

Frederick James LILEY and Bertha PAGE
(Weblink Bertha Page & Frederick James Liley)

Frederick James LILEY

B 05 July 1870 Kent England
D 19 June 1943 Auckland NZ
M 26 October 1896 Nelson NZ

Bertha PAGE

B 19 May 1876 Wakapuaka Nelson NZ
D 09 March 1955 Auckland NZ

Children:

1. Roy Frederick LILEY born 12 December 1897 Nelson NZ
2. Irene Edith LILEY born 17 April 1899 Nelson NZ
3. Myrtle Carne LILEY born 19 August 1900 Nelson
4. Ami Lobelia LILEY born 11 April 1903 Nelson NZ
5. Violet Koi LILEY born 20 December 1906 Nelson NZ
6. Zola Caroline LILEY born 05 July 1913 Nelson NZ

The family history of
Frederick James LILEY and Bertha PAGE

At Wakapuaka on the 19 May 1876 Bertha PAGE was born. Her father William registered her birth on the 24 June.

The attendance register for Clifton Terrace School for April 1883 recorded her age as 6 year 11 months, leading me to the conclusion that this was her true admission date. She passed through standards I to VI between 1884 and 1889. On the register from 19 to 23 May 1890 Bertha was absent, the reason stated as "ill". Bertha's destination upon leaving school was stated a Home.

On the 26 October 1896 Bertha PAGE age 20 years occupation Domestic Duties married Frederick James LILEY aged 26 years occupation Labourer. They were married at the residence of Berth's father William PAGE at Wakapuaka. The Church of England Minister Rev J De B. GALWAY took the marriage ceremony. On the intention to marry from it gave the minister as F.W. CHATTERTON. I believe that F.W. CHATTERTON was the registrar and his name was put under the wrong heading. The witnesses to the marriage were Edith PAGE (bertha's sister) of Wakapuaka and John Garth SHERWOOD, Shot Caster from Nelson. I have not found out who John SHERWOOD is or if he has any other connection with the family.

Frederick James LILEY was born on 05 July 1870 at Seven Oaks Westerham Kent England. His parents were Frederick LILEY, painter and Caroline formerly MITCHELL.

The ship "Adamant" sailed from England on 06 May 1874 and arrived in New Zealand on the 13 August 1874. The LILEY family were aboard and they appear on the passenger list as follows:

Frederick LILEY age 38 Kent occupation Pit Sawyer
Caroline LILEY age 36 Kent wife
William LILEY age 18 Kent Labourer
Maria LILEY age 15 Kent Servant
Harriet LILEY age 13 Kent Servant

Lillie LILEY age 10 Kent
Agnes LILEY age 7 Kent
Fred LILEY age 4 Kent
Caroline LILEY age 1 Kent

While living in New Zealand four more children were born to Frederick and Caroline. They were Francis John, Jane Elizabeth, Frank James and Florence Ellen LILEY. Frederick LILEY senior was baptised on 14 July 1833 in Westernham. His parents were William LILEY and Mary LILEY formerly BALWIN. Frederick senior married Caroline MITCHELL at Stepney on the 01 October 1855. They both died in Nelson and were buried at the Wakapuaka Cemetery. Caroline died on the 21 February 1922 and Frederick died on the 01 November of the same year. Some articles appeared in the Nelson newspapers with details of Frederick and Caroline LILEY. They read as follows:

Mrs Caroline LILEY

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Mrs Caroline Liley, wife of Frederick Liley of Hardy Street. Deceased arrived in New Zealand in the ship Adamant in 1874, with the exception of a short period spent in Karamea had resided in Nelson area ever since. Mrs Liley who was in her 84th year, had despite her age, enjoyed good health up to a few days ago, when she was seized with a paralytic stroke. Born in Chipstead (England) deceased was married in 1855 and six years ago celebrated the diamond jubilee of her wedding. Both the late Mrs Liley and her husband (who is a Crimean War Veteran and an old Volunteer) earned the respect of a wide circle of friends and the husband and family will have much sympathy in their bereavement. There are left, four sons and five daughter, 41 grand children, and 44 great grandchildren.

