

Henry MORRIS and Norah / Honora MOYLAN
Chart 26-27-2

(Weblink HA Morris Moylan 1884 New Zealand)
(Weblink to Henry's parents HA Morris Wells 1858 England)

Henry Joseph (Harry) MORRIS

B about 1859 Warrington Lancaster England

D 10 October 1940 Riverton Invercargill NZ

M 11 September 1884 Invercargill NZ

Honora / Norah (Rona) MOYLAN

B about 1861-62 Galaway Ireland

D 19 July 1923 Invercargill NZ

Children:

1. Richard William MORRIS born 1885 Invercargill NZ
2. Margaret MORRIS born 1887 Invercargill NZ
3. Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 Invercargill NZ
4. Mary Josephine MORRIS born 1890 Invercargill NZ
5. William George MORRIS born 1891 Invercargill NZ
6. Henry Joseph MORRIS born 1893 Invercargill NZ
7. Thomas MORRIS born 04 May 1895 Invercargill NZ
8. Edward Peter MORRIS born 1898 Invercargill NZ
9. Margaret Beatrice MORRIS born 1900 Invercargill NZ

The Family History of
Henry MORRIS and Honora MOYLAN

Henry MORRIS was born about 1859 Warrington Lancaster England

ORDER (Reference RGO UK birth registration 1859 December quarter Volume 8c page 133 Warrington Cheshire Lancashire England)

1861 Census 17 Gandey Court Parish of Warrington Municipal Ward of North East Borough of Warrington Town Warrington Ecclesiastical District of St Elphans

- Richard MORRIS head Married aged 33 occupation Labourer born Warrington
- Jane MORRIS wife aged 32 occupation Washer Woman born Warrington
- William WELLS son aged 11 Scholar born Warrington
- **Henry MORRIS** son aged 1 born Warrington

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 0543030 Census 1861 page 16 Warrington Lancaster England)

Henry MORRIS his parents and siblings boarded the '*British Crown*' and left Liverpool England 06 May 1863, arriving Lyttleton Christchurch New Zealand on 17 August 1863.

- Richard MORRIS age 34
- Jane MORRIS age 35
- Henry MORRIS age 3
- Alice MORRIS age 1
- William MORRIS age 9

Arrived on the British Crown 17-8-1863 distressed emigrants from North of England. pars list: Ref. Lib [Canterbury Museum Library]: LT (Lyttleton Times) 16 November 1867, 23 January 1868, 11-June 1869, 03 April 1871, and 13 February 1875.

(Reference Canterbury Museum NZ G.R. MacDonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies M 628)

When the MORRIS family travelled to New Zealand the story state that Henry MORRIS had great balance and used to walk on the ropes at the side of the ship.

Tuapeka Times newspaper 26 April 1876

Christchurch April 21

The attendance at Blondin's evening performances this" week has averaged nearly 5,000 a night.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Tuapeka Times newspaper 26 April 1876 page 3)

Early 1875 In Australia the famous BLONDIN who crossed the Niagara Falls on a tight rope performed at the Melbourne Opera House and later in Adelaide and Tasmania. I believe Henry MORRIS must have seen one of the Blondin's 1876 New Zealand performances. After Henry MORRIS saw BLONDIN he practised and later became known as "The New Zealand Blondin".

Otago Witness newspaper 29 December 1877

There is a young aspirant here to athletic fame in the person of one **Henry Morris**, who dubs himself, I believe, the **Blondin of New Zealand**. I have never witnessed his performances, but I am told that he is very clever, and with a complete set of appliances direct from Melbourne this youngster intends to electrify the world.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Otago Witness newspaper 29 December 1877 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 26 February 1878

CHRISTCHURCH. 26th February.

A youth named **Morris**, a native of **Oxford**, Northern Canterbury, made his debut here last night as an amateur of **Blondin's** performance. He included several of Blondin's best tricks, and was remarkably good.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past on line Evening Post newspaper 26 February 1878 page 2)

Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 26 February 1878

INTERPROVINCIAL [Press Agency]

A youth named **Morris**, a native of **Oxford**, Northern Canterbury, made his debut here last night as an imitator of **Blondin's** performance. He included several of Blondin's best tricks, and" was remarkably good.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past on line Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 26 February 1878 page 2)

Thames Star newspaper 26 February 1878

CHRISTCHURCH.

(Per Press Agency)

A youth named **Morris**, native of Oxford, Northern Canterbury, made his debut here last night as an imitator of **Blondin's**. Best performance included several of Blondin's best tricks and wag remarkably good.

(National Library NZ Papers Past newspaper Thames Star newspaper 26 February 1878 page 2)

Star newspaper 26 February 1878

THE NEW ZEALAND BLONDIN.

Last evening, young **Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, made his debut at the New Oddfellows' Hall. The attendance was, for the first appearance of a comparatively unknown aspirant to public favour, very good. The first portion of the entertainment consisted of a vocal and instrumental concert, under the leadership of Herr Bunz. The orchestral selections were well rendered, and; the songs of Messrs Cardell, Hammond, and Hamilton, were warmly applauded. Miss Patti Rosa gained a hearty encore, to which she good-naturedly responded. The second part of the

entertainment was, however, the attraction of the evening. **Morris**, who has a very youthful appearance -was attired in a becoming costume, and to the strains of "See, the Conquering hero comes," he stepped on to the rope, his confident bearing creating a highly favourable impression. Keeping time to the music he made a preliminary journey and then a rapid one, in the midst of which he halted, assuming various positions, standing on his head on the rope, and throwing himself suddenly on his back. The applause was deafening, and it was at once apparent that the **New Zealand Blondin** had achieved success. He then traversed the rope blindfolded, and with a loose bag drawn over him, an uncertainty of stop being well simulated. Next came some astonishing chair feats, **Morris** balancing the chair on the rope and then climbing over it. He also seated himself upon the top rail of the chair back, finally slinging it over his shoulder and carrying it to the starting place. He then **carried his father** over, the additional weight apparently not making the least difference to him. His next feat was to carry to the centre of the rope a combined chair and table, and to partake of refreshment, and in this feat an extraordinary specimen of balancing was unintentionally given. The wood work at the bottom had a series of slight grooves in order to give some hold upon the rope, but in setting the cumbersome apparatus down, **Morris** missed some of these grooves, and his position appeared the more awkward, There was not, however, the slightest perceptible tremor, and he appeared as unconcerned as if seated at a table in the ordinary manner, coolly dusting his table and packing his utensils neatly away in a drawer before rising from his chair. He then took a barrow forward and backward, and made his final bow for the evening amid hearty cheers, **his father** announcing that this evening some new feats would be introduced. The Manilla rope appears to be of smaller diameter than the one **Blondin** used, but we understand that they are identical in size, and that in point of fact they were manufactured by the same firm. For so young a man, **Morris** must be regarded as a performer of unusual excellence, and his entertainment is decidedly worth witnessing.

(National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 26 February 1878 page 2)

Star newspaper 27 February 1878

The **New Zealand Blondin** - Last evening the New Zealand Blondin again appeared in the new Oddfellows' Hall. There was a decided -improvement in the arrangement of the programme, and as a result the entertainment was more enjoyable than on the previous occasion. The youthful Blondin's feats were divided into two groups. In the first of these he executed it slow and quick marches, together with a run along the rope, upon which he then balanced himself in various positions, winding up with the chair feats. Later in the evening he performed a further series of feats, walking across blindfold, carrying **his father** over, partaking of refreshments midway, and giving a representation of a New Zealand bushman, in which, being to the manner born he was thoroughly successful. **Morris** is but **18 years old**, and his daring and coolness are therefore the more remarkable. He has not as yet the finished style of Blondin but as he has had so comparatively little practice, that can scarcely be a matter for wonder. In every item he was enthusiastically applauded. Miss Patti Rosa, who appeared in each part of the programme, added much to the enjoyment of those present, and gained very, decided encores.

(National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 27 February 1878 page 2)

North Otago Times newspaper 27 February 1878 page 2

CHRISTCHURCH. February 26
A youth named **Morris**, a native of Oxford Northern Canterbury, made his debut here last night an imitator of Blondin. The performance included several of **Blondin's** best tricks, and was remarkably good.

(National Library NZ Papers Past newspaper North Otago Times newspaper 27 February 1878 page 2)

Wanganui Chronicle newspaper 27 February 1878

CHRISTCHURCH Feb 25

Youth named Morris, a native of Oxford, North' Canterbury, made his debut last night as imitator of Blondin. In the performance he included several of Blondin's best tricks, and was remarkably good.

(National Library NZ Papers Past Wanganui Chronicle newspaper 27 February 1878 page 2)

Hawkes Bay Herald newspaper 28 February 1878

Christchurch February 27

A youth named **Morris**, a native of **Oxford**, Northern Canterbury, made his debut here last night as an imitator of **Blondie's** performance. He included several of Blondin's best tricks, and" was remarkably good.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past on line Hawkes Bay Herald newspaper 28 February 1878 page 2)

Star newspaper 01 March 1878

Local and General

The **New Zealand Blondin**. — There was a satisfactory attendance at the Oddfellows' Hall last evening, when **Morris**, the New Zealand **Blondin**, gave another series of exhibitions of his extraordinary skill upon the high rope. The whole of his feats were highly successful, every item being heartily applauded as any performer could well desire. The entertainment was under the patronage of his Worship the Mayor and the members of the City Council, and the musical arrangements, as on the previous evening, were under the direction of Mr Harding, organist, at Opawa. A similar programme will be submitted this evening.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 01 March 1878 page 2)

Bruce Herald newspaper 01 March 1878

Christchurch February 26

A youth named **Morris**, a native of **Oxford**, Northern Canterbury, made his debut here last night as an amateur of **Blondin's** performance. He included several of Blondin's best tricks, and" was remarkably good.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past on line Bruce Herald newspaper 01 March 1878 page 2)

Star newspaper 02 March 1878

New Zealand Blondin - The feats of the **New Zealand Blondin** attracted a fine audience to the Oddfellows Hall last evening. Most of the previous feats were repeated, and; some new ones were introduced, the youthful performer being heartily cheered. To day there is a morning performance, at 2 p.m., to give country visitors an opportunity of attending, and this evening **Morris** will make his final appearance in Christchurch. Those who have not yet seen his really marvellous performance should embrace this opportunity of doing so. A uniform rate of a shilling is to be charged for admission to, all parts of the Hall.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 02 March 1878 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 04 March 1878

The Canterbury Press thus speaks of the performance of the **New Zealand Blondin** - The youthful Blondin feats were divided into two groups. In the first of these he executed his slow and quick marches, together with a run along the rope, upon which he then balanced himself in various positions, winding up with the chair feats. Later in the evening he performed a further series of feats walking across blindfolded carrying his father over part taking of refreshments midway, and giving a

representation of a New Zealand bushman, in which, being to the manner born, he was thoroughly successful. **Morris** is but **18 years old**, and his daring and coolness are therefore the more remarkable. He has not as yet the finished style of Blondin; but as he has had so comparatively little practice, that can scarcely be a matter for wonder. In every item he was enthusiastically applauded.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Evening Post newspaper 04 March 1878 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 05 March 1878

TELEGRAMS.

