

# The Brady Family of Howick, New Zealand

An overview of the descendants of Peter Brady,  
who served in the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the British Army  
and was discharged in New Zealand



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Front cover: Regimental Colour of the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1841, now in the War Memorial Museum, Auckland, New Zealand<sup>1</sup>.

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## Introduction

Brady is a fairly common Irish surname and I have made no attempt to trace all Irish Bradys. This document is focussed on the descendants of my Brady ancestor who served in the British Army in the 1800s & took his discharge in New Zealand in 1849, and is intended to provide a general overview of the many descendant branches of our Brady family tree. There will be more information on my immediate family, and their story, as that is what I am most familiar with, but I hope that it will also provide a better understanding of the other descendant lines, and how we are all related.

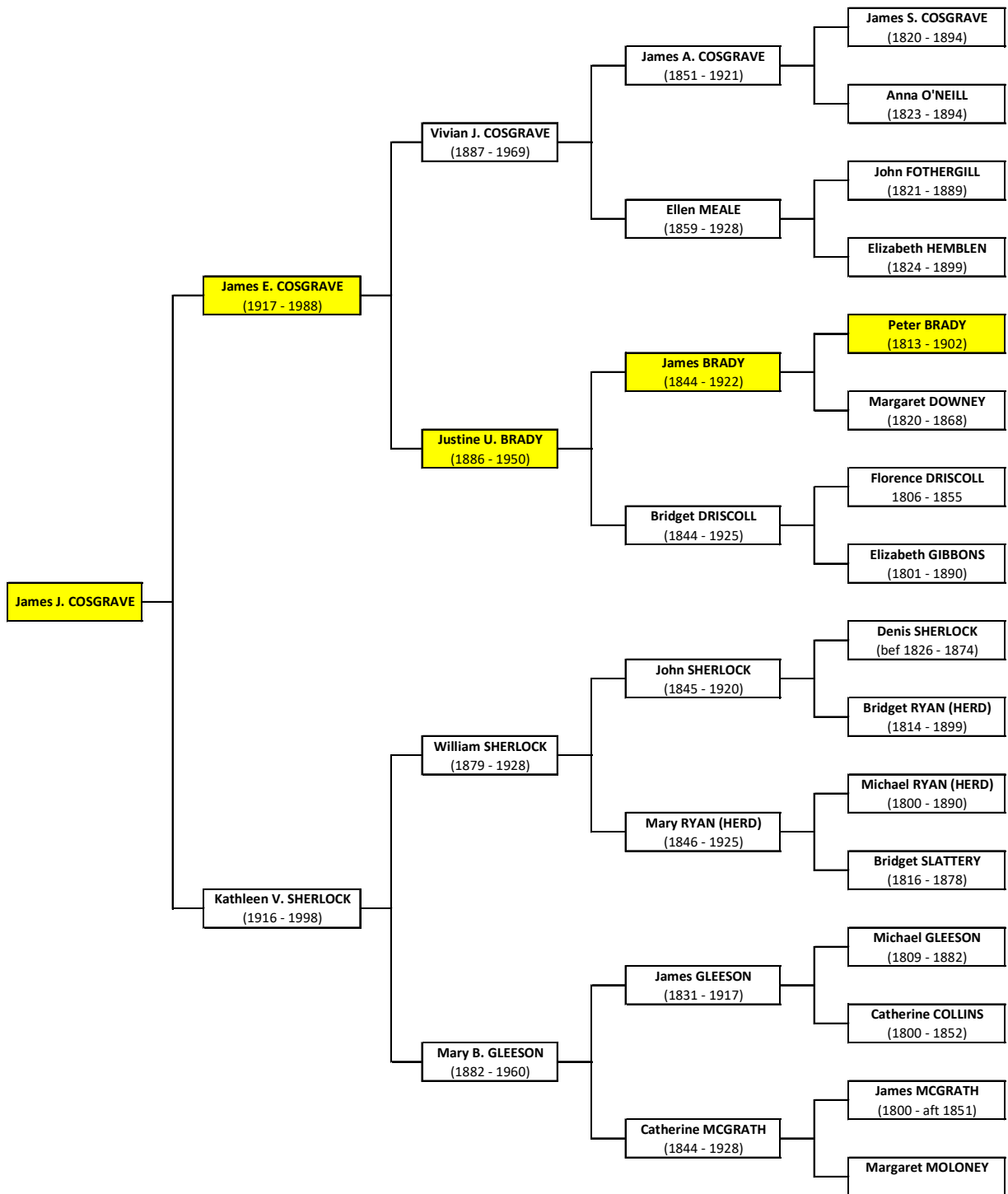
Throughout the document, to protect their privacy, I have tried to avoid providing details of living relatives, and I apologise if this cut-off has not been perfectly executed.

This is not intended to be the final word on the Brady family of Panmure and Howick (today suburbs of Auckland), New Zealand, and I hope that over time, new information will be identified, and that people from the various descendant branches might add additional chapters to this document, expanding the story of their Brady lines.

The research that went into this document is not entirely my own work, and I acknowledge the tireless efforts of Fr. Kevin O'Donoghue (1926-2017) and Keith Sellar (1929-2020) for their very large contribution in trying to get it all correct. More recently I have been touch with members of a Facebook group for "William and Hirata Brady Whanau", who have amassed a lot of information on this branch of the Brady family, some of which has been included in this document.

I apologise for any errors that may have crept into the document, and I welcome any corrections, family photographs, or other feedback, which can be incorporated into future revisions.

The chart on the next page shows with yellow highlight, the ancestral line that is the primary focus of this document.



## Chapter 1 – Peter Brady and Margaret Downey

Researching my Brady ancestral line became quite challenging when I reached Peter Brady, my great great grandfather. This was because there were two Peter Bradys who both lived in Howick (Auckland, New Zealand) in the 1800s, both served in the British Army and both were married to women named Margaret. The other Peter Brady will be covered in chapter 2, just for completeness, but this chapter will focus on the Peter Brady who served in the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot and who married Margaret Downey.

Peter Brady was born in the parish of Urney, County Cavan, Ireland circa 1816<sup>ii</sup>, a son of a tailor, also named Peter Brady. Peter, a labourer, enlisted in the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment on 13 October 1836 and was assigned regimental number 881. He likely began his military career at Fermoy Barracks in County Cork, but by 1841 he was part of the garrison manning Edinburgh Castle.

Name of the Institution <i>Edinburgh Castle</i>					
NAMES of each Person who abode therein on the Night of Sunday, June 6th.	Age	Age	OCCUPATION, if any.	Where Born	
	of Males.	of Females.		Whether Born in same County.	Whether Born in England, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
<i>John Brady</i>	<i>25</i>	.	<i>Soldier</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Peter Brady</i>	<i>20</i>	.	<i>Do</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>James Brady</i>	<i>30</i>	.	<i>Do</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>I</i>

Peter Brady in 1841 Census of Scotland

Around this time, Peter Brady married Margaret Downey, but despite an extensive search of available records in Ireland, Scotland and England, I have not found a record of their marriage.

In November 1841 the regiment was ordered to Chatham in Kent, England in readiness for travel to Australia, where they would provide garrison duties at Sydney. Soldiers from the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment acted as guards on several convict ships sailing to Australia over the following few years. Peter Brady, with his wife Margaret, sailed with the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment to Australia on the ship *Pestonjee Bomanjee*, leaving Gravesend on 17 May 1844 and arriving in Sydney on 30 September after stops at Rio de Janeiro and Hobart.

Six babies were born on the journey from Gravesend to Hobart, including James Brady, the first child of Peter Brady and Margaret Downey, who was born on 30 August, 11 days before the ship arrived at Hobart. James Brady was baptized at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church at Paramatta, New South Wales on 13 October 1844, and the baptism record states that he was a child of Peter Brady and Margaret Downey, who were living at the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment barracks in Paramatta.

When Maori unrest surfaced in 1845, the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment was sent to New Zealand, at the request of Governor George Grey, to maintain order, and Peter and Margaret Brady sailed on the ship *British Sovereign*, arriving in Auckland on 2 June 1845.

The unit did not stay in New Zealand very long and was back in Sydney in December 1846. Peter and Margaret's second child, a daughter named Anne, was born 20 November 1846 (also

at sea?), and she too was baptized at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church at Paramatta, New South Wales, on 18 February 1847.

In mid-1847 Peter Brady's unit was again sent to New Zealand, this time to Russell, where his second son, Phillip, was born on 23 April 1849. Peter served the remainder of his thirteen year term in the army in New Zealand, and he was discharged at Auckland on 30 September 1849, around the time that his regiment returned to Australia.

The family then settled at Panmure, where Peter opened a general store in 1851, obtained a liquor licence in 1854 and a slaughter house licence in 1858. In the 1859-1860 Jury List, Peter is listed as a publican. Peter and Margaret Brady baptized four children at Panmure, and the parish register entries identify the parents as Peter Brady and Margaret Downey, as follows –

- William James Brady, baptized 5 November, 1850
- Peter Brady, baptized 6 February, 1853
- Catherine Brady, baptized 1 January 1857
- Andrew Brady, baptized 28 August 1859

In the early 1860s the family moved to Howick, where Peter operated the *Howick Arms* hotel from 1863 to 1875. The Assessment Rolls for Howick show that Peter Brady owned five allotments in 1866 and eight acres in 1868. They baptized a further three children in Howick as follows –

- Joseph Brady, baptized 19 January 1862
- Henry Brady, baptized 7 January 1864
- Alfred Brady, baptized 29 October 1865

In addition to these ten documented children of Peter and Margaret Brady, family members believe that they had an additional child, Edward, born circa 1851. I have not found a civil birth record nor a baptism record for Edward Brady, which is unexpected, given that we have found baptism or civil birth records for his ten siblings. I have found a few pieces of information on the death of Edward Brady, identified by family to have operated the Tourist Hotel in Atiamuri from 1886 with his brother Alfred – he is buried in the same plot as a brother and sister in Howick; and his newspaper death notice identifies him as an uncle of Mrs. J.B. Cox (daughter of his sister Catherine Brady). So there is some evidence that Peter and Margaret Brady had a son named Edward.

James Brady, the eldest child of Peter and Margaret, will be covered in detail in Chapter 3.

Anne Brady died in Panmure on 7 January 1860 at the age of 13 years, and is buried in the Panmure Cemetery.

Phillip Brady, known as “the Howick Giant”, was found drowned in the Mangapai River, near Whangarei, on 17 November 1894<sup>iii</sup> at the age of 45 years. An inquest was held and the verdict returned by the jury was “*Found drowned, and there is no evidence before the jury as to how the deceased got into the water.*”

William James Brady married Ngatau Te Hirata Keremeta and had a large family, which will be covered in chapter 4.

Peter Brady married Isabella McPherson and will be covered in chapter 5.

Catherine Brady died on 20 July 1927 and is buried in the Howick Cemetery. Her known descendants are as follows –

1. Catherine BRADY (b.4 Dec 1856-Panmure, Auckland, New Zealand; d.20 Jul 1927-New Zealand)

pt.: William KERR (d. Aft 1910)

2. Catherine KERR (b.7 Apr 1875-Howick, New Zealand; d.12 Aug 1949-New Zealand)

sp: James Benjamin COX (b.12 May 1875-Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand; m.25 Jan 1911; d.6 Jan 1953-New Zealand)

Andrew Brady married Margaret Hennessey and will be covered in chapter 6.

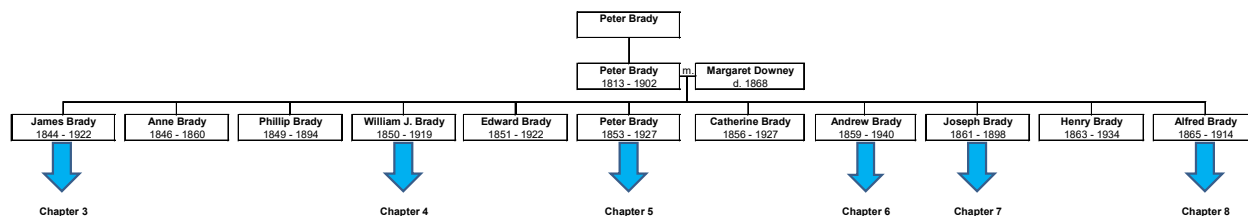
Joseph Brady married Maria Celia Crane and will be covered in chapter 7.

Henry Brady was born on 27 October 1863 and baptized at Howick a few months later. He died at Auckland on 5 September 1934 and is buried in the Howick Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Alfred Brady married Tauwehe Haunui / Taro and will be covered in chapter 8.

Margaret Brady, nee Downey, died at the *Howick Arms* on 26 April 1868. Her true age is unclear as the death notice in the Daily Southern Cross newspaper<sup>iv</sup> stated “*DEATH - On April 26, at her residence, the Howick Arms, Howick, Mrs. P. Brady, aged 42 years*”. However her civil death registration states that her age was about 60 years.

