

## Chapter Three – Second born and descendants

(Weblink Edward Boyle and Hannah Hills)

(Weblink to parents Thomas Boyle and Ellen Fanning)

### **Edward BOYLE**

B about 1840 England

D 05 January 1930 Auckland NZ

### **Hannah (Annie) HILLS nee ATKINSON**

B 25 December 1849 Leeds England

D 17 April 1924 Auckland

### **Children:**

1. James HILLS/BOYLE born December 1881 Auckland NZ
2. Dorothy Margaret HILLS/BOYLE born 19 July 1883 Awhitu Auckland NZ
3. Gladys Annie M HILLS/BOYLE born 25 December 1884 Awhitu Auckland NZ

## The family history of Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS

After Edward's wife Ellen died on the 15 November 1880 at Awhitu. Hannah (Annie) HILLS took up the position of housekeeper for Edward BOYLE and cared for his children. Later Edward and Hannah began to live as husband and wife and from this liaison three children were born to the couple while living in Awhitu. All three children took their mothers married name of HILLS and only occasionally used the surname of BOYLE.

Hannah (Annie) HILLS nee ATKINSON had been deserted by her husband when she took up the position of housekeeper for Edward BOYLE. The HILLS family history before Hannah lived with Edward BOYLE is located at the end of this document.

### 1881 Franklin South Electoral Roll

Edward BOYLE Qualification Residence Residential Awhitu occupation Store Keeper

Edward BOYLE Qualification Residence Freehold Tuakau occupation Farmer

*(Reference NZ Society Genealogists microfiche Index to 1881 NZ Electoral Rolls)*

The records dated April 1881 state that 2 children (from Hannah's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Ellen and Henry HILLS have been committed to the home for 7 years and 1 child Fred is returned to his mother Mrs HILLS and that she is living with another man (named BOYLE) in Awhitu.

Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS first child, a son, James HILLS, was born in December 1881 at Awhitu.

*(Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

### Lieutenant Edward BOYLE Puakau Rifles

Date of Commission 7 May 1871 Corps Lapsed MOV 81/1118

Disbanded 81/1118 & 11/1/82 corresponding page noted

Disbanded 19/1/82

*(Reference Archives NZ Agency AD Series 20 Item 6 Volunteers Army list Page 189)*

### Bankruptcies in New Zealand

BOYLE Edward Awhitu Store Keeper 6 January 1882

BOYLE Edward Awhitu Manukau Heads Storekeeper & brewer 4 December 1883

I have been unable to locate additional information of the Bankruptcy for 1882 and 1883.

October 1882 return of the Freeholders of New Zealand  
 Edward BOYLE Farmer Tuakau County Manukau Area in each County 14  
 Value in each County £120 Total value in Colony £120  
 (Reference NZ Society Genealogists microfiche 1882 return of the Freeholders of New Zealand)

Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS second child, a daughter Dorothy Margaret HILLS, was born on 19 July 1883 at Awhitu.  
 (Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)

Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS third child, Gladys Annie Matilda HILLS, was born on 25 December 1884 at Awhitu.  
 (Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)

Hannah HILLS children from her marriage to William appeared on the Industrial school rolls of 1883 and 1884. The rolls recorded that Ellen HILLS was admitted to the Howe Street Industrial School on 24 June 1881 and Henry HILLS was admitted to Kohimarama Industrial School. The 1883 School Rolls noted Ellen was age 8.6 years and Henry age 6.6 years. The 1884 Roll gave Henry's age as 7.6 years and Ellen's as 9.6 years. It was also noted the Ellen HILLS was sent into service in August 1884.

Edward BOYLE's son from his first marriage, Thomas BOYLE, was admitted to Onehunga School on 13 September 1885.  
 (Reference Archives NZ Auckland School Registers transcribed by Mrs Alderson Auckland)

1887 Waitemata Electoral Supplementary Roll (26 August)  
 BOYLE Edward residential Helensville occupation Settler  
 (Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche NZ Electoral Rolls)

Auckland Evening Star Newspaper 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1888 (page 5d)

**MURDEROUS ASSAULT**

**A Woman Stabbed**

Information was received in town to-day by Inspector Broham that a man named Edward BOYLE had been arrested at Helensville yesterday for stabbing a woman with whom he had been living for some years. It appears that shortly before 5 o'clock in the afternoon a boy named Thomas BOYLE reported to Constable Foreman, who is stationed at Helensville, that his father was killing his mother. The constable went with the boy and met a man named Edward BOYLE on the road. Upon asking him what he had been doing he said, "I give myself up, I am your prisoner." There was blood on BOYLE's hand, and he refused to return to his house with the constable. He was evidently under the influence of liquor. Foreman placed the man under arrest and then hurried to BOYLES's house. There he found Mrs HILL, the woman with whom BOYLE had been living. On examining the woman he found a large wound in the left temple, from which blood was flowing freely. The fore-finger of the right hand was also badly cut. Apparently the wounds had been inflicted with a knife. There was a large quantity of blood on the floor, and Mrs HILL's dress was also covered with blood. There were signs of a struggle having taken place in the room. Dr Hall was called in and stitched up the wound, and the woman was put to bed. When charged with the offence, BOYLE replied, "It's a good job it's not worse."

