

The Meales of Waiwera, New Zealand

An overview of the descendants of John Meale who lived in Waiwera, New Zealand from the 1850s, and his Fothergill forebears in Leeds, Yorkshire



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Introduction

There is documentary evidence that John Meale, who arrived in New Zealand in the early 1850s, was from Leeds in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, but for many years John's early life and his ancestry remained a mystery. Recent autosomal DNA testing has been instrumental in identifying that John Meale was born John Fothergill in Leeds in 1818. How the Meale / Fothergill connection was made, will be explained in detail in chapter 14. The earlier chapters are written chronologically and are based on the DNA evidence provided in chapter 14.

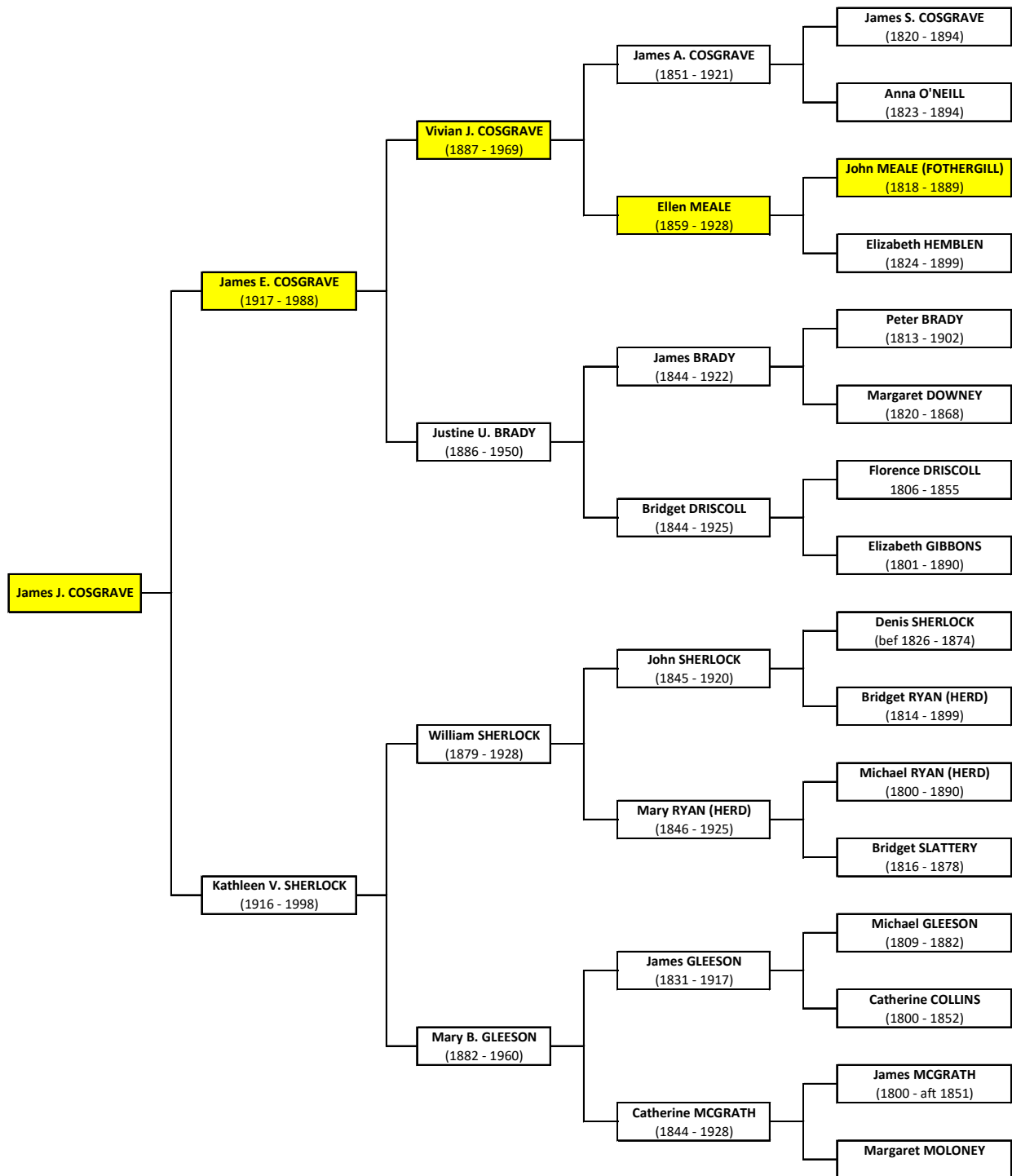
This document is intended to provide a general overview of the many descendant branches of our Meale / Fothergill family tree. There will be more information on my immediate family, and their story, as that is what I am most familiar with, but I hope that it will also provide a better understanding of 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 apologize if this cut-off has not been perfectly executed.

This is not intended to be the final word on the Meale family of Waiwera, 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 Meale lines.

I apologise for any errors that may have crept into the document, and I welcome any corrections, family photographs, or other feedback.

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



Chapter 1 – The Early Fothergills

Our earliest confirmed Fothergill ancestor is Samuel Fothergill, who married Elizabeth (Betty) Rhodes in Leeds, Yorkshire on 2 April 1807 at St. Peter's Church. Based on his age at death, Samuel was born circa 1781.

The only Samuel Fothergill born circa 1781, found to date in available records, is recorded as a son of a John Fothergill. Samuel was born on 7 May 1781 and baptised at Morley, Yorkshire on 17 May 1781.

The surname Fothergill is believed to have originated in Cumberland (now Cumbria), England, and first appears in Morley, Yorkshire, with a Jonathan Fothergill listed as a trustee of the Old Chapel (St. Mary's in the Wood) there in 1721. He is likely the Jonathan Fothergill who was buried at Morley on 6 July 1755, aged 74 yearsⁱⁱ. This suggests that he was born circa 1681.

A headstone in the graveyard of St. Mary's in the Wood, Morley, has the following inscription – *“Here was interred the body of Mary wife of Jonathan Fothergill of Morley who departed this life the 4th day of January Anno Domini 1723 aged 39 years. Likewise the body of Isabel late wife of the said Jonathan Fothergill one of the best stepmothers who Dyed ye 19th of Novr. 1744 in ye 63rd year of her age”ⁱⁱⁱ*. Mary and Isabel would both have been born circa 1683, suggesting that they were wives of the Jonathan Fothergill named above.

The registers of Morley Independent chapel list an 83 year old Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Fothergill, buried on 7 June 1762, suggesting a birthdate circa 1679. She is likely a third wife of the Jonathan Fothergill named above, being the Elizabeth Dixon who married Jonathan Fothergill of Morley, at nearby Batley, on 19 December 1745.

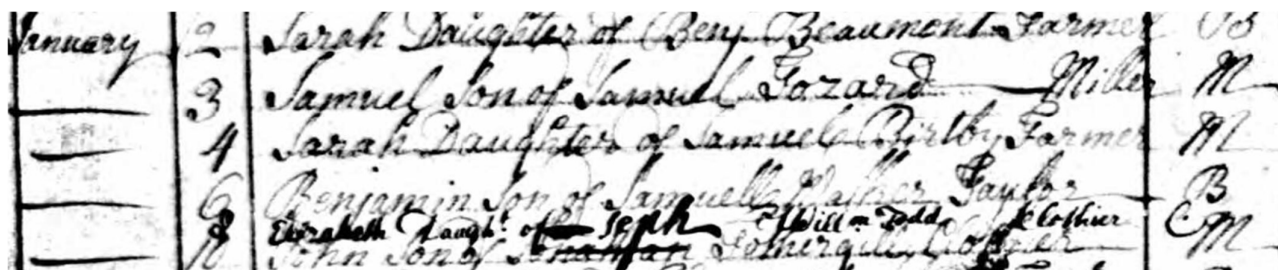
John, father of Samuel Fothergill, was likely the John Fothergill, who was baptised at Batley on 10 January 1741. Several online family trees suggest that this John Fothergill married Margaret Brown at Leeds on 13 July 1778, but I find this unlikely. The baptism register of the non-conformist (independent) chapel at Morley, lists the following baptisms, all children of a John Fothergill –

- 1 Apr 1774 Elizabeth, daughter of John Fothergill
- 1 Mar 1776 Joseph, son of John Fothergill
- 3 Jul 1778 John, son of John Fothergill
- 17 May 1781 Samuel, son of John Fothergill
- 5 Mar 1784 Stephen, son of John Fothergill
- 3 Aug 1787 Sarah, daughter of John & Elizabeth Fothergill
- 3 Dec 1790 William, son of John & Elizabeth Fothergill

The seven baptisms listed above, spanning 16 years, all appear to be children of one John Fothergill, and they begin in 1774. It is therefore more likely that our John Fothergill is the John Fothergill who married Elizabeth Crosland at Batley (3 miles from Morley) on 23 November 1772.

Regardless of who was their mother, there is DNA evidence that Samuel Fothergill was a brother of the William Fothergill, baptised at Morley in 1790 (see chapter 14).

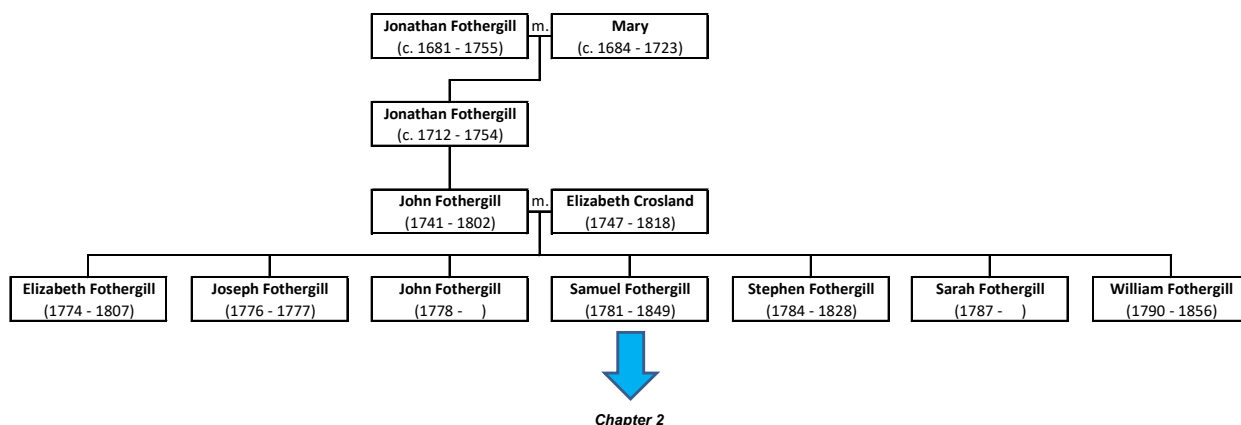
It is somewhat confusing as to how the John Fothergill baptised at Batley in 1741 may connect to the Jonathan Fothergill listed as a trustee of the independent chapel at Morley in 1721. The baptism entry (see bottom line of the image below) originally named John as a son of Jonathan Fothergill, Clothier. The M in the right-most column indicates that the family lived at Morley, and the B for other entries indicates Batley. At some later date, the 8 January baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of Willm. Todd, Clothier, was inserted above John Fothergill's baptism entry. Based on the difference in pen used for the two entries, it appears that this may be when the "nathan" portion of Jonathan was crossed out and "seph" inserted to make the father's name Joseph instead of Jonathan.



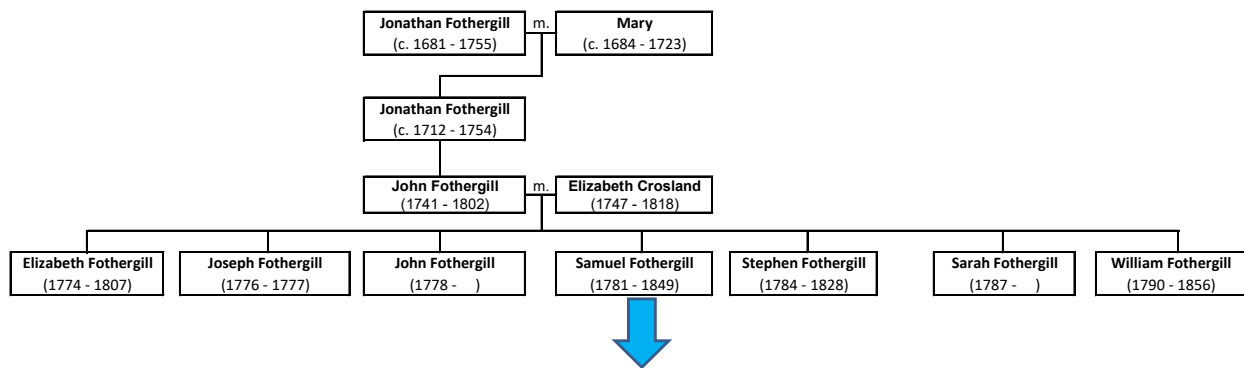
10 January 1741 Baptism of John Fothergill at Batley, All Saints

The registers of Morley Independent chapel show only one Joseph Fothergill burial between 1742 and 1872, that being the one year old son of William Fothergill, buried 10 September 1777. So if the John Fothergill baptised at Batley in 1741 was a son of Joseph, what happened to Joseph Fothergill?

The Morley Independent registers do however list the burial on 17 September 1754, of 42 year old Jonathan, son of Jonathan Fothergill, suggesting a birth date circa 1712. This person would fit well as the father of John and the son of the earlier Jonathan Fothergill. An Elizabeth Fothergill was buried at Morley on 30 December 1818, aged 71 years. We will likely never be able to resolve the question of John's parentage, but based on the available evidence, I believe that the early generations of Fothergill were likely as follows -



Chapter 2 – Samuel Fothergill and Elizabeth Rhodes



Samuel Fothergill was born on 7 May 1781 and baptised at Morley, Yorkshire on 17 May 1781, the fourth of seven children of John Fothergill. By trade he was a shoemaker.

He married Betty Rhodes at Leeds St. Peter on 2 April 1807 after the announcement of banns and the marriage produced at least 13 children. The first child, Joseph, was born on 17 January 1808 and baptised at Batley on 21 February. The baptism of Joseph at Batley, provides a clue to the birthplace of his mother Elizabeth Rhodes, as it was common for women to return to their parents' home for the birth of their first child.

The other children born to Samuel and Elizabeth were all baptised at Leeds, with the family's residence listed as Holbeck, as follows –

- Mary, born 22 May 1809
- Hannah, born 1 June 1811
- Margaret, born 10 March 1813
- Ellen, no baptism record found
- John, baptised 28 June 1818
- Elizabeth, baptised 11 February 1822 (likely born in 1819)
- Samuel, born 28 February 1820 and baptised 11 February 1822
- Benjamin, no baptism record found
- William, baptised 30 November 1828 (likely born in 1826)
- Amos Rhodes, baptised 30 November 1828
- Elizabeth, baptised 22 June 1829
- George Rider, born 19 March 1833

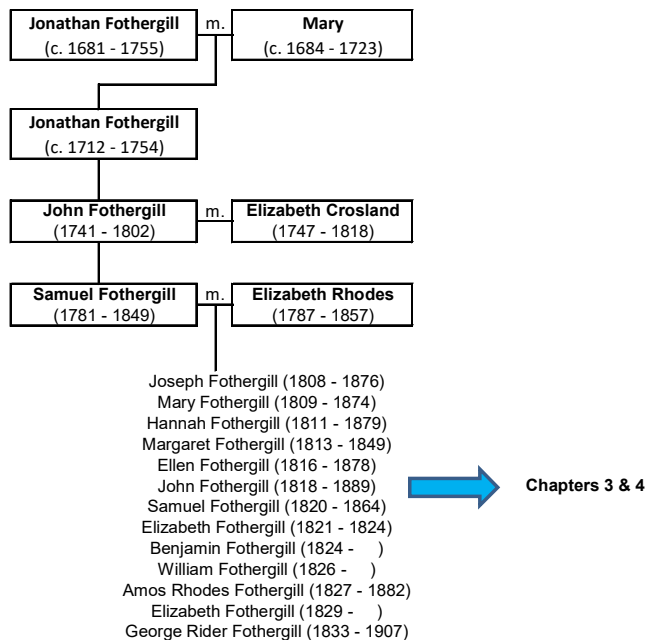
It appears that the family fell upon hard times, as in 1827, the Borough of Leeds attempted to have the family removed to the Township of Morley. Removal Orders were usually sought when a family became a burden on the parish, seeking to remove the family to the parish of birth of the father. The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Morley, swiftly appealed the removal order to the Leeds Sessions^{iv} on 18 October 1827, and it appears that their appeal was successful, as the later children of Samuel and Elizabeth were also baptised at Leeds, not at Morley. The court record was very useful in identifying ten of the 11 children of Samuel and Elizabeth who were born prior to the removal order, and confirming Samuel's place of birth. It seems that the eldest child, Joseph, had already left home as he was not listed on the removal order. A copy of the appeal record is shown on the following page.

Morley
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Holbeck

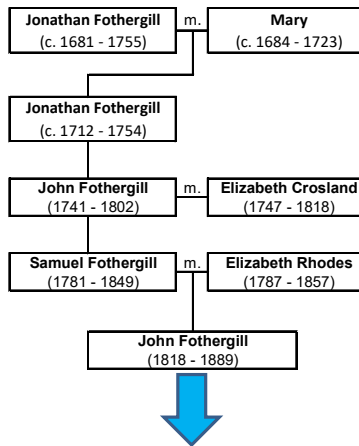
Ordered that the Appeal of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the Township of Morley in the said Riding against an Adjudication and Order under the Hands and Seals of Thomas Beckett and Thomas Blayds Esquires two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Borough of Leeds in the said Riding bearing date the fifth day of October instant made for the removal of Samuel Fothergill and Elizabeth his Wife and Mary Hannah Margaret Ellen John Samuel Benjamin William and Amos their Children from the Township of Holbeck in the Borough and Riding aforesaid to the said Township of Morley be respited until the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden by Adjournment at Wakefield in and for the said Riding -//-

Leeds Borough Sessions – 1827 Appeal of Removal Order

The other children of Samuel and Elizabeth Fothergill have not been researched in detail, but the information that has been found to date has been included as an addendum to this document, and may be updated in the future. My direct ancestor, John Fothergill will be covered in the next two chapters.



Chapter 3 – John Fothergill and Ann Craven



John Fothergill was born at Holbeck, Leeds, in early 1818 and baptised^v 28 June 1818, the sixth of 13 children of Samuel Fothergill and Elizabeth Rhodes.

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Church
BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of LEEDS, in the County of York, in
the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and *1818*

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1818 . <i>28 June</i> No. 768	<i>John</i> Son of	<i>Samuel</i>	<i>Fothergill</i>	<i>Holbeck</i>	<i>Shoe</i> <i>Maker</i>	<i>John Wray</i> <i>Lecturer</i>

John Fothergill 1818 Baptism

Growing up in Holbeck, the sixth child of a family of 13 would not have been easy, and as soon as he was old enough, John would have been sent to work in one of the local mills.

