



# GORRIE LAUGESSEN HALL DOYLE

A PICTORIAL HISTORY 1870-1970



# The Laugesen Family

Christian Ludwig was born and raised among the lakes and forests of Soro, 44 miles west of Copenhagen. Louis's father Peter, was a gardener and married, Mette Christensdatter, a housekeeper in 1832. At age 16 he was accepted as a cadet gardener at the Academy and stayed there several years. In his early twenties he did his compulsory military service and fought against the Germans for the control Slesvig Holstein from October 1863 to August 1864.

After the war he worked in Teulland and there met Emilie Brammer, a dairymaid and married her in 1866. Their firstborn, Waldemar, was born in 1867 and Dagmar 18 months later and Louis Emil in December, 1870. Late in 1872 they decided to emigrate to New Zealand, never to see their brothers or sisters again. Despite all that was to follow they never regretted their decision.

Landing at Lyttelton on 5 January, 1873, Christian found work initially at Woodend where William was born then moved his family to Oxford. There he took labouring, harvesting and sawmilling work. He bought three acres of land and later built a house on a hill at the end of Bay Road. It was here that Christian became acquainted with the sawmilling business working initially on contract and later leasing a mill. At Oxford, Albert, Juliana and Frank were born before Emilie died in 1880 at thirty-four years. Emilie's sister Sophie came out to New Zealand to mother the young family and married Christian bearing him Theodore and Frederick before herself dying at the young age of thirty-one.

After sixteen years of unremitting hard work and frequent and devastating fires the family left Oxford in 1890 and went to Christchurch. Christian set up a small stationery business, and used the remains of his limited funds to start a cigarette factory. Christian himself had little patience with the slow pace of retail trade which was not very successful for him so he packed a swag, shouldered his axe, slasher and gun and set off with his sixteen year old son, Willie, for the North Island. After three months work at Alfredtown they returned to Christchurch and Wandle Bush beyond Waiau to start up another sawmilling enterprise, and were later joined by Louis Emil. After three years hard work in the Wandle Bush area they had cut out all the good timber and had to look further afield.

The 1880s saw a building boom in the Kaikoura township and there were still a number of fine stands of forest around Kaikoura. Early in 1893 the Laugesen team moved their sawmilling operation to Kaikoura, complete with sawmill, plant, wagon, dray and eight horses. After establishing a home in the Kaikoura township, Christian brought the rest of his family up from Christchurch. In the small coastal town the timber business prospered. By the mid 1890s the firm of Laugesen and Sons had cut more than a million feet of timber at the Grange, up Long Creek and along the Hapuku.

With three sons working in the sawmill, fifty-five year old Christian Laugesen took the opportunity to retire in 1895. Fit and strong in spite of years of hard physical work, he had outlived two wives and had nine children and four grandchildren. He was still an active man and in 1897 at the Kaikoura registry office married twenty-one year old Deborah Cooper.

A year later, in 1898, Deborah's first child Norman was born. Shortly afterwards Christian and Deborah moved to Marton and Carl, their second son, was born there. Christian farmed for a year before returning to Kaikoura to take up 4000 acres obtained in a land ballot. He built a house and worked hard on this remote farm for two years before selling and going south to Dunedin. There he bought sixty acres of salty swamp land near Port Chalmers and worked for two years. Here their third child, Ida, was born and they moved to Opotiki in 1904 buying two hundred acres nine miles up the Otara river. Tragedy struck when their daughter Ida was drowned in the river in 1906.

With heavy hearts the family left for Auckland and after a year moved to Arkles Bay on the Whangaparaoa peninsula. Here Deborah painted Christian's portrait in oils and here his memoirs end. Deborah left Christian in 1912 after fifteen years together. Christian did, however, find security with his daughter Julie and her husband, at their Tennessee station on the Old Taupo Road near Rotorua. One day in April 1915, with deteriorating faculties, he wandered off some five miles into the scrubland and lost his bearings. His body was found three weeks later. Christian's grave can be found in the Rotorua cemetery. He had become a naturalised citizen of New Zealand in 1902.





Clipper ship "Crusader".



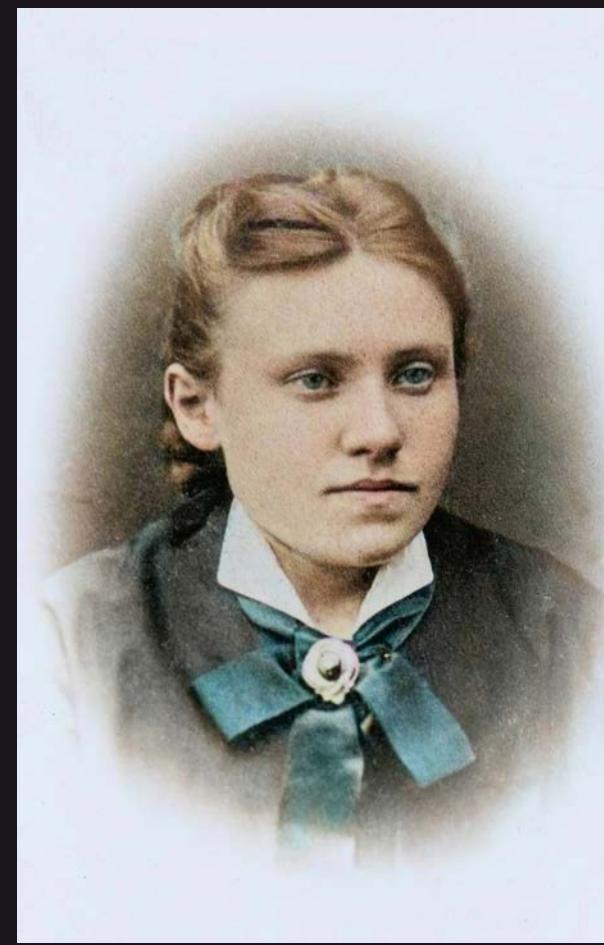
Christian Louis Ludwig LAUGESEN 1841 - 1915.