**THE WOMEN'S STATEMENT.**

Annie HILL, upon being questioned, stated that she had been living with the man BOYLE for the last eight years. She was sitting by the fire about 4.30

*o'clock yesterday, when BOYLE came in. She had a baby in her arms. BOYLE had a knife in his hands. He came up to her and struck at her with it, but missed her. He did not speak. She then ran outside on the road, followed by BOYLE, who upon overtaking her, stabbed her in the face with the knife, saying at the same time, "I will kill you." She fell into the gutter, when BOYLE tried to turn her a second time, She got hold of the knife and held it until Mt Bailey came and took BOYLE away. Her hand was badly cut while she was holding the knife. She had five children by her husband and also five by BOYLE. Elizabeth HILL daughter of the women, was present when the assault was committed. She states that she saw BOYLE come in, but did not see the knife in his hand, until he attacked her mother.*

#### **OTHER STATEMENTS**

*Henry Bailey states that he saw BOYLE and Mrs HILL struggling in the gutter, and ran to separate them. BOYLE said "Don't do anything, Bailey. I am done, take the ----- away." BOYLE had a knife in his hand at the time, which was almost bent double.*

*Dr Hall' states that he was called to attend Mrs A HILL. She was stabbed between the eye and the ear. The cut was about two inches long and nearly half an inch deep. The knife must have touched the bone. The temporal artery was severed and the loss of blood must have been great. He does not consider that she is quite out of danger yet.*

*Edward BOYLE was charged before the Justice at Helensville this morning with unlawfully wounding Annie HILL. As the women was unable to give evidence, a remand for eight days was granted.*

*(Reference National Library of New Zealand newspapers Auckland Evening Star 3 July 1888 column page 5d)*

#### **The New Zealand Herald, Wednesday July 4, 1888 (page 5)**

##### *Stabbing Case at Helensville*

*A Rather serious case of stabbing was yesterday reported from Helensville, by Constable Foreman of that place. It seems that a man named Edward BOYLE, a labourer, gum-digger, & c., who has been living for some years past with a woman named Mrs Annie HILL, quarrelled with her a few days ago about her daughter, whom he desired should go into service in a hotel, but this the woman would not agree to. On Monday the man appears to have got under the influence of liquor, and then to have gone home, and stabbed the woman. Constable Foreman, in reporting the case to Inspector Broham, states that at about ten minutes to four o'clock on Monday last, a boy names Thomas BOYLE came to the station, and reported that his father was killing his mother. The constable hastened with the boy, and on the way met his father Edward BOYLE, who on being accosted by the constable, gave himself up. On arriving at the house, Constable Foreman found a woman named Annie HILL who had been living with BOYLE, bleeding from a wound in the left temple. The right hand of the women was also badly cut. The woman's dress was covered with blood, and there was a quantity of blood on the floor, as also there was on the road, and appearances of a struggle having taken place, BOYLE was locked up. Dr Hall was called in, and stitched up the wound. The constable was unable to find the knife. When charged, BOYLE replied, "It's a good job it was not worse." He was under the influence of liquor at the time. BOYLE was brought before a magistrate yesterday, and the case remanded for a few days to enable the woman to recover sufficiently to give evidence, which she was unable to do yesterday. The man BOYLE appears to have several times previously assaulted her, and the present quarrel arose out of the woman's refusing to let her daughter*

go into service. The woman's story is that she has been living with BOYLE for eight years as man and wife. She says that BOYLE came home on Monday afternoon. She was sitting by the fire, with a baby in her arms. BOYLE had a knife in his hand, and without speaking to her, walked up to her and struck at her with it. The blow missed, and she got up and ran outside, where he followed, and caught her, and a struggle ensued, and he stabbed her in the face. He said, "I will kill you." She fell in the gutter, and BOYLE took hold of her and tried to turn her face up and to stab her again. She got hold of the knife, and held it till a Mr Bailey came up and took BOYLE off. He had often assaulted her before. The woman said she had had five children by BOYLE and five by he husband. A daughter of the woman, named Elizabeth HILL witnessed the assault, and confirmed her mother's statement. Henry Bailey states that he heard screams on the afternoon in question, and ran to the place, and saw BOYLE and Mrs HILL struggling together. BOYLE said, "Don't do anything, Bailey; I am done. Take the ----- away." BOYLE had a knife, bent almost double. Mrs HILL had a cut in her face. BOYLE went away, and Mrs HILL was taken into Bailey's house. Dr Hall states he was called to attend Mrs HILL, and found a cut about two inches long and half-an0inch deep, in the temple, and the instrument causing the wound must have touched the bone. The artery was cut, and the loss of blood must have been great. He did not consider her out of danger yet.

(Source National Library of NZ The New Zealand Herald Wednesday July 4, 1888 column page 5)

#### Evening Post 4 July 1888

Charge of Attempting to Murder [by telegraph united press association]  
Auckland this day  
Edward Boyle gumdigger of Helensville is in custody charged with attempting to murder Annie Hill with whom he has lived for some years. The women who is in a dangerous state from a wound inflicted on the temple with a knife states that Boyle went home intoxicated on Monday afternoon and at once attacked her with a knife. During the struggle he exclaimed :I'll kill you."

(Reference National Library of NZ Paperspast Evening Post Volume XXXVI Issue 3 4 July 1888 page 2)

The above article also appeared in the Taranaki Herald 4 July 1888, the Wanganui Herald 4 July 1888, the West Coast Times 5 July 1888 and the Otago Witness 13 July 1888.

#### NZ Mail Newspaper 6<sup>th</sup> July 1888

Auckland, July 4 Edward BOYLE, gum-digger, of Helensville, is in custody, charged with attempting to murder Annie HILL, with whom he has lived for some years. The woman, who is in a dangerous state from a wound inflicted on her temple with a knife, states that BOYLE went home intoxicated on Monday afternoon and at once attacked her with a knife. During the struggle he exclaimed, "I'll kill you."

