

BREW Grace, Frederick, and Frances

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and they await confirmation/correction, and further detail/expansion from family descendants ...

Grace, Frederick, and Frances BREW were the young children of Francis BREW and Louisa JACKSON.

There follows a brief biography for both Francis BREW and Louisa JACKSON

Francis BREW(E), son of William BREW(E) and Mary McDONALD, was born 13 April 1831, in Arklow, County Wicklow, Ireland.

Louisa JACKSON, daughter of Joseph Henry JACKSON and Sarah SHARP, was born in Camberwell, Surrey, England, on the 23 November 1847.

Francis BREW and Louisa JACKSON married in Cape Town, Cape Province, South Africa, on 21 May 1863; 1864 saw them in New Zealand.

They gave birth to five children, all born in New Zealand (only two of these five children saw adulthood).

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| 1. Grace Jane Louisa | b. 26 Dec 1864 | d. 19 Nov 1870, aged 5 years |
| 2. Frederick Henry | b. 10 April 1866 | d. 15 March 1873, aged 7 years |
| 3. Harriett | b. 8 May 1869 | m. George LOCKWOOD, 1889 |
| 4. Frances Ada | b. 31 May 1871 | d. 13 April 1876, aged 4 years |
| 5. Edith Sarah | b. 12 Nov 1873 | m. Henry Boon BATTEN, 1894 |

When Grace was baptised at St Peter's Church, Onehunga, 9 Jan 1866, her father, Francis' occupation was described as 'plumber'.

Following their deaths, Grace, Frederick and Frances were buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga (Plot 335).

The parish Burial Register from July 1875 to December 1879 is missing (it was noted as missing by Rev John Haselden when he became Vicar in 1898) so we have no record of Frances' death and burial. However, we do have a booklet (completed 21 August 1898) that contains a record of all the then known plots with the known family names of the person/family buried in each plot as discerned by the then Vicar (Rev John Haselden) and the late Sexton (John Lloyd); plus, information gathered from the existing headstones and from knowledge of local people. In that 1898 Record it is stated that Francis BREW and two children are buried in Plot 335.

The 'plot thickens': Francis BREW died at sea in 1874, and his body was never recovered, nor was the date of his death recorded in the NZ Government Records.

Methinks that the Francis (as recorded in 1898) was really his daughter Frances Ada who died in 1876.

So many deaths in the one family, all within a twelve-year period!

Within a year of Francis' death in 1874 Louisa married a widower, Thomas Samuel Way WHITE (a carpenter). They married on 10 July 1875. Thomas' first wife, Sarah, had died on 21 September 1874, and was buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery (Plot 137).

Thomas and Louisa WHITE gave birth to four children:

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| 1. Frank Arthur | b. 16 April 1876 | died, aged 14 years, 1 April 1889;
buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery |
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2. Sarah Adelaide b. 11 May 1878
3. Flora Ellen b. 9 June 1880
4. Muriel Rebecca b. 24 Oct 1881

Thomas WHITE died 12 May 1881 and was buried with his first wife **Sarah WHITE** in **Saint Peter's Cemetery** (Plot 137).

Louisa WHITE then married **Edwin OXENHAM**, 14 March 1883.

Edwin and **Louisa OXENHAM** gave birth to six children (who all lived to adulthood):

1. Ivy b. 22 October 1883
2. Henry b. 1 November 1884
3. Edwin John b. 26 January 1886
4. Ethel Louisa b. 14 February 1887
5. Kenneth Sydenham b. 18 May 1888
6. Herbert George b. 22 August 1889

Louisa OXENHAM died on 3 November 1894 (aged 47) and was buried on 4 November in Mangere Lawn Cemetery. At the time of her death, she was living in Upper Queen Street (now Onehunga Mall), Onehunga.

Edwin OXENHAM married again (30 October 1907 - he married **Sarah MITCHAM** 1860-1940) and lived until he was aged 80 years old. He died 30 December 1932 and was buried in Mangere Cemetery.