Deborah and Christian with children, Otara, Opotiki 1906  
Carl Thorwald and Norman Waldemar *behind*, Ida Dag-  
mar *in front* who drowned aged 2 1/2.



Emilie Sophie Auguste BRAMMER LAUGESEN 1846 - 1880.



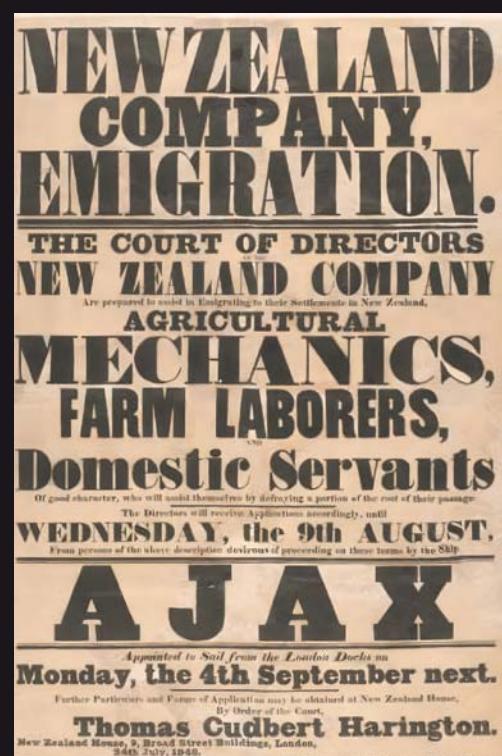
Cecilia Sophia Henriette BRAMMER LAUGESEN 1853 - 1884.



Christian and Emilie LAUGESEN.



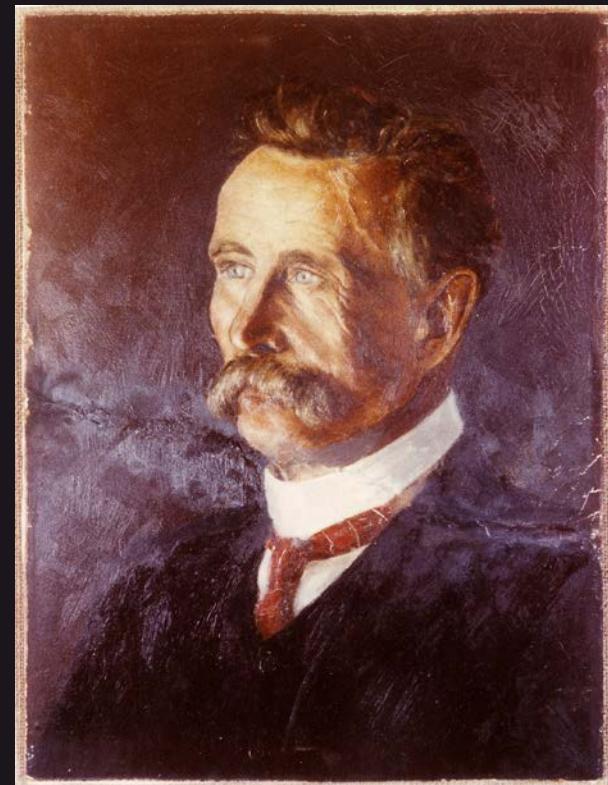
Lyttelton as viewed from Sumner 1870.



School House and Sailors Institute, Lyttelton, 1880.



Only known photograph of one of Laugesen's homes in Oxford, late 1800s.



### 'Christian' oil painting by Deborah.

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### Laugeson ship records of arrival on 5th January 1873.

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June 15, 1890.



Kaikoura between 1906 & 1909. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



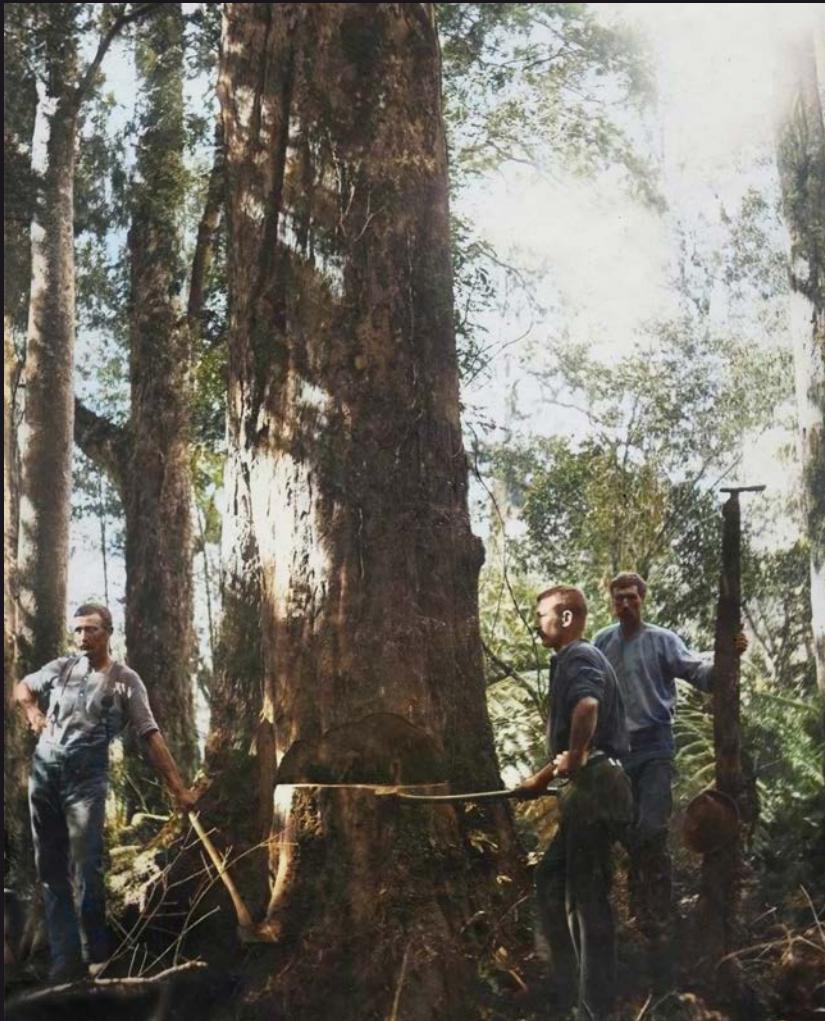
Christian Louis Ludwig LAUGESEN and children after returning to Christchurch in 1891.



