

Patrick SLOAN & Jessie JAMIESON and Neil BELL & Jessie JAMIESON
Chart 32-33

(Weblink BE Jamieson Sloan Bell 1836 Scotland 1849 Australia)

(Weblink to Patrick's parents to be created chart 64-65a)

(Weblink to Neil's parents to be created chart 64-65b)

(Weblink Jessie's parents to be created chart 66-67)

Patrick SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE

B about perhaps Stirling Scotland

D about perhaps Australia

M 08 May 1836 Saint Ninians Stirling Scotland (4 Issue)

Jessie (Jess) JAMIESON

B about 1818-1827 Stirling Scotland

D 10 February 1900 Somenos British Columbia Canada

1st M 08 May 1836 Saint Ninians Stirling Scotland (4 Issue)

2nd M 31 March 1849 Geelong Victoria Australia (6 Issue)

Neil BELL

B about 1816-1817 Scotland

D 20 January 1885 Victoria British Columbia Canada

M 31 March 1849 Geelong Victoria Australia (6 Issue)

Children:

1. Janet SLOAN / SLOWAN born about 1837 Stirling Scotland
2. **Peter SLOAN (BELL)** born 11 March 1841 Australia
3. Alexander (Alex) SLOAN (BELL) born about 1843-1845 Australia
4. William SLOANE born 05 April 1846 Adelaide Australia
5. Christa/Christina BELL born about 1849-1851 Geelong Victoria Australia
6. Angus BELL born about 1852 Geelong Victoria Australia
7. Jessie BELL born about 1853 Australia
8. Hugh BELL born 07 March 1856 Otago New Zealand
9. John BELL born 3 March 1858 Otago New Zealand
10. Angus Simpson BELL 25 August 1860 Otago New Zealand

The family history of
Jessie JAMIESON and Patrick SLOAN

Jessie JAMIESON was born about 1818 in Stirling Scotland.

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of Church parish records Stirling Scotland)

ORDER =Scotland Stirling church records index = 44 microfiches Index to old parochial registers Stirling County

Christening to 1855 given name (15 microfiches) FHL British fiche [6025727]

Christening to 1855 given name (15 microfiches) FHL British fiche [6025728]

Marriage to 1855 given name (15 microfiches) FHL British fiche [6025729]

Marriage to 1855 given name (15 microfiches) FHL British fiche [6025730]

Index to old parochial registers: addenda (3 microfiches) (contains additional entries from all the counties of Scotland FHL British Fiche [6025610])

According to family legend one of Jess's forebears was the keeper at Stirling Castle. When the castle was attacked he shot the Castle keys from a cannon so that the enemy could not get hold of them.

SEARCH (Reference "Royal Castles of Scotland")

Patrick SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE was born in Scotland

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of Church parish records Scotland)

Jessie JAMIESON married Patrick SLOAN on 08 May 1836 Saint Ninians Stirling Scotland.

1836 May 8 Proclaimed Patrick SLOAN Jessie JAMIESON St. N. (Saint Ninians Stirling Scotland)

(Reference FHC LDS film number 1041957 item 1-2 parish Saint Ninians Stirling Scotland OPR book 488 volumes 1-6 New Register House marriages 1688-1866 & births 1820-1854)

ORDER other film (Reference FHC LDS film number **0102128** Saint Ninians parish Stirling Scotland OPR St Ninians marriages 1643-1866 Stirling Church of Scotland also from film 102125-102128 original records OPR Book 488 vols. 1-6 New Register house)

Jessie and Patrick had a daughter named Janet SLOAN who was born about 1837 in Stirling Scotland.

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of Church parish records Stirling Scotland)

Jessie, Patrick and daughter Janet SLOWAN left London England on 01 August 1838 and boarded the ship "SS Lloyds" and arrived in Adelaide Australia on 01 December 1838.

CHECK Spelling again = SLOAN / SLOANE Patrick, wife (Jess nee JAMIESON?), dau. arrived 1838-12-01 on 'Lloyds' from London 1838-08-01 [Source: 2, 4]

(Reference National Library of NZ [2] Register of Emigrant Labourers applying for free passage to South Australia 1836-1841 PRO Co 386/149-151 [4] South Australia birth registrations 1842 to 1906 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc, 1997 website www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerslists.html)

1841 census South Australia

Surname = SLOWAN

First Name = P

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ website www.jaunay.com/cgi-bin/search-census.cgi)

Jessie had a son Peter SLOAN/SLOWAN (later known as Peter Jamieson BELL) who was born about 11 March 1841 in Adelaide Australia.

(Reference Family birth book of NZ descendant copy of entry Peter Jamieson Bell born 11 March 1841)

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of Presbyterian Church parish records Stirling Scotland or RGO Scotland birth registration Stirling Scotland)

Jessie had a son Alexander SLOAN/SLOWAN (later known as Alexander BELL) who was born about 1846 Australia

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of parish records Stirling Scotland or RGO Scotland birth registration Stirling Scotland or Australian births)

Jessie and Patrick's son William SLOANE who was born 05 April 1846 Adelaide Australia died on 14 June 1846 age 10 weeks.

SLOANE William born 1846-04-05 at Adelaide, father SLOANE Patrick, mother JAMIESON Jess.

(Reference National Library of NZ Holy Trinity Church baptism register & South Australia Births registrations 1842 to 1906 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc 1997 website www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerslists.html)

SLOANE William died 1846-06-14 age 10 w. & was buried at Adelaide West Terrace Cemetery South Australia

(Reference National Library of NZ Holy Trinity Church death register, The West **Terrace cemetery burial register & South Australia death registrations 1842 to 1915 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc 2000 website**
www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerslists.html)

To support her family Jessie worked as a midwife an occupation that she continued in New Zealand and later in Canada.

The family history of Neil BELL and Jessie JAMIESON

Neil BELL was born about 1816 – 1817 in Scotland.

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of Presbyterian Church parish records Scotland)

SEARCH 1841 census Scotland for Neil BELL

Neil BELL left Scotland and travelled to Australia before 1849.

SEARCH (Reference Archives Australian Victoria shipping records)

31 March 1849 Jessie (Jess) JAMIESON married Neil BELL in Geelong Victoria Australia. No 232

I Neil BELL do hereby declare that I am a Member of, or hold Communion with the Presbyterian Church of Scotland "Neil Bell" signature.

I Jess JAMIESON do hereby declare that I am a Member of, or hold Communion with the Presbyterian Church of Scotland "Jess Jamieson" signature.

I Rev Andrew LOW (2141) Geelong Minister of the Church of Scotland do hereby certify that Neil Bell of Geelong bachelor and Jess Jamieson Geelong spinster were joined together in Wedlock by me, on the Thirty First day of March 1849 at Geelong in the Presence of John Hewitt GREGORY, and Mary WHEELER.

Witnesses signatures John Hewitt GREGORY – Mary WHEELER

(Reference *Digger Pioneer Index Victoria Australia 1836-1888 1849 Reg. JI 1849 number 2141 microfiche 771*)

Jessie's eldest daughter Janet gave her maiden name as SLOWAN and Jessie's two oldest sons used the name of JAMIESON as their middle name and later the surname of BELL. Jessie's maiden name must have been JAMIESON and perhaps she married Patrick SLOWAN although her later marriage registration to Neil BELL recorded her as a spinster.

Family stories state that Jessie was a widow but her marriage recorded her as spinster. Perhaps she was a widow or perhaps she may have been deserted by Patrick SLOAN/SLOWAN.

Jessie son's Peter was aged 8 years and Alec/Alexander aged 3 years when their mother married. Both boys took on the surname of their stepfather Neil BELL but used their mother's maiden surname as their middle name.

Neil and Jess had a daughter Christa or Christina BELL who was born around December 1849 to 1850 Geelong Victoria Australia

Searched no trace (Reference RGO Australia birth registration 1849-1851 Victoria Australia. Try searching Church records)

Family story say that Jessie's son Peter when he was a child was used as a courier to convey gold past bushrangers in Australia where gold was discovered at Ballarat and Bendigo in Victoria in 1851.

Neil and Jess BELL had a son Angus who was born in 1852 in Geelong Victoria Australia

ORDER (Reference Digger Pioneer Index Victoria 1836-1888 1852 Reg. JI 1852 Number 9372 Fiche 192 Denomination Presbyterian Parish Victoria Australia)

Neil and Jess's son Angus died age 1 in 1852 in Geelong Victoria Australia

ORDER (Reference Digger Pioneer Index Victoria 1836-1888 1852 Reg. JI 1852 Number 2375 Fiche 1042 Denomination Presbyterian Parish Geelong Victoria Australia)

Jessie's daughter Janet SLOWAN married John WILSON around 1854 in Australia.

Neil and Jess BELL had a daughter Jessie who was born about 1853-1854 in Geelong Victoria Australia or perhaps on the journey to New Zealand the same year.

SEARCHED birth registration no trace Australia

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1854 for Jessie BELL born Wellington or Nelson New Zealand or Australia or aboard the ship travelling to New Zealand

The family left Melbourne Australia on 15 December 1854 as steerage passengers on the "Marchioness". Port of arrival in New Zealand was Nelson/Wellington. The Country they came from was recorded as United Kingdom.

- Neil BELL age 38 years (born about 1816) reference 1330
- Mrs BELL age 35 years (born about 1819) reference 1331
- Peter BELL aged 13 years (born about 1841) reference 1332
- Alex BELL age 8 years (born about 1846) reference 1333
- Christa BELL age 5 years (born about 1849) reference 1334

ORDER to check again (Reference LDS film 0284473 source PROV VPRS 948

The ship "Alexander" left Melbourne Australia on 9th December 6 days before the "Marchioness" and both vessels had their destination listed Nelson/Wellington. The family arrived in Wellington but settled in Nelson. Jessie's daughter Janet remained in Australia with her husband John WILSON.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper 30 December 1854

The following List of Immigrants per "Alexander" and "Marchioness" is published for general information. Immigration Office Nelson - 28 December 1854

- BELL Neil Labourer 1 male adult
- BELL Jessie Wife 1 female adult
- BELL Peter son age 13 (born about 1841)
- BELL Alexander son age 8 (born about 1846)
- BELL Christina daughter age 5 (born about 1849)
- BELL Jessie daughter 1 infant (born about 1853-4)

(Reference Source National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle Volume XIII Issue 697, 30 December 1854, Page 2)

On 23 January 1855 five people died when an earthquake estimated to measure 8.1 shook both islands and was felt on ships more than 200 km of the coast. It was one of NZ's worst earthquakes and caused faulting and uplifting of the land. There were many after shocks. Brick buildings were destroyed in Wellington and the Wairarapa area and the roads leading out of Wellington were blocked. The earthquake was felt in Nelson.

Family story relays that the BELL family settled in Nelson in December 1854 but later Jessie was so frightened by the January 1855 earthquake that the family later packed up and moved to Dunedin.

Nelson Examiner Saturday 24 February 1855

List of persons qualified to serve as Jurors in the district of Nelson New Zealand for the year 1855-1856

- BELL Neil Nelson Labourer

30 June 1855 Town of Nelson Electoral Roll

- BELL Neil Nelson Labourer House holder Nelson

Six months after the earthquake the family including 5 children secured a berth on the "Gazelle/Gazell" a brig, which arrived in Dunedin from Wellington on 26 July 1855. They settled approximately 6 kms from Dunedin City on the Otago Peninsular, Upper Harbour East side on a property called "The Hermitage".

Jess practised her profession as midwife rowing a boat around the bays to settler's homes when needed. "The Rev Thomas Burns visiting book 1848-65 makes mention of visiting the Bell family in November 1855.

20 November 1855 Upper Harbour East Side

6 (souls) Neil Bell com. Jessie Jamieson com. H.w. Peter 15 Alex 12 Christina 6 Jessie 2 (children) 4

(Reference transcription of *The Rev Thomas Burns visiting book 1848-65 page 197 held at Otago Settler Museum*)

In 1855 Rev Thomas BURNS recorded Peter's age as 15 so he would have been born about 1840, Alex age 12 born about 1843, Christina age 6 born about 1849 and Jessie age 2 born about 1853.

01 July 1856 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Hermitage date 01 July 1856 description Otago Provincial Council occupation Agriculturists place Central district age and sex over 20 male

(Reference *Otago Provincial Government Gazette page 40 publication 05 September 1856*)

Port Chalmers Church membership roll 1867 – 1905 = No trace Neil BELL and family.

(Reference *Hocken Library Otago University Hakena request AG-141/16 Port Chalmers Presbyterian Church now Congregational Church records Membership Roll 1867- 1905*)

Jessie and Neil had a son Hugh BELL who was born 1856 in Otago

ORDER (Reference RGO New Zealand birth 1856 folio 187 Otago district website 1856/SEARCH Presbyterian Church records for Otago

15 February 1857 report located in Otago Witness 19 August 1871

New Presbyterian Church Port Chalmers

The foundation stone of the new Presbyterian Church, to be built at Port Chalmers was laid shortly after one o'clock on the 8th instant (1871) by His Honour the Superintendent.

The article gives some history of the development of the church.

The Kirk session met in the church Port Chalmers on the **15th day of February 1857**. They ordained the following elders and deacons to take the charge of the congregation, namely, Messrs Colin Allan and Hugh McDermid, elders; and Captain William Thomson, and **Neil Bell**, deacons.

(Reference *National Library of NZ Otago Witness Issue 1029 19 August 1871 page 17*)

1857 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Upper Harbour date 1857 Province of Otago Juror list occupation Agriculturist place Province of Otago age sex 21 to 6 male

(Reference *Otago Witness publication 28 March 1857*)

29 June 1857 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Upper Harbour date 29 June 1857 description House of Representatives Electoral roll occupation Agriculturist place Dunedin Country district age sex over 20 male
(Reference Otago Provincial Government Gazette page 106 publication 22 September 1857)

29 June 1857 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Hermitage date 29 June 1857 description Otago Provincial Council occupation Agriculturist place Central District age sex over 20 male
(Reference Otago Provincial Government Gazette page 100 publication 26 August 1857)

Otago Witness newspaper dated 26 December 1857, 2 January 1858 & 9 January 1858

General Board of Road Trustees

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the "Roads Ordinance 1856". A Meeting of the Persons liable to be rated for Roads, within the recently proclaimed Road District of Portobello, will be held, for the purpose of electing a District Board of Road Trustees, at the residence of **Mr Neil Bell** Upper Harbour, upon Thursday, the 14th of January 1858 at 6 o'clock evening.

By order of the Board – James A Cheyne – Clerk to the Board

(Reference Source National Library of NZ web papers past Otago Witness, Issue 319, 9 January 1858, page 2)

Jessie and Neil has a son John BELL who was born 1858 Otago

ORDER (Reference RGO New Zealand birth 1858 folio 292 Otago district or search Presbyterian Church records for Otago)

30 June 1858 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Upper Harbour east side date 30 June 1858 description House of Representatives & Otago Provincial Council Electoral roll occupation Farmer, place Otago Provincial Council Eastern district & House of Representatives Dunedin Country district age sex over 20 male
(Reference Otago Provincial Government Gazette page 175, publication 26 August 1858)

30 June 1858 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Hermitage date 30 June 1858 description House of Representatives & Otago Provincial Council Electoral rolls occupation Agriculturists place Otago Provincial Council Central Districts & House of Representatives Dunedin Country District age sex over 20 male
(Reference Otago Provincial Government Gazette page 179 publication 26 August 1858)

Publican's Licence – Notice

Parties who object to the granting of a Bush Licence to James Christie to Sell Spirituous Liquors, mentioned in the subjoined Certificate are requested to lodge their objections at this Office within six weeks from this date.

By order John Logan – Clerk to Superintendent
Superintendent's Office – Dunedin, 5th January 1860

We the undersigned Householdors in the district of Upper Harbour, and Settlers in the Province of Otago, do hereby certify that the above James Christie is a person of good fame and reputation, and a fit and proper person to be licensed for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, Wine, Ale, or Beer. We also certify that such a Licence House is proper and necessary at the place indicated in the application, and would recommend its being granted.

Neil Bell
(Includes other peoples names)

(Reference Source National Library of NZ web papers past Otago Witness Issue 424, 14 January 1860, Page 3)

Jessie and Neil had a son Angus BELL who was born 1860 Dunedin. His birth was registered under Angus Simpson BELL. Angus later the middle initial of "J" other Christian name so I believe the middle name was miss heard or spelt and should read Angus Jamieson BELL.

ORDER (Reference RGO New Zealand birth 1860 folio 416 Dunedin district).

Otago Witness Issue 497, 8 June 1861

The following list of Electors who voted for Mr Macandrew at the late election has been handed to us for publication
Eastern - **Neil Bell** - Harbour

(Reference Source National Library of NZ web papers past Otago Witness Issue 497, 8 June 1861, Page 9)

Information located at Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington New Zealand records a letter in which a descendant Mrs LUMPP states a family story

Elizabeth JAMIESON a widow from Stirling Scotland arrived in Nelson with two small boys Peter and Alex. After an earthquake frightened Elizabeth she moved to Dunedin where she worked as a midwife. Elizabeth married a man named BELL. Elizabeth and Mr BELL had three children later the family immigrated to Canada.

Please note that there are always some elements of truth in family stories but not all is correct and it is only by researching do we piece together the true family story. A full copy of this 1982 letter is located at the end of this document. Elizabeth was actually Jessie who did come from Stirling Scotland but she married Mr BELL in Australia not New Zealand. Jessie arrived in Nelson with her husband Neil, their 2 daughters as well as Peter and Alex who were the 2 sons from Jessie's 1st marriage in Stirling Scotland to Patrick SLOWAN. Yes there was an earthquake that Nelson felt and the family did move to Dunedin and later immigrating to Canada.

The BELL family made a decision to move to Canada but why they moved no one can say. Gold miners from Australia and America were arriving in Dunedin on their way to the Otago Goldfields. Perhaps the Miners told Neil and Jessie about land opening up in the Cowichan district on Vancouver Island in Canada.

Neil and Jess BELL and family made the long sea voyage to Canada. Jessie was age 44, with an invalid husband and five children the oldest 10 years and the youngest a baby. On the Canadian 1901 census their three sons Hugh, John and Angus recorded that they immigrated to Canada between 1862 –1863.

The date the BELL family arrived in Canada was about August 1862 even though Neil BELL was still recorded on the 1866 -1867 Otago Nominal Roll in New Zealand.

1866-1867 Otago Nominal Index

- Neil BELL address Upper Harbour date 1866-67 description House of Representatives Roll of Electors place Caversham district age sex over 20 male

(Reference House of Representatives Electoral roll Caversham district page 2 publication 1867)

Jessie's two sons now known as Peter Jamieson BELL and Alexander BELL both remained in New Zealand. Peter served in the New Zealand Wars and married 1871 New Zealand and his brother Alexander BELL married 1869 in New Zealand.

The Bell family left NZ travelled to USA then to Canada. From Victoria Canada they made the voyage to Cowichan on the "Hecate" in August 1862. The whole family was taken up the creek in canoes by the Indians to Somenos where their first log cabin was

built. It had an earth floor, no windows, and an open fire construction of clay and rock and pine bough beds.

