### From 1820 Onwards

# The O'NEILLS of Greenlough, co. derry

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### Introduction

This booklet contains the family tree of two brothers whose descendants are now spread from Ireland to New Zealand, Australia and America.

John O'Neill, the elder brother, had four children in his marriage to his third cousin Biddy Mulholland. Their eldest child, James, is known only from the baptismal records. After Biddy's death, John married another third cousin, Alice O'Neill, and we know of at least six children from this marriage, in some cases knowing only the names. There may have been three other children in the family. Four of John's children emigrated to New Zealand, while one stayed in Ireland.

James Stafford, known as Stafford, received a canonical dispensation to marry Cecily O'Neill, due to their degree of relatedness. Stafford died of typhoid. Of his ten children, five emigrated to New Zealand, three to the U.S.A, and two remained in Ireland. Joseph is the only one of his family whose death we have not yet traced. He is said to have been mugged in New York City sometime in the 1910's.

Most of the imigrants to New Zealand came to Otago (Southern N.Z.) and spread out from there. The links that they maintained with each other have made this family tree possible.

The townlands of Eden and Ballymacpeake, where the families came from, are small rural districts in Co. Derry across the River Bann from the town of Portglenone. The family's parish church is that of St. Mary's Greenlough, whose records begin in 1846. Where we have indicated a place beside a record of baptism, that is the address of the parents.

This project began with a reunion of the family of John and Margaret O'Neill (Page B) at Ranfurly, New Zealand in January 1977. Paddy O'Neill then began collecting details of the descendants of John O'Neill (1820-1900), and soon joined with Bernard O'Neill, who researched the descendants of Stafford O'Neill (1825-1883).

We hope that you find this work of ours worthwhile. The history that we have included here is rather sketchy. You may like to write your own family's history. We will be very pleased to receive copies of such.

Also available from us is a photograph album of the migrant generation and their children. Further copies of this booklet may be ordered from either of us.

May 1986

Signed

Patrick Nathaniel O'Neill 6 City Road Dunedin

Paddy C'Neill

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Bernard Stafford O'Neill No. 3 R.D. Alexandra NEW ZEALAND

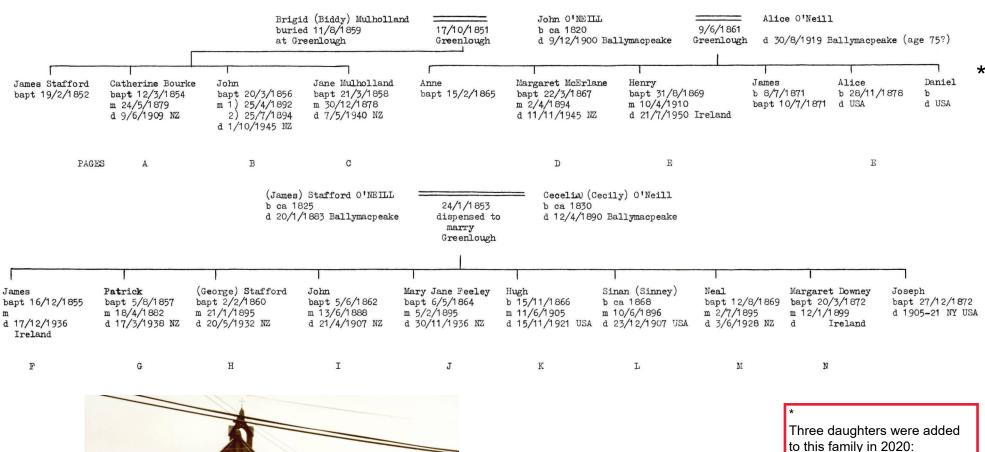
### The Surname O'Neill

The first of the great Ulster sept to bear the surname O'Neill was Donell O'Neill, the eponymous ancestor being his grandfather Niall, King of Ireland, who was killed in a battle with the Norsemen in A.D. 919, not, as might be supposed, the famous Niall of the Nine Hostages, though that somewhat legendary and heroic character was also a remote ancestor. From that time until the end of the seventeenth century, when Ulster ceased to be the leading Gaelic province of Ireland, the O'Neills figure prominently among the great men of Irish history.

The O'Neills were the chief family of Cinel Eoghain, their territory being Tír Eoghain. Tír Eoghain (modern Tyrone) in early times comprised not only that county but most of Derry and part of Donegal. Down to the time of Brian Boru, who reigned from 1002 to 1014, the Ui Néill, i.e. descendants of Niall of the Nine Hostages, were, almost without interruption, High Kings of Ireland. Their race formed two main branches — the northern Ui Néill of Ulster and the southern Ui Néill, as those who established themselves in Meath were called. The latter did in fact occupy also part of southern Ulster contiguous with Meath. In the fourteenth century a branch of the Tyrone O'Neills migrated to Antrim where they became known as Clann Aodha Bhuidhe, from Aodh Buidhe (or Hugh Boy) O'Neill, who was slain in 1283, the term being perpetuated in the territorial name Clannabov or Clandeboy. The attempts made by the English in the sixteenth century to exterminate them, which were carried out by Essex and others with a ferocity and perfidy seldom equalled even in that violent age, were unsuccessful, and O'Neills are numerous there today, as they are also in West Ulster. The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries produced the most famous of the O'Neills: among them Con Bacach O'Neill (1484-1559), first Earl of Tyrone; Shane O'Neill (1530-1567); Hugh O'Neill (1540-1616), second Earl of Tyrone; Owen Roe O'Neill (1590-1649); Sir Phelim O'Neill (1604-1653); and Hugh O'Neill (d. 1660) - names too well known in the history of Ireland to require description here. Less famous but worthy of mention, even in so cursory a sketch as this, is Sir Niall O'Neill (1658-1690), whose regiment of dragoons distinguished itself at the battle of the Boyne, where he was mortally wounded. In the century following that disaster many O'Neills were to be found among the oustanding officers of the Irish Brigades in the French army. Arthur O'Neill (1737-1816), the blind wandering harper, may be regarded as the precursor of Bunting in the field of Irish traditional music; and John O'Neill (1834-1878) was leader of the Fenian invasion in Canada in 1867. All these were Ulstermen.

It may be remarked in conclusion that O'Neill is one of the very few surnames the spelling of which is identical in both the Irish and English languages. In Irish however, the E is accented.