New Zealand Blondin

Morris, the N Z Blondin concluded, a successful season on Saturday. He leaves for Dunedin to day.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Southland Times newspaper 05 March 1878 page 2)

Wanganui Chronicle & Wanganui Herald newspaper 05 & 06 March 1878

CHRISTCHURCH March 4.

Morris, the **New Zealand Blondin**, concluded a successful season on Saturday last. He leaves for Dunedin to day.

(National Library NZ Papers Past Wanganui Chronicle & Wanganui Herald newspaper 5 & 6 March 1878 page 2)

North Otago Times newspaper 05 March 1878

CHRISTCHURCH. March 4.

Morris, the New Zealand Blondin, concluded a successful season on Saturday. He leaves for Dunedin to day.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past North Otago Times newspaper 05 March 1878)

West Coast Times newspaper 05 March 1878

CHRISTCHURCH ITEMS

Christchurch March 4

Morris, the New Zealand Blondin, concluded a successful season on Saturday. He leaves for Dunedin to day.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past West Coast Times newspaper 05 March 1878 page 2)

The MORRIS family left Oxford and settled in Waikiwi Invercargill around 1878.

Southland Times Newspaper 30 March 1878

Saturday 30th March 1878

The **N Z. Blondin**. — The first performance of the colonial emulator of the fame of the world-famous Blondin, took place last evening. It is much to be regretted that the weather turned unfavourable just as the entertainment was about to begin, and consequently the effect was a little marred as the attendance was sensibly lessened. Notwithstanding the dampness, which must have rendered the numerous feats doubly perilous, a long and difficult programme was gone through. The various feats wore such to excite the wonder of the onlooker, while the ease with which they were done entirely removed the fear, which a clumsy performer would have excited. A most discreditable feature of the evening's amusement was the number who availed themselves of the view to be obtained from the street, thus evading the small charge made for admission. We have the authority of **Mr Morris** for saying, that any person professing his inability to pay for entrance, will be avowed to witness the performance gratis, and we trust that for the credit of the town, that, none will be so niggardly as to share in what they are unwilling to pay for. There will be a matinee this afternoon at two o'clock, at which the Volunteer Band will assist, and which is advertised as being under the patronage of Sir John Biohardson, and we are

confident that all those who admire daring will be in attendance, and record their appreciation to what is really a first class exhibition.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Southland Times Newspaper 30 March 1878 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 09 April 1878

Blondin - There was but a moderate attendance at Blondin's performance last night, notwithstanding the presence of the band, which played up from the Albion Hotel. In thanking the spectators for their patronage, **Mr Morris, sen.**, announced that probably tonight would be the last on which **Blondin** would appear in Invercargill. Those, therefore, who have not seen him, should not miss the opportunity, and those who have may avail themselves of the last chance of witnessing his daring feats.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Southland Times newspaper 09 April 1878 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1878

The Southland Times says - **Henry Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, has met with a **serious accident**. While cutting wood with his father in the Waikiwi Bush, his axe caught in some scrub and came on to his toes, slitting the big one, cutting the next off close to the foot, and lastly the tips off the three others. He was brought to the hospital. The family are deserving of sympathy, all they possessed and their whole energies for a long time past having been devoted towards making the lad proficient in the pursuit he has adopted. He had been practising in the bush for the last six weeks when not engaged in working with his father for a livelihood, with the intention of starting on a tour in the spring.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1878 page 3)

Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 26 July 1878

The Southland Times says - **Henry Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, has met with a **serious accident**. While cutting wood with his father in the Waikiwi Bush, his axe caught in some scrub and came on to his toes, slitting the big one, cutting the next off close to the foot, and lastly the tips off the three others. He was brought to the hospital. The family are deserving of sympathy, all they possessed and their whole energies for a long time past having been devoted towards making the lad proficient in the pursuit he has adopted. He had been practising in the bush for the last six weeks when not engaged in working with his father for a livelihood, with the intention of starting on a tour in the spring.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 26 July 1878 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 03 December 1878

The **New Zealand Blondin**. — Parties interested are endeavouring to arrange for the appearance at the forthcoming sports of the **young man Morris**, usually known by the sobriquet of "The New Zealand Blondin," who will give a series of performances on a tight rope to be erected in close proximity to the grounds. It will be remembered that **Morris** recently sustained **severe injuries** to one or two of his toes while cutting timber in this locality, and that **amputation** had to be had recourse to. He has since recovered, and is now as agile on the tight rope as ever.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Southland Times newspaper 03 December 1878 page 2)

Southland Times Newspaper 03 January 1879

NEW ZEALAND BLONDIN.

I beg respectfully to return my sincere thanks to all concerned for the very liberal support accorded at the Caledonian Gathering, under the very adverse circumstances, in regard to weather, in which the New Zealand Blondin was compelled to perform.

Yours respectfully,
RICHARD MORRIS.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times Newspaper 03 January 1879 page 2)

Star newspaper 03 January 1879

INVERCARGILL

[Special] Jan. 2

The Horticultural Show was held to day, and again attracted a large number of visitors. At the Caledonian Sports there was a fair attendance, though not so large as on previous day, and the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily. **Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, again performed, notwithstanding the high wind.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 03 January 1879 page 3)

Timaru Herald newspaper 03 January 1879

Invercargill, Jan. 2.

Morris, the New Zealand Blondin, again performed, notwithstanding the high wind. The gate money for the two days amounted to about £250.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Timaru Herald newspaper 03 January 1879 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 03 January 1879

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

Richard Morris, on behalf of the **New Zealand Blondin**, returns thanks for the patronage accorded the latter during his performance at the Caledonian gathering. and

THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY'S SPORTS.

The twelfth annual gathering, under the auspices of the Caledonian Society, was held in their grounds on Wednesday, and concluded yesterday.

Prominent features in the scene were the Garrison Band with their handsome uniforms on their elevated stand, and the ship-like arrangement of poles and ropes erected for the performance of **young Morris**.

At this stage of the proceeding young Morris[^] known ah the New Zealand Blondin, made his appearance on the tight rope, which had been erected for him immediately: contiguous to the ground. Owing to the high wind he could only go through a portion of his performance.

Notwithstanding that the wind was" only a shade less strong than on the previous day. Young Morris again essayed to. Give his performance on the tight -rope. He had not proceeded far, however, when his foot slipped, but he immediately extricated; himself from any danger, and did not proceed further with the performance. We understand that there was no real danger to the artiste in this incident.

(Reference RGO NZ National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times newspaper 03 January 1879 page 2)

Southland Times Newspaper 04 January 1879

The New Zealand Blondin. — Young Morris having been unable to give anything like a complete performance at the Caledonian Sports, purposes appearing on the rope to night.

(Reference RGO NZ National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times Newspaper 04 January 1879 page 2)

Star newspaper 06 January 1879

INVERCARGILL [special] Jan 4

Young **Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, gave a successful performance on Saturday evening.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 06 January 1879 page 3)

Southland Times Newspaper 06 January 1879

The New Zealand Blondin

There was a large crowd of spectators at the Caledonian Society's grounds, on Saturday evening, to witness the performance of the **New Zealand Blondin**. As his agent had announced, he simply appeared in consequence of his not having been able, owing to the high wind prevailing, to perform on the tight rope with any real effect during the sports. The weather on Saturday, however, was most suitable, hardly a breath of wind stirring. **Morris** commenced by walking the rope, afterwards running and then walking over it blindfolded. To the spectators this latter performance presented a most dangerous aspect, and on any slightly false step being made a thrill of horror ran through them, but the performer was evidently at his ease and took matters as calmly as ordinary persons do when traversing mother earth. During the evening he carried a precocious youngster over the rope, and at another time walked the hawser with, wicker-work baskets doing duty as boots. At another stage he most ingeniously balanced, himself, a chair, and a table on the rope, and partook of a repast -with the most consummate nonchalance. His general agility on the rope was a theme of admiration to those below and frequently he was loudly applauded for his skill and nerve in, accomplishing some of the numerous feats he has learnt since he first took upon himself the sobriquet of **The New Zealand Blondin**. The pole carried to balance him was between thirty and forty pounds weight. The Garrison Band was present and played some enlivening music during the evening.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times Newspaper 06 January 1879 page 2)

Otago Witness newspaper 11 January 1879

INVERCARGILL January 1st

There were over 4000 people present at the Caledonian Society's gathering to day. The weather was most unpleasant, but notwithstanding the proceedings were highly successful.

During the day Young Morris, the New Zealand Blondin, gave his performances so was practicable, owing to the wind.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Otago Witness newspaper 11 January 1879 page 8)

Otago Witness newspaper 08 March 1879

Dunedin Jockey Club Annual Meeting

A camera obscure, erected in the hillside, attracted numerous patrons while **young Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, sent through a series of remarkable feats on the tight-rope, such as walking across the rope with baskets fixed to his feet, or tied in bags, amid the acclamations of the spectators.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Otago Witness newspaper 08 March 1879 page 19)

1881 Ashley Electoral Roll for 1881

- Henry MORRIS Occupation Bushman Place of residence West Oxford

(Reference Oxford the First 100 years by O A Gillespie page 253 Appendix)

SEARCH the 1882 "The Press" newspapers regarding his rope walking at age 23.

Southland Times Newspaper 25 March 1882

Blondin. — **Mr Henry Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**, announces that he is about to resume his performances on the high rope, and promises to astonish the public in Sloan's hall on the evening of Friday next.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times Newspaper 25 March 1882 page 2)

Southland Times Newspaper 25 March 1882

SYNOPSIS OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mr Henry Morris, the **New Zealand Blondin**, announced that he will appear at Sloan's Theatre on March 31.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times Newspaper 25 March 1882)

Southland Times Newspaper 25 March 1882

NOTICE

Mr Henry Morris

New Zealand Blondin

Being about to resume his performances on the High Rope, will, by his new Feats, astonish the Public at Sloan's Theatre, on March 31st, and 1st April.

Particulars iv future Advertisement. mc2s

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times Newspaper 25 March 1882 page 3)

Southland Times newspaper 30 March 1882

SYNOPSIS OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Mr Henry Morris, the **New Zealand Blondin**, will perform in Sloan's Theatre on Friday and Saturday next.