(Reference Cowichan Leader newspaper January 30 1913 Victoria B.C. Canada article "Talks with Old Timers full copy in Angus Bells genealogy below)

BELL – Neil Bell settled in Cowichan with his wife and family in 1862. They arrived by steamer at Cowichan Bay and were then taken up to Somenos Lake by Indians in canoes. In the years that followed Mrs Bell acted as the district midwife and when occasion demanded went on foot to Askews at Chemainus or Chisholms at Maple Bay and home again. Her son Angus aid later "I think I can truthfully say my mother was the first white women that walked the trails to Victoria. She would get an Indian to take her from Cowichan Bay to Saanich and then she would proceed on foot to Victoria. As her husband was an invalid she did all the business for the family.

(Reference publication The War Land by E Blanche Norcross page 116)

On August 15, 1862 the Colonist newspaper of Victoria carried the official announcement, which had been eagerly awaited. Her Majesty's ship Hecate it said would convey prospective Cowichan settlers. The expedition would start from Victoria harbour on August 18 at 7.00 a.m. and would also tow a sloop for carrying any provisions and implements the passengers might wish to take. Everyone planning to join the expedition was expected to meet at the Land Office a which time they would sign a memorandum and the men would be assigned to one of three parties which would proceed each with a guide to Shawnigan, Quamichan or Somenos. The guides one being the Surveyor General himself and another his assistant were men qualified to locate the survey stakes for each settler.

There is no official mention of any women on the Hecate accompanying their husbands.

A number of these men had taken part in the California, New Zealand, Australia, Fraser River and Cariboo gold rushes. Disillusioned they now were seeking land.

(Reference Publication Memories Never Last – Stories of the Pioneer women of the Cowichan Valley and a brief History of the Valley 1850-1920 compiled by the Pioneer Researchers)

In the early years Jess according to her son Angus BELL "used to get an Indian to take her over to Saanich from Cowichan Bay, then from there she footed it to Victoria. This was the only means of getting to town in those days. For several years there were no roads and no boats running from Cowichan. My mother used to go to Victoria once every year to get enough supplies to last the family for twelve months and bring them back by Saanich across Cowichan Bay by canoe and so up Alexander's creek to Somenos Lake. As my father was an invalid, my mother transacted all the business for him. When the road was built to Maple Bay and the steamboat started running we considered it a great convenience". She was the first white woman to walk the trail. As she had qualified in midwifery in Scotland she would also act as district nurse and midwife. She would never fail her friends. Thos might involve a walk to Chemainus and back fully 24 miles and on her return milk the cows and churn the butter. She was one of the district's best butter makers.

(Reference Cowichan Leader newspaper January 30 1913 Victoria B.C. Canada article "Talks with Old Timers full copy in Angus Bells genealogy below)

1869 British Columbia Victoria - First Victoria Directory & British Columbia Directory - Supplemental List - Somenos - Neil BELL

North Cowichan Municipality – situated on Vancouver Island about 40 miles from Victoria include the districts and settlements of Somenos, Qumichan, Cowichan, Chemainus and that part of Covichan, east of Cowichan river, exten about 12 miles wide by 18 long.

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry Canadian City and Area Directories 1819-1899)

1871 British Columbia Victoria - First Victoria Directory & British Columbia Directory - Somenos - Neil BELL

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry Canadian City and area Directories 1819-1899)

1871 Census Ontario Canada

Neil (Indexed Niel) BELL age 55 estimated birth year about 1816 gender male birth place Scotland residence district Middlesex North residence location Williams West ethnic origin Scottish religion Presbyterian occupation farmer. He was listed as a head of household.

SEARCH for family (Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1871 Census Ontario Canada division 2 microfilm roll C-9902, page 37) **ORDER** LDS FHC microfilm

In 1871 Jess applied to take up a Crown grant at Range Five, Somenos in her name. Thus the land she had travelled so far to reach and which she had helped to clear was hers at last. According to the book "Memories Never Lost" – "Stories of the Pioneer Women of Cowichan Valley", she was singled out as a heroine among the trailbreakers of the 1860's.

Somenos B.C.
18 December 1871
I have the honor to apply for Comm. Grant to Sections 5, 6, & 7 Range 5 Somenos district and beg to enclose calculation of payments for same place to propose Crown grant of my – as below. I have a mortgage. My mortgage received a receipt for the same.
I have emotion [sic] to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Janet Bell

The 1873 petition led to the incorporation of North Cowichan on the 14th June 1873 under the name of "The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan".

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:
The Petition
Of the Undersigned Inhabitants of Cowichan North Sheweth:
That your Petitioners desire that the District in which they reside should be incorporated as a Municipality, under the provisions of "The Municipality Act, 1872," and "The Municipality Amendments Act 1873".
:: That your Petitioners represent at least two-thirds of the male freeholders, householders, free miners (if any), pre-emptors, and lease-holders for a term of not less than two years, of the full age of twenty-one years, resident at Cowichan North and Chemainus:: That the total number of residents entitled to petition for the said purpose is seventy. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the District of Cowichan North and Chemainus may be incorporated as a Municipality under the said Acts:: That the name of the Municipality may be "The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan":
:: That the limits and extent of the Municipality may include "All that tract of land comprised in that part of Cowichan set apart fro school purpose under the name of the title of Cowichan North School District, together with the surveyed district of Chemainus."
And your Petitioners will ever pray.
Neil BELL
A R KEIR
James KEIR
(list of other names)
The actual residents in North Cowichan District is 70

The Petition, which is not dated, was certified by the Honourable George A. WALKEM, Attorney-General, to be in proper form, on the 14th of June 1873, and the Municipality was incorporated on the 18th June A.D. 1873, under the name of style of "The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan".

(Reference North Cowichan District website www.northcowichan.bc.ca)

1874 British Columbia Victoria - First Victoria Directory & British Columbia Directory – (Cowichan & salt Spring Island district names) Somenos - Neil BELL
(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry Canadian City and area Directories 1819-1899)

1881 Census place Cowichin & Salt Spring Island Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- Neil BELL married male ethnic origin Scottish age 64 birth (about 1817) place Scotland occupation Farmer Religion Presbyterian
- Jessie BELL married female Ethnic origin Scottish age 54 birth (about 1827) place Scotland religion Presbyterian
- Jessie BELL female ethnic origin Scottish age 24 born (about 1857) Australia
- Hugh BELL male ethnic origin Scottish age 23 born (about 1858) New Zealand Farmer
- John BELL male ethnic origin Scottish age 21 born (about 1860) New Zealand Farmer Presbyterian
- Angus BELL male ethnic origin Scottish age 19 born (about 1862) New Zealand Farmer son Presbyterian
- Robt H CLEMENTSON male ethnic origin English age 6 born (about 1875) British Columbia Presbyterian

ORDER (Reference Family Search LDS FHC Film 1375921 NA film number C-13285 District 191 Sub district C page number 17 Household number 101)

1882 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan District - P O address Somenos
BELL Neal farmer Somenos
BELL Angus farmer Somenos
BELL John farmer Somenos
BELL Hugh farmer Somenos

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry Canadian City and area Directories 1819-1899)

1885 = Neil BELL male age 69 (born about 1816) death date 20 January 1885 place of death Victoria district death registration # 1885-09-004136 BCA # B13077 GSU #1927287

ORDER (Reference Canada British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency, P O Box 9657, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P3, Canada)

1887 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan Directory –Somenos P.O. No 9
BELL Mrs Neil farmer
BELL Miss Jessie farmer
BELL Hugh Farmer
BELL John Farmer
BELL Angus clerk to Municipal Council

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1887 British Columbia Directory)

1891 Census Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North

- Angus G BELL Male Single age 29 born about 1862 New Zealand Head Religion Church of England Father & Mothers birth place Scotland Province British Columbia District number 3 District Vancouver sub district Cowichan North Archives roll # T-6291
- Janet (should be Jessie) BELL female widowed age 69 born about 1822 Scotland mother Religion Free church Presbyterian parents born Scotland Province British

Columbia District number 3 District Vancouver sub district Cowichan North Archives roll # T-6291

- John BELL male married age 32 born about 1859 New Zealand Head religion Free Church parents born Scotland Province British Columbia district number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North archives roll # T-6291
- Jeanie W BELL female cohabiting age 32 born about 1859 United states wife Religion Free Church parents born Scotland Province British Columbia district number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North archives roll # T-6291
- Hugh BELL male single age 35 born about 1856 New Zealand Head Religion Free Church parents born Scotland Province British Columbia district number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North archives roll # T-6291

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1891 Census of Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North)

1891 Census British Colombia Vancouver Canada

Neil BELL born about 1817 Scotland place British Columbia

ORDER (Reference National Archives of Canada Ottawa extracts from the 1891 Federal Census of British Columbia Microfilm #T6290-T6292 Volume FN101) = I believe our Neil died in 1885 so I wonder who this Neil is?

Jess was bedridden for some time before her death and died 10 February 1900. Her bachelor son Angus BELL looked her after.

Jess BELL female age 82 years (born about 1818) death date 10 February 1900 place Somenos Cowhican, Vancouver Island Canada

ORDER (Reference death registration Canada registration #1900-09-013804 BCA # B13079 GSU # 1927289 contact Canada British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency, P O Box 9657, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9P3, Canada)

Supreme Court of B.C.

In the matter of the goods of Jess Bell deceased Intestate

Affidavit of John Bell

Victoria Registry Filed 10 May 1900

Bodwell & Duff

IN the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the goods of Jess Bell, deceased Intestate

I JOHN BELL of Somenos, Vancouver Island, Province of British Columbia, Farmer, make oath and say as follows:-

1 That Jess bell widow of the late Neil Bell of Somenos aforesaid Farmer died on 10th day of February 1900 at Somenos aforesaid Intestate and a widow. She is the same person as Jess Bell named and referred to in the paper writing or certificate of death now produced to me and marked "A"

2 That the said Jess Bell was married once only, namely to Neil Bell late of Somenos aforesaid farmer and of such marriage there was issue five children namely – two daughters Christina Bell and Jessie Bell and three sons Hugh Bell, Angus Jamieson Bell and me this deponent all of whom are now living with the exception of Christina Bell who died in or about the year 1875 having previously married one Robert H Clemitson now deceased and leaving issue her surviving one son only viz:- Robert Herbert Clemitson now resident in the State of Illinois

3 That I assisted by my brother Angus Jamieson Bell with whom the said deceased my mother resided have made diligent and careful search in all Places where the deceased usually kept her papers of moment and concern in order to ascertain whether she had or had not left any Will but I have been unable to discover any Will. I have always understood that the said Jess Bell my mother never made any Will and I verily believe that she died intestate.

4 That as a son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased and with the concurrence of the remaining next of kin I am desirous of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased.

5 That I will faithfully administer the estate and effects of the said deceased by paying her just debts and distributing the residue of her estate according to law and that I will exhibit an Inventory and render an account of my administration whenever required by law so to do.

6 That the whole of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased after payment of the Testators just debts funeral and testamentary expenses is to the best of my knowledge information and belief under the value of \$2,003.85.

7 That the said deceased left no real estate.

Sworn by the said John Bell at Victoria in the Province of British Columbia this 16 day of March A.D. 1900

Signed John Bell

Before me Signed

A Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the Goods of Jess Bell deceased

I ANGUS J BELL of Somenos in the Province of British Columbia make oath and say as follows:

1 I am one of the sons of Jess Bell late of Somenos in the Province of British Columbia

2 The documents now shown to me and marked exhibits A, B, and C, are consents from Robert H Clemiston, Jessie Kier, Hugh Bell and myself to letters of administration of the estate and effects of the late Jesse Bell issuing to John Bell.

4 I recognise the signature of each of the said parties to the said consents as being the proper handwriting of the said Robert H Clemiston, Jessie Kier, Hugh Bell and myself respectively.

Sworn at Somenos in the Province of British Columbia this first day of May 1900 before me signed Angus J Bell

Justice of the Peace in and for the Province of British Columbia signed Alexander Blyth J.P.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the Goods of Jess Bell deceased

I John Bell of Somenos in the Province of British Columbia make oath and say as follows:-

1 That I am making application for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the personal estate and effects of the late Jess Bell of Somenos aforesaid who died on the 10th day of February 1900 a widow intestate

2 The account in the first schedule hereto annexed is a true account of the particulars and the present value of the personal estate and effects situate within the Province of British Columbia in respect of which the Grant of Administration is sought the gross value is \$2,078.80.

3 The deceased was not at the time of her death possessed of or entitled to any real estate within the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere.

4 The first part of the second schedule hereto annexed so far as I know at present is a true and particular list of the debts owing by the deceased at the time of her death. The second part contains a true account of the funeral expenses of the deceased.

5 The aggregate amount of the said debts and funeral expenses is \$25.00 the cost of administration will amount to \$50.00.

6 The next of kin of the deceased are the daughter three sons and grandchild of the deceased and the aggregate value of the property to be divided between such next of kin does not exceed the sum of \$2,003.80.

Sworn by the said John Bell at the City of Victoria Province of British Columbia
this 16th day of March 1900 before me
signed John Bell
A Commissioner for taking affidavits for use in the Supreme Court of British
Columbia Signed by Commissioner

The First schedule Account no 1
Personal Estate
Cash on deposit with the British Columbia - Columbia Land and Investment
Agency Limited inclusive of interest to date of deceased's death \$2,078.80
The Second Schedule Account No 2
Part 1 = Medical Attendance \$10.00
Part 2 = Funeral expenses \$15.00
The above are the first and second schedules referred to in the affidavit hereto
annexed of John Bell Sworn this 16th day on March 1900 before me
A Commissioner for taking affidavits for use in the Supreme Court of British
Columbia = Signed

Neil and Jessie BELL were both buried in the Mountain View Cemetery, Cowichan,
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Mountain View Cemetery burials before 1983 at Cowichan Vancouver British Columbia
Canada

Name **Neil BELL** death date 0 section OS block 6 plot 24

Name **N Jess BELL** death date 0 section OS block 6 plot 25

(Reference Website www.northcowichan.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=160&bhcp=1)

Jenet (Jess) Jamieson BELL

by John A Evans from Archives of British Columbia Victoria B.C. CANADA

*Mrs Neil BELL born 1818 married Neil BELL and emigrated to New Zealand.
Came to British Columbia by sailing ship in 1862. The second white women to
arrive in Cowichan district. Mrs KEIR was here a short time ahead of her and
Mrs David ALEXANDER a short time afterwards. The family consisted of Mr &
Mrs Neil BELL and five children – Three boys and two girls.*

*Hugh BELL the eldest was closely identified with the Roads of the Northern
Cowichan Municipality for some time was employed by the B.C. Government as
Supt and foreman on the Cowichan State Road and laid out the Mt Provest Road
to the Mt Sticker Mines. Never married. Died New Westminster.*

*John BELL second boy in younger days was an outstanding runner and jumper.
Married Bridget BLAIN. No children. Killed by as fall of rock on the Pacific
Highway in Washington.*

*Angus BELL the younger son also a runner and jumper. Angus took part in
Public Affairs served on the Municipal Council as Councillor and also a Municipal
Clerk. Died 1928 buried along side of his parents in the United Church Somas.*

*The girls Christian BELL known as Tina became the wife of R.M. CLEMINSTON
the first Teacher of the Old Maple Boys School House at the end of the Lakes
Road. Moved to Second Praire and died there.*

*The younger daughter Jessie BELL became the second wife of James KEIR.
Moved to Detroit U.S.A. and died there.*

All of these children went to the first School opened in the District in the Old Log Church on the West Side of Somenos Lake off the Norcross Road. Taught by Wm LOMAS. They also attended the Maple Bay school when it opened with Cleminston as Teacher. They walked from Somenos.

The BELLS located in Somenos where Mr James SMITH now resides. R V Section 5. Somenos then a wilderness without any buildings thereon. The first building was a small log cabin, which stood for many years a little right of the present house. There they started to build their home and what hardships she and family had to meet. I don't for a moment think there was any place except the earth in. Very probably no widow an open fire place built of clay and rock and chimney constructed of clay and wooden slats well plastered on the inner so it would not take fire, and I can picture the Bedstead of pine poles and the bed itself of Pine boughs "not at all bad to lay on".

Cooking outfit would be an Iron Tea Kettle a couple of Iron Pots an Iron Camp Oven to bake bread made from sour dough and not forgetting the frying pan, and a tin tea pot, tin dishes, knives and forks and a few spoons. Living potatoes would be on table nearly three times a day. Meat principally Pork 'salt' and Bacon plenty of Venison and Grouse. Not much cake or pies but good plain food with a good appetite. But the Pioneer Women did not confine themselves to housework they went outside helping their men to clear the land rolling up logs into piles and general work. When they got a few cows milking and making butter the work fell to this lot, also churning the butter and printing or moulding in rolls to send it to market.

Mrs Bell was one of the Best Butter makers in the District and could always sell her butter.

When Mrs Bell came here there were no Stores near than Victoria and no way of getting to Victoria except by Canoe. Steamers did not ply up and down the coast for several years later and then only once a week. There were not any roads in those days' only trails, "Mostly Indian Trails". The first roads were simply tracks cut the width of a sleigh, small trees cut down level with the road. Larger trees they went around. If you turn to the old minutes of the North Cowichan Council the second year after its incorporation you will find specification for road improvement near Chemainus. Logs to be cut to a width of 10 feet small trees the same; road to be graded 6 feet wide; what would it have been before the improvement.

When Mrs BELL came here there were no Doctors or --- Dr David -- used to ride up over the old Sooke Trail for weekend to see his boys who had located near Mrs BELL, so if there was any sickness we all had to call upon Mrs BELL -- she was a licensed Midwife before coming to B.C. and with the increased numbers of Married Couples living in the District, her services were more in demand and she never failed her friends. We wonder at her endurance in the journeys she took to visit women under her care. She would walk to Chemainus and back to look after Mrs Geo ASKEW at the mill, by the road fully 24 miles, or she should be the same to Mrs Wm CHISHOM of Maple Bay. All in a day's work. Looking back we cannot realise what she went through. B.C. owe a great debt to our Pioneer Women.

Mrs BELL was in bed for quite a while before her death at the age of 82 and would not have a woman to wait on her. Angus BELL her youngest, the only one at home nursed her through it all with every care and love. I feel like lifting my hat to him in memory of his act -- of love and duty to a noble woman.