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St Mary's Church, Greenlough, parish church of those above.

Mary (b 1862), Bridget (b 1874) and Sarah (b 1876). Catherine arrived in Dunedin about 1875 where she worked as a domestic servant till she married David Bourke. David worked for the New Zealand Railways briefly at Milton, thereafter at Dunedin. A son was killed at the railway yards. Catherine died of cancer aged 55 years, and from then on the family was cared for by the eldest daughter, Sophia. Catherine's is the only family that had a number of children die in childhood.



THE BOURKE FAMILY

From left, Standing: Sophia, John, Mary Jane. Seated: Bridget (Delsie), David, David Snr, Catherine, Daniel, James. CATHERINE O'NEILL married DAVID BOURKE at St Joseph's Church, Dunedin on 24/5/1879 Catherine bapt 12/3/1854 Ballymacpeake, Co Derry David b ca 1852 Oala, Co Tipperary d 9/6/1909 Dunedin d 2/11/1923 Dunedin

4 Delsie Christina b 2/12/1919 Dunedin Married Jack Bryan 12/12/1945 Dunedin Jack b 30/11/1917 Timaru Address- 76 Bay View Rd, Dunedin ChildrenChildren-Violet Catherine b 16/3/1915 Ashfield James Thomas b 10/4/1918 Ashfield

Stafford Daniel b 30/11/1920 Wentworthville Address- 12 Forters Lane, St Ives, Sydney

B SOPHIA married SAMUEL BOLTON on 31/19/1914 at Dunedin Sophia d 16/10/1964 Dunedin Samuel b 16/4/1874 Cadder, Scotland d 13/10/1944 Christchurch

C MARY JANE married THOMAS FRANCES BUSTIN on 6/6/1905 at Dunedin (Decree Absolute 10/1/1924) Mary d 19/6/1964 Wellington Thomas b 10/11/1882 Dunedin

d 1960s ? Wellington Children-1 Catherine b 17/2/1907 Dunedin Married John Scott 23/12/1933 Wellington Cath d 1/3/1979 Wellington John b 8/1/1910 Grangemouth, Scotland d 7/12/1966 Wellington

Children-

E BRIDGET (DELSIE) went to Australia ca 1910 Married THOMAS JOSEPH McGRATH on 4/12/1933 at Sydney Delsie d 30/7/1950 Pymont, Sydney Thomas b ca 1888 Castleblainey, Co Monaghan d 17/7/1967 Camperdown, Parramatta Son-John Francis b ca 1918 Sydney

F DANIEL MULHOLLAND married MYRTLE BEULAH (BEULAH) KING on 14/10/1930 at Dunedin Daniel d 30/11/1969 Dunedin Beulah b 11/7/1905 Dunedin d 11/12/1979 Dunedin Children-

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2 Francis Henry b 30/10/1905 Dunedin Married Janet Nissenbaum 21/12/1929 Wellington Frank d 11/2/1980 Wellington Janet (Janie) b Children-

D JAMES STAFFORD changed surname to BEACH Married VIOLET ELIZABETH WALTON on 12/7/1913 at Dulwich Hill MSW James d 10/8/1968 Blacktown NSW Violet b 15/8/1892 Petersham NSW d 13/6/1959 Wentworthville NSW

3 William John Holt (Bill) b 5/9/1914 Dunedin Married Doreen Ursula McGrath 7/7/1937 Dunedin Doreen b 12/2/1915 Dunedin Address- 42 Cutten St S. Dunedin Children-

Children of David and Catherine BOURKE

lost at sea First World War ? (Catherine) Cecelia b 30/6/1893 Dunedin

b 30/0/1095 Dunedin d 24/6/1893 Dunedin Daniel Mulholland b 16/12/1894 Dunedin Catherine b 11/9/1896 Dunedin

d 27/3/1899 Dunedin

A JOHN married ELLEN HOLT 2/8/1911 at Dunedin

1 Catherine Margaret b 13/12/1911 Dunedin

Married Charles Edward Southorn on

d 12/3/1980 Dunedin

Cath's address- 61 Jackson St, S. Dunedin

S Dunedin

2 Olive Emily Patricia JP b 4/5/1913 Dunedin Married Ralph Byers Rowe 28/7/1943 Dunedin Ralph b 1/9/1911 Stirling Olive P/29 Cutten St

Patrick b 4/5/1880 Milton d 24/4/1900 Dunedin

B Sophia b 2/11/1882 Dunedin C Mary Jane b 1/5/1884 Dunedin David b 27/9/1885 Dunedin

John d 9/9/1954 Dunedin

d 26/4/1964 Dunedin

18/4/1938 at Dunedin

Charles b 4/11/1906 Ngahere

d 23/8/1964 Dunedin

Ellen b 24/2/1887 Clyde

Children-

Children-

d 13/8/1886 Dunedin D James Stafford b 20/8/1887 Dunedin E Bridget (Delsie) b 11/3/1889 Dunedin David b 5/10/1890 Dunedin

A John b 10/4/1881 Milton

John O'Neill B1

John arrived at Port Chalmers as a ploughman on the ship "James Nicol Fleming" on 3 October, 1877, with his sister Jane, and his Mother's sister Margaret Cassidy, her husband and children. After working as a bullock driver in North Otago, and elsewhere, he took up land in Central Otago in 1886. His first wife Nellie died tragically of peritonitis shortly after their wedding. John later married Margaret Doorley and continued to farm at Patearoa until their retirement at Ranfurly.



THE O'NEILL FAMILY

From left, Standing: Joseph, Hugh, John. Seated: Lucy, Margaret, Vincent (Scully), John, Thomas (Emmett).

