

**Thomas George FLOWER and Florence PAGE**  
(Weblink Florence Page & Thomas George Flower)

**Thomas George FLOWER**

B 21 October 1875 Nelson NZ

D 18 March 1938 Blenheim

M 23 March 1903 Nelson NZ

**Florence PAGE**

B 28 July 1879 Nelson NZ

D 28 July 1954 Christchurch NZ

Children:

1. Leonard Gordon Paul FLOWER born 11 January 1904 Nelson NZ
2. Russell George FLOWER born 28 May 1907 Nelson NZ

The family history of  
Thomas George FLOWER and Florence PAGE

Florence PAGE was born on the 28 July 1879 at Wakapuaka, Suburban North Nelson. Her father William PAGE registered her birth on the 04 September 1879. William was aged 39 years at the time and his occupation was stated as Plasterer. Her mother Caroline was 37.

Florence was aged six years eight months when she was registered at Clifton Terrace School on the 10 March 1886. Florence passed standards II to VI between 1888 and 1892. Her destination upon leaving school at the age of 13 years and eight months was stated as Home.

Florence was old enough to vote in 1902 but I have been unable to find her name on any electoral rolls.

On the 23 March 1903 Florence PAGE age 23 years occupation Domestic duties, married Thomas George FLOWER age 27 years occupation Labourer. The Church of England Minister Rev E.C. ROBINSON married them at Florence's parents home. The witnesses were Joseph FLOWER a framer from Nelson and Catherine Alice PAGE of Nelson. Catherine was Florence's sister and I believe Joseph was a relative of the groom.

Thomas was born on 21 September 1875 in Nelson and his parents were John FLOWER Shoemaker and Christina FLOWER formerly VANT. Christina came to New Zealand with her parents Joseph and Susannah VANT on the ship "London" which arrived in Nelson on 10 April 1842. John came to New Zealand with his parents Henry and Margaret FLOWER from England on the "Bombay" arriving at Nelson on the 14 December 1842.

The Nelson Electoral Rolls of 1905 and 1908 stated Thomas's occupation, as Labourer living at Whangamoia but Florence did not appear. While living in Whangamoia, Florence gave birth to sons Leonard and Russell.

The Nelson Electoral Rolls of 1911, 1914 and 1919 had both Florence and Thomas living at Collins Valley, Whangamoia with Thomas's occupation stated as Farmer. Thomas did not appear on the 1922 or the 1925 Rolls, and Florence only appeared on the 1925 as living in Hira, occupation married.

In 1928, 1931 and 1935 Thomas was on the Nelson Rolls, c/- Baigents Mill Rai Falls, with occupation Bushman. Florence was still living in Hira in 1928 but appeared on the Mokueka Roll of 1931 living at the Ross Hotel Murchison occupation still married. Florence did not appear on any 1935 Electoral rolls. If Thomas's work moved him around in the bush, he may have found it more convenient to leave the address C/- the Mill.

Thomas George FLOWER passed away at the Wairau Hospital Blenheim on the 18 March 1938 age 62 years. He was buried on the 21 March at the Omaka Cemetery Blenheim. Thomas and Florence FLOWER were five days short of celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The 1938 Westland Electoral roll shows Florence living at Revell Street, Hokitika. It was while residing in Hokitika that her elder son Leonard married.

I found no trace of Florence on any 1941 Electoral Rolls. Then on the Avon Electoral Rolls of 1943, 1946 and 1949 Florence was living with her son Leonard at Breeze Road Christchurch and her occupation was stated as Widow.

Florence FLOWER formerly PAGE passed away on the 28 July 1954 at the Christchurch Public Hospital. She was buried the very next day at the Omaka cemetery Blenheim next to her husband Thomas. The minister taking the service was P. KIRKHAM a Church of England minister. Her death registration stated that she left two living male issue.

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### Thomas and Florence their children and descendants

**1- Leonard Gordon Paul FLOWER** born 11 January 1904 Nelson NZ died married 07 July 1939 Hokitika then divorced Myra May TOWERS born died (no issue)

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**2- Russell George FLOWER** born 28 May 1907 Nelson NZ died Auckland married Eileen ORCHARD born died (no issue)

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