

AUSTIN Percival Bluff

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Percival Bluff AUSTIN was born in Onehunga on 31 July 1880, and baptised at **Saint Peter's Church, Onehunga** on 5 September the same year.

Aged only five and a half months, he died on 13 January 1881, and was buried in **Saint Peters' Cemetery, Onehunga** the following day (Plot 257). He is the only member of the Austin family buried in this Plot, or this cemetery.

Here follows some information about **Percival's** parents and siblings:

Percival's father was **Andrew AUSTIN**, born 13 July 1856 in Onehunga; his parents being **John AUSTIN** and **Harriett VINER**. (The Austin family were registered as St Peter parishioners in a 1855 Parishioner Register).

Percival's mother was **Mary Ann SUTTON**, born 21 February 1858 in Southsea, Hampshire, England.

Andrew AUSTIN and **Mary Ann SUTTON** were married in Drury on 1 August 1877.

They gave birth to six children, all six were baptised at **Saint Peter's Church, Onehunga**, and all, bar **Percival**, lived to a good age:

James Goodyear John b.	21 May 1878	bapt. 23 June 1878	d. 1946
John William Sutton	b. 18 July 1879	bapt. 31 August 1879	d. 1970
Percival Bluff	b. 31 July 1880	bapt. 5 September 1880	d. 1881
Violet Albertina	b. 4 Jan 1882	bapt. 5 Feb 1882	d. 1969
Eva Isabella	b. 20 May 1883	bapt. 10 June 1883	d. 1968
Norman Rufus	b. 22 April 1885	bapt. 24 May 1885	d. 1966

At the time of Percival's birth and baptism, his father, Andrew was a 'stockman' and the family lived in Selwyn Street, Onehunga.

Deaths of Percival's Parents:

Andrew, aged 41 years, died 24 February 1898, whilst in Taranaki. His body was brought back to Auckland and was buried in Mangere Cemetery.

NZ Herald: 26 Feb 1898

AUSTIN:—At New Plymouth, on February 24, 1898, Andrew, the beloved husband of Mary Austin, of One Tree Hill, in his 42nd year. The funeral will leave the offices of the Northern S.S. Company, at Onehunga Wharf, for the Mangere Public Cemetery to-day (Saturday), 26th inst., at 2,30 p.m.

Mary Ann, aged 45 years, died 3 April 1902, and was buried with Andrew in Mangere Cemetery.

NZ Herald: 5 April 1902

AUSTIN: On April 3, 1902, Mary Ann, the dearly beloved wife of the late Andrew Austin, aged 45 years. Dearly loved and deeply mourned. The funeral will leave her late residence, One Tree Hill, for the Mangere Public Cemetery, to-morrow (Sunday). 6th Inst., at 2.30 p.m.