

# Edward Harnett & Louisa Parker

## Far Side of the World - II

### Edward Harnett's Family

One of the great difficulties in solving the origin of our English, and in fact many European, surnames is the use of localising or imitating. When the parentage was lost or forgotten, people began to pronounce their names in a way that conveyed a meaning or an association—*Goodyear* for 'Goodier', *Physick* for 'Fishwick', to name just two examples of many. Another problem was the indifferent use of adding the letter 'h' as a prefix—such as *Hadcock* instead of 'Adcock', and in our particular case *Harnett* instead of 'Arnett' or 'Arnold'. The primary source of this interesting surname is the Norman French male given name "Arnaut, Arnott, (H)ernaut", itself coming from the Old German "Arnald, Arnold, Arnolt", a compound of the elements "*arn*", eagle, and "*wald*", rule. One Rogerus filius (son of) Ernaldi was recorded in the Domes-day Book of 1086, and an Hernaldus de Bolonia was noted in the Red Book of the Exchequer, dated 1212. Pre 7th Century Anglo-Saxon and Old Norse baptismal names were usually distinctive compounds whose elements were often associated with the Gods of Fire, Water or War, or composed of disparate elements. The surname from this source was first recorded towards the end of the 12th Century (see below), and further early examples include: Lecia Arnet (Cambridgeshire, 1273), and William Arnold (Suffolk, 1277). In the modern idiom the name has several spelling variations ranging from Arnald, Arnaud and Arnot(t), to Harnett, Harnott and in the case of our family, hidden in the passenger list under the label of "Hurnett". On February 4th 1639, Emblem Harnett and John Hobson were married at Westminster, London. Harnett may also be of Irish origin, and an Anglicized form of the Old Gaelic "*O'hAirtneada*", descendant of Artnead, a male given name from the Old Irish "*art*", a bear. The name is mainly found now, as in medieval times, in south-west Munster. On July 25th 1799, Daniel Harnett and Mary Rourke were married at Killarney, County Kerry. The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of Puntius Arnaldi, which was dated 1196, in the "*Pipe Rolls of Devonshire*", during the reign of King Richard I, "*the Lionheart*", [1189-1199].

**JOHN HARNETT**, b. abt. 1765; d. 4 February 1852

Married: 24 October 1796 John Harnett, yeo. bach. of Minster, Thanet & Jane Bushell of the s sp, 24 October 1796. Benjamin Bushell of the s yeo. bond. Book: Volume 33. Collection: Kent, Surrey, London:- Canterbury Marriage Licences, 1781-1809

**JANE BUSHELL**, daughter of Benjamin Bushell; b. 1764; baptised: 4 July 1764; d. 13 December 1863, aged 99;

Children: of JOHN & JANE HARNETT are:

- i. **JOHN HARNETT**, b.abt.1797; died young before 1805 when another John is named
- ii. **JANE BUSHELL HARNETT**, b. abt. 1799, m. **CLARKE**
- iii. **CATHERINE HARNETT**, b. 1800.
- iv. **WILLIAM HARNETT**, b. 1801 in Minster.
- v. **SARAH HARNETT**, b. 1804.
- vi. **HARRIETT HARNETT**, b. 29 January 1805.
- vii. **JOHN HARNETT**, b. 1805 in Kent.
- viii. **GEORGE HARNETT**, b 1806.
- ix. **JANE HARNETT**, b.1807
- x. **MARY ANN HARNETT**, b.1808
- xi. **EDWARD HARNETT**, b abt. 1812 in Kent; d 10 February 1880, 5 Ellington Street, Ramsgate

Married: 5 April 1840, at St. George's Church, Church Hill (off High street) Ramsgate, Kent, England;

**MARY FRIGHT**, Born. abt. 1817 at Minster, daughter of RICHARD FRIGHT and MARY SILK

Children: EDWARD & MARY HARNETT included,

- i. **RICHARD HARNETT**, b. abt. 1841, at Ramsgate, Kent, ENG. Died 1884, Northland, NZ aged 44  
Married: **DOLINA MCGREGOR**, b. Abt.1830 Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada
- ii. **LOUISA S. HARNETT** b. abt. 1842, at Ramsgate, (Presumed dead before 1851 census)
- iii. **EDWARD HARNETT**, b. abt. 1844, at Ramsgate, Kent, ENG. Died 1914, Northland, NZ. aged 70  
Married: **LOUISA PARKER**, b. 20 January 1850; St. Dunstan's, Stepney
- iv. **MARY HARNETT**, b. abt. 1852, at St. Lawrence, Kent.  
Married: **GEORGE SHEAFF**, b. 25 Apr. 1853 at Nonington, Kent
- v. **JOHN HARNETT**, b. abt 1856; at St. Lawrence, Kent;  
Married: **SARAH ANN CRAYFORD**, b. abt. 1857, at Herne, Kent.
- vi. **HENRY HARNETT**, b. abt. 1858, at Ramsgate;  
Married: **ALICE S. TILCOCK**, b. 1866 at Edmonton, Middlesex.

**B**orn about 1812, Edward's father, Edward Harnett was the youngest child of eleven born to John Harnett [1765-1852] and Jane Bushell [1764-1863]. Edward's father went on to marry local girl Mary Fright, daughter of Richard Fright and Mary Silk, on the 5 April 1840 at St George's, Ramsgate on the coast of Kent. The marriage certificate lists his parents as John Harnett, (farm) labourer, and Jane Bushell, who are both buried, together with other Harnett ancestors in the church yard of St Laurence in Thanet at Ramsgate. At the time of the 1841 census Edward & Mary together with 5-month-old Richard were living at Sion Row or Passage, Ramsgate. According to the Census undertaken ten years later in 1851, Edward (aged 38), born about 1812-13 at Monkton and living with Mary his wife (aged 32) at 8 Ellington Road St Lawrence, Ramsgate, Kent, no more than about half a kilometre from West Pier mentioned above, and was employed as an agricultural labourer. Edward's family was one of two Harnett families living in Ramsgate and some twenty in the county of Kent. His relatives may have included Henry (45), William (40), George & John (34), all living in Minster, Kent. By 1859 Edward and Mary had four sons, Richard aged 18, Edward aged 15, John aged 2 and Henry aged less than 1. There were also two daughters, Louisa aged 17 and Mary aged 7.

**W**e know from a passenger list printed in one of Auckland's earliest newspapers, The bi-weekly "*Daily Southern Cross*", that Richard (19) and Edward (16) left home and boarded the "*Jura*" on or about the last day of September 1859. They sailed for Auckland as steerage passengers, Saturday, October 1, 1859.

## THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1860

### Shipping Intelligence.

#### PORT OF AUCKLAND.

##### ENTERED INWARDS.

January 13—Janet, 28 tons, W. Anderson, from Wangarei, with 1 mare and foal, 16 passengers.—Cruikshank, Smart & Co., agents.  
 January 13—Will Watch, 34 tons, W. Brown, from Russell, with 1 horse, 140 gallons coconut oil, 1 cwt. onions, 2 passengers.—C. Davis, agent.  
 January 13—Ant, 20 tons, Henare, from Wangarei, with 20 tons kauri gum, 2 passengers.  
 January 14—Glance, 20 tons, McNeillage, from the Great Barrier, with 18 tons firewood, 9 passengers.—Lillewall & Rattry, agents.  
 January 14—William, 18 tons, Hatfield, from Otenerua, with 24 tons firewood, 8000 shingles, 60 rails.  
 January 14—Annie Laurie, 35 tons, Norris, from Russell, with 20 tons gum, 12 bushels apples.—S. J. Edmonds, agent.  
 January 14—Eclair, 17 tons, Eamo, from Coromandel, with 3000 feet timber.  
 January 14—Three Sisters, 27 tons, Pearson, from Mahurangi, with 40 tons firewood, 1 passenger.

January 15—Jura, 792 tons, Chambers, from London. Cabin passengers—Rev. Geo. and Mrs. Ann Brown, Dr. John Stuart Smith, Mrs. Smith and 2 daughters, Thos. Watson, and Sarah Ann do, Wheldon Tomlin, William Scott, Edward Porter, (2). Steerage passengers—Frederick, John, and William Chas. Snell; James Marshall, William, Mary, William, Harriett, and Thomas Croft; Frederick William, Ann, Frederick, William, Elizabeth Fanny, Mary, Robert James and Thomas John Sidwell; Joseph and Ann Maria Maxwell; Charles and Barbara Lloyd; William Rutherford, Nathaniel Newman, John, Martha, and Mary Ann Blake; George S. Harvey, Walter, Jane, and Elizabeth Parry; Charles Barrett, William Davis, John and Mary Ann Hunniatt; Jonathan and Sarah Wood; William Thomas Sexton, Charles, Emily, Louisa, Emily, Charles, and Mary Anne Parker; William Robinson, James Harper; Thos. Margaret, John, and Jean Jack; Martha Bell Jack; William, Harriett, (2) Sarah, Frederick, Joseph, George, and William Reed; George Paritt; Henry Bennett; Samuel do.; Henry Abrahams; Hyman Cohen, Charles Edwin Humphreys, Alfred, Bertha, and Ethelbert Sweeney; George, James, and Janet

Giles; William Paradise; William Meroy; William and Henry White; Stephen Mahoney; Thos. Probert, Richard and Edward Hurnett; John Low, Charles Henry Monkton, Charles Goodwin, William, Agnes, and Margaret Galbraith; John Moffatt, Johanna Sullivan, Elizabeth, Ann, and James Axford.

The ship which was signalled on Sunday morning proved to be the Jura, Captain Chambers, from London. Her dates are—The "Downs" on the 3rd October; Madeira sighted on the 16th; and the line on the 3rd Nov., in long. 27½° W. The island of Trinidad was sighted on the 11th Nov., and the Cape passed on Dec. 1st, in 39° 10' South. The Jura ran down her Easting in between 41° and 42° S. and was abreast of Van Diemen's land on the 29th December. Thence she experienced head winds, from the N.E. to E.N.E. as far as the Three Kings, which were made on Thursday last. The winds down the Coast were light, and the North Head was not reached till Sunday, at about 11 a.m., when she was obliged to bring up. The Jura arrives in good condition, and with all on board, (73½ statute adults) healthy. Neither births nor deaths have occurred during the voyage.

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## Louisa Parker's Family

**S**ailing on board the "*Jura*" on the same voyage were Louisa's parents, Charles and Emily Ann Parker and their family, who came from Stepney, an eastern suburb of London, where five children were born. Their fourth child, Jane died young aged just 2yrs.-4mths. Together with their four remaining children, they emigrated to New Zealand, sailing from England on the 1<sup>st</sup>. October, 1859 on board the "*Jura*", as steerage passengers and arrived in Auckland on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. January, 1860. Louisa the eldest of their four surviving children would have celebrated her tenth birthday just five days after their arrival.

**T**he "*Jura*" was a 792-ton ship that made the first of three voyages to New Zealand in 1858 sailing with 375 Scottish immigrants from Glasgow to Dunedin under the command of Captain Chambers. Charles and Emily Ann's voyage would have been the *Jura*'s second. A third voyage was made by the "*Jura*" from the Clyde in 1862 with 283 migrants on board. (There was a second "*Jura*" a 2,241 gross ton ship, built by J&G Thomson, Glasgow in 1854 for the Cunard Line. Her details were—length 314ft x beam 36ft, clipper stem, one funnel, three masts (rigged for sail), iron construction, single screw and a cruising speed of 11 knots. On 3 November 1864 she was wrecked in the River Mersey with no loss of life. [*North Atlantic Seaway* by N. R. P. Bonsor, vol.1, p.144-5] I don't believe this ship ever sailed the southern seas.)