Frederick LILEY

The late Mr Frederick Liley was married in the old Church at Stepney on October 1st 1855 and the couple lived at Nelson for nearly 50 years. Mrs Liley predeceased her husband in February last. When the provincial Council decided to from a settlement at the Karamea, he was the first man to step ashore at Karamea. He endured the hardships there for a time and assisted to put up the first buildings and footbridge in that settlement. The late Mr Liley had always been an enthusiast regarding the volunteers and put in many years of service in the Colonial Services. In England he belonged to the No 1 Kent Battalion of Volunteer and for many years he was connected with the Garrison Band of this city. He was also at one time conductor of the old Naval Drum and Fife Band. Mr Liley leaves four sons and five daughters: Mr W Liley (Nelson), Fred Liley (Auckland), Jack Liley (Seddon), Frank Liley (New Plymouth), Mrs G Jarrett (Nelson), Mrs Carnes (Rotorua), Mrs Morrison (Wellington), Mrs A Gilbertson (Nelson and Mrs Vine (Wellington). There are also nearly a hundred grandchildren and great grand children. On the 01 October last year, Mr and Mrs Liley celebrated the 66th Anniversary of their wedding.

An Old Crimean Soldier Mr Frederick LILEY

The death occurred at Nelson this morning of Mr Frederick Liley, and old and respected resident of Nelson and a veteran of the Crimean War. Mr Liley who had reached the advanced age of 90 years, was hale and hearty until a few days ago, when it became apparent that the end was not far off. The late Mr Liley was a native of Westerham in Kent England. He was the possessor of British and Turkish medals, for service in the Crimean War. He was on the mounted staff under the command of the late Lord Raglan. He endured all the hardships and privations of two years service in the Crimea, and was in the battle of Inkerman and the taking of

Sevastopol. He had a lively recollection of the shortness of supplies and comforts, which was enhanced by the foundering of the vessel laden with stores and clothing for the British troops engaged in the campaign. The ravages of cholera were severe. More men were slain by the disease than were lost in the battle. Out of the company of which he belonged, number 56 only Mr Liley and three others returned alive to England. Most of the 56 succumbing to cholera. Mr Liley was present at Woodwich when the late Queen Victoria inspected the trophies of war, the troops brought back from the Crimean at the end of hostilities, and he frequently told of an incident on that occasion of a drummer boy, who had passed through the campaign unimpaired, was presented to Queen Victoria, who stooped down, kissed the boy, and presented him with a commission. Mr S Liley a brother of the deceased, was also sat the taking of Sevastopol and distinguished himself by going for water, which was badly needed, risking the heavy

Bertha and her husband Frederick LILEY started their married life together living at Waimea Road Nelson. Frederick's occupation was stated as Labourer, Painter then Taxidermist on the Nelson Electoral Rolls from 1899 to 1914. All of their children were born in Nelson. They were Roy Frederick, Irene Edith, Myrtle Carns, Ami Lobena, Violet Koi, and Zola Caroline LILEY.

About 1919 Bertha and Frederick LILEY packed up and moved to Auckland leaving behind two of their grownup children. They lived at 5 Enfield Street Auckland East where Frederick continued his occupation as Shot Caster. This information came from the Rolls of 1919 and 1922. On the 1925 Roll they were living at 16 Copeland Street in Auckland central where Frederick's occupation changed to Painter. The 1928 Roll had them living at 37 Virginia Avenue, Auckland.

Then in 1931 they were living 15 Dunbar Road in Mt Eden Auckland. It was while in this home that their youngest married daughter Zola contacted tuberculosis. The family took care of her in the home until her death. Another daughter Violet was married at home enabling Zola to attend the wedding, as she was unable to leave her sickbed.

About 1935 Bertha and Frederick moved to 11 Highland Road, Roskill, the last home they would share together.

Frederick James LILEY passed away on 19 June 1943 at 11 Highland Road, Mt Albert. At the age of 73 years. He was buried on the 22nd June at the Waikumete cemetery Auckland. The Anglican minister Rev H.L.R. ISHERWOOD took the service.

Frederick James LILEY was a talented taxidermist and painter. He left behind many stuffed animals and pictures that are treasured memories of his family and many of the other branches of MANSSEN/PAGEE descendants. Bertha and Frederick had been married for 46 years and 4 months.

Bertha continued to at 11 Highland Road, Mt Albert until about 1951 when she moved to 216 Dominion Road, Mt Eden.

Bertha LILEY passed away in an ambulance on her way to Auckland Public Hospital on the 19 March 1955. She was buried on the 12 March 1955 alongside of her husband at the Waikumete cemetery Auckland. Rev W.E.A. CARR a Methodist minister took the service. Bertha was 77 years old and left behind five of her children to mourn her passing.