(Source National Library of New Zealand NZ Mail, 6 July 1888 column page 17c)

#### Armed Constabulary Force New Zealand

Report on charges taken at Helensville Lock-up

No 381 Date 02 July 1888 Time 4.50pm

Name of Prisoner Edward BOYLE

Offence did lawfully and feloniously cut and wound Annie HILLS with a knife thereby doing grievous bodily harm at Helensville on 02 July 1888

Date when offence reported 02 July 1888

Aged 36 years Calling Labourer Country Iris  
 Religion Roman Catholic Education English  
 Property found £.s.d. Nil Sundries knife, pipe, tobacco matches  
 Signature of Watch housekeeper - *Geo. Forman*  
 Signature of Constable - *Geo. Forman*  
 Signature of Prosecutor - *Annie HILLS*  
 Bailed at By whose order amount Blank  
 How disposed of Committed for trial, at Supreme Court on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1888  
*J A Walker J.P. and Robt. Linclon J.P.*  
 Rations Drawn during the week Hard Labour "1" Lockup Blank  
 Remarks Sentenced to nine months Imprisonment with hard labour at Supreme Court by  
 Judge *Gillies* On the 15<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> September 1888 *Geo. Forman* Constable.  
*(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Office Agency BADW series 10515 Item 1a Armed Constabulary Register Helensville)*

## New Zealand Police Gazettes

Return of Prisoners tried at the different supreme and district courts 1888

Name	Edward BOYLE
Offence	Unlawfully wounding
Where and when tried	Supreme Court Auckland
Date	15 September 1888
Sentence	9 Months labour
By whom arrested	Constable George Foreman

*(Reference Archives NZ Agency Police Series 12 Item 22 Police Gazettes 1888 page 222)*

## New Zealand Police Gazettes

Report of discharged Prisoners

Gaol = Auckland	Name = Edward BOYLE
Where tried = Auckland	When = September 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1888
Offence = Unlawfully wounding	Sentence = 9 month labour
Native of = England	Trade = Gum digger
Born = 1842	Height = 5 feet 8½ inches
Complexion = Pale	Hair = Dark brown
Eyes = Brown	Nose = Thin pointed
Mouth = Medium	Chin = Medium

Dot tattooed on left forearm and on left wrist, scar from boil on inside of left elbow and on back left ankle, lame in left leg.

*(Reference Archives NZ Agency Police, Series 12, Item 23 Police Gazettes 1889-90 page 90)*

Hannah (Annie) HILLS was again on her own. She made application for relief to the Auckland Hospital & Charitable Aid Board.

Application of relief	15 September 1889	
Cause of application	"Destitution"	
Residence	Off Pumping Station Onehunga	
In New Zealand for 14 years		
HILLS	Annie Elizabeth	Married
HILLS	Elizabeth	17 years
HILLS	William	19 years
BOYLE	James	7 years
BOYLE	Margaret	5 years
BOYLE	Annie	4 years
BOYLE	Baby	4 months

The baby is believed to be Charles, the son of Elizabeth HILLS

*(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Office Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board register)*

In the Police court on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1889, Edward BOYLE was charged with failing to provide adequate means of support for his three children. The paternity of the children was admitted. He was willing to take the children and provide for them but Hannah declined that offer. He would marry Hannah but she did not know whether her husband was dead or alive. The magistrate was of the opinion that the boy might be handed over to his father and that he would make an order that he pay 4 shillings a week for the two girls.

This would have been the time when Edward and Hannah started to live apart. I was told that later if they saw each other they were apparently civil to each and would address each other by their surname.

Whether James went to live with his father I don't know but all three children did not use the surname BOYLE as adults. Neither have I been able to locate their birth registrations. I understand that Hannah worked as an untrained midwife taking Gladys with her to confinements and would stay with the family to look after the children and help with cooking. I have been unable to locate the children of Hannah on any school registers but Gladys and Dorothy were on the register of Onehunga School in 1890. James was not recorded on the school register so perhaps he may have been in the care of his father Edward BOYLE.

The Auckland Herald dated 21 October 1889 reads:

**Maintenance:**

*Edward BOYLE was charged with having failed to provide support for his three children. Mr Strathern acted on behalf of the Charitable Aid Board and Mr Brassey appeared for the defendant. Evidence was given by Mrs Hill the mother of the three children and also by the defendant. It seems the defendant was willing to marry the woman but she did not know whether he husband was alive or dead. His Worship thought the custody of the boy might be given to the defendant, and ordered that he contribute 2s per week each for the support of the two younger children.*

*(Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

The Auckland Herald dated 21 October 1889 reads:

**Police Court - This Day**

*(Before Dr Giles, R.M)*

*Supporting his children - Edward BOYLE was charged with having failed to provide adequate means of support for his three children, of whom Annie HILL was the mother. Mr J Strathern, Visiting Officer for the Charitable Aid Board, appeared for the complainant, and Mr GN Brassey for defendant. The latter stated that they admitted the paternity of the children and also the failing to provide support for them. The only question to be considered was whether the defendant was able to provide means of maintenance. He was however willing to take the children and provide for them. Mrs HILL declined to hand over the children to defendant. Mr Brassey said defendant was willing to marry the informant now. Mr Strathern said that unfortunately there was a legal difficulty in the way, as she did not know whether her husband was dead or alive. Mrs HILL gave evidence as to the means of the defendant. Defendant gave evidence that he as earning about 1 pound per week, out of which he supported himself and his boy. He was willing to take the children and care for them. Dr Giles said that the Court could not accept such an offer unless the mother was willing. It must however weigh for something. He was of the opinion that defendant could do something for the children, though it might not be much. The boy might be handed over to the*

*defendant and in respect of the two girls he would make an order for shillings per week.*

*(Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

The Onehunga School register records Margaret (Dorothy Margaret) HILLS and Annie (Gladys Annie Matilda) HILLS admitted 14 October 1889 their parent details were recorded as Mrs Annie HILLS. Their names were removed from the register on 28 March 1890.