On 12 November 1838, John Fothergill, still a minor, married Ann Craven at the parish church in Leeds. John is listed on the marriage certificate as a Flax Dresser, one who prepared the flax for spinning into cloth.

Just two months later, on 30 January 1839, John and Ann welcomed their first child, Bessy. Her impending birth may have been the reason for John's marriage while still a minor. The marriage produced two additional children as follows –

- Ellen, born 12 January 1841
- Mary Hannah, born 23 November 1843

Ann Fothergill is found in the 1841 census^{vi}, living at Brunswick Street, with children – Edwin (5), Bessy (2) and Helen (1). Edwin may be a child of John Fothergill, but is more likely a child of Ann from a previous relationship. I have not found a baptism record for Edwin under either the Fothergill or Craven surnames.

John Fothergill was not living with his family in the 1841 census, but was found living at York Castle^{vii}, listed as a 20 year old criminal prisoner, Flax Dresser. John had been sentenced to one month imprisonment at the Assizes on 15 July 1840, for assault, and was likely pending trial at the time of the 1841 census, as he was sentenced to three months imprisonment at the Assizes on 16 July 1841, also for assault.

Holbeck had been a source of clean water for the people of Leeds, until the mills began operating there in the late 1700s, after which the water became increasingly polluted. In 1834 Holbeck was voted “*the most crowded, most filthy and unhealthy village in the country*”^{viii}, so it is perhaps not surprising that John became unsettled and violent, in the crowded, squalid living conditions.

At the Leeds Borough Sessions on 11 April 1842, 24 year old John Fothergill was sentenced to nine months imprisonment for robbery with violence. The final straw for John came at the Leeds Borough Sessions on 5 July 1843, where he was convicted for attempting to steal the goods of Martin Schunck and others from a warehouse, and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

John was transferred to the prison hulk *Fortitude*, moored at Chatham, and on 2 September 1843 he and 498 other male convicts boarded the *Anson* and sailed for Van Diemen’s Land (Tasmania). The gaoler’s report from *Fortitude* did not paint a very positive picture of John Fothergill, describing him as “Idle, dishonest, bad character”, but the same was said of several others on the same page of the prison register^{ix}.

John Fothergill’s later life will be discussed in detail in the next chapter.

Life would have been challenging for Ann, the wife of John Fothergill. She was raising three children, with her husband in and out of prison for the first five years of their marriage, before being transported to Australia in 1843. Two months after John’s departure for Australia, Ann gave birth to a daughter, whom she named Mary Hannah, on 23 November 1843.

In 1848 a Cholera epidemic broke out in Britain, reaching its peak in September 1843, when there were 6,644 deaths. Leeds was particularly hard hit, with 1,439 people dying of Cholera in the autumn of 1843^x. It is likely that Ann Fothergill’s children, Bessy and Mary Hannah were among the victims of Cholera, dying just a few days apart. Bessy was buried on 5 September and Mary Hannah was buried on 8 September.

In 1851^{xi}, Ann Fothergill was still living at Brunswick Street, and the census of that year records her as married, a 33 year old flax spinner, living with her children – 15 year old Edwin and 10 year old Ellen.

On 17 April 1856, listed as a widow, Ann Fothergill married James Taylor at the Hunslet District Register Office. Ann was living at 6 Brunswick Street and James living at 31 Brunswick Street. This marriage produced two children – James Taylor, born 1857 and John Taylor, born 1860. The family is found in the 1861 census^{xii} living at Harborne, Yorkshire, but I cannot locate them after this date.

I have found no trace of Edwin Fothergill after 1851, but Ellen Fothergill married Benjamin Raynor on 25 January 1858 at Silkstone, Yorkshire and their descendants identified to date are as follows –

1. Benjamin RAYNOR (b. Abt 1837-Holmfirth, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1914-Halifax, York, England)

sp: Ellen FOTHERGILL (b. Jan/Mar 1841-Holbeck, York, England; m. 25 Jan 1858; d. Apr/Jun 1922-Halifax, York, England)

2. male RAYNOR (b. Jan/Mar 1858-Barnsley, York, England)

2. Seaman RAYNOR (b. Apr/Jun 1859-Doncaster, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1931-Halifax, York, England)

sp: Sarah Elizabeth ELLIS (b. Abt 1863-Wombwell, York, England; m. Oct/Dec 1882; d. Jan/Mar 1941-Halifax, York, England)

3. Ellen RAYNOR (b. Jan/Mar 1884-Barnsley, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

3. Sampson Ellis RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1887-Barnsley, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1895-Oswaltdwistle, Lancashire, England)

3. Gilbert RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1890-Oswaltdwistle, Lancashire, England; d. Aft 1910)

3. Rose Elizabeth RAYNOR (b. Oct/Dec 1892-Oswaltdwistle, Lancashire, England; d. Aft 1900)

3. Lewis RAYNOR (b. Apr/Jun 1895-Accrington, Lancashire, England; d. Aft 1910)

3. Gertrude RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1898-Accrington, Lancashire, England; d. Aft 1910)

3. Sampson RAYNOR (b. Oct/Dec 1900-Accrington, Lancashire, England; d. Aft 1910)

3. Frank RAYNOR (b. Oct/Dec 1903-Halifax, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

2. Landsman RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1862-Birdwell, York, England; d. Aft 1880)

2. Mary Hannah RAYNOR (b. Apr/Jun 1865-Birdwell, York, England; d. 20 Aug 1933-Halifax, York, England)

sp: George HOEY (b. Oct/Dec 1867-Barnsley, York, England; m. 26 Aug 1891; d. Apr/Jun 1902-Barnsley, York, England)

sp: James Albert GLEDHILL (b. Abt 1865-Rishworth, York, England; m. Oct/Dec 1902; d. Oct/Dec 1913-Halifax, York, England)

2. Druscilla RAYNOR (b. Apr/Jun 1867-Blacker Hill, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1940-Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, England)

sp: Arthur YATES (b. Abt 1868-Birmingham, Warwick, England; m. Apr/Jun 1895)

3. Ben Lewis Raynor YATES (b. 21 Nov 1895-Halifax, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1977-Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, England)

sp: Laura STILLING (m. Oct/Dec 1920)

4. Eric YATES (b. Apr/Jun 1923-Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, England)

4. Mona YATES (b. Jul/Sep 1927-Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, England)

3. Gladys Ellen Mary YATES (b. Jul/Sep 1897-Halifax, York, England)

sp: Frederick S. CHUBB (m. Jan/Mar 1917)

4. Gladys E. CHUBB (b. Apr/Jun 1918-Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, England)

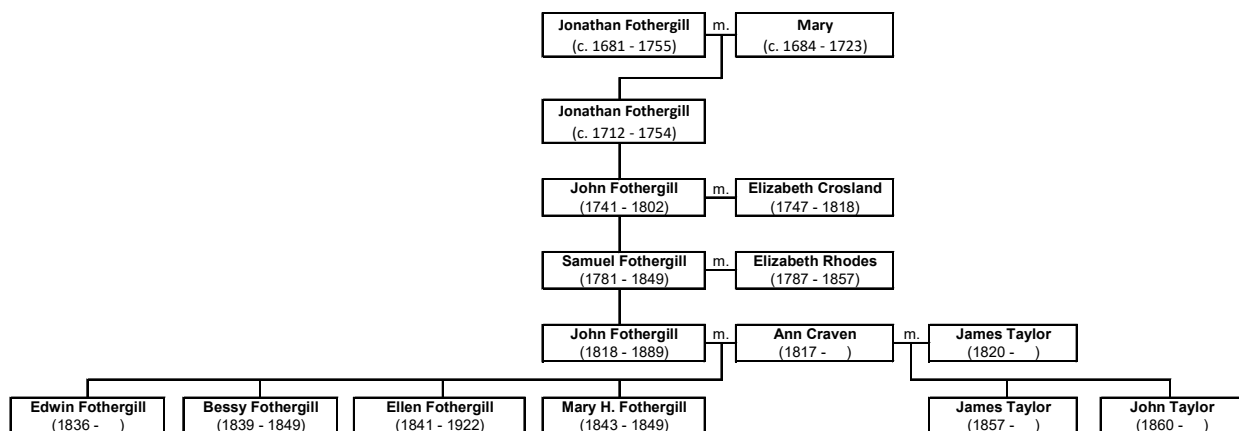
- sp: William A. SLADE (m. Apr/Jun 1939)
5. David A. SLADE (b. St Neots, Huntingdon, England)
 - sp: Beryl D.E. MEAD (b. Oct/Dec 1939-Newcastle under Lyme, Stafford, England; m. Apr/Jun 1963)
 - 5. Linda SLADE (b. Hatfield, Hertford, England)
 4. Florence M. CHUBB (b. Jan/Mar 1920-Edmonton, Middlesex, England)
 4. Frederick O. CHUBB (b. Jan/Mar 1923-Hackney, London, England)
 4. Eric R. CHUBB (b.18 Jan 1925-Hackney, London, England)
 3. Lawrence YATES (b. Oct/Dec 1898-Halifax, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1900-Halifax, York, England)
 3. Florence YATES (b. Oct/Dec 1900-Halifax, York, England)
 3. Jack YATES (b. Jul/Sep 1902-Halifax, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1963-Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, England)
 3. James Laurence YATES (b. Oct/Dec 1903-Halifax, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1904-Halifax, York, England)
 3. James Seaman YATES (b. Jan/Mar 1906-Derby, Derby, England)
 3. Mary Hannah YATES (b. Jul/Sep 1909-Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, England)
 2. Charles William RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1869-Hoyland, York, England; d. Aft 1880)
 2. Ellinor RAYNOR (b. Apr/Jun 1872-Barnsley, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1872-Barnsley, York, England)
 2. Lewis RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1875-Barnsley, York, England; d. 10 Oct 1947-Huddersfield, York, England)
 - sp: Eleanor STOCKS (b. Abt 1873-Rastrick, York, England; m. Apr/Jun 1897; d. Apr/Jun 1935-Huddersfield, York, England)
 3. Ivy RAYNOR (b.8 May 1898-Halifax, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1962-Huddersfield, York, England)
 - sp:Joe Herbert CRAWSHAW (b.9 Jul 1901-Huddersfield, York, England; m. Jul/Sep 1922; d. Oct/Dec 1968-Huddersfield, York, England)
 4. Joyce CRAWSHAW (b.29 Sep 1923; d. Aft 1938)
 4. Stanley R. CRAWSHAW (b.13 Jul 1926; d. Aft 1938)
 - 3. Redvers RAYNOR (b.15 Dec 1899-Halifax, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1973-Chichester, Sussex, England)
 - sp: Eileen WHITELEY (b.14 Nov 1902-Huddersfield, York, England; m. Apr/Jun 1922; d. Oct/Dec 1974-Halifax, York, England)
 4. Leslie RAYNOR (b.1 Nov 1922-Huddersfield, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1999-Darlington, Durham, England)
 - sp: Enid Mary RAINE (b. Oct/Dec 1922-Richmond, York, England; m. Apr/Jun 1946; d. Jan/Mar 2009-Darlington, Durham, England)
 5. Yvonne C. RAYNOR (b. Huddersfield, York, England)
 - 4. Eileen RAYNOR (b. Oct/Dec 1923-Huddersfield, York, England)
 - 4. Doreen RAYNOR (b. Apr/Jun 1925-Huddersfield, York, England)
 - 4. Hazel RAYNOR (b. Jul/Sep 1926-Huddersfield, York, England)
 - 4. Joan M. RAYNOR (b. Oct/Dec 1928-Huddersfield, York, England)
 - sp: John V. HALLIWELL (m. Oct/Dec 1950)
 5. Susan M. HALLIWELL (b. Huddersfield, York, England)

3. Mona RAYNOR (b. Abt 1904-Bradford, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1963-Huddersfield, York, England)

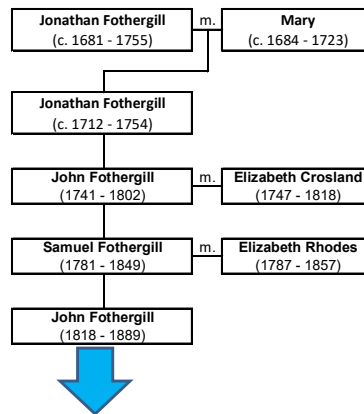
sp: Arnold BOWER (m. Apr/Jun 1925)

3. Dorothy M. RAYNOR (b.4 Nov 1915-Huddersfield, York, England; d. Aft 1938)

sp: William H. CARNEY (m. Jan/Mar 1942)



Chapter 4 – John Fothergill (Meale) and Elizabeth Hemblen



John Fothergill arrived in Tasmania on the *Anson* on 4 February 1844, via Rio de Janeiro, 126 days after they left Plymouth. With 499 convicts on board, this was the most convicts transported in a single voyage.

The Probation System was an experiment in penal discipline, introduced into Tasmania in 1839, on the basis that punishment and reform could be achieved through confinement, hard labour, religious instruction and education. All convicts were to be subjected to successive stages of punishment, commencing with a period of confinement and labour in gangs: at a penal settlement for life-sentenced prisoners, or at a probation station for all others. If they progressed satisfactorily through several stages of decreasing severity, they received a probation pass and became available for hire to the settlers. Gangs of pass holders awaiting employment remained at the stations and continued to labour on public works. Sustained good conduct eventually led to a ticket of leave or a pardon^{xiii}.

John Fothergill was assigned to the Westbury Probation Station in Northern Tasmania, which was established in 1842 to house 400 convicts. In 1846 Westbury became a hiring depot, as the Probation System was in the process of being dismantled. John's Criminal Conduct Record states that he was given twenty two months of hard labour, and emerged from the gang on 4 December 1845. On 21 November 1846 he was given another six months of hard labour for insolence to his Overseer. He seemed to stay out of trouble after that and was issued with a ticket of leave on 28 August 1849. The ticket had to be renewed annually and provided freedom to marry, own property, and bring his family to the colony, but he could not board a ship or leave the colony. In one final act of defiance, on 2 November 1850 he "made use of obscene and abusive language to Mr. Shackles", was given another six months of hard labour and his ticket of leave was revoked^{xiv}.

The Cornwall Chronicle newspaper of 26 April 1851 states that John had again been issued with a ticket of leave^{xv}. This is the last record found in Tasmania for John Fothergill.

It is likely that around this time John Fothergill met Elizabeth Hemblen. Elizabeth had been convicted of stealing a frying pan at Bath in 1841 and was transported to Tasmania on the *Royal Admiral*. She married James Elder in Launceston, Tasmania in 1844 and the marriage produced two children – Elizabeth Elder and James Elder. No further record of Elizabeth Elder (the daughter) has been found after her birth, so it is likely that she died as a young child. James Elder died in 1849, leaving the 25 year old Elizabeth a widow with a young son.

Elizabeth Hemblen became free on completion of her seven year sentence on 29 December, 1848, and does not appear in any later records in Tasmania.

John Fothergill did not yet have his freedom, and was known to have a wife and family back in England, so he could not marry Elizabeth Hemblen, and could not leave Tasmania. But it seems that John Fothergill, Elizabeth Hemblen, and her young son, James Elder, somehow boarded a ship and travelled to New Zealand, where John assumed the name John Meale (see chapter 14 for details on how this was determined).

John Meale and Elizabeth Hemblen were married in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Auckland, New Zealand on 13 June 1854. The civil marriage record identifies John Meale as a 33 year old Boatman and Elizabeth as a 28 year old spinster, with both residing at Auckland. The church marriage record identifies both the bride and groom as being from England, now of Auckland, with John's parents being Samuel and Elizabeth Meale and Elizabeth's parents being Isaac and Elizabeth Hemlin.

John Meale and Elizabeth Hemblen produced five children as follows –

- John James Meale, born 2 June 1855 at Auckland
- Ellen Meale, born 3 July 1859 at Waiwera
- Joseph Meale, born May 1861 at Waiwera
- George Meale, born 7 May 1863 at Waiwera
- Elizabeth Meale, born 19 March 1868 at Waiwera

Soon after the birth of their first child, John and Elizabeth moved to Waiwera, where they farmed for the remainder of their lives.

James Elder (who was known as James Meale), son of Elizabeth Hemblen, was a Labourer by occupation, and died of tuberculosis at the Provincial Hospital in Auckland on 22 January 1868, at the age of 21 years.

