

## MOORE Charles (jnr), daughter Ellen and son William

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**Charles MOORE (jnr)** was the second child of **Charles (snr) and Isabella MOORE**. (see the biography of [Charles \(snr\) and Isabella on this website.](#))

**Charles MOORE (jnr)** was born on 5 July 1833 in Sydney, NSW (Australia 248/1833v183324819) where his father was serving with the British Army. **Charles'** earliest years were spent in the Isle of Man, UK where his father was stationed after Australia, until aged 14, when he returned with his parents and four siblings to Auckland on the Fencibles Ship the *Ramillies*, arriving 5 August 1847. The family settled in Onehunga, where his father **Charles Moore (snr)** served as a member of the **Royal New Zealand Fencible Corps**

On the same ship *Ramillies* came **John and Mary (nee Dunn) McPike**. John also served in the *Royal New Zealand Fencibles*, and also settled in Onehunga. **John McPike** was born in 1794 in Arigal, Derry, Ireland. He married **Mary Dunn** about 1819 in Belfast, Ireland.

**Ellen (Eleanor) McPike** born in 1836 in Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland was the fourth daughter of John and Mary McPike.

**Charles MOORE (jnr) and Ellen McPike** were married in the Onehunga Catholic Church, 25 April 1853.

They gave birth to six children, two of whom died as infants:

1. Emmeline Amelia: bn. 16 Mar 1854; bapt. St Peter's 26 Mar 1854.
2. Charles Robert: bn. 17 Jan 1857; bapt. St Peter's 25 Jan 1857.
3. Sophia Ann Bates: bn. 30 Dec 1858; bapt. St Peter's 2 Jan 1859.
4. Isabella Ellen: bn. 5 Nov 1860 (BDM Records)..
5. **Ellen: bn. 28 Dec 1862 and died the same day** (BDM Records); **buried Saint Peter's Cemetery \***
6. **William: bn. 18 Oct 1863; died 19 Oct 1863; buried 19 Oct 1863 Saint Peter's Cemetery \***

**Charles Moore (jnr)** worked as a carpenter. Aged 31 years, he tragically drowned in a boating accident, on 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> June 1865 while running supplies to the lighthouse on the Awhitu Peninsula, near the mouth of the Manukau Harbour. He and a companion by the name of **David Williams** set out from Onehunga on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. Exactly when and how their demise happened can't be determined exactly. David Williams' body was discovered on Tuesday 13 June in their boat near Weekes' Island (now Puketutu Island) in the Manukau Harbour. There was no sign of any foul play.

There had been no sighting of **Charles Moore's** body by the time a coroner's inquest was held on 16 June. A very full report of the inquest was carried by the *Daily Southern Cross*, 17 June (see [David Williams' biography on this website](#)). **David Williams** was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** on 16 June (Burial Register).

There is no entry in the Burial Register regarding the burial **Charles Moore (jnr)**. His Death Certificate (Death Certificate 1865/5661) gives the date of death as 27 June 1865, and cause as "Found Drowned". He is buried and honoured in the Moore family plot (213), as are his parents and his children **Ellen (jnr) and William**.

**Ellen (McPike) Moore** moved to Westport after Charles's death, sometime between 1865 and 1867.

From notes: *'The Moores and McPikes'* by Cathreen Fischer

*"The McPike and Moore families were friends of the Governor, Sir George Grey. Ellen McPike's brother James had married Catherine Brown who worked for the Grey family. A small community Westport on the west coast of the South Island was just beginning to be settled at this time. Sir George Grey advised Ellen to go to Westport and recommended her for the position of schoolteacher in the new settlement. Ellen left behind her surviving children.*

*The eldest three were at school and there are conflicting reports that the children lived with the Grey family or lived at the convent where they went to school."*

Widow **Ellen Moore** married **David Reeve** (Reve) on December 1867 in Buller on the West Coast. David was born in Cowlinge, Suffolk in 1837. Ellen and David had three children, with only one daughter Sarah Martha Blanche Reeve surviving to adulthood. Ellen died on 6 April 1888 in Buller and was buried at Orowaiti Cemetery, Westport (plot 59).

#### **Surviving Children of Charles Moore (jnr) and Ellen (McPike) Moore.**

- 1. Emmeline Amelia Moore:** married Edward Woodward on 19 February 1874 in Westport. Edward was born in 1845 in Liverpool and died in a mine accident in Buller in 1876. Emmeline and Edward had two sons born in 1874 and 1875, one of whom, Albert William David Woodward (bn 1874) survived to adulthood. Emmeline subsequently married John Kirkwood on 31 October 1876 in Westport. John was born in Kilbarchan, Scotland in 1845 and died in 1927. Emmeline Died 1 August 1942 at Packington Street Westport.
- 2. Charles Robert Moore:** married Annie Emily Patterson on 4 May 1880 in Wanganui. They had seven children. Charles died 27 August 1916, Public Hospital Nelson.
- 3. Sophia Ann Bates Moore:** married Charles John Gear on 16 July 1873 at the Church of St John the Evangelist in Westport. **Sophia** and **Charles** had 14 children, 12 of whom survived to adulthood. Sophia died on 23 June 1911 and was buried on 25 June 1911. Charles John Gear died a month later on 7 July 1911. They are both buried at Orowaiti Middle Cemetery, Plot 291, Block D, row 292, visible with a large memorial plinth erected by the family.
- 4. Isabella Ellen Moore:** married Johannes Thomas Monigatti who was born on 6 February 1845 in Bruaio, Grigioni, Switzerland. In Westport they were the proprietors of the Monigatti Railway Hotel which exists today as the *Pig and Whistle Hotel*. Johannes died on 1 June 1934 in Nelson. Isabella died 6 October 1933, Lower Hutt, Wellington.