

BOYT Mary (nee MATHIAS) and her son John BOYT

Wife of William Boyt: Royal New Zealand Fencible Corps

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Mary MATHIAS, daughter of **William MATHIAS** and **Mary ROSSER**, was born in Wales c.1810.

She married **William Thomas BOYT** on 3 May 1830 at Saint Mary's Church in Monmouth, Wales.

William Thomas BOYT (sometimes spelt 'BOIT' or 'BOYD'), son of **Pamenas BOYT** and **Joan GREEDY** was born on the 4 April 1803 in Somerset, England.

William BOYT and **Mary MATHIAS** gave birth to nine children – all were born in Wales/England, except for their youngest child, **Susannah**, who was born in Onehunga, 29 April 1850, and baptized at St Peter's Church, Onehunga, 9 May 1850.



Jane	b. 1831 Wales, and baptized: 15 May 1831, m. Henry Goodrum at St Peter's Church, Onehunga, 3 Feb 1852 (sometimes 'Goodwin') d. 27 Aug 1913; buried Ngaruawahia
John	b. 1833 (twin?) d. 3 Feb 1921; buried in St Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga (Plot 056)
Mary Ann	b. 1833 (twin?) m. Isaac Merrick at St Peter's Church, Onehunga, 23 Aug 1853
Henry William	b. 1836 m. Martha Alice Robertson, 2 Aug 1864, Motueka
Henry	b. 1840 died as an infant (?)
Elizabeth	b. 1842 m. Thomas Matheson, 4 Dec 1885, Auckland
Johannah	b. 1844 m. John Reece at St Peter's Church, Onehunga, 14 June 1859 d. 26 Oct 1883; buried in St Peter's Cemetery (Plot 012)
William	b.1846 m. Anna Maria Pahl, 19 Mar 1872, Wakefield
Susannah	b.1850 NZ m. Joseph Wilson 1865. (Joseph, aged 31, died 9 August 1866)

Aged about 21, **William BOYT** (snr) joined the British Army (Royal Maines, 61st Company) serving in Wales for 10 yrs, 11 mths (it was in Wales where he met Mary). In 1832, he was discharged unfit with a fractured left clavicle (collarbone). His occupation thereafter was as a 'husbandman' farming in Wales.

The 'military life' called **William** again in that he signed up as a **Royal New Zealand Fencible**. Together with Mary and seven children, they sailed for New Zealand on the *Ramillies* (the first Fencible ship) leaving Gravesend on 14 April 1847, arriving in Auckland 6 August 1847.

The Fencibles and their families of the *Ramillies* were housed for three months at the Albert Barracks in Auckland. Come 17 November 1847, they moved to Onehunga where a large wooden building housed them, until small blocks of land were allotted, and cottages were built to house each family.

The Boyt family made their home in Grey Street, Onehunga, and later in Captains Street (later renamed Neilson Street).

Whilst remaining listed as an Onehunga resident until his death, **William** (snr) applied (in 1851) for a Timber License to work on the Manukau Harbour at the Little Muddy Creek area (it was from that area that he was admitted to hospital for a few days in 1875, suffering from neuralgia).

Mary BOYT died 23 August 1883 (aged 73) and was buried three days later in **Saint Peter's Cemetery**, Onehunga (Plot 056).

Her husband, **William BOYT**, died a year later. He died in the Auckland Hospital, 27 August 1884, and was buried the following day in the nearby **Symonds Street Cemetery**.

John BOYT, son of **William** and **Mary BOYT** died 3 February 1921 (aged 87) and was buried three days later with his mother **Mary BOYT** in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 056).

One of the oldest settlers of Onehunga, Mr. John Boyd, died last week at the residence of his nephew, Mr. D. Reeve, Beach Road, Onehunga, aged 87 years. Mr. Boyd, who had resided in Onehunga for 75 years, arrived in New Zealand in the ship Ramillies on August 14, 1846. During the greater part of his life, he was engaged in trading on the Manukau Harbour. (NZ Herald 8 Feb 1921).