**D**escendant Marjorie Prictor explains that Emily's brother William Robinson travelled with them, as his name is listed together with the rest of the family. As proof to this, she writes, a search of the 1851 English census reveals that Emily and Charles had both William and Isabella (Emily's brother and sister) living with them but without any sign of the older William Robinson, her father. Her Mother Louisa had died by that time and maybe also her other brother Thomas as any definite proof he was still around cannot be found either.

**T**he plot thickens however when our eyes slide a little further down the passenger list of the "*Jura*" to notice an entry for 'Richard and Edward Hurnett' who just happens to be sixteen-year-old Edward Hurnett travelling with his nineteen-year-old brother Richard on the same voyage as the Parker family. After a voyage of 107 days they arrived on Sunday, January 15, 1860.

**C**harles **P**arker found work with a timber merchant in the suburb of Newton, while both of the Hurnett brothers found employment in the Auckland Police force over the next 5 to 10 years with Richard working at one stage across the Firth of Thames on the Coromandel peninsular where gold was being furiously wrestled from the hillsides behind the township of Thames from about 1867 and the gullies of Karangahake Gorge from 1875, and Edward attached to the Auckland water police. There is a curious shipping intelligence listing for 'E. Hurnett' passenger aboard a small 18-ton vessel named the "*Vision*" heading for Otago on October 10th, 1861, so perhaps Edward went south to check out the gold digging prospects of the South Island before returning, old enough now, to take up a position with the water police. Newspaper records reveal both were still employed in police work giving evidence before a judge, Richard in 1864 and Edward in 1865 and these careers probably continued well into the 1870's.

**CHARLES PARKER**, son of WILLIAM & SARAH PARKER OF Chipping Ongar, Essex, ENG.

Born: 16 February 1824, Chipping Ongar, Essex, ENG.; Died: 27 February 1895, Buried: Tauhoa Cemetery, North Auckland.

Married: 8 April 1849, St. Pancras Old Church, London.

**EMILY ANN ROBINSON**, daughter of WILLIAM ROBINSON & LOUISA JONES, of Westminster. St. James,

Born: 14 January 1828, London ENG.; Died: 4 July 1912, Buried: Tauhoa Cemetery, North Auckland.

Children: of CHARLES & EMILY ANN PARKER are,

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| i. <b>LOUISA PARKER</b> ,          | b.20 January.1850, London d. 8 May 1922, Port Albert, buried Hukemui cemetery. |
| ii. <b>EMILY SARAH PARKER</b> ,    | b. 29 May 1852, in London d. 31 August 1926, at Port Albert.                   |
| iii. <b>CHARLES PARKER</b> ,       | b. 15 July 1854 in London d. 25 May 1933 at Pukekohe NZ.                       |
| iv. <b>JANE PARKER</b> ,           | b. ?? August 1856 in London d. 2 December 1858; Mile End Road hospital.        |
| v. <b>MARY ANN PARKER</b> ,        | b. 7 February 1859 in London; d. 1932 Tauhoa Cemetery                          |
| vi. <b>FRANK WILLIAM PARKER</b> ,  | b. 26 March 1861 Newton, d. 2 January 1928 at Whitford                         |
| vii. <b>REBECCA ELIZA PARKER</b> , | b.19 January 1864 Newton, d. 24 October 1947 Purewa                            |
| viii. <b>ELEANOR JANE PARKER</b> , | b. 26 March 1866 Newton, d. 15 July 1931 at Tauhoa.                            |

**T**he suburb of Newton is situated at the top end of Queen street, Auckland, like the dot on top of an 'i', and when Richard and Edward arrived in 1860 it was still brown ridges covered with tea-tree on every side. Over the next decade and probably more than any other of Auckland's suburbs, Newton's character changed almost daily as cottages, homes, stores and even two and three storied houses rose dramatically and with remarkable speed. With its easy access to the business end of town both trades people and merchants alike quickly realised its value seeing it as 'the' place to live. As a result, the tea-tree or Manuka quickly disappeared at an astonishing rate to be replaced with neat rows of cottages, indicative of an industrious and populous town.

**B**lock after block was sub-divided into small building allotments, quickly brought to market, and just as quickly and eagerly snapped up, delivering what must have seemed like an obscene profit to the owners of the tea-tree covered land. Allotments realising from 15s to 30s a foot in 1862 were, just two years later, in 1864 worth £4 to £5 per foot.

**T**he Parker family came to live here in Cross street, one street back from Karangahape Road that was already becoming a busy thoroughfare of shops and businesses. Three years later from the following insert found in the Herald we note that towards the end of 1867, Edward, now twenty-three, was also living in Cross street.

**T**he Hurnett brothers must have either lived close to the Parker family in Cross street, or perhaps even boarded or shared the same home before a parting of the ways came when Richard married Dolena McGregor in August 1864. However, by the time of the incident

reported below, Edward was married to Louisa Parker and father of Emily, born in September. Without further proofs it is supposed the young couple married soon after Louisa's seventeenth birthday celebrated in January 1867 and were more than likely still living 'at home' with the Parker family. They may have even used the same occasion as an opportunity to celebrate their 7th anniversary in Auckland.

## The New Zealand Herald

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1867

### WHOLESALE ROBBERY OF PIGEONS

Charles Berry, a youth of about 16, was placed in the dock, charged with no less than four offences of stealing pigeons as follows: —

Charged by Edward Harnett, with having, on 24th October, stolen from his premises in Cross street, Newton, four pigeons, value 30s.

Charged by D. B. Watt with having, on the 20th October stolen from the premises of J. H. Watt, Shortland street, four pigeons, value £1 10s.

Also, by Henry Maxfield, with having, on the 20th October, stolen from his premises, Hobson street, one pigeon, value 4s.

And lastly by George Bell, with having, on the 18th October, stolen from his premises in Barrack street, three pigeons, value 4s 6d.

Mr Commissioner Naughton appeared to watch the case for the prosecution. Edward Harnett deposed that four pigeons value 30s, had been stolen from him, which he identified in a box outside the Court.

John Lee, a poulterer also deposed that the prisoner had sold him one of the pigeons, saying that he got it from his brother-in-law at the Tamaki.

Sergeant Clarke also gave evidence as to the identification of the pigeons.

A second charge of a similar character was clearly substantiated.

The others were not gone into.

His Worship sentenced the prisoner to four months' imprisonment with hard labour, for each of the two offences; the second sentence to commence on the expiration of the first. <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

Almost three years earlier in February 1865 the brothers presented a joint petition to the Auckland Provincial Council for a land claim. Because Richard was married by this time it is thought that his name was attached to add weight to the claim, because within months of this claim being made he and Dolina went further north to settle near her family on the east coast at Parua Bay. The land being claimed was located north of Auckland in the vicinity of the Kaipara Harbour on the west coast for at the same time, the wharf extension and road work required, including bridges, to access land and link the Deacon's Point (Port Albert) wharf to the main north road in the region was put on record. It is also where Edward settled for a time during the eighteen-eighties purchasing 240 acres near the Parker family whose descendants in the family of Lindsay & Marjorie Pictor still maintain a presence in the area into the 21st century not far from Wellsford. Nothing further appears to be recorded regarding Richard's link to any land claim at Tauhoa.

About a year after his marriage Richard went further north to settle at Parua Bay close to his bride's family. Dolina's Scottish pioneering McGregor family, had been victims of the Scottish Highland Clearances and migrated originally via Ullapool, to Nova Scotia. Later with a group of fellow Scots on the self-built "Margaret" they had sailed via Adelaide to Melbourne, where the ship was sold and a delay of 12 to 18 months was endured, before the party venturing on to Auckland and Whangarei Heads, New Zealand in about 1850.

It is not certain whether the Parker family and Edward were waiting for the public works mentioned above to be undertaken, or whether there was some other reason for their delay, but they do not seem to have taken possession of their claim until about 1879 for both the Parker family, and for Edward and Louisa. In reading the Tauhoa news submitted by the Auckland Star's local correspondent, the reason for their delay appears to have revolved around the education of their children for both families appear on the scene at the opening of the new Tauhoa school in July 1879.

In contrast, the best worked and most advanced farm in Tauhoa was that of Mr Wyatt who had 260 acres and by 1881 had been in the district ten years. 150 acres was forest. The rest, all poor fern land, had been ploughed, and was mostly in grass. Mr Wyatt's method of getting fern land into pasture was to clear in autumn, plough up after the rain, cross-plough in October, harrow and burn fern-root and rubbish, made up into heaps, during the summer. Afterwards ridge up the land and sow about April. A twenty-acre paddock that had been broken up was treated by folding 200 sheep on small sections of it each night. Hurdles were used to enclose them and these were shifted every day. The treading sheep consolidated the land and their droppings helped to enrich the soil.

**The Daily Southern Cross.**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1865**  
**AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.**  
**THURSDAY.**

THE Speaker took the chair at a quarter past three o'clock, at which time there were twelve members present.

PETITION.

Mr. ROSS presented a petition from Edward and Richard Harnett, claiming to be put in possession of land.

The petition was received and laid upon the table. Mr. BLAKE moved, "That a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the estimates the sum of five hundred pounds for the purpose of bridging and making that part of the Kaipara Portage Road which lies between the Great North Road and the Waitemata, and to extend the present wharf at Deacon's Point, for the purpose of allowing boats to discharge at low water." He said the portage road alluded to was the main line of road between Auckland and the Kaipara, and was a road much used by the settlers of Albertland. There were three bridges necessary to be erected.

Seconded by Mr. SHREHAN.

Mr. ROSS said the amount proposed was already placed on the estimates.

Mr. CARLETON pointed out the item on the estimates.

The motion was then put and carried.

**For Sale**

1882 advertisement for 92 acres at Tauhoa

**Properties for Sale.**

**PROPERTIES FOR SALE.**

**SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DIRECTED** to the properties described below, and to the Sales of Small Farms and Suburban Building Lots by Auction on June 5th and 6th (see auction columns).

**F**RUIT GROWING LAND.—127 acres land, being a small, well sheltered valley, fronting the sea; admirably suited for a fruit farm; within easy distance of Auckland, by a good road; daily coach. Large ten-roomed House, commanding magnificent marine view. Cheap at £700.—T. W. Hickson, Land Salesman and Surveyor, G.N.L.A. Rooms, Queen-street.

**W**HANGAREI.—400 acre Farm, not far from the Kamo Coal Mine; land of very good quality; 25s an acre. Terms easy.—T. W. Hickson, Land Salesman and Surveyor, G.N.L.A. Rooms, Queen-street.

**C**HALMERSTON SETTLEMENT.—Lot 1, Tauhoa, 92 acres, 20s an acre.—T. W. Hickson, Land Salesman and Surveyor, G.N.L.A. Rooms, Queen-street.