JOHN O'NEILL married MARGARET ANNE DOORLEY at St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin on 25/7/1894 Margaret b 3/1/1868 Hamiltons d 28/2/1948 Ramfurly

Children of John and Margaret O'Neill
A John Stafford b 27/7/1895 Naseby
B Hugh Doorley b 1/6/1898 Naseby
C Joseph Tracey Howard b 16/1/1900 Patearna
D Vincent Patrick Sarefield (Soully) b 1/2/1902 Patearna

D Vincent Patrick Sarsfield (Scully) b 1/2/1902 Patearoa E Thomas Emmett (Emmett) b 29/5/1903 Patearoa

F Lucy Jane b 1/7/1906 Fatearoa

A JOHN STAFFORD married CATHERINE (KATE) DOUGHERTY
on 19/1/1921 at Dumedin
Kate b 13/7/1891 Gimmerburn
d 8/8/1957 Dunedin
JOHN STAFFORD married MARGARET MARY EDNA WAIKER
on 26/9/1959 at Commanu
John d 10/5/1976 Dunedin
Margaret's address - 5 Ainslee Fl, Dunedin

Children of John and Kate
1 Catherine Mary (Molly) b 22/9/1921 Dunedin
Married Francis Cowan Dooley 8/8/1953 Dunedin
Frank b 18/3/1918 Wyndham
d 24/11/1978 Invercargill
Molly's address- R.D. 2, Wyndham
Children-

2 John Stafford b 21/2/1923 Dunedin Married Elizabeth Agnes Nicholl 11/8/1951 Gore Elizabeth b 20/12/1925 Gore Address- 6 City Rd, Dunedin Children-

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B HUGH DOORLEY married KATHLEEN ROSE (ROSE) SPILLANE on 6/4/1929 at Dunedin Hugh d 2/11/1956 Invercargill Rose b 16/2/1908 Dunedin d 11/3/88 ingill Rose's address- 107 Lindisfarne St, Invercargill ChildrenC JOSEPH TRACEY HOWARD married MARGARET NORAH (EDIE)
McDONALD on 19/5/1926 at Renfurly
Joe d 3/5/1966 Banfurly
Edie b 15/10/1894 Patearoa
d 18/7/1974 Ranfurly
DaughterJosephine Mary b 5/1/1935 Ranfurly
Address- 18 Thomas St, Ranfurly

D VINCENT FATRICK SARSFIELD (SCULLY) married LUCY DOUGHERTY on 21/7/931 at Dunedin Scully d 18/6/1977 Ranfurly Lucy b 29/11/1899 Gimmerburn d 17/2/1980 Hanfurly Children-

1 Margaret Sarah b 5/2/1932 Ranfurly Married Herbert Alexander (Sandy) Robertson on 16/4/1955 at Dumedin Sandy b 31/1/1930 Hakataramea Address- 85c Clyde Rd, Christohurch

2 Angela Marie b 25/10/1933 Ranfurly Married Ian David Fleming MBChB on 8/2/1958 at Dunedin Ian b 11/2/1929 Auckland Address- P.O.Box 95, 15 Church St, Waipawa 4 Lucy Lorraine b 3/6/1938 Ranfurly
Married James Francis Murphy 23/4/1960 Dunedin
James b 11/5/1935 Gore
d 27/2/1964 Ranfurly
Lucy's address- 3 Thomas St, Ranfurly
Children-

E THOMAS EMMETT (EMMETT) married LUCY ALICE MORAL on 17/5/1933 at Omakau d 36/00/473 Respectively 18/4/1904 Matakamul Address-P.O.Box 76, 17 Thomas St, Ranfurly Children

1 Noreen Mary (Neen) b 7/11/1935 Ranfurly Address- with parents d 1/6/1986 "

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3 Moyra Anne b 19/3/1935 Ranfurly
Married Gerard Michael Mooney 11/5/1957 Ranfurly
Gerry b 10/12/1930 Christchurch
Address- Sherwood School, R.D.1, Takapau

F LUCY JANE - SISTER MARY CATALDUS L.C.M. Frofessed in the Little Company of Mary 16/7/1928 Address- Calvary Hospital, Hawera, Taranaki

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B. Hugh Doorley O'Neill Cont'd. 2 Desmond John 6/7/11/193 Rank

Jane arrived at Port Chalmers, Dunedin, New Zealand in 1877 with her brother John on the ship "James Nicol Fleming". Firstly she worked as a house maid, then married and resided as a farmer's wife at Ranfurly. In later years as a widow, she lived with Sarah and May, her daughters, at South Dunedin close to St. Patrick's Basilica.



THE MULHOLLAND FAMILY

From left: Margaret, John, Jane holding Hugh, John Snr, James, Sarah. JANE O'NEILL married JOHN MULHOLLAND at St Joseph's Church, Dunedin on 30/12/1878 Jane bapt 21/3/1858 Ballymacpeake, Co Derry John b ca1839 Co Derry d 25/3/1920 Ranfurly d 7/5/1940 Dunedin

Children of John and Jane MULHOLLAND Sarah Jane (Sarah Ann) b 15/12/1879 Naseby

- d 18/7/958 Dunedin

  A Margaret Jane b 26/1/1881 Eweburn
  Twin Girls b/d 11/7/1882 Eweburn John Joseph b 16/6/1884 Eweburn C James Stafford b 29/10/1886 Eweburn D Hugh Hillary b 25/12/1889 Eweburn Rose May (May) b 10/1/1896 Oamaru d 24/12/1974 Dunedin
- A MARGARET JANE Professed as Sr Mary Clement O.P. on 28/1/1913 at Dunedin Died 18/5/1956 Dunedin

Children-

Children-

- B JOHN JOSEPH married SARAH JANE DOUGHERTY on 30/8/1910 at Ramfurly John 143/2/1944 Ranfurly Sarah b 5/4/1882 Naseby d 15/1/1940 Ramfurly Children-1 Margaret Jane b 4/12/1912 Naseby
  - 2 John Patrick (Dutchie) b 5/3/1916 Naseby Married Edna May McConnochie 12/7/1941 at Dunedin Edna b 1/5/1918 Dunedin Dutchie d 24/1/1978 Ranfurly Edna's address- 64b Caulfeild St, Ramfurly

d 23/10/1957 Christchurch

4 Charles Andrew b 15/12/1918 Naseby Married Catherine Elizabeth (Betty) Mahon on 29/12/1948 at Dunedin Betty b 12/8/1926 Dunedin Address- 25 Bute St, Ranfurly Children-