*(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Office School registers Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

At the Residents Magistrates Court yesterday morning the following cattle trespass cases were dealt with: Edward Boyle was fined 1s with 13s costs for allowing a horse to wander at Papakaio. NOTE: I do not believe this is our Edward was resident in Helensville.

*(Reference National Library of NZ Paperspast North Otago Times Volume XXXIII Issue 6895 9 November 1889 page 2)*

#### 1890 Waitemata Electoral Roll

BOYLE Edward residential Helensville occupation Settler

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche NZ Electoral rolls)*

Annie's daughter Margaret (Dorothy Margaret HILLS) BOYLE was admitted to Auckland Hospital in 1892 and her residence was stated as Dargaville.

*(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Officer Hospital admission register Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

Hannah HILLS daughter from her first marriage, Annie Elizabeth HILLS, married Arthur ELDER on 7 September 1892 in Auckland.

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1892 information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

Hannah HILLS other 2 children from her first marriage were discharged from the Industrial School. Henry (Harry) HILLS was discharged from Kohimarama Industrial School in August 1892 and Ellen was discharged from the Auckland Industrial School in September 1893.

*(Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

#### 1893 Waitemata Electoral plus Supplementary Roll

BOYLE Edward residential Waimauku Occupation Gum digger

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche NZ Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1893 City of Auckland Electoral Roll

Ann HILLS Baker Street occupation married

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfilm NZ Electoral Rolls)*

Hannah HILLS son from her first marriage, William Joseph HILLS, married Margaret Ellen MORGAN on 6 February 1895 in Auckland.

*(Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

Hannah HILLS daughter from her first marriage, Mary Ellen (Ellen) HILLS, married Francis JOHNSTON on 28 April 1896 in Auckland.

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1896 Auckland district information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

Edward BOYLE's daughter from his first marriage, Ellen BOYLE, married William Charles HEMMINGS on 8 July 1896 in the house of Mrs E MCGREGOR, Wakefield Street, Auckland.

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1896 folio 4598 Auckland district)*

#### 1896-97 New Zealand Post Office Directory

BOYLE Edward farmer Waimauku

BOYLE Edward settler Tuakau

*(Reference Wellington Public Library 1896-97 New Zealand Post Office Directory Page 873)*

Edward BOYLE's oldest daughter from his first marriage, Alice BOYLE, married Francis William CONWAY on 16 September 1897 in the Dwelling House of William CONWAY, Whitianga.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1897 folio 2703 Mercury Bay district)

#### Bankruptcies in New Zealand

BOYLE Edward Houra Storekeeper 18 January 1899

#### *Bankruptcy Notices*

In Bankruptcy:- In the Supreme Court, holden at Auckland

Notice is hereby given that Edward BOYLE of Houra Storekeeper was this day adjudged bankrupt and I hereby summon as meeting of creditors to be holden at my office on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1899 at 11 o'clock.

John LAWSON            Official Assignee

Auckland 18<sup>th</sup> January 1899

(Reference NZ Gazette 1899 Volume 1 page 209 Bankruptcy Notices)

#### 1899 Thames Electoral Roll

BOYLE Edward Residential Opitonui occupation Miner

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfilm NZ Electoral Rolls)

#### The 1899 Auckland Central Electoral Roll

Anne HILLS Baker Street occupation Home Duties

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfilm NZ Electoral Rolls)

Hannah (Anne) and Edward's son James HILLS was admitted to Auckland Hospital in 1899 and gave his address as 17 Baker Street Auckland.

Edward BOYLE's daughter from his first marriage, Ellen (nee BOYLE) HEMMINGS, now a young widow, married on 6 November 1900 at the Auckland Registrars Office to William JOHNSON.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage4 registration 1900 folio4066 Auckland district)

Hannah HILLS son by her first marriage, Frederick HILLS, married Elizabeth JENKINSON on 7 February 1900 in Auckland.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1900 Auckland information extracted by Mrs Alderson)

"The Auckland Star" reads:

*Mr BOYLE went up to Houhora, where he started a store, combined with a gum-buying business, and later he went in for poultry-keeping, of which, oddly enough, his description is "I got more satisfaction out of poultry than anything else I have ever tried".*

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Edward BOYLE NZ obituaries Vol 3 1922 The Auckland Star Thursday March 16 1922)

Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS son, James HILLS, married Anne MILBANK on 4 December 1906 in Auckland.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1906 Folio 5638 Auckland district)

#### Treasury correspondence register 1907/1207

Written            15 Apr 1907 received 20 Apr

Writer            Edward Boyle of Auckland

Subject           Can Treasury advise him of the number of his father's regiment late Thos Boyle pensioner



**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Agency Treasury T1 1907/1207)

Hannah HILLS son from her first marriage, Harry (Henry) HILLS, married Annie THOMAS on 17 August 1907 in Auckland.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1907 Auckland information extracted by Mrs Alderson)

Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS daughter, Dorothy Margaret HILLS, married James WILSON on 5 August 1908 in Auckland.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1908 folio 4434 Auckland district)

Hannah (Annie) HILLS was living at Gladstone Street, Auckland, when her son from her first marriage William Joseph HILLS, aged 38 years, died in 1910.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1910 Auckland information extracted by Mrs Alderson)

Edward BOYLE was recorded as living in Waipu and applied for a Kauri Gum Licence number 423 on 23 January 1911.