(National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times newspaper 30 March 1882 page 2)

Southland Times Newspaper 30 March 1882

Rope Walking - **Mr Henry Morris**, the New Zealand Blondin, is announced to appear in some extraordinary feats on the tightrope, at Sloan's theatre, tomorrow and Saturday evenings. The list of his feats will be found in our other columns, and many of them, it will be seen, are novel and altogether wonderful. It way not be out of place, to mention that **Morris** is a young man belonging to the district, who has acquired astonishing proficiency in the line of life he has adopted by a long course of training — some years we believe.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times newspaper 30 March 1882 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 31 March 1882

BLONDIN— We again draw attention to the performances to be given tonight and tomorrow evening by young Morris, the New Zealand Blondin. His feats on the high rope should in themselves be sufficient to draw a good house, but his manager has in addition arranged for a concert, in; which several of our leading amateurs will take part.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times newspaper 31 March 1882 page 2)

Southland Times newspaper 01 April 1882

The New Zealand Blondin

We were glad, to say that a good " house " assembled last night in Sloan's Theatre to witness the first public performance for some time of **Mr. H. Morris, of Waikiwi**, who has attained to some fame as a performer on the **tight rope**, In order to give variety to the entertainment a number of amateurs opened the proceedings with a song mid dance entertainment. The accompanists were Messrs Fitzroy and McDonald, who supplied the music of the entertainment in spirited style. Songs were given by Messrs Hornsby, Forrester and Hilton, but the dances by Messrs McKellar, Woods, and Anthony were decidedly the most successful items of this part of the programme, each having to submit to a recall, The appearance of the house savoured somewhat of preparations for a performance of Pinafore — a stout jury-mast, with top complete, occupying the front of the stage, the rope to be used by

Morris being rove over the mast head about twenty feet from the floor and extending to the circle of the upper part of the house. The arrangements for "setting up" the rope, weep powerful tackles, operated on by a Spanish windlass beneath the stage. The rope, a 6½ inch one, had not been used for a considerable time, and sagged so much towards the end of the performance that **Morris** had to abstain from showing several of his feats. This will be more sharply looked after to night, when, **Morris** assures us he will give his entire programme. Any feelings of uneasiness that night have been felt for the safety of the performer were quickly dispelled, when, after a preliminary canter, he proceeded to execute several daring acrobatic feats, with apparent ease and confidence. Chief among these was that of standing on his head on the rope lying at full length, and, finally, after some extraordinary acts of balancing, turning a complete somersault. He was lustily cheered for this **Morris** then carried a youth named Preston across on his back walked in baskets and blindfolded, with a sack over his head. His pretended slips and falls on the rope—during this latter feat were cleverly and naturally done, to the horror of some ladies in the gallery. These, however, were ordinary rope feats, and it was when **Morris** set about his extraordinary chair equilibration, that the spectators were roused to enthusiasm. These feats must be seen to be understood thoroughly. First, balancing the chair on the rope, **Morris** stepped upon the seat and sat on the back rail next rising and stepping over the back backwards to the rope. The chair was balanced on each pair of legs — back, front, and diagonally, the performer sitting upon the back in each position. The climax was reached when, after standing up on the chair, **Morris** laid his pole across the seat and stood on his head on it. He next partook of a repast on the line, apparently as much at ease as if in a Pullman car. A march to the "Marseillaise," executed in a sack and blindfolded, was deservedly applauded. The final exhibition of skill was that of which wheeling young Preston in a barrow. By this time the rope had slacked up so much that having wheeled the barrow halfway across **Morris** wisely, backed, home again. The success of **Morris** was undoubted, and had he chosen to shake off his paternal name and seek fresh fields he would long ere this have gained fame in the peculiar pursuit to which lie has devoted his leisure time. There is only one thing lacking in his deportment, viz., the professional "gag," "boom," and hand kissing which, while taken by spectators for what it is worth, seems to be indispensable if a man makes such performances his profession. A crowded house may be expected to night, when the Garrison Band will enliven the proceedings.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times newspaper 01 April 1882 page 2)

Otago Witness newspaper 28 April 1882

Draughts in New Zealand.

The following game was played between Mr R. Boswell, of Christchurch, and Mr J, Morris (the New Zealand Blondin), of Invercargill.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Otago Witness newspaper 28 April 1882 page 23)

Star newspaper 23 May 1882

Local and General

On Friday and Saturday evenings **Morris** the New Zealand Blondin, gave a performance in the **East Oxford Town Hall** to a very large and appreciative audience. The first part of the performance was given by a few of **Morris** friends, and consisted of songs, recitations, and a negro farce. In the second part of the programme, **Morris** executed a number of teats on the rope, gracefully and successfully, chief amongst which was that of balancing a kitchen stove in every possible way. It is understood that **Morris** will appear in Christchurch shortly.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 23 May 1882 page 2)

Star newspaper 30 May 1882

An additional attraction will be offered to the visitors who intend patronising the Exhibition this evening. **Mr Henry Morris**, the Australasian Blondin, will give a series of performances on the tight rope in the south-western quadrangle. Two stages, 200 ft apart, have been erected, and a rope stretched from one to the other, 30ft from the ground, these arrangements have been made under the personal superintendence of **Mr Morris**. The quadrangle will be illuminated for the first time by means of the electric light.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 30 May 1882 page 2)

Star newspaper 31 May 1882

EXHIBITION NOTES

THE NEW ZEALAND BLONDIN.

The attendance on the occasion of the appearance of the **New Zealand Blondin**, at the Exhibition last evening, was well up to the mark. Some time before the hour arrived for the appearance of the "rope walker," the southwest quadrangle was well filled by an expectant crowd. A few minutes after eight o'clock the rays of the electric light, which were thrown on the rope, were taken as an intimation that young Blondin's feats were about to commence. Cramped up in a railway truck or horse carriage, the Austrian Band discoursed more discord in five minutes than they have previously given forth in a week. Shortly after eight o'clock the aspirant for the spurs of the hero of Niagara, arrayed as an Indian chief, left the stage erected at one end of the rope, and balancing his pole in the most approved and artistic fashion, walked quietly to the other end, amidst the plaudits of the spectators. After a few minutes occupied in disrobing, young Blondin again appeared dressed in black velvet hose and trunks with gold edgings. Again taking the rope as far as the centre he laid down at full length, subsequently throwing a somersault in both directions, amidst the greatest applause. The next feat attempted, and most successfully, by the youthful ropewalker was crossing the rope blindfolded, which he performed in a manner that could not fail to secure him the approbation he justly received. After crossing the rope in a pair of wicker baskets on his feet, a boy weighing over seven stone was mounted on Blondin's back, and he carried him to the other side as easily as if it had been on a macadamised road. Enveloped in a white sheet or bag, he again essayed to tread the hemp, and safely carried out his intention, much to the relief of a number of nervous spectators, *who were watching his footsteps with dismay and wonder in combination. The great feat of the evening, however, was his manipulation of the chair. Coming out with an ordinary kitchen chair strapped to his back, he not only released the chair from his body, but balanced it on the rope and stood on it in every conceivable position, terminating his performance by carrying a chair and table onto the centre of the rope, quietly sitting down and having his supper, to the astonishment of those present. He then returned, the Band playing the National Anthem. The rope used on the occasion was a 2-inch manilla, 150 ft in length and 25ft from the ground. The boy who was carried over on Blondin's back is named Joseph Preston, and is about 16 years of age. Although the electric light last evening was a novelty, it could be hardly called a success, as it varied in intensity, so far as its illuminating power was concerned, very considerably. That **Henry Morris**, alias the **New Zealand Blondin**, is more than clever, no one for one moment will doubt after once witnessing his performances. This afternoon, a repetition of the rope walking will take place, when some entirely new feats will be introduced.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Star 31 May 1882 page 4)

Star newspaper 01 June 1882

MISCELLANEOUS

A large number of persons assembled in the Southwest quadrangle of the Exhibition yesterday afternoon, to witness the second performance **Mr W. Morris**, the **New Zealand Blondin**. The feats were a repetition of those of the previous evening, and in spite of the inconvenience, which must have been occasioned by the wind, were executed in admirable style. The assemblage applauded heartily at the termination of each feat of the performer. His somersaults, and feats on a chair balanced on the rope were especially popular.

(National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 01 June 1882 page 3)

Star newspaper 02 June 1882

EXHIBITION NOTES

BLONDIN. The **New Zealand Blondin** gave another exhibition of his marvellous feats last night, and again delighted and astonished a crowd of onlookers. Additional effect was given to the entertainment by the burning of coloured fires, the fumes from which however, must have been anything but, unpleasant for the tight-rope-walker. Young **Morris** will again appear this afternoon and evening.

(National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 02 June 1882 page 3)

Star newspaper 17 June 1882

EXHIBITION NOTES.

The promoters of the Exhibition purpose getting up a special series of entertainments for the recreation of the members of the Legislature during their visit to Christchurch. The New Zealand Blondin gave a performance on the tightrope in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The various feats performed were the same as those on the previous occasions. The somersaults on the rope, the blind-fold feats, balancing on the chair, managing the cooking-stove, and eating his luncheon, were all performed by this young rival of the Hero of Niagara with the utmost sang froid. In the evening Mr Morris repeated his feats on the tightrope, the scene being illuminated by various coloured fires. This evening he will make his last appearance and take a benefit, when it is to be hoped he will be favoured with a bumper house. After the conclusion of Mr Morris' performance last evening, an entertainment of an instructive and artistic character was given in the concert hall, where Mr T. Crook showed a number of dissolving views by means of the ox hydrogen light.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 17 June 1882 page 3)

Star newspaper 19 June 1882

EXHIBITION NOTES.

Mr Morris, the "**New Zealand Blondin**," may be congratulated on the success of his benefit performance on Saturday evening. The southwest quadrangle, where he displayed his skill, was crowded with spectators, the number of persons present being estimated at upwards of 3000. ** Blondin" was very successful in all his feats, his somersaults on the rope and blindfold business being especially noticeable. The performance concluded by his walking across the rope in the midst of a blaze of fireworks— golden rain and a few rockets, which were attached to the balancing pole, and to the platforms at the end of the rope. It would have been an improvement if the lighting had been better

(National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 19 June 1882 page 4)

Star newspaper 23 June 1882

EXHIBITION NOTES

Mr **Morris**, the **Australian Blondin**, gave another performance at 8 p.m., in the presence of a number of spectators. The machinery quadrangle was, during the

performance, brilliantly lit by means of the magnesium and other lights of various hues.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 23 June 1882 page 4)

Star newspaper 24 June 1882

According to this day's issue of the Canterbury Times, **Morris**, the New Zealand **Blondin**, is to make an Australian tour under the guidance of Mr Joubert. During his more recent performances, **young Morris** has been piloted by Mr Oram, of Kaiapoi and the idea gained ground that this gentleman had entered upon an extended speculation. If he had seen an intention, he has permitted "a good thing" to slip through his fingers. **Young Morris** is a more than ordinary performer and under the wing of so accomplished a "showman" as Mr Joubert, he will attract immense crowds of spectators.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Star newspaper 24 June 1882 page 3)

New Zealand Tablet Newspaper 30 June 1882

Many have been the attractions specially provided in the way of entertainments - __ __ and last, not least, the daring exploits of Mr. **Morris**, or Blondin, as he seems to be called. It is understood that this young sprint to fame, gained his experience in the Oxford Bush, somewhere about 40 miles from this City, and that he practised steadily for several years in the hope of rivalling the wonderful feats of the world famed **Blondin** of Niagara celebrity. He certainly is in a fair way of succeeding in his object; his performances on the tight-rope are executed with grace and much "sang froid;" he is, however, slow in his movements, and his rope is not nearly so far above the ground as that of his great rival. I wonder who taught him how to cook his omelette, which must be the least bit in the world tough and leathery since its production requires some minutes of the artiste's time. During the last fortnight he has performed two or three times almost daily, to highly gratified audiences, and has, it may be hoped found the monetary returns equally satisfactory. Saturday was a very special day of attractions, as, in addition to **Blondin** and rinking, there was the Canterbury Dog Show held under the auspices of the Papanui Coursing Club, in the Exhibition building, heralded by a sensational advertisement in the morning papers, to this effect.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past New Zealand Tablet Newspaper 30 June 1882 page 11)

Star newspaper 26 June 1882

MISCELLANEOUS

The following is the official programme for the reception and entertainment of the members of Parliament during their visit to the Exhibition. On the evening of the first day, Saturday next, there will be no less than five separate entertainments in various portions of the building, viz. - A vocal and instrumental concert, under the direction of Signor Carmini Morley, in the special Art Gallery a phantasmagoria pantomime in the Concert Hall **Blondin** and fireworks in the south-west quadrangle; a brass band concert in the American Avenue; and a performance by the Burnham Industrial School Band in the New Zealand Octagon. Monday will be devoted to the Kaiapoi Woollen Factory and the citizen's ball. On Tuesday at 2 p.m **Blondin - Mr Morris** will be publicly presented by the promoters with a **gold medal**. At 3 p.m. there is to be a grand American demonstration, to celebrate the glorious 4th of July the anniversary of American Independence, and after witnessing the children's fancy dress ball, the representatives of the people will depart for Wellington to "resume their legislative duties."