She was buried alongside her life's partner in the United Church Yards Cemetery Somenos. I visited it yesterday with the expectation I would find the date of her Birth and Death on the Tombstone erected to the memory of Neil BELL and his wife. To late the lettering thereon had disappeared all a blank and how few of

the residents to day of the District have even heard of her, who during her life filled so an important a place in the well being of the District.
John A EVANS

Jessie and Neil BELL their children and descendants

- 1- Janet SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE** born about 1837 Scotland died Australia or New Zealand married about 1854 Australia John WILSON born about 1814 died 08 July 1884 Birregurra Victoria Australia
- 1-1- John Alexander WILSON born about 1857 Victoria Australia
#John Alexander WILSON born 1857 Duned Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1857 number 15588
Duned parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
- 1-2- Annie Marie WILSON born about 1859 Victoria Australia died Australian married 1883 Mt Moriac Victoria Australia Edward MOORE born died Australia
#Anne Maria WILSON born 1859 Mt Moriac Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1859 number 8258 Mt Moriac parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
#Annie Maria WILSON married 1883 Mt Moriac Victoria Australia Edward MOORE reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of marriage registration 1883 number 1912 Mt Moriac Victoria Australia
- 1-2-1- Edward Leslie MOORE born 1884 Birr Victoria Australia died 1956 Daan Victoria Australia
#Edward Leslie MOORE born 1884 Birr Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth registration 1884 record 14720 Birr Victoria Australia father Edward Moore mother Annie Marie Wilson
#Edward Leslie MORRE age 72 died 1956 Dand Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of death registration 1956 record 23052 Dand Victoria Australia father Edward John Moore mother Annie Maud Wilson
- 1-3- Emily Elizabeth WILSON born about 1861 Victoria Australia
#Emily Elizabeth WILSON born 1861 Duned Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1861 number 14673
Duned parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
- 1-4- Louisa WILSON born about 1863 Victoria Australia
#Louisa WILSON born 1863 Bamb Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1863 number 18093 Bamb parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
- 1-5- George Alfred WILSON born about 1864 Victoria Australia
#George Alfred WILSON born 1864 Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1864 number 25679 Bamb parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
- 1-6- Christina Matilda WILSON born about 1867 Victoria Australia
#Christina Matilda WILSON born 1867 in Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1867 number 11912
Winchelsea parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
- 1-7- Robert Edward WILSON born about 1869 Victoria Australia
#Robert Edward WILSON born 1869 in Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1869 number 19681
Winchelsea parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson
- 1-8- Jessie WILSON born about 1871 Victoria Australia
#Jessie WILSON born 1871 in Victoria Australia reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1871 number 6375 Winchelsea parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson

1-9- William Henry WILSON born about 1874 Victoria Australia
#William Henry WILSON born 1874 in Victoria Australia reference National Library
of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1874 number 26697 Winchelsea
parents registered as Janet Sloan [sic] and John Wilson

Janet SLOAN / SLOWAN/ SLOANE was born about 1837 in Stirling Scotland. Her
parents were Jessie JAMIESON and Patrick SLOAN.

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of Church parish records Stirling Scotland

Janet SLOWAN and her parents Jessie and Patrick left London England on 01 August
1838 and boarded the ship "SS Lloyds" and arrived in Adelaide Australia on 01
December 1838.

CHECK Spelling again = SLOAN / SLOANE Patrick, wife (Jess nee JAMIESON?), dau.
arrived 1838-12-01 on 'Lloyds' from London 1838-08-01 [Source: 2, 4]

(Reference National Library of NZ [2] Register of Emigrant Labourers applying for free passage to South Australia
1836-1841 PRO Co 386/149-151 [4] South Australia birth registrations 1842 to 1906 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc,
1997 website www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerlists.html)

Janet had a brother Peter (SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE) who was born 11 March 1841
in Australia.

SEARCH (Reference RGO Australia birth registration 1841

1841 census South Australia

Surname = SLOWAN

First Name = P

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ website www.jaunay.com/cgi-bin/search-census.cgi)

Janet had a brother Alexander (SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE) who was born between
1843 and 1845 in Australia

SEARCH (Reference RGO Australia birth registration 1843 - 1845

Janet had a brother William SLOANE who was born on 05 April 1846 at Adelaide

(Reference National Library of NZ Holy Trinity Church baptism register & South Australia Births registrations 1842 to
1906 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc 1997 website www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerlists.html)

Janet's brother William SLOANE died on 14 June 1846 age 10 weeks and was buried at
Adelaide West Terrace Cemetery South Australia.

(Reference National Library of NZ Holy Trinity Church death register, The West Terrace cemetery burial register &
South Australia death registrations 1842 to 1915 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc 2000 website
www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerlists.html)

Janet's father Patrick SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE must have died between 1846 and
1849 in Australia.

SEARCH (Reference RGO Australia death registration

Janet's mother Jessie JAMIESON married Neil Bell on 31 March 1849 at the
Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Geelong Victoria Australia.

(Reference Digger Pioneer Index Victoria Australia 1836-1888 1849 Reg. JI 1849 number 2141 microfiche 771)

Janet's mother and step father had another three children all born in Australia

Janet SLOAN married John WILSON between 1854 and 1857

SEARCH (Reference RGO Australia marriage registration

Janet's mother Jessie, her step-father and 4 children left Australia on 15 December 1854
on the "Marchioness" and arrived in Nelson New Zealand on 28 December 1854.

(Reference LDS film 0284473 source PROV VPRS 948 and National Library of NZ papers past website Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper volume XIII issue 697 date 30 December 1854 page 2)

Janet remained in Australia with her husband John WILSON.

Janet and John had a son John Alexander WILSON who was born 1857 in Duneed Victoria Australia.

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1857 number 15588 Duneed parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson)

Janet and John had a daughter Anne Maria WILSON who was born 1859 in Mt Moriac Victoria Australia.

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1859 number 8258 Mt Moriac parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson)

Janet and John had a daughter Emily Elizabeth WILSON who was born 1861 in Duneed Victoria Australia.

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1861 number 14673 Duneed parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson)

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ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1871 number 6375 Winchelsea parents registered as Janet Slowan and John Wilson)

Janet and John had a son William Henry WILSON who was born 1874 in Victoria Australia.

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of birth 1874 number 26697 Winchelsea parents registered as Janet Sloan [sic] and John Wilson)

In September 1875 Janet WILSON left her family to go looking for her brothers, Peter and Alexander in New Zealand. She took her baby son William Henry then aged about 12 months with her. Janet and William were never seen again.

Janet and John's daughter Annie Maria WILSON married Edward MOORE in 1883 at Mt Moriac Victoria Australia

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of marriage 1883 number 1912 Mt Moriac Victoria Australia)

John WILSON age 70 died about 08 July 1884 Berrima district Victoria Australia

ORDER (Reference National Library of NZ Australian Victoria Pioneer index of death 1884 number 7474 Berrima Victoria Australia)

After the death of Janet's husband John their oldest son John Hereander WILSON wrote to his uncles in New Zealand enquiring about his mother Janet WILSON formerly SLOAN/ SLOWAN /SLOANE. Below is a transcript of the letters.

<p><i>Bambra</i> <i>To Mr Alex or Peter Bell</i></p> <p><i>Dear Uncle</i></p> <p><i>Having been trying to find this eight years to write to you concerning my Mother who left us about September 1876.</i> <i>Having heard that Uncle Alex was in Geelong some time ago I made enquiries and heard that he was on board the S.S. Tarramong trading between Sydney and Melbourne.</i> <i>I ascertained when She was due and went down to Melbourne and enquired from the Officers on board to hear that he had left two months ago.</i> <i>My father with an accident causing his death three weeks ago so if you know anything of Mother wire or write at once.</i> <i>I will let you know all particulars if this finds you.</i> <i>I would like very much to see either of my uncles in person if possible. I would be most happy to meet you in Melbourne or Geelong if you could let me know.</i></p> <p><i>From Your Nephew</i> <i>John Alexander WILSON</i> <i>Deans Marsh Post Office</i> <i>Bambra, Near Birregurra, Victoria Australia</i></p>	<p><i>July 30th 1884</i></p>
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<p><i>Bambra</i> <i>Dear Uncle</i></p> <p><i>It is with great pleasure that I take up my pen to write you a few lines in answer to your note which I received last Thursday and was indeed very glad to hear from you.</i> <i>Dear uncle you want me to tell you all about my mother. I will tell you all I know that is very little as I was 300 miles from home in New South Wales at the time.</i> <i>Mother left our home, father and Family in September 1875. She took with her my youngest Brother the baby about twelve months old. And leaving a family of eight of us. Three Boys and five Girls of which the oldest 28 years. I will just give you the ages as they come, John Hereander 28; Annie Maria married E MORRE 25; Emily Elizabeth 23; Louisa 21; George Alfred 19; Christina Matilda 17; Robert Edward 15; Jessie 13. Those are the children left. My eldest sister is married.</i> <i>The cause of mother's leaving I do not know. It has caused me many sleepless nights. Her and Father seemed to agree pretty well, the only thing that I know about was that she wanted to go to New Zealand to see you and Uncle Alex. And Father objected to it, said we could not afford the expense. He said why not her Brothers come and see her and us. But it seems she had made up her mind to go. Telling nobody except my second sister, Emily who was 14 years of age, told her she was going away for a long time and for her to stop with the Family</i></p>	<p><i>September 4th 1884</i></p>
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until they were able to do for themselves and she told Emily that she would write to her and Emily was to write to her. She also told her not to tell any of the rest of the Family anything about it, which she did not do until after Father's death.

What happened to Janet and her young son William Henry WILSON?

SEARCH (Reference RGO Australia and/or New Zealand marriage and/or death registrations and/or Australian and/or New Zealand newspapers

2- Peter Jamieson BELL (born SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE) born 1841 Australia died 08 February 1917 Timaru New Zealand married 08 April 1871 Timaru New Zealand **Elizabeth Sarah MURLEY refer chart 16-17**

3- Alexander (Alex) BELL (born SLOAN / SLOWAN / SLOANE) born about 1843-46 Adelaide Australia died New Zealand or Overseas 1st married 04 December 1869 Timaru New Zealand divorced 08 October 1873 Christchurch New Zealand Emma Lucy (Lucy) PIZZY born about 1849 died 13 February 1874 Timaru New Zealand (no issue) 2nd married 09 August 1874 New Zealand Mary Philadelphia WILLIAMS born about 1852 died 1929 New Zealand (3 Issue) Mary Philadelphia BELL formerly WILLIAMS 2nd married 1886 New Zealand Frederick Adolphus SLOW born about 1833 died 13 July 1897 Fairlie New Zealand (5 Issue)

3-1- Arthur BELL born 24 June or 16 April 1875 Timaru New Zealand married 1919 New Zealand Louisa Maud SKINNER born died
#Arthur BELL born 1875 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1875 folio 1448 website 1875/12638 parents Mary Philadelphia and Alexander Bell
#Arthur BELL married 1919 New Zealand Louisa Maud SKINNER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio website 1919/2649
#1935 Electoral roll Auckland West = Arthur BELL 44 College Hill W1 driver record 9656 & Louisa Maud BELL 44 College Hill W1 married record 9661
#1954 Electoral roll Ponsonby Auckland = Arthur BELL 12 O'Neil Street W1 storeman record 812 & Louisa Maud BELL 12 O'Neil Street W1 married record 827 reference Nation Library of NZ Ancestry website

3-2- Cameron BELL born 08 August 1877 Timaru died Killed in Action 27 September 1916 France during WWI
#Cameron BELL born 1877 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877 folio 657 website 1877/2831 parents Mary and Alexander Bell
#1900 Electoral roll Waitaki Otago = Cameron BELL Fairlie labourer residential record 186 reference National Library Ancestry website
#1905-1906 Electoral roll Palmerston Manawatu-Wanganui = Cameron BELL Main Street East labourer record 473 & Ida BELL Main street east dressmaker record 483 & John George BELL Main street east clerk record 486 & Mary Elizabeth BELL Main street east married record 489 reference National Library Ancestry website
#Cameron BELL died 1918 reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/19649 age not recorded World War One death registration
#Cameron BELL Private Wellington Regiment NZEF 1st Battalion service number 10/2070 died 27 September 1916 age 40 years born about 1876 son of Mrs F A SLOW (formerly BELL) of Fairlie Southland New Zealand buried Caterpillar Valley Memorial Somme France

3-3- Francis Woolstead Henry BELL born 10 July 1878 Timaru New Zealand 26 May 1956 Fairlie New Zealand married 1910 New Zealand Emma Jane MACKENZIE born 23 April 1877 died 29 July 1963 Fairlie New Zealand

#Francis Woolstead Henry BELL born 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio 2735 website 1878/17750 parents Mary and Alexander Bell
#Francis Henry BELL married 1910 New Zealand Emma Jane MACKENZIE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1910 folio 5620 website 1910/5326
#Francis Henry BELL died 1956 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1956 folio website 1956/34648 age 77 born about 1879
#Emma Jane BELL died 1963 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1963 folio website 1963/27208 age 86 born about 1877
#Fairlie Cemetery South Canterbury row 16 = Francis Henry BELL 10 July 1878 - 26 May 1956 Trooper F.H. Bell 7602 9th Contingent South Africa - Emma Jane BELL 23 April 1877 - 29 July 1963 reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZSG cemetery transcripts

0-4- Frederick John SLOW born July 1887 Fairlei NZ died WWI 21 October 1916 France
#Frederick John SLOW born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/7526 parents Mary Philadelphia and Frederick Adolphus Slow
#Frederick John SLOW died 1918 reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/35308 age not recorded World War One death registration

0-5- Maud Beatrice SLOW born 1889 New Zealand married 1913 New Zealand John Denniston LOCHORE
#Maud Beatrice SLOW born 1889 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889 folio website 1889/554 parents Mary and Fredrick Adolphus Slow
#Maude Beatrice SLOW married 1913 New Zealand John Denniston LOCHORE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1913 folio website 1913/4219

0-6- Ernest SLOW born 1891 New Zealand
#Ernest SLOW born 1891 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio website 1891/7953 parents Mary Phidelphia and Frederick Adolfshus Slow
#Ernest SLOW died 1960 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio website 1960/25218 age 70 born about 1890

0-7- Balance Seddon Mckenzie SLOW born 26 December 1892 died 22 March 1954 buried Kaori Wellington married 1924 (folio 5057) Rosie Robina BRAY born 08 October 1894 died 1977 Wellington Probate
#Balance Seddon McKenzie SLOW born 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1893 folio website 1893/4505 parents Mary Phidelphia and Frederick Adolphus Slow
#Ballance Seddon MacKenzie BELL married 1924 New Zealand Rosie Robina BRAY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1924 folio 5057 website 1924/
#Ballance Seddon MacKenzie SLOW died 1954 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1954 folio website 1954/19127 age 60 born about 1894
#Rosie Robina SLOW died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/46001 born 08 October 1894
#1949 Electoral roll Island Bay Wellington Balance Seddon M SLOW 140 Britomart Street carpenter (WS) record 11091& Rosie Robina SLOW 140 Britomart Street married (WS) record 11092

0-8- Edward SLOW born NZ
#World War One Private Edward SLOW service number 10/178

Alexander JAMIESON (or SLOWAN) later known as Alexander BELL was born about 1846 Adelaide Australia. Some family member believed he was born in Stirling Scotland

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfiche of parish records Stirling Scotland or RGO Scotland birth registration Stirling Scotland)

Before 1849 Jessie JAMIESON and her two sons Peter and Alexander JAMIESON left Scotland and travelled to Australia.

Alexander JAMIESON was 3 years old when his mother Jessie JAMIESON married Neil BELL. After the marriage Alexander became known as Alexander BELL

The BELL family left Melbourne Australia on 15 December 1854 as steerage passengers on the "Marchioness". Port of arrival in New Zealand was Nelson/Wellington. The Country they came from was recorded as United Kingdom and other details are:

- Alex BELL age 8 years (born about 1846)

ORDER (Reference FHC LDS microfilm 0284473 PROV VPRS 948 reference 1333)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 30 December 1854

The following List of Immigrants per "Alexander" and "Marchioness" is published for general information. Immigration Office Nelson 28 December 1854

- Alexander BELL son age 8

(Reference Source National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle Volume XIII Issue 697, 30 December 1854, Page 2)

The family story handed down states that Alexander served in the New Zealand War. I do not believe that the information that I have located does not convince me that Alexander BELL served.

BELL Alexander, SSgt Second Class, Armed Constabulary
"Issuer" in the Commissariat, No 7 Coy, Tiki Tiki Waikaramoana
Oneepoto Wairoa, Appl: 1913

Awarded 1913 from DONNELLY J, Re-engraved 1913 1st Waikato Regt

(Reference National Archives of NZ Wellington Index NZ War Medal AD 32/504 and AD 36/3 3320)

BELL Alexander address Taumaunui rank & corps Sgt. A C Force Action Ngatapa
Waikare/Moana date 1968 To whom sent Claimant No and date of Letter 4 August 1913
Remarks Maori War Claim 504.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Agency AD Army Department series 36 Item 3 page 3320 repro 1660)

Alexander BELL has many hand written letters about his application for the NZ War Medal but nothing links him to the Alex BELL in this family Tree. He did state that he had many sons and he was living and died in Taumaunui.

(Reference Archives of NZ Wellington Agency AD Army Department series 32 Item 504 War Claim)

BELL Alexander NZ Land Wars Graves died 12 November 1932 age 93

Cemetery Taumarunui Native Reference 1A series 76/16-18

(Reference NZSG CD National Archives Wellington)

1864-1970 Provincial Council persons qualified to vote list Timaru = No trace Alexander BELL

(Reference Christchurch Public Library Electoral rolls 1864-1970 volume 1 & 2 Canterbury NZ Provincial Council)

Alexander BELL was living in Timaru around 1865 according to his intention to marry registration and his occupation was recorded as Mariner. I searched and could not locate any information regarding his service in the "Masters and Mates certificate of service completion" index cards held at Archives New Zealand. This was a shame as the index cards gave the Mariner's date and place of birth as well as their service details.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Masters & Mates Certificates of service completion Index cards agency M series 28 accession W2686 Box 1 Index cards ABE-DRI c1867-1960)

Intention to Marry 04 December 1869 Timaru District

Alexander BELL bachelor mariner age 25 dwelled in Timaru 4 years and Lucy PIZZY spinster Cook age 24 dwelled in Timaru 1 year intend to marry in the Registrars Office Timaru by the Registrar.

(Reference Archives NZ Intention to Marry 1869 agency BDM series 20 item 14 page 518-24 Timaru district)

Alexander BELL age 25 bachelor occupation Mariner married Lucy (Emma Lucy) PIZZY age 24 spinster occupation Cook on 04 December 1869 in The Office of Registrar of Marriages in Timaru. The witnesses were Julia JOHNSON and T TREIYOUR. Both couples signed the marriage registration.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1869 folio 1312 item 52 Timaru district website 1869/8109)

Report of Marine Department – Return of General Pilotage Certificates issued during the Financial Year 1870-71

No of certificate = 125

Name of Master to whom certificate s have been issued = A Bell

Names of Vessels for which Certificates have been issued = Crest of the Wave

Post included in Certificates = Lyttelton, Akaroa, Timaru, Dunedin. Okarito, Hokitika, Greymouth, Westport

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington NZ Gazette or AJHR page 23 G-No 6 Certificate from No 1-100 were issued under "The Marine Act Amendment Act 1870")

1869-1870 Geraldine district Province of Canterbury Electoral Roll = No trace Alexander BELL Timaru

20 May 1872

The Upper Billiard room in the "Ship" hotel caught fire. It was leased to Alexander Bell. The "Ship" Hotel was in Beswick Street Timaru.