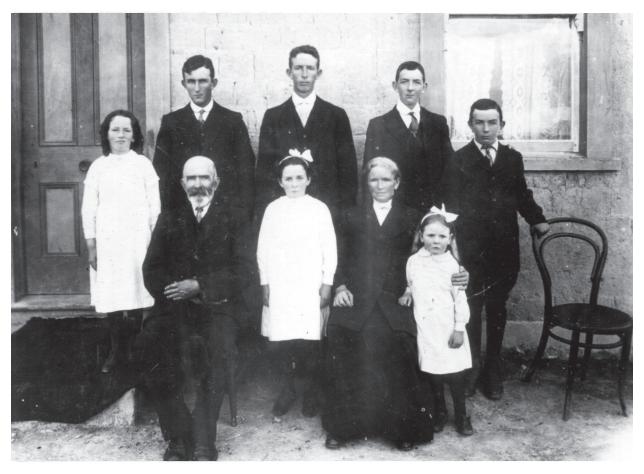
- C JAMES STAFFORD Stock Agent in Dunedin until enlisted in the army 2/1/1917 No. 42546 Private, Otago Infantry Regiment In the field 9/7/1917 Killed in action, Belgium 4/10/1917 Buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele
- D HUGH HILLARY married JESSIE MARY DOUGHERTY on 26/10/1914 at Dunedin Hugh d 28/2/1980 Lower Hutt Jessie b 20/12/1887 Ardgowan, Oamaru d 19/12/1955 Lower Hutt Children-
- 1 Eileen Clement b 22/8/1915 Dunedin Married Robert Ernest Mustchin on 6/4/1942 at Wellington Robert b 24/5/1910 Waipawa Address- 39 Te Mome Rd, Lower Hutt Children-

3 James Stafford b 30/12/1921 Otautau d 7/7/1982 Married Mauveen Mary Roband on 5/5/1945 at Lower Hutt Mauveen b 16/8/1921 Wellington Address- c/o Post Office, Te Puru, Thames Daughter-

<sup>2</sup> Jean Mary b 16/10/1918 Wellington Married Sir Patrick Jerad O'Dea on 13/11/1945 at Dunedin Sir Patrick b 18/4/1918 Dunedin James Clement b 29/7/1917 Naseby
Married Audrey Veronica Johnston 15/2/1947 at Christchurch
Children-Address- 1 Tensing Place, Wellington 4 Audrey b 11/4/1924 Mataura Address- 70 Oxford St, Dunedin

Margaret left Ireland with her cousins Neal and Mary-Jane. When the three people arrived in Port Chalmers, she travelled to Ranfurly with John and Jane (O'Neill) Mulholland by buggy and pair. The cost of a ship's fare from Rockhampton, Australia to Port Chalmers, Dunedin was 2 pounds. Distance 2,500 kilometres.

She then worked at Patearoa sheep station for 10 shillings a week. In 1894 she married, and she lived for the rest of her life as a neighbour of her sister Jane (O'Neill) Mulholland.



THE McERLANE FAMILY

From left, Back: Margaret, John, Hugh, Charles, Neil. Front: Charles Snr, Sally, Margaret, Kathleen (Monie).

MARGARET O'NEILL married CHARLES MCERLANE at St Patrick's Basilica, Dunedin on 2/4/1894 Margaret b 18/3/1867 Ballymacpeake, Co Derry Charles b 1860 Newtown, Co Derry d 17/11/1945 Ranfurly

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Children of Charles and Margaret McERLANE
                                                                             Children-
                                                                                 Matthew John b 1/2/1966 Waiuku
A Hugh Patrick b 7/2/1895 Eweburn
    John Verdon (Jock) b 20/12/1896 Eweburn
                                                                                 Jonathon Garrett b 11/4/1969 Waiuku
                         d 25/2/1971 Dunedin
B Charles Henry b 10/4/1898 Eweburn
Neil Daniel b 13/3/1900 Eweburn
d 26/12/1984 Ranfurly
                                                                      D SARAH JANE (SALLY) married GEORGE CHRISTOPHER DONNELLY
                                                                         on 7/4/1948 at Ranfurly
                                                                          George b 23/12/1904 Matakanui
    Catherine Alice (Cassy) b 2/7/1903 Ranfurly
                                                                          Sally d 30/11/1956 Wellington
                               d 2/9/1909 Ranfurly
                                                                          George's address- 38 Weraroa Rd, Levin
C Margaret Mary b 4/7/1906 Eweburn
D Sarah Jane (Sally) b 19/11/1908 Ramfurly
E Kathleen Monica (Monie) b 20/2/1912 Naseby
 A HUGH PATRICK Enlisted in the army 6/2/1917
   No. 47534 Private, Otago Infantry Regiment
   In the field 24/10/1917
                                                                      E KATHLEEN MONICA (MONIE) married FRANCIS VINCENT (VIN)
                                                                          DENNEHYon 23/2/1938 at Ranturly
Vin b 31/5/1904 Invercargill
   Killed in action, Belgium 3/12/1917
                                                                          Address- 18 Cockburn St, Grey Lynn, Auckland 2
B CHARLES HENRY married BRIDGET FOLEY
   on 14/9/1933 at Oamaru.
                                                                          Children-
   Charles d 12/5/1936 Dunedin
   Bridget (Bid) b 25/9/1898 Waimate
                  d 10/7/1985 Oamaru
 C MARGARET MARY married MICHAEL CONWAY
   on 5/6/1928 at Ranfurly.
   Michael b 6/1/1895 Carrickmore, Co Tyrone
   d 3/3/1971 Hastings
Margaret's address- 416 Southland Place,
                         Hastings.
   Children-
    1 Bridget Lorraine b 16/6/1929 Ngahere
       Married Stanley Allender 20/9/1952 at
       Wellington.
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       Stanley b 50/1/1926 Wellington
Bridget d 26/12/1956 Mangaorapa
       Stanley re-married
       Son-
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                                                                            the spelling became fixed as McErlean.)
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HENRY O'NEILL married THERESA HUGHES at St Mary's Church, Greenlough on 10/4/1910
Harry bapt 31/8/1869 Ballymacpeake Theresa b 21/5/1881 Rocktown, Co Derry
d 21/7/1950 Ballymacpeake d 30/6/1933 Ballymacpeake

ALICE O'NEIL b 28/11/1878 Ballymacpeake
was still at home at the time
of the 1901 Census
She eventually married in the USA

Harry inherited the farm on which his father had lived, and when he died it was inherited by Hugh O'Neill, the son of Harry's cousin James.