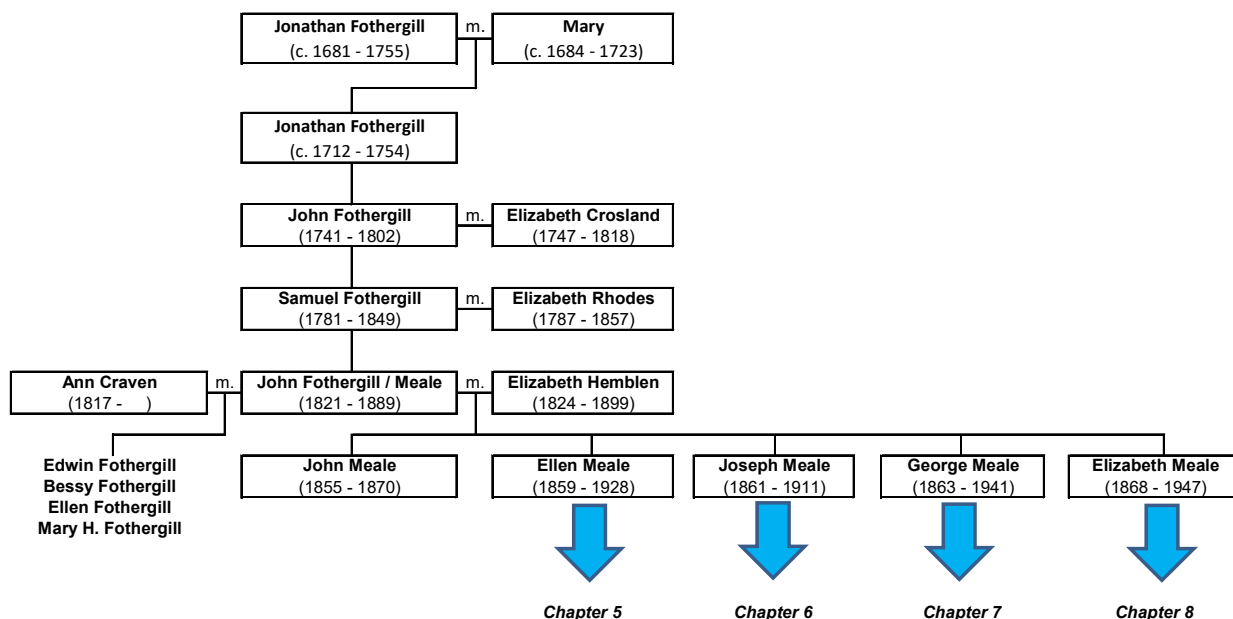
The eldest child of John and Elizabeth Meale, John James Meale, died 19 June 1870, at the age of 15 years, as a result of a shooting accident whilst playing with friends. The New Zealand Herald^{xvi} reported the incident as follows – *"FATAL GUN ACCIDENT AT WAIWERA.-INQUEST. [from our own correspondent.] The Waiwera has been the most unfortunate place, I think, in the whole northern portion of this province during the last six months. Out of a population not exceeding thirty people, accidental deaths have amounted to four since elections in December. On the night of the elections three were drowned coming from the poll. Now I have to record another death, caused through incautious use of firearms, and entrusting boys with guns. On Sunday last four boys started from Mr. Meal's for a day's amusement into the bush, having one gun with them. On their way home, and within a quarter of a mile of Mr. Meal's house, they commenced amusing themselves by jumping over a large rata log. Young Meal, to whom the gun belonged, leaving this weapon resting against the log with the hammer down, and continued occupying himself along with the other three, until apparently it was time to think about going home; then he stood upon the top of the log, and reaching over, seized the gun by the barrel, and, in drawing it towards him the hammer must have caught in something, or might have struck against, the tree. However, it went off, and the charge of shot entering his right side caused almost instantaneous death, for the poor fellow only spoke twice, " Bob, I'm shot," each time, and staggered from the log, expiring within four or five paces from where he received his*

fatal wound. The following depositions were taken at the inquest, before Mr. Lloyd (coroner), and a jury of twelve, Mr. McCattie being foreman:— Robert Lewill deposed: I was with John Meal yesterday when he shot himself, Meal and the rest of us were jumping over a log. Meal lifted the gun, and as he lifted the gun it went off. Hammer was lying on the cap. He lifted the gun up holding it by the barrel. He was on the opposite side from the gun. He dragged the gun towards him. I was about twenty yards away from him when the gun went off. He said, "I am shot, Bob". He fell immediately. The gun was loaded with shot. The gun now on the table is the same. Stephen Schiskar, deposed: I saw John Meal shoot himself. I am quite certain no person else would have done it. Meal was jumping over a tree. The rest of us were jumping. He went to get on top of the log and he caught hold of the gun; when he caught hold of it it went off. He pulled it towards him. I was about ten yards off, on the opposite side to Sewell. He said, "Bob, I am shot". I did not hear him say anything else after that. I saw the gun before it went off. Could not say whether it was cocked or not. He was on top of the log when the gun went off. He run to where the blood is on the ground and then fell. It was after he fell that he spoke. George Meal deposed: John Meal is my brother. I saw him shoot himself, by the gun accidentally going off'. He went to jump over the log. "He went to catch hold of the gun and the gun went off. The hammer was down on the cap. There were but the three of us present when he shot himself. The father, John Meal, having deposed to the age of the boy being fifteen on the 2nd ultimo, the Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

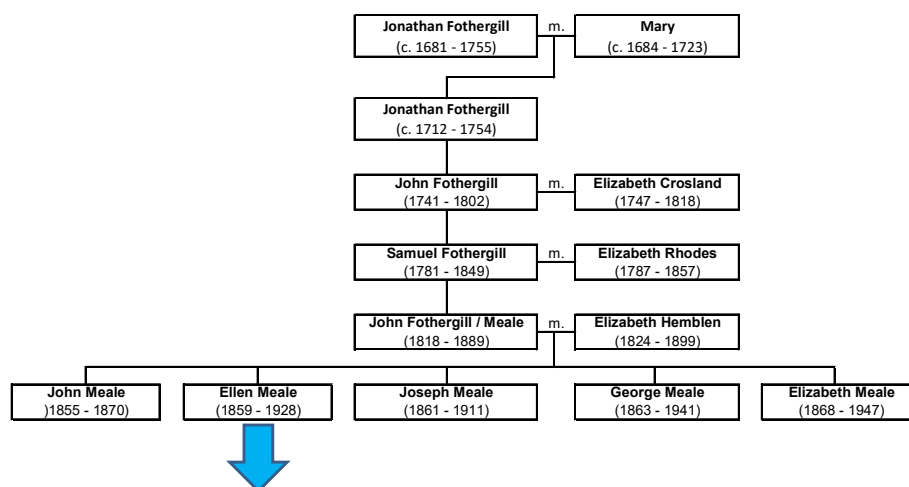
The remaining four children of John and Elizabeth Meale all married and had children of their own. Their lives will be covered in more detail in later chapters.

John Meale died at Upper Waiwera on 7 January, 1889, from syncope and general debility, after a three week illness. He was buried at Puhoi. On the death registration, his son, Joseph Meale, stated that John was 70 years old, was born in Leeds, and had been in New Zealand for 40 years.

Elizabeth Meale, nee Hemblen, lived on for ten more years, and died at Upper Waiwera on 13 March 1899, from general debility, at the age of 70 years. She too is buried at Puhoi.



Chapter 5 – Ellen Meale and James Alexander Cosgrave



Ellen, the eldest daughter of John Meale and Elizabeth Hemblen, was born at Waiwera, New Zealand on 3 July 1859.

Nineteen year old Ellen Meale married James Alexander Cosgrave, a 25 year old mariner, in the Wade Registry Office on 17 June 1878, and James worked as a bushman before later taking up farming. The marriage produced 8 children, born as follows –

- Sidney James Cosgrave, born 9 February 1879
- Annie Elizabeth Cosgrave, born 23 August 1880
- Ellen Olivia Cosgrave, born 22 June 1882
- Edith Steele Cosgrave, born 14 December 1884
- Vivian John Cosgrave, born 1 May 1887
- George Edward Cosgrave, born 22 August 1889
- Percy Cosgrave, born 17 November 1891
- James Steele Cosgrave, born 16 July 1894

Sidney James Cosgrave married Edith Rosalia Schischka on 21 July 1906 and they had 3 children together, Muriel Joy, Edith Bernice Elizabeth, and Peter George Maurice (Maurice) Cosgrave. This marriage ended in divorce in 1930 and Sidney had three additional children with Una Jessie Leslie – June, Margaret, and John James Steele Cosgrave. Sidney's known descendants are as follows –

1. Sidney James COSGRAVE (b. 9 Feb 1879-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.23 Mar 1963-Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand)
sp: Edith Rosalia SCHISCHKA (b.23 Oct 1881-Auckland, New Zealand; m.21 Jul 1906 (Div); d. 9 Jan 1968 - Remuera, New Zealand)
2. Muriel Joy COSGRAVE (b.22 Aug 1907-Auckland, New Zealand; d.2 Sep 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)
2. Edith Bernice Elizabeth COSGRAVE (b.4 Nov 1908-Auckland, New Zealand; d.1 Apr 1985-Whangarei, New Zealand)
sp: Peregrine Theodore Harry LEDIARD (b.14 Dec 1907-Wandsworth, London, England;

- m. 23 Aug 1930; d.18 Dec 1983-New Zealand)
- 3. Mary Elizabeth Dawn LEDIARD (b.5 Mar 1931-Auckland, New Zealand; d. 5 Nov 1984-New Zealand)
 - sp: William BRADSTREET (b.30 Nov 1926; m.1950; d.11 Dec 1991-New Zealand)
- 3. Peregrine David Walter LEDIARD (b. 15 Jan 1941-Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Christine
- 3. Linda Anne LEDIARD (b. 1948-Auckland, New Zealand)
- 2. Peter George Maurice COSGRAVE (b.14 Jun 1917-Auckland, New Zealand; d.6 Nov 2001-Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Reama DAWAI (d. 25 Feb 1975-Fiji)
- 3. Lorima Davu COSGRAVE (b. Nadi, Fiji)
 - sp: Rebecca Margaret PAERAU (b. Te Kauwhata, New Zealand;)
- 4. David Laurie COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4. Sandra Anamere COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4. Maurice COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4. Phillip Davu COSGRAVE (b. Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4. Billy COSGRAVE
- sp: Una Jessie LESLIE (b.11 Jan 1910-New Zealand; d.1 Apr 2002-New Zealand)
- 2. June COSGRAVE
- 2. Margaret COSGRAVE
- 2. John James Steele COSGRAVE (b.30 Apr 1940-Auckland, New Zealand; d.12 Oct 2011-New Zealand)
 - sp: Marion Janice HINTON
- 3. Carol Ann COSGRAVE
- 3. Paul John COSGRAVE (b. Howick, Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Jennine MCDONALD

Annie Elizabeth Cosgrave married Alexander James Jamieson in Waiwera on 27 December 1904, and the marriage produced 5 children. Annie died in Auckland on 20 February 1942, and Alexander died seven years later, on 30 June 1949, also in Auckland. Their known descendants are as follows –

- 1. Annie Elizabeth COSGRAVE (b.23 Aug 1880-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.20 Feb 1942-Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Alexander James JAMIESON (b.13 Apr 1881-Mahurangi, New Zealand; m.27 Dec 1904; d.30 Jun 1949-Auckland, New Zealand)
- 2. Mona Pearle JAMIESON (b.13 Apr 1904-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.27 Jun 1977-New Zealand)
- 2. Edith Helen JAMIESON (b.16 Nov 1906-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.17 May 1987-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Owen Curran BURNS (b.29 Aug 1898-New Zealand; m.4 Apr 1928; d.6 Mar 1986-New Zealand)
- 2. Percy Alexander JAMIESON (b.8 Sep 1908-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.20 Jul 1962-Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Eunice Rose AFFLECK (b.13 Nov 1913-New Zealand; m.8 Sep 1937; d.21 Jul 2000-New Zealand)
- 3. Yvonne JAMIESON

- 3. Beverley JAMIESON
- 2. Charles Govan JAMIESON (b.15 Jul 1910-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.1970-New Zealand)
 - sp: Elsie May MCLENNAN (b.13 Jan 1911-New Zealand; m.9 Feb 1935; d.1999-New Zealand)
 - 3. Jocelyn Merle JAMIESON (b. Abt 1936)
 - sp: Don BRIDGE
 - 4. Craig Donald BRIDGE
 - 3. Donald Robin JAMIESON (b. Abt 1939; d.13 Feb 1944-New Zealand)
 - 3. Glenys Carol JAMIESON
 - sp: Robert G. WALTERS
 - 4. Janine WALTERS
- 2. James Edmund George JAMIESON (b.3 Jul 1915-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.16 Apr 1992-New Zealand)
 - sp: Florence Waikato COLLARD (b.10 Apr 1916-New Zealand; m.21 Feb 1934 (Div); d.18 Oct 2009-New Zealand)
 - 3. Anne JAMIESON
 - 3. Patricia JAMIESON
 - sp: Irene Liliias MEHARRY (b.5 May 1908-New Zealand; m.1943; d.30 Jan 2006-N.Z.)
 - 3. Roderick JAMIESON
 - 3. Valerie JAMIESON

Ellen Olivia Cosgrave married Angus Joseph Jamieson, brother of her brother in law, Alexander James Jamieson, in Mahurangi in 1910. Ellen and Angus had two children together. Angus Jamieson died in Auckland on 17 October 1926. In 1941 Ellen married Elijah Parker, and she died in 1964. Elijah died the following year. Ellen Olivia Cosgrave's known descendants are as follows –

- 1. Ellen Olivia COSGRAVE (b.22 Jun 1882-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.18 Dec 1964-New Zealand)
 - sp: Angus Joseph JAMIESON (b.15 Jul 1877-Mahurangi, New Zealand; m.29 Jun 1910; d.17 Oct 1926- Auckland, New Zealand)
 - 2. Harold Joseph JAMIESON (b.4 Apr 1911-New Zealand; d.9 May 1986-New Zealand)
 - sp: Margaret Theresa HANNON (b.7 Dec 1912; m.8 May 1935; d.9 Jun 2007-N.Z.)
 - 3. Dawn Margaret JAMIESON (b.9 Oct 1936; d.6 Sep 2016-New Zealand)
 - sp: RICHARDSON
 - 4. Terry RICHARDSON
 - 4. Tracy RICHARDSON
 - 4. Julie RICHARDSON
 - 3. Marlene R. JAMIESON
 - sp: Gary L. ROSE
 - 3. Lorraine JAMIESON
 - sp: KERR
 - 2. Sidney George JAMIESON (b.6 Oct 1913-New Zealand; d.17 Jun 1992-Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)
 - sp: Leonie Edna WADSWORTH (b.27 Jul 1920-New Zealand; m.1944; d.15 Feb 1976-Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand)

sp: Elijah PARKER (b. Abt 1883;m.1941; d.9 Nov 1965-New Zealand)

Edith Steele Cosgrave married Lewis Brunton in the Presbyterian Church at Wade on 13 January 1904, and they had six children. Lewis died 3 March 1947 in Hamilton, and Edith died 23 January 1984 in Tauranga. Their known descendants are as follows –

1. Edith Steele COSGRAVE (b.14 Dec 1884-Upper Waiwera, New Zealand; d.23 Jan 1984-Tauranga, New Zealand)

sp: Lewis BRUNTON (b.24 Nov 1881-Orewa Falls, Wade, New Zealand; m.13 Jan 1904; d.3 Mar 1947- Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)

2. Lewis Vivian Robert BRUNTON (b.30 Oct 1906-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand; d.15 Apr 1984-Tauranga, Bay Of Plenty, New Zealand)

sp: Beatrice May WILD (b.20 Feb 1912; m.19 Dec 1936; d.20 Nov 1993-New Zealand)

3. Malcolm BRUNTON

sp: Eyvonne

3. Merrilyn Gail BRUNTON

sp: Lynden David ADAM

2. Eva Florence BRUNTON (b.1908-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.13 Apr 1969-Gisborne, New Zealand)

sp: Thomas Henry LYNES (b.13 Nov 1899-Shutford, Oxford, England; m.23 May 1928; d.12 Nov 1981-New Zealand)

3. Colleen Ralda LYNES (b.1929; d.1998-Florida,United States of America)

...sp: James RENNIE (m.1948 (Div))

3. Dennis George LYNES (b.13 Sep 1933; d.16 Jul 1985-Queenstown, Otago, New Zealand)

...sp: Shirley VALLANCE (b.31 May 1933; m.1954 (Div); d.31 Mar 2011-New Zealand)

4. Robin Larry LYNES

4. Cheryl Jane LYNES

...sp: ROBINSON

4. Andrea Karen LYNES (b.1960; d.31 Jan 2019-Queenstown, Otago, New Zealand)

...sp: Steven Frederick NICOLLE

...sp: Beau RAPLEY

4. Victoria LYNES

4. Katrina LYNES

4. Jodi LYNES

...sp: Priscilla Jane (m.1968/1975(Div))

...sp: Elaine Mary JACKSON (b.26 Apr 1940; m.1975/1985; d.20 Apr 2011-New Zealand)

3. Larry Michael LYNES

2. Cecil Edgar BRUNTON (b.13 May 1908-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.13 May 1988)

sp: Melba BRADLEY (b.21 Apr 1917; m.1942; d.1989-New Zealand)

3. female BRUNTON

sp. Francis JACOBSON

4. Cheryl JIMENEZ

2. Alan George BRUNTON (b.30 Aug 1910-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.5 Dec 1941-Egypt)

2. Kenneth Leslie BRUNTON (b.19 Dec 1911-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.21 Feb 1984-Orewa, N.Z.)

sp: Marjorie Rosina Marion SUBRITZKY (b. Abt 1910; m.21 Oct 1932 (Div); d.16 Jun 1968-

New Zealand)

3. Loyce Ruth Steele BRUNTON (b.9 Aug 1934; d.25 Apr 1998-New Zealand)

sp: Peter David MAJOR

4. Shane

4. Paul

4. Dean

4. Simone

3. Gayle BRUNTON

3. Carl BRUNTON

3. Anne BRUNTON

sp: Cynthia Mae MORRISON (m.1949(Div))

2. George Mervyn BRUNTON (b. 16 May 1916-Hamilton, New Zealand; d.14 Dec 1996-New Zealand)

sp: Maisie Priscilla EVANS (b.7 Aug 1922; m.1948 (Div); d.2002-New Zealand)

sp: Dawn Eleanor

Vivian John Cosgrave married Justine Ursula Brady and their family will be covered in more detail in chapter 11.

George Edward Cosgrave and James Steele Cosgrave (jnr.) both served in World War I and made the ultimate sacrifice. Their short lives will be covered in chapters 12 and 13 respectively.

Percy Cosgrave joined the New Zealand Police on 27 March, 1914, and was stationed at Wellington's Mount Cook Police Station. He married a widow named Imelda Coogan (nee Mooney) in the Wellington Registrar's office on 17 October, 1918. Imelda's first husband, James Hobson Coogan, had died in 1915, and they had a daughter, Mary Ellen Gertrude Coogan, who was born 24 October 1904. Percy and Imelda did not have any children together.

The Evening Post newspaper of 4 April 1921^{xvii}, identifies that "Constable P. Cosgrave, who has been stationed at Mount Cook (Wellington) Police Station for the past seven years, has resigned, in order to take over the Pier Hotel, Kaikoura".

The hotel business did not go well for Percy, and on the 9th of April, 1923 he filed for bankruptcy. Percy stated that he had had bad luck with the hotels that he had gone into, and came away with nothing. His creditors received 2 shillings and 6 pence per pound owed (12.5%).

Percy took on the family farm at Upper Waiwera, but after the death of his mother, the farm was sold and Percy worked for Auckland brewers *Hancocks*, employed as a relieving manager at several hotels, notably the Astor in Auckland, the Northern Wairoa in Dargaville, and the Palace in Rotorua.

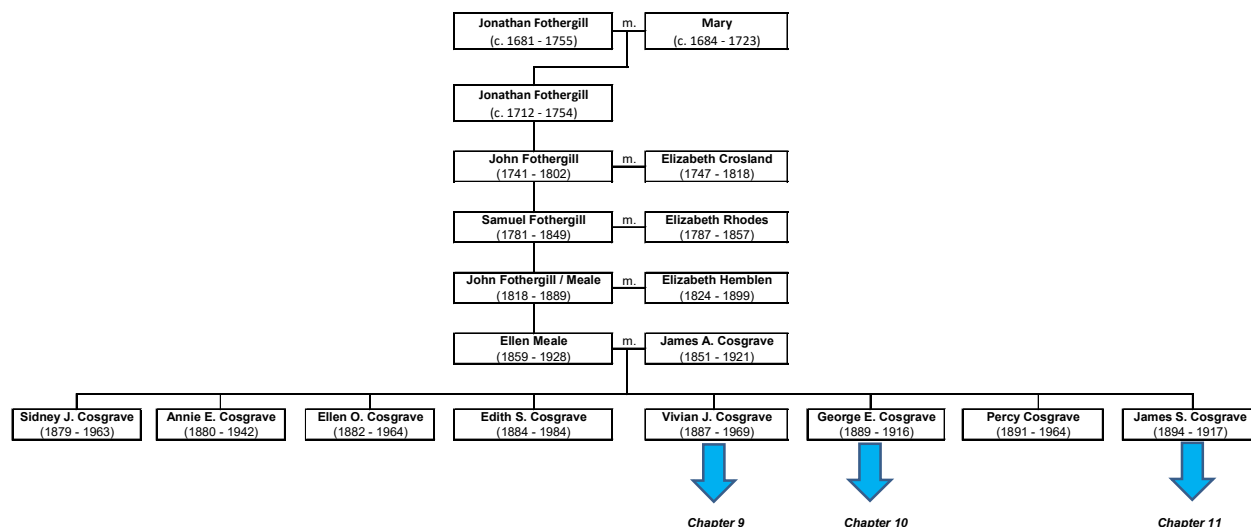
He died in Auckland on 25 September 1964, and is buried in Auckland's Waikumete cemetery. Imelda died in Wellington on 25 July 1966.