(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Kauri Gum Licence index cards BAAZ A350/53 year 1911 page 158 Note: A350/53 old reference new reference BAAZ 4716 series Item 1b)

Thomas BOYLE was recorded as living in Houhora and applied for a Kauri Gum Licence in 1911 Licence number 1741. I believe this was Edwards's son and not his brother who share the same Christian and surname.

(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Kauri Gum Licence index cards BAAZ A350/53 year 1911 page 129 Note: A350/53 old reference new reference BAAZ 4716 series Item 1b page 158)

Edward and Hannah HILLS daughter, Gladys Annie Matilda HILLS married Thomas William SAVAGE on 31 January 1914 in Auckland.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio 577 Auckland district)

“The Auckland Star” reads: (Time period about 1920)

*After a fair trial of the Far North Awhitu drew him South again, and it was only last year that advancing years decided him to retire from farming. He still keeps up his interest in poultry, and in spite of his eighty odd years he potters round a huge incubator*

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Edward BOYLE New Zealand obituaries Volume 3 The Auckland Star Thursday March 16 1922)

1922 Bay of Islands General Electoral Rolls

Edward BOYLE Waihopo poultry farmer

Thomas BOYLE Waihopo Gum Digger (Edward's son)

(Reference NZ Society Genealogists microfiche NZ Electoral Rolls)

1922 Franklin General Electoral Roll

Hannah HILLS Awhitu married

(Reference NZ Society Genealogists microfiche NZ Electoral Rolls)

Hannah HILLS, widow, aged 75 years, died on 17 April 1924 at Wallace Road, Papatoetoe. Cause of death was Senile Decay. She was buried on 19 April 1924 at the Otahuhu Cemetery, Auckland. The Evangelist minister W McCLUNG took the service. Her living issue were recorded as 4 Males aged 48, 42, 40, 32 years and 4 females age 52, 51, 36, 30 years. The registration recorded that she had lived in New Zealand for 51 years.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1924 folio 1101-17 Auckland district)

The New Zealand Herald Deaths column of 19 April 1924 reads:

**HILLS** - On April 17, at the residence of, her daughter, Mrs A Elder, Papatoetoe, Annie Hills, late of Russell, in her 75<sup>th</sup> year. - At rest. Funeral will leave above address at 10 a.m. to-day (Saturday), for Otahuhu. By request, no mourning.

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library The New Zealand Herald microfilm reel 16143 April 1924)*

Another death notice was placed in a newspaper by the daughters of Hannah (Annie) HILLS and Edward BOYLE and reads:

**HILLS Annie** - On April 17<sup>th</sup> 1924, Annie dearly beloved mother of Mrs Robert SAVAGE, late of Russell, and Mrs James WILSON of Khyber Pass, Auckland. Passed peacefully away at her daughter's residence (Mrs A Elder, Wallace Rd, Papatoetoe) Peace, perfect peace.

*(Reference Information extracted by Mrs Alderson)*

The family stories handed down say that the children of Edward BOYLE and Hannah HILLS often went to visit their father Edward and also took along their children.

Edward BOYLE, occupation Storekeeper, was aged 90 years when he died on 5 January 1930 at 36 Findlay Street, Ellerslie, Auckland. Cause of death was recorded as Senile Decay and Myocardial Degeneration. He was buried on 6 January at Panmure Cemetery, Auckland. The Roman Catholic minister, T LAINE took the service. His living issue were 1 male age 53 years and 2 females age 56 and 50 years. There was no mention on the death registration regarding Hannah and Edward living issue. The informant on 7 January 1930 was Joyce SIBURN, authorised in writing by W Siburn Undertaker of Auckland.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio 8 Auckland district)*

The New Zealand Herald's Death Notice column of Monday 6 January 1930.

**BOYLE** - On January 5, 1930, at the residence of his son-in-law, W Conway, 36 Findlay Street, Ellerslie, Edward BOYLE, in his 91<sup>st</sup> year - R.I.P. The funeral will leave the above address at 10.30am today (Monday), for Panmure Cemetery. No Flowers by request.

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library The New Zealand Herald microfilm reel 16213 Jan 1930)*

I have not located the block and plot number where Edward BOYLE is buried in the Panmure Cemetery in Auckland.

**SEARCH** Cemetery records for Panmure cemetery Auckland

At the very beginning of my research I found an article written about an Edward BOYLE. I kept this article for many years until I was able to confirm that he was the brother of my husband's great, great grandmother Margaret BOYLE.

The Auckland Star newspaper of Thursday March 16 1922 records an article about Edward BOYLE. I have used sections from the article throughout the Boyle family history but have now enclosed the full article for you all to read.

