HARRIS born 13 July 1866 Taita New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14258 parents Emily and Charles Harris  
#James HARRIS died 1867 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1867 folio website 1867/5599 age 1 years born about 1867
- 0-3- John HARRIS born 29 July 1867 Upper Hutt New Zealand died date and place unknown  
#John HARRIS born 29 July 1867 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/17219 parents Emily and Charles David Harris  
#John HARRIS died 28 November 1918 (Influenza) age 51 born (about 1867) New Zealand occupation Compositor resident of Musselburgh buried 30 November Southern cemetery Otago – Not Sure
- 0-4- Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS born 14 October 1868 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 17 June 1948 married 1887 New Zealand James William WRIGHT born 1852 died 1925  
#Elizabeth Sarah HARRIS born 14 October 1868 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/18683 parents Emily and Charles Harris  
#Elizabeth HARRIS married 1887 New Zealand James William WRIGHT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1887 folio website 1887/2642  
#James William WRIGHT died 1925 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1925 folio website 1925/9597 age 69 born about 1856  
#Elizabeth Sarah WRIGHT died 1948 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1948 folio website 1948/26899 age 79 born about 1869
- 0-5- Sophia Alice HARRIS born 1873 Pakuratahi Upper Hutt New Zealand  
#Sophia Alice HARRIS born 1872 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1872 folio website 1872/214 parents Emma and Charles Harris – not sure
- 0-6- Eliza Jane HARRIS born 24 May 1873 New Zealand died  
#Eliza HARRIS born 1873 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1873 folio website 1873/30652 parents Emma and Charles Harris
- 0-7- William Charles HARRIS born 10 April 1875 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
#William Charles HARRIS born 1874 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1874 folio website 1874/34897 parents Emma and Charles Harris
- 0-8- Abraham HARRIS born 02 May 1876 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
#Abraham HARRIS born 02 May 1876 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/5221 parents Emily and Charles Harris
- 0-9- George Ernest HARRIS** born 02 February 1878 Wellington New Zealand died 25 June 1878 New Zealand (died young never married)  
#George Ernest HARRIS born 02 February 1878 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio website 1878/4168 parents Emily and Charles Harris  
#George Ernest HARRIS died 25 June 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1878 folio website 1878/1719 age 5 months born about 1878
- 0-10- Emma Maud HARRIS born 19 June 1879 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand  
#Emma HARRIS born 19 June 1879 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio website 1879/5911 parents Emily and Charles Harris
- 0-11- Thomas HARRIS born 16 August 1880 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand

#Thomas HARRIS born 16 August 1880 Martinborough Wairarapa New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio website 1880/8111 parents Emily and Charles Harris

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**Robert HARRIS and Jane O'CONNOR - New Zealand**

Another Robert and Jane HARRIS resided in New Zealand but they do not appear to have a son named George Ernest HARRIS. Brief details are listed below.

0- Robert HARRIS married 29 August 1876 New Zealand Jane O'CONNOR

#Robert HARRIS married 29 August 1876 New Zealand Jane O'CONNOR reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1876 folio website 1876/1864

0-2- Henry Robert HARRIS born 13 March 1880 New Zealand died 1939 New Zealand

#Henry Robert HARRIS born 13 March 1880 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio website 1880/6488 parents Jane and Robert Harris

#Henry Robert HARRIS died 1939 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1939 folio website 1939/18921 age 59 born about 1880

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