

## **GRIFFITH(S) Francis John and ZINZAN Ann Elizabeth**

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**Ann Elizabeth**, born 13 July 1843 at Fore Street, Edmonton, North London, was the second daughter of **Robert Comport Zinzan** and **Ann Elizabeth Edwards**.

Following the death of their mother in 1848, the four children were separated, with **Ann** and **Lavinia** living with their Zinzan grandparents, and **Robert Vaux** and **Susannah** living with their Edwards grandparents. Both the Zinzan and Edwards grandfathers were medical practitioners.

The Census of 1861 shows that Ann, aged 19, was then living and working as a governess with the Naish family in Winton, Wiltshire.

Aged 20, **Ann** married **Francis John Griffith** (aged 21) on 7 August 1863, at the Hindon Parish Church, Wiltshire with Ann's brother **Robert** and sister **Susannah** as witnesses.

**Francis** was a farmer of East Knoyle in the south-west of England. He was the youngest son of the Rev. John Francisco Gwyn Griffith, Rector of Llansannor, South Wales.

The couple gave birth to two children: **Gladys Anne Griffiths** b. 1864 at Mere in Wiltshire, and **Gwyn Zinzan Griffiths**, b. 1868 at Kensington.

The family connection became closer when Ann's brother **Robert Vaux Zinzan** married Francis Griffith's sister **Isabella Margaret Hay Griffith** in 1866.

The Griffiths family emigrated to New Zealand, probably at the same time as her brother Robert Vaux Zinzan, who sailed on the ship *Ballarat*, arriving on 9 August, 1869. The two families settled in Onehunga.

Prior to the 1894 death of her husband Francis, **Ann** and her children had returned to Wales (most probably for the continuing education of the children), and were living with the Griffiths family at Lansannor House, Glamorgan. Her son **Gwyn Zinzan Griffiths** died at Bridgend, Wales, in 1907 aged 38.

At the time of their marriage, the surname was recorded as **Griffith**, but later became pluralised as **Griffiths**.

**Francis Griffiths**, aged 55, died in Onehunga, 26 November 1894. His body was taken from the Norman's Hill Road, Onehunga, home of Lavinia Harris (his sister-in-law), and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery**, two days after his death.

**Ann Griffiths** died in Weston, Somerset, England in 1930. She was buried in Wales.

The Otago Daily Times (27 March 1930) carried the following Notice:

**GRIFFITH:** At her residence, 32 Clarence Road, Weston-super-Mare, the death occurred on February 3 of Annie Elizabeth of Knowledown and Onehunga. Mrs Griffith was 86 years of age. The interment took place at Llansannor churchyard on February 7<sup>th</sup>.