Peter Brady died 15 November 1902. His obituary<sup>v</sup> in the Auckland Star newspaper provides the following summary of his life – “*Yet another of our old veterans has passed away at the age of ninety years, come December, viz., Mr Peter Brady, of Howick, late of the 58th Regiment. The remains of the old soldier were laid in the grave in the Panmure cemetery yesterday beside his wife, the Rev. Father Hara officiating, a large cortege from Howick following- Captain Hattaway, who was present at the funeral, related that he had known Mr. Brady since 1842, that he had fought in the first war of New Zealand, through every engagement, Okaihau, Ohaeawai, Ruapekapeka, and all the fighting of Heke's war; that he and others who remained in this colony had come thirty and forty miles from the bush country to bid farewell to the old corps, paraded at Albert barracks, where many of them kissed the colours under which they had fought and bled, and many other very interesting incidents. Mr. Brady was servant to Sir George Grey in the early days, and accompanied Sir George all through the North Island on that memorable journey when the first Europeans were allowed to visit the terraces in the Rotomahana Lake country, and the names of the party were etched in the centre of the terrace. Mr Brady had numerous children and grandchildren, and it was pleasant to see the devoted attention they showed him in his declining years*”.





## Chapter 2 – The Other Peter Brady

Peter Brady was born in Ireland about 1805, and enlisted with the 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot at Dublin on 30 December 1823. In 1829 he transferred to the 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot, and spent 22 years serving his country, mainly in the East Indies. He was discharged on pension at Chatham, England, on 13 June 1845.

After some unrest between local Maori and European settlers in New Zealand in 1845-46, the British government formed the Royal New Zealand Fencible Corps to provide security to the settlers. Recruits had to be under 48 years of age, be medically fit, and have served at least 15 years in the British Army. Each was to receive free passage to New Zealand for their family, a cottage on an acre of land, and an increased pension, in return for limited military service as required.

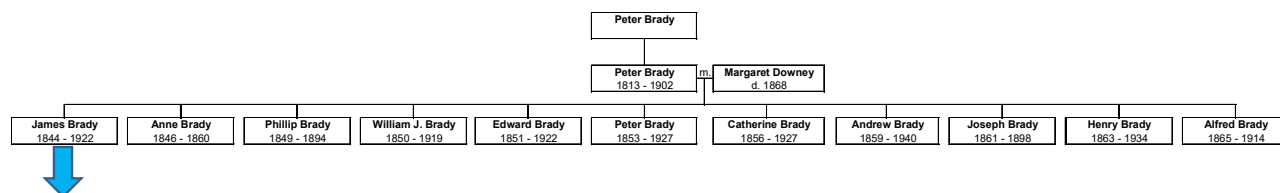
Peter Brady signed up, and he sailed to New Zealand on the ship *Minerva*<sup>vi</sup>, arriving at Howick on 8 October 1847. The Fencible records at Howick Pioneer Village state that he travelled with a wife and one child. A (non-original) passenger list published as part of the New Zealand GenWeb project, does not name his wife, but identifies that she was born in England. It also states that the child was Anne, born in PRST, England, about 1847, suggesting that she was born not long before their departure for New Zealand. I am not convinced that the information regarding the child Anne is correct, as it is likely a misassociation of the Anne Brady who died at Panmure on 7 January 1860, aged 13 years (therefore born circa 1847), who was a daughter of Peter Brady and Margaret Downey, and was discussed in the previous chapter.

He is likely the Peter Brady who married a widow, named Margaret McEwan, on 12 March 1849. Margaret died of consumption on 28 January 1858 at Howick. Peter Brady, a butcher residing in Howick was the informant on his wife's death certificate, and he signed with an X (his mark), suggesting that he was illiterate.

There is no record of this Peter Brady having any children born in New Zealand, either before or after his marriage to Margaret McEwan.

Peter Brady died 19 June 1870 and the local newspaper<sup>vii</sup> reported that "*A man named Peter Brady died somewhat suddenly in Chancery-street on Sunday morning last. As the deceased however, had been ailing on and off for some little time past, an inquest will not be held on the remains*".

## Chapter 3 – James Brady and Bridget Driscoll



James Brady, the eldest child of Peter Brady of the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment and his wife Margaret Downey, was born at sea between Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Hobart, Australia on 30 August 1844, on board the ship *Pestonjee Bomanjee*, which was transporting Peter's unit to Australia. Upon arrival in Australia James was baptized at St. Patricks Church in Paramatta, New South Wales on 13 October 1844.

As a young child he moved with the regiment, as his father's service dictated, but from mid-1847 he was settled in Auckland, New Zealand, where he remained for the rest of his life.

On 20 January 1866, at 21 years of age, he married Bridget Driscoll, daughter of a Fencible settler, Florence Driscoll. The couple settled in Howick, where they produced a family of eleven children, as follows –

- William James Brady, born 29 November 1866
- Margaret Brady, born 18 September 1868
- Elizabeth Brady, born 4 August 1870
- Emily Brady, born 21 July 1872
- Henry Timothy Brady, born 3 July 1874
- Eva Iney Brady, born 3 October 1878
- Lillian Lavinia Cicelia Brady, born 17 September 1881
- Florence Brady, born 11 September 1883
- Justine Ursula Brady, born 16 July 1886
- Undine Mary Brady, born 25 November 1888
- Veronica Brady, born 9 November 1890

William James Brady married Angelina Hacker White and will be covered in chapter 9.

Margaret Brady married Cornelius O'Donoghue and will be covered in chapter 10.

Elizabeth Brady married Robert Samuel Alward and will be covered in chapter 11.

Emily Brady died at 15 months old on 23 October 1873.

Henry Timothy Brady married Mary Brosnahan on 25 January 1903 in Blenheim, New Zealand. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Henry Timothy BRADY (b.3 Jul 1874-Howick, New Zealand; d.8 Aug 1937-New Zealand)  
sp: Mary BROSNAHAN (b. Abt 1876-Waterford, Ireland; m.25 Jan 1903)
2. Eileen Veronica BRADY (b.22 Jan 1911-New Zealand)
2. William Kenny BRADY (b.1911-New Zealand)

Eva Iney Brady married James Allen Wilson in 1907 and they produced three children. James died in 1929 and Eva died 16 July 1951 in Northcote. Their known descendants are as follows

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1. Eva Iney BRADY (b.3 Oct 1878-Howick, New Zealand; d.16 Jul 1951-Northcote, New Zealand)

sp: James Allen WILSON (b. Abt 1870; m.21 Nov 1907; d.7 Nov 1929-New Zealand)

2. Mary Phyllis WILSON (b.9 Apr 1909-New Zealand; d.11 Apr 1909-New Zealand)

2. Allan James Halley WILSON (b.19 May 1910-New Zealand; d.6 May 1983-New Zealand)

sp: Ellen Mitchell Watson SMITH (b.29 Jul 1913-New Zealand; m.30 Dec 1936; d.13 Jan 2015-Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Barry WILSON

3. Raewyn Marie WILSON (b.17 Jan 1940; d.3 Apr 2012-New Zealand)

sp: HOWARD

2. Frances Edna WILSON (b.1 Aug 1911-New Zealand)

sp: Harry George ANDERSON (m.3 Dec 1938(Div))

Lillian Lavinia Cicelia Brady married Richard Ebden Minns in Howick on 12 July 1906. The couple moved to Australia and produced two children there. Lillian died in 1924 and Richard in 1937. Their known descendants are as follows -

1. Lillian Lavinia Cicelia BRADY (b.17 Sep 1881-Howick, New Zealand; d.1924-Victoria, Australia)

sp: Richard Ebden MINNS (b. Abt 1881-Victoria, Australia; m.12 Jul 1906; d.1937-Victoria, Australia)

2. Thelma Lillian MINNS (b.1908-Victoria, Australia)

sp: Harold James DOYLE (m.1927)

2. Richard Ebden James MINNS (b.1912-Victoria, Australia; d.1988-Victoria, Australia)

sp: Dorothy Frances May ELLIS (b.1912-Victoria, Australia; m.1936)

Florence Brady married Joseph Richardson in 1909. Florence died 11 January 1921 in Auckland.

Justine Ursula Brady married Vivian John Cosgrave and will be covered in chapter 12.

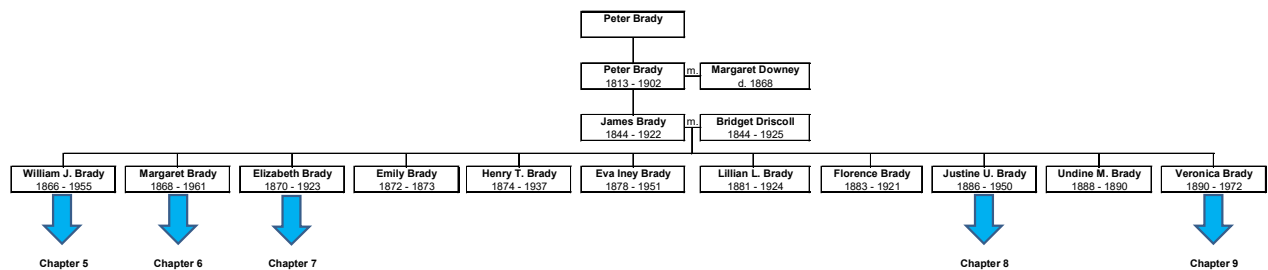
Undine Mary Brady died in Howick at 13 months old, on 9 January 1890.

Veronica Brady will be covered in chapter 13.

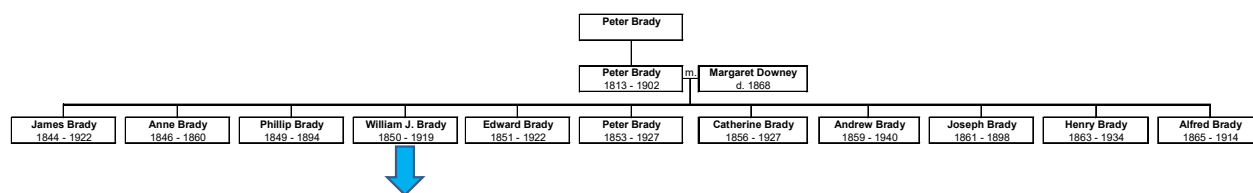


**James Brady and Bridget Driscoll.**

James Brady died at Howick on 30 May 1922, at 77 years of age, and was buried in the Howick Cemetery on 1 June 1922. Bridget died on 9 September 1925, aged 81 years, and was buried alongside her husband 2 days later.



## Chapter 4 – William James Brady and Ngatau Te Hirata Keremeta



William James Brady joined the Armed Constabulary on 11 August 1870 and was transferred to Taupo 4 days later. He remained in Taupo until his discharge on 31 March 1878. It was here that he met Ngatau Te Hirata Keremeta, a full blooded Maori of Te Arawa (Ngatai Huarere and Ngatai Wahiao), Ngatai Tuwharetoa and Ngai te Rangi. The couple married at Taupo circa 1871, but as Maori marriages were not required to be registered prior to 1911, no marriage registration record has been found.

After his discharge from the constabulary in 1878, William worked in Taupo as a blacksmith and in the late 1880s moved his family to Te Puke, where he continued blacksmithing. Circa 1905 William and family moved to Papamoa, where he farmed and raised thoroughbred horses.

William James Brady died at Papamoa on 9 July 1919, at 68 years old and his obituary<sup>viii</sup> reads as follows – *“It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mr. William Brady, which occurred suddenly at his residence, Papamoa, on Wednesday night. Deceased has resided in the Te Puke and Papamoa districts for over thirty years. For a long period he conducted a blacksmithing and coach building business at Te Puke, and then moved to Papamoa, where he engaged in farming up till the time of his death. He was born at Otahuhu, and in early life took a keen interest in racing matters. He was a prominent amateur rider, and rode numerous winners on racecourses all over the North Island. He also owned and trained many notable racehorses, including Garbinier (a great performer), Zulu, Steeltrap, Te Whetamaramara, Saunterer, Satellite, Papamoa, Princess of Thule, Mitiora and many others. He also rode in a match at Tauranga many years ago, the winning horse being owned by Mr J Ellis. After moving to Te Puke deceased took a keen interest in the breeding of thoroughbreds, and brought to the district such well-known sires as Vortex, Utepapa, Lord of the Isles, Purepo, and Formative; also, a number of high class mares. It may safely be asserted that he did more than any other man in the Bay of Plenty to improve the breed of light horses on the coast. Genial and warm hearted, on scores of occasions he went out of his way to do a good turn for a neighbour or a friend. One instance, typical of his consideration for others, is worth recording. A neighbour at Te Puke met with a serious accident, necessitating urgent medical attention, and deceased left his own business and drove the injured man to and from Tauranga over a road that was almost impassable and not to be compared with the road as we know it today. The late Mr Brady claimed a legion of friends, who will learn of his death with deep regret. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow and adult family, to whom the greatest sympathy will be extended in their bereavement. The funeral took place at Te Puke today and was largely attended”*.

