

TIPLADY William (1873–1887)

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great grandson of Atkinson (jnr) Tiplady and great nephew of William Tiplady

William was the youngest of **Atkinson** (46) and **Eliza Sarah** (41) **TIPLADY**'s children. He was born in the city of Hull, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, on Sunday 12 October 1873.

William's father, Atkinson, and mother, Eliza Sarah (nee FLEETHAM) had three daughters and two sons living at the time of his birth.

Atkinson was a master tailor and had been so for over twenty years. However, he also owned a small parcel of land just outside the city and may have operated a small farm on it. By 1881, Atkinson, Eliza and the youngest members of the family had moved to Walkington, a small village to the northwest of Hull. Atkinson was running a farm and employed three men on it. His eldest son, **Henry**, continued to operate the shop in the city.

William's mother, **Eliza**, was suffering with deteriorating health and she died in 1882, aged 50.

A little over a year later, Atkinson, with both of his living daughters and two of his living sons, including William (9), emigrated to New Zealand. William's eldest brother, Henry, stayed behind in England.

They arrived in Wellington on 30 July 1883, on the ship *S.S. Catalonia*, and took a coastal steamer to Auckland, arriving a couple of days later. Before the end of the year, Atkinson had purchased a sixteen-acre block between Carlton Street and what is now the great southwestern motorway —roughly halfway between Onehunga and Mount Roskill.

In early 1884, Atkinson was elected to the Mount Roskill School Committee (now Three Kings School), and a couple of years later, to the Mount Roskill Road Board.

In June 1887 **William** was attended to by the local doctor (Dr.W.R. Erson) because of having convulsions. His condition did not improve, and he died on 13 June from convulsions brought on by epilepsy.

William had been in New Zealand with his father, older brother and two sisters about three years.

Unfortunately, no photographs of William or his parents are known to exist. William's older brother, **Atkinson (jnr)**, married Blanche Conelly and moved to Warkworth, then Eltham in Taranaki. His eldest sister, **Harriet**, married Llewellyn Pegler, and they raised a family in Stanley Point. William's other sister, **Eliza**, married Mark Laybourn, and they eventually settled in Hamilton.

Locating where William was buried proved challenging. The registration record of his death notes that he was buried at Onehunga Cemetery on the 15th of June 1887 by the Minister, W. E. Mulgan. However, there is no headstone marking the site, and the burial records for that year were first noticed to be missing in 1898. St. Peter's Archivist, John McAlpine, having viewed William's death certificate is quite confident that William is buried in Saint Peters Cemetery - his reasoning being: Rev Mulgan was the vicar at the time and his name is on the death certificate as the officiating minister; and there were only two cemeteries available in 1887 (at the Anglican church and at the Catholic church), Saint Peter's Cemetery being often referred to as the 'Onehunga Cemetery' and was welcoming of people of all faiths or no faith.

Atkinson (snr), aged 65, died 25 February 1893, and was buried in the Wesleyan Section of the Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland.

The family name **TIPLADY** originates in Yorkshire, England. An early form of the name first appears in a type of tax record, the Yorkshire Subsidy Rolls in 1301. While there are many theories on what the name

originally meant, all of them lack evidence and are doubtful — including those used on family history websites today. The only aspect of the name that is generally accepted by anthroponymists, is that it is based on a personal nickname.