

## AICKIN Thomas (jnr) and his son AICKIN Charles Stanley

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and they await confirmation/correction, and further detail/expansion from family descendants ...

**Thomas (jnr) AICKIN** was born 31 January 1853 in Somerville, Ireland. He was the son of **Doctor Thomas (snr) Leland Aickin** and **Agnes Casement**.

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).

**Thomas (jnr)** married **Eleanor Rice**, 24 March 1877, at Saint Luke's Church, Mount Albert, Auckland.

Together they had four children:

Eleanor Stanley	b. 11 Sept 1878
Gertrude Alice	b. 4 Oct 1879
<b>Charles Stanley</b>	b. 16 Dec 1883
and an <b>unnamed baby</b>	b. 6 Oct. 1884

This unnamed child died 7 hours after being born, and if the family was living in Onehunga at the time would certainly have been buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 346).

**Charles Stanley Aickin**, (aged 13 months) died in early 1885 (11 January) and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 346).

More tragedy was to be experienced by Eleanor.

**Thomas (jnr)**, her husband, aged only 32, was to die later the same year (17 Oct 1885) and was buried with his two deceased children in Plot 346, **Saint Peter's Cemetery**.