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In the mean time, after something like eight years of marriage, and together with their first three children, Emily, Annie and Alfred, Edward and Louisa took a 'round trip' to England, in 1876. The trip may have been prompted by Edward's father who died in 1880 and perhaps was ill or failing. The trip may have also been prompted by the pending marriage of Edward's younger brother John to Sarah Ann Crayford. Anyway, six months after Louisa witnessed the marriage of Emily her sister to Robert Walker, at Cross street Newton on the 4 August, 1875, their names are on the passenger list of the "City of Auckland" that left Auckland on Monday, February 28th, 1876. From shipping news we learn that the ship was late leaving Auckland. Left idle and anchored out in the harbour, the ship was not hauled alongside the wharf to begin loading until January 11th. By the time the ship was ready to sail the best part of 5 months from October through February had slipped by. Perhaps the crew were just taking full advantage of the southern summer to carry out much needed maintenance or a refit.

When we next cross their tracks it is 8 months later still as passengers on the "City of Auckland" returning now to New Zealand in November 1876. In that time they would have circumnavigated the globe having sailed via Cape Horn to reach London and via the Cape of Good Hope on their return, providing them just two months in between in which to visit family. This trip fits neatly into the five-year gap that exists between Alfred's birth in 1872 and their next child Lillian born in 1877 after their return. Following is Captain Ralls comprehensive media report of their return voyage, issued after the ship's arrival in Auckland. The 'City of Auckland' was just one of hundreds of sailing ships that made the voyage and so this report, with few differences, is a sort of microcosm for them all. At sometime during the 18 months following their return, they must have staked their farming claim in Rodney county, Northland, for the next time we find them it is celebrating the opening of the Tauhoa school on the 10 July 1879.

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# The Evening Star.

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AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1876

## Arrival of the City of Auckland

The well-known London ship, City of Auckland, Captain George Ralls, put in an appearance at 10 o'clock this morning, after a smart passage of 96 days from Gravesend. She brings a full general cargo, and between seventy and eighty passengers, besides some prize cattle in the shape of 2 short-horn cows, 1 bull and a calf (born on the voyage.) Captain Ralls, who returns as hearty looking as ever, informs us that he never had a pleasanter passage than that he now has to report. The weather was splendid from first to last, winds favourable, the passengers cheerful and always inclined to make the best of everything, and his officers all that could be wished. Two births and no deaths occurred during the voyage. The City of Auckland, having 15 tons of powder on board, anchored the usual distance down the harbour. She comes consigned to Messrs Owen and Graham.

Captain Ralls has furnished us with the following complete report: —

August 5th, at 2 a.m. The good ship City of Auckland left the East India Docks. She proceeded down to Gravesend and took in stock and powder and embarked passengers.

August 6th, Started from Gravesend in tow of the tug Restless. At 8 p.m., Mr Martin, pilot, landed at the Downs.

August 7th, cast off tug, Dungeness light bearing north. Made all sail, and proceeded to work down Channel, wind being from the West.

August 9th, off Beachy Head.

August 10th, off Isle of Wight; passed the steamer Villa Bella, having in tow seven barges and screw tug, bound for Rio Janeiro.

August 11th, off Start Point; a fishing boat came alongside and took our letters ashore. This ended our communication with land.

August 12th, off Eddystone Lighthouse.

August 13th, 4 p.m. off the Lizard. From thence to lat. 16°N., long. 11°,37'W., south-westerly winds.

August 21st, off Madeira. Got the N.E. trades in lat.33°N., long.15°,27'W.

August 26th, long. 22°W., entered the tropics.

August 29th, lost the N.E. trades, which proved light, in lat. 16°,8' long, 26°W.

September 8th, got the S.E. trades in lat. 2°,31'N., long. 17°,43'W., wind prevailing to this having been very variable; mostly from the S.W.

September 10th, crossed the equator in long. 21°,7'W. thus making the passage from the Lizard to the Equator in 27 days.

September 17th, lost S.E. trades, which were very light, in lat. 19°,5'S., long. 23°,46'W., and thence to lat. 31°,41'S., long. 22°,36'W., had light and variable winds.

September 20th, passed out of the Tropics.

October 6th, passed the meridian of the Cape, lat. 42°,54'S. Ran down the easting between lat. 43° and 44°.

October 12th, experienced a very heavy gale from the east.

November 2nd, rounded Tasmania with fine strong breeze from the southward and sighted the Three Kings on November 8th, at noon.

Met with average weather in running down the easting and have no great runs to chronicle this time, the greatest distance being 370 miles in 48 hours. The voyage proved a very pleasant one, with only one accident to mar its happiness, Edward Brannigan, aged 4, having fallen on the deck and broke his thigh, which was promptly set by Dr. Reid. The passengers entered heartily into the usual amusements concerts were given, a newspaper published, "Box and Cox" very well rendered by Messrs A. W. Bromfield, A. D. Piper and Mrs Dayrell; and the weekly auction sales realised considerable sums. I cannot conclude this report without expressing my warmest thanks to Dr and Mrs Reid, for their kindness and attention to those who were ill during the passage.

### PASSENGERS

**Saloon:** Mr T. H. Pile, Mrs Pile, Miss A. Pile, Master W. Pile, Miss J. Pile, Miss K. Pile, Master Tom Pile, Miss Mary Pile, Master John Pile, Master R. Pile and baby; Dr. A. Reid, Mrs Reid, Master Charles Reid, Master J. H. Reid, Master G. E. Reid, Miss A. A. Reid, Miss Edith Reid, Master F. W. Reid; Mr E. M. Jenkins, Mrs Jenkins, Miss Jenkins, Mr P. H. Jenkins, Miss M. E. Jenkins, Master T. E. Jenkins; Mr A. D. Piper, Mr Moller, Mrs Moller, Miss Moller and baby; Mr A. W. Bromfield, Mr Arthur Meyers.

**Second-class:** Mr West, Mrs West, Masters Walter West, Harold West, William West, Charles West, and Misses Louisa West, Emily West, and Norah West; Mr Dayrell, and Mrs Dayrell, Miss O'Har, and Messrs Kemp, Cairns, and Balfe.

**Third-class:** Mr Harnett, Mrs Harnett, Misses Emily Harnett and Annie Harnett, and Master Alfred Harnett, Mr Brannigan, Mrs Brannigan; Master Brannigan, and Miss Rose Burns, Miss Shelley, and Mr. A. J. Cambridge. <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

**J**ust two years later the "*City of Auckland*" went ashore on the Otaki Beach at about 9 p.m. on October 22, 1878 and became a total wreck. At the time of the casualty, a north-west gale was blowing and the weather was very thick, causing the master to mistake Kapiti Island for Stephen's Island, and alter the ship's course so as to run through Cook Strait. The ship had on board 256 immigrants and had nearly completed her voyage from London to Napier. Ensuing panic among the passengers was promptly quelled by the master, who revolver in hand, threatened to shoot the first person rushing the boats. The following morning, all hands were landed in perfect safety, a line being attached to the stern of each boat and slackened off as it progressed towards the shore. In this way the boats were kept fore and aft and prevented from broaching to and capsizing in the heavy surf running.

## Tauhoa and the West Coast (Kaipara) Road

**A** correspondent with the New Zealand Herald submitted this report about Tauhoa in April 1881: —

"The nature and quality of the Tauhoa land varies considerably. Taking the district as a whole, the land is more or less broken throughout. Level ground is the exception. On some farms the ridges are steep and precipitous. Save to a limited extent, there cannot be much cropping done on land so uneven. It will have to be chiefly a grazing country. At present a great many sheep are kept—flocks ranging up to 200 in number. Most of the settlers have dairies and have on the average six cows and upwards. No cheese is made, fresh and salt butter being the product generally preferred. Maize is cultivated for seed and green stuff. Last season no wheat was grown, and potatoes were not a first-rate crop. Orchards have been receiving attention, and are gradually being established and enlarged, so that in time Tauhoa should be a fruit-producing district. Some of the soil should be well adapted to the fruit industry."

"Originally forest, ti-tree or fern land, the soil varies in quality from very good to very bad. There are 2000 acres of land not yet taken up. Some of this is barren hills that do not appear to have any agricultural value—so bad that it is almost a shame to offer it for selection. On the other hand, there is really good land at Tauhoa, especially some that had been bush. Around Kikitangeo—a high hill, from which can be seen both the east and west coasts—is some very fine soil."

**I**n light of the following report, it seems obvious that Charles Parker and Edward Harnett together with their families came from Auckland by coastal shipping to settle at Tauhoa in 1878, or at the latest, the first half of 1879 before any road into the district had been built. Published in November 1880 in the Auckland Star, the report is about the building of the road from Wellsford on the main north road, westward to Tauhoa, Port Albert and the Kaipara Harbour. It also highlights the opposition from local Maoris: —

"McLean, the contractor for the Hotea bridge, has finished cutting timber out of Green's bush on the Tauhoa, and has most of the timber at the bridge. A lot of the piles are now driven in. The Maoris declared they would not allow this bridge to be built. They would let it be constructed halfway across the river, but they claimed the other half contiguous to their boundary, and as the piles are about halfway across the river, so McLean considers the critical moment has arrived. He is not in the slightest degree nervous but is prepared to use the whole tribe for ballasting purposes if they come any of their nonsense. They threatened to throw his timber into the river, but he is determined that if they do they shall follow themselves.

"Treadwell is getting on with his part of the contract. He has cleared about a mile of road, laid ten chains of fascines, and built two or three small bridges.

"The new steamer (probably referring to the "*Mary Allen*"), being built on the Tauhoa is expected to be ready for sea soon after Christmas.

"The "*Bee*" (Captain Causley) has been engaged lately in transporting piles from Wellsford river to the Hotea, for West Coast road operations."

**E**dward with his family had already been living at Tauhoa for almost three years when in the "*Freeholders of New Zealand*" of 1882 he is listed as a settler at Tauhoa, with 240 acres valued at £130. In the latter half of this year an incident involving 10-year-old Alfred took place,

reported later in the following newspaper clip taken from the Auckland Star dated, Tuesday September 26. —

A few weeks ago, a son of Mr Harnett, on his return from Tauhoa school, was riding on a horse which was blind on one side. His father had gone forward over a bad part of the road where a tree had fallen, and looking back, found the other horse had fallen with the child underneath it. The brave little fellow exclaimed that he was not much hurt, but it was found that his leg was broken. Kindly help and attention was paid to the sufferer, and a neighbour (Mr Green) rode over to Mahurangi for surgical aid. Dr. McMurdo promptly attended, reset the imperfectly set limb, and the boy is progressing nicely towards recovery. Mr Harnett speaks warmly of the kindness of Dr. McMurdo in coming so quickly a distance of twenty miles.

The same column of the paper reported another very narrow escape by local settler Mr Ed. Witherford just a few weeks later. As he was about to cross a deep gully his horse that was also blind on one side slipped into the gully. The rider instantly sprang from the saddle to the side in safety while the horse went into the depths below. While the horse was extricated without receiving much injury, a fall of this nature would surely have been fatal for Mr Witherford.

## City Dwellers Become Country Settlers

After their arrival in 1860, the Parker family lived in Auckland for some years where three more children were born, and in 1875 were residing at Cross Street, Newton. In 1866 an entry in a publication, the 'Auckland Provincial Districts Highway Board' gives Charles' occupation as 'timber merchant'. Some eighteen years later, and certainly by 1879 however, they had moved to Tauhoa, on the Kaipara Harbour west of Wellsford on the main road north. After his arrival in this pioneer community, one of the first jobs that Charles undertook under the direction of Mr Allen was the building of a fifty-foot "steamboat" to provide a mail service with direct access to Helensville at the southern end of Kaipara Harbour. With a great deal of settler interest the boat was launched on Thursday, February 3rd, 1881.