1872-1873 Canterbury Provincial Council Electoral Rolls

Alexander BELL - place of abode Timaru – nature of qualification leasehold – place where property situated and described of same section 234 Bank Street Timaru – In Provincial Electoral district Timaru.

(Reference Christchurch Public Library Electoral Rolls 1872-1873 A-K Canterbury Provincial Council page 21)

1873-1874 Canterbury Provincial Council Electoral Rolls

Alexander BELL - place of abode Timaru – nature of qualification leasehold – place where property situated and described of same section 234 Bank Street Timaru – In Provincial Electoral district Timaru.

(Reference Christchurch Public Library Electoral Rolls 1873-1874 A-G Canterbury Provincial Council page 35)

8 October 1873 at Christchurch High Court Emma Lucy BELL filed for a divorce.

Alexander BELL of Timaru Billiard maker and Emma Lucy BELL of Timaru charged with being guilty of adultery and guilty of cruelty towards his wife. The document record that Alexander and Emma were married on the 4 December 1869 at Timaru and there was no issue from the marriage. On 4 September 1873 at Timaru that Alexander committed adultery with Clara Alice BROADMAN. On 27 September 1873 at Timaru he turn out his wife and followed her to his brothers Peter Jamieson BELL where Emma took shelter. That Alexander kicked Emma in the back. She then went to Geraldine and later returned to Timaru and was admitted to the hospital and stayed for 20 weeks. She later returned to Alexander etc. **TRANSCRIBE THE COMPLETE DOCUMENT**

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office agency CAHX Department of Justice High Court Christchurch accession 208 item D 04/1873 BELL Emma v Alexander BELL)

Emma Lucy BELL female age 25 died on 13 February 1874 at Timaru. Cause of death was Pelvic abscess 3 years. The informant was Alexander BELL Billiard Marker of Timaru who registered the death on 14th February 1874.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1874 folio 217 item 21 Timaru district)

“Timaru Herald” newspaper

BELL A Mrs death 16 Feb 1874

(Reference Christchurch Museum transcripts of Timaru Herald birth deaths & marriages 1864 – 1899)

Emma Lucy BELL age 25 died and was buried 15 February 1874 at Timaru Cemetery section general block D plot 6 new row 16 new plot 6 clergy LEE

(Reference Timaru cemetery burials on line reference 26800)

SEARCH Timaru cemetery sexton for any additional details

Mary Philadelphia WILLIAMS was born about 1858 in Tavistock Devon England

ORDER (NZSG certificate collection PED 218053)

Intention to Marry 08 August 1874 Christchurch district

Alexander BELL widower Contractor age 30 dwelled in Christchurch for 6 days and Mary Philadelphia WILLIAMS spinster age 22 intend to marry in St Lukes Church Christchurch by Rev E A LINYARD

(Reference Archives NZ Intention to marry 1874 agency BDM series 20 item 19 page 585-3329 Christchurch district)

Alexander BELL married Mary Philadelphia WILLIAMS 1874 Christchurch district

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1874 folio 1792 Christchurch district website 1874/11134)

Alexander BELL married Mary Philadelphia WILLIAMS 09 August 1874 Timaru

(Reference Timaru Museum library transcriptions)

1875-76 Wises Directory - Canterbury Directory Timaru part II B page 45

- BELL Alex Beswick Street Timaru

1875-1876 Timaru district Electoral Roll Canterbury New Zealand

- Alexander BELL Timaru freehold Town sections 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 470 and 334 Timaru record 26 = NOT SURE
- Alexander BELL Timaru freehold Town sections 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 470 and 334 Timaru record 39 = NOT SURE

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website NZ Electoral Rolls)

Alexander and Mary had three sons born between 1875 and 1882

- Arthur BELL born 1875 (Folio 1448) Timaru district (Mary & Alexander's sons)
- Cameron BELL born 1877 (folio 657) Timaru district (Mary & Alexander's sons)
- Francis Woolstead Henry BELL born 1878 (folio 2735) Timaru district (Mary & Alexander's sons)

Alexander's brother Peters' sons

- Edwin Jamieson BELL born 1875 (folio 344) Timaru district (brother Peter's son)
- James Jamieson BELL born 1876 (folio 3539) Timaru district (brothers Peter's son)
- Peter Jamieson BELL born 1878 (folio 3802) Timaru district (brother Peter's son)
- Ronald BELL born 1881 (folio 4016) Timaru district (brother Peters son)

Not sure who the parents are of the below

- Edward Jamieson BELL born 1875 (folio 343) Timaru district (1951 probate records held Archives NZ Christchurch agency CAHY accession CH 145 item 8008 filed date 25 May 1951 Will Court Timaru)
- Leonard Henry BELL born 1880 (folio 3034) Timaru district (died 1952 probate)

(Reference National Library of NZ RGO NZ birth registration Timaru district)

Alexander and Mary may have been the parents of Ethel Maude BELL who was born 03 October 1876. SEARCHED RGO NZ 1876 & 1877 no trace of birth registration

1877 Alex BELL Grosvenor Hotel

05 September 1877 Timaru Herald

Supplying Drink During prohibited hours

John Meikle appeared to answer a charge of having supplied drink during prohibited hours in the Grosvenor Hotel, on the night of the 22nd of August last. Mr White appeared for the defence, and Inspector Pender for the prosecution. Alexander Bell said he lived in Grosvenor Hotel. But did not remember what took place on the night of the 22nd of August, as at the races during that day he had partaken too freely and was very much the worse for liquor. In fact he was so drunk that he was haunted by an idea that he had seen a policeman and thought he had been locked up. He did not recollect having a quarrel with Mr Meikle but had been afterwards told about it.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Timaru Herald 05 September 1877 page 2)

1878 Wises New Zealand Directory page 250

- BELL Alex Billiard marker Beswick Street Timaru
- BELL Peter (brother of Alex) Billiard marker Bank Street Timaru

Alexander BELL was been in Hospital and had made other hospital visits before 14 June 1878 and only had the use of one arm. The information came from the newspaper court case article.

SEARCH (Reference Timaru Hospital records)

NZ Police Gazette 1878 page 115

Return of Prisoners tried at the different supreme and district courts

Alexander BELL - Offence Shooting with intent to murder – Where and when tried Supreme Court Timaru tried 13 June 1878 (December as recorded in later Police Gazette) – Sentence Found guilty sentence deferred pending appeal – By whom arrested Detective John NEILL

(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office NZ Police Gazette 1878 page 115)

Timaru Herald Friday June 14, 1878

Shooting with intent to murder

Alexander BELL stood charged with that on the 7th day of March last he did shoot at James Elworth KINGSLEY, with intent to murder him.

The prisoner pleaded Not Guilty.

Mr Hamersley defended the prisoner.

The case was tried by the same jury sworn in the previous case.

Daniel West: I am an architect in Timaru. I know the billiard-room of the Clarendon Hotel. The plan produced is a correct plan of it. Mr Voak and Mr Lee were with me when I took the plan.

James Elworth Kinsley: I am a chiropodist and herbalist. On the night of the 7th of March last. I was in the Clarendon Hotel. I was in the bar parlour when the prisoner came in. I did not know him before. He asked me to have a drink, and I said "No thank you". No more occurred and I went into the billiard-room. I remained in the billiard-room for about twenty minutes when the prisoner came in and said "Your are the man who was too proud to have a drink with me". I answered that I did not care about it. He said, "I don't see why you should not have a drink with me." And I said I suppose a person is allowed to choose his own company. He said, "If I had not come out of the Hospital I'd dress you down." I have no friend her but I will go and get some". Voak and Bright were present. I said you can go and get forty friends, if you like. He then went out and after about twenty minutes or half-an-hour returned again. I think I opened the door for him. He made some remark but I don't remember what it was. I walked up to the further end of the room and the prisoner followed me I don't remember

what was spoken until I heard an explosion five or six minutes after he came in. No one was playing billiards. I was standing at the corner of the table near the door leading into the dining room. The prisoner was standing at the same side of the table. He was facing me. I was about seven or eight feet away from him. Bright stood between myself and the prisoner but he left that place and in two or three seconds after I heard the report of a pistol and felt a concussion of the air near my ear, I saw something in his hand and said to him "did you mean that for me". He said, "yes I did". I said, "You deserve to be taken care of." I then went out of the back door, and when I returned the prisoner was gone. The prisoner was not drunk but had evidently been drinking.

Cross-examined by Mr Hammersley, I do not know how many were in the room when he asked me to drink. He appeared not to like me refusing, he had evidently been drinking. I do not remember that I spoke to him when I opened the door for him. I cannot say exactly what he said when he came into the billiard-room.

Joseph Charles Voak; I am the lessee of the Clarendon billiard room. On the night of the 7th of March last the last witness came into the room and the prisoner came in some time after. William Bright was also there. When the prisoner came in he went up to Kingsley and said "you are the man who would not have a drink with me. Kingsley said he suppose he could choose his own company. The prisoner said if he were not an invalid with one arm he would give him a dressing down. Kingsley told him that he did not want to have a quarrel with him and that he had better go home. The prisoner said he had no friend but would go and get one. He then went away and some time after a knock came on the door and Kingsley opened it. The prisoner came in and said, "You are the man who wanted to pick a quarrel with me." Kingsley said he was not but you have evidently returned to pick a quarrel with me. The prisoner said I had but one arm when I went away but now I have one worth two. Kingsley said "I don't care if you have forty: Bright was standing between the prisoner and Kingsley who were between eight and nine feet apart. Bright removed from between the two and I heard the report of a firearm discharged from the direction in which the prisoner stood. The light in the billiard room were turned out with the exception of one. After the report Kingsley walked towards the prisoner and said, "I suppose that was meant for me. The prisoner said, "Yes." Kingsley said something to the effect that he ought to be taken care of. The prisoner seemed excited and his conversation was about Kingsley conduct. Bright and Kingsley then went out and when they returned we examined the wall and roof and found a bullet mark in the roof about two feet from the top of the uprights. The bullet mark was behind where Kingsley had been standing. A straight line drawn from the place where the prisoner's hand was when the report was heard to the bullet mark would pass near where Kingsley was standing. Next day I examined the place with Detective Neil and found a bullet inside the paper a few feet from the ground as if it had fallen down inside the paper. Detective Neil examined the boarding inside the bullet mark. The prisoner lived about 60 yards from the billiard room.

Cross-examined by Mr Hamersley. The prisoner had just come out of the Hospital and was in a weak state. He looked as if he had delirium tremens. It was after the prisoner came back the second time that Kingsley spoke about the "forty" and not before. The prisoner passed quite close to Kingsley and did not try to do anything. I was sitting three or four feet from Kingsley when I heard the report of a firearm but did not hear the whistle of the bullet.

William Bright I am a printer living in Timaru. On the night in question I was in the billiard room of the Clarendon Hotel with Kingsley and Voak. The prisoner came in and said to Kingsley "You are the man who was too proud to drink with me." Kingsley replied, "I suppose I can drink with who I like, I do not care for any more drink tonight." They had a few more words and Bell said he had no friends there but had some in Timaru and would go and get one. Kingsley said nothing

and Bell went out. He returned afterwards by the back door, which Kingsley opened for him. The prisoner said when he came in, "I have a better arm now than when I went away." He was then standing with his left arm on the billiard table and his right arm in his trouser pocket. I heard a noise, which I took for the click of a trigger in the prisoner's pocket. In consequence of that I went up to Kingsley and spoke to him and passed by him. In one minute afterwards I heard a report and I saw smoke issuing from some instrument the prisoner had in his hand. He had bought the instrument out of his pocket. Kingsley asked the prisoner was that intended for me and the prisoner said, "It was". When I saw the instrument in his hand it was pointed in the direction of Kingsley.

Cross-examined by Mr Hamersley: When I heard the report I was about six feet from Kingsley. The prisoner appeared excited. I was about the full length of the room away when the prisoner came in.

John Neil: I am a detective of police stationed at Timaru. On the morning of the 8th of March last I arrested the prisoner in his own house on the charge of shooting Kingsley. He said, "It went off in my pocket." Look at the pocket of that coat and you will see a hole in it. I examined the coat produced and there was no hole in any of the pockets. I took the revolver produced out of a drawer in his bedroom. It is a fire chambers revolver/ Three of the chambers are still loaded, one I can't tell whether it is loaded or not one with part of a cartridge in it and one empty. I examined the billiard room in the Clarendon Hotel and found the ball produced. The ball was not found exactly underneath the bullet mark but the ball might have struck where the bullet mark was rebounded and fallen down to where I found it. I compared the ball with the bullet mark in the roof and I think such a ball might have made such a hole. I have not tried whether the ball produced will fit the barrel of the revolver. The witness was then instructed by the Court to examine the revolver and find out whether the ball fitted it. The result was that the ball found in the wall of the billiard room was much smaller than the balls, which were extracted in the Court from the revolver, and was altogether a different kind of ball. The witness in answer to the Court said he would not undertake to swear that the ball produced could have been the one, which the prisoner had fired at Kingsley.

Cross examined by Mr Hamesley: I could not discern any mark on the wall inside the bullet mark. The ball produced has evidently been in a cartridge but there is nothing to show that it had been discharged. I tried the wall to see if I could get another bullet but did not find one. I saw the prisoner during the previous days and notice that he was drinking to excess. I have known since I came to this town. He is very excitable and violent when under the influence of drink and would while in that state strike anybody. Otherwise he is an unoffending man.

This concluded the evidence for the prosecution.

Mr Hamersley then proceeded to open the case for the defence intimating that he would call witnesses to prove the prisoner was in a state of insanity from drink at the time the offence was alleged to have been committed.

His Honor said he could not allow evidence of that nature to be called. Men who had bought themselves voluntarily by excessive drinking to a temporary state of insanity could not be held irresponsible for their actions. It was only in cases of habitual and fixed insanity that the plea of irresponsibility could be raised. The question of the sanity of the prisoner could not be allowed to influence the verdict of the jury as to whether the prisoner was guilty or not guilty.

After some further discussion in reply the Court the Crown Prosecutor agreed to withdraw the charge of "shooting with intent to murder", and make it one of "shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm," and Mr Hamersley continued his address. He dwelt strongly on the fact of the three witnesses finding a bullet mark in the roof and did not find the bullet until the next day. The bullet was found in an extraordinary way and in an extraordinary place and there was not sufficient room for the jury to believe that that was the ball, which had been fired

from the revolver produced in Court. There was no evidence to show that the prisoner had had any intention of shooting with intent to do bodily harm. When Kingsley opened the door for him he did not make any attempt at shooting him and again when Kingsley turned his back to him and walked out of the room he did not then show any disposition to shoot him. He would ask them was that the way a man who had come determined as the prisoner was alleged to have come to murder or do bodily harm would act. He also pointed out some discrepancy in the evidence and urged upon the jury that if there was any doubt on their minds as to whether the prisoner fired with intent to do bodily harm to give him the benefit of it.

His Honor then asked the Crown Prosecutor did he except to obtain a conviction, as the charge in the indictment that the prisoner did shoot at him with a leaden bullet had not been sustained by the evidence. He thought that if the prosecutor had made a little more inquiry as regards the evidence relating to the ball found in the wall, so much reliance would not have been placed on it.

The Crown Prosecutor submitted that there was sufficient that the revolver had been fired by the prisoner and that that was enough to obtain a conviction.

After some further argument His Honor proceeded to charge the jury and in the course of his address said that the real question was did the prisoner shoot at Kingsley with intent to do him bodily harm. The evidence that explosion of some sort of a fire arm had been heard in the direction in which the prisoner was standing and if they could believe that the prisoner shot with intent to do Kingsley harm they should return a verdict of guilty. Is on the contrary they should return a verdict of "not guilty" The language used by the prisoner was very important to show the intention of the prisoner. He had offered Kingsley who was a stranger to him drink and chose to be offended because he refused it. It arose out of the villainous and abominable habit of "shouting" which was in vogue in the colony. He had often remarked in going through the country that men take offence at other men refusing to take drink from them. He regarded that as perfect tyranny and did not see why a man should choose to get offended with a man who believing that drink was not good for him refused to accept it. With regard to that part of the evidence, which related to the bullet he would ask them to regard it as a mere concoction and take no notice of it. It was true that the evidence of the most skilful detective sometimes broke when a little more care might have got them over the difficulty. That part of the case had completely broken down and the case was free fro any embarrassment as regarded the bullet found in the wall. There was no evidence of the prisoner's insanity and he would ask them not to take cognisance of it. The jury then retired and after an absence of about half an hour returned with the following verdict: - "Guilty of discharging some sort of firearm in the direction of the prosecutor but thee is no evidence to show that it was loaded with leaden bullets."

His Honor said he could not accept that verdict. It was necessary that they should find whether the prisoner had or had not shot at the prosecutor.

The jury retired a second time to consider this point and after another short absence retuned with the following verdict: - "That the prisoner is guilty if firing some sort of firearm at the prosecutor with intent to so him grievous bodily harm but there is no evidence to show that the firearm was loaded with a leaded bullet."

His Honor said that this verdict virtually stated the indictment to be nature as the latter charged the prisoner with using a leaden bullet.

A long discussion then took place between council on both sides and his Honor. Mr White arguing that he had no option but to make reference to the bullet in the indictment as he could not have left it out after the strong evidence of the detective and other witnesses.

His Honor said it was rally a question for consideration whether he should not direct the jury to return a verdict of Not Guilty. As the point was a very fine one

however he would reserve it for this Court of Appeal to decide. Bail would be allowed the prisoner if he could obtain it and he would have to surrender to it immediately after the next sitting of the Court of Appeal.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Timaru Herald Friday June 14, 1878)

02 December 1878 Timaru Herald

Wellington Thursday November 18th

Regina V Alexander Bell

Crown case reserved from Timaru Circuit sitting.

The Attorney General in support of the conviction.

The case as stated by the learned Judge (Mr Justice Johnston) was as follows:-

At the sitting of a Circuit of the Supreme Court held at Timaru on 13 June 1878 Alexander Bell was tried before me upon an indictment which charged in the last count (which was the only upon which the prosecution asked for a verdict) that the prisoner on &c a certain revolver then loaded with gunpowder and divers leaden bullets at and against the said J E Kingsley feloniously unlawfully and maliciously did shoot with intent in so doing to the said J E Kingsley to do some grievous bodily harm &c. It was proved on the part of the prosecution that the prisoner and Kingsley the prosecutor met in an hotel and the latter refuses to drink with the former. Afterwards the prisoner came into the billiard-room attached to the hotel and spoke in a quarrelsome and threatening manner to the prosecutor. He then went out of the house and shortly afterwards returned to the billiard-room and when a person present who had been before standing between the prisoner and the prosecutor moved away the prisoner was seen to have something in his right hand by his side from which an explosion was heard and smoke seem to issue and the prosecutor felt a concussion of air near his ear as if a body was passing it swiftly. There was found behind where the prosecutor stood in the sloping roof of the billiard-room a small hole and a small metal pellet was afterwards found on a ledge of the skirting board in a gap but not immediately in a line with the hole in the roof. When the prisoner was apprehended there was found in his bedroom a five barrelled revolver with three barrels loaded one empty and one with part of a cartridge in it. It seemed to be suggested by the prosecution that the pellet found in the room had been fired out of the barrel of this pistol and had made a hole in the roof and rebounded to the place where it was found but the pellet in question did not look as if had been discharged and a detective officer on examining the weapon in Court found the three barrels were loaded with conical bullets of considerably larger diameter than the pellet. I told the jury that they were not bound by the theory for the prosecution and might find the prisoner guilty even if they were not satisfied that the shot found was the one fired or that the pistol produced was the weapon which had been used. Discussion arose on the question whether upon the indictment as it stood it was necessary to prove the instrument used as laid and that it was loaded And I asked the jury if they found the prisoner guilty to say whether the instrument was proved as laid. The jury retired and after being absent some time they tendered their verdict "Guilty of discharging some sort of firearm in the direction of the prosecutor but that there was not evidence to show that it was loaded with leaden bullets". I asked the jury whether they were satisfied that the prisoner shot at the prosecutor. They retired again and after twenty minutes returned and gave as their verdict – "Guilty of shooting at the prosecutor with some sort of firearm with intent to do him grievous bodily harm and it was not proved to have been loaded with leader bullets". I reserved the question whether this amounted to a general verdict of guilty and whether the conviction can be supported.