### THE HOMES OF THE TWO O'NEILL BROTHERS



The house in which John, Biddy and Alice brought up their children. Now inhabited by Mrs Kathleen O'Neill.



The house in which Stafford and Cecily brought up their children. Now abandoned, but Stafford and Angela O'Neill have a new home beside it.

James was the eldest of the Stafford O'Neill family. He became a Sergeant in the Royal Irish Constabulary in the south of Ireland, but later took on the family farm.

For some reason the family had lost part of their farm, but years later at an auction James bought it back.

James' son Stafford, a bachelor, eventually took over the family farm, which at present his nephew, also Stafford, and his wife Angela, are farming. A new home has now been built very close to the old Stafford O'Neill homestead.







Mary O'Neill

### JAMES O'NEILL married MARY O'CONNOR James bapt 16/12/1855 Eden, Co Derry Mary b ca 1877 Buncrana, Co Donegal d 17/12/1936 Co Derry

d 1/1/1969 Co Derry

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С	hildren of James and Mary O'NEILL	E	HUGH ALPHONSUS married KATHLEEN McGULLAGH	6
A	Margaret Cecelia		on 8/9/1942 at Greenlough	
	Martha		Hugh d 24/12/1981 Ballymacpeake	
В	Mary Jane (Jennie) b 19/5/1903 bagt 20/5/03		Kathleen's address- 9 Ballymacpeake Rd,	
	James Stafford (Stafford) b 21/6/1904		Portglenone, co Antrim	
C	Rose Ann (Annie) b 12/4/1906		Children-	
D	Patrick Joseph b 20/4/1907		1	
E	Hugh Alphonsus b 2/7/1909			
A	MARGARET CECELIA			
	two daughters			7
В	MARY JANE (JENNIE) married PATRICK McERLEAN		2	
	on 9/2/1937 at Greenlough			
	Paddy b 20/3/1903			
	d 9/3/1981			
	Jennie's address- New Rd, Moneystaghan, Portglenone			
	Children-			
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C	ROSE ANN (ANNIE) married HENRY HUGH McPEAKE			
	on 5/10/1932 at Greenlough		<del></del>	
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# JAMES O'NEILL married MARY O'CONNOR Additional information since publication.

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Margaret Cecilia married John Children- Martha Henry Hugh McErlean Martha Born 1902 died 1943. Children-		Mary Jane (Jennie) as detailed on F2.  James Swafford (Stafford) Single died 1977 27/10/75 He lived in the original home (now abandoned) till 1977	9
1	° C.	Rose Ann (Annie) Born 12/4/1906 married Henry Hugh McPeake - 2/11/80 on 5/10/1932 at Greenlough. Ireland Children-	10
			11
		2	D Patrick Joseph married Josephine M. Lynch in JM & 7/10/1959 New York City U.S.A
			Children-
		3	* , ,
			Patrick died in Ireland 1977 26/9/77 E Hugh Alphonsus
2		. 4	as detailed on F 2.
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Patrick came to Dunedin about 1880 from Ireland. He was married at St. Joseph's Church. Whilst in Dunedin he worked for some time on the construction of St. Joseph's Cathedral, but for most of his working life he was a member of the New Zealand Railways.



THE O'NEILL FAMILY

From left: Cecelia, Margaret, Sarah, Margaret, Mary (Nancy), James Stafford, Patrick, Christine.

Children of Patrick and Margaret O'NEILL A Sarah Jane b 22/1/1883 Dumedin B Cecelia Barbara Mary b 24/1/1886 Dunedi

A Saran Jane b 22/1/1883 Dumedin

B Cecelia Barbara Mary b 24/1/1886 Dunedin

C Mary Elizabeth (Nancy) b 14/4/1888 Otago Heads

D James Stafford b 29/11/1889

E Christine b 11/1/1892 Denmiston

G Phyllis Mary (Tot) b 13/5/1907 Wellington

A SARAH JANE married FRANCIS SIMON FRASER on 20/4/1908 at Palmerston North Sarah d 3/6/1939 Invercargill Francis b

d 30/5/1934 Invercargill

Children-

1 Margaret Frances b 11/7/1909 Invercargill Married William James Wohlers William b

Address- 144 Convers St, Invercargill

Children-

3 Mary b 2/6/1912 Invercargill Married Duncan Alexander Fraser 8/6/1946 Duncan b 7/7/1910 Inverness, Scotland d 10/11/1976 Invercargill Mary's address- 26 Hunter St, Edendale Children-

4 Dorothy b 26/6/1913 Invercargill
Married John Andrew Falmer Johnston on 27/6/1940 at Invercargill Dorothy d 17/8/1961 Dunedin John b Address-Son-

2 Stafford James b 22/9/1910 Invercargill Married Fay Elsie Waddell at Bluff Address- 87 Foyle St, Bluff Children5 Wilson Edward b 13/6/1915 Invercargill Address- 192 Margaret St, Invercargill

6 Francis John b 19/11/1917 Invercargill Married Nellie Agnes McKenzie on 8/4/1947 at Invercargill Nellie b Address-Children7 Rosina Joan (Joan) b 8/5/1922 Invercargill Married Henry Thomas Clark 30/12/1952 at Invercargill Henry b Address- 79 Metzger St, Invercargill Children-

B CECELIA BARBARA MARY married ROBERT GRAY

Robert b

Cecelia d 11/3/1960 Wellington

C MARY ELIZABETH (NANCY) married JOHN FERRY on 12/4/1915 at Invercargill Mary d 7/3/1963 Dunedin

Queenstown

Children-1 Mary Margeurite (Margaret) b 11/5/1916 Married William Gordon Ainsley Ramsay on 23/10/1939 at Invercargill Address: 12 Poulson St Children-Christchurch

2 Patrick Brian (Brian) b 2/4/1918 Invercargill Married Noeline Therese McCombie on 22/7/1950 at Oamaru Brian d 22/11/1982 Dunedin Noeline b d 5/9/1966 Children-Katherine Mary b 13/5/1951 d 2/4/1978 Dunedin

3 Erin Kathleen b Married Matthew Alphonsus Keppel 11/11/ d 14/2/1984 Invercargill Address- 158 Metzger St, Invercargill

6 Joseph Daniel b 25/8/1926 Invercargill Address- 51a Majoribanks St, Wellington

7 Nancy Marie Therese b 17/11/1930 Invercargill

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Children-

Joan Married Edward Patrick Nicolle on 20/6/1945 at Petone Edward b Address-Children-