The attendance at the Exhibition from the opening day to Saturday night inclusive has been 182,510 persons. The **New Zealand Blondin** gave two more of his clever

performances in the south -west quadrangle on Saturday before a large crowd of spectators, who applauded several of the feats heartily. The quadrangle was illuminated by means of the electric light during the evening performance.

After the conclusion of Blondin's feats, some go -as- you please skating took place in the concert ball, when several persons disserted themselves on wheels, to the great entertainment of a large crowd of on-lookers. It may be mentioned that it is contemplated to form a Skating Club in town.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 26 June 1882 page 3)

Star newspaper 01 July 1882

Local and General

Yesterday afternoon, **Mr Morris**, the New Zealand Blondin, gave another exhibition of tight rope walking, which was well received by those present in the quadrangle. The Austrian Band played during the performance.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 01 July 1882 page 3)

Star newspaper 03 July 1882

EXHIBITION NOTES

The attendance at the Exhibition on Saturday was larger than on any day since the opening, with the exception of the Queen's Birthday. In the afternoon **Mr Morris** gave one of his performances, which was certainly appreciated by the large audience. In the evening he repeated his feats before a still larger assemblage. The Artillery but was stationed in the quadrangle, and played a number of selections during the progress of the performance, The scene was illuminated by the electric light, and fires of various colours were burned at intervals, while rockets, wheels, and other fire works were let off in considerable numbers. The "equilibrist" was very successful in all his feats, which were well received by the spectators. At the conclusion of the performance, the Artillery Band proceeded to the Wellington Octagon, where they played during the remainder of the evening, and attracted a largo number of auditors.

During one of the intervals, which were as a rule somewhat needlessly protracted, Mr Joubert appeared on the platform with **Mr Morris (Blondin)**, to whom he **presented a gold medal**. In doing so, he stated that **Mr Morris** was a **native of New Zealand**, who had begun his career in **Oxford**, and had asked him (Mr Joubert) to bring him before the public. He had done so with pleasure, and now in reward for what he (**Mr Morris**) had done, he presented him in the presence of the Hon the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with a **gold medal**, and also with a purse containing 40 sovereigns, which he had well earned. The speech was loudly applauded, and **Mr Morris** was cheered as he left the room.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 03 July 1882 page 3)

Star newspaper 05 July 1882

When the New Zealand Blondin gave his farewell performance at the Exhibition the other evening, he was somewhat ostentatiously presented with a purse. Rumour has it that this little piece of effectiveness was a unique specimen of what is known as "high-falutin," for the purse was empty.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Star newspaper 05 July 1882 page 3)

Otago Witness Newspaper 08 July 1882

GAME-"Fife."

DRAUGHTS NOTES. **Morris**, the "**New Zealand Blondin**," is a very good draught player.

Game 'Dyke' = 21-17 Drawn

(National Library NZ Papers past Otago Witness newspaper 08 July 1882 page 24)

Otago witness newspaper 02 September 1882

Provincial

Mr Morris, the **New Zealand Blondin**, | can do something else besides performing on the tightrope. At Invercargill he has won a draughts tournament, which has created a good deal of interest. Morris won three out of four games, the fourth being a draw.

(Reference National Library Papers past Otago witness newspaper 02 September 1882 page 21)

West Coast Times newspaper 04 September 1882

Mr Morris, the "New Zealand Blondin," can do something else besides performing on the tight rope. At Invercargill he has won a draughts tournament, which has created a good deal of interest. Morris won three out of four games, the fourth being a draw.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past West Coast Times newspaper 04 September 1882 page 2)

Otago witness newspaper 30 September 1882

The Queen's Theatre has been for the past three nights the scene of a novel class of entertainment, Mr H. Morris, the New Zealand Blondin, having given exhibitions of his skill there in tightrope walking.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Otago witness newspaper 30 September 1882 page 24)

Star newspaper 17 October 1882

Morris, the New Zealand Blondin, made his first appearance before an Ashburton audience on Saturday evening last. There was a good attendance, and Blondin's astonishing feats were loudly applauded.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Star newspaper 17 October 1882 page 2)

Otago Witness Newspaper 28 April 1883

Draughts in New Zealand.

The following game was played between Mr R. Boswell, of Christchurch, and **Mr J, Morris** (the New Zealand Blondin), of Invercargill. GAME – Dyke Drawn

(National Library NZ Papers past Otago Witness newspaper 28 April 1883 page 23)

Southland Times Newspaper 11 September 1883

Yesterday we had the pleasure of perusing a letter just received from Mr Joubert by **Mr H. Morris**, the New Zealand Blondin. It will be remembered that **Morris** performed at Christchurch during the Exhibition there. Mr Joubert is now in **Calcutta**, organising a grand exhibition in that city, and he has written to **Morris** inviting him to go over there and "astonish the natives." The terms offered for a three months' engagement are too good, to be declined, and **Mr Morris** is, of course, going. As Mr Joubert had the world to choose from, and is a man who knows what he is about in getting up a "big show," his preferring **Morris** to all others is certainly strong proof of the wonderful ability of our young townsman in the peculiar line of life he has cut out for himself. He will make a start for **India** immediately but as his services at Calcutta will not be required for some months yet, he will fill in the time by **giving performances** at the cities on the way, going via **Auckland and Sydney**.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Southland Times Newspaper 11 September 1883 page 2)

Otago witness newspaper 15 September 1883

From a correspondent at Invercargill I learn that **Mr Henry Morris**, known as the "**New Zealand Blondin**," has accepted a three months' engagement from Mr Joubert

to perform at the opening of the forthcoming **Calcutta Exhibition**. He will make a start for **India** forthwith, and will probably give performances at several cities on his way North, as he goes **via Auckland and Sydney**.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers Past Otago witness newspaper 15 September 1883 page 23)

Sailed October 22 1883 'Manapouri' ss sailed from Bluff Harbour for Melbourne passenger **Morris**. No Christian name recorded so do not know if this is our Henry MORRIS.

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Southland Times 23 October 1883 page 2)

Arrived October 15 1883

SEARCH inward and outward shipping for Henry MORRIS between September 1883 and September 1884 when he married Honora MOYLAN.

Honora / Norah (Rona) MOYLAN born about 1861-62 Galway Ireland. Her parents were Margaret nee LEECE and William Thomas MOYLAN occupation Farmer.

Honora MOYLAN arrived in New Zealand and was dwelling in Waikiwi Invercargill around 1877 aged about 15 years old. She may have arrived as single women or perhaps with a family member or relative.

SEARCH (Reference Archives NZ Wellington shipping records)

The 1884 intention to marry recorded that Norah had resided in Waikiwi for 7 years. Norah MOYLAN would have been 15 years old when she arrived in Waikiwi around 1877.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry agency BDM series 20 item 29 page 32-83 Invercargill district)

Intention to marry 08 September 1884 Invercargill district

Henry Joseph MORRIS age 24 years bachelor occupation labourer dwelled Waikiwi 6 years and Norah MOYLAND age 22 years spinster occupation Domestic Servant dwelled Waikiwi 7 years intend to marry in the Roman Catholic Church by Revd Thos MCENROE.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry agency BDM series 20 item 29 page 32 line 83 Invercargill district)

Henry (Harry) Joseph MORRIS married 11 September 1884 Invercargill Norah (Rona) MOYLAN

Henry Joseph MORRIS age 24 years Bachelor occupation Labourer born Warrington England and Norah MOYLAN age 22 years spinster occupation Domestic Duties born C Galway Ireland married on 11 September 1884 at St Mary's Invercargill by minister Thomas MCEURAE. Henry's parents were Jane formerly WELLS and Richard MORRIS occupation Engine Driver. Norah's parents were Margaret formerly LEECE and William Thomas MOYLAN occupation Farmer. Both couples dwelling place was recorded as Invercargill but Richard's usual residence was Waikiwi. Both Henry and Norah signed the register. The witnesses were Richard MORRIS Waikiwi and Sabrina FORD a Servant (X her mark).

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1884 folio 2682 item 70 Invercargill district)

Henry and Norah had a son Richard William MORRIS born 1885 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio web reg. 1885/13728 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Henry and Norah had a daughter Margaret MORRIS born 1887 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio web reg. 1887/4351 parents Nora and Henry Morris)

1887 & 1888 Stones Otago & Southland Directory

- Henry MORRIS Grassmere labourer

1887 & 1889 Stones Otago and Southland Directory

- Henry MORRIS Grassmere labourer

Henry and Norah had a son Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio web reg. 1888/16079 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Henry and Norah had a son William MORRIS born 1891 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio web reg. 1891/8110 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Henry and Norah had a son Henry Joseph MORRIS born 1893 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1893 folio web reg. 1893/13036 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

1893 Awarua Electoral Roll

- Henry MORRIS Voting qualification Residential Occupation Labourer Residential address Waikiwi

(Reference National Library of NZ and Alexander Turnbull Library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

1893 Ashley Electoral Roll

- Henry MORRIS Voting qualification Residential Occupation Labourer Residential address West Oxford

(Reference National Library of NZ and Alexander Turnbull Library New Zealand Electoral Rolls on microfiche)

Henry and Norah had a son Thomas MORRIS born 04 May 1895 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895 folio web reg. 1895/14050 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Waikiwi School admissions

William MORRIS School Waikiwi 1897 Register number 140 Southland Branch NZSG

William MORRIS School Waikiwi 1899 Register number 172 Southland Branch NZSG

SEARCH (Reference Waikiwi school registers transcribed Invercargill Library)

Henry and Norah had a son Edward Peter MORRIS born 1898 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio web reg. 1898/487 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Henry and Norah had a daughter Margaret Beatrice MORRIS born 1900 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio web reg. 1900/10711 parents

Waikiwi School admissions

Henry MORRIS 1900

Thomas MORRIS 1900 Register 208 Parent Henry MORRIS Southland Branch NZSG

SEARCH (Reference Waikiwi school registers transcribed Invercargill Library)

1900 and 1902 Awarua Electoral Rolls records

- Henry MORRIS Grassmere Labourer Residential

- Honorah MORRIS Grassmere Wife Residential
(Reference National Library Wellington New Zealand Electoral Rolls on Microfiche)

1905-1906 Awarua Electoral Rolls

- Honorah MORRIS Grassmere married
(Reference Hocken Library microfiche of NZ Electoral Rolls)

1906 Stones Otago and Southland Directory

- Henry MORRIS carpenter Grassmere Invercargill
- Richard MORRIS labourer Waikiwi (Henry's oldest son))

Waikiwi School admissions

Betty MORRIS 1906 Register 385 Parents Henry MORRIS Southland Branch NZSG
Beatrice MORRIS 1906 Register No 385 Parent Henry MORRIS Southland Branch NZSG
SEARCH (Reference Waikiwi school registers transcribed Invercargill Library)

1908 Awarua Electoral Roll

- Honorah MORRIS Grassmere married
(Reference Hocken Library microfiche of NZ Electoral Rolls)

1912 & 1913 Stones Otago and Southland Directory

- Henry MORRIS carpenter Grassmere
(Reference Hocken Library microfiche of NZ Electoral Rolls)

Honora (Norah) MORRIS formerly MOYLAN aged 62 years married died 19 July 1923 Lees Street Invercargill from Tuatapere. Cause of death was Acute Intestinal obstruction (3 days) as certified by Dr R H HOGG who saw her last on 19 July 1923. She was buried 21 July 1923 Eastern Cemetery Invercargill by the Roman Catholic Minister Wm BURKE. Norah was born Galway Ireland and dwelled in New Zealand for 43 years (arrived around 1880 at 19 years of age). She married age 27 years to Henry MORRIS in Invercargill. Her living issue were 4 males aged 34, 32, 30 & 28 years and 1 female age 22 years. John A FRASER undertaker Invercargill registered the death 23 July 1923. The registrar was Jn FARROWDON [sic].