The Attorney General: The question arose whether in shooting with intent it is necessary to prove on indictment the instrument used in the perpetration of the offence. I submit the verdict of the jury must be taken to mean this that prisoner discharged a loaded firearm but that they did not know what was the precise

firearm or the material with which it was loaded and that finding is sufficient. The averment in the indictment describing the firearm as being a revolver is surplusage and the fact of the indictment having been more specific will not vitiate it if the prosecution do not happen to prove what after all is mere surplusage. King v Kitchen, R and R 94. In Queen v Oxford 9c and P25 the prisoner was charged with having shot at her Majesty with a pistol loaded with a certain bullet and it was put to the jury that all they had to consider was whether there was more than powder and wad in the pistol. There is also King v Martin 5 C, and P 128; King v Coates, 6C and P394.

Mr Justice Johnston; The difficulty is that you limit the firearm to a revolver which the jury did not find and specifically allege that leaden bullets were used which the jury did not find.

The Attorney-General There is another case Regina v Baker but it is no stronger than those cited. If the jury had found the firearm was not loaded they would have acquitted the prisoner. I submit they found enough to support the indictment.

Mr Justice Johnson: Whatsoever the result of this case may be I must say I think that the gentleman who take charge of prosecutions are exceeding careless in most districts. They constantly make allegations more specific than the law requires and thereby endanger their cases.

The conviction was sustained on the grounds that the word "revolver" was immaterial in the indictment.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Timaru Herald 02 December 1878 pages 2-4)

18 December 1878 Timaru Herald

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Alexander Bell found guilty at the last sitting of the Supreme Court of shooting with intent to kill was brought up for sentence the conviction having been upheld by the Court of Appeal.

Inspector Pender said he had known the prisoner for about five years during the greater part of which time he had been keeping a billiard table. He was known as a man of violent temper. He had once been charged with rape.

Mr Hamersley the prisoner's solicitor said he had a medical man in attendance who believed Bell's mental state was not what it ought to be.

His Honor said this should have been stated when the prisoner was on trial not now.

In reply to His Honor the gaoler stated the prisoner had been in goal for nine months.

His Honor said he would take this into consideration. Then addressing the prisoner he animadverted strongly on the serious nature of the crime he had committed. It was only by God's mercy that he had not killed the prosecutor and he ought to be really thankful to Providence that he was not now charged with murder. In consideration of his having already been in goal for nine months he would sentence him to three years penal servitude.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Timaru Herald 18 December 1878 page 5)

1880 New Zealand Police Gazette volume IV printed 1881

Return of prisoners reported as discharged from gaols during the fortnight ended 23rd October 1880 = Do not know if this is our Alexander.

Goal = Lyttleton, name = Alexander BELL, where tried = Timaru, when = 17 December 1878 (Note June was recorded in previous Police gazette), offence = shooting with intent, sentence = 3 years penal servitude, native of = Adelaide (Australia), trade = seaman, born = 1844, height = 5 feet 5½ inches, complexion = fresh, hair = brown, eyes = hazel, nose = very thin drooped, mouth = medium, chin = medium, remarks and previous convictions = nothing was written in this column.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAAJ accession number W4928 Box 1= New Zealand & Australian Police Gazettes 1848-1883)

05 January 1882 Timaru Herald

Failing to Support

Alexander BELL was charged with failing to support his wife and family.

Mrs Bell gave evidence to the effect that her husband had been living away from her for some time and that he had only given her, the sum of £6 since last May. He had not written to her and her family – three boys, the eldest of who was six years of age = were left destitute.

In answer to the Bench, complainant said previous information had been laid to the same effect in May last, but she had withdrawn it as her husband had agreed to give her £1 per week. This he had not done however and she was compelled to bring the present proceedings.

Defendant made a statement in explanation of his conduct.

His Worship said the case was a very sad one and it was evident that defendant did not care a button about his wife and family. He had left his wife and children completely at the mercy of the world not caring what became of them and when an information had been laid against him he had compromised the matter by making an agreement with his wife which he broke almost immediately afterwards. He had been guilty of criminal neglect and an example would be made of him. There was by far too much of this sort of thing going on and in this case it was very evident that accused did not intend to support his family. The excuse he had made was a frivolous one and he had no right to enter into transactions, which took him away from his family as he had done. The case being such a bad one he should make an order for the payment of 20s per week to complainant and defendant would be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Timaru Herald newspaper 05 January 1882 page 3)

1882 New Zealand Police Gazette volume VI printed 1882 = Return of prisoners reported as discharged from gaols during the fortnight ended 8th April 1882.

Goal = Timaru, name = **Alexander BELL**, where tried = Timaru, when = 04 January 1882, offence = wife-desertion, sentence = 3 months labour, native of = Australia, trade = Billiard-marker, born = 1845, height = 5 feet 4½ inches, complexion = fresh, hair = brown, eyes = grey, nose = medium, mouth = medium, chin = pointed, remarks and previous convictions = one previous conviction. AB imperfectly tattooed on both arms.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAAJ accession number W4928 Box 1= New Zealand & Australian Police Gazettes 1848-1883)

Timaru school records Ethel Maude BELL, born 03 October 1876 parent Alex Bell address Le Crens Terrace admission date 27 August 1883 last school Washdyke (near Timaru) last day 21 December 1883 destination at home register number 525.

(Reference NZSG School records transcripts on CD Rom)

1884-1894 NZ Police Gazettes no trace of Alexander BELL at Archives NZ Wellington.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAAJ accession W4928 Box 2= NZ Police Gazettes 1884-1890s)

Alex BELL was a seaman aboard the SS Tarromong trading between Sydney and Melbourne before May 1884. We believed he may have jumped ship and returned to England, as Mrs Murley in London knew of him. He also passed through Australia as a WILSON nephew met him there in Geelong sometime prior to July 1884. According to another family member, one son followed his father to Australia and the other Frank lived at Fairlie and had two daughters one of whom married a shearer and had no children and the other was a schoolteacher who didn't marry.

Bambra
To Mr Alex or Peter Bell

July 30th 1884

Dear Uncle

Having been trying to find this eight years to write to you concerning my Mother who left us about September 1876.

Having heard that Uncle Alex was in Geelong some time ago I made enquiries and heard that he was on board the S.S. Tarramong trading between Sydney and Melbourne.

I ascertained when She was due and went down to Melbourne and enquired from the Officers on board to hear that he had left two months ago.

My father with an accident causing his death three weeks ago so if you know anything of Mother wire or write at once.

I will let you know all particulars if this finds you.

I would like very much to see either of my uncles in person if possible. I would be most happy to meet you in Melbourne or Geelong if you could let me know.

From Your Nephew

John Alexander WILSON

Deans Marsh Post Office

Bambra, Near Birregurra, Victoria Australia

1885 Timaru School records

- Cameron BELL admission date 16 March 1885 parent Mrs Bell address Eaton Street birth date 08 August 1876 Last School Infants last day 19 June 1885 destination Christchurch register number 787
- Arthur BELL admission date 26 January 1885 parent Mrs Bell address Heaton Street birth date 24 June 1876 last school infant last day 19 June 1885 destination Lyttleton register number 705

(Reference NZSG South Canterbury branch transcripts of Timaru School)

1853-1864 Electoral Rolls Marlborough Wairau Valley district

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW Wairau Valley Household Landsdown Cottage

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website NZ Electoral Rolls)

Frederick Adolphus SLOW married 1860 New Zealand **SEARCH for BRIDE ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1860 folio website 1860/1440)

1860 Electoral roll Wairau Valley district

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW occupation eligible voter source
SEARCH AGAIN (Reference Archives NZ Wellington NZ Gazette 1860 page 27)

1880-1881 Electoral Rolls Wellington Region Gladstone District

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW freehold Burkes Pass labourer 17½ acres part section 27592 Burkes Pass record 789

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website NZ Electoral Rolls)

Intention to marry application 1886

Mary Philadelphia BELL and Frederick Adolphus SLOW

SEARCH TO ASSIST IN LOACTING IF SHE WAS A WIDOW OR DIVORCED

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to marry application 1886 agency BDM series 20)

Mary Philadelphia BELL married 1886 New Zealand Frederick Adolphus SLOW

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1886 folio 2317 district website 1886/2359)

1886 Timaru School records

- Francis BELL admission date 30 August 1886 parent F A SLOE (SLOW) address Fairlie Creek birth date July 187? Last school Timaru destination Silverstream
(Reference NZSG South Canterbury branch transcripts of Fairlie School register number 129)

1890 Lyttleton School records (Alexander and Mary's sons)

- Cameron BELL admission date 10 February 1890 guardian A C Newton address Orphanage birth date 28 December & November 1878 last school Orphanage last day 12 March 1890 destination work register number 373 & 458
- Arthur BELL admission date 10 February 1890 guardian A C Newton address Orphanage birth date 16 April 1876 last school Orphanage last day 07 March 1890 destination work

1890 Electoral Rolls Waimate Canterbury

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW freehold Burkes Pass labourer 17½ acres part section 27592 Burkes Pass record 2010
(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website NZ Electoral Rolls)

1893 Fairlie School records

- Fred SLOW admission date 21 March 1893 parents F A Slow address Fairlie birth date July 1887 last school nil destination Silverstream

1893 Pareora Electoral Roll

- Mary Williams SLOW residence Fairlie occupation Housewife number 2872

1894 Pareora Electoral Roll

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW Burkes Pass labourer freehold Burkes pass
- Mary William SLOW Fairlie housewife residential

1896 Electoral Rolls Waitaki Otago

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW Fairlie labourer residential record 3308
- Mary Williams SLOW Fairlie wife residential record 3309
(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry website NZ Electoral Rolls)

Frederick Adolphus SLOW died 13 July 1897 Fairlie New Zealand

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1897 folio website 1897/4822 age 64 born about 1833 and PED 145744)

1897 Waitaki Electoral Roll

- Frederick Adolphus SLOW Fairlie labour residential
- Mary Williams SLOW Fairlie wife residential
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1899 Waitaki Electoral Roll

- Mary Williams SLOW Fairlie wife residential
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

Mary and Alexander's son Francis Henry BELL enlisted in the South African War (1899-1902) private service number 7602 9th Contingent c squadron occupation Labourer address Fairlie South Canterbury next of kin Mary Slow (mother) same address TR SA02

1905-6 Electoral roll Waitaki Otago

- Francis Henery BELL Fairlie labourer
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1908 Geraldine Electoral Roll

- Francis Henery BELL Fairlie labourer
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow record 4060
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1911 Electoral roll Temuka Otago

- Francis Henery BELL Fairlie labourer
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow record 5284
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1914 Temuka Electoral Roll

- Francis Henry BELL Gorge Road Fairlie labourer
- Emma Jane BELL Gorge Road Fairlie married
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

Four of Mary's sons enlisted in World War One (1914-1918) and two died and were both buried in France

- Rifleman/Lance Corporal Balance Seddon Mackenzie SLOW service number 32397, occupation Carpenter, next of kin mother Mrs Mary SLOW address Fairlie Canterbury
- Private Edward SLOW service number 10/178 Wellington Infantry battalion main body single next of kin Mrs F A Slow address Fairlie South Canterbury Nominal Roll volume 1.
- Frederick John SLOW Bombardier/Gunner service number 2/1200 NZ Field Artillery fourth draft single next of kin Mrs Mary Slow Fairlie South Canterbury Nominal roll volume 1 = Frederick John SLOW **died of wounds** 21 October 1916 France next of kin Mrs F A Slow of Fairlie NZ buried Dartmour cemetery Becordel Becourt France
- Cameron BELL Private service number 10/2070 Wellington Infantry Battalion Fourth draft single last NZ Address Dannevirke next of kin brother Francis H BELL address Fairlie = Cameron BELL was **killed in action** 27 September 1916 France recorded as son of Mrs F A Slow (formerly Bell) of Fairlie South Canterbury buried Caterpillar Valley (NZ) memorial cemetery France

1919 Temuka Electoral Roll

- Angus Jamieson BELL 284 Talbot Street Geraldine coach painter
- Sarah BELL 284 Talbot Street Geraldine married
- Francis Henry BELL Gorge Road Fairlie labourer
- Emma Jane BELL Gorge Road Fairlie married
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1922 Temuka Electoral Roll

- Angus Jamieson BELL 242 Talbot Street Geraldine coach painter
- Sarah BELL 242 Talbot Street Geraldine married
- Francis Henry BELL Gorge Road Fairlie framer
- Emma Jane BELL Gorge Road Fairlie married
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1925 Temuka Electoral Roll

- Angus Jamieson BELL Talbot Street Geraldine cycle mechanic
- Sarah BELL Talbot Street Geraldine married
- Francis Henry BELL Gorge Road Fairlie framer
- Emma Jane BELL Gorge Road Fairlie married
- Mary SLOW Fairlie widow
- Balance Seddon SLOW McKenzie Fairlie carpenter

- Rosie Robina SLOW Mckenzie Fairlei married
(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

1928 Waitaki Electoral Roll

- Francis Henry BELL Gorge Road Fairlie framer
- Emma Jane BELL Gorge Road Fairlie married
- Mary SLOW Gorge Road Fairlie widow
- Balance Seddon SLOW McKenzie Fairlei carpenter
- Rosie Robina SLOW Mckenzie Fairlei married

(Reference Petone Library NZ Electoral Roll on microfiche)

Mary Philadelphia BELL died about 17 August 1929 Fairlie

ORDER (Reference NZSG certificate collection PED 841580)

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ 1929 registered Mary SLOW folio 2883 Mount Cook district) Believe this is the same person as above.

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office Probate Mary SLOW place Fairlie occupation widow filed date 26 September 1929 Court Wellington agency AAIM series 6029 item 45258)

Fairlie Cemetery South Canterbury row 16

Francis Henry BELL 10 July 1878 - 26 May 1956 Trooper F.H. Bell 7602 9 th Contingent South Africa Emma Jane BELL 23 April 1877 - 29 July 1963
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(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZSG cemetery transcripts)

Ethel Maude BELL born about 03 October 1876 Timaru (Timaru Main school records) died married 1904 (folio 4574) Charles Thomas Wilson LITTLE

Ethel Maude BELL married Charles Thomas Wilson LITTLE in 1904

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1904 folio 4574 district)

SEARCH (Archives NZ Intention to marry 1904 district)

Alexander BELL died 1902 Timaru cemetery

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ death registration and SEARCH cemeteries and newspapers for Alexander BELL)

Robert BELL died in London 24 August 1937 His wife Mary BELL died at Christchurch 02 September 1943 Their daughter Marguerite Eileen died at Timaru 05 March 1899 and heir grand daughter Shirley Muriel died at Ashburton 05 February 1917 Timaru Cemetery South Canterbury NZ (Row 10 reference 359). Could be the son of Alex and Mary.

Caroline wife of H.R. BELL died October 28th 1913 age 69 also her husband Hamilton R BELL died August 30th 1923 age 81, (48th row reference 1075) Timaru cemetery South Canterbury NZ

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZSG cemetery transcripts)

Mary Philadelphia ARNOLD married James ALLSUP 1919

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio 3328)

SEARCH (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to marry 1919)

Alexander BELL died 1902 Timaru – Infant buried 1902 Timaru cemetery Block G plot 368 = 2 infants buried in same plot

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1902 folio 500 Timaru district and NZSG cemetery transcripts and Timaru cemeteries on line at www.timaru.govt.nz)

NOTE Family tale regarding descendants 1 BELL son may have gone to live in Australia and the other son had 2 daughters one married shear and the other was a School teacher **SEARCH**

I have been unable to locate a death registration for **Alexander BELL**.

4- William SLOANE born 05 April 1846 Adelaide South Australia died Australia (died young never married)

William SLOANE was born 05 April 1846 Adelaide South Australia. His parents were Jess JAMIESON and Patrick SLOANE

William SLOANE born 1846-04-05 Adelaide mother Jess JAMIESON father Patrick SLOANE.

(Reference National Library of NZ Holy Trinity Church baptism register & South Australia Births registrations 1842 to 1906 SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc 1997 website www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerslists.html)

William SLOANE age 10 weeks died on 14 June 1846 Adelaide South Australia. He was buried West Terrace cemetery Adelaide South Australia.

William SLOANE died 1846-06-14 age 10 w. & was buried at Adelaide West Terrace Cemetery South Australia

(Reference National Library of NZ Holy Trinity Church death register, The West **Terrace cemetery burial register & South Australia death registrations 1842 to 1915** SA Genealogy & Heraldry Soc 2000 website www.familyhistorysa.info/shipping/passengerslists.html)

Jessie and Neil BELL their children and descendants

5- Christa & Christina (Tina) BELL born about 1849 –51 Melbourne or Geelong Victoria Australia died 1875 Victoria Canada married Robert Midgley CLEMITSON born 1843 England died 24 April 1895 Kamloops district British Columbia Canada = Robert CLEMITSON 2nd married 14 May 1879 Victoria British Columbia Lucy Sarah JONES born 1862 died 06 September 1953 Kamloops British Columbia Canada
5-1- Robert Herbert (Bertie) CLEMINSTON born about 1874 Victoria Vancouver Island British Columbia Canada died WWI France **SEARCH WWI Graves**

Christa or Christina BELL was born before December 1849 Geelong Victoria Australia. Her parents were Jessie JAMIESON and Neil BELL.

Searched not trace (Reference RGO Australia birth registration 1849 Victoria Australia)

The family left Melbourne Australia on 15 December 1854 as steerage passengers on the "Marchioness". Port of arrival in New Zealand was Nelson/Wellington. The Country they came from was recorded as United Kingdom.

- Christa BELL age 5 years (born about 1849)

ORDER (Reference FHC LDS microfilm 0284473 source PROV VPRS 948 reference 1334)

28 December 1854 - Immigration Office Nelson - The following List of Immigrants per "Alexander" and "Marchioness" is published for general information.

