

MOORE (HANDS / TURNER / FOLEY / COCK) Sarah

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Sarah Moore, daughter of **Charles (snr) and Isabella Moore** (see [biographies on this website](#)) was born 20 April 1835 in Sydney, NSW Australia.

Patrick Hands' parents were **Edward Hands**: born 1801, Tralee, Ireland, and **Julia CONNELL** born c.1805. Edward, a shoemaker by trade, enlisted with the British Army 58th Regiment of Foot (June 1825). Towards the end of his army service, he served time at Hobart Town, before sailing to Auckland on *the 'Louisa'* where he took his discharge in Nov 1848; he then joined the **Fencibles**. As a Fencible, Edward and Julia lived in Onehunga where Edward owned several small parcels of land. Both Edward (d. 25 May 1861) and Julia (d. 2 July 1865) were buried in the Onehunga Catholic Cemetery.

Patrick Hands, aged nearly 19 years, followed in the footsteps of his father, by enlisting with the same British Army 58th Regiment of Foot, 20 June 1844.

Patrick Hands and **Sarah Moore** married, 26 November 1849, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland.

They gave birth to three children, who were baptised at the Onehunga Catholic Church:

Edward Charles, baptised 13 July 1851

Selina Mary, baptised 28 Aug 1853

Patrick John, baptised 10 Jan 1858

and two more children baptised at the Onehunga Anglican Church:

Selina Sarah born 12 Feb 1855, baptised 18 Feb 1855

Joseph William, born 7 Dec 1857, baptised 20 Dec 1857

On the same day as **Patrick** was discharged from his Regiment (30 September 1857) probably for ill-health reasons, **Joseph Turner**, also a soldier in the same 58th Regiment was discharged.

In approximately 1860, three years after his discharge, **Patrick** was committed to the Auckland Mental Asylum

Sarah Hands then had a relationship with **Joseph Turner**; they had a least one child: **Alice Maud Turner**, born 12 Feb 1863, baptised 19 Aug 1863 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland. Joseph and Sarah never married, though Joseph when registering Alice's birth named Sarah as his 'wife.' (see [biography of Joseph Turner on this website](#))

Sarah then had a daughter, **Mary Ann Cecilia**, born 12 Feb 1868. The father was **Jeremiah Foley** whom Sarah never married but named herself as 'Foley' when **Mary Ann Cecilia Foley** was baptised at St Patrick's Cathedral, 12 April 1869. It seems that Mary Ann Cecilia was baptised again at the Onehunga Catholic Church, 19 Dec 1874, with Sarah named as 'Sarah Hands'.

Sarah Hands then married **John Cock**, 17 Dec 1874 (BDM) in Shortland, Thames, calling herself a 'widow.'

Sarah Cock died 24 Jan 1897 (aged 60 BDM records) and is buried as **Sarah Moore** with her parents in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 213). The *NZ Herald*, 25 January 1897 carried the following death notice:

Cock: On Jan 24, after a long and painful illness, at her residence, Albert Terrace, Albert Street, Auckland, Sarah Moor, oldest daughter of the late Charles Moor, of Onehunga, and wife of John Cock; aged 57. The funeral will leave the above address this afternoon, at a quarter to 1, for Onehunga.

Joseph Turner, aged approximately 45 (BDM), died 17 July 1867 (BDM) and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery**, 19 July 1867. The exact date of his death and the circumstances of his death are unclear ([see biography on this website](#)).

Jeremiah Foley died 13 Jan 1907 and is buried in the Waikumete Cemetery.

Patrick Hands died 20 May 1909 (BDM) (outliving Sarah, Joseph Turner, and Jeremiah Foley).

John Cock (Cox) died 4 January 1912, aged 68, his home then being New North Road, Auckland.