

McLEOD Mary Anne (nee Grundy) and daughter McLEOD Frances Mary Ellen

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Mary Anne McLeod
(nee Grundy)

Mary Anne Grundy was born in Howick (31 October 1850), the eldest daughter of **John William Grundy** and **Eliza Cooper** (see biographies posted on this website.) She was baptised (22 December 1850), at All Saints Church, Howick the same church where her parents had been married in 1849.

Mary Anne and her parents later came to live in Onehunga, the port that her father, Captain Grundy, called 'home.'

She had three siblings: **William John Collis** b 1863; **Ellen Louisa** b 1865; and **Alfred Owen** b 1869.

Mary Anne married **William Owen McLeod** at St Paul's Church, Auckland, 12 October 1869; she aged 19; he aged 22.

William Owen McLeod's parents, **James Owen McLeod** and **Frances Harwood**, both aged c. 25 years, came to New Zealand on the ship *Westminister*, arriving 1 April 1843. James was a blacksmith and traded as such from Vulcan Lane and High Street, Central Auckland. Their first child, **William**, was born 22 Feb 1848. His brother Robert Owen followed 1849.

Mary Anne and William had 11 children, 9 of whom survived to adulthood, 6 girls and 3 boys i.e. Frances Mary Ellen b.1871 Auckland; Eliza Ada, b 1873 Auckland; Maud Annie b. 1875 Napier; John Arthur Harwood b. 1876 Hastings; Ellen Louise b.1878 Napier; Beatrice May b.1880 Napier; Amelia b. 1881, Hastings; Owen Tudor 1883 Napier; Elsie Chapman, twin, b.1886 Hastings; Trevor Russell, twin, b 1886, Hastings; Olive Mary b.1899 Hastings

Frances Mary Ellen their first born, died 28 August 1873 of whooping cough, aged only 2.5 years. She was buried in **St Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga**.

Beatrice, their sixth child died 17 March 1882, in Napier/Hastings.

William (Mary Anne's husband) was a teacher. He died, aged 43, of yellow fever, 8 December 1891, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Why he was there is not known. Mary Anne was living in Hastings, Hawkes Bay, when William died. It was slightly more than 2 years before notice of his death was carried in the *Auckland Star*, 30 January 1894, the same day that the death of Mary's death was announced in the same paper:

*McLeod: On December 8, 1891, at Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, of yellow fever, **William Owen McLeod**, loving husband of Mary McLeod, late of Hastings, Hawkes Bay; aged 43 years.*

*McLeod: On January 30, 1894, at Queen Street, Onehunga, **Mary McLeod**, widow of the late William Owen McLeod, and eldest daughter of the late Captain John Grundy, of Onehunga. Aged 43 years. Her end was peace. Napier Papers please copy. The funeral will leave her mother's residence, Queen Street, Onehunga, tomorrow (Wednesday), at 4pm.*

At the time of Mary's death, William and Mary's eldest child was 21; their youngest child was aged five.

Financial support for the children was provided thus:

***Directions:** In the matter of William Owen McLeod, deceased, and Mary McLeod, deceased, Mr Clayton (for Hesketh and Richmond) moved for direction. It was ordered that the mother's estate (78 Pounds) be first exhausted, and after that, that 5 Shillings per week be paid towards the support of each child out of the father's estate.*

Saint Peter's Cemetery, Plot 199:

First buried in this family plot was **Frances Mary McLeod**, buried 31 August 1873; then **John William Grundy**, buried 22 August 1883; then **Mary McLeod**, buried 31 January 1894; and finally, **Eliza Grundy**, buried 20 June 1902.