James Alexander Cosgrave and Ellen Meale farmed at Upper Waiwera, where they raised their 8 children. In April 1921, their son Percy had purchased the Pier Hotel in Kaikoura, and James Alexander Cosgrave visited Percy later that year. James Alexander Cosgrave's death certificate identifies that he died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the Pier Hotel on 6 December 1921, and he is buried in the Kaikoura cemetery. A story passed down in the family is that James was playing with a group of children in the hotel, and fell down the stairs, landing on his head.

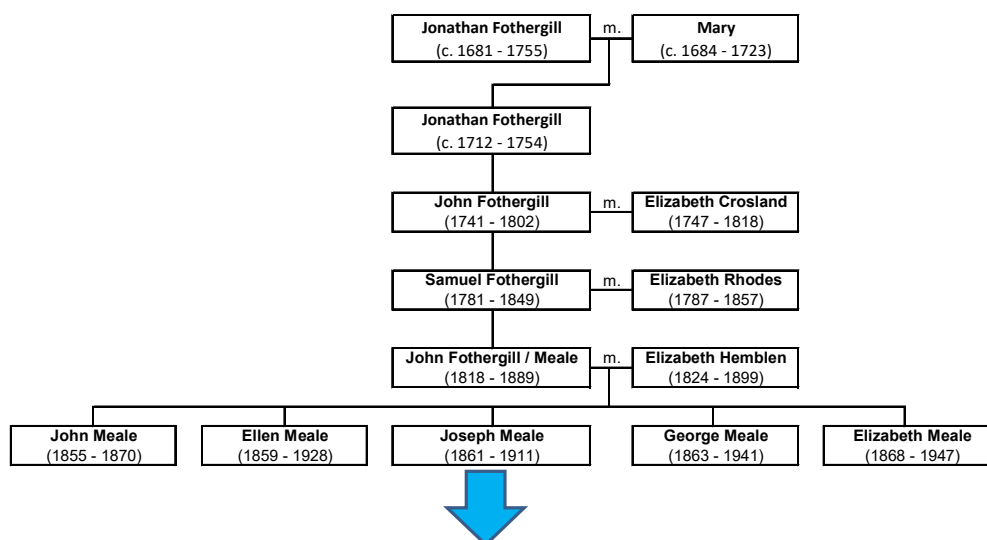
After the death of her husband, Ellen Cosgrave (nee Meale) continued farming at Upper Waiwera, with assistance from her son Percy. Ellen died of acute bronchitis on 13 July 1928, at the home of her sister in Cambridge. She is buried in the Cambridge cemetery.



(l-r) James, Margaret & Patricia Cosgrave at the grave of James Alexander Cosgrave.



Chapter 6 – Joseph Meale and Catherine Margaret Logue



Joseph Meale was born in May 1861 at Waiwera, the second son of John Meale and Elizabeth Hemblen.

On 30 December 1896, at the age of 35 years, Joseph Meale married 27 year old Catherine Logue, who was born in nearby Mangawhai. This marriage produced six children. The second child, Joseph Sweeney Meale served in the Otago Regiment of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in World War One, and died of disease in France on 18 October 1918 at 20 years of age. He is buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery.

Joseph Meale crushed his foot in May 1896 which necessitated him spending 11 days in Auckland Hospital.

He died on 8 February 1911, at Upper Waiwera, and is buried in Puhoi Cemetery. His wife Catherine lived for 33 years after Joseph's death, and passed away in Auckland on 11 February 1944 at the age of 75 years.

The known descendants of Joseph and Catherine Meale are as follows –

1. Joseph MEALE (b. May 1861-Waiwera, New Zealand; d. 8 Feb 1911-Upper Waiwera, New Zealand)
 - sp: Catherine Margaret LOGUE (b. Abt 1869-Mangawhai, New Zealand; m. 30 Dec 1896; d. 11 Feb 1944-Mt. Albert, Auckland, New Zealand)
 - 2. Annie Emily MEALE (d. Bef 1944)
 - 2. Joseph Sweeney MEALE (b. 30 Dec 1897-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.18 Oct 1918-France)
 - 2. John Loughlin MEALE (b.10 Nov 1899-Puhoi, New Zealand; d.22 Jul 1950-Whangaroa, New Zealand)
 - sp: Edith Brenda SHEPHERD (b. 26 Jan 1908-New Zealand; m. 6 Oct 1928; d. 22 May 1984-New Zealand)
 - 2. James Hugh MEALE (b.1900-Puhoi, New Zealand; d. Bef 1944)

2. Cecilia Mary MEALE (b.7 Dec 1903-Upper Waiwera, New Zealand; d.10 Dec 1978-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Alexander William JARRATT (b. Abt 1894; m.10 Jan 1926; d. Bef 1979)

3. Desmond Joseph JARRATT (b.18 Jan 1927; d. 21 May1992-New Zealand)

sp: Olga

4. Suzanne JARRATT

4. Toni JARRATT

3. Grahame Locklin JARRATT (b.10 Jan 1929; d.5 Oct 2011-New Zealand)

sp: Eunice Winifred WRIGHT (b.7 Mar 1928; m.1953; d.4 Jul 2013-New Zealand)

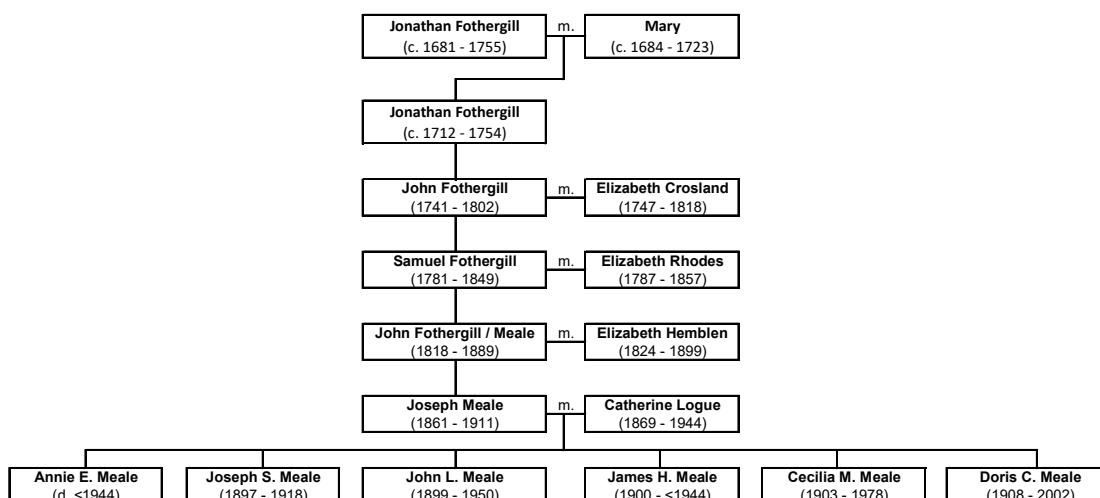
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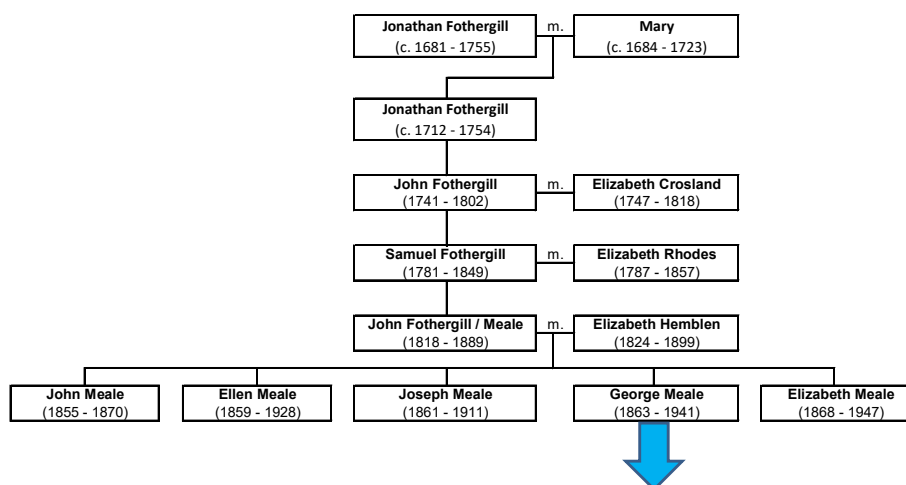
4. Linda C JARRATT

2. Doris Catherine MEALE (b.4 Feb 1908-New Zealand; d.1 May 2002-New Haven, Connecticut, USA)

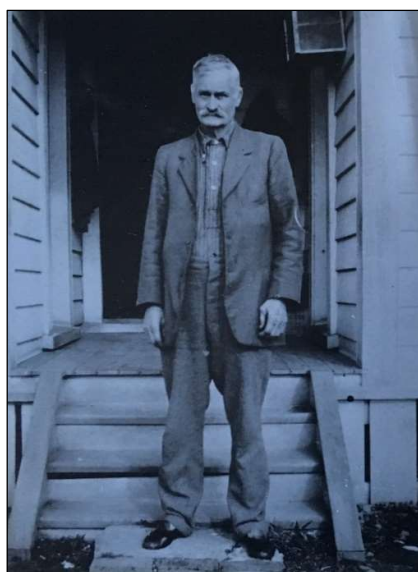
sp: Larry SLOANE



Chapter 7 – George Meale and Edith Mary Faithfull



George, the fourth child of John Meale and Elizabeth Hembien, was born 7 May 1863 at Mahurangi.



George Meale.



Edith Mary Faithfull.

On 26 June 1884, George Meale, a 21 year old Farmer married 17 year old Edith Mary Faithfull, at the Wade Registry Office.

Edith was born at Redhill, Surrey, England, and had come to New Zealand as a child, with her parents, Henry Faithfull and Emily Mary Cotterill.

George and Edith Meale's marriage produced seven children, and all but one reached adulthood, married and had children of their own.

George Meale died 26 February 1941 at the age of 77 years, and is buried at Kaihu.

His wife, Edith Meale, nee Faithfull, died at Hastings, Hawkes Bay on 1 September 1954 aged 86 years.

The known descendants of George and Edith Meale are as follows –

1. George MEALE (b.7 May 1863-Mahurangi, New Zealand; d.26 Feb 1941-Te Kopuru, New Zealand)

sp: Edith Mary FAITHFULL (b.21 Oct 1867-Redhill, Surrey, England; m.26 Jun 1884; d.1 Sep 1954-Hastings, New Zealand)

2. Edith Emily MEALE (b.7 Jan 1885-New Zealand; d.3 Jul 1951-New Zealand)

sp: Arthur John Edward SCHISCHKA (b. 17 Dec 1880-New Zealand; m.3 Feb 1904; d. 30 Nov 1960-New Zealand)

3. Kathleen Irene SCHISCHKA (b.5 Nov 1904-Glorit, North Auckland, New Zealand; d.28 Sep 1986-Te Awamutu, New Zealand)
 sp: Harold Albert BELCHAMBER (b.2 Jun 1898-Auckland, New Zealand; m.31 Mar 1926; d. 31 Aug 1969-New Zealand)
4. Joan Irene BELCHAMBER (b.22 Nov 1926-Auckland, New Zealand; d.13 Mar 2019-New Zealand)
 sp: Frederick Edward James BURNELL (b.14 Jan 1928; m.5 Nov 1949; d.15 Oct 1990-New Zealand)
4. Arthur John BELCHAMBER (b.23 Mar 1928-Auckland, New Zealand; d.24 Jun 2008-Dunedin, New Zealand)
 sp: Betty Olive TREMAIN (m.29 Jan 1952; d.7 Nov 2006)
4. Jessie Edith BELCHAMBER (b.28 Aug 1930-Auckland, New Zealand; d. 28 Feb 2020-Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: Gordon Ernest MORROW (b.4 May 1925; m.15 Dec 1951; d.3 Mar 1998-N.Z.)
4. Peter Ernest BELCHAMBER (b.6 Apr 1935-Auckland, New Zealand; d.21 Jun 2020-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
 sp: Marlene STREIBEL
4. Neilane Rosemary BELCHAMBER (b.-Hamilton, New Zealand)
4. Philip Gordon Frederick BELCHAMBER (b.-Hamilton, New Zealand)
3. Vera Edith SCHISCHKA (b.23 Jun 1906-Glorit; d. 14 Jan 1985-New Zealand)
 sp: William Edward SALLEN (b. 1 Jul 1908-New Zealand; m.19 Jan 1939; d. 9 Jun 1967-New Zealand)
4. Vera SALLEN (b. 2 Jan 1941-New Zealand; d.6 Jan 1941-Takapuna, New Zealand)
4. Graham Edward SALLEN (b. 26-Sep 1942; d. 31 Aug 2020-Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Murray Philip SALLEN
3. Stephen George SCHISCHKA (b.14 Jan 1909-Glorit, North Auckland, New Zealand; d.12 Aug 1993-Hobsonville, Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: Florence Egmont Vera MILLEN (b.16 Jan 1912-Auckland, New Zealand; m. Jul 1938; d. 18 Feb 1984-New Zealand)
4. Terence Stephen SCHISCHKA
 sp: Effie May SUNDERLAND
4. Colleen Margaret SCHISCHKA (b.14 Nov 1941; d. 27 Mar 2018-Te Aroha, Waikato, New Zealand)
 sp: Colin Charles Henry WELLER (b.1 Feb 1940-Auckland, New Zealand; m.24 Oct 1959; d.14 Oct 1989-Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Edward Logan SCHISCHKA
 sp: Patricia HARRISON
4. Owen Percy SCHISCHKA
 sp: Lynette BISMAR
4. James Kennett SCHISCHKA
4. Carol Elizabeth SCHISCHKA
4. Jeanette Vera SCHISCHKA
3. Kenneth Arthur SCHISCHKA (b.11 Jun 1912-Glorit, New Zealand; d.16 Oct 1994-Kaeo, New Zealand)

- sp: Asta Gertrude SMITH (b. 7 Nov 1913-New Zealand; m. 5 Jan 1935 (Div); 14 Nov 1969-Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Kenneth Leslie SCHISCHKA (b. 20 Apr 1938; d. 3 Sep 2021-New Zealand)
 - sp: Janet Eileen
- sp: Gabriella Eva HILL (b.13 Jul 1913-New Zealand; m. 20 Aug 1941; d. 24 Jul 1984-New Zealand)
4. Carol Ellen SCHISCHKA
 - sp: Bevin Stuart SWITZER (b.29 Jun 1933; m. 1956; d. 15 Sep 1976-New Zealand)
3. Isobelle Faithfull SCHISCHKA (b.24 Feb 1917-Kumeu, North Auckland, New Zealand; d. 4 Nov 2004-New Zealand)
 - ...sp: John William Henry Crosby (m. 5 Jan 1937 (Div))
 - sp: Thomas D'Arcy HUGHES (b.10 May 1916; m.16 Feb 1966; d.2 Jun 1990-N.Z.)
 4. Jennifer Anne HUGHES (b.-Auckland, New Zealand)
2. John Henry MEALE (b. 27 Sep 1886-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.4 Jan 1960-Aranga, New Zealand)
 - sp: Mary Gertrude Geraldine NELSON (b.20 Oct 1892-Auckland, New Zealand; m.28 May 1913; d.18 Nov 1976-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
 3. George Martin Raymond MEALE (b.16 Oct 1913-Auckland, New Zealand; d.28 May 1990-New Plymouth, New Zealand)
 - pt: Ivy Ethel MORFETT (b.3 Oct 1913-New Zealand; d. 27 Jan 1995-New Zealand)
 4. Rex MORFETT (b.-New Zealand)
 - sp: Evelyn Florence PATON (b.5 Jul 1908; m.1934 (Div); d.23 Sep 1984-N.Z.)
 4. Shirley Lois MEALE (b.1 Apr 1936)
 - sp: John MILLER
 4. Allan John MEALE (b.2 Sep 1940-New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand; d.22 Dec 2001-Surrey, British Columbia, Canada)
 - sp: Delores FITZMAURICE (b. 28 Dec 1946-Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; d.20 Aug 2001-Surrey, British Columbia, Canada)
 5. Laura Ann MEALE
 5. John Raymond MEALE
 - sp: Patricia Eleanor POWELL (b.17 Nov 1927; m. Aft 1955; d.5 May 1990-New Plymouth, New Zealand)
 4. Raewyn MEALE
 4. Pamela MEALE
3. John Aubrey MEALE (b.25 May 1915-Dargaville, New Zealand; d. 24 Sep 1993-N.Z.)
 - sp: Lilian Evelyn SHERMAN (b.20 Oct 1919-New Zealand; m.6 Nov 1937; d.14 Sep 1940-Wairoa, New Zealand)
 4. Merle Lorraine MEALE (b. Apr 1938; d.24 Jun 1938-Auckland, New Zealand)
 - sp: Joan Lillian SMITH (b.31 Dec 1926; m.1946; d.27 Dec 2014-Auckland, N.Z.)
 4. Dianne Rosina Joan MEALE
 - sp: Frederick Eric G. KIRMAN
 4. Dawn Joyce MEALE
 - sp: PRICE
 4. Lorraine MEALE
 - sp: Stephen Alexander STRACHAN