- Christina BELL daughter age 5

(Reference Source National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle Volume XIII Issue 697, 30 December 1854, Page 2)

Christa or Christina BELL searched NZ school records & marriages = No trace

SEARCH (Reference RGO death registration for Christina BELL before 1871)

When the BELL family left Otago and arrived in Canada around 1869 Christina would have been around 20 years old. She may have married or died in Canada.

Christina BELL married Robert Midgley CLEMITSON 23 July 1873 Victoria (bca 811367 registration number 1873-09-001058 GSU number 1983524)

Bertie CLEMITSON was born about 1874 Victoria Vancouver Island British Columbia Canada

SEARCH (Reference Canada birth registration)

Christina CLEMITSON formerly BELL died 1875 Victoria Vancouver Island British Columbia Canada

SEARCH (Reference Canada death registration)

Daily British Colonist newspaper Friday morning 08 October 1875
DEATHS – In the city on the 6th inst. Christina beloved wife of Robert M CLEMITSON age 24 years. The remains will be conveyed via Saanich to Maple Bay where the funeral will take place on Sunday next.

(Reference copy of transcript from Daily British Colonist newspaper Friday morning 08 October 1875)

Robert Midgley CLEMITSON married Lucy Sarah JONES 14 May 1879 Victoria British Columbia (bca number B11367 registration number 1879-09-002463)

1881 Canada census

Robert Midgley CLEMITSON born about 1843 England age 38 Teacher origin English Head of household Joseph Thatcher JONES religion Wesleyan Methodist census place Lytton & Cache Creek, Yale, British Columbia
(FHL Film 1375921 NA film number C-13285 district 189 sub district B division 1 page number 1 household 1)

Robert Midgeley CLEMITSON male age 52 died 24 April 1895 Kamloops district registration #1895-09-199874 BCA # B13111 GSU #1927139 British Columbia death index

Lucy Sarah CLEMITSON female age 91 died 06 September 1953 place Kamloops registration # 1953-09-008789 BCA# B13217 GSU# 2032871 British Columbia death index

Searched no trace death registrations in Canada for Bertie CLEMITSON.

The girls Christian BELL known as Tina became the wife of R.M. CLEMINSTON the first Teacher of the Old Maple Boys School House at the end of the Lakes Road. Moved to Second Praire and died there.

By John A EVANS – Archives of Victoria British Columbia Canada

6- Angus BELL born about 1852 Geelong Victoria Australia died 1852 Geelong Victoria Australia died young never married

Angus BELL was born in 1852 in Geelong Victoria Australia. His parents were Jessie JAMIESON and Neil BELL.

ORDER (Reference Digger Pioneer Index Victoria 1836-1888 1852 Reg. Number 9372 Fiche 192 Denomination Presbyterian Parish Victoria Australia)

Angus died age 1 in 1852 in Geelong Victoria Australia

ORDER (Reference Digger Pioneer Index Victoria 1836-1888 death 1852 Reg. Number 2375 Fiche 1042 Denomination Presbyterian Parish Geelong Victoria Australia)

- 7- Jessie BELL** born about 05 October 1854 Melbourne Australia died 23 December 1919 Detroit Michigan USA married 30 August 1890 Victoria British Columbia Canada
James KIER born about 1845 Ontario Canada died 17 December 1924 Detroit Michigan USA (James had 5 children by previous marriage marked-0)
- 0-1- Olive I KIER born about British Columbia Canada
0-2- Norman J KIER born about British Columbia Canada
0-3- Kenneth R KIER born about 1883 British Columbia Canada
0-4- Ethel E KIER born about 1884 British Columbia Canada
0-5- Alma M KIER born about British Columbia Canada
- 7-1- **Edith Martha Janette KIER** born 31 December 1892 died April 1980 Michigan USA married 1914 David Henry APPELHOF born died
- 7-1-1- William K APPELHOF (Doctor) born about 23 January 1917 died 05 December 1999 Grand Rapids married Virginia Josephine APPELHOF Virginia Josephine of Waterford; May 21 2008; at 90 years of age. Former wife of the late Dr William K Appelhof; loving mother of Andrea Sheridan of Waterford and Marlene Westhorpe of Toronto; grandmother of Charles and John Sheridan; preceded in death by one sister. Virginia was a charter member since 1978 of the Rochester Symphony Guild. Memorial Service will be Friday, May 30, 2008 3 p.m. at St. Lukes Chapel of Canterbury-on-the-Lake (5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford). Private burial was at Mt Avon Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guest book.
- 7-1-1-1- Andrea APPELHOF married SHERIDAN
7-1-1-1-1- Charles SHERIDAN
7-1-1-1-2- John SHERIDAN
7-1-1-2- Marlene APPELHOF married WESTHORPE
7-1-2- Janet APPELHOF born about 1927

Jessie BELL was born about 05 October 1854 in Geelong Victoria Australia or perhaps on the journey to New Zealand the same year. Her parents were Jessie JAMIESON and Neil BELL

Searched birth registration no trace Australia or New Zealand try Church records

The following List of Immigrants per "Alexander" and "Marchioness" is published for general information. Immigration Office Nelson - 28 December 1854

- BELL Jessie daughter 1 infant (born about 1854)

(Reference Source National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle Volume XIII Issue 697, 30 December 1854, Page 2)

Search New Zealand School records and did not locate any information for Jessie BELL

Jessie along with her parents and siblings left New Zealand and went to live in Canada around 1869. They settled in Cowichan, Vancouver Island, BC Canada.

Somenos March 30 th 1876
My dear brother Peter, I have been expecting to hear from you for some time past, such I have delayed writing to you in consequence. But I have now come to the conclusion that you may never have received the last letter I wrote to you. For I am aware that letters will sometimes miss carry.

Mr dear brother I scarcely know how to break the sad news to you. I know how you loved our dear sister Tina and I feel sure that you grief will be very great when you hear that she died. Yes dear Peter our darling Tina is dead and is now happy in heaven with Jessie.

She died on the 06 October last after a fortnight severs illness. Of Gastric fever and inflammation of the lungs. The doctors said she had been consumptive for years. But we were not aware of that fact ourselves. Poor little darling. She suffered very much before she died. Mother and I were with her to the last. She spoke of you and Alex frequently. It is impossible for me to describe to you the grief we all felt at her death more especially the grief of her poor bereaved husband. For man ever loved someone as he did his own little wife and does now and will I believe until death.

Mr dear Peter nobody knows what grief has been for my dear sister was all the work to me she was my greatest comfort. And oh how I did love her. I thank God that I have had such a blessing so long for she was a dear good sister to me. Her poor dear little boy Bertie we have him staying with us and he is the joy and comfort of the whole house poor little fellow. He will never know the loss. He has grown to be very fond of me and I am sure I love him very dearly not only for his own sake but also for the sake of his sainted Mother. She was buried in Staple Bay Church years and few miles from our place. I rode down to see the darling grave a few days ago and oh dear Peter how the grief rushed to my heart and the tears to my eyes as I gazed on the grave where the body of my beloved sister lay. My dear brother should it be Gods will that you and I never meet in this world again, I trust that we will meet in Heaven. Where I am certain our dear Tina is. And Oh dear Peter may God help us to live a life her so as to fit us for a place in the mansion above. You must be sure and write to me as soon as possible for I cannot help feeling anxious on account of your silence. I feel vexed with myself for not writing to you before to inform you of poor Tina's death. I certainly would have done so only Mother said that she would write to you.

We are all quite well at present thank God. And I trust that you are all well also. Bertie's Papa is coming up to see him tomorrow. He is still teaching school in town and so he is not able to see his dear son very often,

My dear brother Peter I will bring my letter to a close. With love from all to my dear brothers and sister. May God bless and protect you and your family is the prayer of your loving and faithful sister

Jessie Bell

Give my love to Alex. Mother sends hers also

Address
Miss Bell
Somenos
Victoria
British Columbia

Somenos August 16th 1876

My dear brother,

I received you letter on the 31st of July and I can hardly tell you how glad I felt when I received it for I have been longing to hear from you so much. It was joyful news to all of us. I must thank you for sending me a likeness of your little boy. I judge from the photograph I think he is the prettiest boy I have ever seen with the exception of Bertie. Poor dear little Bertie. He is getting along very nicely. He is not very large for his age but he is very smart and intelligent. He has become to love me very much. And I am sure I love him very dearly. I don't know what I should do with out him now. His Papa comes to see him as often as he possible can. He is very fond of his dear little boy he always was but I think he loves him more than ever now that he is motherless.

Dear Peter ever since Tina's death I have had a strong drive to see you and your wife and children. I think that I could love your wife truly as a sister. I do now although we have never met and most likely never shall in this world. But I trust dear Peter that we shall meet in Heaven. You have not told me your wife's name yet. Now dear Peter when you write to me again please tell me her name. I should be very glad to have a few lines from her self. Did you the letter that I sent you with brother Johnnie's likeness. When I write to you again I shall send you a likeness of poor dear little Tina. I know you will be very glad to have it. I feel sorry that I have not got one of myself yet to send you. We are all blest with very good health at present I am thankful to say

John and Angus are growing quite tall lads in fact will soon be young men for Johnnie is getting quite a moustache. We tease him so much about it that he sometimes gets quite cross at us. Hugh is as fond of hunting as ever and Angus as fond of fishing. Father never hinders them from any of their sports. I often tell them that they are well off to have such and indulgent Father he is always so good-natured and kind to us. Poor dear Daddie he is failing very fast I was sorry we did not get the letters your sent Mother. I think there is not sufficient postage payed on them to carry them right through because your last letter that I got there had to be five cents payed on it. That is 2 pence halfpenny so I think that there must be some slight mistake in the postage. I intend to send enclosed a few lines to Alex but I am afraid it would make my letter over weight So I shall have to content myself with simply sending him my very best love. Tell him we shall all be very glad to receive a letter from him. If he writes to me I shall be only too happy to answer it. Please write as soon as possible for we are always very glad to here from you. Mother says that she is going to write to you very soon. Will love from all at home. Kiss my little nephew for me and believe me to be your sincere and faithful sister Jessie Bell

Please how are times in your part of the world. Father would like to know. Here they are very dull at present. The prices of beef and butter are very low. The farmers moan considerable about it.
I hope you are doing well in your business.

1881 Census place Cowichin & Salt Spring Island Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- Jessie BELL female ethnic origin Scottish age 24 born (about 1857) Australia
- ORDER** (Reference Family Search LDS FHC Film 11375921 NA film number C-13285 District 191 Sub district C page number 17 Household number 101)

James KEIR was born about 1845 Ontario British Columbia Canada.

SEARCH (Reference birth registration 1845 Ontario British Columbia Canada)

SEARCH marriage registration James KEIR about 1882 and the birth registration of his two children Kenneth R KEIR born about 1883 British Columbia Canada and Ethel L KEIR born about 1884 British Columbia Canada

Jessie BELL full age born New Zealand spinster and James KIER age 46 years born Ontario widower married 30 August 1890 Cowichan Victoria British Columbia Canada. Jessie's parents were Janet & Neil BELL. James's parents were Mary Jane & Archibald Renfrew KIER.

(Reference Marriage number B11367 Registration number 1890-09 005910 GSU number 1983524 Victoria British Columbia Canada)

1891 Census Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North

- James KEIR male married age 46 born about 1845 Ontario head Religion Free church parents born England Province British Columbia District number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North Archives Roll # T-6291
- Jessie (transcribed Issue) KEIR female married age 35 born about 1856 Australia wife religion church of England parents born Scotland Province British Columbia District number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North Archives Roll # T-6291
- Kenneth R KEIR male single age 8 born about 1883 British Columbia son father born Ontario mother born England
- Ethel L KEIR female single age 7 born about 1884 British Columbia daughter father born Ontario mother born England

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1891 Census of Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North)

SEARCH 1901 & 1911 Census Cowichan North, Vancouver Island BC Canada for Jessie and James KEIR and their descendants

SEARCH for death registration for Jessie and James KEIR Vancouver Canada.

From Canada in November 1908 Jessie's brother Angus J BELL wrote a letter to their brother Peter BELL in New Zealand. In this letter he wrote that he visited his sister Jessie on 24 May in Detroit. Angus's letter details that Mr Kier my brother in law bought a 20-acre fruit farm for his son as it is supposed to be a great place to cure consumptives. Fruita is only a small town about 5,000 ft above the sea. A copy of the letter is located in Angus's genealogy below.

SEARCH (USA records and census)

The younger daughter Jessie BELL became the second wife of James KEIR. Moved to Detroit U.S.A. and died there.

By John A EVANS – Archives of Victoria British Columbia Canada

Mrs Jessie Bell KIER residence 41 Vancouver [sic] Street Detroit State of Michigan USA died 23 December 1919 age 65 years 2 months 18 days. Cause of death was chronic interstitial nephritis as certified by Dr Robert Stempone [sic] who saw her last on 18 December 1919. Jessie had dwelled in Detroit for 20 years (arrived about 1879) and was born on 05 October 1854 Melbourne Australia. She was married to James KIER and her father was Neil BELL born Scotland.

(Reference copy of death registration Detroit Michigan USA register number 1228)

8- Hugh (Hugh George) BELL born 07 March 1856 Otago New Zealand died 17 March 1928 Essondale British Columbia Canada (never married)

Hugh BELL was born 1856 Otago New Zealand. His parents were Jessie JAMIESON and Neil BELL

ORDER (Reference RGO New Zealand birth 1856 folio 187 Otago district or search Presbyterian Church records for Otago)

Hugh left Otago New Zealand with his parents and settled in Canada around 1862. The 1901 census stated the immigration year was 1862.

1881 Census place Cowichin & Salt Spring Island Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- Hugh BELL male ethnic origin Scottish age 23 born (about 1858) New Zealand Farmer

ORDER (Reference Family Search LDS FHC Film 11375921 NA film number C-13285 District 191 Sub district C page number 17 Household number 101)

1882 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan District - P O address Somenos
BELL Hugh farmer Somenos

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry Canadian City and area Directories 1819-1899)

1887 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan Directory –Somenos P.O. No 9
BELL Hugh Farmer

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1887 British Columbia Directory)

1891 Census Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North

- Hugh BELL male single age 35 born about 1856 New Zealand Head Religion Free Church parents born Scotland Province British Columbia district number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North archives roll # T-6291

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1891 Census of Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North)

1901 Census Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- Hugh BELL male age 45 born 07 March 1856 New Zealand Head immigration year 1862 racial or tribal Scottish Nationality Canadian Religion Presbyterian occupation Farmer Province British Columbia District Number 3 Sub district Cowichan Sub district number C-2 Family number 83 page 9

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1901 Census Canada)

Searched 1911 Census Canada but could not locate anything for the family perhaps the district has not been completely transcribed **try Essondale**

Hugh BELL died 17 March 1928 Essondale British Columbia Canada. His brother Angus also died in 1928.

ORDER (Reference death Hugh Bell male died age 72 death date 17 March 1928 place of death Essondale registration #1928-09-405304 BCA #B13134 GSU #1952313 British Columbia death index 1872 to 1979)

Hugh was a keen hunter in his youth and was employed by the British Columbia Government as Supt and Foreman on the Cowichan State Road and laid out the St Provost Road to the Mt Sichen Mines. He never married

SEARCH cemetery records for Essondale British Columbia Canada

Hugh BELL the eldest was closely identified with the Roads of the Northern Cowichan Municipality for some time was employed by the B.C. Government as Supt and foreman on the Cowichan State Road and laid out the Mt Provost Road to the Mt Sticker Mines. Never married. Died New Westminster.

By John A EVANS – Archives of Victoria British Columbia Canada

9- John (Johnnie) BELL born 3 March 1858 Otago New Zealand died Canada married 25 March 1891 Victoria British Columbia Canada Jeannie (Jean) Wallace BLAIR born 27 May 1857 United states died Canada

9-1- Clara W BELL born 10 November 1893 Ontario British Columbia Canada

John BELL was born 1858 Otago New Zealand. His parents were Jessie JAMIESSON and Neil BELL.

ORDER (Reference RGO New Zealand birth 1858 folio 292 Otago district or search Presbyterian Church records for Otago)

John left Otago New Zealand with his parents and settled in Canada around 1869. The 1901 census stated the immigration year was 1862.

1881 Census place Cowichin & Salt Spring Island Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- John BELL male ethnic origin Scottish age 21 born (about 1860) New Zealand Farmer Presbyterian

ORDER (Reference Family Search LDS FHC Film 11375921 NA film number C-13285 District 191 Sub district C page number 17 Household number 101)

1882 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan District - P O address Somenos

BELL John farmer Somenos

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry Canadian City and area Directories 1819-1899)

1887 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan Directory –Somenos P.O. No 9

BELL John Farmer

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1887 British Columbia Directory)

Jeanie Wallace BLAIR was born on 27 May 1857 in United States

SEARCH (Reference birth registration 1857 United States)

John BELL married Jeannie Wallace BLAIR Victoria date 25 March 1891 Canada

ORDER (Reference Marriage date 25 March 1891 BCA number B11367 registration number 1891-09-005727 GSU number 1983524 British Columbia)

1891 Census Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North

- John BELL male married age 32 born about 1859 New Zealand Head religion Free Church parents born Scotland Province British Columbia district number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North archives roll # T-6291
- Jeanie W BELL female cohabiting age 32 born about 1859 United states wife Religion Free Church parents born Scotland Province British Columbia district number 3 district Vancouver sub district Cowichan North archives roll # T-6291

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1891 Census of Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North)

John and Jeannie had a daughter Clara W BELL born 10 November 1893 Ontario British Columbia Canada

SEARCH (Reference birth registration Ontario British Columbia Canada)

1901 Census Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- John BELL male married age 43 born 3 March 1858 Nb Head spouse Jeanie W immigration year 1862 racial or tribal Scottish Nationality Canadian Religion Presbyterian occupation Farmer Province British Columbia District Number 3 Sub district Cowichan Sub district number C-2 Family number 70 page 8
- Jeanie W BELL female married age 43 born 27 May 1857 United states wife souse John racial or tribal Scottish Nationality Canadian Religion Presbyterian occupation Farmer Province British Columbia District Number 3 Sub district Cowichan Sub district number C-2 Family number 70 page 8
- Clara W BELL female single age 7 born 10 November 1893 transcribed Austria should be Ontario daughter father John mother Jeanie W racial or tribal Scottish Nationality Canadian Religion Presbyterian occupation Farmer Province British Columbia District Number 3 Sub district Cowichan Sub district number C-2 Family number 70 page 8

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1901 Census Canada)

In 1908 John was living in Danville United States and running a general store according to a letter written November 1908 by his brother Angus J BELL to their brother Peter Bell in New Zealand. A copy of this letter is in Angus' genealogy below

SEARCH Danville United States

Searched 1911 Census Canada but could not locate anything for the family perhaps the district has not been completely transcribed

SEARCH death registration for John and Jeannie BELL in British Columbia Canada

John BELL second boy in younger days was an outstanding runner and jumper. Married Bridget BLAIN. No children. Killed by as fall of rock on the Pacific Highway in Washington.