Bertha and Frederick LILEY life together
Taken from notes written by Living Female WILKINSON

Bertha was very gifted in the art of needlework, most likely taught to her by her mother, and had a great love of cooking. All of her cooking was done on the old coal range and would melt anyone's taste buds. Bertha was very well known for her kindness and willingness to help people in their time of need. She was a very honest and open person and was never afraid of good old-fashioned hard work.

Frederick had a life long passion for guns. He loved to go deer stalking and pig hunting made a small museum of animals, which he had shot and stuffed. His taxidermist talent was all self taught and he welcomed people to his museum to learn about New Zealand wildlife. To provide a stable income after their marriage, Frederick worked as a painter, while Bertha worked on the farm and then for an old folks home doing housework. With the births of Roy Frederick, Irene Edith and Myrtle Carne LILEY, Bertha was fast becoming a full time mum and started to devote her life to her family. Later came Ami Lobelia and Violet Koi making a total of five children to the Lily family.

Frederick and Bertha also had their share of tragedy. About 1909 a fire broke out in the LILEY home in the early hours of the morning, when everyone was fast asleep. It was believed to have started in the chimney somehow. Frederick had a favourite gun hanging in the hallway, which was called "Old Bess". He always kept the gun loaded. The heat from the fire in the house got so hot, it exploded the cartridge inside "Old Bess", and it was this explosion that woke Frederick and Bertha up. The place was well and truly ablaze. They acted quickly and got the children out. Frederick grabbed Ami and Violet; one under each arm and Violet said she could still see the fireplace with flames everywhere. Their father carried them through the kitchen, which was also ablaze, to safety. That no one was hurt was due to "Old Bess", the gun that saved everyone's lives. They started a bucket brigade with all their neighbours helping, but the Lily home was burnt to the ground. They lost everything. The neighbours gave the children breakfast. Violet remembers they were German goat farmers and they ate goat milk on porridge. Frederick and Bertha had to totally rebuild their home. Times must have been very hard for them as they were not wealthy.

In 1913 the last child Zola Caroline was born. Violet was aged six years, took gravely ill with enteritis, toxic poisoning and double pneumonia all at the same time. Doctors told Frederick and Bertha there was nothing more they could do and that the outlook was very grim. Violet's parents would not accept the doctor's verdict and set about the task of saving their young daughters life, Violet slipped in and out of consciousness tossing her head to and fro with fever. As she did so Bertha and Frederick would spoon brandy into her mouth whilst they sat either side of her bed. Because of their love and devotion Violet slowly recovered over a period of nine months to become a healthy child. What a great joy her family must have felt. The only loss was Violet's beautiful long hair, which had become so matted from tossing with fever, it could not be saved.

In 1914 came the outbreak of world war one. Frederick having a large family and being 44 years old did not go to war. The same year a Company called C.A.C. Ammunition Maker in Auckland offered Frederick a position for which they would build a shot tower and processing plant for him to run. He was one of the best for making first grade shot. Frederick accepted the job and the family shifted to Mt Eden

Auckland with the exception of Irene. She went to stay with her grandmother Caroline PAGE, to help on the farm at Cheviot. After all the goodbyes were said Frederick, Bertha and their family had their first ride in a Landau (a horse-drawn carriage) to the wharf and then boarded the boat. For Bertha and the children it would have been their first time for that too. Unfortunately Violet and Myrtle didn't enjoy the trip. Violet had a natural fear of water and poor Myrtle was seasick all the way. Frederick spent most of the journey looking after those people who had discovered too late that they suffered seasickness too. It was a relief to hit dry land again – for everyone except Myrtle who got sick on the way to Mt Eden.

Once settled in Auckland, Frederick started work making the shot. Most of his children worked there, as they got older. His two daughters Ami and Violet helped him process the shot from near perfect. Violet told me the shot had to be perfectly round and polished till they shone like diamonds. Because Frederick was working with lead all the time he got lead poisoning on more than one occasion. It was a dirty job. Frederick had to climb to the top of the tower and the technique was in how he poured the molten lead down to the barrel below to form perfectly round shot. From the bottom of the tower his daughters would process and bag it ready for the shops. A man of many talents was Frederick James LILEY. In Auckland he kept up his taxidermy. He did deer heads, mounted antlers and horn for his boss's friends and even once put together a human skeleton for a girl's college. He wire up the skeleton so the students could see how it moved. In the evening accompanied by Ami and Violet he would spend hours mounting small animals and birds. The girls would help him by holding a candle so he could see. Violet remembers how her arms would be nearly dropping off and he would keep saying higher, lower as their arms would sink. Violet loved watching him work. She told me how Frederick had very large hands, yet he could turn a tiny bird into a work of art without as much as a feather out of place.