3. Allen Verdun MEALE (b.17 Aug 1916-Dargaville, New Zealand; d.7 Feb 1989-Ruawai, New Zealand)
 sp: Veronica May HACKETT (b. Abt 1918; m.1956; d.10 Aug 1965-New Zealand)
4. Geraldine MEALE
4. Helen MEALE
3. Colin Norman Joseph MEALE (b.8 Feb 1924; d.9 Apr 2014-Whangarei, N.Z.)
 sp: Vera Avis WILLIAMS (b.16 Jan 1927;m.1945 (Div); d.2 Jul 1994-Whangarei,N.Z.)
 sp: Margaret Jean Lillian PAGE (b.30 Sep 1926;m.1952;d.25 Dec 1990-Ruakaka,New Zealand)
4. Kenneth William MEALE (b. Abt 1953; d. 11 Aug 2003-New Zealand)
4. Sharron Anne MEALE
 sp: Kevin Kaye WHITEHEAD
3. Kenneth Theodore MEALE (b.26 Dec 1931-New Zealand; d.6 Jul 1948-Auckland, New Zealand)
2. George Frederick MEALE (b.27 Nov 1888-Pukekararu, New Zealand; d.17 Apr 1959-Howick, Auckland, New Zealand)
 sp: Elizabeth Sarah THOMPSON (b. Abt 1891-Thames,New Zealand; m.24 Dec 1913; d.21 Aug 1975-Howick, New Zealand)
3. Gwendoline Margaret MEALE (b.1914-Dargaville, New Zealand; d.15 May 1937-Auckland, New Zealand)
3. Valmar Frederick Henry MEALE (b.9 Feb 1916-Dargaville, New Zealand; d.18 Nov 2005-New Zealand)
 sp: Kathleen Margaret Bridget SINGER (b.25 Aug 1920-New Zealand; m.1943; d.2 Oct 1985-Auckland, New Zealand)
4. Donald Frederick MEALE
 sp: Colleen
4. Judith Gwendoline MEALE
 sp: Craig BARRON
3. Cecil George MEALE (b. Abt 1925-New Zealand; d.17 Jul 1952-New Zealand)
2. Ellen MEALE (b. 27 Dec 1890-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.27 Dec 1890-New Zealand)
2. Norman Stanley MEALE (b.13 Mar 1892-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.8 Apr 1980-Te Aroha, Waikato, New Zealand)
 sp: Dalice Margaret BRADY (b.1 May 1901-New Zealand; m. 12 Apr 1922 (Div); d.27 Jun 1986-Dargaville, Northland, New Zealand)
- sp: Phoebe HILTON (b. Abt 1910; m.6 Jun 1933; d.31 May 1968-Waihou, Waikato, New Zealand)
3. Robert MEALE (b.9 Mar 1934; d.15 May 2017-Warkworth, Northland, New Zealand)
 sp: Shirley BRUCE
4. Steven MEALE
4. Braden MEALE
3. Miriam Joan MEALE (b.22 Mar 1936; d. 17 Oct 2007-New Zealand)
 sp: Norman William STEWART (b. Abt 1925; m. 1956; d. 29 Jun 2020-New Zealand)
3. Stuart James MEALE
 sp: Sue PAULSEN
3. Allison Clare MEALE
 sp: Arnold MALCOLM

2. Margaret Ivy MEALE (b.11 Jul 1897-New Zealand; d.12 Oct 1981-Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Albert Tom WALKER (b. 11 Apr 1885-New Zealand; m.10 Jan 1917; d. 15 Apr 1958-Howick, Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Valerie Dawn WALKER (b.20 Aug 1925-Hastings, New Zealand; d.23 Nov 1994-Kaitaia, New Zealand)

sp: Clarence William STEVENS (b.16 Feb 1920-New Zealand; m.18 Aug 1948; d.9 Sep 1980- New Zealand)

4. Christopher Robin STEVENS (b.-Taupo, New Zealand)

sp: Aldyth RODES

4. Jaqualine Ann STEVENS (b. -Taupo, New Zealand)

sp: Selwyn Charles NORTON (b.-Auckland, New Zealand)

4. Peggy Marie STEVENS (b. -Taupo, New Zealand)

sp: Graeme CASSIDY (b. -Christchurch, New Zealand)

sp: Maurice George POWER (b.2 Sep 1916-Auckland, New Zealand; m.26 May 1963; d.7 Jul 1999-New Zealand)

2. Kenneth Arthur MEALE (b.29 Jun 1899-New Zealand; d.1 Feb 1982-Auckland, New Zealand)

sp: Jessie Ann LOCK (b.1 May 1904-N.Z.; m. 23 Aug 1923; d.23 Sep 1979-Auckland, New Zealand)

3. Betty MEALE (b.7 Mar 1924-New Zealand; d.4 Oct 1998-Queensland Australia)

sp: Dennis Geoffrey ANNEAR (b.1922-New Zealand; m.1946; d.20 Jul 2002-Hope Island, Queensland, Australia)

4. Judy ANNEAR

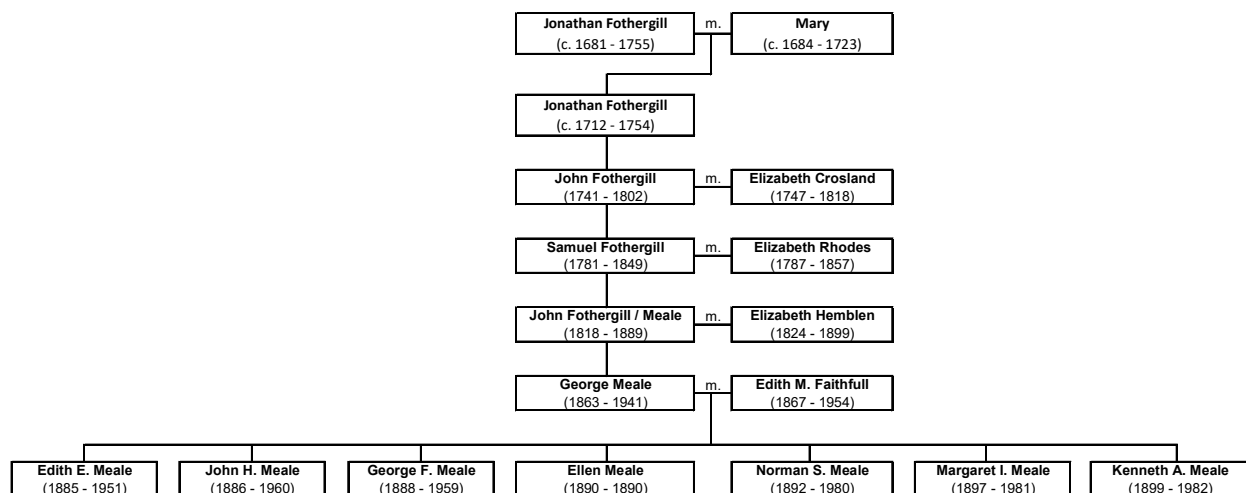
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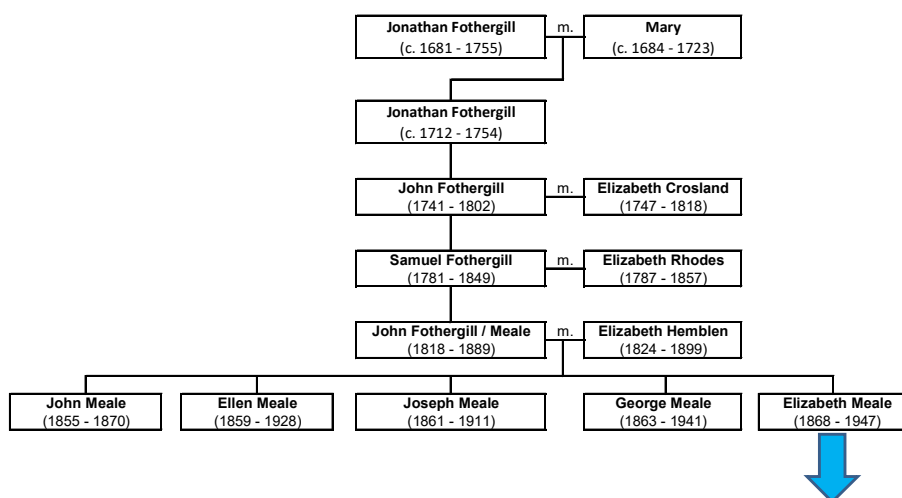
sp: Beryl TAYLOR

3. Brian MEALE

sp: Jean



Chapter 8 – Elizabeth Meale and Thomas Kelly



Elizabeth was the youngest child of John Meale and Elizabeth Hemblen, and she was born on 19 March 1868 at Waiwera. She married Thomas Kelly on 9 February 1891 at Auckland, and had nine children. Thomas was possibly born at sea of Irish parents, as he arrived in New Zealand as a six week old baby.

Thomas Kelly died at Cambridge on 9 February 1927, aged 69 years, and is buried in the Hautapu Cemetery. Elizabeth lived for an additional twenty years and died at Cambridge on 29 August 1947. She too is buried in the Hautapu Cemetery.

The known descendants of Thomas and Elizabeth Kelly are as follows -

1. Elizabeth MEALE (b.19 Mar 1868-Waiwera, New Zealand; d.29 Aug 1947-Cambridge, New Zealand)

sp: Thomas KELLY (b. Abt 1858-Dublin,Ireland; m.9 Feb 1891; d.9 Feb 1927-Cambridge, New Zealand)

2. Kathleen KELLY (b.7 May 1892-Mt. Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand; d.31 Dec 1969-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)

2. William Thomas KELLY (b.28 Nov 1893-Mt. Albert, Auckland, New Zealand; d.23 Oct 1918-France)

2. Frederick John KELLY (b.24 Aug 1895-Pt. Chevalier, Auckland, New Zealand; d.25 Aug 1968-Auckland, New Zealand)

2. Albert Joseph KELLY (b.31 Jul 1897-Pt. Chevalier, Auckland, New Zealand; d.8 Apr 1989-Oamaru, New Zealand)

sp: Muriel Freda STEPHENSON (b.24 Mar 1900; m.3 Nov 1920; d.14 Aug 1985-New Zealand)

3. Doris Muriel Elizabeth KELLY (b.31 Dec 1920-New Zealand; d.21 Jul 1997-New Zealand)

sp: Arthur Alfred GOODMAN (b.25 Nov 1919;m.1944 (Div); d.4 Sep 1992-New Zealand)

sp: Frederick James ROBERTSON (b.14 Oct 1920; m.1956; d.2 Aug 2013-New Zealand)

- 3. William Albert KELLY (b.18 Apr 1922; d.25 May 1989-New Zealand)
sp: Ellen Marjorie IRELAND (b.31 Aug 1923; m.1945; d.2 Oct 1996-New Zealand)
- 3. Edward George KELLY (b.3 Sep 1923; d.25 Sep 1995-Dunedin, Otago, N.Z.)
sp: Mavora May BROWN (b.20 Jan 1929; m.1951; d.23 Mar 2016-New Zealand)
 - 4. Lynette May KELLY (b.27 Oct 1951; d.13 Apr 2013-Dunedin, Otago, N.Z.)
sp: Graeme STANLEY
 - 4. Grant Lindsay KELLY
 - 4. Laurence George KELLY (b.21 Jul 1956; d.11 Oct 1956)
 - 4. Pamela Maree KELLY (b.29 Apr 1959-Mosgiel, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand;
d.16 Jul 2019-Mosgiel, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand)
sp: Richard Alan FERGUSON
- 3. Stanley Thomas KELLY (b.21 Sep 1924; d.27 Dec 1991-Porirua, Wellington, New Zealand)
sp: Verna Joyce WOODCOCK (b.30 Aug 1925; m.1951; d.26 Mar 2019-Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand)
 - 4. Paul KELLY
sp: Denise
 - 4. Sandra Joy KELLY
 - 4. Denise Erin KELLY
sp: Tere
- 3. Gloria Mary KELLY (b.4 Mar 1933; d. 26 Jan 2018-Timaru, New Zealand)
sp: Mervyn James BALLANTYNE (b.11 May 1930; m.1952; d. 25 May 1997-New Zealand)
 - 4. Brian James BALLANTYNE
 - 4. Leslie Michael BALLANTYNE
 - 4. Donna Maree BALLANTYNE
 - 4. Bronny BALLANTYNE
- 3. Owen Patrick KELLY (b.12 Nov 1935; d.26 Feb 2008-New Zealand)
sp: Hira Geraldine (b.8 Apr 1934; d.10 Nov 1995-New Zealand)
 - 4. Philip Albert KELLY
 - 4. Tania Lucy KELLY
- 2. Mary KELLY (b.31 Aug 1899-Mt. Albert, Auckland, New Zealand; d.19 May 1947-Cambridge, New Zealand)
- 2. Dennis George KELLY (b.5 Jan 1901-Mt. Albert, Auckland, New Zealand; d.15 Sep 1982-Cambridge, Waikato, New Zealand)
sp: Elizabeth MCDEVITT (b.11 Feb 1898-New Zealand; m.3 Jun 1929; d.20 Oct 1983-Tokanui, Waikato, New Zealand)
 - 3. Maureen Margaret KELLY
sp: Graham Dennis MARWOOD (m.1954)
- 3. Pauline Agnes KELLY (b.11 Mar 1933; d.26 Mar 2018-New Zealand)
sp: Graham MORSE
 - 4. Maureen MORSE
sp: Grant
 - 4. Michael MORSE
sp: Ann
 - 4. Donna MORSE

- sp: Ian
- 4. Kelly MORSE
 - sp: Lynette
 - 4. Rosanne MORSE
 - sp: Robb
- 3. Peter Dennis KELLY
 - sp: Mary FLYNN
 - 4. John KELLY
 - 4. Suzanne KELLY
 - 4. Angela KELLY
- 3. Bryan Patrick KELLY
 - sp: Joy
 - 4. Shane KELLY
 - 4. Tracie KELLY
 - 4. Steven KELLY
- 2. Ellen Elizabeth KELLY (b.23 Jul 1904-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.29 Jul 1983-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
 - sp: James Penman MOYLE (b.23 Jul 1902-New Zealand; m.23 Jul 1928; d.27 Sep 1966-Whangarei, Northland, New Zealand)
 - 3. Patricia MOYLE
 - sp: Raymond MILLER
 - 4. Glenn MILLER
 - 4. Brett MILLER
 - 3. Robert MOYLE
 - sp: Judy
 - 4. Kelly MOYLE
 - 4. Michael MOYLE
 - 3. Edward MOYLE
 - sp: Robyn
- 2. Dorothy KELLY (b.9 Sep 1905-Waiuku, New Zealand; d.10 Apr 1952-Cambridge, New Zealand)
 - sp: Alfred Ernest JAMIESON (b.7 Oct 1894-Taranaki, New Zealand; m.10 Jun 1925; d.22 Oct 1961-New Zealand)
 - 3. Doreen JAMIESON (b.17 Oct 1926; d.5 Nov 2013-Hamilton, New Zealand)
 - sp: Francis Douglas PREECE (b.13 Mar 1921-Salford, Greater Manchester, England; m.15 Apr 1950; d.27 May 2004-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)
 - 4. Dorothy Ann PREECE
 - 4. Lorraine Elizabeth PREECE
 - sp: Kenneth Albert WATCHORN
 - 4. Patricia Irene PREECE
 - 4. Michael Francis PREECE
 - sp: Katherine Jennifer HUMPHREYS
 - sp: Archibald Smith Campbell MCCAIG (b.25 Nov 1919; m.21 Mar 1970; d.5 Oct 1984-New Zealand)
 - 3. Winifred JAMIESON (b.25 Oct 1927-Cambridge, New Zealand; d.28 Sep 2005-Tauranga, New Zealand)

sp: Leonard Charles CROOT (b.22 Aug 1927; m.1952; d.29 Jul 1992-New Zealand)

- 4. Gary CROOT
- 4. Lincoln CROOT
- 4. Ian CROOT

3. Vivian Alfred JAMIESON (b.27 Mar 1930; d.4 Oct 2001-Rotoo-Rangi, Cambridge, New Zealand)

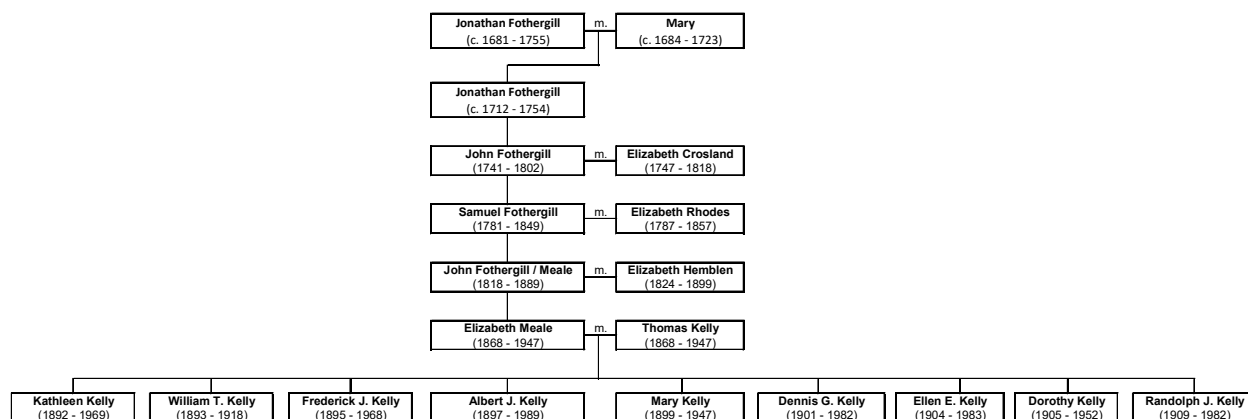
sp: Diana Grant MCDONALD (b.19 Sep 1932; d.18 Apr 1989-New Zealand)

- 4. Jane Margaret JAMIESON
 - sp: Mike
- 4. Mary Catherine JAMIESON
- 4. Alfred John JAMIESON
- 4. Edward Ian JAMIESON
 - sp: Pauline
- 4. Andrew Robert JAMIESON
 - sp: Bronwyn
- 4. Alison Clare JAMIESON
 - sp: Brendon
- 4. Christine Elizabeth JAMIESON

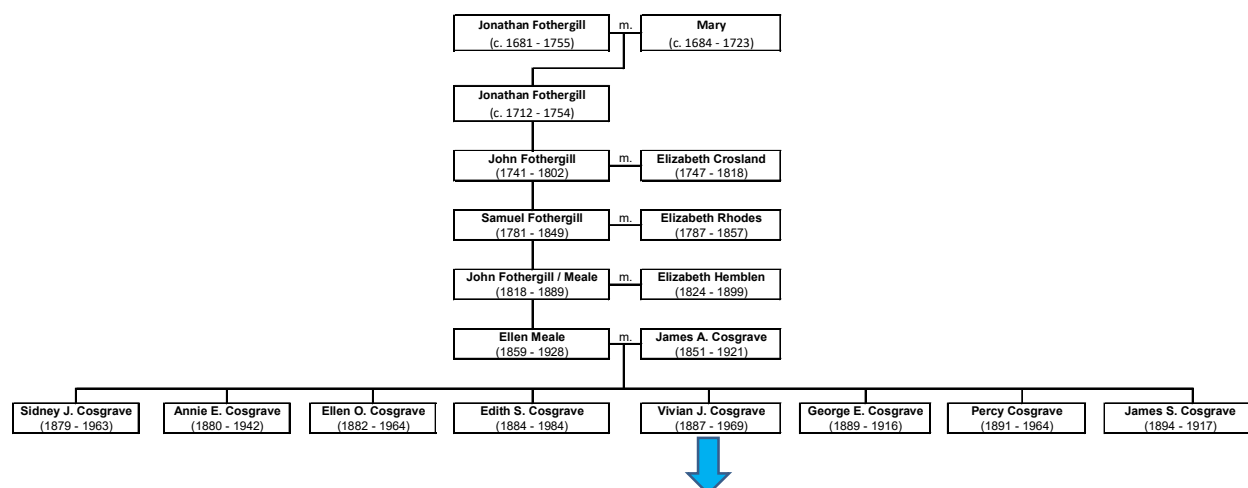
3. Noeline Elizabeth JAMIESON (b.3 Apr 1934; d.28 Nov 2020-Cambridge, Waikato, New Zealand)

2. Randolph Joseph KELLY (b.18 Apr 1909-Otaua, New Zealand; d.20 Apr 1982-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)

sp: Juanita Dagmar JONES (b.3 May 1912-Kings Norton, Warwickshire, England; m.1944; d.5 Mar 1991-Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand)



Chapter 9 – Vivian John Cosgrave and Justine Brady



Vivian John Cosgrave (my grandfather), the fifth child of Ellen Meale and James Alexander Cosgrave, was born at Upper Waiwera on 1 May 1887. Initially he worked on the family farm, but at 28 years old, he joined New Zealand Police on 29 March 1915 as a constable, and was posted to Wellington. On 10 November 1915 he married Justine Ursula Brady 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*"^{xviii}.