After the death of her husband, Ngatau went to Onehunga, to live with her daughter, Kathleen Langdon, where she died on 9 November 1942, aged 96 years. Her newspaper obituary<sup>ix</sup> reads as follows – *“At the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Langdon, of Onehunga, the death has occurred of Mrs. Ngatau Te Hirata Brady, a chieftainess of the Arawa tribe, in her 97th year. Mrs. Brady, who was born at Taupo, was a daughter of the Arawa chief Mita Taupopokai, who*



Ngata Te Hirata Brady's Headstone (photo by Trevor Ashe)

died recently at Rotorua. She was married to Mr. William Brady, a member of the Armed Constabulary at Taupo during the Maori Wars. Her husband died in 1919, since when she had lived with her daughter at Onehunga. Of Mrs. Brady's family of 19, only two sons and five daughters survive her. There are numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren".

In August 2022, descendants of Ngata erected a new headstone on her grave, to ensure that she will long be remembered.

As stated in Ngata's obituary, the couple had 19 children, but none of the births were registered at the time of birth, as Maori birth registration was not required prior to 1913. The birth of their son, Henare, was registered in 1960.

The known descendants of William and Ngata Te Hirata Brady are as follows –

1. William James BRADY (b.21 Aug 1850-Auckland, New Zealand; d.9 Jul 1919-Papamoa, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)

sp: Ngata Te Hirata (b. Abt 1854-Taupo, Waikato, New Zealand; m. Abt 1871; d.9 Nov 1942-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Ataraiti (Annie) BRADY (b. Abt 1874-Taupo, Waikato, New Zealand; d.1945-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)

sp: Waretini Te Mutukuri WARETINI (b.1878; d.1939)

3. Moana WARETINI (b. Abt 1912-At sea; d.5 May 1960-New Zealand)

sp: Taame Thomas TUNUI (b.1908; d.1986)

4. Te Rangihiroa TUNUI (b.8 May 1934-Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand; d.24 Apr 2001-New Zealand)

sp: Te Rau Oriwa Olive TAMIHANA (b.5 Sep 1934; d.2004-New Zealand)

2. Joseph Henry BRADY (b. Abt 1875-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand; d.17 May 1934-Auckland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Daisy BOLTON (b.21 Oct 1897-Wanganui, New Zealand; m.2 Jun 1928; d.28 Oct 1979-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Josie Aroha BRADY (b.14 Feb 1930; d.21 Jan 2018-Orewa, Auckland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Hugh Reid GOULD (b.16 Sep 1922; m.1951; d.5 Nov 1999-New Zealand)
2. Paretuawatea (Polly) BRADY (b.1876; d.1 Aug 1948-New Zealand)  
 sp: Timi POPOKI (b. Abt 1869; d.2 May 1936-New Zealand)
3. Merepeka Timi POPOKI (b. Abt 1901; d.11 Jul 1957-New Zealand)  
 sp: Robert SEYMOUR (m.1918)
4. Sophie SEYMOUR (b.1923)  
 sp: Wiremu WILSON
5. William James WILSON (b.1943; d.2009)
2. Henare Te Hirata (Harry) BRADY (b.14 Nov 1880/1886-New Zealand; d.4 Dec 1953-New Zealand)  
 sp: Amy Una BAKER (b.1 Feb 1904-New Zealand; m.14 Oct 1922; d.22 Apr 1993-New Zealand)
3. Harriet May BRADY (b.25 Jan 1926-Whangarei, New Zealand; d.29 Jun 1995-Auckland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Mervyn Patrick JONAS (b.12 Feb 1922-New Zealand; m.1943; d.10 Aug 2006-New Zealand)
4. Clifford Howard JONAS (b.10 Sep 1942-Auckland, New Zealand; d.5 Jul 2007-Auckland, New Zealand)
4. female THOMAS
3. Joseph Howard BRADY (b.5 Sep 1927; d.12 Apr 1980-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Ngaire Eunice WRIGHT (b.27 May 1937; m.1956/1964(Div); d.20 Dec 2006-New Zealand)
2. Peter BRADY (b.19 Apr 1882; d.21 Mar 1946-New Zealand)  
 sp: Bridget Ann Veronica BRENNAN (b.1884-New Zealand; m.1905; d.10 Feb 1941-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Hinemoa Mary BRADY (b.1906-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand; d.30 Nov 1942-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Albert SIEBERT (b.12 Feb 1900-New Zealand; m.1925(Div); d.1988-New Zealand)  
 sp: Daniel Joseph SHARPE (b. Abt 1901; m.1935; d.1961-New Zealand)
3. William Joseph BRADY (b.6 Oct 1907-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand; d.12 May 1975-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)  
 sp: Lillian Grace BOAKES (b.7 Nov 1907-New Zealand; m.1928; d.1996-New Zealand)
4. Daphne Grace BRADY (b.20 Oct 1928-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand; d.21 May 2003-New Zealand)  
 sp: Frederick Alexander CAMMICK (b.27 Aug 1916-New Zealand; m.1955; d.16 Jul 1992-New Zealand)
4. William Frederick BRADY (b.16 Jul 1931-Auckland, New Zealand; d.15 Dec 2000-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand)

- sp: Zelda Gay SMITH (b.5 Mar 1938-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand; m.1956; d.27 Jul 2012-Brisbane, Queensland, Australia)
5. Steven William BRADY (b.28 Sep 1956; d.24 Nov 1998)
3. Ngaroma Gladys BRADY (b.5 Apr 1911-New Zealand; d.1999-New Zealand)  
sp: George Edwin LARKING (b.24 Oct 1908-New Zealand; m.1929; d.1987-New Zealand)
3. Peter Aloysius Anzac BRADY (b.14 Sep 1915-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand; d.1986-New Zealand)  
sp: Flora Alison DICKSON (b.11 Mar 1915-New Zealand; m.1934; d.1998-New Zealand)
4. Roger Joseph BRADY (b.26 Jul 1935; d.1987-New Zealand)
3. Nareene Lucy BRADY (b.5 Dec 1916-New Zealand; d. 25 Sep 2009-New Zealand)  
sp: Trevor Henderson ASHE (b.21 May 1914-New Zealand; m.11 Dec 1937-New Zealand; d.18 Jan 2001-New Zealand)
4. Valerie Anne ASHE (b.11 Nov 1937; d.6 Sep 2012-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
4. female ASHE
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4. Trevor ASHE
- sp: Ernest William BORCHARD (b. 11 Sep 1916-West Ham, Essex, England; d. 14 Apr 1995-New Zealand)
2. Te Waiti (Alice) BRADY (b.9 Jul 1883-New Zealand; d.13 Dec 1974-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)  
sp: Charles Ehau HODGE (b. Abt 1874; m.1906; d.9 Aug 1934-New Zealand)
3. Sophie Paekitawhiti HODGE (b.3 Apr 1908-New Zealand; d.3 Jul 1979-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)  
sp: Hira WIRINGI (m.1928; d. Bef 1980)
4. Joseph Te Hira Hohepa WIRINGI (b.11 Apr 1930; d.1993-New Zealand)
4. Dorothy Hinemoa WIRINGI (b.22 Oct 1933; d.2004-New Zealand)
4. Matthew Ehau WIRINGI (b.17 Sep 1937; d.2020-New Zealand)
4. male WIRINGI (b. Abt 1943)
4. female WIRINGI (b. Abt 1946)
4. male WIRINGI (b. Abt 1953)
3. Sam HODGE (b.8 Jan 1914-New Zealand; d.29 Oct 1942)
3. Mita HODGE (b.8 Nov 1916-New Zealand; d.21 Aug 1981-New Zealand)  
sp: Emma Maharata HETA (b.15 Nov 1921; m.1939; d.26 Jan 1992-Levin, Horowhenua, New Zealand)
4. Sonya Wairani HODGE (b.13 Apr 1940; d.19 Oct 2017-Palmerston North, Manawatu, New Zealand)  
sp: Ronald James BURNS (b.4 Jun 1936; d.10 Aug 2006-New Zealand)
3. Peter Mason HODGE (b.26 Nov 1919-New Zealand; d.15 Jul 1999-New Zealand)  
sp: Delia Georgina EHAU (b.24 Apr 1921;m.1943; d.17 Mar 2006-New Zealand)
3. Harry Henare HODGE (b.14 Mar 1926; d.7 Jan 2007-New Zealand)  
sp: Rangī Tokona FLAVEL (b.22 Jan 1931; d.14 Sep 2019-New Zealand)
3. Albert Rapata Hauora HODGE (b.3 Sep 1928; d.10 Jul 2013-New Zealand)  
sp: Meriana TANIWHA (m.1951(Div))
- sp: Ihia Mary (b.28 Sep 1926; d.23 Aug 2006-New Zealand)



2. William Joseph BRADY (b.28 Feb 1887-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; d.9 Jun 1918-Redwood City, California, United States of America)

2. Huhana (Susan) BRADY (b. Abt 1887-Atiamuri, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand; d.27 Nov 1915-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Horace Leonard KAYES (b. Jul/Sep 1881-Wandsworth, London, England; m.2 Apr 1906; d.27 Jan 1960-Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Hirata Mona KAYES (b.9 Feb 1907-New Zealand; d.13 Mar 1982-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)

sp: Charles Martin CARROLL (b.7 Sep 1906-New Zealand; m.20 Jul 1932; d.25 Feb 1968-Whangamata, Waikato, New Zealand)

3. Harry Raimona KAYES (b.30 Mar 1908-New Zealand; d.9 Jan 1982-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Gladys Harriett SMITH (b.13 Nov 1909-New Zealand; m.11 May 1935(Div); d.28 May 1990-Takapuna, Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Gary KAYES (b.4 Jul 1940; d.4 Sep 1985-Auckland, New Zealand)

4. female KAYES (b. Abt 1942)

4. male KAYES

3. Decima Huia KAYES (b.29 Dec 1911-New Zealand; d.19 Sep 1985-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Leonard Charles WALDRON (b.8 Oct 1906; m.1945; d.19 Apr 1988-Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Titihuia (Kathleen) BRADY (b. Abt 1889; d.26 Dec 1969-New Zealand)

sp: Edward LANGDON (b. Oct/Dec 1881-Auckland, New Zealand; m.1 Dec 1910; d.9 Nov 1945-New Zealand)

3. Hinemoa LANGDON (b.3 Sep 1911-New Zealand; d.23 Sep 1949-Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Lewis Douglas NEWSON (b.16 Feb 1910-Shannon, Manawatu, New Zealand; m.1933; d.30 Jul 1983-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Leita Mary NEWSON (b.28 Mar 1934; d.26 Oct 1995-New Zealand)

sp: Arthur Alfred ABSOLUM (b.26 Apr 1914; m.1956; d.21 Jun 1978-New Zealand)

sp: Frederick William MARRIOTT

5. female ABSOLUM (b.27 Oct 1963-New Zealand)

sp: Dean Riki MAERA (b.1956; d.2020)

4. Lewis Dene NEWSON (b.23 Sep 1937; d.2005-New Zealand)

sp: Judith Anne (m.(Div))

3. Edward LANGDON (b.25 Mar 1913-New Zealand; d.7 Feb 1932-New Zealand)

3. Harry LANGDON (b.7 Apr 1915-New Zealand; d.14 Sep 1981-New Zealand)

sp: Eileen Joyce HANSEN (b.11 Mar 1921-New Zealand; m.26 Aug 1942; d.26 Oct 2006-New Zealand)

4. Kerry A. LANGDON (b.Bef 1945)

sp: Victor Reginald HYNDMAN (b.1926-Kaponga, Taranaki, New Zealand; m. Bef 1973; d.13 Aug 1982-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)

4. male LANGDON (b. Bef 1948)

4. male LANGDON (b. Bef 1948)

- sp: Catherine ATLEY (b.2 Jul 1948-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; m.Bef 1982; d.23 Feb 2003-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
4. female LANGDON (b.Bef 1954)
  4. female LANGDON (b.4 May 1955)
  4. female LANGDON (b.19 Aug 1957)
  4. male LANGDON (b.1959-New Zealand)
2. Edward BRADY (b. Abt 1894; d.17 Nov 1901-Papamoa, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
2. Makarita (Margaret) BRADY (b. Abt 1895; d.30 Jun 1957-Taupo, Waikato, New Zealand)
- sp: William Edwin Arthur THOMASON (b.16 Jul 1892-New Zealand; m.4 Nov 1919; d.21 May 1965-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
3. Geoffrey THOMASON (b.2 Nov 1920-New Zealand; d.10 Oct 2004-New Zealand)

sp: Ngare Joan TIBBUTT (b.29 Jul 1924; m.1947; d.8 Mar 2020-New Zealand)

  3. Ivan THOMASON (b.24 Dec 1921-New Zealand; d.11 Jun 1993-New Zealand)

sp: Doris Mary Elizabeth HACKETT (b.19 Aug 1922-New Zealand; m.1946; d.10 Jul 1997-New Zealand)

  3. Leita Margaret THOMASON (b.8 Apr 1923; d.10 Nov 1974-New Zealand)

sp: Murray Gordon KING (b.11 Aug 1921-New Zealand; m.1949; d.19 Oct 2001-New Zealand)