D JAMES STAFFORD married ELIZABETH WATSON on 8/4/1920 James d 4/7/1953 Palmerston North Elizabeth b 19/10/1895 New Plymouth d 7/7/1970

Children-

1 Hazel Margaret b 14/8/1920 Eltham Married Arnold Alexander Turnbull on 13/10/1955 at Christchurch Armold b 5/7/1922 Address- 209 Lyttelton St, Christchurch Children-

2 Clement Patrick b 13/12/1921 New Plymouth Married Mary Goring Legg on 7/10/1950 at Palmerston North Mary b 9/7/1928 Palmerston North Address- 23 Ascot St, Palmerston North Children-

3 Doreen Patricia b 23/3/1923 Waitara Married James William Mennie on 5/2/1949 at Palmerston North James b 5/1/1923 Halcombe Address- 26 Seddon St, Feilding

4 Owen Roe b 29/4/1924 New Plymouth Married Joan Joan b Address- 41 Sutherland Cres, Palmerston North

5 Bonnie Nora b 19/8/1925 New Plymouth Married Roy Edward Carroll Andrews Roy b

6 Hugh b 18/10/1927 Waitara

Address- 431 Turret Rd, Tauranga

9 Mary b/d 1934 Palmerston North

Patricia b 7/9/1938 Carterton Address- 7 Freyberg St, Palmerston North

8 Lawrence Francis b 4/6/1933 Palmerston North Married Patricia Annie Frost 24/10/1959 at

E CHRISTINE married LEO DUGGAN Christine d 17/8/1966 Wellington Leo b Children-

F MARGARET married RICHARD JOHN WHITE on 2/9/1915 at Wanganui Margaret d 13/3/1964 Petone

d 1920

2 John Robert Desmond b 13/1/1922 Married Florence Cowan ca 1945

Divorced, remarried Winifred Honey

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Richard b

Children-

1 Patrick b 1920

Children-

G PHYLLIS MARY (TOT) married JOHN WILLIAM TOZER on 16/7/1934 at Palmerston North Tot d 26/3/1965 Palmerston North John b Daughter-Patricia b 18/2/1935 Married Peter Joseph Nation on 22/2/1958 at Palmerston North

Peter b

Address- 9 Duna Pl, Palmerston North Children-

19/2/1971 Palmerston North

Address- 4 Rhueben Gr, Naenae, Lower Hutt

Married Jean Bailey

Children-

John Stafford Rewi (Jack) family continued. Children.

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Married John Martin Address- 203 Whites Line East, Lower Hutt Children-

4 Joan Edith Margaret b

Invercargill Annie b 10/8/1924 Riverton Address- 83 Selwyn St, Invercargill Children-

5 Reginald Francis b 4/12/1924 Invercargill Married Annie Josephine Corkery on 1/10/1949 at

4 John Stafford Rewi (Jack) b 28/2/1922 Invercargill

Kathleen b 26/2/1930 Pahiatua

Address-40 Tyndall St, Pahiatua

Children-

Married Kathleen Grace Brown 22/10/1949 Pahiatua

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George Stafford, known as Stafford, firstly travelled to the U.S.A., and worked in a brickyard in New York city. Then he went back to Ireland and on to New Zealand with the ship "Bombay" (both sail and steam and built of iron) as a steerage passenger. He arrived at Port Chalmers (Dunedin) on 24 January, 1884. On his first night in Dunedin he stayed at the "Gridiron Hotel", now known as "George's Tavern".

Later Stafford travelled to Tasmania. Whilst there the Bank he had his money in went broke. He then came back to New Zealand to marry and settle as a farmer at Patearoa in Central Otago.





THE O'NEILL FAMILY

John O'Neill

From left: Stafford, Patrick, Cecelia, Nellie on Bridget's knee, Many, Stafford.

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GEORGE STAFFORD (STAFFORD) O'NEILL married BRIDGET HERLIHY at Maseby on 21/1/1895 Stafford bapt 2/2/1860 Eden, Co Derry d 20/5/1932 Patearoa Bridget b 9/11/1865 Hamiltons d 24/9/1951

	Children of Stafford and Bridget O'NETLL Cecelia Mary b 16/10/1895 Bridget May (May) b 4/5/1897 d 25/2/1911	Children- 1	D	ELLEN PATRITIA (NELLIE) married JAMES ALFRED Cuttance on 4/1/1934 at Dunedin Jim b 30/11/1903 Okuru Address- R.D. Edendale, Southland
C	James Stafford (Stafford) b 14/10/1898 Patrick Francis b 21/3/1900 Ellen Patritia (Nellie) b 25/7/1901 Patearoa			Children-
	Catherine Josephine (Josephine) b 11/7/1903 d 10/6/1916	2		
E	John Joseph b 18/7/1904 Patearoa	3		
A	CECELIA MARY married JAMES JOSEPH MCERLANE on 30/11/1920 at Dunedin Cecily d 21/9/1956 Jim d 30/8/1982 Christchurch	4		
	Children- 1 James Raymond (Ray) b 8/10/1921 Married Madeline Frances (Fran) Fitzgerald 24/1/1948 Dunedin			2
	Address- 11 Fleet St, Oamaru Children-	5		
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	c	PATRICK FRANCIS married CECELIA HANNAH FOLEY on 5/1/1936 at Oamaru Fat d 19/10/1981 Oamaru Cecelia d 15/2/1980 Oamaru		
		Children-		4
	2 Terence b 4/1/1924			
	Professed as a Christian Brother 25/12/1950	2 Francis Anthony b 16/8/1939		5
	3 John Joseph b 9/7/1926 Married Elizabeth (Betty) Miller 12/2/1955 Dunedin	1	Е	JOHN JOSEPH married EMILY DOUGHERTY
	Jack d 4/4/1982 Ranfurly Betty's address- 31 Nairn St, Dunedin Children-			at Ranfurly on 18/7/1933 Emmie b 26/9/1907 Gimmerburn
	Children-			d 14/7/1977 Ranfurly Jack's address- 45a John St, Ranfurly Children-
	4	3		1 Bernard Stafford b 21/12/1934 Roxburgh
1	JAMES STAFFORD (STAFF) married MARGARET MONICA MULHOLLAND at Dunedin Staff d 10/3/1969 Margaret b ca 1908 Co Derry	4 Brian James b 27/11/1942 Ordained priest 29/6/1967 Dunedin Address:P.O.Box 59, Bluff		2
	a 16/7/1969			

3 Colleen Bridget b 27/12/1938 Roxburgh Married 31 Shame Markious 16/2/1980 at Los Angeles Address: Melbourne

John came to New Zealand, and probably landed at Port Chalmers, Dunedin. He married, and lived in the North Otago area until 1906. He was a hotelier at Kurow for some time, and for a short time also had a farm near Oamaru.

