

Herbert Samuel CLOSE and Catherine Alice PAGE
(Weblink Catherine Alice Page & Herbert Samuel Close)

Herbert Samuel CLOSE

B 28 May 1881 Happy Valley Nelson

D 15 August 1972 Wakefield

M 24 April 1912 Nelson

Catherine Alice PAGE

B 14 July 1882 Wakapuaka Nelson

D 26 September 1964 Nelson

Children:

1. Herbert Cyril CLOSE born about 1914 Wakefield Nelson
2. Philip Norman CLOSE born about 1915 Wakefield Nelson
3. Ella Jean CLOSE born 15 January 1917 Wakefield Nelson
4. Vera May CLOSE born 04 January 1921 Wakefield Nelson

The family history of
Herbert Samuel CLOSE and Catherine Alice PAGE

Catherine Alice PAGE was born at Wakapuaka on the 14 July 1882. Her father William PAGE registered the birth on 23 August 1882 when his occupation was stated as Carter. William had always been a farmer or plasterer. I had read that William had the contract for mail in 1876, so perhaps he renewed that contract.

Catherine appeared on the Clifton Terrace School records as Alice PAGE. Beatrice ADAMS admission date to Clifton Terrace School was 28 September 1887. Catherine was the next student to be admitted to the school, so it is likely that she started school after this date. Her records' at passing the different standards is more complete than other members of her family. She passed standards I to VI from 1890 to 1895. Catherine's last day at school was 05 May 1896 at the age of 13 years 10 months. Her destination upon leaving school was stated as Home.

The Nelson Electoral Rolls of 1908 and 1911 stated that Catherine was living in Wakapuaka and her occupation was spinster.

On the 24 April 1912 Catherine Alice PAGE was 29 years occupation Domestic Duties married Herbert Samuel CLOSE age 30 years occupation farmer. The Rev James H MACKENZIE married them at the Nelson Presbyterian Church in Nile Street Nelson. The witnesses at the wedding were E D CLOSE a farmer from Happy Valley and A E FROST also from Happy Valley. Amy Elizabeth FROST was Catherine's 17 years old niece. E D CLOSE must have been a relative of Herbert's. It is interesting to note that some 5 years previous, Catherine and Herbert were both witnesses at the wedding of Catherine's younger sister Annie Amelia to Edward READ.

Herbert Samuel CLOSE was born about 1881 in Happy Valley Nelson. His parents were William Henry CLOSE farmer from Happy Valley and Mary CLOSE formerly ANDERSON. Herbert's grandparents Stephen and Mary CLOSE along with 3 children arrived in Nelson on the 05 February 1842 on the ship "Mary Ann". I do not know when the ANDERSON grandparents arrived in New Zealand. Both Catherine and Herbert descended from early pioneer families.

Before his marriage to Catherine, Herbert was on the Nelson Rolls of 1902, 1905, 1908 and 1911 where he was living in Happy Valley and his occupation was stated as farmer hand.

Wakefield was to be the home of Catherine and Herbert CLOSE throughout all of their married life. The Nelson Electoral Rolls confirm this. Herbert's occupation was always stated as Farmer. Catherine and Herbert had four children 0 2 boys and 2 girls. I believe they all where born in Wakefield

At the Nelson Public Hospital on the 26 September 1964 Catherine Alice CLOSE died aged 82 years. She was buried on 29 September in the St John's Churchyard at Wakefield. Catherine and Herbert had been married for 52 years.

Herbert Samuel CLOSE passed away on the 15 August 1972 aged 91 years. He was buried alongside of his wife in the St John's Church yard at Wakefield. They left behind their 4 children, Herbert Cyril, Philip Norman, Ella Jean and Vera May to continue the CLOSE branch of the family.

On a visit to Nelson in March 1991 I went to Wakefield. Still living in the old family home were Cyril and his widowed sister Jean (Ella Jean CLOSE). Cyril ran the farm while Jean tends to the house. The house is a wooden two-storey house. I have always had a passion for old houses and just loved the look and feel of the Close family home.

Catherine and Herbert CLOSE their children and descendants

1- Herbert Cyril CLOSE born about 1914 Wakefield Nelson died Wakefield Nelson (never married)

2- Philip Norman CLOSE born about 1915 Wakefield Nelson died 17 April 1990 Wakefield married 01 July Wakefield Nola May GRANGER born 22 August Foxhill

2-1- Female CLOSE and Male ELLERY (no issue) and Male LITTLE (no issue)

2-2- Female CLOSE and Male BOWE

2-2-1- Male BOWE

2-2-2- Female BOWE

2-3- Male CLOSE and Female BANNON (Issue unknown)

3- Ella Jean (known as Jean) CLOSE born 15 January 1917 Wakefield Nelson died Wakefield Nelson married August 1951 Wakefield Jack Duncan GIBBS born 26 February 1916 Wakefield died 29 December 1978 Wakefield (no issue)

4- Female CLOSE and Male WHITEHEAD

4-1- Female WHITEHEAD and Male PAYNE

4-1-1-Male PAYNE

4-1-2- Female PAYNE

4-2- Ian James WHITEHEAD born 09 July 1951 Reefton died 01 June 1987 Wakefield and Female SUTHERLAND

4-2-1- Male WHITEHEAD

4-2-2- Male WHITEHEAD

4-3- Female WHITEHEAD and Male REED

4-3-1- Female REED

4-3-2- Male REED

CLOSE miscellaneous information