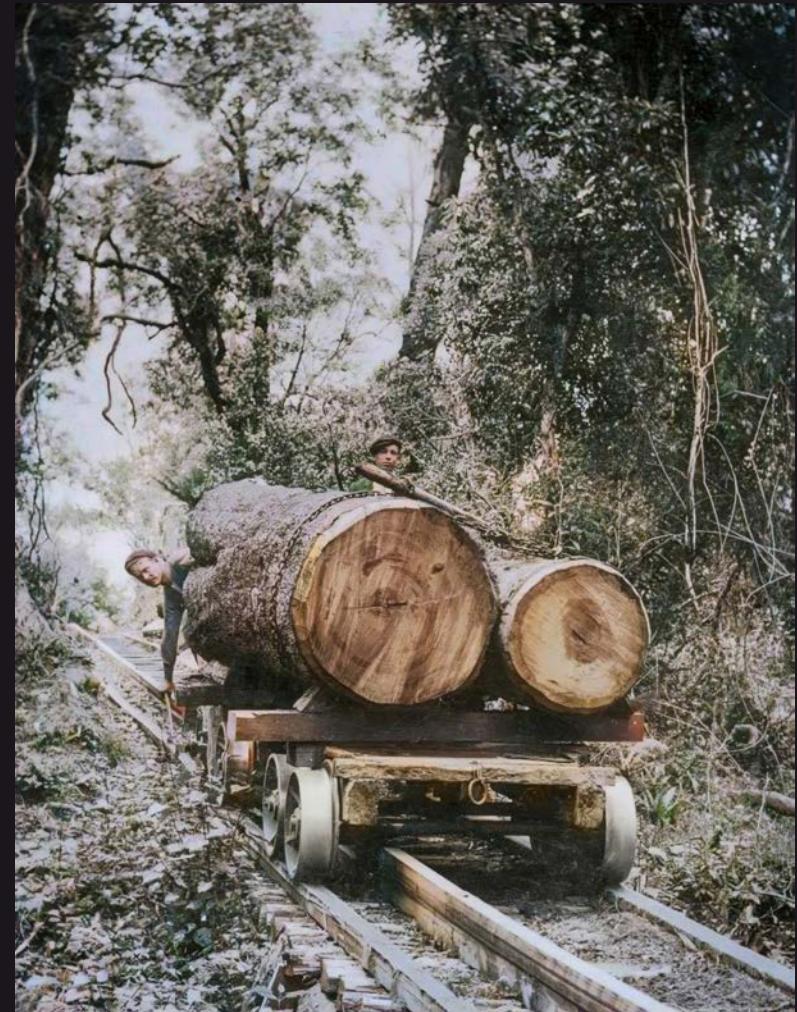
Laugesen & Sons Sawmill, Puhi Puhi 1898.



Jordan River Sawmills and Township, Puhi Puhi late 1800s.



Felling Rimu for Timber. *left to right*: William LAUGESEN, Lancelot SMITH, A.V.



Logs going to LAUGESEN Mill, Puhi Puhi 1900.



Kaikoura Harbour between 1906 & 1911. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



LAUGESENS, W.G.DOYLE and workers between 1906 and 1911.



Bush Rail 1900s.



Snowballing at Hapuku around 1907.



Laugesen ladies bullock team drivers. Mrs Annie Maria LAUGESEN (married to Waldermar) and friend (holding axe), around 1907.



Puhi Puhi Forest Fire 1900s. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



Laugesen & Sons Sawmill Puhi Puhi 1898.



Kaikoura late 1800s.



Upper gorge, Jordan River, Puhi Puhi, between 1906 & 1909. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



Takahanga Domain, Kaikoura, 1900.



Logs going to Laugesen Mill, Frank and Albert LAUGESEN and two others. Puhi Puhi 1900s.



Team crossing Jordan River, Puhi Puhi 1906 - 1911.



Kaikoura West, early 1900s Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



Looking up Jordan River to Timberrill, between 1906 & 1909 Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



Trolleying logs over Jordan River, Waldermar LAUGESEN, A.V., William LAUGESEN 1911.