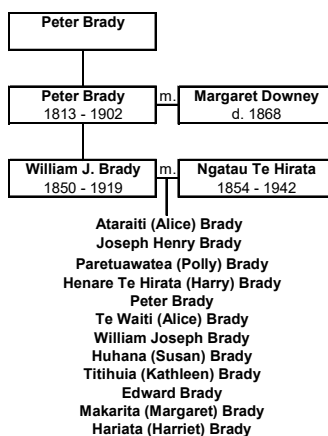
  3. Hazel Mary THOMASON (b.4 Oct 1925; d.6 Jan 2004-New Zealand)

sp: Allan James Ponui MOORE (b.29 Dec 1926; m.1949; d.1 Jan 2015-New Zealand)
2. Hariata (Harriet) BRADY (b.22 Oct 1899-Te Puke, New Zealand; d.2 Sep 1974-New Zealand)
- sp: William Vivian Egbert RICHARDSON (b. Abt 1885-Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia; m.1921; d.21 Sep 1944-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
3. Mary Constance RICHARDSON (b.28 Sep 1922-New Zealand; d.10 Jun 2007-New Zealand)

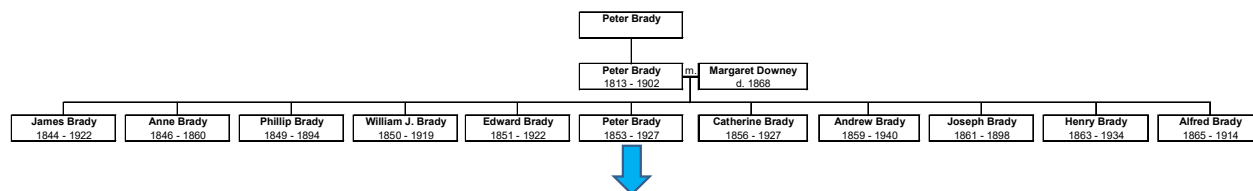
sp: William Arthur STEWARD (b.24 Feb 1923; m.1945; d.2 Feb 2016-Tauranga, New Zealand)

  3. Daisy Margaret RICHARDSON (b.27 Aug 1924; d.12 May 2012-Tauranga, New Zealand)

sp: Bertrand Walter CHOAT (b.17 Sep 1921-New Zealand; m.1949; d.24 Mar 1991-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)

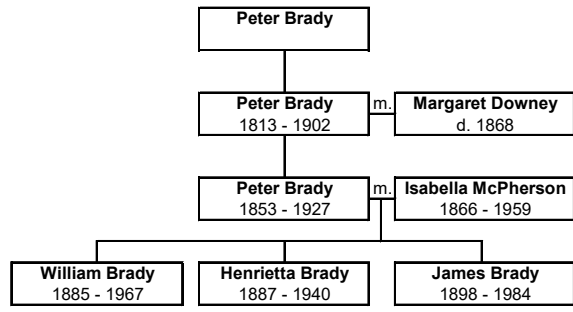


## Chapter 5 – Peter Brady and Isabella McPherson

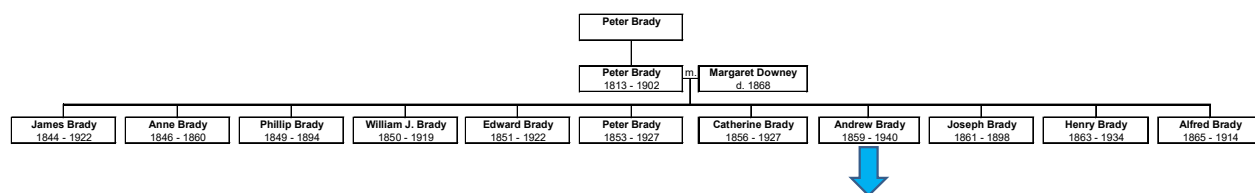


Peter Brady married Isabella McPherson on 3 January 1885 and died 27 July 1927 at Clive, Hawkes Bay. Isabella died 25 March 1959. Their known descendants are as follows -

1. Peter BRADY (b.19 Jan 1853-Panmure, New Zealand; d.27 Jul 1927-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
  - sp: Isabella MCPHERSON (b. Abt 1866-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; m.3 Jan 1885; d. 25 Mar 1959-New Zealand)
2. William Henry BRADY (b.13 Mar 1885-New Zealand; d.19 Jun 1967-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
  - sp: Winifred Louisa HIRD (b.3 Jan 1892-New Zealand; m.18 Feb 1914(Div); d.5 Aug 1959-New Zealand)
3. Henry Peter BRADY (b.21 Mar 1915-New Zealand; d.9 Sep 1970-New Zealand)
  - sp: Eunice Kathleen SMITH (b.23 Dec 1915-New Zealand; m.1935; d.17 Nov 1983-New Zealand)
4. William Peter Brian BRADY (b.28 Feb 1936; d.22 Feb 2013-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
  - sp: Joyce June BLAKE (b.29 Jun 1934; d.4 Jan 2000-New Zealand)
4. male BRADY
3. William John Frederick BRADY (b.30 Jun 1920-Wairoa, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.24 Jul 1989-Palmerston North, Manawatu, New Zealand)
  - sp: Minnie Alice JARMAN (b.28 Jun 1919-New Zealand; m.23 Sep 1950; d.29 Mar 1985-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand)
4. Judith Christine BRADY (b.16 Apr 1953-Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand; d.5 Apr 2003-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
4. female BRADY (b. Abt 1955)
4. female BRADY (b. Abt 1958)
3. Catherine Henrietta BRADY (b. Abt 1922; d.16 Nov 1970-New Zealand)
  - sp: Arthur GEMMELL (b.16 Aug 1919; m.1945; d.9 Nov 1982-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
2. Henrietta Margaret BRADY (b.7 Jun 1887-New Zealand; d.11 Mar 1940-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
2. James Peter BRADY (b.30 Dec 1898-New Zealand; d.7 Apr 1984-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
  - sp: Gertrude Johanna FITZGERALD (b.17 Jul 1898-New Zealand; m.1941; d.17 Oct 1990-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)



## Chapter 6 – Andrew Brady and Margaret Hennessey



Andrew Brady married Margaret Hennessey on 11 March 1885 and died 24 June 1940 at Napier, Hawkes Bay. Margaret died 27 September 1902 at Clive, Hawkes Bay. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Andrew BRADY (b.7 Aug 1859-Howick, Auckland, New Zealand; d.24 Jun 1940-Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

sp: Margaret HENNESSEY (b. Abt 1861; m.11 Mar 1885; d.27 Sep 1902-Clive, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand)

2. Annie BRADY (b.1884-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.3 Mar 1953-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

sp: Francis MCKEEGAN (b. Abt 1876; m.5 Apr 1910; d.14 Aug 1935-New Zealand)

3. Freda Kathleen MCKEEGAN (b.9 Jul 1910-New Zealand; d.2004-New Zealand)

sp: Claude Robert PAGE (b.25 Jul 1914-New Zealand; m.9 Nov 1940; d.25 Mar 1985-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Aileen Rona MCKEEGAN (b.7 Dec 1917-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.3 Mar 2014-Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)

sp: James Allen GALLAGHER (b.8 Sep 1919-New Zealand; m.1949; d.8 Apr 1984-New Zealand)

4. male GALLAGHER

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sp: Alice HAYMAN (b.1954; d.7 Oct 2010-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)

4. female GALLAGHER

sp: John Patrick HARVEY (b.1939; d.2005)

4. female GALLAGHER

3. Marie Patricia Yvonne MCKEEGAN (b.9 Jan 1920-New Zealand; d.26 Nov 1971-New Zealand)

3. Lorna Imelda MCKEEGAN (b.16 Jul 1921-New Zealand; d.12 Aug 1960-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

2. Margaret Alice BRADY (b.23 Oct 1886-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.2 Aug 1958-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

sp: Roy MCILROY (b.6 Sep 1884-New Zealand; m.14 Jul 1907; d.2 Apr 1955-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

3. Eric James MCILROY (b.6 Jan 1910-New Zealand; d.4 Jul 1980-New Zealand)

sp: Elenor Maud CROSS (b.29 Jun 1910-New Zealand; m.1931; bur.24 May 1991-Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

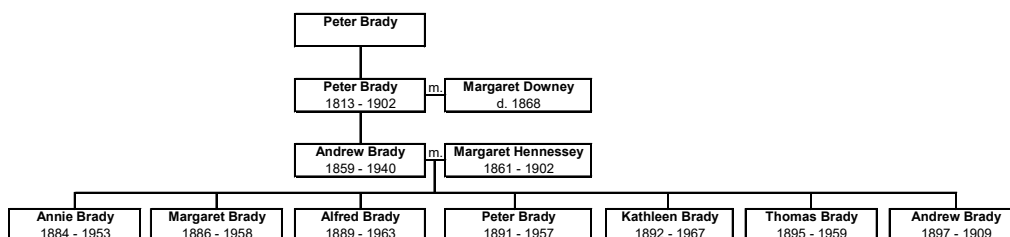
4. Maurice MCILROY (b. Abt 1932; d.5 Aug 1939-New Zealand)

4. Patrick Joseph MCILROY (b.18 Jan 1936; d.17 Jul 1984-New Zealand)

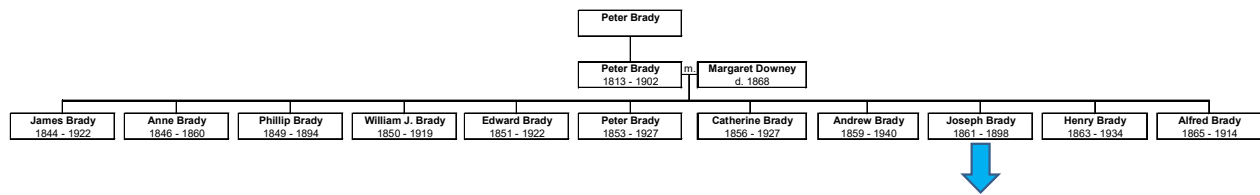
sp: Ada Dorothy BUNCE (b.21 Sep 1937-Portsmouth, Hampshire, England; d.20 Feb

- 2022-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
4. Maureen Te Rena MCILROY (b.21 Feb 1937; d.14 Nov 2012-New Zealand)  
sp: Murray Peter JOHNSON (b.17 Jun 1927; m.1956; d.15 Apr 1994-New Zealand)
  4. Faye Patricia MCILROY (b.11 Nov 1940; d.4 Jul 2002-New Zealand)
  3. Francis Desmond MCILROY (b.6 Jun 1911-New Zealand; d.24 Jun 1963-Porirua, Wellington, New Zealand)
  3. Bertha Margaret Moreen MCILROY (b.30 Nov 1914-New Zealand; d.15 Feb 1979-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
2. Alfred William BRADY (b.4 Mar 1889-New Zealand; d.2 Nov 1963-Thames, New Zealand)  
sp: Caroline Alice FAULKNER (b.14 Nov 1890-New Zealand; m.8 May 1919; d.8 Dec 1949-New Zealand)
    3. Patrick John BRADY (b.26 Sep 1918-New Zealand; d.7 May 1996-New Zealand)
    3. Josephine Ivy BRADY (b.29 Jan 1921-New Zealand; d.19 Sep 1996-Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)  
sp: Eric John PATTERSON (b.13 Jan 1916-New Zealand; m.29 Nov 1941; d.9 Mar 1944-Belton, Leicester, England)  
sp: Thomas Herbert SIMONSEN (b.13 Jan 1923; m.1956; d.30 Dec 2005-New Zealand)
    3. June Margaret BRADY (b.21 Jun 1926; d.29 Sep 1988-New Zealand)
    3. Christopher James Andrew BRADY (b.21 Jun 1935; d.3 Aug 2001-New Zealand)
    3. Kathleen BRADY
  2. Peter BRADY (b.6 Mar 1891-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.26 Oct 1957-New Zealand)  
sp: Mary FITZGERALD (b.9 Oct 1894-New Zealand; m.26 Sep 1921; d.16 Mar 1989-New Zealand)
    3. John Andrew BRADY (b.31 Oct 1921-New Zealand; d.25 Sep 1983-Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
    3. Kevin Patrick BRADY (b.13 Dec 1924; d.18 Dec 1973-New Zealand)
    3. Desmond Peter BRADY (b.24 Jan 1926; d.2016-New Zealand)  
sp: Yvonne Lloyd May MATTHEWS (b. Abt 1923; m.1947; d.17 Jun 1974-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
    3. Brian Phillip BRADY (b. Abt 1932; d.14 Oct 1950-New Zealand)
    3. Allan James BRADY (b.10 May 1935; d.11 Apr 2004-New Zealand)
  2. Kathleen BRADY (b.15 Dec 1892-New Zealand; d.24 Dec 1967-Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand)  
sp: Robert Cornelius SCANLAN (b. Abt 1896; m.11 Sep 1924; d.31 Aug 1954-Upper Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand)
    3. Robert Patrick SCANLAN (b. Abt 1928; d.13 Mar 1965-Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)
    3. Maureen Margaret SCANLAN (b.3 Mar 1930; d.24 Oct 2014-New Zealand)  
sp: Joseph James WILLIAMS (b.6 Jan 1923; m.1951; d.2 Mar 2008-New Zealand)
    3. Kathryn Mary SCANLAN (b.6 Jul 1932-Wellington, New Zealand; d.19 Oct 2012-New Zealand)  
sp: John Edward O'BRIEN (b.15 Sep 1931-Wellington, New Zealand; m.1953; d.26 Jan 2009-New Zealand)
      4. Judith O'BRIEN (b.1954-Wellington, New Zealand; d. Oct 2014-New Zealand)
    3. Michael Andrew SCANLAN (b.4 Nov 1934; d.22 May 1998-New Zealand)