As for his herbal knowledge, it was all self taught from reading books. He made ointments that would heal all types of sores and even an ointment for dogs. Violet remembers suffering from a very bad headache one time, Frederick asked her if she'd drink something if he made it up for her. She replied She'd drink poison if it would work, and told me it was worse than poison but that headache never returned. He would bags of dried herbs hanging everywhere. If medicines were needed he would look in the garden for the plants he required. Because of Fredericks respect for nature he spent a lot of time with his children taking them on bush walks teaching them about plants and wildlife. He made sure they did not stand on anything or disturb nature all had to be as it was when they left – not even a twig out of place. It seems Frederick liked to try all sorts of things; he also owned some pigeons and would race them. Bertha must have loved sharing life with this fascinating man.

The second tragedy to strike Frederick and Bertha was the loss of their youngest daughter Zola. This was a heavy blow to the whole family. Zola her son Brian and Jim her husband all died of tuberculosis. A whole family gone. When Zola first contacted the disease she was admitted to the Shelters at Greenlane Hospital. Bertha when visiting Zola found they were not attending to her daughter's needs. Frederick on hearing this built for his daughter a special canvas room outside the house joining the kitchen window so Zola could see inside. When it was completed and at great risk to the rest of the family, Bertha and Frederick brought their dying daughter home. There, from her special canvas room, where would still receive the love and care form the family. Zola had already lost her son at the age of three

months. Frederick completely changed. He was always a bit stand-offish and firm, but because such a loving father the children never wanted to leave him.

Frederick and Bertha shared a wonderful life together with many highs and lows that come with married life. They saw two world wars go by. Frederick had retired by World War II. They also lived through the Depression and a few epidemics but they were strong and held fast. They will always be remembered by generations to come with great love and respect.

Bertha and Frederick LILEY their children and descendants

- 1- Roy Frederick LILEY** born 12 December 1897 Nelson NZ died 30 October 1963 Napier NZ 1st married about 1918 Featherston NZ Rose Gladys Irene HALL born died (4 issue) 2nd married 1933 Wanganui NZ Dorothy Isabella ROSDEN born 18 April 1904 Wanganui NZ died NZ (2 issue adopted in 1944)
- 1-1-**Femalea LILEY** and John Jackson CHADFIELD born 02 October 1903 England died 05 July 1985 Wanganui NZ
- 1-1-1- Female CHADFIELD and Male ROUT and Male DEJONG
- 1-1-2- Female CHADFIELD and Female POLKINGHORNE
- 1-1-3- Female CHADFIELD and Male BREWER
- 1-1-4- Male CHADFIELD and Female MARTIN
- 1-1-5- Male CHADFIELD and Female NORTON and Female SPITTAL
- 1-1-6- Male CHADFIELD and Female REWET
- 1-1-7- Male CHADFIELD and Female ROBERTSON and Female HODDER
- 1-1-8- Female CHADFIELD and Male HOPKINSON
- 1-1-9- Female CHADFIELD and Male surname unknown
- 1-1-10- Female CHADFIELD and Male BRITTON
- 1-1-11- Male CHADFIELD and Female DAVIDSON
- 1-1-12- Male CHADFIELD and Female DAVEY
- 1-2- **Ronald Clifton Don LILEY** born about 1920 Featherston NZ died as a child in NZ
- 1-3- **Female LILEY** and Male WILLIS (2 issue) and Male OWEN (2 issue)
- 1-3-1- Female WILLIS and Male PHILLIPS (issue)
- 1-3-2- Female WILLIS and Male SOUTHCOMBE (issue)
- 1-3-3- Female OWEN
- 1-3-4- Male OWEN
- 1-4- **Male LILEY** and Female (2 issue) and Female (1 issue)
- 1-5- **Female LILEY** and Male PHILLIP (issue)
- 1-6- **Female WILLIS** and Male SOUTHCOMBE (issue)
- 1-6-1- Male SOUTHCOMBE and Female VAN GENERDEN
- 1-6-1-1- Male SOUTHCOMBE
- 1-6-1-2- Male SOUTHCOMBE
- 1-6-2- Female SOUTHCOMBE and Male HYLAND
- 1-6-2-1- Male HYLAND
- 1-6-2-2- Female HYLAND
- 1-6-3- Male SOUTHCOMBE and Female KING
- 1-6-3-1- Male SOUTHCOMBE
- 1-6-4- Female SOUTHCOMBE and Male CARNIEL
- 1-6-4-1- Male CARNIEL
- 1-6-4-2- Male CARNIEL