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1923 folio 2943 line 181 Invercargill district)

Honora (Rona) MOYLAN died 19 July 1923 Invercargill (new BDM ref 1923/9954 and NZ Probate Honora MORRIS married Woman Tuatapere date filed 02 November 1938 Probate No 515/38 Intestate Invercargill Court)

Letters of administration made on 10 September 1938 by Henry MORRIS of Tuatapere retired carpenter widower for his wife Honora Morris made out to his son Ernest MORRIS of Grassmere near Invercargill Railway employee as next of kin. We William MORRIS of Napier sawmill employee, Henry Joseph MORRIS of Timaru Draper, Edward Peter MORRIS of Tuatapere Farmer and Margaret Beatrice WILSON of Invercargill wife of John Murray WILSON of Invercargill Produce Manager agree to the estate of Honora MORRIS being made to brother Ernest MORRIS of Grassmere near Invercargill. Ernest MORRIS made a declaration that Honora MORRIS was the wife of Henry MORRIS both of Tuatapere and she was his natural lawful mother AND SHE LEFT HER SURVIVING WIDOWER Henry MORRIS of Tuatapere Farmer age 77 years and children myself her son age 50 years and three sons William MORRIS of Napier sawmill employee age 48, Henry Joseph MORRIS of Timaru Draper age 45, Edward Peter MORRIS of Tuatapere Sawmill employee age 39 years and one daughter Margaret Beatrice WILSON wife of John Murray WILSON of Invercargill Produce Manger age 38 years. His mother only asset in the estate is a half-share as a

tenant-in-common in a leasehold property. The family state that Honora MORRIS died 23 July 1923 value of estate under £600.

(Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Probate agency DAFG series 9068 item 101 record 515 Invercargill)

Tuatapere – Township on the east bank of the lower Waiau River Wallace County Southland on prov. S.H. No 99, 14 km south from Railway station at the terminus of the Tuatapere Branch line 50 km north-west of Riverton 90km north-west of Invercargill. Schools, licensed hotel, hospital, police station farming, saw-milling, motor camp and caravan park. The town is an important access point to the mountains, lakes, rivers and forests of Fordland.

Tua: = a ceremony performed before a gathering begins.

Tapere: a gathering for singing songs and amusement.

1925 Wallace Electoral Roll

- Henry Joseph MORRIS residence Te Anau occupation Carpenter.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Electoral Roll Microfilm Wallace 1925)

1928 Wallace Electoral Roll

- Henry Joseph MORRIS residence Te Anau occupation Carpenter
- Edward Peter MORRIS residence Tuatapere occupation Carpenter.

(Reference Registrar Generals Office Electoral Rolls Publication 1928 Wallace)

1928 Invercargill Electoral Roll

- Ernest MORRIS corner Bluff Road & Selwyn Street occupation Railway Employee
- Linda MORRIS corner Bluff Road & Selwyn Street occupation married

(Reference Registrar Generals Office Electoral Rolls Publication 1928 Invercargill)

SEARCH Electoral rolls for Oxford district (Ashley, Hurunui or Selwyn Ashley rolls) as the 1929 newspaper stated that he had lived there for 6 years, which would have been from 1923 –1929.

The Press newspaper Monday January 14 1929

ROPE WALKING

Ashley's Blondin - An Amazing Record - Sixty-Nine - Still Going Strong

About five hundred people gathered at Ashley Gorge Domain on Saturday to see the New Zealand Blondin, Mr H MORRIS, make good the promise of his advertisement:

"Weather permitting, Blondin will wheel a young lady across the 90ft rope in a wheelbarrow." People had come from everywhere, from Oxford and the local neighbourhood, from Christchurch and Rangiora, and in conveyances of all kinds from the farm cart to the spic and span City car. At 2.15 men were still making the last adjustment to the tight-rope, which was stretched between two 30ft poles 8½ ft apart, set up in the Ashley Gorge Domain. Every precaution had been taken to ensure safety and success. By an elaborate arrangement of block and tackle the inch and a half rope was stretched as straight as possible and was steadied by side-stays every ten feet which ran down and were weighted through pulleys on rows of posts on either side of the main rope. A new balancing pole, fifteen to twenty feet long, was lying across the crow's nest at the top of one of the thirty-foot masts.

By 3 o'clock the last touches were made to the apparatus and expectation was intense, everyone waiting to see the Blondin step out of the little white tent at the foot of the mast and begin his gymnastics on the rope cable. However, instead of the expected little young man who usually risks his neck in such stunts as walking the tight-rope, an old man stepped out clad in sky-blue shorts and jacket fringed with gold lace, with a little white goatee beard and with a sky-blue cap on his head. He was of an age when most men are leaning on a stick and are nearing bathchair

period of life. The crowd gasped that a man so old and apparently so frail should risk his life even by walking alone over 84 ft of rope at such a height.

Father Time at Play

He was hoisted up to the platform, a picturesque figure against the background of bush on the other side of the gorge, and set off gingerly along the rope with high goose-step action, looking anything but sure of himself. When he reached the far platform a cheer with a salute and turned to go back, this time with a gentle trot and every sign of growing confidence. Not satisfied, he returned to the middle of the rope and stood on his head. Even old Father William in "Alice in Wonderland" might have envied him his courage and agility. He then rested on his face on the rope, turned over and rested on his back, and also sat down before returning to the safety of his airy platform amid renewed bursts of applause. Mr Morris, however, was only beginning and working up enthusiasm. For his next crossing he blindfolded himself, and to make sure of no deception, slipped a white pillowcase over his head and stepped off like one of the hooded figures of the Ku Klux Klan. His journey was slower this time, and apparently difficult, but ended successfully. Removing the blindfolds he picked up his pole again and ran across the rope like a frisky monkey.' For his next stunt a couple of petrol tins were hoisted up. Blondin fixed his feet into them and set off cheerfully to cross the rope again-a very old puss in very clumsy boots. He was a little slower, but no less sure of himself. By this time the pangs of hunger began to trouble him, so taking off the petrol tins he had a table and chair hoisted on to the platform, and slinging the table in front of him and the chair behind set out to have afternoon tea on the rope. However, the wind proved too strong for this feat, and he had to postpone the attempt till later.

Tempting Providence

His next two feats were most amazing. Cinderella, a little girl about fourteen years old, in black shorts and blood-red tunic, was hoisted up to Blondin's platform, where she climbed pick-a-back on to his shoulders, and the pair. The old man nearly seventy and the little schoolgirl, set out together while the crowd held their breath. Neither seemed the least afraid, though everyone else trembled for their safety. They were clapped to the echo on their arrival. Blondin's next venture was even more miraculous. He hauled up a couple of petrol boxes, strapped one on each foot and with these clumsy encumbrances again trusted himself to the rope, swinging each leg wide of the other and carefully planting one box in front of the other for the whole 84 feet. Mr Morris gave his little salute in acknowledgement of the generous applause, and was lowered down for a rest and afternoon tea. While he was resting he told the details of his career to a representative of The Press.

A Romantic Career.

The History of Mr Morris's tightrope career reads like a romance. He is "prime Canterbury," and is proud of it having lived in Oxford for the last sixty years. "I was born at Warrington, in Lancashire, near where old Dick Seddon came from," said Mr Morris with pardonable pride, and came out to New Zealand when I was four years old. They used to say then that I could walk the ship as well as the sailors however much she was rolling. I was born in 1859, the same year that Blondin, the hero of Niagara, crossed the Falls, so perhaps that has something to do with my rope-walking." In the days when he went to school there were post and rail fences about Oxford, and he used to walk along them to school. He liked that sort of thing, and had taught himself. The first rope he ever walked he made himself out of flax. The first exhibition he gave was in Oxford about fifty years ago. When he walked at a big Good Templar picnic from Christchurch and Rangiora.

The 1882 Exhibition

"In 1876? I saw the original Blondin in Christchurch," he said "and he taught me quite a lot. When I was walking in Christchurch two year later the papers said I was better

than Blondin-but of course I don't know." Mr Morris claims to be the only man who has ever walked the rope on stilts in New Zealand. Blondin did it in Melbourne but not in Christchurch. In those days, he said, he used to wheel his sister across and carry his father at the same time.

A Bit of a Flutter

"It was thirty-five years on Boxing Day since I put feet on a rope," Mr Morris said in reply to an enquiry whether he wasn't nervous starting again at the age of sixty-nine years. He had to give it up when he married soon after returning from India. His wife did not like it. She died a year or two ago, and now I am having a bit of a flutter again," he added.

"But do you feel absolutely sure of yourself?"

"No O think I can improve yet."

His little niece, Elaine MCCAHERN, has just as much spirit as her uncle. It was the first time she had been up, and she said she did not feel a bit frightened. "She must take after me," her uncle said. She did not even shut her eyes, and he would have felt if she was at all excited. Miss MCCAHERN, who goes to Oxford high School, has been playing the part of Cinderella in a school pantomime. Mr Morris, who made no charge for his entertainment, seems to do his stunts for sheer love of thrills. His niece was just as keen, egging him on to wheel her across, wind or no wind.

He said he usually had a rope twice as long, but he was starting with a short one in case he got tired at first.

Mr Morris has wonderful vitality for a man nearly seventy. He talks of walking soon in Rangiora and in the King Edward Barracks, Christchurch, returning to the scene of his triumphs in the 1882 Exhibition.

Extracts from "The Press," 1882

The following extracts from The Press of 1882, when Mr Morris would be 23 years old, are an interesting contrast to his performance on Saturday January 12th 1929 aged 69. On May 30th 1882, under the heading "Exhibition," it was announced. "Tonight the Australian Blondin, Mr Morris, will make his appearance in the quadrangle, when no extra charge will be made." Next day the following report appeared: "There was a very large attendance last night at the Exhibition, when the Australian Blondin gave a performance. The rope, which was 150ft long and 25ft high was stretched cross the machinery yard.....Mr Morris, went through the whole celebrated Blondin with much ease and grace. He performed a number of acrobatic feats on the rope, and on a chair with only one leg balanced ion the rope walked over the rope in a sack, with his feet in baskets, and blindfold carried over a ream (sic), and all the other feats, which are familiar to those who witnessed the performance of the French artist. All these were executed with a dexterity and grace, which showed the performer to be as much at home on the rope as on the ground. Altogether the performance was a complete success...."