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 and 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 the next chapter.

The second child of Vivian and Justine Cosgrave was George Steele Cosgrave, whose life will be covered in chapter 16.

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.

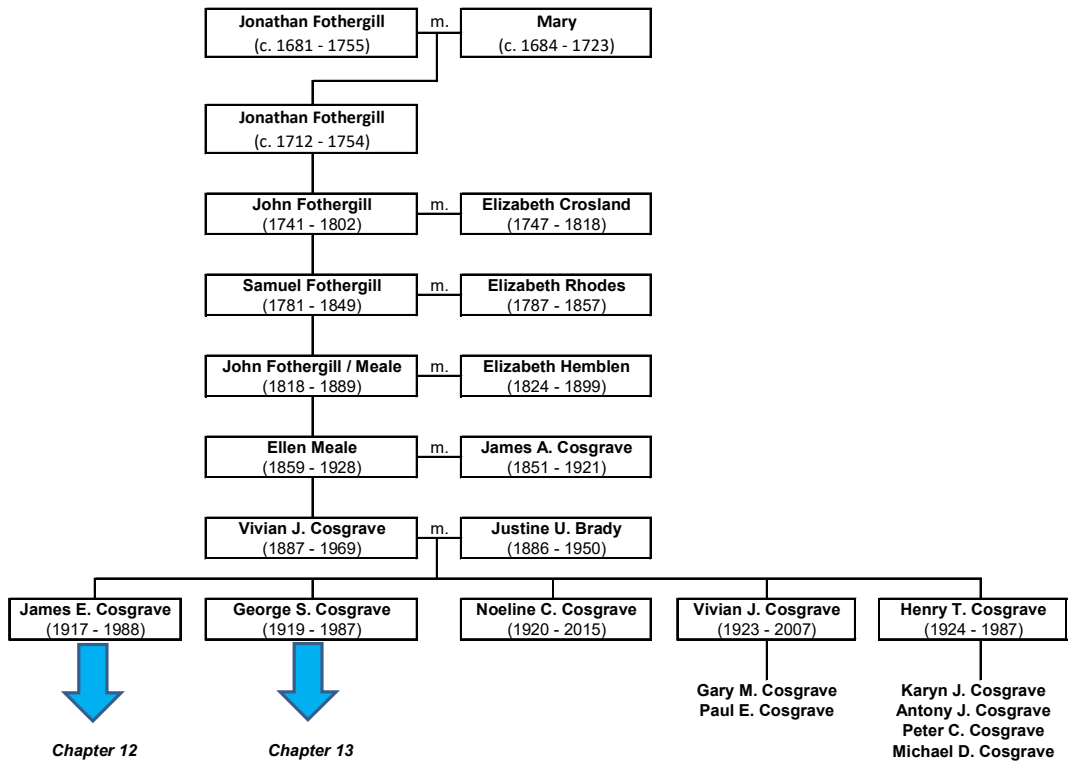
He retired to the Air Force Officers Reserve List as a Flight Lieutenant on 17 February 1969 and was officially retired four years later Harry then worked for the City of Porirua, and died in Rotorua on 25 April 1987. His wife, Kathleen, died 20 October 2010 in Wellington.



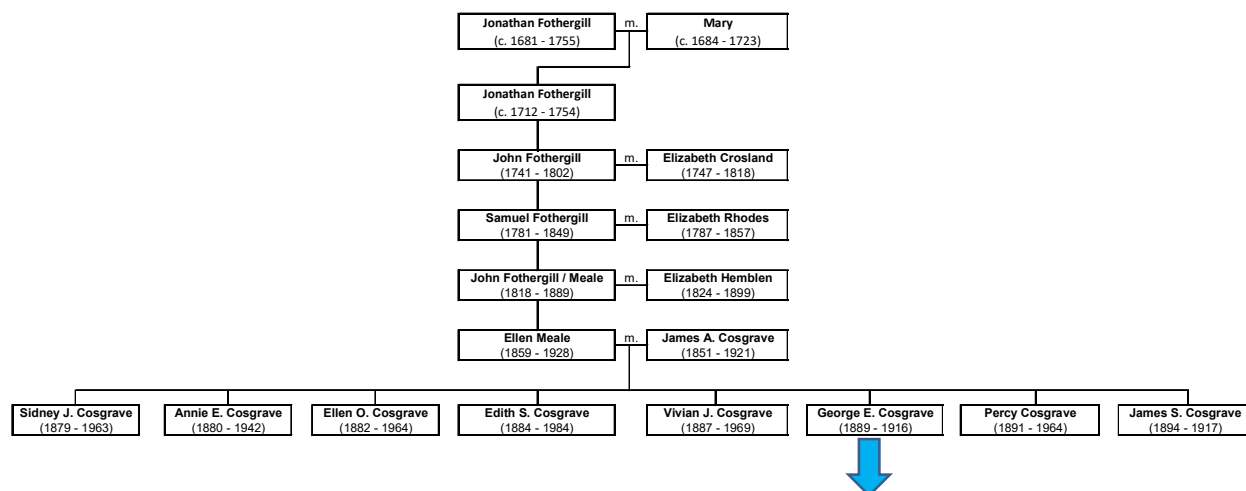
Viv Cosgrave & Audrey Martyn wedding 1951.



Harry Cosgrave & Kathleen Jury wedding 1947.



Chapter 10 – George Edward Cosgrave



George Edward Cosgrave, like his brother, Vivian John, became a policeman. He was sworn in on 24 November, 1911, and was described as being 6 ft. and 1/4 inch tall, with fair hair, fair complexion, brown eyes, and Presbyterian by religion. On 8 July, 1915 he resigned from the New Zealand Police Force, and on 10 August 1915 he joined the Australian Army under the name George Edward Wells (3550). All of the other information in his attestation appears to be correct, so it is not clear why he left a protected job in New Zealand, changed his name, and fought in the Australian Army. On his attestation, George named his sister, Mrs. Annie Jamieson, as his next of kin.

He sailed from Sydney on 5 October 1915 and joined the 11th Reinforcements of the 1st Battalion at Tell El Kebir, Egypt on 6 January 1916. Tell El Kebir was a training centre for the Australian Imperial Force reinforcements, and whilst there, George was promoted to Sergeant on 14 February 1916. He was only in Egypt for two and a half months, before embarking at Alexandria on 22 March 1916, and arrived in Marseilles, France on 28 March.



George's unit was deployed to Flanders in Northern France, and on 29 June 1916, he suffered a shrapnel wound to his right shoulder, requiring his transfer to a rest station at Trois Arbres, near Bailleul, to have it treated. On 7 July he rejoined his unit and 5 days later, on 12 July 1916, George was awarded the Military Medal, a decoration awarded to non-commissioned officers and other ranks, for "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". The citation reads - "*Near Gailly, France on the night of 29/30th June 1916 he saw that the tape was only laid and arranged for a raiding party. He then escorted prisoners through the wire and afterwards, although exhausted, remained behind and assisted to bring in the body of Sergeant Downer and Lieutenant Prior (wounded) on these occasions being under heavy fire*".

On 31 July 1916 George was again evacuated to hospital, this time with influenza. He was back with his unit on 21 August, but just over two weeks later, on 6 September, he was again sent to hospital, suffering with varicose veins. He stayed in hospital for almost two months, and was discharged on 29 October, rejoining his unit on 3 November.



Sadly, on 5 November, just two days after rejoining his unit, George was identified as Missing In Action, and on 7 March 1917 was officially declared as Killed In Action. George was buried in a bayonet trench cemetery at Gueudecourt, 2 ¾ miles S.S.W. of Bapaume, Pas de Calais, along with 18 other soldiers of the 1st Australian Infantry Battalion who died the same day.

G.E. Cosgrave.

After the war ended, the bodies of the soldiers buried at Gueudecourt were exhumed and reburied at the Grevillers British Cemetery, one mile West of Bapaume. During this transition, the identity of the individual bodies was lost sight of, and so George's exact grave location is not known.

In addition to the Military Medal, George also received, posthumously, the British War Medal, the 1914-1915 Star and the Victory Medal.



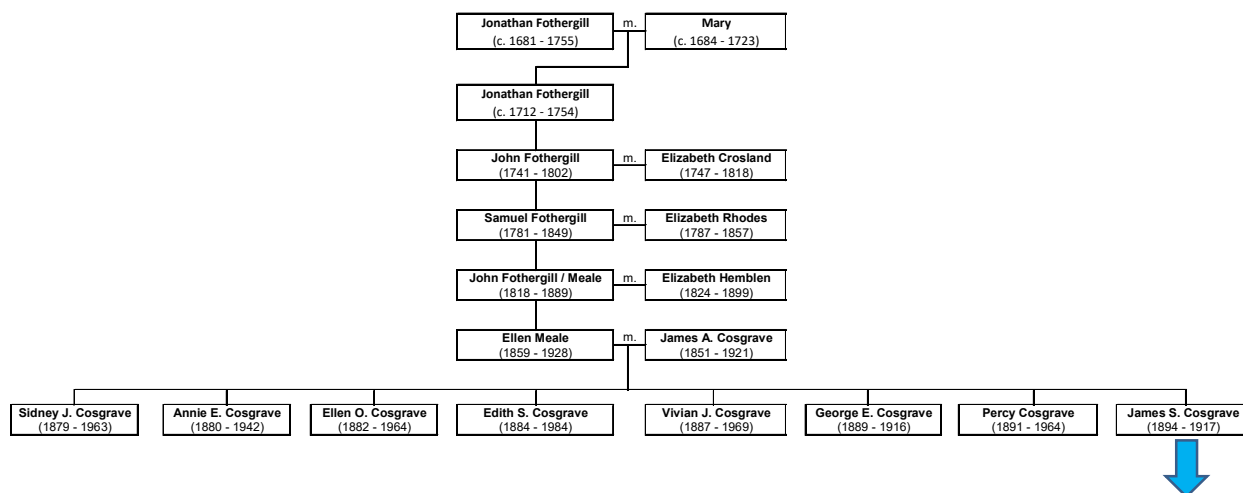
British War Medal.



1914-1915 Star.



Chapter 11 – James Steele Cosgrave (jnr.)



James Steele Cosgrave (junior), the youngest child of James Alexander Cosgrave and Ellen Meale, was born 16 July 1894 at Upper Waiwera, New Zealand.

When World War One broke out, James was working as a bushman in Hawera, but at 20 years of age he travelled south to Palmerston North and on 26 August 1914 he attested for the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and was assigned regimental number 2/296.



J.S. Cosgrave.

As part of the 1st battery of the 1st brigade, James became a driver with the New Zealand Field Artillery, and on 23 September 1914 he embarked for Egypt, where he served for the next 201 days. Whilst in Egypt, James displayed a somewhat devil may care attitude and was punished for creating disturbances in the mess hall and after lights out, being drunk on duty, insolence to an N.C.O, and for disobeying orders. Perhaps he was just bored, as once he was transferred to Gallipoli on 12 April 1915, he seemed to stay out of trouble. James survived 173 days in Gallipoli, before being transferred back to Egypt, where he was stationed for another 187 days. His only issue whilst in Egypt was a month and a half spent in hospital due to an abrasion of the knee. He embarked for Europe on 6 April 1916.

After serving six months in Europe, James was appointed acting Bombardier, and on 1 December 1916 was officially promoted to the rank of Bombardier. In early January 1917, he was granted leave in England, and it seems that along the way he picked up a sexually transmitted disease, as he was admitted to the V.D. section of the military hospital at Codford on 9 January 1917.

On 24 March 1917 he returned to his unit in Belgium, rested and with a clean bill of health. But on 2 May he was back in hospital with chicken pox, which kept him out of the action for three weeks. On 24 May 1917 he rejoined his unit in the field and one month later, on 30 June 1917, James was appointed temporary Corporal, when temporary Corporal (2/1002) S.J. Goodyear was promoted to Sergeant. James was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 22 September 1917, when Corporal (2/489) H. Deridder opted to revert to the ranks.

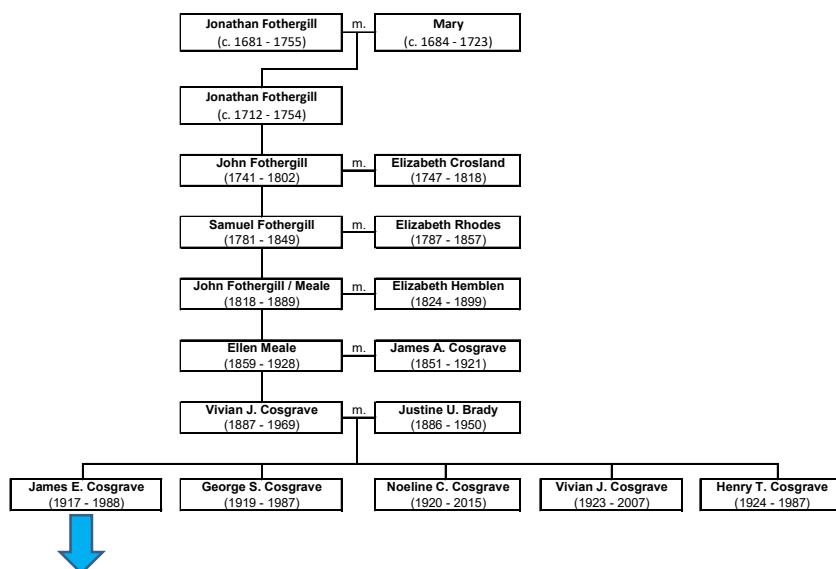
His unit was serving on the Ypres front at the time, and 12 days later, on 4 Oct 1917 Corporal (2/296) James Steele Cosgrave was killed in action, just 11 months after the death of his brother, George Edward Cosgrave, 100 Km away. He is buried at the Divisional Cemetery, Dickebusch Road, near Leper, Belgium.

James Steele Cosgrave earned the British War Medal, the Victory Medal and the 1914-1915 Star for his service to King and Country.



James S. Cosgrave's 1914-1915 Star.

Chapter 12 – James Edward Cosgrave and Kathleen Veronica Sherlock



New Zealand had been at war for a little over a year, when Vivian John Cosgrave married Justine Ursula Brady on November 10th 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 9th 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
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 7th and 8th fifteens 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
Wedding Photo.**

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 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.

In the 1950s, 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.

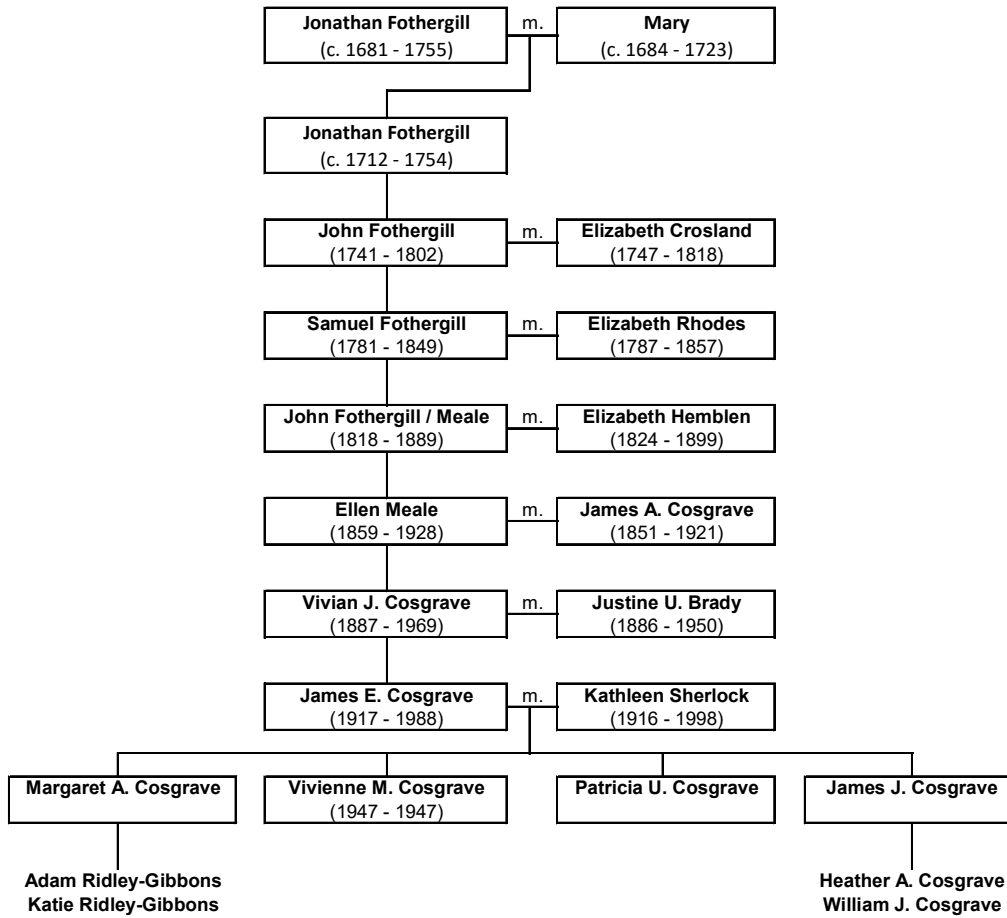
As mobile communication system use spread to trucking and other industries, the Post Office could not keep up with the demand for service, and they began licensing User Associations (groups of organizations that required radio services in a geographical area) to provide services for their members.