**“HIGH TIDE AND LOW”**

A Happy Old Colonist with a varied career  
Eighty Years Wanderings

*Interpreter, sailor, farm-hand, guide, gold-miner, storekeeper, farmer, gumdigger, poultry-keeper. These are some of the things that Mr Edward BOYLE of 8 Burgoyne Street, Newton, has tackled during his adventurous life. And now in his 82nd year he can shake his silvered head and remark philosophically, “Yes, I’ve had high tide and low tide in New Zealand, but have had a happy and contented life.”*

*When he was seven years of age, Mr BOYLE’s parents, who were living in Tipperary, decided to come out to New Zealand. BOYLE pere was a time-expired man, and as a sergeant was drawing the big sum of 2/6 a day pension. He was attracted to distant New Zealand by accounts he heard when Sir George Grey’s scheme of a cordon of pensioner settlements-Howick, Panmure, Otahuhu, and Onehunga - was evolved, the idea being of course to protect the young city from any possible Maori attack. Old soldiers were invited to come out and form these settlements, and most of them came from Ireland. There are still left a few of the “pensioners’ cottages,” as they were called, high-roofed semi-detached houses, but most of them have crumbled to dust. These old pensioners were interesting, and lent quite a distinct note to life in these Isthmian Villages. Some of the Irish were very quaint old characters. When the BOYLES arrived here in 1847 there was no road to Howick; in fact there wasn’t any Howick at all. Everything went by boat, and the new arrivals had to live in big sheds until their cottages were run up.*

*Howick being the most isolated of the cordon it was not quite the bed of roses some of the light-hearted Irish had imagined it, and old colonists will remember the ructions that were threatened from that flank. Life there was so unlovely that thirty years ago, “Oh, go to Howick,” was the Auckland equivalent for a much stronger phrase.*

**AMONG THE MAORIS**

*Fortunately the old soldiers were never called upon to take up their long-abandoned arms, and the most martial exploit ever performed by them was a turn-out at the time the Ngati-paos paddled up from Hauraki to avenge the arrest of a chief who had been pinched by the Auckland Police for stealing a shirt, or some other unchiefly offence. They were Maoris in those days, fine independent, mat-wearing old chaps, and tattooed faces were common. Young BOYLE made great friends among the Maori boys, and his predilection for their company led him into a strange scrape. In those days the Maoris used to flock to Auckland in their canoes, with peaches, kumara, and other produce in season.*

*One day when young BOYLE happened to be in Mechanic’s Bay, always a famous resort for the natives, he was skylarking with some brown boys of his own age, who ended up by collaring him, and putting him into their family canoe. The next thing the white boy knew - he was only about eleven years of age - was that he was being carried off to the Hauraki. The home of his friendly captors was one of the bays between Thames and Tapu, then a much more distant spot than it is to-day. The BOYLE household made a*

search for their offspring, but after finding that he was in good hands they didn't bother any more about him, and he spent several months in the Kainga, living the Maori life and sharing the pastimes of the Maori boys.

Eventually he drifted back to his home, and about two years later he went down to Tokomaru on the East Coast as interpreter to a trader, who was going down to start business in that out of the way spot. Young BOYLE's knowledge of Maori, which he had picked up naturally from his Maori playmates, was turned to good account, and right through his life he has maintained a liking for both people and language. His description of the sort of Pakeha-Maori life they used to lead in those primitive times reminds one of the Swiss Family Robinson with a dash of Fenimore Cooper here and there. The Maori boys were not entrusted with firearms - perhaps such things were none to plentiful - and they hunted very much in the style of their ancestors, chasing the wild pig and setting the cunning snare for the birds of the bush.

### **A RUNAWAY SAILOR**

At the end of couple of years BOYLE drifted back to Auckland - he was a real rolling stone - and he knocked about Otahuhu and other parts farming and doing odd jobs. At the of age sixteen he took a fancy to the sea and shipped aboard H.M.S. Iris, a smart 30-gun craft which was as handsome a specimen of the old style sailing man-o'-war as one could wish to see. A trip to Sydney and some of the Pacific Islands satisfied the youthful Howickite, who found the discipline too strict. To a lad who had lived such a care-free independent life as young BOYLE had, the rigorous rule of the Navy fell like a blight. He says you could not whistle, call out to your mate, "nor even spit," and remarks with satisfaction, "When I got ashore at Auckland the next time the ship touched there, they never saw me again!"

### **TOURIST OF SIXTY YEARS AGO**

Having taken French leave of the Queen's Navy it was natural that our independent young colonial should not linger round the waterfront, and he made for the Waikato, the way to which district was by bush track and canoe. He was now seventeen years of age, and a well-set up useful sort of lad at that. It was while he was working at Maungatautari that he joined a small party of tourist as interpreter, counsellor and guide. Tourists were few and far between in those times, and a journey to the wonders of Rotorua - where BOYLE's party was bound for - was an undertaking. In one thing it was a long way ahead of present day travelling, as there were no hotel bills to pay en route, or anywhere else for that matter. Each night the party off-saddled at some Maori pa, where the natives were only too glad to see the strangers and give them a feed of pork and potatoes or kumara, or anything else the kainga could muster.

As an instance of how things have changed, Mr BOYLE says that in the days of which we are speaking - about 1857 - the Maoris were very keen on growing wheat, for which they got 10/- a bushel. The wheatfields would, however, give a Home farmer the nightmare, as the grain was sown wherever they could find room. And there were no ploughs, all the cultivation being spade work.

### **GOLD**

After having a look at Raglan and Tauranga, BOYLE went off to Nelson where he put in a year, and then moved on to Otago, where gold had been discovered. He was then a young fellow of 21, and had golden visions of his future. Like a true Irishman he was always optimistic, and for a while fortune smiled on him, but all the money he made by speculation was lost in some gold-mining works that the Shotover river carried away during a high flood. It was then that BOYLE turned gold-miner, and after giving the Otago field a good trial he worked North again to the Nelson field, and then across to Hokitika. Rheumatics put a end to his mining days, and he had to sell out his share of a claim which afterwards gave his twelve mates a return of £1,000 apiece. But even this does not disturb his Hibernian natural good temper when he is recounting his goldfields experiences.