Other reports followed through June often saying that performances had been postponed on account of bad weather.

(Reference The Press newspaper Monday January 14 1929 copy sent by late Edwin SHEAT Palmerston Otago)

I have a photo of Henry MORRIS sitting, proudly displaying 3 shooting medals, which I now believe, could be the gold medal presented to him at the Exhibition in July 1882. The photo was copied from the Oxford museum under the reference (Harry) MORRIS. This requires further research to confirm.

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Letters of administration made on 10 September 1938 by Henry MORRIS of Tuatapere retired carpenter widower for his wife Honora Morris made out to his son Ernest MORRIS of

Grassmere near Invercargill Railway employee as next of kin. We William MORRIS of Napier sawmill employee, Henry Joseph MORRIS of Timaru Draper, Edward Peter MORRIS of Tuatapere Farmer and Margaret Beatrice WILSON of Invercargill wife of John Murray WILSON of Invercargill Produce Manager agree to the estate of Honora MORRIS being made to brother Ernest MORRIS of Grassmere near Invercargill. Ernest MORRIS made a declaration that Honora MORRIS was the wife of Henry MORRIS both of Tuatapere and she was his natural lawful mother AND SHE LEFT HER SURVIVING WIDOWER Henry MORRIS of Tuatapere Farmer age 77 years and children myself her son age 50 years and three sons William MORRIS of Napier sawmill employee age 48, Henry Joseph MORRIS of Timaru Draper age 45, Edward Peter MORRIS of Tuatapere Sawmill employee age 39 years and one daughter Margaret Beatrice WILSON wife of John Murray WILSON of Invercargill Produce Manger age 38 years. His mother only asset in the estate is a half-share as a tenant-in-common in a leasehold property. The family state that Honora MORRIS died 23 July 1923 value of estate under £600.

(Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Probate 02 November 1938 agency DAFG series 9068 item 101 record 515 Invercargill)

Henry (Harry) Joseph MORRIS died 10 October 1940 Riverton Invercargill NZ (new BDM ref 1940/26355) NZ Probate Henry MORRIS Carpenter Grassmere date filed 13 April 1949 Probate No 3613/49 Intestate Invercargill Court)

Henry Joseph MORRIS aged 81 years born Manchester England occupation Carpenter died 10 October 1940 at Wallace and Fiord Hospital Riverton usual residence Tuatapere. Cause of death myocardial failure 24 hours cerebral haemorrhage 2 days arterial sclerosis years senility as certified by Dr E S FOSSEY who saw him last 9 October 1940. He was buried 12 October 1940 Invercargill by Roman Catholic Minister J MCGETTINGAM. Henry dwelled in New Zealand for 73 years (arrived about 1867 age 8 years). He married aged 27 years to Honora MOYLAN in Invercargill. His living issue were 3 males age 52, 50 & 44 years and 2 females aged 47 & 41 years. The Undertaker John R FRASER from Invercargill registered the death on 14 October 1940. The registrar A E WOBBIE.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1940 folio 4660 line 276 Invercargill district)

William MORRIS declared that Henry MORRIS of Grassmere a retired carpenter and his lawful father and that he left surviving children naming himself age 58, and three sons Ernest MORRIS of Grassmere Retired Railway Employee age 60, Henry Joseph MORRIS of Timaru Draper age 55, Edward Peter MORRIS Gore paper mill employee age 49 and one daughter Margaret Beatrice WILSON wife of John Murray WILSON Invercargill Produce Manager age 48 and their mother was deceased and the value of the estate was under £150. Ernest MORRIS of Grassmere Invercargill retired Railway Employee stated that Henry died at Riverton on 10 October 1940. There was no will only letters of administration.

(Reference Archives NZ Dunedin probate filed 13 April 1949 agency DAFG series 9068 item 131 record 3613 Invercargill)

Invercargill Burials:

MORRIS Henry 81 years buried 12 October 1940 in Catholic Block 7/28

MORRIS Honora buried 21 July 1923 in Catholic Block 7/28

Morris Richard W buried 03 July 1914 in Catholic Block 7/28

(Reference NZSG Cemetery Microfiche Invercargill Southland)

Invercargill Eastern cemetery Roman Catholic block 7 plot 28 headstone

In loving memory of RICHARD WILLIAM (DICK) beloved eldest son of Henry and **Honora MORRIS** died 01 July 1914 in his 29th year; also HONORA beloved wife of Henry MORRIS of Tuatapere, died 29 July 1923 in her 61st year; and her husband **HENRY JOSEPH MORRIS** died 10 October 1940 in his 82nd year.

(Reference NZSG Cemetery Microfiche Invercargill Southland)

Henry & Honora MORRIS their children and descendants

1- Richard (Dick) William MORRIS born 1885 Invercargill NZ Invercargill NZ died 01 July 1914 Invercargill NZ

Richard William MORRIS born 1885 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio 3342 web reg. 1885/13728 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Richard William MORRIS died 01 July 1914 Invercargill NZ and was buried 03 July 1914

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1914 folio web reg. 1914/6702 age 29 years born about 1885)

Richard Morris made a will on 29 June 1914. Henry Morris of Tuatapere in County of Wallacetown carpenter declared that Richard Morris of Waikiwi Southland Carpenter died 01 July 1914. Richard appointed his father Henry Morris of Tuatapere carpenter as sole executor and bequeathed one fourth to his personal property to his father, one fourth to his mother Honora Morris, one half to Elizabeth McGearty Wallacetown spinster. The witness was William John Harris carpenter Waikiwi his cousin.

(Reference Archives NZ Dunedin probate agency DAFG series 9066 item 31 record 3661 Invercargill)

I believe Richard may have been engaged to Elizabeth MCGEARTY who was born 1886.

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1886 folio web reg. 1886/4363 parents Elizabeth and Bernard McGearty)

Elizabeth's parents were Elizabeth (1852-1928) and Bernard (1841-1914) MCGEARTY and her siblings were Charles born 1883, Susan (died 1959), James (1883-1916), and Frances Monica (1889 – 1965). In 1930 there is a marriage registration for Elizabeth Ellen MCGEARTY (1886- 1949) to Albert Edward SHIRLEY.

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(Reference microfiche NZ cemetery transcripts Invercargill Southland & Invercargill cemeteries on line)

2- Margaret MORRIS born 1887 Invercargill NZ died 1887 Invercargill NZ died young

Margaret MORRIS born 1887 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio web reg. 1887/4351 parents Nora and Henry Morris)

Margaret MORRIS died 1887 age 7 weeks Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio web reg. 1887/29407 weeks born about 1887)

Eastern Cemetery Invercargill Roman Catholic block 4 plot 72 no Headstone
Margaret MORRIS buried 21 May 1887. Her younger sister Mary Josephine MORRIS is also buried in the same plot.

(Reference Invercargill Eastern cemetery database on line)

3- Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 Grassmere Invercargill NZ died 02 July 1965
Invercargill married 1920 NZ Mary Ann CROWE born 1892 died 25 September 1982
Invercargill NZ

3-1- Thomas Laurence (Laurie) MORRIS born 25 July 1921 Invercargill died 2004 married
1950 Teresa RYAN

#Thomas Laurence MORRIS born 1921 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1921 folio
#Thomas Laurence MORRIS WWII service number 48291 when he enlisted he was
dwelling at Grassmere Tanner Street Invercargill then in 1948 was living in Auckland.
Enlisted 27 August 1942 discharged 12 February 1944 total service 1 year 170 days.
Medal entitlement Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-1945 and NZ War Medal.

#Thomas Laurence MORRIS married 1950 Teresa RYAN reference RGO NZ marriage
registration 1950 folio 16408

2000 on line white pages T L Morris, 113 Dalrymple Street, Kew, Invercargill

#Thomas Laurence MORRIS died 2004 reference RGO NZ death registration 2004
folio web reg. 2004/16301 born 22 July 1922

3-2- Margaret Patricia MORRIS born 02 October 1922 Invercargill died 2009 married 1948
Upper Hutt NZ Raymond Rawlinson BRAKE born 13 November 1924 died 1992

#Margaret Patricia MORRIS married Raymond Rawlinson BRAKE reference RGO NZ
marriage registration 1948 folio 05308

#Raymond Rawlinson BRAKE died 1992 reference RGO NZ death registration 1992
folio web reg. 1992/33031 born 13 November 1924

#Margaret Patricia BRAKE died 2009 reference RGO NZ death registration 2009 folio
web reg. 2009/13046 born 02 October 1922

3-3- Female living MORRIS and Gordon Cyril SLATTER born 25 August 1922 died 2002 NZ
#Gordon Cyril SLATTER died 2002 reference RGO NZ death registration 2002 folio
web reg. 2002/4528 born 25 August 1922

3-4- Female living MORRIS and Male living BROWN

3-4-1- Male living BROWN and Female living JACK

3-5- Female living MORRIS and Male living MCARTHY

3-6- Female living MORRIS and Male living MULDER

3-6-1- Male living MULDER

3-7- Rachel MORRIS born about 1934 died 1934

#Rachel MORRIS died 1934 reference RGO NZ death registration 1934 folio web
reg. 1934/11650 age 3 days

#Rachel MORRIS was buried 27 July 1934 Block XIII Section 22 father Ernest
MORRIS plot purchased 31 July 1890 by Wm Hazlemore

Ernest MORRIS born 27 April 1888 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio 2174 web reg. 1888/16079 parents
Norah and Henry Morris)

Mary CROWE born 06 January 1893 Makarewa NZ. Searched and could not locate a NZ
birth registration for Mary CROWE but I located Mary CROW reference RGO birth
registration 1893 folio web reg. 1893/5116 parents Julia and Michael CROW

Ernest MORRIS World War One service number 3/425 Lance corporal NZ Medical Corps enlisted 20 October 1914 discharged 08 August 1919 NZ service 345 days Overseas service 3 years 313 days total service 4 years 293 days. Theatres of operations Egyptain 1915-1916, Egyptain E.F. 1916, Balkan 1915 Gallipoli Western European 1916- 1917 medal entitlement 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He was born 27 April 1888 Invercargill and died 02 July 1965 Invercargill.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington previously NZ Defence Force Archives)

Intention to Marry 1920 for Ernest MORRIS and Mary CROWE

SEARCH (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to marry 1920 agency BDM series 20)

Ernest MORRIS married 1920 Mary CROWE

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio 9160 web reg. 1920/9180)

1928 Invercargill Electoral Roll

- Ernest MORRIS corner Bluff Road & Selwyn Street occupation railway employee
- Mary MORRIS corner Bluff Road & Selwyn Street occupation married

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche NZ Electoral roll)

Ernest MORRIS died 02 July 1965 age 77 years from 74 Tanner Street Invercargill and buried 05 July 1965 undertaker J Fraser and Sons from 74 Tanner Street Invercargill

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio web reg. 1965/41991 age 77 years born about 1888)

Ernest MORRIS place Grassmere occupation railway employee court Invercargill filed date 22 July 1965 type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Officer Probate agency? series? record 350/65)

Mary Ann MORRIS formerly CROWE died 25 September 1982 age 89 years from 74 Tanner Street Invercargill and buried 28 September 1982 Undertaker J Fraser & Sons

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio web reg. 1982/42174 born 06 January 1893)

Invercargill Eastern cemetery Roman Catholic block 11 plot 115 headstone

In loving memory of ERNEST beloved husband of Mary MORRIS died 02 July 1965 aged 71 years and the above Mary MORRIS died 25 September 1982 aged 89 years
Rest In Peace

(Reference microfiche NZ cemetery transcripts Invercargill Southland)

4- Mary Josephine MORRIS born 1890 died 1890 lived for 6 hours never married

Mary Josephine MORRIS born 1890. Searched and could not locate a birth registration.