2. Thomas Joseph BRADY (b.7 Mar 1895-Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.29 Sep 1959-New Zealand)  
 sp: Ruby Maude LIDDINGTON (b.14 Aug 1901-New Zealand; m.27 Jun 1923; d.31 May 1944-New Zealand)
3. Shirley Lorraine Patricia BRADY (b.23 Nov 1925; d.23 Feb 2010-New Zealand)  
 sp: George Cameron SPICK (b.31 Jan 1928; m.1950; d.26 Apr 1989-Kaipara, Northland, New Zealand)
3. Raymond Thomas BRADY (b.8 Feb 1927; d.1 May 1982-New Zealand)  
 sp: Helen MCMILLAN (b. Abt 1931; m.1956; d.10 Mar 1968-New Zealand)
3. James Andrew BRADY (b.4 Apr 1928; d.3 Sep 2011-New Zealand)  
 sp: Kathleen Mary IRELAND (b.8 Dec 1932; m.1951(Div); d.8 Oct 1988-New Zealand)
3. Terence Peter BRADY (b.25 Oct 1929; d.7 Feb 2011-New Zealand)  
 sp: Margaret Beryl WILLIAMS (b.2 Feb 1932; m.1952; d.19 Jun 2001-New Zealand)
3. Patrick Cyril BRADY (b. Abt 1932)  
 sp: Coleone Olga GRANT (b.14 Jul 1933; m.1954; d.18 Apr 2022-New Zealand)
3. Francis Joseph BRADY (b.4 Oct 1936; d.22 Jun 2018-New Zealand)  
 sp: Myra Judith ADDIS (b.14 Mar 1943-Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; m.10 Mar 1962; d.6 Aug 2017-New Zealand)
3. male BRADY (b. Abt 1947)
3. male BRADY (b. Abt 1953)
2. Andrew James BRADY (b.18 Sep 1897-New Zealand; d.12 Feb 1909-New Zealand)



## Chapter 7 – Joseph Brady and Maria Celia Crane



Joseph Brady married Maria Celia Crane on 21 July 1894, and died at Taradale, Hawkes Bay on 25 January 1898. Maria died at Dunedin, Otago on 28 January 1960. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Joseph BRADY (b.1 Dec 1861-New Zealand; d.25 Jan 1898-Taradale, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)

sp: Maria Celia CRANE (b.5 Feb 1871-New Zealand; m.21 Jul 1894; d.28 Jan 1960-Dunedin, New Zealand)

2. Joseph Herbert Peter BRADY (b.27 Oct 1894-New Zealand; d.17 Jun 1966-New Zealand)

2. Kathleen Margaret BRADY (b.15 Jun 1896-New Zealand; d.10 Dec 1948-Dunedin, New Zealand)

2. William Downey BRADY (b. 2 Feb 1898-New Zealand; d. 8 May 1974-Dunedin, New Zealand)

sp: Sylvia Leah Maria HALL (b.23 May 1905-New Zealand; m.22 Nov 1927; d.11 Aug 1968-Dunedin, New Zealand)

3. Mary Patricia Hall BRADY (b.14 Sep 1928; d.29 Sep 2000-New Zealand)

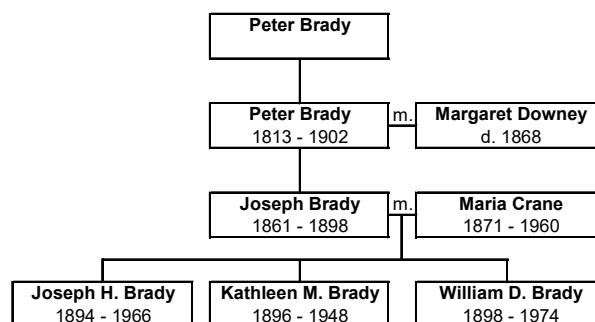
sp: Eric Albert SCOTT (b.31 Aug 1924; m.1951; d.28 Sep 2016-New Zealand)

3. William Joseph BRADY (b.31 Jan 1932; d.17 Jun 2012-New Zealand)

sp: Alma (m.1977/1981)

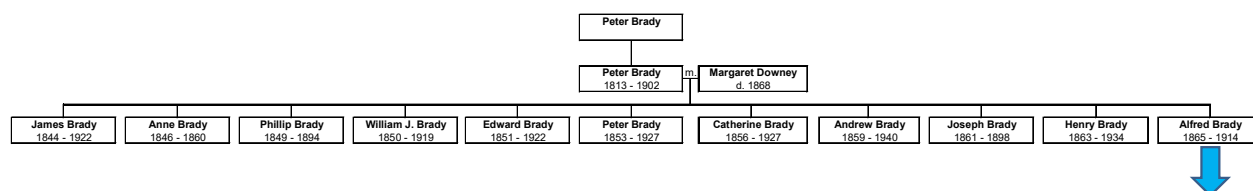
3. Peter Alexander Michael BRADY (b.22 Oct 1938-Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand; d.6 Dec 1987-Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand)

3. female BRADY



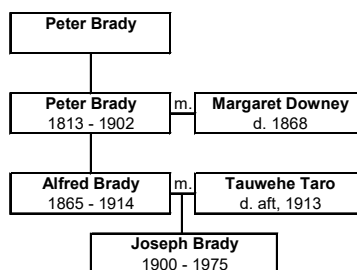


## Chapter 8 – Alfred Brady and Tauwehe Taro

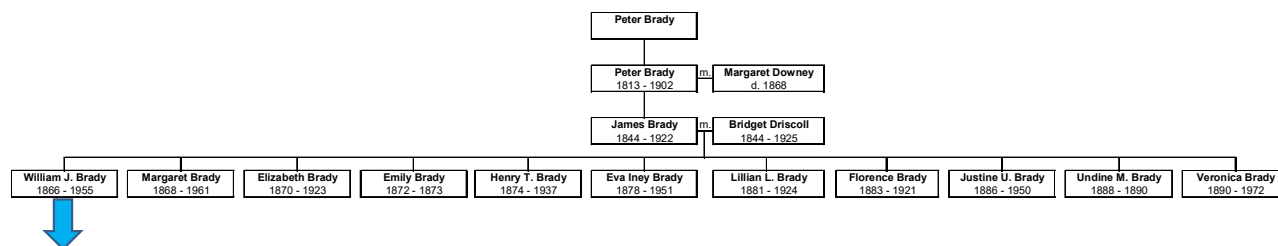


Alfred Brady married Tauwehe Taro (sometimes recorded as Tauwehe Haunui) and died 10 May 1914 in Auckland, New Zealand. There are no birth registrations for any children of this couple, but one child, Joseph Brady, was identified through his marriage certificate. As Maori birth registration was not required prior to 1913, there may be other children whose birth was not registered. The known descendants of Alfred and Tauwehe Brady are as follows -

1. Alfred BRADY (b.13 Sep 1865-Howick, Auckland, New Zealand; d.10 May 1914-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)  
sp: Tauwehe TARO (m. Abt 1898; d. Aft 1913)
2. Joseph BRADY (b.29 Aug 1900-Ohinemutu, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand; d.4 Dec 1975-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)  
sp: Hinemoa Isabella FOY (b. Abt 1903-Ahikiwi, Northland, New Zealand; m.11 Mar 1922; d.3 Sep 1975-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
3. Hinemoa Tauwehe BRADY (b.7 Nov 1923-New Zealand; d.19 May 1986-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)  
sp: Bert Andrew KEY (b.22 Jul 1921; m.1946; d.27 Mar 1997-Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand)
4. Phillip Andrew KEY (b.1950; d.1984-Canberra, ACT, Australia)
4. male KEY
4. Adrienne KEY (b. Abt 1950; d.3 Sep 1975-New Zealand)
3. Violet BRADY (b. Abt Jun 1925; d.18 Mar 1926-New Zealand)
3. Joseph Alfred BRADY (b.14 Jul 1928; d.16 Jun 1998-New Zealand)  
sp: Beverly Isobel (b.3 Jun 1937; d.22 Oct 1995-New Zealand)
3. Charles BRADY



## Chapter 9 – William James Brady and Angelina Hacker White



William James Brady, the eldest child of James Brady and Bridget Driscoll, was born at Howick on 29 November 1866.

He married Angelina Hacker White on 25 December 1897 at Howick, and they produced four children.

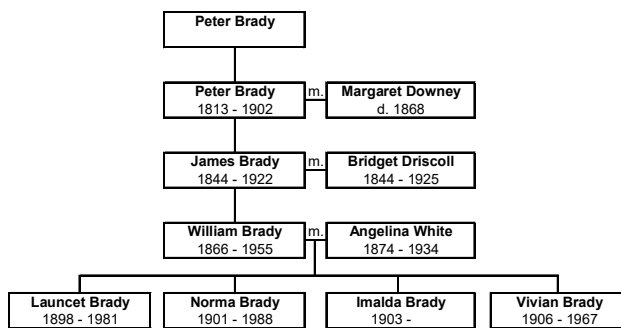
Angelina died 11 August 1934, and William James died 17 May 1955. Both are buried in the Howick Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Their known descendants are as follows -

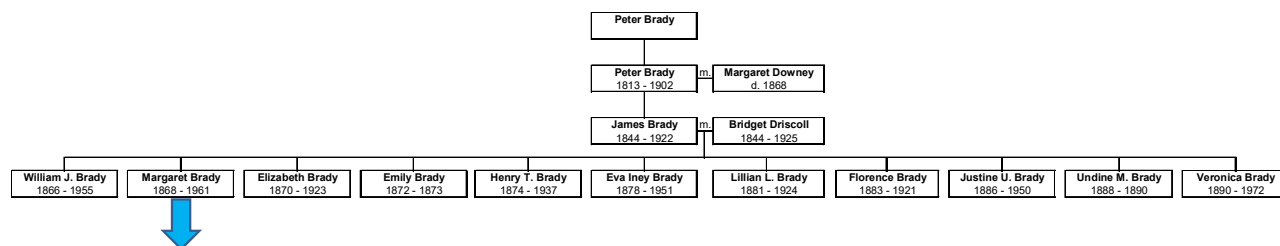
1. William James BRADY (b.29 Nov 1866-Howick, New Zealand; d.17 May 1955-New Zealand)  
sp: Angelina Hacker WHITE (b.16 Jun 1874-Dunedin, New Zealand; m.25 Dec 1897; d.11 Aug 1934-New Zealand)
  2. Launcet Eric BRADY (b.21 Oct 1898-New Zealand; d.26 Oct 1981-New Zealand)  
sp: Charlotte Mary JOHNSON (b.16 Dec 1901-New Zealand; m.22 Sep 1920; d.1954-New Zealand)
  3. Eric William Noel BRADY (b.21 Dec 1923; d.2 Jan 2011-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)  
sp: Masie Priscilla EVANS (b.7 Aug 1922-New Zealand; m.1956; d.25 May 2002-New Zealand)
  4. Garry BRADY
  4. Joanne Marie BRADY  
sp: Mary Gertrude (b.25 Oct 1898; m.1957/1960; d.21 May 1981-New Zealand)
2. Norma BRADY (b.13 Jan 1901-New Zealand; d.13 Oct 1988-New Zealand)  
sp: John Cameron WHITE (b.2 Mar 1897-New Zealand; m.16 Jan 1926; d.21 May 1980-New Zealand)
  3. Joan May WHITE (b.1927-New Zealand)  
sp: Wilfred George ATKINS (m.1949)
  3. Nora Emma WHITE (b.16 May 1931-Auckland, New Zealand; d.2 Apr 2016-Auckland, New Zealand)  
sp: James William Kenneth BEGG (b.29 Aug 1927; m.1955; d.5 Nov 2015-Auckland, New Zealand)
2. Imalda BRADY (b.21 Aug 1903-New Zealand; d. Abt 1960)  
sp: William Archibald GREIG or WRATT (b.24 Oct 1899; m.4 May 1927; d.23 Jan 1962-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
  3. Ian Maurice GREIG (b.24 Sep 1930; d.9 Sep 2008-New Zealand)  
sp: Marcia Marion KING (b.3 Jun 1927; d.3 Jul 2018-New Zealand)
  3. William Arthur GREIG

sp: Evelyn GREEN (m.1950)

2. Vivian Ivan BRADY (b.22 Jun 1906-New Zealand; d.7 Dec 1967-New Zealand)



## Chapter 10 – Margaret Brady and Cornelius O’Donoghue



Margaret Brady was born 18 September 1868 at Howick, the second child of James Brady and Bridget Driscoll.

On 21 January 1895 she married Cornelius O’Donoghue, a native of County Waterford, Ireland, at Napier, New Zealand. Their marriage produced only one child, Dominic Henry Fitzroy, O’Donoghue.