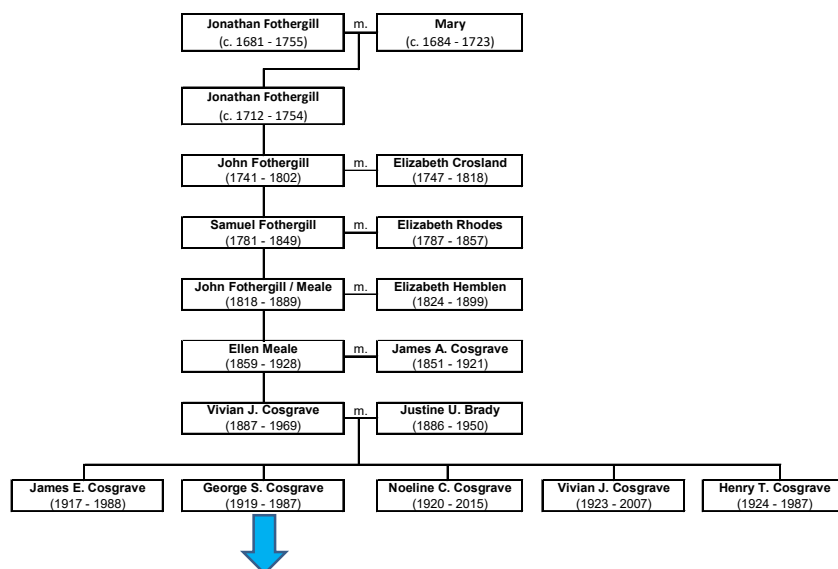
Communication Services new workshop (abt. 1960).

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 13 – George Steele Cosgrave



The second child of Vivian and Justine 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 his sister Noeline.

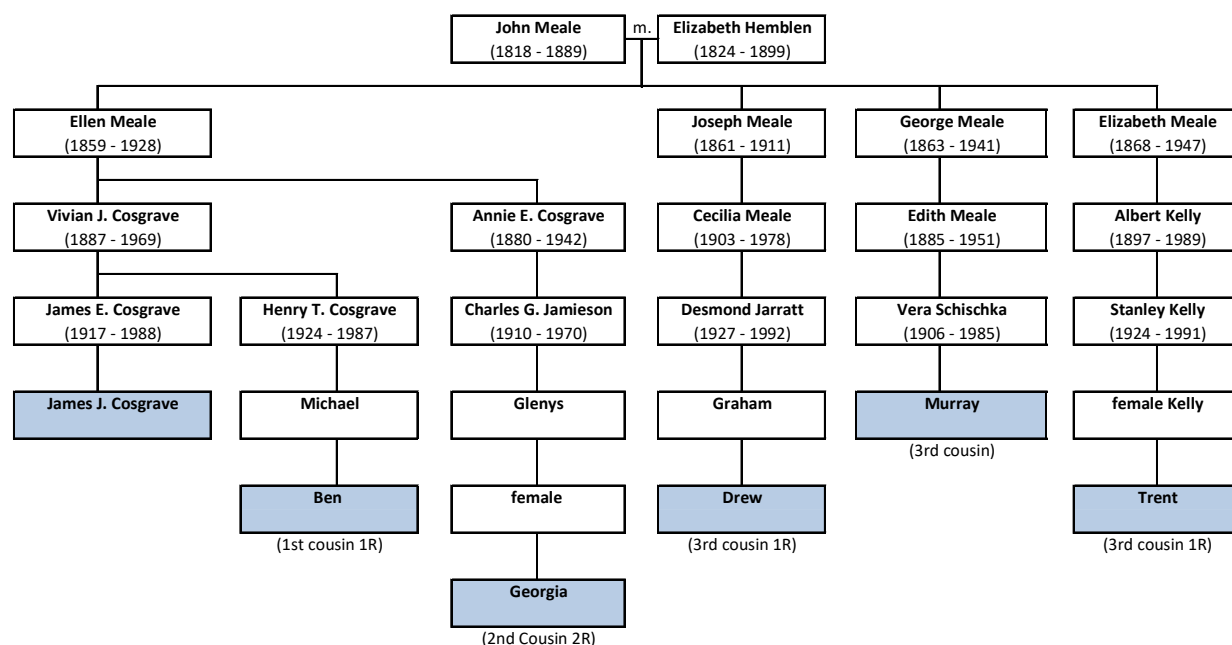
Chapter 14 – DNA Testing

The foregoing chapters have identified many of the descendants of John Meale, based on a combination of public records and information shared by other Meale family members, plus several generations of his Fothergill ancestry in West Yorkshire. In this chapter I will explain how I made the connection between John Meale who first appeared in Auckland, New Zealand in 1853, and John Fothergill who last appeared in Tasmania in 1851. DNA testing has been critical in achieving this objective.

Autosomal DNA testing, through companies such as Ancestry, 23andMe, My Heritage and FamilyTreeDNA, is of huge benefit to genealogists in confirming familial 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. The more distantly related two people are, the smaller the amount of autosomal DNA they will share. At the second cousin once removed level, there is still a 100% probability that the two people will share a measurable amount of DNA, but this drops off rapidly, with 4th cousins having a 70% probability of sharing DNA, 32% for 5th cousins, 11% for sixth cousins, and 3% for 7th cousins.

Through comparison of autosomal DNA results I have found several Meale cousins who were previously unknown to me, including descendants of all four children of John Meale who are known to have had children. So autosomal DNA testing has been instrumental in confirming my Meale ancestry back to John Meale.

The chart below shows several of the Meale connections confirmed with autosomal DNA testing, but not all known DNA connections have been included in the chart to improve readability. You will see connections at the first cousin, second cousin and third cousin levels.

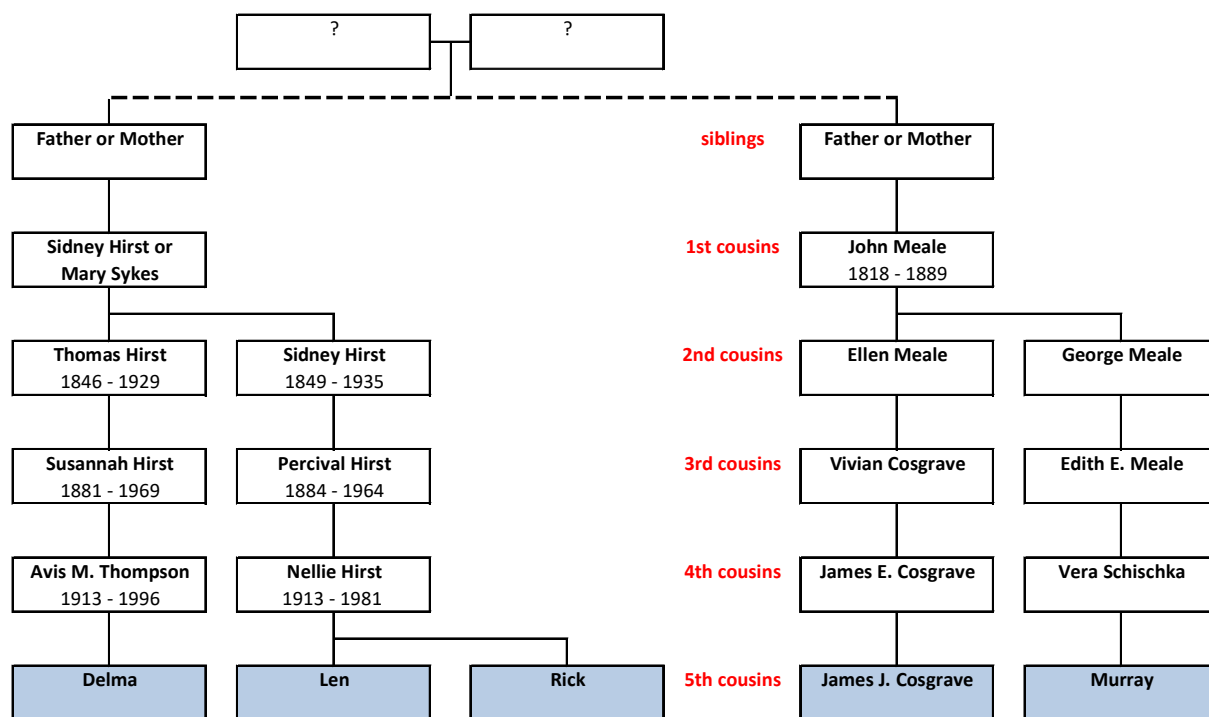


But can we use autosomal DNA to extend our Meale ancestral line back beyond John Meale? I filtered my Ancestry DNA match list to show only people with ancestors born in Yorkshire, and noted the resulting names. I then repeated the exercise on my third cousin Murray's Ancestry DNA match list and compared the lists of names, looking for commonality. I should note that neither Murray nor I have any known ancestors born in Yorkshire apart from John Meale.

This analysis identified three people, all descended from a Sidney Hirst, born in Almondbury, West Yorkshire in 1814, and his wife Mary Sykes, born in nearby Huddersfield in 1817. It is therefore likely (but not certain) that Murray and I (through John Meale) share a common ancestor with these three people - Delma, Len and Rick.

The amount of DNA that Murray and I share with these three Hirst / Sykes descendants, suggests that on average they are likely to be our fifth cousins. Based on the researched family trees of both groups, we cannot be closer than fifth cousins, but the connection could be more distant, as we are working close to the outer limit of usefulness for autosomal DNA testing.

The chart below shows the likely connection of John Meale to the Hirst / Sykes descendants, based on average amounts of shared DNA -



Likely connection between Hirst / Sykes and Meale descendants

I knew from his marriage and death certificates that John Meale was likely a son of a shoemaker named Samuel and his wife Elizabeth, from West Yorkshire, so I researched extensively, looking for any connection between Sidney Hirst or Mary Sykes and the Meale surname in West Yorkshire, but found none. As I searched through a myriad of online family trees, I noted down other surnames connected to these Hirst and Sykes families, which I planned to explore further after taking a break from this search.

In early April 2022, Patrick was identified as a new DNA match to me, on Ancestry, and his four-person family tree identified his mother as Mary Ann Fothergill, born in 1924. The Fothergill surname caught my eye, as I had seen it in the online tree of one of the people in my Hirst / Sykes research, and so I explored Mary Ann Fothergill's ancestry, hoping for a Meale or Hirst / Sykes connection. I traced her ancestry back to her great grandfather, Benjamin Fothergill, who was born in 1825 in Leeds, Yorkshire. Benjamin was a child of Samuel Fothergill, a shoemaker, and Elizabeth Rhodes. Are these given names & the occupation just a coincidence, or could John Meale actually be John Fothergill? Did Samuel Fothergill have a son named John?

I found the baptism record for John Fothergill, son of Samuel (a shoemaker) and his wife Elizabeth, in Leeds in 1818. John Fothergill married Ann Craven in Leeds in 1838 and the marriage produced four children. John was up before the courts several times for theft and violence, and finally in 1843 was transported on the *Anson*, which arrived in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) on 4 February 1844. After a false start in 1849 (revoked in 1850), John Fothergill was granted his Ticket of Leave in April 1851, and could then have returned to his wife and children in England, but I have found no evidence that he did so – John's wife, Ann, married James Taylor in 1858, and the marriage registration lists Ann as a widow.

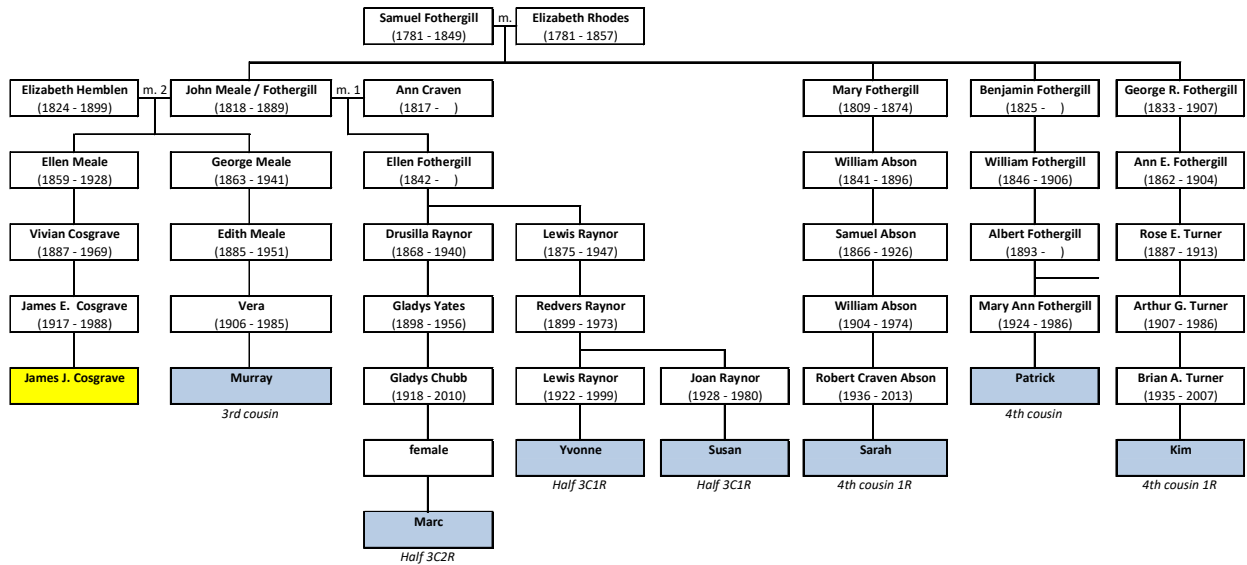
There is no record of any Fothergill births, marriages or deaths in the Tasmanian historical records, and the only Fothergill records found in Tasmania are John's convict records. None of the Ancestry family trees that include John Fothergill show any record of his death, suggesting that perhaps he had no contact with his family after 1851.

The evidence of a name change was growing –

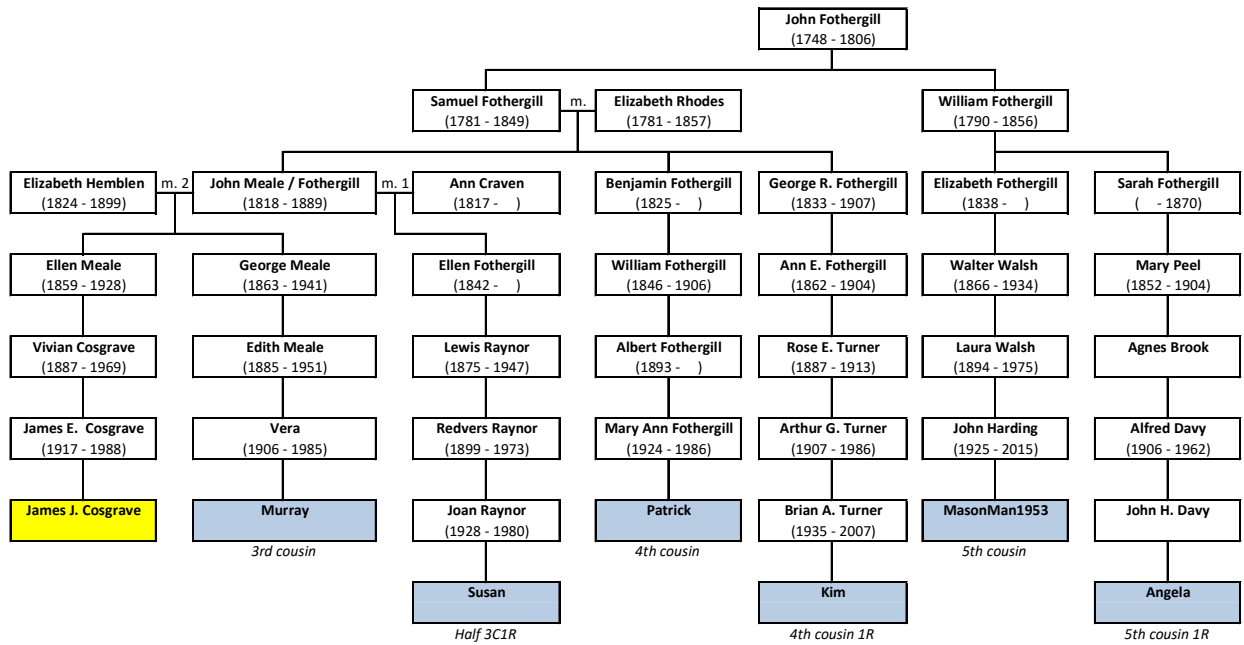
- No record of John Fothergill after his Ticket of Leave was issued in Tasmania in 1851.
- No record of John Meale prior to his marriage to Elizabeth Hemblen in Auckland, New Zealand in 1854.
- John Fothergill's parents' given names, and his father's occupation, match those given by John Meale on his marriage record.
- John Fothergill and Elizabeth Hemblen were both in Tasmania circa 1850.
- John Meale and John Fothergill are of very similar age.
- Murray and I share DNA with descendants of John Fothergill's brother, Benjamin.

I have since searched for other DNA matches with the surname Fothergill in their ancestry, and found three who are descended from John Fothergill and Ann Craven, through their daughter, Ellen Fothergill, born in 1842. The amount of DNA that I share with them is within the range of the possible amount shared by half third cousins once and twice removed, but the possible range at this relationship is very broad so this could represent several other relationships.

Continuing the search for DNA matches with Fothergill ancestry, I found that Murray and I share DNA with several descendants of at least three of John Fothergill's siblings. A summary of these connections, out to 4th cousins once removed, is shown in the chart below –



I have also identified one DNA connection to me at the fifth cousin level, plus two DNA connections to my cousin Murray at that level, all descendants of John Fothergill's uncle, William Fothergill (1790-1856), providing even greater certainty that John Fothergill and John Meale are the same person.



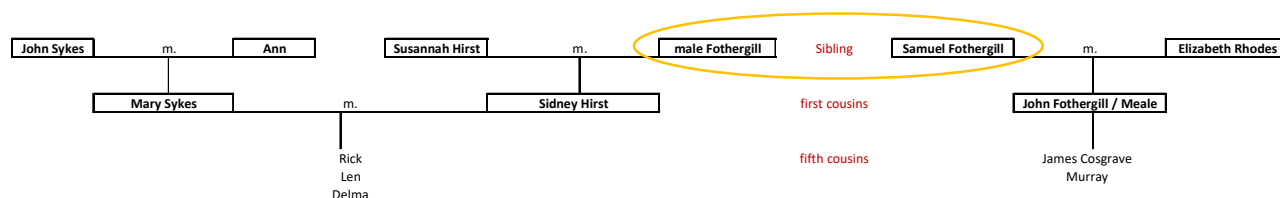
As John Fothergill was still married to Ann (she is listed as married in the 1851 census), I suspect that he changed his surname when he arrived in New Zealand, to reduce the risk of being found by anyone looking for him as John Fothergill, and that he bigamously married Elizabeth Elder (nee Hemblen) in Auckland in 1854.

Based on the DNA evidence and the other information provided above, I will assume that John Fothergill and John Meale are the same person, unless evidence to the contrary is identified.

I then looked again at the Hirst / Sykes connection. As stated earlier, based on the amount of DNA that we share, Len, Rick and Delma are likely to be my fifth cousins. This would require a parent of either Sidney Hirst or Mary Sykes to be a sibling of Samuel Fothergill or Elizabeth Rhodes. Research suggests that Mary Sykes was a daughter of John and Ann Sykes, & Sidney Hirst was the illegitimate son of Susannah Hirst. If this is correct, then the four possible scenarios are –

- Elizabeth Rhodes was a sister of Ann who married John Sykes
- Samuel Fothergill was a sister of Ann who married John Sykes
- Elizabeth Rhodes was a sister of the father of Sidney Hirst
- Samuel Fothergill was a brother of the father of Sidney Hirst

Samuel Fothergill did not have a sister named Ann, reducing the possibilities to three, and further research might reduce the possibilities further. Given that Sidney Hirst was illegitimate, perhaps the simplest scenario is that one of Samuel Fothergill's brothers was Sidney's father, as shown in the chart below -



This is merely idle speculation, and we may never be able to establish exactly how the Fothergill and Hirst / Sykes families are related.