Charles commenced farming, on a property known as 'Clifton'. He began with 24 sheep in 1879, and these had decreased by 3 to 21 the following year. In 1882 Charles senior was listed in the 'Freeholders of New Zealand', as a settler at Tauhoa with 190 acres worth £135 His son is also listed with 105 acres worth £95. In 1883 he was employed as postmaster at Clifton store, Tauhoa, and where the annual meeting of the district's householders took place. This appointment may have been initiated by his new son-in-law, Samuel F. Boler (mis-spelt in the newspaper) who married Mary Ann Parker in 1882.

MARRIAGES.	
<p>DICKSON—MAY.—On October 20, at the residence of Mr. J. Dickson, Patea, by the Rev. J. Luxford, G. H. Dickson, Contractor, Patea, to Rebecca, eldest daughter of A. May, Esq., of Waiuku.</p>	<p>BOLES—PARKER.—On September 21, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. E. S. Brooks, Samuel Frederick, second son of Samuel Boles, Tauhoa, to Mary Ann, third daughter of Charles Parker, Tauhoa. Home papers please copy.</p>

Edward and Louisa had their first three children in Newton, probably while still living with Louisa's parents. Five years later Lillian their fourth child was also born at Newton in October 1877 nearly a year after returning from their trip to England. Their next two sons, Henry & Arthur were born at Tauhoa, and perhaps May as well before they moved on.

### EDWARD HARNETT (-4, EDWARD-3, THOMAS-2, HENRY-1)

Born: abt.1844 at (8 Ellington Rd.) Ramsgate, Kent, Eng. Died: 7 January 1914 & buried at Hukerenui Cemetery.  
Married: ...January?, 1867 Newton, Auckland, New Zealand.

### LOUISA PARKER (-3, CHARLES-2, WILLIAM PARKER-1)

Born: 20 January 1850; christened at St. Dunstan's, Stepney London, Eng. Died: 8 May 1922 & buried at Hukerenui Cemetery.  
Children: of EDWARD HARNETT & LOUISA PARKER are:

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|-------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| i.    | EMILY LOUISA HARNETT,      | b.30/9/1867, Newton, Auckland;     |
| ii.   | MARY ANNE (ANNIE) HARNETT, | [1869-1941], Newton,               |
| iii.  | ALFRED EDWARD HARNETT,     | [1872-1953], Newton,               |
| iv.   | LILLIAN JANE HARNETT,      | b.19/10/1877, Newton,              |
| v.    | JOHN (HENRY) HARNETT,      | b.2/8/1880, Tauhoa, Rodney County; |
| vi.   | ARTHUR WILLIAM HARNETT,    | b.9 July 1884 at Tauhoa, d.1961],  |
| vii.  | FLORENCE (MAY) HARNETT,    | b.1887, Tauhoa?                    |
| viii. | BERTHA REBECCA HARNETT,    | [1888-1967], Paiaka, Northland;    |
| ix.   | CHARLES RICHARD HARNETT,   | [1890-1962], Paiaka,               |

**S**ometime between 1884 and 1888 Edward and Louisa moved again taking their family to Paiaka, near the Bay of Islands, Northland, New Zealand where their last two children, Bertha and Charles were born. They continued to farm here until Edward's death thirty years later in January 1914. This move brought them into contact with the Rawlings family who also settled in nearby Towai. Two of Edward & Louisa's sons, brothers John Henry and Arthur William married sisters Dorothy (Dolly) and Ida (Annie) respectively, daughters of Reginald and Mary Rawlings family. The Rawlings family had arrived in Auckland in 1886 from Romford, Essex, in England and must have moved to Towai about the same time as the Harnett family. The following memories come from Arthur and Annie's youngest daughter Dorothy.

## *Family Memories in 2007*

by youngest daughter Dorothy Margaret Tucker (nee Harnett)

**M**y Dad, Arthur William Harnett was born at Tauhoa, which is on the West Coast of Northland, 9th July 1884. He worked in the Kauri Forest for a while, I remember seeing photos of him, with large Clydesdale horses or bullock teams, hauling huge Kauri logs out of the bush. He also went over to Australia working in the sugar cane fields in Bundaberg. This was before he married. He also farmed on several places, but I think when they married, he was able to buy the small farm, (with Government help) at Ngararatunua, just seven miles out of Whangarei. It was a nice little place, a small part of the hilly side, had huge, great rocks on it, not far from the old house. The little country (Cranes) road goes through the farm and at that time led on to serve two other neighbours. It was mainly all flat land, on the bottom side of the road, with a creek running along one side of it.

**ARTHUR WILLIAM HARNETT** (-4, EDWARD-3; EDWARD-2, JOHN-1)

Parker Lineage: (3<sup>rd</sup>. son of LOUISA PARKER-3, CHARLES-2, WILLIAM-1)

Born: 9 July 1884, Tauhoa N.Z. d. 16 January.1961, Cranes Road, Ngararatunua, Northland N.Z.

Married: 26 February 1913, at the Rawlings home Towai N.Z. Rev. Jasper Calder officiated.

**IDA (ANNIE) RAWLINGS**, daughter of Reginald RAWLINGS & Mary SULLY who emigrated to Auckland N.Z. in 1886.

Born: 20 May 1890; at Kamo Northland, N.Z. d. 17 July 1947, Cranes Road, Ngararatunua, N.Z. Buried at Kamo.

Children: for ARTHUR WILLIAM HARNETT & IDA (ANNIE) RAWLINGS are:

- i. **IDA (MARY) HARNETT**, b.17 January 1914;
- ii. **BARBARA LOUISA HARNETT**, b. 4 March 1915; Northland; d. 28 July 1987, Te Puke, N.Z.
- iii. **ARTHUR (ROY) HARNETT**, b. 11 April 1916,
- iv. **ERIC NOEL HARNETT**, b. 11 August 1917,
- v. **ALAN (CLIVE) HARNETT**, b. 28 October 1920,
- vi. **IAN GEORGE HARNETT**, b. 11 July 1922, d. 20 September 2003,
- vii. **FLORENCE (BLANCHE) HARNETT**, b. 21 March 1925.
- viii. **DOROTHY MARGARET HARNETT**, b. 29 November 1930, Whangarei, N.Z. Died: 17 December 2013

**D**ad was always very punctual for meals, breakfast at eight, lunch at midday, tea at six. He never saw the need to do anything to the house or buy any new furniture, it never had a bathroom or laundry and the room that was classed as the kitchen, had no sink or bench, washing up was done on the table in a basin, but did have a big old wood burning stove around which Mum toiled preparing the family meals. The washing and bathing was done out in a little old shed, using a copper to heat water, two old concrete tubs and a tin bath, we had to try and fit into! Taking a bath in that shed wasn't funny, with so many cracks in the walls!

**M**y Dad loved to go pheasant and duck shooting and would look forward to the restricted shooting season during the months of May, June and July, oiling his gun and making sure he had plenty of cartridges to see out the three months. He often brought home some lovely, big birds. There is nothing like smelling pheasant roasting in the oven! Dad, of an evening, would often sit out on the veranda and play his little button accordion, he got great pleasure out of that, could also enjoy looking out over the farm and the flat swamp land, which stretched right up towards Hikurangi township.



**S**ometimes we used to smile, when we happened to be in the car, coming home from town with Dad driving. He had bought what must have been his first and only car, a 1936-ish Ford V8 sedan, and it became his pride and joy. However, he would lose his confidence somewhat when driving up any hills. Just hating to change gears, he always hoped he could make it up in top gear. He would sit hunched over the steering wheel, rocking backwards and forward, his foot flat to the floor, willing on those horses under the bonnet so the car would make it over the crest. I don't think it helped much!

**D**ad was a hard worker, always lots to do on a farm, but come Sunday everything stopped. He would make it a day of rest, get dressed up in his best clothes, and just relax on the veranda, or on rare occasions, would hop in the car and go visiting his bachelor brother-in-law, Uncle Arthur Rawlings, who also farmed, on a place, twenty miles further north at Paiaka. There's no doubt lot's more I could say, but this will suffice.

**M**y Mum Ida Annie (nee Rawlings) was a wonderful Mum, never thinking of herself, and lived for her family. She knew the hardship of having no conveniences while caring for a big family, but still made sure she always remembered everyone's birthday, buying small presents out of egg money she would save. Christmas time she would do the same, but it wasn't anything very much in those days. Mum loved to do a little fancy work of an evening, often having to try and see, with only a kerosene lamp burning, as it was only in later years, that we had electricity installed. I don't ever remember her sewing or knitting, but she was a wonderful cook, even going to the trouble to make a sponge cake and scones for lunch every day! Because Dad expected it!

**I** have photos of Mum, taken with her horse, So she must have loved riding in her younger days. I also have a picture, of her nursing a cat with a dog sitting beside her, so like me, I think she was a real animal lover.

**W**e used to have a parrot, big and green, with red feathers under his wings who was a pretty knowing old fellow. Mum used to stand out on the veranda and call the boys home for lunch or tea, and it wasn't long before 'cocky' had all their names off and would start calling them too. He did the same with the few ducks we had. Mum used to call out 'dill dill', to let them know it was feed time and he would copy her.

**O**n a Sunday night, Mum would gather us around and we would sing some of the old favourite hymns. Blanche would play the old piano, as she had had a few lessons, then Mum would read a chapter out of the Bible. I don't remember if she prayed or not. I wish I could remember more, but I will finish with the words Mum had written on a postcard, along with a photo of herself, taken with a pussycat on her knee and a dog near by, she wrote the following message. This card was sent to Dad, when he was over in Australia, sometime before they were married.

*My Dear Arthur*  
*Just a card, to wish you every success in*  
*Bundaberg, I hope you will not laugh at this.*  
*Hoping you are quite well dear, and that you*  
*will write soon.*  
*I remain Yours forever Ida.*

**M**um and Dad married on 26<sup>th</sup>. February 1913. Mum died aged 57 - 17<sup>th</sup>. July 1947, and I was only a little over 16, at the time. Dad died aged 76 on 16<sup>th</sup>. February 1961. Both are buried just out of Whangarei at the Kamo Cemetery, Northland.

**M**y sister Mary, was the eldest of the family, a very pretty little girl she was, with thick, long black hair and deep blue eyes. Of course, I can only go on seeing photos of her, because she would have been about to leave home, around the time I was born. All the family left school, as soon as they reached leaving age, which was 15. Mary would have found a house-keeping job, around the district somewhere, then later on, found her way down to Pukekohe. We had Uncles and Aunts on Mum's side of the family living in that area. To the best of my knowledge, she would have found employment at various house-keeping, jobs until she married and took up farming with her husband Jack Chamberlain at Bombay.



Mary on her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday with her 3<sup>rd</sup> old brother Clive January 1921

**M**ary loved gardening, loved buying plants to put in, especially roses. After her husband, Jack died, she moved from Bombay Hill, to a small unit in Papakura, where I do believe she had more than fifty rose bushes planted. I think sometimes she got so engrossed in gardening, she even forgot to knock off and go inside and have some lunch! She died here 23<sup>rd</sup>. October 2001.

**B**arbara too, ended up living in Pukekohe, where both she and Mary became regular attendees at the Pukekohe Revival Mission, an independent Pentecostal church. It was at this church that Mary met and married Jack Chamberlain in 1939. Barbara worked for a Doctor Begg, in Hall Street, housekeeping and minding their children. Barbara liked sewing, so eventually she and a friend, Dorothy Little, set up and ran a small 'cottage' dressmaking & sewing alterations business for some years. Before she left Pukekohe, she worked a number of years at 'Overingtons', a Haberdashery and ladies-wear shop on the corner of King and Hall Streets. She married late in life and moved to Te Puke to farm there with her husband David McFarlane until she died 28<sup>th</sup>. July 1987.