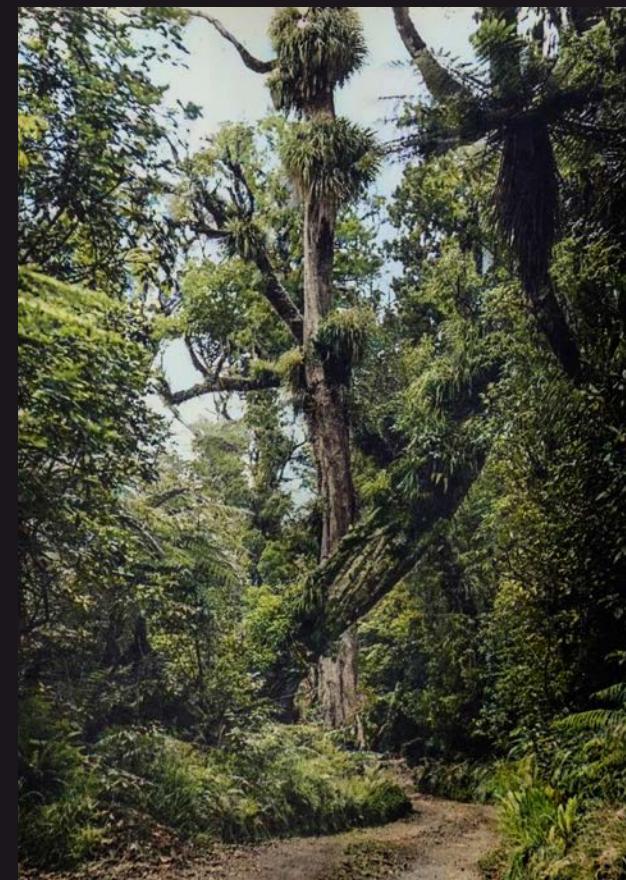
W.G. DOYLE rides to Kaikoura town.



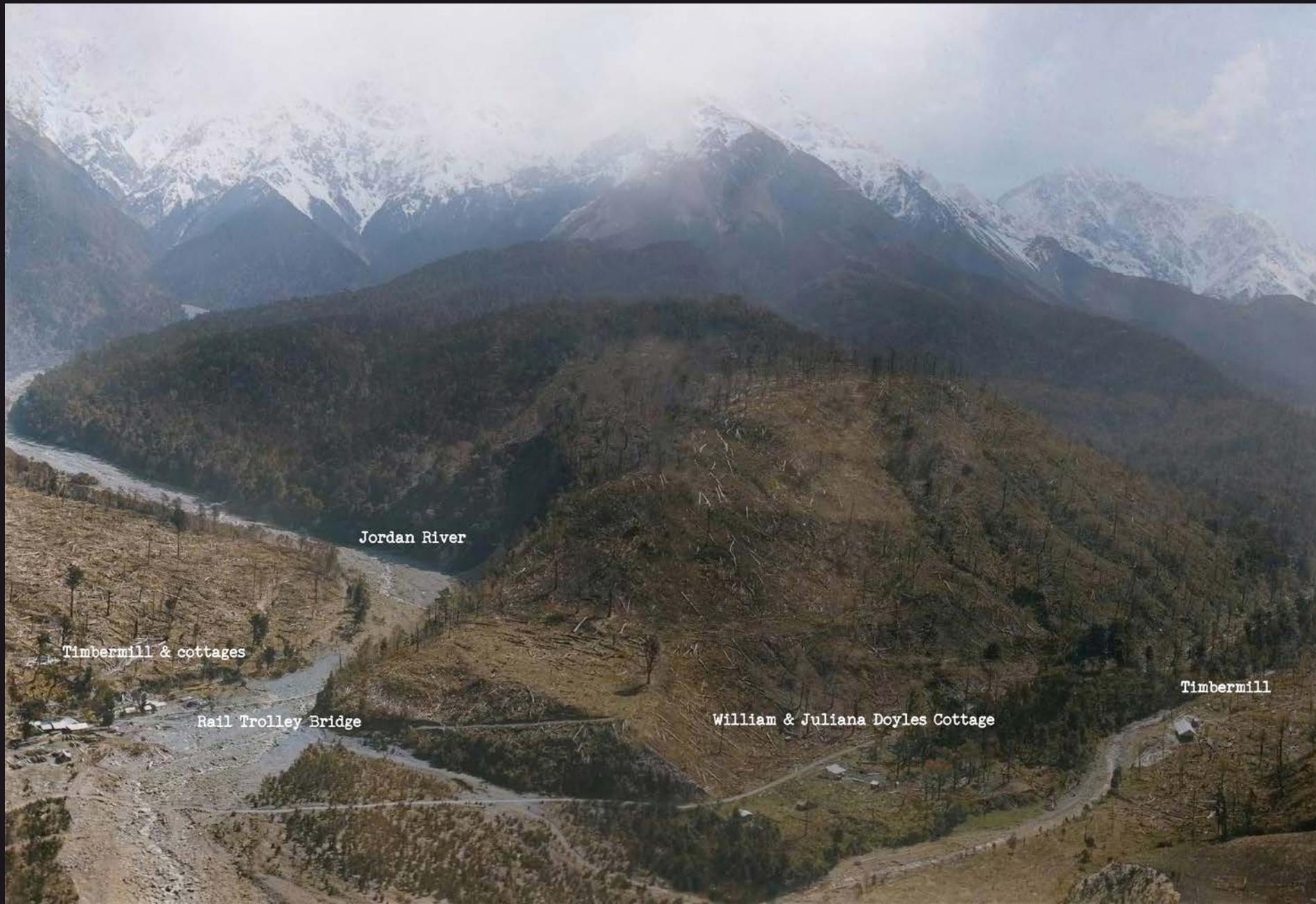
Juliana LAUGESEN DOYLE and friends, Puhi Puhi.



