

BURNS Andrew and his son John Stuart BURNS

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

Andrew BURNS, son of **Andrew BURNS** and **Susannah TRUEMAN**, was born c.1823, in Scotland.

Margaret STUART, was born 18 July 1848, and baptised 15 December 1848, in Alvie, Highland, Scotland.

Andrew BURNS and **Margaret STUART** were married in New Zealand on 20 January 1874, having already given birth to three children in New Zealand. Their fourth child was born in 1874.

They gave birth to five children:

John Stuart:	b. 27 August 1866	died: 18 April 1887
Jessie Amelia:	b. 1869	
Malcolm Neilson:	b. 1872	
David Gilbert:	b. 1874	
Hector Kenneth:	b. 1878	

In the order of their death and burial in Plot 62:

John Stuart BURNS, firstborn of **Andrew** and **Margaret BURNS**, aged only 20 years, died on 18 April 1887. He was a young teacher at Taotaoroa School (established 1885). (Taotaoroa is a rural locality situated in the Karapiro area, located between Cambridge and Matamata). At the time of his death, John was visiting his father who lived in Hobson Street, Auckland. John was buried in **Plot 62**, in **Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga**.

NZ Herald, 20 April 1887:

Burns: On 18 April, at his father's residence, Hobson Street, John Stuart Burns, late teacher at the Taotaoroa School; aged 20 years. The funeral will leave his father's residence, Hobson Street, at 2.30pm, for interment at Onehunga.

Why would **John** be taken from Central Auckland to be buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga**, in Plot 62, the burial plot of **Ann STUART**? Answer: **Ann STUART** was John's maternal Grandmother. She died in 1859.

Andrew BURNS (John's father) died seven years later (Dec 1894) was also taken from his home in Hobson Street, Central Auckland to **Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga**, to be buried with his son **John Stuart BURNS** (died 1887), plus his mother-in-law, **Ann STUART** (died 1859), plus his father-in-law **James STUART** (died 1890), Plot 62.

Auckland Star, 22 Dec 1894:

Burns: On December 22, at his residence, Hobson Street, Andrew, beloved husband of Margaret Burns; aged 70 years. The funeral will leave his late residence for Onehunga on Monday next at 2pm.

Margaret BURNS (nee Stuart), wife of Andrew BURNS and mother of **John Stuart BURNS**, was born on 18 July 1848, at Alvie, Highland, Scotland, and christened there on 15 December 1848. Aged 74, she died 20 February 1923, at her home, Grafton Road, Central Auckland. Her body was laid to rest (private interment) in Waikumete Cemetery, on 22 February 1923.