

KILGOUR Athol Eleman

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William and **Mary (nee Duess) Kilgour** left Greenock, Scotland on the 18 June 1842, on board the *Jane Gifford*, sailing for Auckland where they arrived as some of Auckland's first assisted immigrants. They had six children with them. Their seventh child was born a few months later at Huia, a coastal settlement on the Manukau harbour. William and Mary were among the first European settlers in Huia. William and Mary's children were **Ann**, b. c1824; **John**, b.c1826; **Martha**, b.1829; **Mary**, b. 1832; **William (jnr)**, b. 1835; **Thomas**, b. 1838; and **Lavinia**, born at Huia, 1843. William (snr) was a bushman and a farmer in Huia. **Mary (snr)** died 24 July 1876, aged 74; **William (snr)** died 29 Dec 1881, aged 80; both died at Huia and are buried 'on the knoll in Te Huia.'

One of William (snr) and Mary's sons, **William (jnr)** (see insert above) married **Agnes Murdoch** (see their biographies on this website).

One of William (jnr) and Agnes' sons was named **Edward John** (known thereafter as **John**) and he married **Eliza Healy**.

Edward John and **Eliza** had three children, all of whom were baptised at Saint Peter's Church, Onehunga: **Agnes (Edith) Zenobia**, b.1890; **Athol Eleman**, b. 1892; and **Dorice Hannah Elizabeth**, b.1896.

Athol Eleman Kilgour, was born 3 February 1892 in Onehunga. Tragically he died on 17 June 1893, aged but 16 months. He was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** the following day, in the same plot as his grandmother, **Agnes Kilgour** (nee Murdoch), and later his great-aunt **Ellen Kilgour** (nee Colledge)

The brief biography that follows tells something of the lives of Athol's parents, Edward John and Eliza Kilgour.

Edward John (son of **William (jnr)** and **Agnes Kilgour**) was born in Onehunga, 12 May 1862, and baptised at **Saint Peter's Church**, Onehunga.

As an adult he was a big man, very tall, with a round face, but nevertheless a quiet man. He lived in Onehunga all his adult life and worked as a labourer on the Onehunga wharf. His death certificate gives his occupation as 'tally clerk' so maybe he was doing less manual work as he aged. Edward John died 15 May 1931, aged 68, in Auckland Hospital.

Edward John married **Eliza Healy** in 1889.

Eliza was 'a very stylish lady' who ran a green-grocer business. She died at home, 92 Lower Queen Street, Onehunga (now *The Mall*) on 7 March 1955.

Both Edward John and Eliza were buried in the **Mangere Public Cemetery**.