2- Irene Edith LILEY born 17 April 1899 Nelson NZ died married 17 December 1919
Auckland NZ Edward Storer BARNES born 06 July 1985 Cheviot died about 1963

2-1- **Male BARNES** (never married)

2-2- **Female BARNES** and Male HART

2-3- **Male BARNES** and Female DALY

3- Myrtle Carne LILEY born 19 August 1900 Nelson NZ died 20 June 1988 Auckland NZ
married 1919 Auckland NZ Charles (John) Jack WAKEFIELD born 01 January 1889
Auckland NZ died 15 March 1965 Auckland NZ

3-1- **Rona Joyce WAKEFIELD** born 26 July 1920 Auckland NZ died 23 April 1983 Auckland
NZ married 19 December 1953 Takapuna Auckland NZ Henry Frank KNIGHTBRIDGE
born 12 April 1923 Northland NZ died 29 April 1970 Auckland NZ

3-1-1- Male KNIGHTBRIDGE and Female BIDDICK

3-1-2- Male KNIGHTBRIDGE and Female EARWAKER

3-1-2-1- Male KNIGHTBRIDGE

3-1-3- Female KNIGHTBRIDGE and Male PARKER

3-1-3-1- Male PARKER

3-1-3-2- Male PARKER

3-1-3-3- Female PARKER

3-2- **Female WAKEFIELD** and Charles Herbert GREEN born 28 September 1911 Liverpool
England died 01 February 1983 Auckland NZ

3-2-1- Male GREEN and Female TRINDER

3-2-1-1- Male GREEN

4- Ami Lobelia LILEY born 11 April 1903 Nelson NZ died married 11 March 1935 Auckland
NZ Frederick Thomas MARTIN born 17 October 1903 Auckland NZ died 12 April 1989
Auckland NZ

4-1- Female MARTIN and Male HAILES (no issue) and Male MASTERS (issue unknown)

5- Violet Koi LILEY born 20 December 1906 Nelson NZ died Auckland NZ married 11
March 1931 Auckland NZ Walsmsley CARLETON born 17 December 1907 Morecombe
Lancashire England died 10 December 1979 Auckland NZ

5-1- **Female CARELTON** and Male SHARP

5-1-1- Male SHARP and Female LOGAN

5-1-1-1- Female SHARP

5-1-1-2- Male SHARP

5-1-2- Female SHARP and Male CLAY

5-1-2-1- Male CLAY

5-1-2-2- Male CLAY

5-1-2-3- Male CLAY

5-1-3- Male SHARP and Female CLARK

5-1-3-1- Male SHARP

5-1-3-2- Female SHARP

5-2- **Male CARLETON** and Female VINCENT

5-2-1- Male CARLETON and Female KONINGS

5-2-1-1- Male CARLETON

5-2-2- Jody Ronald CARLETON born 08 December 1967 Auckland NZ died 12 September 1974 Auckland NZ (from Leukaemia)
5-3- **Male CARLETON** and Female FERGUSON
5-3-1- Female CARLETON and Male SATHERLY
5-3-1-1- Female SATHERLY
5-3-2- Female CARLETON and Male HOWARD
5-3-2-1- Male HOWARD
5-3-3- Female CARLETON
5-4- **Female CARLETON** and Male WALKER
5-4-1- Female WALKER and Paul Lewis FEARY born 29 May 1959 Auckland NZ died 21 August 1984 Papakura Auckland NZ (3 issue) and Male WILKINSON (1 issue)
5-4-1-1- Male FEARY
5-4-1-2- Male FEARY
5-4-1-3- Female FEARY
5-4-1-4- Female WILKINSON
5-4-2- Female EALKER and Male MULHOLLAND
5-4-2-1- Female MULHOLLAND
5-4-2-2- Female MULHOLLAND
5-4-2-3- Male MULHOLLAND

6- Zola Caroline LILEY born 05 July 1913 Nelson NZ died 04 October 1932 Auckland NZ married about 1928 Auckland NZ Albert (James) Edward LINDSAY born died about 1934 Auckland NZ
6-1- Brian Desmond LINDSAY born 1929 Auckland NZ died 10 September 1929 Auckland NZ (infant)

LILEY miscellaneous information