When he once more got back to Auckland BOYLE had another shot at the precious metal, and made for the Thames. There he worked at Tapu, which was a very different spot from the quiet little two-stores-and-one-hotel place it is to-day. At one time there were as many as 300 miners camped on and near the green flat, which stretches between the road and the sea, and now harbours nothing more exciting than a stray horse or grazing cow. He got to be manager of a claim, but was eventually compelled to give up mining altogether.

### **BACK TO THE LAND**

A turn at gum-digging at Papakura and Awhitu was the next move of the variety-loving young Irishman, and then he drifted into store-keeping at Awhitu, where he remained for sixteen years. Round about 1873 things were pretty slack, and the business of sleeper-getter was added to BOYLE's list. Just about that time Auckland was busy with its first railway. This was an unprofitable speculation, and BOYLE next took up farming at Awhitu, which seems to have had more of an attraction for this restless colonist than any other spot he struck. Four years or so was enough to satisfy him he wasn't cut out for a tiller of the soil, and he went back to storekeeping.

Awhitu afterwards became too keen from a light-hearted storekeeper's point of view, owing to the opposition from rival business people who had been attracted, and the BOYLE operations were removed to the Far North. Knowing gum country, Mr BOYLE went up to Houhora, where he started a store, combined with a gum-buying business, and later he went in for poultry-keeping, of which, oddly enough, his description is "I got more satisfaction out of poultry than anything else I have ever tried." After a fair trial of the Far North Awhitu drew him South again, and it was only last year that advancing years decided him to retire from farming. He still keeps up his interest in poultry, and in spite of his eighty odd years he potters round a huge incubator, and nothing pleases him better than a long talk on the characteristics of prize stock that he has known or reared, or intends to rear, for the Irish are nothing, if not, optimistic, and throughout a remarkable career of "high tide and low tide" Edward BOYLE has always managed to remain cheerful and see the silver lining to every cloud.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Card Edward BOYLE NZ Obituaries Volume 3 page 1 The Auckland Star Thursday March 16 1922)

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*Family Tree of Edward BOYLE and Hannah (Annie) HILLS nee ATKINSON*

- B-2- Edward BOYLE** born about 1840 Ireland died 05 January 1930 Auckland  
 Hannah (Annie) HILLS nee ATKINSON born 25 December 1849 Leeds Yorkshire  
 England died 17 April 1924 Auckland
- B-2-6- [1] James HILLS-BOYLE** born December 1881 Auckland died 10 December 1964  
 Auckland married 04 December 1906 Auckland Annie MILBANK born 15 January  
 1878 Auckland died 20 January 1943 Auckland (2 issue)
- B-2-7- [2] Dorothy Margaret HILLS-BOYLE** born 19 July 1883 Auckland died 12 October  
 1967 Auckland married 05 August 1908 Auckland James WILSON born 1882  
 Auckland died 1965 Auckland (4 issue)
- B-2-8- [3] Gladys Annie Matilda HILLS-BOYLE** born 25 December 1884 Auckland died 21  
 October 1969 New Plymouth married 31 January 1914 Auckland Thomas (Bob)  
 William SAVAGE born about 1879 Plymouth England died 1947 New Plymouth (2  
 issue)
- 1-2-3- Generations
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**Hannah ATKINSON first marriage and descendants**

**William Joseph HILLS**

B about 1848 England  
 D unknown perhaps Sydney Australia  
 M 1868 Leeds England

**Hannah (Annie) HILLS nee ATKINSON**

B 25 December 1849 Leeds England  
 D 17 April 1924 Auckland

**Children:**

1. William Joseph HILLS born about 1869 Ireland
2. Annie E HILLS born about 1870 Ireland
3. Mary Ellen HILLS born about 1871 Leeds Yorkshire England
4. Henry Atkinson HILLS born about 1873 Leeds Yorkshire England
5. Harry HILLS born 27 August 1875 Palmerston North NZ
6. Frederick HILLS born 24 May 1878 Taranaki NZ
7. Annie Matilda HILLS born about 1878 NZ

The family history of  
 Hannah ATKINSON and William Joseph HILLS

Hannah nee ATKINSON was born on 25 December 1849 at 51 Mark Street, Leeds, England.  
 Her parents were Hannah nee LUPTON and William ATKINSON, occupation tailor.

*(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1850 March quarter District Leeds Yorkshire West Riding Volume 23 page 461 and  
 Index Register Leeds information from Mrs Alderson)*

Hannah ATKINSON was baptized on 3 February 1850 at Wesleyan Chapel Woodhouse,  
 Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

*(Reference Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

**1851 census** 51 Mark Street Leeds Yorkshire

- William ATKINSON head married age 32 Tailor born Yorkshire Northalleston
- Hannah ATKINSON wife married age 35 born Yorkshire Wakefield
- Charles T ATKINSON son age 9 Scholar born Yorkshire Leeds
- Henry ATKINSON son age 3 born Yorkshire Leeds
- **Hannah ATKINSON** daughter age 1 born Yorkshire Leeds

*(Reference National Library NZ Ancestry 1851 census Leeds Yorkshire Woodhouse St Marks)*

**SEARCH 1861 census** England for ATKINSON family

Hannah (Annie) nee ATKINSON married William (Joseph) HILLS in 1868 at the Leeds Registrar Office in England. William Joseph HILLS, or Joseph as he was known and often registered as, was born about 1848 and had been a private in the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot.