Mary Josephine MORRIS died 1890

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1890 folio web reg. 1890/1097 age 6 hours)

Eastern Cemetery Invercargill Roman Catholic block 4 plot 72 no headstone

Mary Josephine MORRIS buried 24 February 1890. Margaret MORRIS her older sister is also buried in the same plot.

(Reference Invercargill Eastern cemetery database on line)

- 5- William (William George) MORRIS** born 1891 Invercargill NZ died 1960 married 1916 Gore NZ Mary MCCLEERY born 1896 Cleator Moor England died 30 October 1974
- 5-1- Caroline MORRIS** born 1916 died 1924 NZ age 7 years never married
Caroline MORRIS died 1924 reference RGO death registration 1924 folio web reg. 1924/8442 age 7 years born about 1917
- 5-2- William George MORRIS** born 23 October 1917 Invercargill
#William George MORRIS World War Two service number 70280 Driver Motor Transport enlisted 15 December 1941 discharged 09 November 1944 medal entitlement 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45 and NZ War Service Medal. Born 23 October 1917 Invercargill
- 5-3- Joseph Payne MORRIS** born 11 December 1919 died 20 January 1986 NZ married 1944 NZ Thelma Joyce RADKA born 1918 died 1958
#Joseph Payne MORRIS married Thelma Joyce RADKA reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1944 folio 03324
#Joseph Payne MORRIS died 20 January 1986 reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio web reg. 1986/29932 born 11 December 1919
#Thelma Joyce MORRIS formerly RADKA died 1958 reference RGO NZ death registration 1958 folio web reg. 1958/32307 age 40 years born about 1918
- 5-4- Jewel Isobella MORRIS** born 02 June 1923 died 17 October 2007 NZ married 1944 NZ Leslie William SPENCER born 20 May 1920 died 09 November 2003
#Jewel Isobella MORRIS married Leslie William SPENCER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1944 folio 09668
#Jewel Isobella SPENCER formerly MORRIS died 17 October 2007 reference RGO NZ death registration 2007 folio web reg. 2007/26476 born 02 June 1923
#Leslie William SPENCER died 09 November 2003 reference RGO NZ death registration 2003 folio web reg. 2003/25583 born 20 May 1920
- 5-4-1- Male living SPENCER
5-4-2- Male living SPENCER

William MORRIS born 1891 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio 2053 web reg. 1891/8110 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Waikiwi School records

- William MORRIS admission date 1897 register number 140

William MORRIS occupation Carpenter address Tuatapere Wallace first reserves World War One recruiting district Southland

The 10 September 1938 letters of administration for his mother Honora her son is recorded as William MORRIS of Napier sawmill employee

Mary McCLEERY born 1890-1896. Her parents were Susanne formerly MULHOLLAND and John Kelly MCCLEERY.

SEARCH (Reference RGO birth registration folio web reg. /

William George MORRIS married 1916 Mary McCLEERY

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1916 folio 8098 web reg. 1916/2887)

Mary MORRIS formerly McCLEERY died 30 October 1974 age 78 years buried 01 November 1974 from 15 Ethel Street Invercargill undertaker Macdonald & Western

SEARCH (Reference RGO death registration folio web reg. /

William George MORRIS died 1960 age 76 years buried 14 October 1960 from 65 Regent Street Invercargill undertaker Macdonald & Western

ORDER (Reference RGO death registration 1960 folio web reg. 1960/33790 age 75 years born about 1885)

William George MORRIS place Invercargill no occupation court Invercargill date filed 29 November 1960 type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office probate agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 box 173 record 500/60)

Invercargill Eastern cemetery General block 23 plot 209B headstone

MORRIS Caroline 1916-1924 Also her father William G Billie 1884- 1960 Also his wife Mary MORRIS Died 30 October 1974 Age 78 years William George MORRIS in memory of Joseph Payne MORRIS Died 20th January 1986 Age 66 years SPENCER In loving memory of Leslie William 20 May 1920 – 09 November 2003 Dearly loved husband of Jewel Isobella 02 June 1923 – 17 October 2007 Dearly loved parents of Lesley and Morris.

(Reference Invercargill Eastern cemetery on line database)

NOTE: I feel that the above family group may not be correct but another family researcher gave the same marriage details to me so I have gone along with this information. There are various William and William George MORRIS registrations, which makes it hard to confirm who belongs in which family tree. At the end of this document there are other transcriptions that could belong to the above family group. Further research is required on this group.

This birth may have the link to the tree above and prove we have the wrong family group.

- William George MORRIS born 1884 NZ parents Barbara Ellen and William MORRIS (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio web reg. 1884/8695 parents Barbara Ellen and William Morris)

6- Henry Joseph (Harry) MORRIS born 1893 Invercargill NZ died 1973 aged 80 years Christchurch married 1912 Gertrude Rose MILES formerly SHIELS born 1879 Canterbury NZ died 1954 Wanganui NZ

6-1- Sylvia Doreen (Dorie) MORRIS born 11 January 1914 Dunedin died 1984 Auckland 1st married 1937 John Frederick Walter (Jack) TURNER born 25 March 1906 died 1977 NZ (4 issue) 2nd married 1952 Wellington James Adrian Scott (Jim) MILLER born 06 November 1913 Dunedin died 1990 Hamilton (1 issue)

#John Frederick Walter TURNER born 25 March 1906 NZ reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio web reg. 1906/12070 parents Helen & John Walter Turner he had 2 sisters Nellie Turner born 1904 & Rita Jessie Turner born 1907

#Sylvia Doreen MORRIS married John Frederick Walter TURNER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio 07639

#Sylvia Doreen TURNER formerly MORRIS married James Adrian Scott MILLER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1952 folio 13675

#John Frederick Walter TURNER died 1977 reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio web reg. 1977/31547 born 25 March 1906

Sylvia Doreen MILLER died 1984 reference RGO NZ death registration 1984 folio web reg. 1984/41347 born 11 January 1914

- # James Adrian Scott (Jim) MILLER died 1990 reference RGO NZ death registration 1990 folio web reg. 1990/42058 born 06 November 1913
- 6-1-1- Female living TURNER and Male living ANSTIS
 - 6-1-1-1- Female living ANSTIS and Male living HAMILTON
 - 6-1-1-1-1- Male living HAMILTON
 - 6-1-1-2- Female living ANSTIS and Male living RAMSLEY
 - 6-1-1-2-1- Female living RAMSLEY
 - 6-1-1-2-2- Female living RAMSLEY
 - 6-1-1-3- Male living ANSTIS and Female living ANGEL
 - 6-1-1-3-1- Baby ANSTIS born died
 - 6-1-1-3-2- Female living ANSTIS
 - 6-1-1-4- Male living ANSTIS and Female living ZYDUYCK
 - 6-1-1-4-1- Female living ANSTIS
 - 6-1-1-4-2- Female living ANSTIS
 - 6-1-1-5- Male living MILLER and Female living
- 6-2- Male living** MORRIS and Madge YOUNG formerly LAMONT born 16 September 1917 died 1983 NZ
- #Madge MORRIS died 1983 reference RGO NZ death registration1 1983 folio web reg. 1983/31009 born 16 September 1917
- 6-2-1- Male living MORRIS and Female living DOMB
 - 6-2-1-1- Male living MORRIS
 - 6-2-1-2- Male living MORRIS
 - 6-2-1-3- Male living MORRIS
 - 6-2-2- Female living MORRIS and Male living ANDERSON
 - 6-2-2-1- Male living ANDERSON and Female living BARTON
 - 6-2-2-1-1- Male living ANDERSON
 - 6-2-2-2- Female living ANDERSON and Male living MAKUTU
- 6-3- Harley Alton Lyal** MORRIS born 09 March 1925 Christchurch died 1985 married 1944 Female living JOSEPHSON
- #Harley Alton Lyal MORRIS died 1985 reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio web reg. 1985/39897 born 09 March 1925
- 6-3-1- Male living MORRIS and Female living SKINNER
 - 6-3-1-1- Female living MORRIS and Male AEILO
 - 6-3-1-1-1- Male living AEILO
 - 6-3-1-2- Female living MORRIS and Male living RICHARDS
 - 6-3-1-2-1- Female living RICHARDS
 - 6-3-1-2-2- Female living RICHARDS
 - 6-3-2- Male living MORRIS and Female living SUTHERLAND
 - 6-3-2-1- Female living MORRIS
 - 6-3-3- Male Living MORRIS and Female living KRSINICH (2 Issue) and Female living HARBISON (3 Issue)
 - 6-3-3-1- Female living MORRIS-KRSINICH and Male living DEACON
 - 6-3-3-1-1- Female living DEACON
 - 6-3-3-1-2- Female living MORRIS-KRSINICH
 - 6-3-3-1-3- Male living MORRIS
 - 6-3-3-1-4- Female living MORRIS
 - 6-3-3-1-5- Male living MORRIS
 - 6-3-4- Female living MORRIS and Male living FALKNER
 - 6-3-4-1- Female living FALKNER
 - 6-3-4-2- Female living FALKNER
 - 6-3-4-3- Male living FALKNER
- 6-4- Female living** MORRIS and Male living MCLEAN
- 6-4-1- Female living MCLEAN

Henry Joseph MORRIS born 1893 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1893 folio 3175 web reg. 1893/13036 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Gertrude Rose SHIELS born 1879

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio web reg. 1879/17604 parents Jane and James SHIELS)

Gertrude's parents were Jane and James SHIELS and her siblings were [1] Ellen SHIELS born 1876, [2] Jane SHIELS born 1877, [3] Emily SHIELS born 1878 and [4] Emily Miles SHIELS born 1895. James Wilkie SHIELS married in England to Jane Johnston (widow) KING formerly CONNELL. James Wilkie & Jane SHIELS arrived on St Lawrence 1874 Lyttleton NZ along with Jane's children from her first marriage John, Mary Ann, Owen & Margaret KING. William Howard MILES arrived on Ballochmyle 1874 Lyttleton NZ

Gertrude Rose SHIELS married 1895 William Howard MILES (reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1895 folio web reg. 1895/825)

Gertrude Rose SHIELS married 1906 William Howard MILES (reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1895 folio web reg. 1906/4571)

Henry Joseph MORRIS married 1912 Gertrude Rose SHIELS

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1912 folio 1987 web reg. 1912/2223)

1922 & 1928 Wallace Electoral Roll

- Henry Joseph MORRIS Te Anau occupation carpenter
(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche NZ Electoral roll)

Gertrude Rose SHIELS died 1954

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1954 folio web reg. 1954/26482 age 76 years born about 1878)

Henry Joseph MORRIS died 1973 aged 80 years Christchurch

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1973 folio 21136 web reg. 1973/36625 age 80 years born about 1893)

Henry Joseph MORRIS place Christchurch occupation Tailor 1974

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office agency CAHX series 2989 accession CH684 box 86 record CH1464/74 Christchurch Court)

7- Thomas MORRIS born 04 May 1895 Invercargill NZ died 28 August 1918 Killed in Action France during World War One

Thomas MORRIS born 04 May 1895 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895 folio 2110 web reg. 1895/14050 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Thomas MORRIS Lance Corporal service number 49431 Otago Infantry Regiment enlisted 08 January 1917 embarked for overseas duty 16 July 1917 killed in action 28 August 1918 in the fields of France. Next of kin father Mr H MORRIS Box 38 Tuatapere his Will was in favour of mother Nora MORRIS. Born 04 May 1895 parents Nora born Ireland and Henry

MORRIS born England. Thomas height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 154 pounds, complexion Fair, eyes blue and hair light.