William LAUGESEN and A.V. cutting a Log, Puhi Puhi.



Puhi Puhi bush.



Part of the Jordan Mill and Jordan River (right) and (left) property of Doyle's, Puhi Puhi home. Taken from Monks Hill between 1906 & 1909. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



William and Ruth LAUGESEN and children. Puhi Puhi Valley 1906.



W.G. DOYLE rides to Kaikoura town.



William G. Doyle crossing the Jordan River on the road to Kaikoura town.

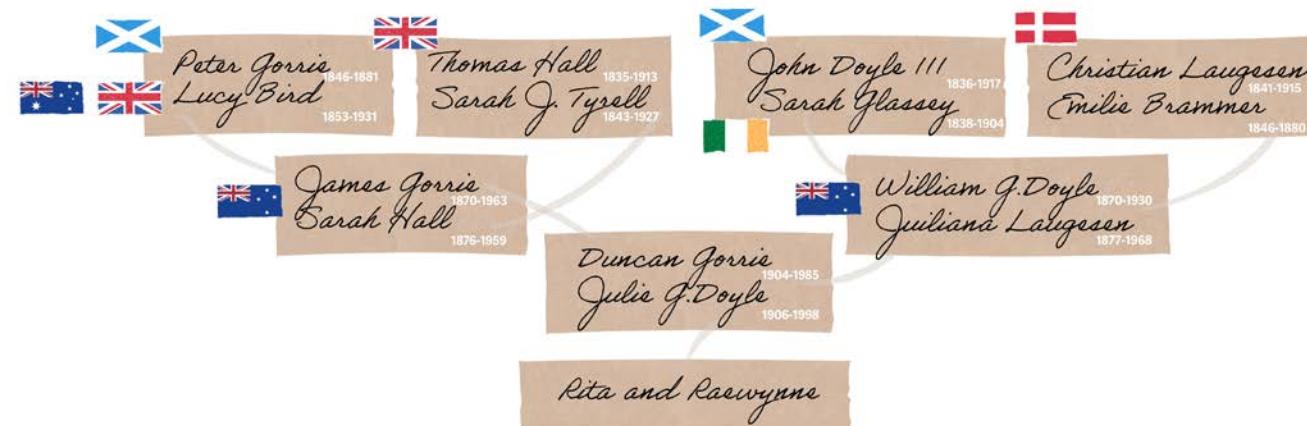
## The Doyle Family

William G. Doyle was born in Doyleston, Canterbury in 1870 to Sarah Ann Glassey of Brackley, County Armagh, Northern Ireland and John Doyle III of Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland. Earliest census has him working as a Farm Manager at Ruapuna, In 1898 he married Ella Shaw at Doyleston and two years later Alice "Ella" was born followed by Myrtle Florence in 1902 and in 1903 Edith Sarah. Tragically 10 days after Edith was born and after a short illness of only a few days Ella died at 26 yrs of age.

In 1905 William married Juliana Cecilia Elizabeth Laugesen and 1906 saw Julie Georgina born and they moved to Kaikoura to join Juliana's family in the sawmilling business, In 1907 William Louis John was born. The Doyle's settled into raising a family and milling

the land up the Puhu Puhu valley, north of Kaikoura with Christian and his sons and their families. Then in 1911 they ventured north, first to Cambridge, William working as a farmer, then they took Christian in who had now split from Deborah and they purchased their "Tennessee" station on the old Taupo Road near Rotorua where they farmed. Christian died there in 1914. In 1919 they moved to Whanganui William working as a stock agent, then eventually they settled in Marton in 1922.

William G. Doyle died in 1930 aged 59 and later Juliana married Alfred Wilkins a locksmith. William and Juliana's son William died at age 18. Daughter Julie Georgina married Duncan Gorrie and had two children Rita and Raewynne.





William Glassey DOYLE 1870 - 1930.



Juliana Cecilia Elizabeth DOYLE LAUGESEN 1877 - 1968.



John DOYLE III 1836 - 1917.



Sarah Ann GLASSEY DOYLE 1838 - 1904.



Juliana Cecilia Elizabeth DOYLE LAUGESEN 1877 - 1968.



Sarah Ann GLASSEY DOYLE and baby.



'Danebrog' Christan and Deborah LAUGESENS Homestead in Kaikoura.



Doyles horses Kaikoura.



right: Julie Georgina DOYLE and her  
siblings in Cambridge 1911  
left to right: Half sisters Myrtle Florence  
and Alice Ella Doyle, Julie in middle and  
brother William Louis John DOYLE.



Bullock train in front of Juliana and William's Puhi Puhi Cottage between 1906 & 1911. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