By John A EVANS – Archives of Victoria British Columbia Canada

10- Angus Jamieson BELL 25 August 1860 Portobello Otago New Zealand died 02 August 1928 Vancouver British Columbia Canada (never married)

Angus Simison/Simpson (Jamieson) BELL was born 1860 Dunedin Otago New Zealand. His parents were Jessie JAMIESON and Neil BELL.

ORDER (Reference RGO New Zealand Angus Simison/Simpson BELL birth registration 1860 folio 416 Dunedin district and search Presbyterian Church records for Otago

Later Angus had the middle initial of "J" so I believe the middle name was miss-heard and should have been spelt Jamieson not Simpson.

Angus left Otago New Zealand with his parents and settled in Canada around 1869. The 1901 census stated the immigration year was 1863.

1881 Census place Cowichin & Salt Spring Island Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- Angus BELL male ethnic origin Scottish age 19 born (about 1862) New Zealand Farmer son Presbyterian

ORDER (Reference Family Search LDS FHC Film 11375921 NA film number C-13285 District 191 Sub district C page number 17 Household number 101)

1882 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan District - P O address Somenos BELL Angus farmer Somenos

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry Canadian City and area Directories 1819-1899)

1887 British Columbia Directory - Cowichan Directory –Somenos P.O. No 9

BELL Angus clerk to Municipal Council

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1887 British Columbia Directory)

1891 Census Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North

- Angus G BELL male single age 29 born about 1862 New Zealand head religion Church of England father & mothers birth place Scotland Province British Columbia District number 3 District Vancouver sub district Cowichan North Archives roll # T-6291

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1891 Census of Canada British Columbia 3 Vancouver Cowichan North)

1899 North Cowichan Municipality – situated on Vancouver Island about 40 miles from Victoria include the districts and settlements of Somenos, Qumichan, Cowichan, Chemainus and that part of Covichan, east of Cowichan river, exten about 12 miles wide by 18 long. Elections are held in January. Reeve, Wm Drinkwater. Councillor, Wm Chisholm, G A Lilley, J S Shopland, JS Evans, Henry Bonsall, SB Davies, Wm Herd.

Clerk **Angus J BELL**

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry Canadian City and Area Directories 1819-1899)

1901 Census Vancouver British Columbia Canada

- Angus J (transcribed August J Bell) BELL male single age 40 birth date 25 August 1860 birth place New Zealand head immigration year 1863 racial or tribal Scottish Nationality Canadian religion Church of England occupation Farmer Province British Columbia District Number 3 sun district Cowichan Sub district number C-2 Family number 80 page 9

(Reference National Library of NZ ancestry 1901 Census Canada)

Port of Detroit Michigan USA (about 1908)

Angus J BELL age 48 male single occupation returned Farmer can read and write nationality Canadian, Race or people Scotland, Last permanent address Canada Duncan BC, brother John Bell bound for BC Canada (born about 1862 birth Country New Zealand)

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry Border Crossings from Canada to US 1895 – 1956)

Duncaus, B.C. November 02nd 1908

My Peter,

I promised to write to you when I got home ad describe my trip, well I write a letter to you in Melbourne, Australia, from Melbourne we called at Hobart, Tasmania and stayed there 4 days loading apples. Tasmania is a great fruit growing country and I think would be a very nice climate. After we left Tasmania we had lots of sports, balls and dances galore. I was one of the sports Committee and I won several prizes in the deck games the next place we landed at was Durban South Africa but we only stayed one day. Durban is a very pretty city. The darkies hail you around in the Ritchsha a kind of a two-wheeled cart. I had a ride just for curiosity. We next called at Capt Town another South African City and from there we went direct to England. We called at Plymouth and then at Tillbury and took the train for London the world's greatest city. We had a beautiful trip until we came to the English Channel and then it became cold and blusterous. Of course it was very hot crossing the tropics but then I don't much mind the heat. The officials on the boat said it was the hottest that they had ever known it. The weather in London was very cold in fact there was snow and rain nearly the whole time I was there. I stayed three weeks. London is a world in itself and a very wicked one too. I never saw such poverty and misery, as there is in the streets of London there are the two extremes. The spring flowers were just coming in bloom and the gardens and parks were beautiful. Hyde part comprises 692 acres and is beautifully laid out but I think Regent Park is the prettier of the two. I visited all the Principal places of interest such as Westminster Abbey, London Towers, Rotten Rows, Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court, Zoological Gardens, Madam Tousards Waxworks, Natural History Museum, Kensington Gardens and many other places besides the principal theatres. London is a great place for theatre going they are crowded day and night the Hippodrome arguably the best and well worth going to see. If the weather had not been so cold I would liked to have gone up to Edinburgh Exhibition in Scotland but there was a foot and a half of snow there so I did not feel like venturing. I left London on the May 13. Took train to Southampton and boarded the Majestic of the White Star Line for New York. We had a rough cold voyage coming over and arrived in New York in 6 days. New York is an immense city and for high buildings takes the cake, there is one building 48 storeys high and several over 40. Nevertheless it is a beautiful city and their natural parks beat London. I stayed three days in New York then took the train for Detroit where my sister lives. We arrived in Detroit on May 24th and found **Jessie** well and pleased to see me. Her husband was not at home; he had gone to Fruita, Colorado with his **son Kenneth** who has been ill. Detroit is a very pretty city and is considered one of the prettiest cities in United States and I think it well merits the name it is about the size of Sydney or Melbourne and for excursions beats Wellington. I stayed two months with my sister and while there

I visited quite a number of the cities around including Niagara Falls which is well worth going to see.

Chicago is one of the largest cities in the United States though not such a large population it covers more ground and is levelled. The weather was beautiful while I was in Detroit there were a few Electrical storms with lots of thunder and lightening. I left Detroit on July 22 and took the train for Chicago and from there through the States of Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado. While going through Colorado I got a day off at Fruita where **Mr Kier** my brother in law is staying. He bought a 20-acre fruit farm for his son. Fruita is only a small town about 5,000 ft above the sea. The land is very dry and is all irrigated and they grow principally alfalfa and fruit. It is supposed to be a great place to cure consumptives but the day I was there it was awfully hot. Far hotter than I ever felt in Australia and New Zealand and very dusty. I do not think I would like to live there unless I was compelled to, from there I came in through Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington until I came to Danville where my brother John is living. Danville is a mining town. **John** keeps a general store but as the times were rather dull he was not doing much of a business but as presidential election is now over and Mr Taft the Republican is elected, times will probably take up again. I stayed a month with **John** and had some hunting and shooting up in the mountains. After leaving there I came by way of Seattle to Victoria and from there up to Duncaus and am here. Since coming home I have had an attack of bronchitis. I am beginning to think that the climate here is no better than New Zealand but I expect it was the change from summer weather to cool weather all at once as I had three summers in succession. I am feeling a lot better now and I expect I may get used to it. I have built a small house in Duncaus and am now living in it. My other house is rented.

How are things in Timaru. Remember me to the boys. Write and let me know how you are all getting along

With best regards to Mrs Bell, Olive and yourself

Yours Brother
Angus J Bell

Searched 1911 Census Canada but could not locate anything for Angus perhaps his district has not been completely transcribed

Cowichan Leader – January 30 1913 - Victoria Canada

TALKS WITH OLD TIMERS
(Including picture of Angus J BELL)

Among the old timers of Cowichan there were very few who reached this district before Mr Angus BELL, whose portrait appears at the head of this article. It is true that Mr Bell was but a small boy when he reached this part of the world but nevertheless he can claim to have lived in Cowichan over 50 years ago.

Mr Bell was born in Portobello Otago New Zealand in 1861. He came to the province of B.C. with his parents in 1862. On arrival at Cowichan Bay the family was conveyed to the shores of Somenos Lake by Indians in canoes, which of course was the only means of getting about in those days. There are but few remaining now of those who arrived here in before 1862. Among those still living in the district are Messrs Horace and William DAVIE, George KIER, David and James ALEXANDER, W.C. DUNCAN, Mrs W.A. LOMAS, Mr SUTTON, Mrs WILLIAMS and Mr SHEARING of Cobble Hill. The only families in the Somenos district in those early days were KIERS, ALEXANDERS, BELLS The SKINNERS of Maple Bay and the FRYs of Chemaninus. At dances it was unusual to see only two or three ladies present. There were quite a lot of bachelors however

and of course everyone turned out to every show or entertainment that came along.

I think I can truly fully say that my mother was the first white woman that walked over the trail to Victoria, writes Mr BELL. : She used to get an Indian to take her over the Saanich from Coshichan Bay, and then from her she "footed it" to Victoria. This was the only means of getting to town on those days. For several years there were no roads and no boats running from Cowichan. My mother used to go to Victoria once every year to get enough supplies to last us for twelve months and bring them back by Saanich across Cowichan Bay by canoe and so up Alexander's Creek to Somenos Lake. As my father was an invalid, my mother transacted all the business for him. When the road was built to Maple Bay and the steamboat started running we considered it a great convenience.

In early days the winters were much more severe than is the case today. I remember Cowichan Bay used to be frozen every year. I well remember that one year while skating on Quamichan Lake the ice broke and I fell in and had a very narrow escape from drowning. It is well known that the lake is very treacherous. It will freeze solid in some places and in others there will be but a thin film as ice. That same winter Comenos Lake was frozen over 18 inches thick, so that you could drive a horse over it. The lake did not break up until the middle of April. But the winters were not always severe even in early days, for in one year, I think it was in 1877 there was not any snow at all. I well remember it for I was attending the high school in Victoria and we played baseball every Saturday all through the winter. Flowers were in bloom all through January and Easter Lilies were out in February.

I first went to school in a little log church on Somenos Lake, which stood close to where Mr FREEMAN's house is now. Mr W H LOMAS was our Teacher. He used to teach one week there and then next week at the Old Court House which stood below the present site of the Catholic Church at Quamichan. We used to cross Somenos Lake in a canoe and then walk nearly five miles to the school. This was a private school and parents paid to send their children there. The first public School was held in the old Methodist church at Maple Bay in 1872 and Mr R CLEMENTSON was the teacher. The following year a school was built where the Maple Bay School now stands. This was the only school, in the district for years. When the Municipality took over the schools for Somenos district, I was secretary for the school board for Somenos but did not for election in the municipal schools, as I was one of the Councillors at the time.

The first church in the district was the log church above referred to on what is now Mr FREEMAN'S place. Mr GARRETT was the first Minister. He used to preach in our log house before the church was built. The Municipality of North Cowichan was incorporated in 1873. I was elected in 1885 Clerk, Assessor and Collector of the municipality and for either years I held that position. The first year I was collector the total receipt for the municipality amounted to \$1,000.00 and the government grant added another \$1,000.00. There was statute labour in those days and every resident was supposed to work for two days in the year on the roads.

I remember that in 1885 when the railway was being constructed I was given orders to collect the road tax from the men on construction work. I went to Chemainus and asked the 3 paymasters, Mr RILEY (now Senator RILEY) to give me a list of the names of those employed in this work. This he refused to do point blank, in fact, he told me to go plumb to hell. I went to Mr WELLBURN instead and tried to get a summons out, but the Reeve though it was doubtful if the tax could be collected, so the case was dropped.

When the railroad was built it was not the intention to have a station at Duncans' Crossing, and I believe, if Mr James KIER who owned the land had been willing to sell town lots the town would have been located in Somenos. But Mr KIER positively refused to sell lots. And therefore when Mr DUNCAN laid out lots in the town site of Alderlea, people bought lots there instead. Mr JAYNES says that

there was no provision for stations at Somenos or Koksilah but I can assure him that there were stations at both these places. Mr James FLEET was the first agent to Somenos and Mr J CROXIER at Koksilah before there was any station at Duncan.

In 1904 I was elected a Councillor for Somenos ward and sat in the council until 1907 when I sold my farm at Somenos.

Years ago Mr Angus BELL was a great athlete, in fact one of the best all-round athletes in B.C. One Sunday he said, "I was riding to Chemainus with Mr G.A.B. HALL, now the city health doctor of Victoria and we came across a lot of Indians having races near the Chemainus River on the Truck Road. I suggested to Mr HALL that we should challenge the winner, an Indian named Amy (he still lives in Chemainus). They collected four dollars and we ran 80 yards. I beat him by about a yard. He immediately challenged me again next Sunday, so I told him if he would come down to Somenos I would run him. The next Sunday when I went over to the Church, I took my running shoes with me. When I got to the old post office, about one hundred Indians were waiting for me to run a hundred yards. They had all collected five dollars, so I ran again and this time I beat him by about five yards. I then went to church thinking it was all over, but when I came out, there was another hundred Indians gathered. They had sent to Klem Klemalitz an Indian named Johnny to run two hundred yards against me, up hill. They collected another five dollars and I ran him. As this was my best pace, I won easily. After this the Indians never wanted to race with me. The Indians were very sport minded and always had their races in Sunday afternoons.

Angus BELL never married.

Angus J BELL male died age 67 (born about 1861) death 02 August 1928 Vancouver British Columbia Canada. His brother Hugh died the same year 1928.

ORDER (Reference Vancouver British Columbia Canada death Index 1872 to 1979 Registration # 1928-09-3984550 BCA # B13133 GSU # 1952312)

SEARCH cemetery records in Vancouver British Columbia Canada for Angus J BELL

BELL and JAMIESON miscellaneous information

WRITE and SEARCH = Victoria Genealogical Society, P O Box 43021, Victoria North PO, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8X 362

British Columbia Archives

Website is <http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>

SEARCH Cowichan Municipality of North Cowichan – Vancouver Island, British Columbia Canada Archives and Library Cemeteries (also Wars), Schools, Social Welfare, Voter's Lists Wars and many other references.

SEARCH Cowichan Valley Museum and Archives Box 1014, Duncan, B.C. V9L 3Y2, CANADA or 130 Canada Avenue, Duncan British Columbia, Canada or the Cowichan Historical Society, Box 1014, Duncan, B C V9L 3Y2, CANADA Phone 250-746-6612 or Fax 250-746-6612

SEARCH Newspaper for Cowichan = Cowichan News Leader

Canada burials before 1983 Mountian View Cemetery Cowichan Vancouver BC

Name BELL Neil Death date 0 Section OS Block 6 Plot 24
Name BELL N Jess Death date 0 Section OS Block 6 Plot 25
Name BELL Elizabeth L Death date 0 Section OS Block 6 Plot 32
Name BELL Harriet W Death date 1970 Section OS Block 6 Plot 31
Name BELL Medley Death date 0 Section OS Block 6 Plot 31
Name BELL Death date 0 Section OS Block 5 Plot 23
Name BELL I Death date 0 Section OS Block 5 Plot 24
Name BELL W Death date 0 Section OS Block 4 Plot 1
Name BELL Charles H Death date 680711 Section NS Block 21 Plot 16
Name BELL Dyson Emery Death date 481216 Section OS Block X Plot 3
Name4 BELL Eulah Death date 681130 Section OS Block X Plot 4

There where also many with the surname KEIR

(Reference Website www.northcowichan.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=160&bhcp=1)

1841 Census Scotland

Located a Jess Jamieson age 20 (born about 1821) born Scotland and Peter Jamieson age 25 (born about 1817) born Angus Scotland occupation shoemaker living Gowan Bank Village St Vigeans Angus Scotland. I do not think this is our Jess as it is in the wrong parish.

Intention to Marry 09 January 1869 Christchurch district = NOT our Christa Christine BELL spinster servant age 24 dwelled in Riccarton 1 week and Thomas TOLERTON bachelor Farmer age 29 dwelled in Riccarton 5 years intend to marry in Riccarton Church by Rev C Bowen.

(Reference Archives NZ Intention to marry 1869 agency BDM series 20 item 14 page 457-1843 Christchurch district)

Christine BELL married Thomas TOLERTON 1869 New Zealand = (Reference RGO marriage registration 1869 folio 1835 district unknown)

New Zealand BELL families with the middle name of Jamieson

- **Search** Ian Jamieson BELL born 04 August 1910 died 29 November 1941 = (WWII) parents Jessie & Alex Bell 1939 address mother Grafton Road Auckland father Auckland Mental Hospital = Roslyn School 1917 & Wakari school 19 August 1918 & Highcliff school 01 December 1919 = Probate court Auckland butcher reference ANZ Auckland agency BBAE series 1579 item 1235/41 WILL
- **Search** Thomas Jamieson BELL = died Nelson 22 September 1907 Nelson
- Nola [Betty] Jamieson BELL = Wanganui school records 03 February 1931
- Gordon Jamieson BELL = born about 1930s Rongotai College 04 February 1946
- Graham Jamieson BELL = born about 1933 Wanganui Aramoho cemetery age 69 died 2002 & Memoriam death 14 November 2002
- **Search** Edward Jamieson BELL = Probate Plumber date? Court Timaru reference ANZ Christchurch agency CAHY accession CH 145 item 8008
- Ainslee Scott Jamieson BELL = REFER Chart 16-17
- Angus Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 16-17
- Charles Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 04-05
- Donald Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 16-17
- Edwin Jamison BELL = REFER chart 16-17
- Eric Jamieson BELL = REFER 08-09
- Ernest Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 16-17
- James Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 16-17
- Olive Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 16-17
- Peter Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 32-33 & 16-17 & 08-09
- Ronald Jamieson BELL = REFER chart 16-17

New Zealand birth registration

BELL Unnamed male 1855 folio 89 district

BELL Jane 1855 folio 51 district

BELL unnamed male 1856 folio 30 Wellington
BELL unnamed male 1856 folio 116 Nelson
BELL unnamed female 1856 folio 32 district
BELL unnamed female twins 1856 folio 111 district
BELL Ann 1856 folio 167 district
BELL Frances Harriet 1856 folio 2373 Auckland
BELL Hugh 1856 folio 187 district
BELL Margaret 1856 folio 49 district
BELL William Richard 1856 folio 129 district
BELL unnamed male 1857 folio 90 district
BELL unnamed male 1857 folio 150 district
BELL unnamed female 1857 folio 94 district
BELL Elizabeth Jane 1857 folio 169 district
BELL Ernest Tancred Dillon 1857 folio 152 Amndt Act 1915
BELL Mary Ann 11857 folio 90 district
BELL unnamed female 1858 folio 179
BELL unnamed female 1858 folio 3829 Auckland
BELL Louisa Ann 1858 folio 126 district
BELL John 1858 folio 292 district
BELL Sarah 1858 folio 3564 Auckland district
BELL William Henry 1858 folio 245 district
BELL unnamed male 1869 folio 168 Nelson district
BELL unnamed male 1859 folio 4336 Auckland district
BELL unnamed female 1859 folio 188 district
BELL unnamed female 1859 folio 988 district
BELL John 1859 folio 113 district
BELL Margaret Theresa 859 folio 118
BELL Phillipa 1859 folio 214 district
BELL Susan 1859 folio 350 district
BELL unnamed female 1860 folio 1158 district
BELL Agnes 1860 folio 442 district
BELL Angus Simpson 1860 folio 4116 district (could be Jamieson/transcribed Simpson)
BELL Elizabeth 1860 folio 1 district
BELL James Lumley 1860 folio 141 district
BELL Thomas Watt 1860 folio 87 district
BELL William 1860 folio 194 district
BELL Alexander 1861 folio 155 district
BELL Charles 1861 folio 235 district
BELL George 1861 folio 131 district
BELL George 1861 folio 237 district
BELL Margaret Ann 1861 folio 463 district
BELL Margaret Malien 1861 folio 441 district
BELL Robert 1861 folio 451 district
BELL William 1861 folio 140 district
New Zealand Death registration
BELL Margaret 1856 folio 24
BELL etc
BELL Emma Lucy BELL 1874 folio Timaru district (see below)
BELL Alexander 1879 folio 993 Amuri district
BELL Alexander Murray 1880 folio 1675 Temuka district
BELL nothing for Alex 1881- 1885
BELL Alexander Maxwell 1886 folio 878 Palmerston North
BELL nothing for Alex 1887 – 1892
BELL Alexander Hewson 1893 folio 402 Timaru district
BELL nothing for Alex 1894 – 1896
BELL Alexander Clapham 1897 folio 1567 Christchurch district

