

AICKIN Arthur James

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Arthur James AICKIN, son of **George Gordon AICKIN** and **Margaret DONALDSON**, was born in Onehunga, 15 March 1885. He died as a young child on the 24th of February 1891, and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** two days later in Plot 018 where he joined his uncle **Thomas AICKIN** and his cousin **Charles Stanley AICKIN**. (See biographies on this website)

(This brief biography features Arthur's parents, Gordon and Margaret Aickin and Arthur's siblings)

Arthur's father, **George Gordon AICKIN** was born 1855 in Somerville, Ireland. He was the son of **Doctor Thomas (snr) Leland Aickin** and **Agnes Casement** and brother of **Thomas AICKIN** who is also buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 346)

The doctor, Thomas (snr) - born 14 Sept 1814: son of John Aickin and Mary Patten - studied medicine in Dublin, Ireland, and practiced as a doctor in Dublin before deciding to emigrate to New Zealand.

The **AICKIN family** left Liverpool, 11 July 1859, on the ship 'Mermaid', arriving in Auckland 19 October 1859.

The emigrating family consisted of Dr Thomas (snr), his wife Agnes (nee Casement) and eight children: John, William, Casement, Agnes (jnr), Ellen, Thomas (jnr), Somerville and **George** (*Mermaid Passenger List*).

The doctor purchased land in the Whau (Avondale/Rosebank) area, served as the area's first resident doctor, and was appointed as the second resident surgeon and effective superintendent at the (Avondale) Auckland Provincial Asylum (1869-1878).

On 4 July 1883 **George AICKIN** married **Margaret DONALDSON**. Margaret was born c. 1853 at Saint Kilda, Victoria, Australia.

They gave birth to nine children:

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| Gordon Leland | b.1884 | |
| Arthur James | b.1885 | died 24 Feb 1891 |
| Thomas Reginald | b.1886 | |
| Irene Evelyn | b.1887 | |
| Edward George | b. 22 Jan 1889 | baptised St Peter's Church Onehunga, 21 April 1889 |
| Ella Margaret | b. 2 Jan 1891 | baptised St Peter's Church Onehunga, 15 Mar 1891 |
| Muriel May | b. 27 Dec 1892 | baptised St Peter's Church Onehunga, 11 June 1893 |
| Francis William | b. 7 July 1894 | baptised St Peter's Church Onehunga, 23 Sept 1894 |
| Cyril | b. 24 July 1895 | baptised St Peter's Church Onehunga, 18 Jan 1896 |

George served as **Railway Station Master** in Cambridge, **Onehunga**, New Plymouth and Wellington. The Baptism Register of Saint Peter's Church would suggest that he was Railway Station Master at Onehunga for at least the years of 1888-1896. (The Onehunga Railway Line was opened in 1873).