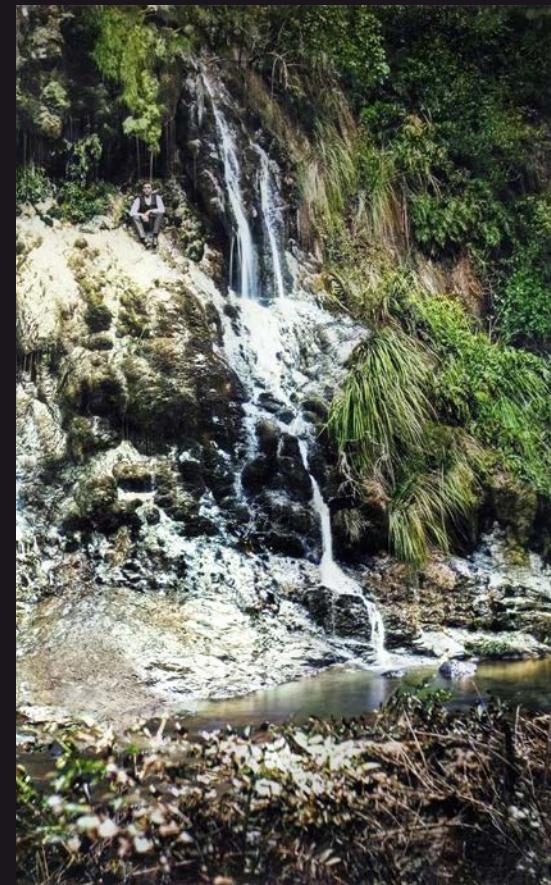
Juliana holding Julie Georgina at cottage, Puhi Puhi, between 1906. Photograph by W.G. DOYLE.



Going to town for a day - William DOYLE, Juliana holding Julie Georgina, unkown in back sitting next to Ella and Myrtle. Puhi Puhi 1906.



William with friend tree cutting Puhi Puhi valley, 1900s.



W.G. DOYLE at Moss Falls Puhi, Puhi.



Puhi Puhi Bush between 1906 - 1911.



W.G. DOYLE splitting wood. Puhi Puhi 1906 - 1911.



Juliana DOYLE serves tea at Laugesen's Cottage 1906. Ruth SPENSLEY LAUGESEN with children Ivan, Alec and Herk. Elsie LAUGESEN (Albert's wife), Juliana LAUGESEN and unknown child.



W.G. DOYLE on trap, Puhi Puhi 1906 - 1911.



W.G. DOYLE Rabbit hunting, Kaikoura 1906 - 1911.



W.G. DOYLE'S gun - present day.



William, W.G. DOYLE (seated in cap) and other logging, Kaikoura 1907.



Juliana and W.G. DOYLE draining the swamp, 1906-1911.



Juliana Cecilia Elizabeth DOYLE LAUGESEN.



William DOYLE on buggy, Cheviot Road, Kaikoura, Early 1900s. Photograph by Percy Kirk.



Juliana and friends, Puhi Puhi 1906 - 1911.



William G. DOYLE rides to Kaikoura 1906.



W.G. DOYLE Hunting, 1906 - 1911.



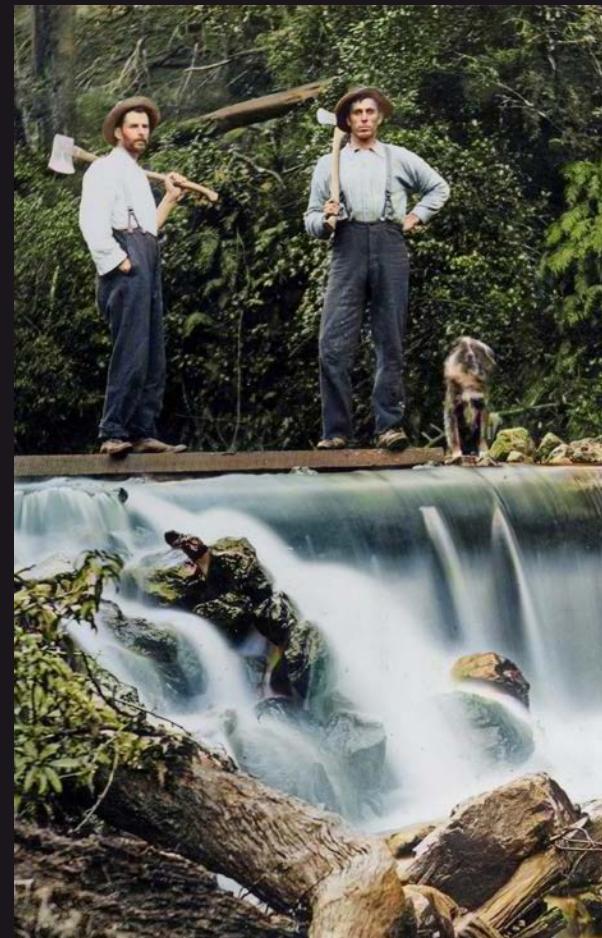
Draining the swamp, Kaikoura, W.G. DOYLE and friend, 1906 - 1911.



William & Ruth LAUGESEN and the children in front of the home William built. Puhi Puhi



Waldermar and W.G. DOYLE "haka" between 1906 & 1911.



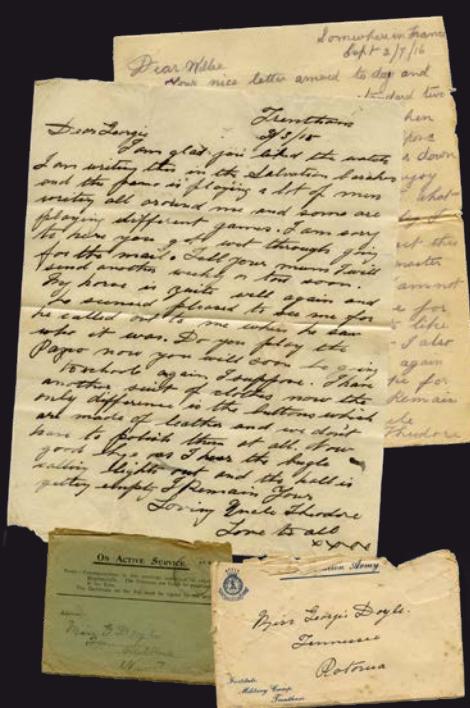
Waldermar and W.G. DOYLE, Harnetts Creek, Puhi Puhi, 1909.



