ARNOLD Atheline Amelia (nee MILLS)

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Atheline Amelia MILLS was the daughter of **Worthy MILLS** (1830-1896) and **Amelia NORTH** (1841-1907) who were married at Saint Mary's Church, Portsea, Hampshire, England on 12 January 1863.

Atheline was born 1 April 1868, in Landport, Hampshire, England.

Whilst living in Onehunga she was an active member of the **Onehunga Congregational Church**, admitted by Profession of Faith to full membership on 28 July 1886.

Atheline married John James ARNOLD in Auckland on 10 February 1889.

John James ARNOLD, son of **James Edwin ARNOLD** and Agnes **GORING**, was born in Onehunga, 1 May 1866.

John and **Atheline** gave birth to three children:

Amelia Agnes 1889-1972 John Edwin 1892-1974 Ethel Rose 1895-1977

Tragedy struck in 1897, when the family were living in Kopu, Thames. Atheline fell ill and, after a short but painful illness, died on the 29 August 1897. Her body was brought to Onehunga where she was buried days later with her father **Worthy MILLS** in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 251)

Thus, John James ARNOLD was left widowed with three children under the age of eight years.

Two years later he married his second wife, **Eleanor Jane LOUDEN**, 3 June 1899.

He died 16 October 1938, and was buried in the Otahuhu Cemetery.