**R**oy, my eldest brother, left school at the ripe old age of 15 and found various farming jobs around the district. He was called up to join the Army when World War II broke out, and served in the Pacific. He came back safe and sound and not long afterwards, he met and married Margaret Ferris. Soon after, Roy was offered Uncle Arthur's farm, up at Paiaka, North of Whangarei, which he purchased through soldier settlement rehabilitation. Quite a few years later, he was able to buy his deceased Uncle Charlie Harnett's farm, after he passed away. It actually joined onto Uncle Arthur Rawlings place, so it gave him a good-sized property. Margaret was a real farm lover helping Roy with almost everything that had to be done, and was always in the cow shed, night and morning.

**R**oy had a loving, gentle nature and used to spoil me, when I was a little girl. Every time he came home he always brought me something, like chocolate roughs or an Eskimo pie. Those sorts of things were not bought too often those days. Roy died farming 4<sup>th</sup>. April 1990.

**E**ric, my second eldest brother, had various farm jobs around our home-farm area, he was called into the army too, but didn't go overseas because he was classified as not fit enough, because of his flat feet that couldn't stand up to long route marches. Eric married Isabel Ferris, (Margaret's sister) and they farmed a small place, not far out of Rawene. He worked for the Council as well, grading the metal roads in the area. Isabel would do the milking at night, and Eric arrived home in time to finish off. He also worked in the local grocery store for a while, in Rawene. It was built over the water on poles and while shopping, you either saw mud flats or seawater through the gaps between the floor boards, depending on the tide. Eventually, Eric, Isabel and family moved to Whangarei, where Isabel worked at a sewing factory. Eric worked at the local Dairy Factory, until retirement and later died 1<sup>st</sup>. August 1999.



Arthur & Annie with the four eldest of their eight children; Barbara is leaning on her dad's shoulder, while Eric has pride of place on dad's lap. Mary is sitting in the middle next to her eldest brother Roy.

**C**live did farm work too, after leaving school, then was also called into the Army. He went overseas and served in the Middle East during World War II, getting wounded once, but fortunately not seriously. When he returned home, Clive had a small farm, up near Roy's place, on which he ran dry stock. Several times, he drove stock down to the Kamo sale yards. I helped him once and it was a fun experience for me, because I loved riding and was only 15 or 16 at the time. Clive kept two or three cattle dogs. One was wire-haired and mustard coloured and he clipped it once, leaving it bushy round the neck and face and a bushy bit on the end of it's tail. What a joke it was! It looked so real, people actually thought it was a miniature lion! Not long after his return from overseas Clive met and married Fay Furniss at Pukekohe, and over the next few years they took on several share-milking jobs.



Clive and Ian in the army about 1940

**C**live's last farm was at Ararimu. It was from here God called him to be a preacher of the Gospel, in full time Ministry, firstly at Mount Maunganui, and later at Greerton. When Clive and his family were still at the Mount, he got the idea of the 'printed page', and that's where Eric my husband came into the picture. He asked Eric and I if we would be interested in moving down to the Mount, to start a printing operation. We believed it was the Lord calling us into a Ministry for Him, so we sold our little house we had built at Tuakau and moved down to Mount Maunganui. Clive bought a printing press and that's how the 'Midnight News' got started. Eric also helped with Ministry. Clive eventually moved to Christchurch where he died, 5<sup>th</sup>. October 1993.

**I**an, my youngest brother inherited and lived on the 'home farm' at Ngararatunua all his life, and never married. He milked a small herd of cows for a few years. As he got older, Ian began breaking up the farm into small lots and gradually sold most of it off. He still lived in the old home-stead, until he passed away. Once or twice, when he wasn't well, he was placed in a Rest Home, but he hated it, so always seemed to be able to get himself out again. For all those years of living on his own and not really looking after himself very well, he still lived to the ripe old age of 81 and died 20<sup>th</sup>. September 2003.



Blanche



Dorothy

**T**he last two members of the family, Blanche and I were very close, even though there was about six years between us. She was still at home for a short while after Mum died in July 1947 aged 57, but then got a house keeping job. She loved sewing, made dresses etc, for us both, also did a little knitting and needle work, was a good cook too. She was very good-hearted and would love doing things for people or helping out where there was a need. We shared looking after the old home, after Mum went, but I always had a greater love for the out-doors. Later Blanche followed her older sisters to Pukekohe and there married a recent arrival from England, Arthur Wilcox. They initially set up home in Tuakau, but eventually went south to live at Tauranga where Blanche died 28<sup>th</sup>. May 1990.

**K**id's had to amuse themselves those early days, but we were on a farm, so it wasn't all that hard to find something to do or play with. I was only about four years old, when, one day, Dad brought me home a dear little Shetland pony, given by, or bought from one of the neighbours. I loved that little pony, she was so quiet, I could do anything with her, even sometimes lead her right through the house and round the veranda. Her name was 'Queenie' and I don't think there would have been a day go by, without me riding her, I could always trust her, would never run away from me, only remember once falling off her and that was when she unexpectedly put one of her front legs in a hole, in a hay-paddock, when I was galloping up it. My goodness, I would have been broken-hearted, if she had broken her leg.

**W**hen I grew a little older, I used to trim and file her hooves, also brush her all over. In the winter time, her hair was long, but come Summer, she would change her coat and it would be short and shiny. She looked her best then, glistening in the sun. I rode Queenie till I was about twelve or thirteen, and I sought of out-grew her then. Dad finally gave her to one of the neighbours, who had children, but it was sad really, as they didn't look after her, didn't seem to know anything about horses, and let her hooves get terribly long. I'm not sure if she just died of old age or if they had her put down, but she sure was the joy of my life, when I was a little girl.

**O**f course, there were nearly always some puppies to play with and in the spring, calves as well. My brother Ian would pick me out a nice one, to take to 'Calf-Club Day'. Dad used to use draught horses on the farm, and I could handle them pretty good too. Once or twice, there was a foal born. One night after school, when I was a teenager, I went over to a paddock, where a mare and her foal were. The foal was very quiet and I was stroking her, then I got the bright idea to jump on her back. She wasn't old enough to be broken in and nothing or no one had been on her back! She thought, "I'll get rid of this thing on my back"! and took off down the hill, straight for the fence!! How I managed to stay on, I will never know, but I did, although it gave me a huge fright. It must have showed for Mum wanted to know what the matter was, when I walked in the door.

**I** really hated having to attend 'High School', as it was called back then. I had to walk to the top of our metalled road and catch the rural bus, to travel the seven miles, into Whangarei. So, if I could find a way to get out of going, I would! Wet mornings served the purpose very well. I would dawdle along, as slow as I could, so as to get as wet as I could! The only common-sense thing to do, was go home and of course, this is what I did. Dad and my brother Ian were busy at the cow-shed, and wouldn't even give it a thought, to run me out to the bus stop, so I would enjoy a nice day at home.

**Y**ears went by and I got a bit tired of being at home, not being paid very much, so I managed to get a job on a poultry farm, in the Henderson area, near Auckland. I had to mix the meal to feed them, also collect the eggs, help clean and box them up. First thing in the mornings, two cows had to be milked. There was a little shed to put them in, equipped with bails, etc., a small milking machine, as well as a very small separator. The cows were very quiet and easy to handle, and I enjoyed the work. Unfortunately, the man I worked for wasn't very nice, so my stay in that job wasn't long. Afterwards, I returned home for a while, then eventually went and stayed with my sister Blanche. From there I obtained work in a Medicine factory, making all sorts of tablets, etc. I worked on a conveyor belt, counting and bottling all the different tablets.

**I**n between working at the chicken farm and getting the job at the 'Nyle Company', when I was back at home for a while, Eric, my then, future husband and one of my nephews, Noel Chamberlain, came up to the farm for a holiday. That was when Eric and I became attracted to one another. After he went back home to Pukekohe, we corresponded with each other, then I eventually moved down to the Pukekohe area, and boarded with my eldest sister, 'Mary'. She and her husband Jack and family lived on a farm in Bombay, not far out of Pukekohe. So, our relationship blossomed and we eventually married and I became Mrs Eric Tucker. In moving to Pukekohe, I worked at Dowd Association on the finishing and quality control table. I still worked at this underwear factory, for two or three years after we married, before moving to Mount Maunganui.

**M**y Dad, Arthur William Harnett was still living when we married in 1959. He passed away two years later aged 76 on the 16 January 1961, ending a generation and an era.

Note: Dorothy passed away and was buried at Tauranga, 19 December 2013 aged 83.



Arthur William Harnett & Ida Annie Rawlings 26 Feb. 1913



Arthur Jack Chamberlain & Ida Mary Harnett 12 April 1939

**LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF CHARLES PARKER SENIOR [1824 - 1895]**

This is the last will and testament of me Charles Parker Sen<sup>r</sup> of Taurua Kaipara I give devise and bequeath all my real and Personal Estate whatsoever and whersome unto my son Charles Parker Jun<sup>r</sup>

and that I also desire that the said Charles Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> will support his mother during her life

During his life, for his sole use and benefit or disposal or in any way he thinks fit and I hereby revoke all other wills by me heretofore made, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

Signed by the said Charles Parker Sen<sup>r</sup> The Testator

in the joint Presence of us who in his Presence and in the Presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Charles Parker Sen<sup>r</sup>

Witnesses

{ Frederic George Underhill  
Alfred Litten

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1894

A. This is the paper writing intended to be proved and shown to the family court at the time of proving the said affidavit sworn before me at Taurua the day of June 1895. Samuel G. Barber J.P.

— In the Supreme Court —  
— of New Zealand —  
— Northern District —

— In the matter of the  
Administration with the will  
annexed of the Estate of Charles  
Parker Senior of Taurua in the  
Provincial District of Auckland  
and Colony of New Zealand  
Settler deceased.

— Emily Ann Parker of Taurua in the  
Provincial District of Auckland, do I do  
swear:

1. That I am the widow of the abovenamed  
deceased.

2. That I knew the said Charles Parker  
senior late of Taurua, in the said Provincial  
District Settler deceased, when alive and  
that the said Charles Parker senior was a  
resident at Taurua aforesaid within this  
district and that the said Charles Parker  
senior died at Taurua aforesaid on or  
about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1895.

3. That I believe the paper, writing now  
produced to me bearing date the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1894 marked "A" to be the  
last will and testament of the said  
Charles Parker senior deceased.

4. That to the best of my Knowledge  
information and belief the estate  
effects and credits of the deceased to  
be administered by me are under the  
value of £ 330 and that I will faithfully

execute the said will by paying the debts and legacies of the deceased as far as the property will extend and the law binds

5. That there were no debts owing by the said Charles Parker senior deceased at the time of his death

6 That I will exhibit unto this Court a true full and perfect inventory of all the estate effects and credits of the deceased on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1895 and that I will file a true account of my administration on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1896

Sworn by the said Emily Ann Parker at Taurua in the Provincial District of Auckland "there being no qualified solicitor or Registrar of the Supreme Court resident within five miles" this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1895 Before me

Samuel J. Rolan J.P.

A Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

Sufficiently  
Approved  
Edw'd. Comely

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand  
Northern District

Know all men by these presents  
that We Emily Ann Parker Widow  
and Samuel Frederick Boler  
Storekeeper both of Tautoa in the  
Provincial District of Auckland in  
the Colony of New Zealand are held  
and firmly bound unto Henry  
Clayton Brewer Registrar of the  
Supreme Court for the said District  
in the sum of Three hundred and  
thirty pounds for which payment  
well and truly to be made to the said  
Henry Clayton Brewer or to such  
Registrar for the time being we do  
and each of us doth bind ourselves  
and each of us and the heirs and  
executors and administrators of  
us and of each of us jointly and  
severally firmly by these presents

one security  
Edw'd. Comely

Whereas by order of this Court of the twentieth  
day of June One thousand eight hundred and  
ninety five It is ordered that letters of  
administration with the will annexed of the  
estate effects and credits of Charles Parker senior  
late of Tautoa in the said Provincial District  
Settler deceased be granted to the said Emily  
Ann Parker on her giving security for the due  
administration thereof And whereas the  
said Emily Ann Parker hath sworn that to  
the best of her knowledge information and belief  
the said estate effects and credits are under the  
value of Three hundred and thirty pounds Now

The condition of the above written bond is that if the above bounden Emily Ann Parker shall exhibit unto this Court a true and perfect inventory of all the estate effects and credits of the deceased which shall come into possession of the said Emily Ann Parker or any other person by her order or for her use on or before the Seventeenth day of September One thousand eight hundred and ninety five and shall well and truly so administer the same according to law and so shall render to this Court a true and just account of her said administratorship on or before the twenty seventh day of February One thousand eight hundred and ninety six then this bond shall be void and of none effect but otherwise shall remain in full force.

Signed by the said Emily Ann Parker and Samuel Frederick Boler the ~~eight~~ day of July 1895 in the presence of

Emily Ann Parker  
Samuel F. Boler

James J. Walker  
Settler  
Tauboa

## NEWSPAPER CLIPS

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### An Insight into Edward Harnett's Work as a Constable in the Auckland Police Force

The Daily Southern Cross.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1864

#### INQUESTS.

An inquest was held at Palmer's Royal Hotel yesterday afternoon, on view of the body of Peter McPherson, a seaman on board the schooner 'Surprise,' who was found drowned in Auckland harbour on Thursday morning last.

The following jury were empanelled:—William Wilkinson (foreman) G. MacCabe, B. Berry, C. Jamieson, E. Walters, E. Fenton, T. M'Connell, E. Westmoreland, W. G. Joyce, S. Innes, J. Keegan, C. Jones.

The evidence adduced was as follows:—

Edward Harnett deposed: I am a constable in the water police, and was on the wharf about seven o'clock on Thursday morning, when I saw the body of deceased about 40 yards from the watermen's stans. My attention was directed to it by hearing some one say there was a body floating. I lowered the police-boat and went off. I discovered the body of a person who appeared to have been in the water for some days. I conveyed it to the dead-house. I could not identify the body myself, although I was sure I had seen the man alive. I examined deceased's clothes. I believe him to have been about 26 years of age. I saw no marks of violence, but decomposition had set in. I found £3 19s. 3d. in the left-hand trousers' pocket. He had on a black-cloth coat and dark tweed trousers, but no waist-coat. The money was loose in the pocket, and consisted of silver and gold. Deceased had nothing else in his pockets. He had on short Wellington boots. He also had a white linen shirt on, and a flannel shirt underneath. His hair was dark brown, and very bushy. There was an earring in the left ear. Sergeant Christall was present when I examined the body of deceased. About noon a person came to the water-police office, named Patrick Brennan, and asked me if I had picked up a body. I took him to the dead-house, and on seeing the body he at once identified it as the body of Peter McPherson. I remembered myself having seen deceased in Queen-street on the previous evening.

## The New Zealand Herald

SPECTEMUR AGENDO.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice;  
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.  
This above all,—To thine own self be true;  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

AUCKLAND, SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 1865.

#### FATAL ACCIDENT.—CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, at Palmer's Royal Hotel, before Dr. Philson, coroner, and a respectable jury, on the body of Thomas Lloyd, who was accidentally drowned at Pakiri on Wednesday last.

After a lengthy report we arrive at the following:—

Edward Harnett, constable in the Water Police, deposed: This morning, about 5 o'clock, I was informed by the last witness that there was a dead body on board the cutter 'Eclair,' just arrived from Pakiri. I took charge of the body, and removed it to the dead-house. Upon searching the body, I found nothing upon it. There were no marks of violence about the deceased, with the exception of the eyes, and had the appearance of a person that had been drowned, and had apparently not been long under water. The deceased was about 25 years of age. This concluded the evidence.

The Jury at once returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased, Thomas Lloyd, met with his death by the accidental upsetting of a boat at Pakiri, on Wednesday, the 18th January instant."

AUCKLAND, JUNE 27, 1865

#### BREACH OF MERCHANT SEAMEN'S ACT.

Mary Ann Poulton was charged with a breach of the Merchant Seamen's Act, by harbouring a deserter from the 'Lancashire Witch.'

Mr. Beveridge appeared for the defendant.

Constable Jervis, of the water police, deposed: On the 17th instant, I went to the defendant's house, in Nelson-street, and asked if any seamen belonging to the 'Lancashire Witch' had been to her house. She told me there had not. A few minutes after constable Harnett and myself heard some persons talking in defendant's kitchen. We asked defendant to let us go into the kitchen. She said she had no men in the house. We said we had heard men talking in the kitchen. I went down to the kitchen and saw Henry Page, a deserter from the 'Lancashire Witch,' and apprehended him. Page was tried for being a deserter, and got sentence of one month's imprisonment.

Cross-examined by Mr. Beveridge: When I went to defendant's house Mrs. Poulton came to the door alone. The conversation took place at the door. I gave defendant a letter from a deserter then in custody. Constable Harnett was at the back door.

Constable E. Harnett, of the water police, corroborated the evidence of the last witness.

Thursday, July 10th, 1879

TAUHOA.

OPENING OF 'THE NEW SCHOOL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE formal opening of the new school took place on Friday, and was a great success. After tea a very pleasant meeting was held. Mr Witheford (chairman) opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks. He said the new building would prove a great convenience to the Tauhoa settlers and was one of those evidences of the excellency of the present secular system of education which were to be found throughout the country. The large cities had formerly monopolised State assistance, but now pioneer settlers in the bush were gladdened by substantial aid, which provided not only convenient school-houses but the services of excellent teachers. The following programme was gone through:—The children sang "Yield not to temptation" Masters Buchanan gave the duet "Hark to the Goddess Diana." Mr F Boler sang the comic song, "Sold Everywhere." Mr Buckton delivered an interesting and instructive speech, when the children sang "Seeking to save." Mr Buchanan gave the song, "The Wild Boar," after which was the quartette, "Home Sweet Home," by Miss Buckton, Mrs Newcomb, Messrs T. Marcroft, and T. Burdett. Miss Jessie Steventon recited "Emigration." Mr T. Marcroft gave the song "Onward and Upward." Mrs Newcomb read "Talking Latin," followed by the duet, "Labour Watch," by Messrs Thomas Marcroft and Theodore Burdett. Mr Parker's song, "The Haymakers," was loudly encored. Miss Buckton sang "Little sister gone to sleep." Mr Cutforth gave "Kathleen Aroon;" Mr Burdett, "Core Birdie; Come;" Mr D. Becroft, "Kok me to sleep." After an interval, Messrs Cutforth and T. Marcroft gave the duet "Why should we part"; Mr J. Marcroft "Kiss me Mother"; Masters Buchanan, "Temperance Bank"; the duet "All's Well," by Messrs Becroft and Marcroft, Mr T. Burdett gave the comic song "Doctor Quack," followed by the girl "The last Rose of Summer," and the songs "I'm still a friend to Thee," F. Bole; "Driven from Home," Miss Parker; "Whip poor Will," Mr Hogwood; "Move in a Quart-pot" Mr Harnett. After this long programme had been fulfilled the entertainment closed. The building was erected by Messrs Hartnell and Armstrong. The new teacher, Mrs Dent, has already gained the respect and good opinion of the settlers.

Thursday February 24th, 1881

TAUHOA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A successful meeting was held in the public school-room to celebrate the first anniversary of the Tauhoa Public Library. A great number of persons were present from different parts of the country, and about one hundred persons sat down to tea. The tables were liberally supplied with varied kinds of cakes, tarts, and bread and butter, the quality of which gave credit to the caterers, and afforded evident gratification to those who partook thereof.

At a meeting of subscribers to the library, conducted by Mr Buckton, the secretary, Mr E. Witheford, presented a statement, which showed that more than £21 in cash and value of books had been received, and this amount supplemented by Government grant of £15 worth of books. The number of volumes, 150, were in care of Mr Chas. Dumper, who kindly performed the part of librarian. A Committee of five persons, viz.: Messrs Buckton, Burdett, A. Steventon, Edward Witheford, and Dumper was appointed. After removal of tea, Mr Witheford took the chair, provided with a programme which promised a good evening's entertainment. The Chairman in opening remarks congratulated the people of Tauhoa on the rapid advance of the settlement. Only eight years previously, the country was a wild uncultivated wilderness, without roads, and scarcely tracks. Now there were many prosperous farms dotting the country with extensive clearings and cultivation; roads had been opened, and several excellent bridges thrown across creeks. Also, to meet the wants of increasing population, this school-room was erected and a very excellent teacher, in the person of Mrs Dent, had been appointed to conduct the day school, and who was carrying on with very encouraging success her onerous duties. Now an excellent supply of books for the improvement of all who wished to avail themselves of such means, was provided. He urged the people, especially the young, to support the library and read the books. Books were of value, affording means of relaxation valuable information which would be of service through life. Mr Buckton gave the names of persons who had presented donations, and related the efforts which had been made to establish the institution. Mr W. Naughton spoke of the value of education, and the advantages of reading. Miss Bain presided at the harmonium, and contributed to the pleasure of the evening. Misses Parker and Buckton sang in most pleasing style. Effectively rendered songs were given by Messrs Parker, Thos. Marcroft, J. Boler, Buchanan, Hogwood, Clayton, and Masters. Recitations by Messrs Stevens, Morgan, F. Marcroft, Wm. Marcroft, and Miss Sterenton. Cordial thanks were given to the ladies who had provided the tea, and presided at the tables, to Misses Bain for presiding at the harmonium, to Mrs Thomas Marcroft, for kindly leading the latter instrument, and to the Chairman. The National Anthem closed the proceedings. The proceeds of the meeting—30s—augmented the library funds.

THE NEW STEAMER.