Cornelius died at Hastings on 2 January 1912 and Margaret died at Te Awamutu on 6 June 1961.



**Kevin O’Donoghue  
(1926-2017).**

Their grandson, Kevin O’Donoghue (1926-2017) recounted that he vividly remembered 3 February 1931, his first day of school, as it was also the day of the Napier earthquake. His Aunt Justine and Uncle Vivian Cosgrave came and picked him up soon after the earthquake and he spent several months living with them in Hunterville, and he attended school there. Kevin’s mother had died in August the previous year, and it is not known where his two younger siblings lived in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake.

Kevin trained at the Greenmeadows Seminary and was ordained as a Catholic priest in the Marist Order, on 17 December 1950.

There were two priests in the Marist Order named Kevin O’Donoghue. To differentiate between them, each had a nickname. Because of his love of music, this Kevin O’Donoghue was known as “Mozart” and because of his love of photography, the other was known as “Kodak”.

The known descendants of Cornelius and Margaret O’Donoghue are as follows -

1. Margaret BRADY (b.18 Sep 1868-Howick, N.Z.; d.6 Jun 1961-Te Awamutu, New Zealand)  
sp: Cornelius O’DONOGHUE (b. Abt Jan 1858-Coolbeggan, Waterford, Ireland; m.21 Jan 1895; d.2 Jan 1912-Hastings, New Zealand)
2. Dominic Henry Fitzroy O’DONOGHUE (b.16 Jan 1896-Ahuriri, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand; d.14 Dec 1980-Cambridge, Waikato, New Zealand)  
sp: Marion LEVETT (b.12 Oct 1897-N.Z.; m.13 May 1925; d.26 Aug 1930-New Zealand)
3. Kevin O’DONOGHUE (b.5 Jan 1926; d.31 Jul 2017-Silverstream, Wellington, N.Z.)
3. Margaret O’DONOGHUE (b.20 Mar 1928)  
sp: Brian Philip GALLAGHER (b. Abt 15 Sep 1921; m.1955; d.26 Jun 2008-Cambridge, New Zealand)
3. Gerard O’DONOGHUE (b. Abt 3 Jun 1930; d.11 Oct 2020-Whangarei,Northland,N.Z.)

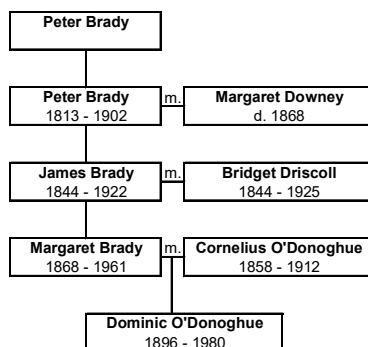
sp: Kathleen Patricia TOBIN (b. Abt 19 May 1937-Masterton, New Zealand; d.12 Aug 1993-Whangarei, New Zealand)

3. Brigid O'DONOGHUE (b.1 Jan 1938-Hastings, New Zealand; d.16 Aug 2008-Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand)

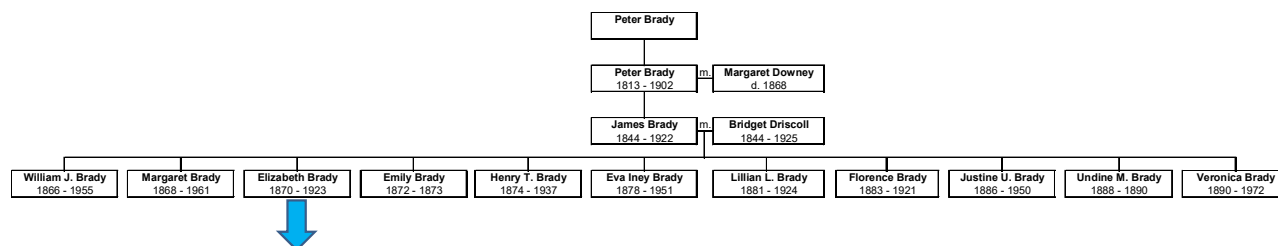
sp: Keith Robert SELLAR (b.6 Oct 1929-Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand; m.7 Apr 1958; d.9 Aug 2020-Dunedin, Otago, N.Z.)



**Keith Sellar  
(1929-2020).**



## Chapter 11 – Elizabeth Brady and Robert Samuel Alward



Elizabeth Brady, the third child of James Brady and Bridget Driscoll was born 4 August 1870 at Howick.

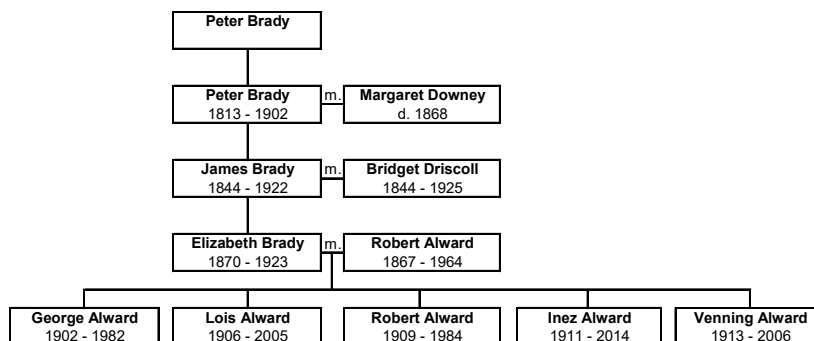
She married Robert Samuel Alward in Napier on 2 October 1901, and they produced five children.

Elizabeth died in Napier at 53 years of age on 15 November 1923. Robert Alward then married Mary Evelyn Mundy and died 13 November 1964 in Wellington.

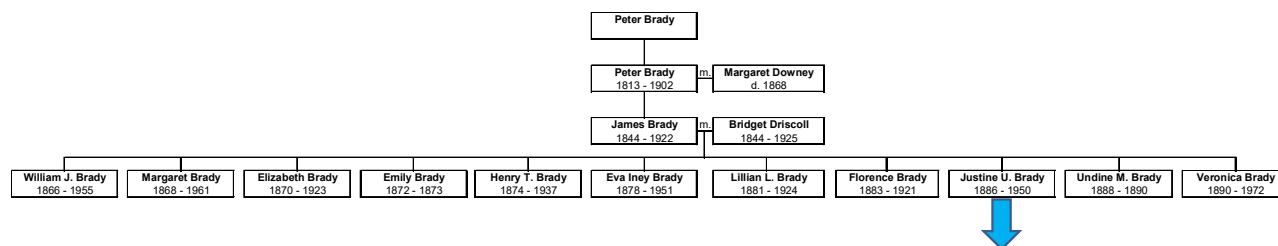
The known descendants of Elizabeth Brady and Robert Alward are as follows -

1. Elizabeth BRADY (b.4 Aug 1870-Howick, N.Z.; d.15 Nov 1923-Napier, New Zealand)
  - sp: Robert Samuel ALWARD (b.11 Oct 1867-Grimsby, Lincoln, England; m.2 Oct 1901; d. 13 Nov 1964-Wellington, New Zealand)
2. George Frederick James ALWARD (b.26 Oct 1902-New Zealand; d.20 Jan 1982-New Zealand)
  - sp: Joyce Hannah HILL (b.5 Sep 1905-New Zealand; m.5 Jan 1931; d.23 Mar 1982-New Zealand)
3. Graham George ALWARD
3. Christine Anne ALWARD
3. Joan Elizabeth ALWARD
2. Lois Margaret ALWARD (b.3 Sep 1906-New Zealand; d. 6 Apr 2005-N.S.W., Australia)
  - sp: Abraham Adolph MARKS (b. Apr/Jun 1871-Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England; m.1944; d.1956-Paddington, N.S.W., Australia)
2. Robert Cook ALWARD (b.10 Sep 1909-Wellington, N.Z.; d.18 Sep 1984-Wellington, New Zealand)
  - sp: Dawn Louie BASS (b.23 Oct 1918-Wellington, New Zealand; m.28 Feb 1946; d.31 Jan 1976-Wellington, New Zealand)
3. Helen Elizabeth ALWARD (b.-Wellington, New Zealand)
  - sp: David WILLIAMS
3. Jacqueline Marie ALWARD
  - sp: Selwyn John BLINKHORNE (d. 26 Oct 2012)
2. Inez Marie ALWARD (b.28 Nov 1911-New Zealand; d.5 Sep 2014-New Zealand)
  - sp: Cyril Edward DILLON (b.9 Nov 1905-New Zealand; m.1938; d.24 Nov 1982-New Zealand)
2. Venning Gerard ALWARD (b.4 May 1913-Wellington, New Zealand; d.7 May 2006-New Zealand)
  - sp: Marcella SCHULTZ (b.14 Jan 1915-New Zealand; m.28 Oct 1940; d.4 May 1996-New Zealand)

- 3. Marcella E. ALWARD
- 3. Gerard Cook ALWARD



## Chapter 12 – Justine Ursula Brady and Vivian John Cosgrave



Justine Ursula Brady was born at Howick, on 16 July 1886, the ninth child of James Brady and Bridget Driscoll.

On 10 November 1915 she married Vivian John Cosgrave, a police constable, in the Roman Catholic church at Howick, Auckland, and the couple settled into life together in Wellington, living at 228 Tinakori Road, and it was here that all five of their children were born.



(l-r) Viv, Harry, Justine, Jim, Vivian, Noeline Cosgrave abt. 1940.

Vivian's first promotion in the police force was to a sole-charge constable position in Levin in the mid-1920s, but by 1930 he had been transferred to Hunterville. The Truth newspaper of 3 April 1930 reports that "*VIVIAN JOHN COSGRAVE is the law in Hunterville and he does his job well. While he would always prefer to do a man a good turn he does not allow his kindly nature to interfere in the discharge of his duties. As clerk of the court he wields his pen and conducts his cases well, while his guiding hand controls a wide district. "Cossy" loves football and he may often be heard instructing the young men in the rudiments of the game. He knows its "laws" and the boys listen well*"\*.

From Hunterville, the family moved back to Wellington in 1935, living again on Tinakori Road, but this time at number 174, as Vivian was promoted to Police Sergeant. In 1939 he was transferred to Wanganui, in December 1940 to Taumaranui, and in 1944 to his final appointment, in Foxton.

Vivian retired in Foxton in 1955 after serving his 40 years with New Zealand Police. Justine had died on 2 May 1950 and is buried in the Foxton cemetery. In the mid-1960s Vivian moved to Wellington, where he lived with his daughter Noeline, until his death on 16 October 1969. He is buried in the Foxton cemetery, next to his wife and their two unmarried children.



Grave of Vivian, Justine, Noeline & George Cosgrave – Foxton, NZ.





**George S. & James E. Cosgrave (Abt. 1922).**

As mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, Vivian and Justine Cosgrave raised five children, four boys and one girl. Their eldest child was my father, James Edward Cosgrave, who was born in Wellington on 9 January 1917. His life will be covered in detail in chapter 14.

The second child of Vivian and Justine Cosgrave was George Steele Cosgrave, whose life will be covered in chapter 15.

Noeline Catherine Cosgrave was the third child and only daughter of Vivian and Justine Cosgrave. Noeline was born 31 December 1920 in Wellington. She was at secretarial college in Wanganui when her father was transferred to Taumaranui, and Noeline boarded with a local Wanganui family until her studies were completed. Noeline worked in an administrative role for the New Zealand government until retirement, and she then worked for a firm of architects.



**Noeline Cosgrave.**

Noeline did not marry and she cared for her father in his later years. When her property on Kemp Street, Kilbirnie became too much for her to look after, she moved into an apartment on William Street, where she lived until moving to a care home when her health failed. Noeline died at 95 years of age on 28 September 2015 and is buried with her parents in the Foxton Cemetery.

Vivian John junior (Vic or Viv) was born 20 January 1923. Viv (as I knew him) joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force (70987), and was a career officer. In the 1967 New Year's Honours he received an M.B.E. (Military Division). Viv retired from the Air Force as a Warrant Officer.

He married Audrey June Martyn in 1951 and they had two sons – Gary Martyn and Paul Edward. Both sons emigrated to Australia, and after Viv retired, he and Audrey also moved to Australia, settling in Brisbane.

Viv was hit by a car while crossing the road, and died 11 April 2007. Audrey died 22 January 2014. Both are buried in Nerang, Queensland.

The youngest child, Henry Timothy (Harry) Cosgrave was born 4 May 1924. After high school Harry joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force (71779) and spent a portion of his career stationed in Singapore.

Harry married Kathleen Marjorie Jury in 1947 and the marriage produced four children – Karyn Justine, Antony John, Peter Christopher and Michael David.