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington WWI service records agency AABK series 18805 accession W5549 box 49 record 0083317)

Thomas MORRIS Lance Corporal service number 49431 was Killed in Action 28 August 1918 Bapaume France during World War One

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio web reg. 1918/33737 or 1918/33738 age not recorded)

8- Edward Peter MORRIS born 1898 Invercargill NZ died/buried 01 December 1962 aged 64 years Gore NZ married 1926 Mary Ellen FISKEN born about 113 September 1898 Gore died 18 August 1960 Gore buried 22 August 1960 Gore age 63 years

8-1- **Thomas Edward MORRIS** born 1927 Gore died 02 November 1970 Gore NZ married 1949 NZ Female living LEEN

#Thomas Edward MORRIS born 1927 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1927 folio 3462 Gore district

#Thomas Edward MORRIS died 02 November 1970 Gore reference RGO NZ death registration 1970 folio web reg. 1970/34927

Thomas Edward MORRIS place Gore occupation Plumber Invercargill Court filed date 07 December 1970 type Will reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office Probate agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 box 219 record 564/70

Thomas Edward MORRIS from 35 Garnet Street Gore buried 04 November 1970 Gore cemetery plot 17 block 125 headstone reads = MORRIS In Loving memory of Thomas Edward beloved husband of Gloria died 02 November 1970 aged 43 years RIP

8-1-1- Female living MORRIS and Male living CRISTIE

8-1-1-1- Male living CRISTIE

8-1-1-2- Female living CRISTIE

8-1-2- Female living MORRIS and Male living RICHARDSON

8-1-2-1- Male living RICHARDSON

8-1-2-2- Male living RICHARDSON

8-1-3- Male living MORRIS

8-1-4- Female living MORRIS and Male living HARRIS

8-1-4-1- Female living HARRIS

8-1-4-2- Male living HARRIS

8-1-5- Male living MORRIS

8-1-5-1- Male living MORRIS

8-1-6- Female living MORRIS

8-1-6-1- Female living MORRIS

8-2- Female living MORRIS and Male living HAGGART

8-2-1- Male living HAGGART and Female living ELMIGAR

8-2-1-1- Female living HAGGART

8-2-1-2- Female living HAGGART

8-2-1-3- Female living HAGGART

8-2-2- Male living HAGGART and Female living ROBSON

8-2-2-1- Male living HAGGART

8-2-2-2- Female living HAGGART

8-2-2-3- Male living HAGGART

8-2-3- Female living HAGGART and Male living GOODARD

8-2-3-1- Female living GOODARD

8-2-3-2- Male living GOODARD

8-3- John Henry MORRIS born 1931 died 05 February 1982 married

8-3-1- Christopher MORRIS born 1956 died 1997 and Female living LYNDSEY

8-3-1-1- Male living MORRIS

8-3-1-2- Female living MORRIS

8-4- Female living MORRIS and Male living TILLMAN

8-4-1- Male living TILLMAN and Female living STEPHENS

8-4-1-1- Male living TILLMAN

8-4-1-2- Female living TILLMAN

8-4-1-3- Male living TILLMAN

8-4-2- Female living TILLMAN and Male living JOHNSON

8-4-2-1- Male living JOHNSON

8-4-2-2- Male living JOHNSON

8-5- Female living MORRIS and Male living LYNCH

8-5-1- Female living LYNCH and Male living GERARD

8-5-1-1- Female living GERARD

8-5-2- Female living LYNCH and Male living KEYS

8-5-2-1- Female living KEYS

8-5-2-2- Female living KEYS

8-6- Male living MORRIS

8-0- Male living MORRIS and Female living MARTIN

8-0- Male living MORRIS and Female living LISSINGTON

Edward Peter MORRIS born 1898 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio 3309 web reg. 1898/487 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

Mary Ellen FISKEN born about 1898

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio web reg. 1898/12846 parents Mary Ellen and John FISKEN)

Mary's parents were Mary Ellen OHAGAN and John FISKEN married 1896 and Mary's siblings were [1] Grace Mary Bryson FISKEN born 1897, [2] Lilly Catherine FISKEN born 1900, [3] Margaret FISKEN born 1901, [4] Gertrude Elizabeth FISKEN born 1902, [5] Annie FISKEN born 1904, [6] John FISKEN born 1905, [7] Charles FISKEN born 1908 and [8] Kathleen Ina FISKEN born 1910.

Website <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/f/i/s/Stanley-M-Fisken/GENE1-0014.html> records information about the FISKEN family and Edward's issue & descendants

Edward Peter MORRIS married 1926 Mary Ellen FISKEN

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1926 folio 5452)

1928 Wallace Electoral Roll

- Edward Peter MORRIS Tuatapere occupation carpenter
(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche NZ Electoral roll)

Mary Ellen FISKEN died and was buried 22 August 1960 Gore age 63 years

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio web reg. 1960/37006 age 63 years born about 1897)

Edward Peter MORRIS died/buried 01 December 1962 aged 64 years Gore NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1962 folio 5490 web reg. 1962/41097 age 64 years born about 1898)

Edward Peter MORRIS place Gore occupation retired farmer Court Invercargill filed date 04 February 1963 type Will

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office probate agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 box 182 record 43/63)

Gore cemetery Roman Catholic block 106 plot 93 headstone

In Loving memory of Mary Ellen MORRIS 1898-1960 And her loving husband
Edward Peter MORRIS 1898-1962 Rest In Peace

(Reference microfiche NZ cemetery transcripts Gore cemetery Southland)

9- Margaret Beatrice MORRIS born 1900 Invercargill NZ died 1976 aged 76 years Invercargill married 1924 John Murray WILSON born about 1900 died 1979 aged 78 years Invercargill NZ

Margaret Beatrice MORRIS born 1900 Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio 2246 web reg. 1900/10711 parents Norah and Henry Morris)

John Murray WILSON born about 1900

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio web reg. 1900/17285 parents Mary and John Murray Wilson)

John's parents were Mary (Mary Ann) and John Murray WILSON and his siblings were [1] William Joseph WILSON born 1899, [2] Francis Bernard WILSON born 1903, [3] Keith Vincent Reid WILSON born 1907 and [4] Denis Vivian WILSON born 1909.

Margaret Beatrice MORRIS married 1924 John Murray WILSON

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1924 folio 5283 web reg. 1924/)

Margaret Beatrice WILSON formerly MORRIS died 1976 aged 76 years Invercargill

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1976 folio 16063 web reg. 1976/44472 age 76 years born about 1900)

Margaret Beatrice WILSON formerly MORRIS Homemaker from 56 Duke Street Invercargill died 06 July 1976 buried 08 July 1976 Eastern Cemetery undertaker J Fraser & Sons

John Murray WILSON died 1979 aged 78 years Invercargill NZ

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1979 folio 15820 web reg. 1979/41673 born 20 October 1900)

John Murray WILSON Court Invercargill occupation Mercantile Manager 1979

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office agency DAFG series 9069 accession box 266 D328 record 321/79)

John Murray WILSON Retired Company Manager from 56 Duke Street Invercargill died 06 July 1979 buried on 09 July 1979 Eastern cemetery undertaker J Fraser & Sons

Invercargill Eastern cemetery General block 40 plot 148

In Loving memory of Margaret Beatrice Beloved wife of John Murray WILSON died 06th July 1976 age 76 years And the above John Murray WILSON died 6th July 1979 age 78 years Rest In Peace.

(Reference Invercargill cemetery database on line)

MORRIS miscellaneous information

0- William George MORRIS born 1899 died 1961 married 1911 Gertrude Mary CROWLEY born 1880 died 1944

William George MORRIS married 1911 NZ Gertrude Mary CROWLEY
ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1911 folio web reg. 1911/

Mary Gertrude MORRIS died 1944 reference RGO NZ death registration 1944 folio web reg. 1944/26097 age 64 years born about 1880

Mary MORRIS died 17 September 1944 age 64 born about 1880 buried catholic block 67 plot 13 headstone reads = In loving memory of MARY beloved wife of WILLIAM MORRIS died 17th September 1944 age 64 years Rest In Peace.

William MORRIS died 1961
ORDER (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1961 folio web reg. 1961/33271 age 72 years born about 1889)

William MORRIS died 1961 place Gore occupation Carpenter probate
ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office Probate agency DAFG series 9069 accession D328 box 177 record 449/61)

William MORRIS died 16 April 1961 age 72 years born about 1889 buried catholic block 67 plot 13 headstone reads = In loving memory of MARY beloved wife of WILLIAM MORRIS died 17th September 1944 age 64 years Rest In Peace.

Gore cemetery Catholic block 67 plot 13

In loving memory of MARY beloved wife of WILLIAM MORRIS died 17th September 1944 age 64 years Rest In Peace.

MORRIS miscellaneous information

Birth registrations

- William George MORRIS born 1877 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877 folio web reg. 1877/4636 parents Constance and William Morris
- William George MORRIS born 1882 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1882 folio web reg. 1882/17862 parents Margaret and William Charles Morris
- William George MORRIS born 1884 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio web reg. 1884/8695 parents Barbara Ellen and William Morris
- William George MORRIS born 1885 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio web reg. 1885/2307 parents Martha Eleanor and George Morris

- William George MORRIS born 1885 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio web reg. 1885 parents Caroline and George Morris
- William George MORRIS born 1888 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio web reg. 1888/739 parents Sarah and George Morris

Death registrations

- William George MORRIS died reference RGO death registration 1961 folio web reg. 1961/20918 age 76 years born about 1885)
- William George MORRIS died reference RGO death registration 1962 folio web reg. 1962/38974 age 84 years born about 1878)
- William George MORRIS died reference RGO death registration 1968 folio web reg. 1968/38974 age 91 years born about 1877)

MOYLAN miscellaneous information

1881 NZ Electoral Rolls

- Andrew MOYLAN residential Ormond occupation Settler East Coast Electoral Roll number 819
- Patrick MOYLAN residential Richmond occupation Keeper Abattoirs Newton Electoral Roll number 754
- Thomas MOYLAN freehold Brown Street lot 43, 44 Brown Street occupation Carter Newton Electoral Roll number 755

Do not know if any of the above is related to Honora MOYLAN.

MORRIS descendants and researchers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Connection</i>
MULDER Male living	Australia	Henry Joseph Grandson of Ernest
MORRIS Male living	New Zealand	Henry Joseph Grandson of Henry Joseph