The building of a steamboat by Mr Allen on the Whanaka Creek is an event of great interest to settlers in this and surrounding districts. It was the intention of the builder to launch the vessel on the 2nd. A great number assembled from all parts, but had to bear a disappointment, the tide having turned before preparations could be completed. However, there was abundant provision made for the refreshments for those who were assembled, and young and old greatly enjoyed the same. Groups of settlers took the opportunity of discussing various matters relating to the progress and prosperity of the country, being of opinion that the fact of a steamer running direct from Tauhoa to Helensville would be very

advantageous, more especially so when the railway through to Auckland was completed. This would be the most direct route for the mail to Port Albert and other places, which at present go either via Mahurangi or round by the Kaipara Heads and Oruawhara River. Mr Parker, for Mr Allen, apologised for the disappointment, and hoped next day to be able to get the vessel off at high water. A petition to be presented to the Rodney County Council requesting assistance in removing snags from the channel to render navigation more safe was prepared and signed by settlers. Estimated cost about £10. On 3rd, Thursday, at noon, it was considered that all was ready for the launch. Mr C. Parker, the skillful builder, gave the order to let go the chains, and the vessel was instantly gliding towards the water, which it entered as gracefully as a swan takes to that element for which it is adapted, amid cheers. Mrs Bashford performed the ceremony of christening, naming it the Mary Allen, and expressing earnestly her wish for its prosperity. God save the Queen was sung. Again Mr Allen invited all the spectators on board to partake of refreshments. About 50 persons accepted of the kind invitation. Tea over, Mr Witheford was named Chairman, and, in a brief speech, referred to the enduring, persevering energy of the settlers who had, some for a period of 18 years, been bringing lands under cultivation, and others, as the occupiers of the Tauhoa block, for a period of 6 or 8 years, would now be encouraged by the prospect of increasing facilities of sending produce to Auckland. Passengers would make a journey to the city at much less cost and in a few hours time. Mr Burdett proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Allen for his hospitality, and expressed a wish for his success—reading lines he had composed apropos to the occasion. Cheers were given for Mr Allen for his spirited enterprise; also, for Mr C. Parker for ability displayed in the construction of the vessel, and to Mrs Bashford for the clever manner in which she had performed the christening. Mrs Bashford warmly eulogised the energy and perseverance of Mr Allen. She knew him to be a person worthy of confidence and public support in his enterprises, and hoped it would be accorded to him. A vote of thanks to the C. W. closed the proceedings.

Following are the measurements of the new screw-steamer "Mary Allen": Length: 52 feet; Beam: 10 feet; Depth of Hold: 5 feet; Engines: 10-horse power: The boat is fitted with convenient cabins fore and aft, is strongly built and designed especially for the trade between Tauhoa and Helensville.

Tuesday March 22nd, 1881

THE MAIL SERVICE

Our Tauhoa correspondent writes:—"The owner of the steamer Mary Allen has felt annoyed at having to wait at Helensville for the boat, but has reason to hope that all will be ready in a few days. Intimation has been made of the intention to subsidise the Mary Allen and send mails to Port Albert and places adjacent, to arrive on Saturdays. This is regarded as very satisfactory, doing away with the necessity of delivering letters or papers on Sunday as formerly."

## Newspaper Clips

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The following local reports tell us something about the activities of Edward Harnett's Family, settled in the district of Paiaka, Northland, adjacent to Towai, Hukernui, Hikurangi.

# The Northern Advocate

AND  
WHANGAREI COUNTY GAZETTE.

ESTABLISHED 1874 (to 1925)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 1913

THE LARGEST PAPER WITH THE LARGEST CIRCULATION NORTH OF AUCKLAND  
PUBLISHED DAILY—ONE PENNY

Towai – From our own correspondent

During the past week an interesting event has taken place in the Towai settlement, being the marriage of Miss Ida Rawlings to Mr Arthur Harnett of Paiaka. The parents on both sides are well known to all in the surrounding districts, and the young people themselves are universally liked and respected. Invitations were given to a dance to be held on the 24th Feb., and the response to this showed the favour and respect in which both Mrs and Mr Rawlings and the young people are held. Most of the settlers turned out. About one hundred and fifty were there to partake of the hospitality provided. Dancing started about 9 p.m. Mr Norman Rawlings acted as M.C. The music provided was excellent, Mrs MacKearney being the pianist. The hall was tastefully decorated, and this together with the light dainty dresses of the ladies had a most pleasing effect. The Presents were displayed upon the platform and were many and useful. Short speeches were made by Mr Jim Brock, Mr Ted Brock and Mr Millar and responded to by Mr Rawlings and Mr Arthur Harnett.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride on Wednesday, the 26th Feb., at 12.30 p.m., the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Jaspar Calder, of Whangarei. The guests present were chiefly relatives connected with the two families. The bride was given away by her father. She was daintily attired in, white silk with the usual veil and orange blossoms. The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Greta Rawlings. Mr Alan Rawlings acted as best man. Mr Calder gave a little sermon which had both the practical and religious side to it.

Breakfast followed. Many toasts were called and responded to in hearty fashion. At 5 p.m. the bride and bridegroom left by the evening train for their, honeymoon, which will be spent in Auckland and Rotorua. The bride was becomingly attired in a dark navy costume and beehive hat. The whole company turned out to the station to see them off and to wish them good luck and happiness. They will return and take up their future abode in the surrounding district.

# The Northern Advocate

Thursday, February 13, 1919  
TOWAI SHOW WINNERS

## SHEEP.

(Judge: W. Atkinson, Waimate North.)

Romney Ram.—	<b>Harnett Bros.</b> 1 and 2. (Henry & Arthur)
Romney Ewe. --	<b>Harnett Bros</b> 1 and 2. *"
pen Fat Wethers.--	L. Irving 2.
Pen Fat Ewes. —	P. C. Going 1 and 2.
Pen Fat Lambs.—	<b>Harnett Bros.</b>

## COOKERY.

Six Scones.—	Mrs W. E. Wright 1, Miss B. Going 2.
Rainbow Cake.—	Miss B. Going.
Pound Cake.—	Miss Going 1, <b>Mrs A. W. Harnett</b> 2. (Ida Annie)
Currant Cake.—	Miss Going 1, Mrs J. Brock 2.
Sponge Cake.—	Mrs J. Brock.
Seed Cake.—	Mrs Dawson 1, Miss B. Going 2.
Madiera Cake.—	Mrs J. Brock 1, Miss B. Going 2.
Ginger Cake.—	Miss Going 1, Mrs J. Brock 2.
Birthday Cake.—	Miss Going.
Plum Pudding.—	<b>Mrs A. W. Harnett</b> 1, Mrs J. Brock 2.
Apple Puff Paste.—	<b>Miss G. Rawlings</b> 1, Mrs F. C. Elliott 2. (Greta)
Jam Sandwich.—	<b>Mrs A. W. Harnett</b> 1, Mrs Blagrove 2.
Jam Roll.—	Mrs F. C. Elliott 1, <b>Mrs A. W. Harnett</b> 2.
Shortbread.—	Miss Going 1, Mrs Young 2.
Six Sweet Currant Scones.—	Mrs W. Forsyth 1, Miss B. Going 2.
Jam Tarts.—	<b>Miss G. Rawlings</b> . (Greta)
Currant Buns.—	Mrs E. Brock 1, Mrs F. C. Elliott 2.
Sample Jelly.—	Mrs J. Brock 1 and 2.
Sample Jam.—	Mrs E. Brock 1, Miss M. Going 2.
Three Kinds Jam.—	Miss M. Going 1.
Sample Marmalade.—	Mrs E. Brock 1, Miss Going 2.
Coloured Jelly.—	Mrs J. Brock 1.
Pickled Onions.--	Miss Going 1.
Bottle Pickles.—	Miss Going 1.
Local Wine.—	<b>H. Harnett</b> 1, Mrs J. Brock 2. (Henry)
Hen Eggs.—	Mrs R. O. Cotterill 1, Mrs E. Brock 2.
Chutney.—	Miss Going 1, Mrs Dawson 2.
Apple Sauce.—	Mrs F. C Elliott 1, Miss Going 2.
Loaf (Snowdrift flour). —	Mrs Blagrove.
Loaf (Champion flour). —	Mrs W. Wallace.
White Bread.—	Miss Going 1, Miss Blagrove 2.
Brown Bread.—	Mrs Wallace.
Loaf, girl under 16.—	Miss M. Going.
Scones (Champion flour). —	Mrs W. R. Forsyth

## Ladies Work. (2 of numerous categories)

(Judges: Mrs Hodge and Miss Clark Walker)

Cushion (any kind) —	Miss Goodhue 1, <b>Mrs R. Rawlings</b> 2. (Mary Allum)
Ribbon work —	<b>Mrs A.W. Harnett</b> (Ida Annie)

## A CRICKETING FAMILY

# The Northern Advocate

Thursday, April 10, 1919  
Cricket: Paiaka vs Riponui

A cricket match was played at Paiaka last Saturday, between Paiaka & Riponui, the home team winning by 14 runs.

### RIPONUI—First Innings.

G. Kerr, b W. Wallace . . . . .	9
F. Attwood, b W. Wallace . . . . .	2
T. Kerr, c F. Rusk, b W. Wallace . . . . .	11
W. O. Clark, c A. Cotterill, b H. Harnett . . . . .	1
G. King, c and b H. Harnett . . . . .	12
J. King, b W. Wallace . . . . .	1
W. Kerr, b W. Wallace . . . . .	4
R. Attwood, b H. Harnett . . . . .	0
H. Attwood, b H. Harnett . . . . .	2
P. Thorburn, b W. Wallace . . . . .	5
E. Thorburn, not out . . . . .	6
Extras: . . . . .	3
<b>Total: . . . . .</b>	<b>56</b>

Bowling analysis: H. Harnett 4 wickets for 14, W. Wallace 6 for 89.

### PAIAKA—First Innings.

W. Wallace, c and b T. Kerr . . . . .	3
L. Wallace, b G. Kerr . . . . .	7
H. Harnett, b T. Kerr . . . . .	3
F. Rusk, b G. Kerr . . . . .	1
A. Harnett, b T. Kerr . . . . .	0
__ Martin, b T. Kerr . . . . .	0
O. Cotterill, b G. Kerr . . . . .	2
A. Rawlings, b G. Kerr . . . . .	4
L. Rusk, b T. Kerr . . . . .	0
A. Cotterill, not out . . . . .	2
J. Bartlett . . . . .	1
Extras: . . . . .	5
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>28</b>

Bowling analysis: T. Kerr 6 wickets for 8 runs, G. Kerr 4 for 15.

### RIPONUI—Second Innings.

T. Kerr, c L. Wallace, b W. Wallace . . . . .	29
P. Thorburn, c and b W. Wallace . . . . .	7
G. Kerr, b W. Wallace . . . . .	0
G. King, b W. Wallace . . . . .	4
W. O. Clark, l.b.w., b W. Wallace . . . . .	0
F. Attwood, b H. Harnett . . . . .	4
J. King, b H. Harnett . . . . .	7
W. A. Kerr, c A. Cotterill, b H. Harnett . . . . .	0
H. Attwood, c O. Cotterill, b Harnett . . . . .	0
R. Attwood, not out . . . . .	1
E. Thorburn, b H. Harnett . . . . .	0
Extras: . . . . .	2
<b>Total: . . . . .</b>	<b>54</b>

Bowling analysis: H. Harnett 4 for 13.

L. Wallace 1 for 4, Martin 0 for 4, A. Harnett 0 for 10, O. Cotterill 0 for 7, W. Wallace 5 for 14.

### PAIAKA—Second Innings.

W. Wallace, run out . . . . .	5
A. Cotterill, b by G. Kerr . . . . .	0
H. Harnett, b G. Kerr . . . . .	1
L. Wallace, b G. Kerr . . . . .	0
F. Rusk, b G. Kerr . . . . .	17
A. Harnett, b G. Kerr . . . . .	5
L. Rusk, b G. Kerr . . . . .	4
__ Martin, c T. Kerr, b G. Kerr . . . . .	9
J. Bartlett, b G. Kerr . . . . .	11
A. Rawlings, not out . . . . .	24
O. Cotterill, b G. Kerr . . . . .	7
Extras: . . . . .	13
<b>Total: . . . . .</b>	<b>96</b>

Bowling analysis: T. Kerr 1 for 27, G. Kerr 9 for 38, J. King 0 for 25.