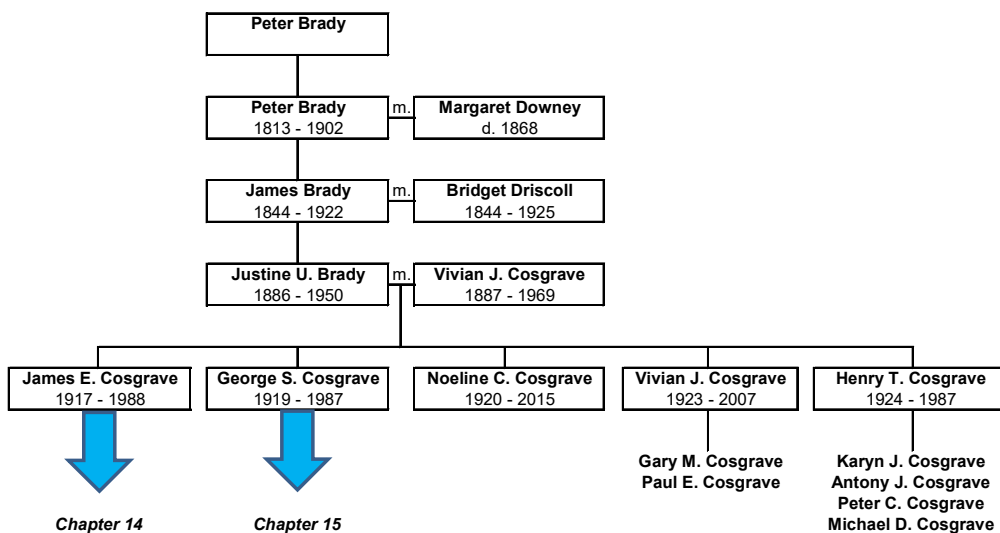
He retired to the Air Force Officers Reserve List as a Flight Lieutenant on 17 February 1969 and was officially retired four years later Harry then worked for the City of Porirua, and died in Rotorua on 25 April 1987. His wife, Kathleen, died 20 October 2010 in Wellington.



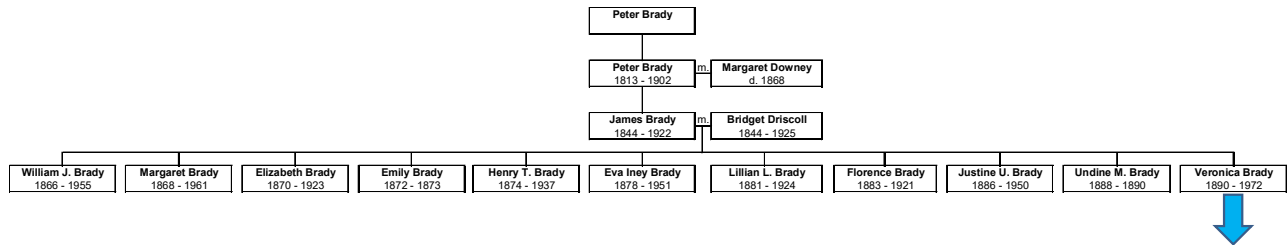
**Viv Cosgrave & Audrey Martyn 1951 wedding.**



**Harry Cosgrave & Kathleen Jury 1947 wedding.**



## Chapter 13 – Veronica Brady

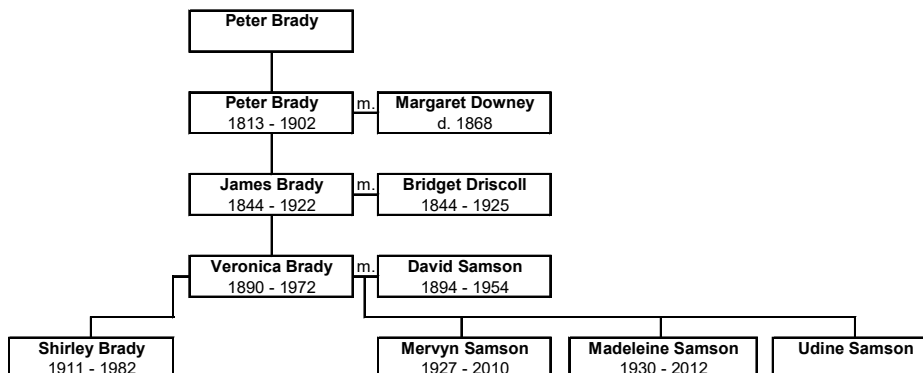


Veronica Brady, the eleventh and youngest child of James Brady and Bridget Driscoll, was born at Howick on 9 November 1890.

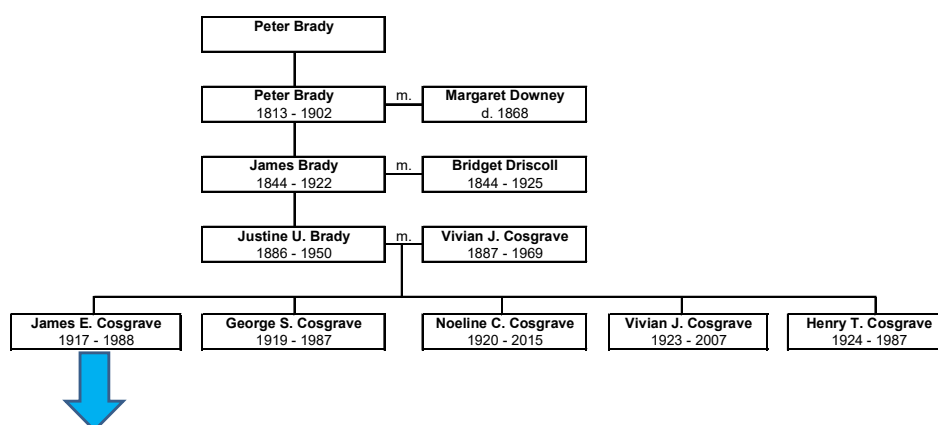
In 1911 she had a child whose birth was registered as Shirley Clarence Raymond Brady. In 1926 Veronica married David Nelson Samson, with whom she had three additional children.

David Samson died on 30 May 1954, and Veronica died in 1972. Veronica's known descendants are as follows -

1. Veronica BRADY (b.9 Nov 1890-New Zealand; d.26 Dec 1972-New Zealand)
  2. Shirley Clarence Raymond BRADY (b.12 Feb 1911-New Zealand; d.6 Sep 1982-New Zealand)
    - sp: Jessie Hilda HARRIS (b.5 Aug 1894-New Zealand; m.1949; d.7 Jul 1975-Thames, New Zealand)
    - sp: UNKNOWN
  4. Bernard Clarence BRADY (b.7 May 1941; d.2 Oct 2005-New Zealand)
    - sp: Margaret Patricia (b.2 Jul 1940; d.23 Nov 2010-New Zealand)
- sp: David Nelson SAMSON (b.30 Mar 1894; m.20 Jan 1926; d.30 May 1954-New Zealand)
  2. Mervyn James SAMSON (b.13 Mar 1927; d.17 Jun 2010)
    - sp: Leonie Olive Ethel EDWARDS (b.28 Jan 1937-Wangarata, New Zealand; m.1955; d.6 Dec 1998-Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand)
      3. David SAMSON
      3. Sharron SAMSON
      3. Glen SAMSON
  2. Madeleine Genevieve SAMSON (b.4 Oct 1930; d.28 Jun 2012-New Zealand)
    - sp: Raymond James FOSTER (b.23 Jan 1930; m.1951; d.8 Feb 2012-New Zealand)
  2. Udine Ramona SAMSON
    - sp: Douglas William HEALY (b.1 Dec 1932; m.1954; d.10 Jul 1990-New Zealand)



## Chapter 14 – James Edward Cosgrave and Kathleen V. Sherlock



New Zealand had been at war for a little over a year, when Justine Ursula Brady married Vivian John Cosgrave on November 10<sup>th</sup> 1915. Vivian's brothers, James and George, had signed up for military service and were already serving overseas, so they missed the celebration.

It was a difficult time for New Zealand, having suffered heavy losses in the Gallipoli campaign, so there would have been much joy, when just a few months later, Justine announced that she was pregnant with their first child, a son, who was born in Wellington on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1917. As their first son, in keeping with the Irish naming tradition, he was named James after his paternal grandfather (James Alexander Cosgrave), and Edward after Vivian's brother, George Edward Cosgrave, who was missing in action in France at that time.



**Justine, James & Vivian  
Cosgrave abt. 1920.**

The family of three lived at 228 Tinakori Road, and were soon joined by three more sons and a daughter – George Steele Cosgrave (1919); Noeline Catherine Cosgrave (1920); Vivian John Cosgrave (1923); and Henry Timothy Cosgrave (1924).

In November 1926, Vivian was transferred to Levin, but only 2 years later in January 1929, he was transferred to Hunterville, a sole-charge posting for a senior constable, and the family lived at the police house on Milne Street (State highway 1) in Hunterville.

Nothing is known of James's early education, but he likely attended the local Hunterville school. In 1932, when he was 15 years old, his parents decided to give him the opportunity to attend a better high school than was available in the Hunterville area, and enrolled him as a boarder at St. Patrick's College, Silverstream, in the Hutt Valley. At Silverstream James played rugby in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fifteen, so was definitely not a star sportsman. But he did excel at rifle shooting, being considered a first class shot, with a score of 87, just 3 points short of the marksman rating.

His academic prowess may not have been as great as his shooting ability, as he remembered being caned (corporal punishment with a bamboo cane) for getting his homework wrong. It is likely that it was at Silverstream that James also developed his lifelong interest in radio and electronics.

James did not stay at Silverstream beyond one year, opting instead to leave high school and return home to Hunterville, where he worked for a local baker. Here he developed an ability to make excellent scones and other baked goods, learning to adjust the mixture based on the “feel” of the dough. His scone making prowess was much appreciated by his family in later years.

In March 1935, Vivian Cosgrave was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant, and the family returned to Wellington. James moved back to Wellington with the family and in August 1936 he joined New Zealand Railways as a Guard. Initially, Jim (as he was now known) worked on the Wellington suburban trains, and in June of 1937 he was responsible for organizing the sound system for the opening of the new Wellington Railway Station. He later worked on the main rail lines, being recorded as a Tablet Porter in 1938, in which role he worked on the Wairarapa line and the North Island Main Trunk line.

From Wellington, Jim was transferred to Tokomaru in early 1939, where he stayed at the Guy’s boarding house on Rata Street, Tokomaru. Violet Guy, the proprietor’s daughter, was something of a matchmaker and introduced Jim to Kathleen (Kath) Sherlock. He and Kath hit it off, but on 3 September 1939 New Zealand declared war on Germany and their lives changed significantly.

On 29 December 1939 Jim attested for the Royal New Zealand Air Force at Weraroa, Levin, and by late January 1940 he was in training as a Wireless Operator at Wigram Air Force Base, near Christchurch.

Jim requested permission from the Air Force, to marry Kath, and on 17 February 1940, that request was approved. Jim purchased an engagement ring, which was mailed to Kath on 14 April, and both families were informed of the planned wedding. In late July, with many of his mates being transferred overseas, Jim was transferred to Ohakea Air Force Base, near Bulls. Perhaps this was a compassionate move, given the planned wedding.



**Jim Cosgrave & Kath Sherlock  
1940 wedding.**

Jim and Kath were married at St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church in Palmerston North on 3 September 1940. After the wedding, Kath remained living with her mother and sisters, who around this time had moved into Palmerston North and bought a house at 56 Roy Street, and Jim returned to the Air Force.

Jim continued to be stationed at Ohakea, apart from a short stint at Milson in 1942 (where he was promoted to Corporal), until he was transferred to Whenuapai, near Auckland in September 1943. After only a few days at Whenuapai, he was transferred to Waipapakauri and then on to Ardmore. While Jim was stationed at Ardmore, he was promoted to Sergeant, and Kath gave birth to their first child, Margaret Ann Cosgrave. Jim was not home for the birth, but did get leave soon after, to see his baby daughter.

On 26 October 1944 Jim was transferred to Lauthala (Laucala) Bay on the island of Viti Levu in Fiji. New Zealand had been

given responsibility for air reconnaissance around Fiji, and this was to be done with flying boats. The base at Lauthala Bay was developed to house the Catalina and Sunderland flying boats which fulfilled this mandate. Jim told stories of the flying boats landing two-man teams at remote islands, to spend weeks at a time, observing the sea in the area, looking for enemy ships and submarines. The radio operator was crucial to this work, as radio was the only means of communications with base. He claimed that the crews lived primarily on whiskey and bananas, to augment the military rations provided.

Soon after V.E. Day (8 May 1945) Jim was hospitalised for a short period with Dengue Fever, from which he recovered well.

The war officially ended with the surrender of Japan on 15 August 1945, but No. 6 Flying Boat Squadron was to stay in Fiji until their work could be transitioned to the civil aviation authority. Flight Sergeant (391966) James Edward Cosgrave returned to New Zealand in December 1945, after an 8 ½ hour flight on a Catalina from Fiji. He was officially discharged from the Air Force on 8 February 1946, and was entitled to wear the 1939-45 Star, the Pacific Star, the Defence Medal, the War Medal, and the N.Z. War Service Medal.



**18 Haydon Street (1946).**

In 1946 Jim and Kath bought a house at 18 Haydon Street, Palmerston North, which remained their home until their deaths. The house was built largely with recycled materials as access to new building material was still restricted due to the war. In 1958-59, the wash-house (complete with wood-fired water heater) was removed and a small addition was made to the rear of the house. At that time, the recycled roofing iron was also replaced.