BELL nothing for Alex 1898 – 1900
BELL Alexander 1902 folio 500 Timaru district
BELL Alexander 1903 folio 1147 Waimea district
BELL nothing for Alex 1904 – 1910
BELL Alexander 1911 folio 1667 Morrinsville district
BELL nothing for Alex 1912-1914
BELL Alexander 1915 folio 1639 Wyndham District
BELL Alexander 1917 folio 583 Ross district
BELL Alexander 1917 folio 1835 Auckland district
Searched all other years in between no trace
BELL Alexander 1925 folio 357 Napier district
BELL Alexander 1925 folio 970 Auckland
BELL Alexander 1928 folio 1971 Auckland district
BELL Alexander 1928 folio 3416 New Plymouth district
BELL Alexander 1929 folio 853 Oamaru district
BELL Alexander 1931 folio 580 Wellington district
BELL Alexander 1932 folio 3352 Taumarunui district
BELL Alexander McLean 1936 folio 3003 Timaru
BELL Alexander 1941 folio 3123 Nelson district
BELL Alexander 1941 folio 4602 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander Branden 1942 folio 974 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander 1946 folio 2212 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander 1948 folio 45 Auckland district
BELL Alexander 1950 folio 2281 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander 1951 folio 569 Hutt district
BELL Alexander 1951 folio 3818 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander Forrester 1951 folio 3881 Port Chalmers district
BELL Alexander Graham 1951 folio 4113 Auckland district
BELL Alexander Allan Anderson 1952 folio 5055 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander 1953 folio 1043 Dunedin district
BELL Alexander 1957 folio 2558 Wellington district
BELL Alexander David 1958 folio 2266 Papakura district
BELL Lucy Emma age 85 1960 folio 3316 Greymouth

Lucy Emma BELL died 1960 in Greymouth New Zealand. Do not know if this is our Emma Lucy BELL

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio Greymouth district)

Karoro Cemetery at Greymouth Section 2 Row 25 number 13 Headstone
In Loving memory of Robert KEOWN (69) died 05 March 1908 Martha (88) wife of above died 04 November 1924 Frederick (38) died 17 June 1917 Robert (63) died 18 November 1936 sons of above. Lucy Emma BELL died 12 August 1960 age 85 years
(Reference National Library of NZ NZSG cemetery transcripts Greymouth microfiche 248 P03.06 index 1)
Do not know if this is our Emma Lucy BELL

BELL Lucy Emma Greymouth widow 30 September 1960 Christchurch Probate files
ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Agency CAIF series? accession CH300 item 3716/1960 Greymouth Court Will)
Do not know if this is our Emma Lucy BELL

"Timaru Herald" newspaper Christchurch Museum birth deaths & marriages 1864 –1899

BELL A Mrs death 16 Feb 1874
BELL A M death 30 Nov 1880
BELL A H death 28 Feb 1893
BELL J death 13 Jul 1886
BELL M death 06 Aug 1888
BELL S death 18 Dec 1885

BELL W S death 20 Sep 1894
BELL P J (son) birth 20 Mar 1872
BELL P J (son) birth 25 Jan 1875
BELL R (son) birth 30 Aug 1886
BELL R (son) birth 11 June 1888
BELL R (daughter) birth 25 Jun 1890
BELL R (s.s.) birth 18 Feb 1892
BELL R (son) birth 11 Nov 1893
BELL D married 12 Jun 1896
BELL J married 02 Oct 1867
BELL J married 28 Oct 1874
BELL P J married 12 Apr 1871

"The Timaru Herald" newspaper Christchurch Museum obituaries 1861-1881

BELL A Obit 29 May 1957
BELL A Obit 16 Feb 1977
BELL A J Mrs Obit 11 May 1951
BELL A J Obit 25 Jan 1964
BELL B H Obit 23 Nov 1971
BELL C Obit 1 Sep 1915
BELL H Obit 25 May 1938
BELL J H Obit 05 Aug 1981
BELL J R Obit 29 Nov 1943
BELL N H Obit 21 Apr 1973
BELL N M Obit 05 Aug 1915
BELL R Obit 15 Feb 1902
BELL R Obit 26 Aug 1937
BELL W E Obit 02 Oct 1893
BELL W H Obit 01 Mar 1940

Marriage Registrar Generals Office of marriages New Zealand

Alexander BELL married Jane COLLINS married 1868 Folio 0980
Alexander BELL married Sarah Te Wau HANNA 1876 Folio 0790
Alexander BELL married Janet BAIRD 1883 folio 2471
John Fenton BELL married Eliza JAMIESON 1886 folio 2275
Alexander BELL married Ellen Thomson LETHAM 1887 folio 2607
Alexander BELL married Charlotte Ellen SMITH 1897 folio 1038
Alexander BELL married Helen BYERS 1899 folio 4906
(Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry agency BDM series 20 item)

Marriage reference NZSG Timaru Branch Church Transcripts

JAMIESON E (Euphemia) marriage 05 June 1867 folio 1779 Timaru District
JAMIESON E (Elizabeth) marriage 03 July 1867 folio 1869/267 Timaru District
JAMESON A.M. marriage 01 May 1897 Timaru District
JAMIESON A marriage 21 April 1881 Timaru District
JAMIESON M marriage 04 December 1879 Timaru District
JAMIESON S marriage 09 June 1891 Timaru District

Death reference NZSG Timaru Branch Church Transcripts

JAMESON A. I. death 13 February 1882 Timaru District
JAMIESON A death 02 March 1883 Timaru District
JAMIESON E death 07 April 1898 Timaru District
JAMIESON M death 12 October 1888 Timaru District
JAMIESON T death 17 May 1899 Timaru District

Obituaries reference NZSG Timaru Branch Church Transcripts

JAMIESON T "O" 17 May 1899

JAMIESON E.A. Mrs "O" 23 February 1957
JAMIESON R "O" 25 June 1957
JAMIESON I.S.B. "O" 14 March 1968 Timaru District

School records

BELL Ethel Maude born 03 October 1876 parents Alex BELL Le Crens Terrace Timaru Main School

BELL Jessie, School Arthur Street, Admission date 24 January 1881 Parent Archibald Bell, Address Elm Row, Register number 0125 Comment HKN AG164/1/0125, Dunedin Branch NZSG

Probate and wills

Neil Alexander BELL probate place Kaikohe occupation Farm manager court Whangarie probate Number BBNY 10440 41/83 filed date 01 February 1983 type Will

Inquests Deaths

Index to Inquests from "Timaru Herald" 1864-1899

BELL 1870, 1875, 1880, 1893

1870 October 20 = Inquest James BELL age 60 years – Pareora

1875 July 26 Fatal accident David BELL drowned

1875 September 20 Inquests David BELL see T/H 26/7/1875

1880 November 30 Body of Lad found – Alexander Murray BELL drowned

1893 October 04 Inquest William Edgar BELL (Obit 2/10/1893

(Reference Christchurch Museum Index to Inquests from "Timaru Herald" 1864-1899)

Coroner Inquest

There was an inquest into the death of a child his parents were John and Jessie BELL of West Queen Street and the details appeared in the Daily Southern Cross newspaper 25 June 1867. This was not our Jessie BELL

Court records

Police Court Wednesday 1869 = before Becham Esq R.M.

Drunkness. Jessie Bell and Patrick Johnson were charged with the above offence and were punished in the usual way. There was also another article dated 7 August 1871.

(Reference Source National Library of NZ web papers past Daily Southern Cross Volume XXV Issue 3828, 25 November 1869, Page 5)

Note: This is not our Jessie Bell as she was living in Canada at this time

War Records

The family story handed down states that Alexander BELL served in the New Zealand War. I do not believe that the information that I have located about an Alexander BELL does not convince me that he served and these records belong to different Alexander BELL.

BELL Alexander, SSgt Second Class, Armed Constabulary, "Issuer" in the Commissariat, No 7 Coy, Tiki Tiki Waikaramoana, Oneepoto Wairoa, Appl: 1913, Awarded 1913 from DONNELLY J, Re-engraved 1913 1st Waikato Regt

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Index NZ War Medal AD 32/504 and AD 36/3 3320)

Name BELL Alexander address Tauramanui rank & corps Sgt A.C. force actions Ngatapa Waikaremoana date 1868 To whom sent Claimant no & date of letter 04 August 1913 remarks Maori War claim 504 NZ War medal register page 3320

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AD 36/3 3320 = Repr 1660)

Alexander BELL left many hand written letters about his application for the NZ War Medal but nothing links him to the Alex BELL in this family Tree. He did state that he had many sons and he was living and died in Taumaunui.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AD Army department series 32 item 504 War Claim)

BELL Alexander address Taumaunui rank & corps Sgt. A C Force Action Ngatapa Waikare/Moana date 1968 To whom sent Claimant No and date of Letter 4 August 1913 Remarks Maori War Claim 504.

(Reference Archives NZ agency AD Army department series 36 item 3 page 3320 repro 1660)

BELL Alexander NZ Land Wars Graves died 12 November 1932 age 93 Cemetery Taumarunui Native

(Reference Archives NZ Agency IA Internal Affairs series 76 item 16-18 and NZSG CD War Graves index cards)

World War Two

Ian Jamieson BELL born 04 August 1910 Invercargill occupation butcher died 29 November 1941. Parents Jessie and Alex BELL address 1939 mother Grafton Road Auckland and father Auckland Mental Hospital.

Shipping

BELL Alexander arrived in the ship "Gresham" 1864 born Ireland

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Agency AD Army department series 32 item 504)

Certificate Collection

MARRIAGES

- 1886 RGO NZ marriage registration = CTF 06202 = John Fenton BELL = Not related John Fenton BELL age 29 Clerk bachelor birth place York England dwelled Syndham usual Wellington and Eliza (Lizzie) JAMISEON age 20 spinster born Syndham NZ dwelled Syndham married 06 July 1886 Jamieson House Syndham Christchurch.

John's parents were Emily formerly FENTON and Thomas BELL Gas Manager. The witnesses were W J JAMIESON Builder Syndham and Elizabeth FORESTER single Syndham. Registration district Christchurch.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1886 folio 2275 page 2275 Christchurch district)

- 1886 RGO NZ Marriage registration = CTF57872 = Jessie BELL = Not related Henry William JACOB age 32 birth place London England dwelled Nasby and Mary Ann RYAN age 27 birth place Waikouaiti married 22 September 1886 in the House of Mr William JACOB Nasby, Maniototo by J Macosh SMITH. Henry's parents were Elizabeth Sarah formerly HEDGES and William Henry JACOB Plasterer. Mary's parents were Gerinia Ann formerly HOAD and James RYAN Labourer. The witnesses were **Jessie BELL**, Miller MCGREGOR of Nasby & Alfred Hedges JACOB of Nasby. Registration district of Hamiltons.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1885 folio? Hamilton's district)

- 1903 RGO NZ Marriage registration = CTF53085 = Peter Bell = Not related **Helen Catherine BELL** age 28 nurse spinster dwelled Wanganui and Lawrence Ventel CALDWELL age 33 Postal Clerk bachelor dwelled Wanganui married 26 May 1903 in the residence of Peter BELL St John's Hill Wanganui by Minister R M Ryburn. Helen's parents were **Elizabeth formerly MCWILLIAM and Peter BELL** commission Agent. Lawrence's parents were Kate formerly MCGUIRE and Samuel CALDWELL Settler. The witnesses where Ethel Elmslie BELL home duties and J G BELL Clerk both of Wanganui. Registration district Wanganui.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1903 folio? page Wanganui district)

DEATHS

- 1923 RGO SCT death registration = CTF43452-019 = Alexander & Christina BELL **Aleseriwa [sic] BELL** single occupation Clerkess age 26 died on 14 April 1923 at 2 hour am at Lily bank Arbeadie Banchory. Her parents were **Christina formerly PHILIP and Alexander BELL** occupation Tailor _? She died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis 7 years as certified by W H Eoden Braid _? The informant was father Alexander BELL who was present at death. Registration district Banchory Kincardine SCT

(Reference RGO SCT death registration 1923 district Banchory Kincardine SCT)

- 1925 RGO NZ Death registration = CTF62877 = Alexander BELL = Not related
Alexander BELL occupation Carrier age 46 died 19 March 1925 at 102 Vigor Brown Street Napier born Glasgow Scotland dwelled in NZ for 30 years. His parents were **Janet formerly WATSON and Alexander BELL** occupation Saddler. Alexander married age 30 years to Ethel Grantham TIMMO. The age of his widow was 31. His living issues were 5 males age 13, 11, 7, 5 & 2 years and 1 female age 14 years. Alexander was buried on 21 March 1925 at Parke Island. Cause of death was Heart disease for 2 day as certified by J J EDGAR who saw him last on 19 March 1925. Registration district Napier.

(Reference RGO NZ Death registration 1925 folio? Napier district)

- 1941 RGO NZ death registration = CTF43189 = Peter & Elizabeth BELL = Not related

Helen Catherine CALDWELL married female age 66 died 21 June 1941 Boundry Road Wellington. She was buried on 23 June by Presbyterian minister A SALMOND. She was born in Wanganui and her parents were Elizabeth formerly MCWILLIAM and Peter BELL draper. She married age 28 Wanganui top Lawrence Vextel CALDWELL. Her living issue were 1 male age 34 and 2 females age 37 & 33. Cause of death was Coronary Thromboses 2 hours and right-sided pleurisy 14 days Senility as certified by E Philipp who saw her last on 21 June 1941. The undertaker E E Morris of Wellington registered the death on 24 June 1941. Registration district Wellington.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1941 folio 1791 page 649 Wellington district)

CTF 60735-418 = Jessie BELL 08 May 1891 Kingston OTG NZ

CTF23755-538 = Jessie BELL 28 November 1893 Kingston OTG NZ

CTF 46934-149 = Christina BELL 28 July 1876 Saltwater Creek OTG NZ

CTF18260-184 = Peter BELL Shag Valley OTG NZ

CTF00801-151 = Peter BELL Wanganui WAN NZ

CTF 61632 = Peter BELL birth 12 May 1885 Dunedin OTG NZ

CTF01474-246 = Peter BELL 25 October 1890 death Waikouaiti OTG NZ

CTF04424-034 = Peter BELL 05 July 1952 Wanganui WAN NZ

CTF 02797 = Eliza BELL 16 March 1855 Nelson district

BELL Miscellaneous information

RGO NZ birth registration

- Alexander BELL born 01 June 1871 Rangitikei Wellington NZ died 20 September 1911 parents Jane formerly COLLINS/COLLIE and Alexander BELL

RGO NZ Marriage registrations

- Alexander BELL and Jane COLLINS married 1868 Folio 0980
- Alexander BELL married Mary Philadelphia WILLIAMS 09 August 1874 Timaru
- Alexander BELL (born 1871 Geraldine Canterbury NZ died 1958) married 1903 Geraldine Canterbury NZ Helen BYERS (born 1878 died 1960 Timaru Canterbury)
- Alexander BELL and Mary P WILLIAMS 1874 Folio 1792
- Alexander BELL and Sarah Te Wau HANNA 1876 Folio 0790
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RGO NZ Death registration

- Alexander BELL age 83 years (born about) died 1904 (web reg. 1904/3682)
- Alexander BELL age 61 years (born about) died 1915 (web reg. 1915/5092)
- Alexander BELL age 75 years (born about) died 1917 (web reg. 1917/2897)
- Alexander BELL age 86 years (born about) died 1917 (web reg. 1917/10730)
- Alexander BELL age 53 years (born about) died 1928 (web reg. 1928/3303)

JAMIESON/BELL enquirer addresses and information

Name	Address	Connection
LUMPP E.M.H Mrs	New Zealand (now deceased)	Peter
<p>Letter held at Alexander Turnbull Library Reference TL 3/1/2 24 March 1982 above name and address.</p> <p>I am trying to find out the dates my great grandparents arrived in Dunedin. Mr great grandmother was a widow named Jamieson from Stirling Scotland. We know she was a mid wife with two small boys, Peter & Alex. She used to row around the Bays in Dunedin, delivering babies. I think her Christian name was Elizabeth.</p> <p>1) One story I heard was that they landed in Nelson first but were frightened by an earthquake & moved to Dunedin. I doubt the story. We know she remarried a man named BELL had three more children before emigrating to Canada where she was the first woman to walk the trail from Cowiechar to Dunear's BC.</p> <p>2) The other grandparents William & Rebecca MURLEY arrived on the ship Sarah M, also in Dunedin, with a son, name unknown, another daughter name unknown, & my grandmother Elizabeth age fifteen. William MURLEY & the son were shipwrights they later moved to Timaru where they made lighters for immigrant ships. I have a Victorian letter writer inscribed E. Murley, Blackwall, Upper Harbour, Otago. The letter examples are dates 185-, I think it could be about 1856 as my grandmother was either 83 or 84 when she died in 1928 or 9. The Murley family came from London.</p> <p>Could you please advise me as whether the General Registry Office Kingsway London would have Rebecca MURLEY (nee OLIVE's) birth recorded she was born 13 may 1814. I seem to remember reading that Somerset house records only went back to 1830? I would like to know if possible whether East India Company records are kept also Naval records, as Rebecca MURLEY's father was a Captain in the East India Company & was on the HMS Minotaur during the Battle of the Nile in 1798. A cousin has the medal struck to commemorate the event.</p> <p>My mother told me that her father was one of Von Tempsky's Rangers, he was wounded during the Maori Wars the bullet passed through his middle from front to back, could you tell me where I would find records of that, his name was Peter Jamieson BELL.</p> <p>Hoping you will be able to advise me on these subjects, Yours faithfully E.M.H. LUMPP.</p> <p><i>(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Index TL 3/1/2 24 March 1982 reply 4/5)</i></p>		
MAUNDER Mr	New Zealand	No connection
<p>1- Alexander BELL died 1858 Canada 1-1- Hannah Elizabeth BELL born about 1852 in town near Toronto Canada married MAUNDER 1-1-? Mr MAUNDER 1-1-?-? Male MAUNDER</p>		