

## **MOORE Charles (snr), CANNELL Isabella Elizabeth and their daughter Ellen**

### **Royal New Zealand Fencible Corps**

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**Charles MOORE (snr)** was born 2 October 1799 in the parish of Oughteragh, County Leitrim, Ireland.

On 30 August 1813, under-aged, he enlisted as a drummer with the British Army 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, where he served for nearly 28 years. These years of service took him to France, West Indies, Portugal, NSW Australia, and the East Indies. Charles served in NSW before returning to England and his discharge in 1840 at the Isle of Man, with letters of high commendation and badges of good conduct.

**Isabella Elizabeth CANNELL** was born 1807, in Douglas, the capital of the Isle of Man, England.

**Charles (snr) and Isabella** were married in Essex, England in 1832, and made a home on the Isle of Man.

Prior to coming to New Zealand, they gave birth to seven children, two of whom died as children:

1. William Moore 1831-1837 \*born in NSW, Australia; died in England.
2. Charles Moore (jnr) 1833-1865 (see biographies on this website)
3. Sarah Selina Moore 1835-1897 (see biographies on this website)
4. Robert Moore 1837-1930 (see biographies on this website: Barbara Moore, Roberts' first wife)
5. Albert Sidney Moore 1842-1927
6. Henry William Moore 1844-1922
7. Frederick William Moore 1846-1847 \*died in England.

Charles enlisted in the **Royal New Zealand Fencible Corps** and the family left the UK on the Fencibles Ship *Ramillies* of 750 tons (the first of the fencible ships) under the command of Captain McLean. The *Ramillies* departed from Tilbury Port on 14 April 1847 and arrived in Auckland on 5 August 1847 after a voyage of 111 days. The passenger manifest lists Charles MOORE of the 4<sup>th</sup> Foot, his wife and 5 children: known to be **Charles (jnr), Sarah, Robert, Albert and Henry**.

Here in Onehunga, they gave birth to three more children, one of whom died as an infant:

1. Frederick Alexander Moore bn. 9 Nov 1848; bapt. St Peter's Church 10 Dec 1848. Frederick married Margaret McKenzie on 11 September 1877 in Onehunga. He died in 1929 at Hillsborough, Auckland.
2. Esther Margaret Moore bn. 15 Aug 1851; bapt. St Peter's Church 31 Aug 1851. Esther married Frank Hansen. She died 28 October 1891 in Onehunga and is buried at Waikumete Cemetery
3. **Ellen: bn 18 Sept 1855; died 1 October 1855; buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery \***

In 1853, Charles (snr) had a Depasturing (Grazing) Licence in Onehunga. He was elected as Warden for 'The Hundred of Onehunga' (the 'Hundred' was a system of local governance - set up in six areas of Auckland by Governor George Grey in 1848 - that enabled local people to elect a warden to oversee the grazing of stock and the cutting of timber on Crown land - this form of local governance, particular to Auckland, existed 1848-1862). Charles was also a Committee Member for the Auckland Provincial Council (formed in 1853). He worked as a carpenter and together with his sons tendered for carting jobs. In 1865, he owned 40 acres of land at Little Muddy Creek, near Laingholm (on the southern lower slopes of the Waitakere Ranges).

Aged 75, **Charles (snr)** died of cancer, 16 November 1873, in Onehunga and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 213), two days later.

**Isabella** lived until she was aged 78. She died at her son Henry's home in Thames on 24 November 1885. Her body was brought to Onehunga where she was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 213) with her husband on 27 November.

In the Moore Plot (213) are also buried two of Charles (snr) and Isabella's children: **Ellen** who died as an infant, and **Sarah** who died as an adult. Also, two of their grandchildren, **Ellen** and **William** (children of Charles (jnr) and Ellen Moore) both who died as infants. Their son **Charles (jnr)** drowned tragically on the Manukau in 1865. He is memorialised by the family plot. ([See this website for biographies for Charles \(jnr\) and Sarah.](#))

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