For tracing more distant connections on the male ancestral line, Y-DNA testing is also an excellent tool, and this testing is available through FamilyTreeDNA. I encourage male-line Meale descendants to take the Big Y-700 test at FamilyTreeDNA, or even the somewhat cheaper Y-111 test, which could help to verify that John Meale was John Fothergill, and identify how our Meales fit into the male haplotree of humanity. These tests are frequently on sale, especially around Black Friday in November and DNA Day in April. Even one person testing would be useful, and several, from different lines of descent from John would be a bonus.

Addendum –Descendants of Samuel Fothergill & Elizabeth Rhodes

1. Samuel FOTHERGILL (b.7 May 1781-Morley, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1849-Hunslet, York, England)

sp: Elizabeth RHODES (b. Abt 1787-Horsforth, York, England; m.2 Apr 1807; d. Apr/Jun 1857-Leeds, York, England)

2. Joseph FOTHERGILL (b.17 Jan 1808-Batley, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1876-Holbeck, York, England)

sp: Sarah STOREY (b. Abt 1816-Holbeck, York, England; m.16 Feb 1840; d. Apr/Jun 1888-Holbeck, York, England)

3. Emma FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1841-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1850)

sp: James BLAKEY (m. Jul/Sep 1857)

3. Mary J. FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1845-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1860)

sp: Abraham BROADHURST (m. Apr/Jun 1866)

3. George R. FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1848-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1880)

3. James R. FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1851-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1870)

2. Mary FOTHERGILL (b. 22 May 1809; d. Jul/Sep 1874-Holbeck, York, England)

sp: Anthony ABSON (b. Bef 1819; m. 27 Jul 1840; d. Jan/Mar 1881-Holbeck, York, England)

3. William ABSON (b. Apr/Jun 1841-Leeds, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1896-Bradford, York, England)

sp: Priscilla PICKERSGILL (b. Abt 1843; m. Jul/Sep 1865; d. Oct/Dec 1917-Basford, Nottingham, England)

4. Samuel ABSON (b. Oct/Dec 1866-Hunslet, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1926-Sheffield, York, England)

sp: Sarah GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1867-Leeds, York, England; m. Jul/Sep 1891; d. Jul/Sep 1953-Sheffield, York, England)

5. Healey ABSON (b. Abt 1894-Drighlington, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

5. Norman ABSON (b. Abt 1896-Drighlington, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

5. Roland ABSON (b. Abt 1898-Drighlington, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

5. Charles ABSON (b. Abt 1902-Lowrow, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

5. William ABSON (b. 30 Mar 1904-Low Row, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1974-Sheffield, York, England)

sp: Eleanor GRESHAM (b. 4 Feb 1908-Leeds, York, England; m.15 Sep 1932; d. 1992-Chesterfield, Derby, England)

3. Hannah Ellen ABSON (b. Oct/Dec 1849-Hunslet, York, England)

2. Hannah FOTHERGILL (b.1 Jun 1811-Leeds, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1879-Bramley, York, England)

sp: Richard CONSTANTINE (b. Abt 1811-Holbeck, York, England; m. 20 Feb 1832; d. Oct/Dec 1873-Leeds, York, England)

3. Mary CONSTANTINE (b. Abt 1834-Holbeck, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1922-Leeds, York, England)

sp: Joseph HUDSON (b. Abt 1843-Wortley, York, England; m. Apr/Jun 1865; d. Jan/Mar 1899-Leeds, York, England)

4. Naomi HUDSON (b. Oct/Dec 1868-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)

sp: Charles Henry GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1864-Leeds, York, England; m. Apr/Jun

- 1895; d. Aft 1910)
5. Nellie GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1896-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Ernest GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1898-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Hilda Mary GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1900-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. John Henry GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1904-Barnsley, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Harold Victor GREENWOOD (b. Abt 1908-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Evelyn Eliza GREENWOOD (b.1910-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
4. Tom HUDSON (b.1 Mar 1871-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1938)
 - sp: Eveline Kate WOODBOURNE (b.6 Feb 1869-West Pennard, Somerset, England; m. Oct/Dec 1893; d. Aft 1938)
 5. Charles Henry HUDSON (b. Abt 1895-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Rose Ethel HUDSON (b. 4 Aug 1896-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1938)
 - sp: Richard LONSDALE (b. 23 Mar 1896; m. Apr/Jun 1924; d. Aft 1918)
 5. Hilda HUDSON (b. Apr/Jun 1899-Bramley, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1900-Bramley, York, England)
 5. Joseph Ernest HUDSON (b. Abt 1900-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Evelyn HUDSON (b. Jan/Mar 1904-Bramley, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1905-Bramley, York, England)
 5. Leonard HUDSON (b. Abt 1908-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 4. Jabez HUDSON (b. Jan/Mar 1875-Leeds, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1942-Leeds, York, England)
 3. Joseph Fothergill CONSTANTINE (b. Abt 1836-York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1871-Leeds, York, England)
 - sp: Eliza SENIOR (b. Abt 1850-Pontefract, York, England; m. Jul/Sep 1868; d. Aft 1870)
 4. Richard CONSTANTINE (b. Abt 1869-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1870)
 4. Elizabeth CONSTANTINE (b. Abt 1870-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1870)
 3. James Rhodes CONSTANTINE (b. Jul/Sep 1840-Leeds, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1841-Leeds, York, England)
 2. Margaret FOTHERGILL (b. 10 Mar 1813-Holbeck, York, England; d. Sep 1849-Leeds, York, England)
 - sp: Benjamin VERITY (b. Abt 1820-Leeds, York, England; m. 6 Sep 1840; d. Aft 1850)
 3. William Fothergill VERITY (b. Apr/Jun 1845-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1850)
 3. Joseph VERITY (b. Oct/Dec 1841-Leeds, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1848-Leeds, York, England)
 3. George VERITY (b. Jul/Sep 1847-Leeds, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1848-Leeds, York, England)
 2. Ellen FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1816-Holbeck, York, England; d. 12 Aug 1878-Leeds, York, England)
 2. John FOTHERGILL or MEALE (b. 1818-Leeds, Yorkshire, England; d. 7 Jan 1889-Upper Waiwera, New Zealand) – *see chapters 3 and 4 for details.*
 2. Elizabeth FOTHERGILL (b. 1821-Holbeck, York, England; d. Oct 1824-Holbeck, York, England)
 2. Samuel FOTHERGILL (b. 28 Feb 1820-Holbeck, York, England; d. Jun 1864-Leeds, York, England)
 - sp: Sarah PULLON (b. Abt 1823-Wortley, York, England; m. 24 Sep 1842; d. Aft 1850)

3. Mary Ann FOTHERGILL (b. Jan/Mar 1843-Leeds, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1843-Leeds, York, England)
2. Benjamin FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1824-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1850)
sp: UNKNOWN
3. William FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1846-Leeds, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1906-Leeds, York, England)
sp: Mary Ann ROBINSON (b. Abt 1850-York, York, England; m. 2 Sep 1867; d. Jan/Mar 1901-Leeds, York, England)
4. Clara FOTHERGILL (b. 11 Jun 1868-Leeds, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1942-Leeds, York, England)
sp: James ROBINSON (b. Abt 1869-Leeds, York, England; m. 28 Jan 1888; d. Between 1911 and 1939)
 5. Robert William ROBINSON (b. Jan/Mar 1889-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Mary ROBINSON (b. Oct/Dec 1890-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Thomas ROBINSON (b. 10 May 1892-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1938)
 5. George ROBINSON (b. Apr/Jun 1894-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Eliza ROBINSON (b. Apr/Jun 1896-Leeds, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1900-Leeds, York, England)
 5. Maggie ROBINSON (b. Jan/Mar 1898-Leeds, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1901-Leeds, York, England)
 5. Elizabeth ROBINSON (b. Jan/Mar 1900-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. Amy ROBINSON (b. Apr/Jun 1901-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 5. James ROBINSON (b. Jan/Mar 1904-Leeds, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1908-Leeds, York, England)
 5. Alice ROBINSON (b. Jan/Mar 1904-Leeds, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1904-Leeds, York, England)
 5. John ROBINSON (b. Apr/Jun 1906-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1950)
sp: Lily GAWTHORPE (b.2 Apr 1908-Leeds, York, England; m. Jul/Sep 1932; d. Aft 1950)
 6. Muriel ROBINSON (b.-Leeds North, York, England)
sp: Henry DAWSON
 6. James ROBINSON (b.-Leeds, York, England)
 6. John ROBINSON (b.-Leeds, York, England)
 6. Leslie ROBINSON (b.-Leeds, York, England)
4. Frederick FOTHERGILL (b. Jan/Mar 1870-Leeds, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1933-Leeds, York, England)
4. Jane Ann FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1872-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1939)
sp: William Henry KILLERBY (b. Abt 1870-England; m. 26 Dec 1891; d. Aft 1939)
 5. Ethel KILLERBY (b. Oct/Dec 1892-Bramley, York, England; d. Bef 1911)
 5. Clarence KILLERBY (b. Abt 1893-Minnesota, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)
 5. Percy KILLERBY (b. Abt 1897-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)
 5. Frances KILLERBY (b. Abt 1899-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)

- 5. Eva KILLERBY (b. Abt 1900-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)
- 5. Elsie KILLERBY (b. Abt 1903-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)
- 5. Lillian KILLERBY (b. Abt 1906-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)
- 5. Daisy KILLERBY (b. Abt 1909-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1909)
- 4. George William FOTHERGILL (b. Jan/Mar 1874-Leeds, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1875-Leeds, York, England)
- 4. Ellen FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1875-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1919)
 - sp: Joseph Jowett STAPLETON (b. Jul/Sep 1874-Bramley, York, England; m. 9 Apr 1898; d. Aft 1919)
 - 5. Jane Elizabeth STAPLETON (b. Oct/Dec 1898-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1919)
 - sp: Albert W. BROWN (b. Abt 1896-New Hampshire, United States of America; m. Bef 1921; d. Aft 1919)
 - 5. Doris Alma STAPLETON (b. Jul/Sep 1900-Bramley, York, England; d. Aft 1919)
 - 5. Vera STAPLETON (b. Jul/Sep 1903-Bramley, York, England; d. Aft 1919)
 - 5. Gladys STAPLETON (b. Abt 1906-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1919)
 - 5. Joseph STAPLETON (b. Abt 1909-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1919)
 - 5. Roland STAPLETON (b. Abt 1912-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1919)
 - sp: Lena MORRISON
 - 5. Eva STAPLETON (b. Abt 1914-Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1919)
- 4. Margaret FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1877-Leeds, York, England; d. May 1903-Leeds, York, England)
 - sp: Edward BROOK (b. Abt 1876-Leeds, York, England; m. 11 Sep 1897; d. Oct/Dec 1937-Leeds, York, England)
 - 5. Evelyne BROOK (b. 11 Oct 1898-Leeds, York, England; d. Apr 1902-Leeds, York, England)
 - 5. Hector Redvers BROOK (b. Apr/Jun 1900-Leeds, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1962-Leeds, York, England)
 - sp: Patricia Eileen CORNELL (b. 27 Mar 1906; m. Apr/Jun 1926; d. Jan/Mar 1975-Leeds, York, England)
- 4. Frances FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1879-Leeds, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1879-Leeds, York, England)
- 4. Arthur FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1884-Leeds, York, England)
- 4. William FOTHERGILL (b. Jan/Mar 1886-Leeds, York, England; d. Apr/Jun 1889-Leeds, York, England)
- 4. Thomas FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1888-Leeds, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1888-Leeds, York, England)

4. Albert FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1892-Leeds, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1973-Lower Agbrigg, York, England)
 sp: Mary Ann A. RUSHBY (b. Jul/Sep 1891-Louth, Lincoln, England; m. Jul/Sep 1911; d. Jul/Sep 1930-Louth, Lincoln, England)
5. George W. FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1913-Leeds, York, England)
5. Clara FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1915-Leeds, York, England; d. 2012)
 sp: Ernest BLAND (m. Jul/Sep 1936; d. 1972)
5. Albert FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1917-Leeds, York, England)
5. Thomas FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1921-Leeds, York, England)
5. Mary Ann FOTHERGILL (b. 22 Aug 1924-Leeds, York, England; d. 1986-Hillingdon, Greater London, England)
 sp: Arthur Franklin DERRY (b. 7 Sep 1913; m. Jan/Mar 1954; d. 1990-Hillingdon, Greater London, England)
5. Vera E. FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1927-Leeds, York, England)
 sp: Sarah Ann HUSCROFT (b. Abt 1852-Barkston Ash, York, England; m. 6 Jul 1901; d. Jan/Mar 1937-Leeds, York, England)
2. William FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1826-Holbeck, York, England; d. Aft 1840)
2. Amos Rhodes FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1827-Holbeck, York, England; d. Jan/Mar 1882-Poplar, London, England)
 sp: Mary Ann SYKES (b. Abt 1829-Wortley, York, England; m. 2 Oct 1848; d. Oct/Dec 1863- St Olave, London, England)
3. Benjamin FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1848-Wortley, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1916-Lambeth, Surrey, England)
3. Margaret Elizabeth FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1850-Wortley, York, England; d. Jul/Sep 1851-Hunslet, York, England)
3. Ellen FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1853-Leeds, York, England; d. Aft 1910)
 sp: Frederick Parnell BAILEY (b. Abt 1859-Clapham, London, England; m. Oct/Dec 1878; d. Aft 1910)
4. Percy Kingsley BAILEY (b. Abt 1893-Clapham, London, England; d. Aft 1910)
 sp: Selina BABBAGE (b. Abt 1837-Chudleigh, Devon, England; m. 25 Dec 1865; d. Jan/Mar 1912-Wandsworth, London, England)
3. Joseph Mortimer FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1867-Lambeth, Surrey, England; d. Apr/Jun 1875- Wandsworth, London, England)
2. Elizabeth FOTHERGILL (b.1829-Holbeck, York, England)
2. George Rider FOTHERGILL (b. 19 Mar 1833-Holbeck, York, England; d. Oct/Dec 1907-Woolwich, Kent, England)
 sp: Harriet RAPLEY (b. Abt 1827;m. 26 Nov 1861; d. Apr/Jun 1865-Sheppey, Kent, England)
3. Ann Elizabeth (Harriett) FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1862-Minster, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
 sp: Walter Albert Alexander TURNER (b. Abt 1863-Sheerness, Kent, England; m. 24 May 1881; d. Aft 1900)
4. Anna TURNER (b. Abt 1883-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
4. Walter TURNER (b. Abt 1885-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
4. Rose TURNER (b. Abt 1887-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
4. Harriet TURNER (b. Abt 1889-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)

- 4. James TURNER (b. Abt 1891-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
- 4. George TURNER (b. Abt 1894-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
- 4. Beatrice TURNER (b. Abt 1896-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
- 4. Fred TURNER (b. Abt 1898-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
- 4. Joe TURNER (b. Abt 1900-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
- 3. George Samuel FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1864-Minster, Kent, England; d. Jul/Sep 1946-Watford, Hertford, England)
 - sp: Mary Ann Jane COBB (b. Apr/Jun 1860-Stepney, London, England; m. Oct/Dec 1895; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. George FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1887-Poplar, London, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. Phyllis FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1889-North Woolwich, Essex, England; d. Aft 1900)
 - 4. Joseph Rider FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1893-Belvedere, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. May FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1895-Belvedere, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. James Rapley FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1898-Plumstead, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. Ellen FOTHERGILL (b. Jul/Sep 1901-Plumstead, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. Alfred Edward FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1903-Plumstead, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - sp: Hannah RAPLEY (b. Abt 1837-Petworth, Sussex, England; d. Aft 1870)
- 3. James Rapley FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1866-Minster, Kent, England; d. Oct/Dec 1927-Woolwich, Kent, England)
 - sp: Emma May DEAL (b. 1 May 1880-Sheerness, Kent, England; m. 4 Jun 1898; d. Jan/Mar 1957-Woolwich, Kent, England)
 - 4. James FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1899-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. Emma May FOTHERGILL (b. 10 Jun 1900-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Jul/Sep 1980-Greenwich, Kent, England)
 - sp: Alfred W.A. SEGUSS (b. 14 Mar 1897; m. Jan/Mar 1922; d. Oct/Dec 1962-Woolwich, Kent, England)
 - 5. Mary SEGUSS (b. Jul/Sep 1922-Woolwich, Kent, England; d. Jul/Sep 1922-Woolwich, Kent, England)
 - 4. George FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1903-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 4. John FOTHERGILL (b. 1911-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)
 - 3. Ellen Maria FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1867-Minster, Kent, England; d. Jan/Mar 1873-Sheppey, Kent, England)
 - 3. Elizabeth FOTHERGILL (b. Oct/Dec 1869-Minster, Kent, England; d. Apr/Jun 1918-Lambeth, Surrey, England)
 - sp: Ernest TYSALL (b. Abt 1870-Marylebone, London, England; m. Oct/Dec 1895; d. Apr/Jun 1927-Marylebone, London, England)
 - 4. Constance Amelia TYSALL (b. Jul/Sep 1896-Soho, London, England; d. Jan/Mar 1968-Horsham, Sussex, England)
 - sp: Howard MELTON (b. Sep 1890; m. Apr/Jun 1922; d. Apr/Jun 1970-Horsham, Sussex, England)
 - 5. Elizabeth H. MELTON (b. Jan/Mar 1928-Epsom, Surrey, England)
 - sp: Ernest A. TOOMBS (m. Apr/Jun 1950)

sp: Mary Ann BATT (b. Abt 1847-Sheerness, Kent, England; m. Apr/Jun 1889; d. Oct/Dec 1925-Dartford, Kent, England)

3. Mary Ann FOTHERGILL (b. Apr/Jun 1877-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)
sp: John Edward MATTEY (m. Oct/Dec 1893)

4. Dorothy Sybyl MATTEY (b. Abt 1900-Plumstead, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)

4. Frederick Sydney MATTEY (b. 1901-Plumstead, Kent, England; d. Aft 1900)

3. William FOTHERGILL (b. 1 Dec 1878-Sheerness, Kent, England; d. Oct/Dec 1956-Dartford, Kent, England)

sp: Nellie Sophia COLSON (b. 1 Jan 1880-Erith, Kent, England; m. Jul/Sep 1906; d. Apr/Jun 1946-Dartford, Kent, England)

4. Ivy Nellie FOTHERGILL (b. Abt 1907-Erith, Kent, England; d. Aft 1910)

sp: Cyril A. PAINTER (m. Jul/Sep 1935)

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