

## ALLAN Ellen Catherine and ALLAN Sarah Hannah

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**Ellen Catherine** and **Sarah Hannah ALLAN** both died within four months of being born and both were buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga**.

They were the daughters of **Robert** and **Sarah ALLAN**.

(This brief biography features Ellen and Sarah's parents, **Robert** and **Sarah ALLAN**  
and their other children)

**Robert Sinclair ALLAN (snr)**, son of John and Ellen ALLAN, was born in Barony, Lanark, Scotland, on 10 September 1838.

**Sarah Ann STRIKE**, daughter of John Strike and Mary Ann Bastin, was born in South Africa, on 28 May 1848.

**Robert (snr)** and **Sarah Ann** were married in New Zealand, 21 February 1867.

Together they gave birth to eight children, two of whom died as infants and are buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga**:

Mary Ann Matilda:	born 1869	died 1908
John Strike:	born 1872	died 1953
Alexander Francis George:	born 1875	died 1938
<b>Ellen Catherine (1<sup>st</sup>):</b>	<b>born 6 Dec 1877</b>	<b>died 31 March 1878</b> <b>buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga</b>
Ellen Catherine (2 <sup>nd</sup> ):	born 1879	
Robert Sinclair (jnr):	born 1882	died 1945
Francis Walter:	born 1883	died 1952
<b>Sarah Hannah:</b>	<b>born 1 Nov 1884</b>	<b>died 7 Mar 1885</b> <b>buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga</b>

The **ALLAN family** were living in Onehunga in 1877-1878 when **Ellen Catherine** was both born and buried. In 1885, when **Sarah Hannah** died, the family may have been living in Devonport, or at least it was from there that her body was brought to Onehunga for burial. This action suggested that there had been another member of the family buried in Onehunga before Sarah. This wondering triggered a search for a previous family death – bringing to light the death of **Ellen Catherine** who died in Onehunga in 1878. Why had this detail been omitted from the church's records? The Burial Register for 1878 is missing (since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century) – thus no burial registered in the church records, but some detective work unearthed the date of **Ellen Catherine's** death, and the death notice in the Auckland Star of 1 April 1878 confirmed that she was indeed buried at Saint Peter's Cemetery.

**Sarah Ann ALLAN** died in Dunedin on 13 July 1902

**Robert Sinclair ALLAN (snr)** died in Dunedin on 28 May 1916