Whilst out hare shooting near Omarama he was run over by a buggy wheel and badly hurt. The whole family then moved to the Masonic Hotel in Wellington. John died there in 1907. Mrs O'Neill and family then continued as hoteliers at Inglewood, Taranaki in the North Island of New Zealand.



Bridget and John O'Neill on their wedding day.

JOHN 0'NEILL married BRIDGET KEANE at St Patrick's Church, Oamaru on 13/6/1888 John bapt 5/6/1862 Eden, Co Derry d 21/4/1907 Wellington d 21/4/1907 Wellington d 15/12/1929 New Flymouth

Children of John and Bridget O'NEILL A Cyril James Stafford (Tap) b 8/8/1899 Oamaru B Patrick Leo (Leo) b 21/11/1890 Oamaru C Ernest Sylvester b 30/9/1892 Kurow

D John b 24/8/1897 Oamaru E Cecelia Sheila McKay (Sheila) b 1/4/1906 Totara

A CYRLL JAMES STAFFORD (TAP) married ROSE ANN CAREY on 1/12/1920 at New Plymouth Cyril d 6/1/1937 New Plymouth Rose b ca 1892

Children1 Nancy Homora b
Married Henry McGee
Henry b
Address- 4b Wiremu Fl, NewPlymouth

Children-

2 Margaret Cecelia b Married John Joseph Zimmerman John b Address-ChildrenD JOHN (JACK) married MURIEL MONA RUSS on 24/6/1936 at Inglewood Jack d 13/7/1982 Auckland Muriel b d 18/8/1974 Auckland Children-

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E CECELIA SHEILA MCKAY (SHEILA) married VINCENT FREDERICK SCANLON on 18/4/1932 at Stratford Vincent b 22/9/1901 Kapuni Address- Inglewood

3 John Michael Stafford b 23/1/1927 Wanganui Ordained priest 23/7/1956 New Plymouth Fiji Mission 1957-73 Address- Catholic Presbytery, Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru

B FATRICK LEO (LEO) married IRENE MAY LITTLE on 28/8/1941 at Hastings Leo d 26/7/1958 Porirua Irene b ca 1906

C ERNEST SYLVESTER married BARBARA ELLEN FROST on 3/2/1927 at Inglewood Ernie d 13/1/1941 Hamilton Barbara b ca 1901 d 11/3/1975 Otaki Daughter— Sheila ratricia Mary (Paddy) b 6/12/1933 Inglewood Married Martin Charles Joseph Walsh on 2/7/1955 at Lower Hutt Martin b 25/9/1926 Norsewood d 9/7/1974 Dannevirke Address R.D. 2, Woodville ChildrenMary Jane left Ireland with her brother Neal and cousin Margaret O'Neill as an assisted immigrant, for Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia. Legally, they were meant to stay two years there, but they came on to Port Chalmers (Dunedin) in 1890.

She was met at the ship by her cousin Jane (O'Neill) Mulholland and husband John Mulholland. Mary Jane soon settled in Oamaru. She and her husband Edward were the first couple married in St. Patricks Basilica, Oamaru.





Edward and Mary Jane Feeley with grandchildren.

MARY JANE O'NEILL married EDWARD FEELEY at St Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru on 5/2/1895
Mary bapt 6/5/1864 Eden, Co Derry Edward b ca 1858 Ireland
d 50/11/1936 Timaru Buried at Oamaru d 30/5/1929 Timaru

Children of Mary and Edward FEELEY
A Margaret b 27/4/1896 Oamaru
William b 7/9/1897 Oamaru
B Mary Cecelia (May) b 19/12/1900 Oamaru
C Sarah Jane (Jean) b 5/12/1902 Oamaru B MARY CECILIA (MAY) married JOHN CAMPBEIL MAYNE on 28/5/1927 at Timaru
John b 25/4/1899 Timaru Address- 95 Le Cren St, Timaru C SARAH JANE (JEAN) married MICHAEL JAMES SUGRUE on 10/5/1927 at Timaru A MARGARET married JOHN McGILLEN on Margaret (Peg) d 6/6/1970 Temuka John b 22/4/1890 Temuka Jean d 3/12/1981 Michael b 16/7/1897 Timaru Children-Children-1 Dorothy Mary b 27/1/1923 Timaru Married Francis McGartland on Address: 6 Brunswick St. 26/2/1949 at Temuka Frank b 5/12/1921 Timaru d 17/5/1974 Timaru Timaru Children-2 3 2 Joan b 19/2/1925 Temuka Married Allan F S Horgan 17/9/1949 Temuka

Allan b Address- 119 Waimea Rd, Nelson Children-

3 Douglas b 28/3/1927 Temuka

4 Kevin John b 22/3/1929 Temuka d 20/11/1975 Timaru

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Hugh went to the U.S.A. and was married in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. He settled at Newburgh in New York State. On his mother's death certificate we note that Hugh was present at her death in 1890 in Ireland and signed the necessary documents. For a time he was a ships mate for the Central Steamboat Co. in New York.



THE O'NEILL FAMILY

From left: Hugh, Margaret, Johanna and Sarah.