Jim and Kath Cosgrave had 4 children in total, as listed below, but the second born lived only a few hours –

- Margaret Ann Cosgrave
- Vivienne Mary Cosgrave, born 5 June 1947; died 6 June 1947
- Patricia Ursula Cosgrave
- James John Cosgrave (the author)

After the war Jim hoped to open a neighbourhood convenience store (a dairy in New Zealand parlance), but it seemed that the local co-operative society was granted all of the permissions to build, with individuals left out in the cold. At a public meeting on the topic, Jim stated that he would walk bare-footed over broken glass to Awapuni (the other side of town) and carry his groceries home in a sack before setting foot in a co-op store, a pledge that he stuck to throughout his life.

Jim worked at Coles, a music and electrical shop on The Square in P.N., until the mid-1950s when he set up his own business, Communications Services, in the rapidly expanding field of mobile radio communications. Jim did the technical work, and Kath handled the office side of the business.

Running his own business as a one-man show, Jim did not take long holidays, but managed the occasional long weekend trout fishing with friends and relatives. Jim was on good terms with Monsignor Cullen, who had a rustic cottage on the southern shores of Lake Taupo at Pukawa.



**Monsignor Cullen's Cottage at Pukawa.**

Family holidays were spent at Monsignor Cullen's cottage, and involved Jim driving the family to Pukawa on a Friday night, staying the weekend to ensure that all was working well (generator for electricity, water pump, etc.), do a little fly fishing in the evening, and then driving home for the work week. He would return the following weekend to pick the family up. At least once during the week, Kath would make the trek up the dirt track to the road (often with one of the younger children in tow), hitchhike into Tokaanu, buy essential groceries and hitchhike back to Pukawa.

The British company, Pye Telecommunications Ltd., had begun selling their radio-telephones (two-way radios in North American parlance) in New Zealand in 1951, and these products became popular for mobile communications by emergency services and other fleet operators that needed to be in instant touch with their field staff. Communication Services became a regional dealer of Pye Electronics in New Zealand, a relationship which endured until the business was wound up after Jim's death.

At that time, telephone, telegraph and radio communication systems in New Zealand were primarily provided by the Post Office and it was illegal to compete with the Post Office for telecommunications revenues. However, technology was moving forward faster than the Post Office's ability to deliver service, and organizations were permitted to provide radio communications facilities for their own use where no Post Office service existed.

Communication Services became a leader in providing these systems to regional Power Boards (electricity distributors), and Catchment Boards (water resource and control organizations), municipalities, vets, taxis, etc.

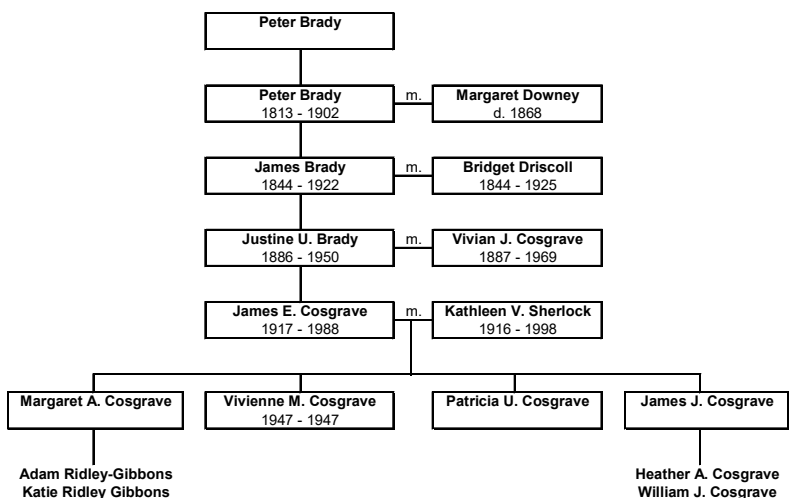
As mobile communication system use spread to trucking and other industries, the Post Office could not keep up with the demand for service, and they began licensing User Associations (groups of organizations that required radio services in a geographical area) to provide services for their members.



**Communication Services new workshop (abt. 1960).**

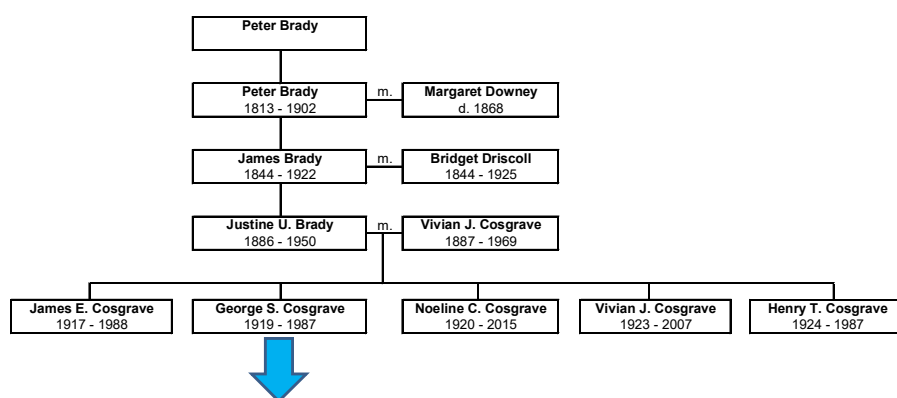
Communication Services was heavily involved in the engineering and maintenance of such systems throughout the Wairarapa and Hawkes Bay.

In the mid-1980s, Jim was diagnosed with leukemia, a diagnosis that was in common with several others involved with early radar systems during the war, suggesting that there may be a link between their wartime activities and their health. Around this same time, cellular mobile telephone service was introduced in New Zealand (1987), and this service rapidly overtook the traditional mobile communications services. Jim worked with mobile communications equipment from its war time beginnings, through its heyday, and the beginning of its decline, before passing away at the Palmerston North Public Hospital on 30 June 1988 at 71 years of age. Kathleen lived on for ten more years, and died peacefully at home on 23 April 1998 at the age of 82 years. Both are buried in the Kelvin Grove Cemetery in Palmerston North.





## Chapter 15 – George Steele Cosgrave



The second child of Justine Brady and Vivian Cosgrave was George Steele Cosgrave, who was born 24 March 1919. He attended Hunterville School, Marton District High School (1933-1934) and St. Patrick's College, Wellington (1935-1936). After leaving high school, George joined the civil service, working in the Industries and Commerce Department.

The Second World War put his career on hold, as on 29 October 1940, at the age of 21, George joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force, as a Leading Aircraftman (Airman Pilot). He underwent basic training at Harewood, was remustered as an Air Observer in Levin, and at the end of February 1941 he sailed out of Auckland on the ship *Awatea* bound for Canada, where he underwent training as an Air Observer. The training was provided by the Royal Canadian Air Force as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

In Canada George was stationed in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan (Air Observer School), MacDonald, Manitoba (Bombing and Gunnery School), Rivers, Manitoba (Central Navigation School), Debert, Nova Scotia (31 O.T.U.). In September 1941 he was posted to the U.K., where he worked as an instructor for the following year and a half, apart from several short postings to operations units in India and Egypt. He was promoted to Flight Sergeant on 1 June 1942, gained a temporary commission as a Pilot Officer on 12 September 1942, and was promoted to Flying Officer in March 1943.

In a letter home in December 1943 George bemoaned the fact that without more operations time he could not be promoted above the rank of Flight Lieutenant, so was hoping for a posting to an operations unit.

In February 1944 George was posted to India for ten months, where he was attached to 355 Squadron, and was promoted to Flight Lieutenant in September 1944.

On 3 January 1945 George was repatriated to New Zealand, having spent 3 years and 310 days overseas. He then served with 40 Squadron, flying throughout the Pacific. On his return to New Zealand after a flight in April 1945 George was charged with breaching Air Force regulations for bringing in 3 ½ cartons of cigarettes. This was not against Customs regulations and he had declared the cigarettes and paid the duty, but it seems he was caught up in a report by Customs of goods secreted within the aircraft and would not normally have been charged as Customs did not enforce Air Force regulations. He received his one and only reprimand for this offense.

On 19 February 1946, Flight Lieutenant (403952) George Steele Cosgrave was discharged from active service to the Reserve A List. His commission was officially terminated on 1 June 1956. During his service, George had flown a total of 826 hours on Anson, Battle, Hudson, Wellington and Liberator aircraft.

For his wartime service, he earned the Burma Star, Defence Medal, African Star and Pacific Star.

After leaving the Air Force, George rejoined the Industries and Commerce Department of the New Zealand government on 1 April 1948, as a Clerk in Wellington. He was later posted to Melbourne and by 1950 he was the Assistant Trade Commissioner in Bombay, India. George remained in India, serving as acting Trade Commissioner for an extended period in 1952, before returning to New Zealand in early 1953.

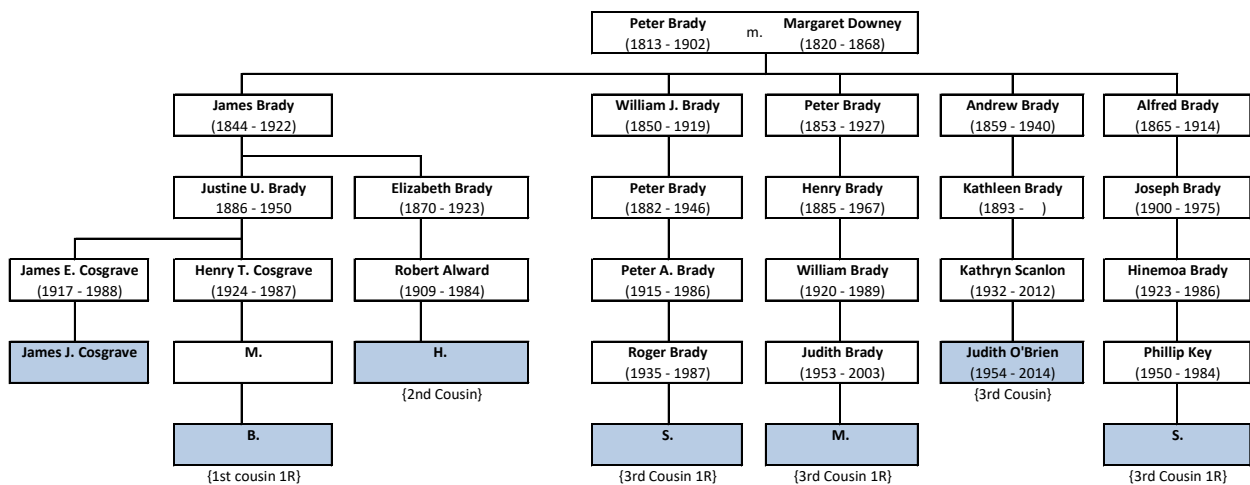
George became estranged from the rest of the family around 1957, and died in Auckland Hospital on 23 July 1987 at 68 years of age. He is buried in the family plot at the Foxton Cemetery, with his parents and sister Noeline.

## Chapter 16 – DNA Testing

Autosomal DNA testing, through companies such as Ancestry, 23andMe, MyHeritage and FamilyTreeDNA, is of huge benefit to genealogists in confirming connections identified by researching the paper trail of our ancestors. If two people who have well-researched family trees, which identify a common ancestor, also share autosomal DNA, and if there is no other obvious ancestral connection, then it is highly likely that the identified common ancestor is correct.

Through comparison of my autosomal DNA results, with the results of others who have taken DNA tests, I have found Brady cousins who were previously unknown to me, back to the third cousin level. In total, I have identified more than 45 descendants of Peter Brady and Margaret Downey with whom I share DNA. So autosomal DNA testing has been instrumental in confirming my Brady ancestry.

Seven of the eleven children of Peter Brady and Margaret Downey produced children, and all but one of these produced children of their own. Of those six children of Peter and Margaret Brady I have confirmed DNA matches to all but one – Joseph Brady (1861-1898). The chart below shows Brady connections confirmed with autosomal DNA testing, from each of these five lines, but not all known DNA connections have been included in the chart to improve readability.



### Brady DNA Connections of James J. Cosgrave.

There are many other people who have taken DNA tests, with whom I share significant amounts of autosomal DNA, and with whom I may share a common Brady ancestor, but there is no paper trail to establish the correct relationship.

For more distant connections, Y-DNA testing can also be very useful, in tracing the male ancestral line. The Y-chromosome is passed down the male line from father to son, largely unchanged, although mutations do occur from time to time. It is these mutations that create what is termed “genetic distance” between Y-DNA samples – the genetic distance between two samples increases by 1 with each mutation on either line of descent from a common ancestor. The relative stability of the Y-chromosome is therefore useful in identifying common male ancestors in ancient times.

I therefore encourage male Brady descendants to take the Big Y-700 test at FamilyTreeDNA, or even the somewhat cheaper Y-111 test, which could help to clarify how our Brady family fits into the overall haplotree of humankind. These tests are frequently on sale, especially around Black Friday in November.

To date I am not aware of any Brady male descendants of Peter Brady who have taken Y-DNA tests, so even one person testing would be useful, and several, from different lines of descent would be a bonus.

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