

BLOXSOME Richard, EDMANDS Eleanor, and son Charles Robert

these biographical notes were curated by John McAlpine,
and they await confirmation/correction, and further detail/expansion from family descendants ...

Richard BLOXSOME 1819-1867; was baptised, 5 Dec 1819 at Gloucester St Michael, Gloucester, England.

Eleanor EDMANDS 1818-1869; was baptised, 7 May 1818 at Gloucester St Nicholas, Gloucester, England.

Richard BLOXSOME and **Eleanor EDMANDS** married on 29 September 1845 in Middlesex, England.

Together they gave birth to seven children – all of them born in England.

Richard Thomas Herbert:	born 1846	
Charles Robert:	born 1848	died in 1887 buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery.
James:	born 1850	
Sarah Anne:	born 1851	
Samuel:	born 1854	
George:	born 1856	
Henry:	born 1858	

The **BLOXSOME family** migrated to New Zealand in ...?

Richard died in Onehunga, but just when is debatable. The 'BDM Records' have **Richard** dying on 17 May 1864; however, the 'Family Search' website have **Richard** as dying on 17 April 1867.

To add to the mystery, there are no Church Records nor Newspaper Notices of **Richard's death** but **it is highly likely that Richard is also buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga** because 1) he died in Onehunga; 2) **Eleanor** his wife lived in Onehunga and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 203) a few days years later; and 3) when their son **Charles Robert** (who lived in Gumtown - now known as Coroglen - Coromandel Peninsula) died in Freeman's Bay, Auckland his body was brought from there to Onehunga to be buried in the same plot (Plot 203) as his mother.

Also, **Richard** may have been buried by a minister of another Onehunga Christian church of the time. People of many different faiths (or none) were buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery**, but their names were not necessarily recorded in the church burial register unless the burial was conducted by Anglican clergy. Saint Peter's Church expected other faith groups to keep their own records.

A few years after Richard's death, **Eleanor**, aged 50 years, died (5 May 1869) after a 'long and painful illness' and was buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 203) on 9 May.

Son **Charles Robert** was born in Southwark, London (20 March 1848). The 1885 New Zealand Electoral Roll records him as living at Mercury Bay, Coromandel, where he worked as a publican. However, at the time of his death (12 April 1887) he was in Auckland at the Freeman's Hotel, Freeman's Bay. He died from 'inflammation of the bowels.' His body was brought from Freeman's Bay to Onehunga where he was buried with his parents (Plot 203).