HUGH O'NEIL married JOHANNA (HANNAH) DILLON at St Patrick's Cathedral, New York on 11/6/1905 Hugh b 15/11/1866 Ballymacpeake, Co Derry Hannah b 8/2/1875 Scarriff, Co Clare d 15/11/1921 Newburgh NY d 13/6/1958 Newburgh NY

Children of Hugh and Hannah O'NEILL

A MARGARET CECELIA b 20/9/1907

Married Michael Shayth

Michael b 10/9/1894

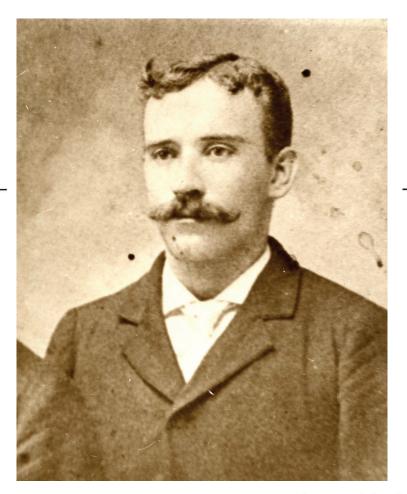
d 22/2/1936
Re-married KEENER 23/12/1941 Husband died 2/12/1955
Address- 383 Lake Dr, Newburgh NY
Daughter-

B SARAH JANE b 11/11/1909 (Sally) d 13/9/1992
Married FRANCIS McPARTION
Francis b 20/1/1905
d 9/5/1962
Sarah's address- 333 Lake Dr, Newburgh NY
Daughter-

- C ELLEN MARIE b 28/11/1913 Address- 93 Oakwood Tce, Newburgh NY
- D JAMES STAFFORD b 14/9/1911
  Married Elizabeth Lynn
  Elizabeth b 9/4/1914
  d 17/9/1976
  Address- 45 Oakwood Tce, Newburgh NY

Sinan O'Neill L1

Sinan went to Newburgh, New York, U.S.A. and married and settled there. He was accidentally killed in 1907. His death certificate shows that he was a railway car inspector. He was always known as Sinney O'Neill, and only recently was his 'proper' name learned, which is a variant of Sean. Until a few years ago, all that was known of Sinney was that he went to the U.S., and it was only when his son John visited Derry that contact was re-established, and thus also with the descendants of Hugh O'Neill.





Sinney and Sarah O'Neill.

SINAN (SINNEY) O'NEILL married SARAH CONVERY at St Patrick's Church, Newburgh NY on 10/6/1896 Sinney b ca 1868 Ballymacpeake, Co Derry Sarah b 15/6/1870 d 23/12/1907 Hopewell Junction NY d 24/10/1946 Newburgh NY

Children of Sinney and Sarah O'NEILL

A JAMES STAFFORD b 1897 Newburgh
d 1898

- B ELLEN MARY b 25/12/1898 Newburgh d 29/2/1972 Buried at Newburgh
- C CECELIA VERONICA b 19/10/1900 Newburgh d 14/8/1977 Buried at Newburgh
- D HENRY HUGH (HUGH) b 2/12/1902 Newburgh d 21/11/1974 Buried at Newburgh
- E JOHN FRANCIS b 12/2/1905 Newburgh
  Married AGNES LAHEY on 7/10/1945 at Newburgh
  Agnes b 31/10/1914
  Address- 109 Chestnut Dr, New Windsor NY 12550
  Children-

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Neal O'Neill M1

Neal left Ireland for Rockhampton, Australia and came from there to Port Chalmers (Dunedin). He didn't stay long in the south of New Zealand with the other family members, but married up north, in Hastings and lived there for the rest of his life. He was a foreman at Whakatu Freezing Works. He died as a result of being knocked off a bicycle by a car.



Neal and Margaret O'Neill.

NEAL O'NEILL married MAGGIE ANN DONNELLY at Hastings on 2/7/1895 Neal bapt 12/8/1869 Ballymacpeake, Co Derry Maggie b ca 1872 NZ d 3/6/1928 Napier d

Van's address- 3/813 Ferguson St. Hastings

Children of Neal and Maggie O'NEILL A James Stafford Aloysius (Stafford) b 12/4/1896 Hastings B Ellen Elizabeth (Nellie) b 5/4/1897 Hastings C Cecelia Mary (Cis) b 12/10/1898 Hastings D Margaret Hilda (Hilda) b 3/10/1900 Hastings Francis Patrick b 13/3/1902 Hastings d 15/11/1911 Hastings Charles Joseph b 26/1/1904 Hastings E Annie Veronica (Vera) b 7/11/1906 Hastings
F Rose Mary b 28/12/1914 Hastings A JAMES STAFFORD married MARY ELIZABETH GIBBONS on 16/5/1922 at Blenheim Stafford d 12/4/1964 Hastings 8 Mary b Children-Margaret Cecily b 12/10/1923 Hastings Married William Patrick McKillop 16/2/1952 Margaret d 28/2/1976 Wellington Children-10 Charles Joseph b 25/8/1938 Hastings d 22/10/1967 Wellington B ELLEN ELIZABETH (NELLIE) married GEORGE COOK on 2/1/1**4**52 at Hastings Nellie d 14/1/1967 Wellington 2 Owen Neal b 22/12/1924 Hastings Owen d 22/12/1965 C CECELIA MARY (CIS) married ROBERT JOHN
McELWEE on 22/10/1934 at Hastings Children-Cis d 6/12/1947 Napier Children-2 3 Lionel Stafford b 10/12/1925 Hastings 4 Brian Charles b 17/2/1927 Hastings d 6/9/1974 Brisbane 5 Neal Patrick b 16/10/1928 Hastings 3 D MARGARET HILDA (HILDA) married VIVIAN DREW (VAN) SUPHERIAND on 17/1/1935 at Hastings Hilda d 23/11/1960 Hastings

E ANNIE VERONICA (VERA) married CYRIL THOMAS McCOSKER on 23/10/1933 at Hastings Vera d 17/8/1942 Hastings Children-

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F ROSE MARY married JOHN WARREN on 11/11/1954 at Hastings Address- 20 Preston St, Timaru

Margaret married and stayed in Ireland. She was one of only two in the Stafford O'Neill family to stay all her life in the land of her birth.



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MARGARET O'NEILL & EDWARD DOWNEY
Additional information since Publication.

B MARGARET CECILY married JOHN O'NEETE
John died 3/10/1968.

address-137 w. Rosemar St. PHila. Pa. U.S.A. 1 91 20
Children -

2 John married Claire Noonan John Born 1 0/12/1926 address- 5931 N. Mascher St. Phila. Pa. U.S.A. 19120 Children-

Joseph married Rose Marie Joseph born 24/4/1932 address- Hatfield Penn. U.S.A. Children-