*(Reference RGO UK marriage registration Joseph Hills and Hannah Atkinson 1868 September quarter Leeds Yorkshire West Riding volume 9b page 639 and register Leeds information extracted by Mrs Alderson)*

Hannah and William HILLS children, William Joseph was born about 1869 in Ireland, Annie Elizabeth was born about 1870 in Limerick, Ireland, Mary Ellen was born 06 December 1871 in Leeds, Yorkshire, England and Henry Atkinson HILLS was born about 1873 in England. Henry Atkinson HILLS died in 1874 after the family's arrival in New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO Ireland & UK birth registration Information researched by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

Hannah and William's daughter Mary Ellen HILLS was born 06 December 1871 in Leeds Yorkshire England.

*(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1872 March quarter District Leeds Yorkshire West Riding Volume 9b page 478)*

Hannah and William's son Henry Atkinson HILLS who was born about 1874 in Leeds Yorkshire England.

*(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1874 June quarter district Leeds Yorkshire West Riding Volume 9b page 599)*

Hannah (Annie) nee ATKINSON and William Joseph HILLS along with their four children sailed from England on 27 April 1874 on the "Euterpe" and arrived at Port Nicholson, Wellington on 30 August 1874. The passenger list records:

HILLS Wm Jos	26 years	Yorks	Labourer
HILLS Hannah	25 years	Yorks	
HILLS Wm Jos	5 years	Yorks	
HILLS Annie E	4 Years	Yorks	
HILLS Mary E	3 Years	Yorks	
HILLS Henry A	9 months	Yorks	

*(Reference Archives NZ Shipping Index Wellington IM Series 15 Item 124 Euterpe)*

Hannah and William HILLS had 3 more children born in New Zealand. Harry (Henry) was born on 27 August 1875 in Palmerston North, Frederick HILLS was born 24 May 1878 in Taranaki and Annie Matilda HILLS about the same time but place is unknown.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1875 folio 1625 Palmerston North and Information research by Mrs Alderson Auckland)*

The family story tells of Hannah, William HILLS and family living in a bullet-ridden shack on the foothills of Mount Egmont and later they travelled to Onehunga by ship.

On 11 November 1879 an inquest was held into the death of Hannah and William HILLS youngest daughter Annie Matilda aged 1 year 3 months. She accidentally drowned in Saltwater creek at Awhitu. The older children were left home to look after her while their parents attended church. An article about Annie's death appeared in the Inquest and Accident column of The New Zealand Herald dated Monday December 8 1879, on the same

page as a report about the accident and death of Edward's brother James BOYLE at Britomart Point.

*(Reference Archives NZ Coroners Report Wellington J-Justice Series 46 Item 1879/4047 and Monday December 8 1879 The New Zealand Herald microfilm reel 16604 Oct-Dec 1879)*

The 7 pages of Annie Matilda Hills coroners report which is hard to read. To be transcribed!

*(Reference Archives NZ Agency Justice series 46 Item 1879/4047)*

Soon after the death of Annie Matilda in 1879 her father William Joseph HILLS deserted his wife Hannah and their 5 surviving children William Joseph, Annie Elizabeth (Lizzie), Mary Ellen (Ellen), Harry (Henry) and Frederick.

In August 1880 Hannah HILLS three youngest children Mary Ellen (Ellen), Harry (Henry) and Frederick were admitted into a Home for destitute children. Their records show that the father is believed to have deserted the family and is supposedly in Sydney. Hannah is recorded as being respectable and living with another man near Onehunga.

The records dated April 1881 detail the children Ellen and Henry HILLS have been committed to the home for 7 years and Fred is returned to his mother. It is now recorded that Mrs HILLS is living with another man (named BOYLE) in Awhitu.

Here ends the family history of Hannah's children from her first marriage but her story continues in the above section along with Edward BOYLE.

### Family Tree of Hannah and William Joseph HILLS

- H- William Joseph HILLS** born about 1848 Yorkshire England married 20 August 1868  
Leeds Yorks England Hannah (Annie) ATKINSON born 25 December 1849 Leeds  
Yorkshire England died 17 April 1924 Auckland
  - H-1- William Joseph HILLS** born about 1869 Ireland died 01 April 1910 married 06  
February 1895 Margaret Ellen MORGAN (Issue unknown)
  - H-2- Annie Elizabeth HILLS** born about 1870 Limerick Ireland married 07 September 1892  
Arthur ELDER (Issue unknown)
  - H-3- Mary Ellen HILLS** born 06 December 1871 Leeds Yorks England married 28 April 1896  
Francis JOHNSTON (Issue unknown)
  - H-4- Henry Atkinson HILLS** born about 1873 died about 1874 New Zealand
  - H-5- Harry HILLS** born 27 August 1875 Palmerston North married 17 August 1907  
Annie THOMAS (Issue unknown)  
*Harry HILLS occupation Milker address 10 Stewart Street Ponsonby Auckland  
registered with the second reserves during World War One (1914-1918) classification  
C (2 children).*
  - H-6- Frederick HILLS** born 24 May 1878 Taranaki died 10 August 1945 married 07  
February 1900 Elizabeth JENKINSON (Issue Unknown)  
*Fredrick HILLS occupation Gasworks Stoker address 6 Yarborough Street Ponsonby  
Auckland registered with the second reserves during World War One (1914-1918)  
classification F (more than 4 children)*
  - H-7- Annie Matilda HILLS** born about 1878 New Zealand died 09 November 1879 Awhitu
- 1-2- Generations