More Cattle for the Market, Puhi Puhi 1906 - 1911.



Doyles in Cambridge around 1910 W.G. DOYLE driving, Juliana with William on lap, Julie Georgina in the back with unknown.



Letters written between Julie Georgina and Theo.

Theodore Christian Ernest LAUGESEN spent his early years in Kaikoura working with his brothers at the Jordan River Sawmill. He then spent time on Doyles 'Tennessee' sheep station in Rotorua before joining the Army. His war diary, (available) is a graphic and disturbing account of life in the trenches of Gallipoli and France in World War I. Which is where he lost his life in 1916.

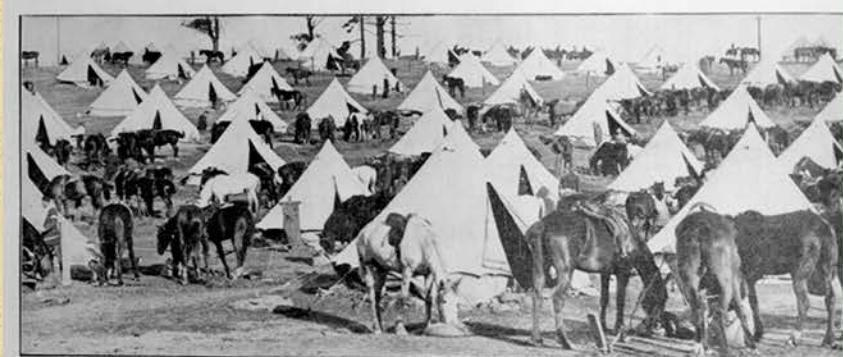


Christian and Theodore's headstone in Rotorua.



Emilie and Sophie's headstone in Oxford, Canterbury.

## William Glassey Doyle's Special Constable's Baton



WHERE THE OUTSIDE IS NOT ABOTTED - A LIVELY SCENE AMONGST THE HORSES AND TENTS OF THE SPECIAL MOUNTED POLICE IN THE AUCKLAND DOMAIN

The Great Strike took place in New Zealand from October 1913 to mid-January 1914. It was the largest and most disruptive strike in New Zealand's history. At its height, it brought the economy of New Zealand almost to a halt. Between 14,000 and 16,000 workers went on strike, out of a population of just over one million.

The dispute began with a coal miners' strike in Huntly and on the Wellington waterfront, and quickly spread to other industries around the country.

In Auckland 800 mounted special constables were based at the Auckland Domain and from there they patrolled the wharf. They carried wooden batons. W.G. Doyle was one of the constables.





Marton 1959

## The Gorrie & Hall Families

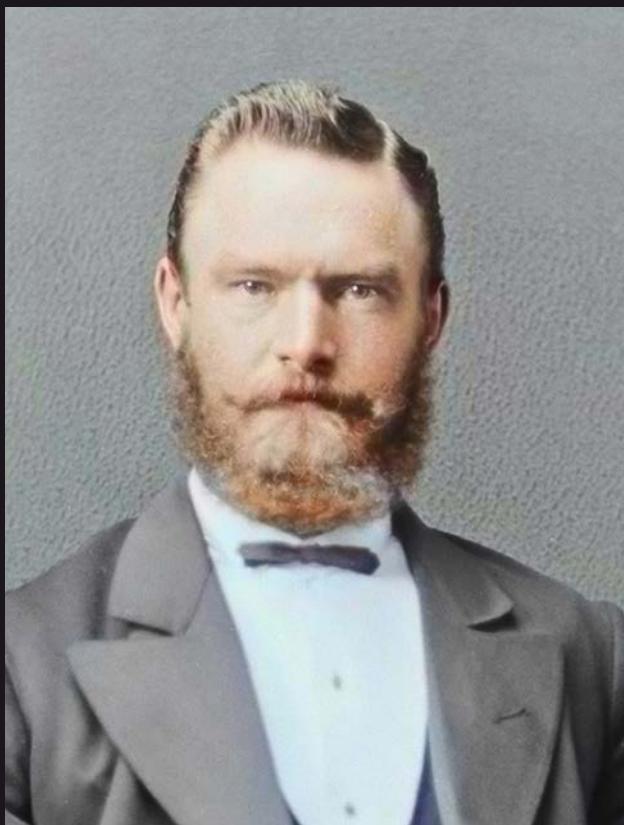
Peter GORRIE was born in 1846 Perth & Kinross, Scotland. He emigrated to New Zealand and settled in Nelson. He married Lucy BIRD in 1873 and had 5 children. He died by accident in 1881. Lucy BIRD was born in New Zealand to Joshua BIRD of Cumberland England and Margaret RICHARDSON of South Australia. One of Peter and Lucy's children was James Duncan born 1875 in Nelson, James worked as a coachbuilder, assistant storekeeper and postmaster.

In 1903 he married Sarah Jane HALL. Sarah was born to Thomas HALL of Thorpe Derbyshire, England and Sarah

Jane TYRELL of Nelson. After marrying they moved to Havelock South. James and Sarah had 3 children one of whom was Duncan Frank GORRIE born 1904 in Pelorus. He married Julie Georgina DOYLE in 1929 in Marton. Duncan worked as a cabinetmaker and died in 1985, Julie Georgina died in 1998.

Duncan and Julie had two children. Rita and Raewynne. Rita married Keith Witford and had three children - Julie, John and Miranda. Raewynne married Kenneth Tipper and had three children also - Victoria, David and Julian.