This match was played at Paiaka, Northland, New Zealand in the late summer of 1919. Featuring in the Paiaka Eleven were the following people.

1. Arthur William Harnett
2. John Henry Harnett – his older brother with a reputation for being “quite a cricketer.” Known to have lived on Jericho Road at Pukekohe East, before moving to Christchurch in the 1940’s.
3. Arthur Corban Rawlings – their brother-in-law who remained a bachelor. Henry Harnett married his sister Dorothy Dolly Rawlings in 1910, and Arthur Harnett married another sister Ida Annie Rawlings in 1913.
4. William Wallace – a brother-in-law who married Arthur’s sister Lillian Jane Harnett in 1898.
5. William Lorie Wallace – William’s eldest son born in 1901 was also a team member.
6. Brothers, A. Cotterill – and...
7. O Cotterill – were related by marriage with an older brother Edwin Brayford Cotterill married to another of Arthur’s sisters, Florence (May) Harnett in 1904.

It is apparent that the team was very much a family affair with no less than seven of the eleven members of the Paiaka team connected by blood or marriage.

A couple of the original score books, have passed down through the Wallace family from William to Lorie and then to Hugh, brother-in-law to Keith Osborne who first supplied this newspaper cutting and whose wife is a member of the Wallace family.

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## The Northern Advocate

Saturday, May 13, 1922

### OBITUARY.

MRS EDWARD HARNETT (nee Louisa Parker)

Mrs E. Harnett, late of Paiaka, passed away on Monday at her sister's home (Mrs Litton) at Tauhoa. The remains were taken to Hukerenui yesterday and interred in the Hukerenui cemetery, the Rev. C. E. Nicholas conducting the service. Mrs Harnett had lived at Paiaka for about 26 years up till the time of the death of her late husband, (Edward Harnett) some eight years ago. She and her late husband brought up a family of four sons and five daughters, all of whom are alive and are living in various parts of the district. Mrs Harnett had not ailed to any extent, though for a few months prior to her death she was not quite as well as usual. She was 72 years of age at her death. The deceased was held in very high respect by all who knew her, and a large number of floral wreaths, the gift of her many friends, were laid on her grave.

P.S. I have not been able to find an obituary for Louisa's husband Edward Harnett who died Wednesday, January 7th, 1914 and is also buried at Hukerenui cemetery.—ijc.

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## The Northern Advocate

Friday, March 20, 1914

### TOWAI SHOW WINNERS

It appears that Reg Rawlings and son-in-law Henry Harnett were both serious contenders in the fruit section.

FRUIT.
Judge: Mr Hanlon.
Collection apples, 3 each variety.— L. Boswell 1, R. Rawlings 2, G. C. Oetzmann H.C.
Collection apples, 3 varieties, 3 of each.—G. C. Oetzmann 1, H. Harnett 2, R. Rawlings 3.
Collection Dessert apples.—H. Har- nett 1.
Largest apple, weight tests.—R. Rawlings 1.
12 European plums.—H. Harnett 1. 6 quinces.—H. Ferguson 1, R. Bry- don 2.
Collection of pears.—H. Harnett 1, L. Boswell 2.
6 pears, 1 variety.—H. Harnett 1, W. Owens 2.
Collection of fruit.—H. Harnett 1, R. Rawlings 2.

# The Northern Advocate

WHANGAREI COUNTY GAZETTE.

News, Advertisements and Listings relating to the sale of the Harnett brothers, and I presume their parent's,

Edward & Louisa Harnett's property at Paiaka, Northland in 1920.

6 AUGUST 1920

AUCTIONEERS.

## F. & W. WAKELIN

STOCK & GENERAL  
AUCTIONEERS,  
LAND AGENTS, VALUERS,  
ETC.

COLONIAL BANK BUILDINGS.

Bank Street, :: Whangarei.

STOCK SALES.

No sale will be held at Hikurangi until further notice.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

MONDAY, 9th AUGUST, at 1 P.M.

At the residence of Mr L. Markham (near Butter Factory). Mau-ngatapere: Household furniture and effects.

TUESDAY, 10th AUGUST.

At the farm of Mr Sam Crawshaw, Tikipunga, Whangarei, Live Stock, Farm Implements, etc.

Clearance Sale of Furniture and Effects at the residence of Mr S. E. McGill, Hatea street, Whangarei, on  
WEDNESDAY, 11th AUGUST, 1920

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th.

At the Farm of Messrs Harnett Bros., Paiaka, Towai, Live Stock, Farm Implements, etc.

AGENCIES.—Royal Insurance Co., Ltd. (Fire, Accident, Marine, etc.). "Perfect" Separators.

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6 AUGUST 1920

TOWAI.

PROPERTY CHANGES.

Messrs Harnett Bros. have disposed of their property at Paiaka at a satisfactory price.

Mr G. Vukovich, of Maromaku, has sold out as a going concern.

Mr T. H. Trevor, who bought Mr Jackson's place, moved in last week.

17 AUGUST 1920

HARNETT BROTHERS FAREWELLED.

A farewell gathering was held in the Towai Hall on Wednesday. Owing to August being such a wet month it was not possible to have a meeting to arrange a function before Messrs Henry and Arthur Harnett left the district, so it was decided to invite them to attend this week. Since leaving here both have bought new farms, Mr Arthur Harnett at Ngararatunua and his brother at Maunu.

Mr Thomas Hedley, president of the Towai show, presented a pipe to each brother and to their wives a handsome eiderdown quilt each. In making the presentation Mr Hedley spoke of the loss the district had sustained by their departure. He eulogised their many good qualities and said that they had given a great deal of time to the association.

Mr Dawson read a letter from Mr and Mrs A. Harnett thanking the people of the district for the kind invitation, but stating that owing to daififying duties they were unable to accept. He also read a letter from Mr Going stating that owing to illness no member of the family was able to be present. Mr Dawson endorsed all that Mr Hedley had said and stated that as secretary of the Association he knew how the brothers Harnett had worked to help the Association along. They had been members of the committee for years and also stewards, and were large exhibitors.

Mr R. O. Cotterill spoke of the part the brothers had taken in forwarding cricket in the Paiaka district.

Mr H. Harnett, on behalf of his wife and brother, thanked the people for their handsome presents. He said that he would not be far away and he intended still to be a member of the Association and hoped to meet his old friends frequently.

**NORTHERN ADVOCATE**  
**DAILY**

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**18 AUGUST 1920**

**SALE BY AUCTION.**

**AT** the farm of Messrs Harnett Bros., Paiaka (near Towai) on **WEDNESDAY, 25th August, 1920,** at 11 a.m. sharp, of—

**SHEEP, HORSES, CATTLE, IMPLEMENTS & FURNITURE.**

250 2, 4 an 6th ewes in lamb, 250 hoggets, 16 4th wethers, 8 Romney rams, 1 unbroken filly, 1 farn horse, 25 mostly Shorthorn cows close to profit, 3 cows in full milk, 5 store cows, 12 3year S.H. hfrs., 4 15month Jers. hfrs. (empty), 13 18month S.H. hfrs. (empty), 5 calves, 2 S.H. bulls, 52yr str., 5 pigs, 30 fowls, 16 turkeys, 2 ducks, disc and tine harrows 2 s.f. plough, Hillside plough, timber jack, chaff cutter, hand shearing machine, spring trap and harness, set sulky harness, collars, chains, tools, anvil, wire, 7 cream cans, buckets, pans, etc. **ALSO** the Furniture of Two Houses comprising tables, chairs, lamps, baths, 3 safes, dble. and sgle. beds and w.w. mattresses, comb. chests, rockers, preserv. pan, cupboards, bookcase, couch, dresser, mats, toilet table and ware, cots, prams, chests drawers, etc., etc.

Terms: **CASH.**

**SALE COMMENCES 11 A.M.**

**LUNCHEON 1 P.M.**

**N.B.**—Vehicles will meet intending purchasers at Towai Station. Any live or dead stock will be put on the train if required.

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**2 SEPTEMBER 1920**

**NGARARATUNUA.**

**PROPERTY SALES.**

Mr Cleaver has sold his farm of some 110 acres to Messrs Harnett Bros., of Paiaka, the reported price being £36 per acre.

Mr Jack Wakelin has disposed of a portion of his farm.

**CULTIVATION.**

The month has proved anything but satisfactory to the tiller of the soil. Frequent and heavy rains have prevented the working of the land and all crops will be later this year.

**SWAMP AREAS.**

Despite the heavy rains experienced our drained swamp areas show little effect. Thousands of pounds were taken off these pastures for beef and cream last season and the prospects are that the milch cow will be responsible for thrice the supply of cream for the ensuing season. Three new sheds have been erected and will be in full swing in the near future. About eighty cows are now being milked daily in one shed. A hundred cows and by-products should easily account for an income of £2000 a year on last year's prices.

Following is a local newspaper report of an Autumn wedding between Arthur Jack Chamberlain and Ida Mary Harnett that took place on the 12 April 1939.

## **The Franklin Times**

### **Pukekohe Wedding in Masonic Hall**

CHAMBERLAIN—HARNETT

**BRIDE FROM WHANGAREI**

GOWN OF IVORY ROSE LACE

The Masonic hall, Pukekohe, was the scene of a pretty wedding recently (12 April 1939), when Miss Ida Mary Harnett, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Harnett, Whangarei, was married to Mr Arthur J. Chamberlain, younger son of Mr A. J. Chamberlain, and the late Mrs Chamberlain, of Bombay.

The wedding was solemnised by Mr R. A. Lewis, Pukekohe. Mrs G. S. (Lucy) Rawlings, aunt of the bride, playing the wedding music.

The hall was beautifully decorated with punga (native tree fern) fronds and autumn flowers.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr J. H. (Henry) Harnett, Pukekohe, wore a beautiful ivory rose patterned lace frock over ivory satin. The close fitting bodice was made with a ruching front, the square neck being finished with a spray of orange blossoms. A long sash was worn, the skirt falling to form a fan-shaped train. Her ivory tulle veil, forming a second train, was caught to the head with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a beautiful sheaf of water lilies and ferns.

The bridesmaid was Miss Barbara Harnett, sister of the bride, whose full length frock was of pale pink georgette over satin. The bodice was finished with a pink and mauve spray, and a mauve sash. Her large straw hat was trimmed with matching ribbon and flowers. She carried a bouquet of pink and mauve sweet sultan carnations and maidenhair fern.

Mr W. Peters, (from) Tuakau, was best man.

### **THE RECEPTION**

HELD AT PUKEKOHE EAST

The reception was held at Mr J. H. Harnett's residence, (Jericho Road) Pukekohe East, Mrs A. W. (Ida Annie) Harnett receiving the guests wearing a black silk crepe de chine frock relieved with white, under an edge-to-edge crepe de chine coat. Her shoulder spray was of autumn flowers and maidenhair fern.

The room was tastefully decorated with streamers and wedding bells. A feature of the table was the beautiful three-tiered cake made by the bride's mother, and iced and decorated by an aunt, Mrs B. (Greta) Parker, Pukekohe.

After the reception, the happy couple left on their honeymoon to the South Island, the bride wearing a navy tailored costume, a navy veiled toque, and accessories to tone.