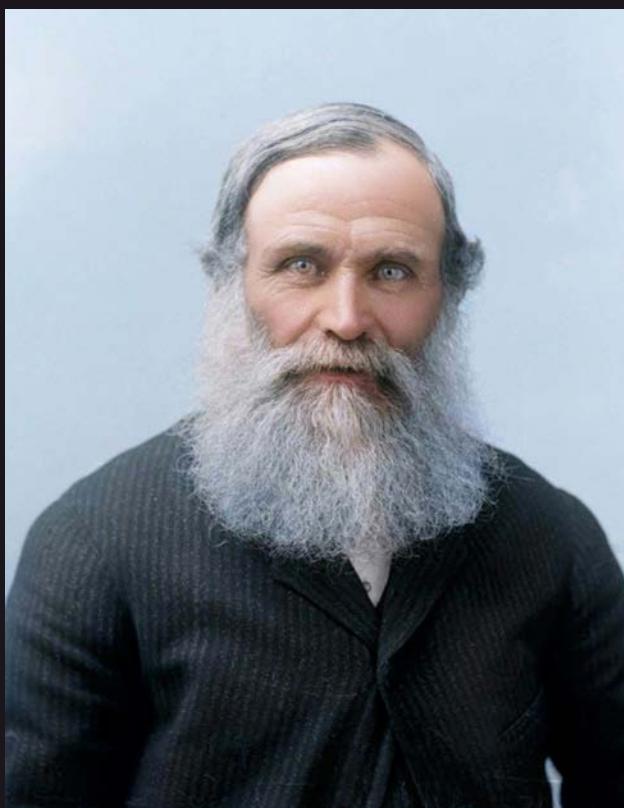
Peter GORRIE 1846 - 1881.



Lucy BIRD GORRIE 1853 - 1931.



James Duncan GORRIE 1870 - 1963.



Thomas HALL 1835 - 1913.



Sarah Jane TYRELL HALL 1843 - 1927.



Sarah Jane HALL GORRIE 1876 - 1959.



HALL'S house and farm, Motueka Valley, 1890.



Lucy *BIRD* and Peter *GORRIE*.



*left to right: Ann, Sarah, Ethel, Amy, Alice, Charlotte HALL.*



Thomas *HALL* and Sarah Jane *TYRELL*'S House Motueka.



Alice & Sarah Jane *HALL*.



Duncan and Lucy *BIRD GORRIE*.



*left to right: Alan, James (Father), Duncan, Frank & Son, William & Son, GORRIE.*



Sarah *HALL*, Ronald, Duncan and James *GORRIE*.



Duncan *Frank GORRIE*.



Alan and Duncan GORRIE.

*left to right: George, Alice, Sarah, Sarah Jane TYRELL, Charles, Thomas, Ann, Amy, Thomas HALL, in front: Charlotte (Dot), Ethel HALL, Nelson 1888.*



Sarah Jane HALL and James GORRIE.



Thomas HALL on Trap around 1870s.



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Cobham's Furniture, Marton - Duncan GORRIE, (centre, in apron by white post). Others in pic include Jack WILKIE, Herbert COBHAM, Arthur BURT, William BLAIR, William COBHAM.



Cobham's Furniture workshop, Marton. Duncan GORRIE closest to camera on right.



Duncan, Alan and Ronald GORRIE.



Bridal Track Marton 1926. James GORRIE in drivers seat, Sarah below, Duncan behind, Ron and Alan (middle).



Julie Georgina DOYLE GORRIE. Marton 1929.



Duncan GORRIE and Julie Georgina DOYLE wedding. *left to right:* Ronald, Duncan and Julie with bridesmaid Myrtle DOYLE. Marton 1929.



Rita and Raewynne GORRIE.



Raewynne Ann GORRIE.



Rita GORRIE.



Rita holding Raewynne GORRIE.



Duncan and Julie GORRIE.



Raewynne, Rita, Julie and Duncan GORRIE.



left to right: Alfred & Juliana LAUGESEN, DOYLE, WILKINS, Julie Georgina DOYLE GORRIE, Duncan & Raewynne GORRIE.



Rita, Julie and Raewynne GORRIE.



Tipper and Witford Ltd. You can just see the dance studio next door.



Replica of the Marton Primary School for the float parade.



The building of Raewynne's dance studio Marton. Initially Raewynne began teaching out the back of her parents home shed in Station Road, pupils would have to navigate through Duncan's cabinetmaking workshop to go to their lessons.

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Raewynne Ann GORRIE TIPPER Wedding.



Raewynne Ann GORRIE - Ballet.



GORRIES go to town - Raewynne, Duncan, Julie & Rita.



Duncan GORRIE & Julie DOYLE GORRIE.



left to right: Alfred & Juliana WILKINS, Julie Georgina GORRIE, Aunty Maggie - Margaret GORRIE (behind) Raewynne and Rita GORRIE, Sarah & James GORRIE.

Duncan, Raewynne and Julie Georgina GORRIE.



*left to right back: Duncan & Julie Georgina GORRIE, Keith, John , Rita GORRIE WITFORD, Raewynne GORRIE TIPPER. in front: Miranda WITFORD, Victoria & David TIPPER.*

*image middle right - left to right: Ken and David TIPPER, Duncan and Julie Georgina GORRIE, Raewynne GORRIE TIPPER, Rita GORRIE WITFORD, John WITFORD. in front: Victoria TIPPER and Miranda WITFORD.*



Victoria Louise, David John McMurray, Julian Mark Doyle and Raewynne Ann TIPPER.

Victoria, Julian, Julie Georgina, David and Shelley the cat.





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