

Army Burials - Saint Peter's Cemetery, Onehunga

in the order of the date of their burial

1 January – 30 June 1864

The year was 1864. Two ships (the 'Thomas Fletcher' and the 'Swiftsure') arrived in Auckland on the 17 February 1864, bringing the last draft of Australians, recruited to boost the fighting force of the British troops involved in the Waikato Land Wars.

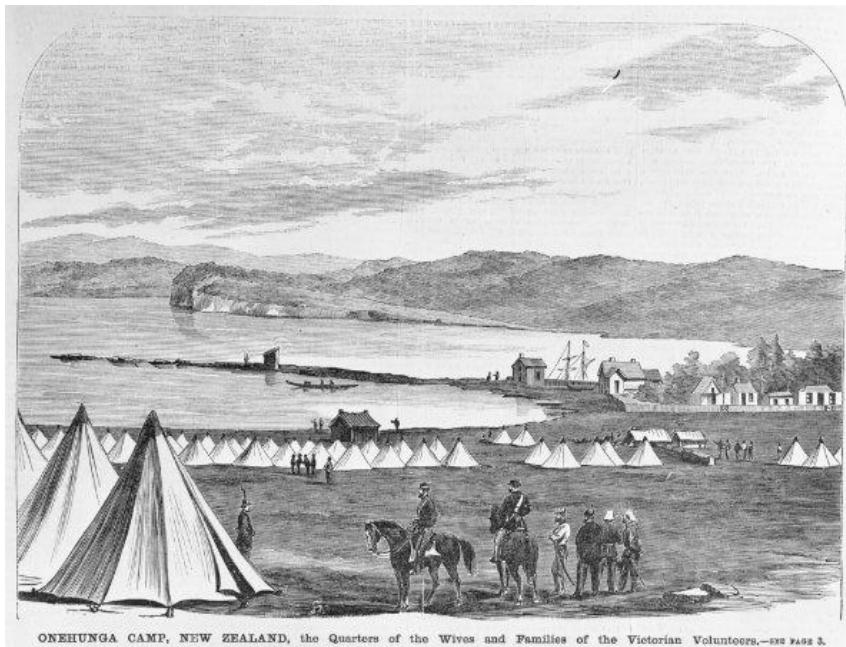
Some of these recruits were single men; most were married men who brought their wives and children.

Unfortunately, a serious illness accompanied them – *pleuro pneumonia* – diagnosed by the doctor aboard the 'Swiftsure'.

Within days of arrival in Auckland the menfolk were dispatched to the Waikato, whilst on 20 February the women and children were brought to 'Onehunga Camp' at Captain Spring's Reserve, Onehunga.

There, they were housed in tents.

It was wintertime before corrugated-iron-clad buildings were erected to replace those tents.



An epidemic of *pleuro pneumonia* plagued the occupants of Onehunga Camp – its infants in particular. Upwards of 50 Onehunga Camp residents died within the next four months.

The Army asked that they could bury their dead in a mass grave within Saint Peter's Cemetery

Although the Onehunga Catholic Church had their own cemetery nearby, all the Catholic dead from Onehunga Camp (13 in number) were buried in the mass-grave at Saint Peter's Cemetery. Six (of these 13) are named in both the Saint Peter's and the Catholic Burial Records. Another 7 are only named in the Catholic Burial Records, but all seven died at Onehunga Camp. It is reasonable to believe that they too were buried in the mass Military Burial Grave within Saint Peter's Cemetery.

Between 1 January - 30 June 1864, there were a total of 69 burials in Saint Peter's Cemetery: at least 46 of them were buried in an unmarked Military Mass Grave.

Sources:

Burial Registers of both the Onehunga Anglican and Catholic Churches

St Peter's Baptism Register

Births, Deaths, Marriages (NZ Historical Records)

'Papers Past'

Passenger Lists of the 'Thomas Fletcher' and the 'Swiftsure'

'Australians in the Waikato War': Leonard L. Barton

Plot	Family Name	First Name(s)	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Age	Other Information
Military Grave	Landy	Mary Elizabeth	21 Feb 1864	21 Feb 1864	18 mths	Swiftsure Daughter of Peter and Mrs Landy . Peter Landy (civil engineer) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Crosby (Crosbie)	John	24 Feb 1864	24 Feb 1864	9 mths	RC Swiftsure Son of John and Mrs Crosbie John Crosbie (labourer) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia 18 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Breen	Mary Ellen	25 Feb 1864	25 Feb 1864	11 mths	RC Swiftsure Daughter of William and Mrs Breen William Breen (labourer) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Hackett	Catherine	3 Mar 1864	3 Mar 1864	14 mths	RC Swiftsure Daughter of John and Mrs Hackett John Hackett (labourer) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia 18 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Johnston	Mimma Juanita Maude (BDM: Mina)	4 Mar 1864	4 Mar 1864	11 mths	Swiftsure Daughter of Robert and Tristina Matilda Richmond Johnston BDM Records: born 30 March 1863 Southern Cross, 7 March 1864: <i>Johnston: On March 4th, Mimma Juanita Maude, aged 11 months, only child of Robert Johnston Esq. 2nd Waikato Regiment.</i>
Military Grave	Martin	Susan	4 Mar 1864	4 Mar 1864	2	Thomas Fletcher Daughter of Peter and Mrs Martin . Peter Martin (civil engineer) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Pearson	Frederick	5 Mar 1864	5 Mar 1864	4yrs 6mths	Swiftsure Son of John and Selina Pearson . John Pearson (chemist) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864. Frederick's mother, Selina, aged 26, died on 3 Oct 1865 and is buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery, Plot 408
Military Grave	Phillips	Lilly	6 Mar 1864	6 Mar 1864	4	Thomas Fletcher Daughter of Alexander and Mrs Phillips . Alexander Phillips (drayman) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 19 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Davis	Charlotte	9 Mar 1864	9 Mar 1864	13 mths	Thomas Fletcher Daughter of Wilham/William and Eliza Davis . Wilham Davis (shoemaker) enrolled with the 4 th Waikato Regiment in Kyneton (Australia), 21 Jan 1864. or

						<p>William Davis (cabinetmaker) also enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Castlemaine (Australia), 21 Jan 1864.</p> <p>One of the above men, together with his wife Eliza, and two children Wilham and Charlotte sailed from Melbourne on the '<i>Thomas Fletcher</i>', arriving in Auckland, 27 Feb 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Smith	Sarah Matilda	16 Mar 1864	16 Mar 1864	17 days	<p>Daughter of Charles and Johanna Smith.</p> <p>Born NZ: 28 Feb 1864 (BDM)</p> <p>Charles Smith (labourer) enrolled with the 3rd Waikato Regiment in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia, 6 October 1863.</p>
Military Grave	Skuddar	Thomas Segar	18 Mar 1864	18 Mar 1864	5mths	<p>Thomas Fletcher</p> <p>Son of George and Frances Ann Skuddar.</p> <p>Baptism Register: born 14 Oct 1863; baptised 18 March 1864; died at the 'clinic' of A.G. Purchas, who was both doctor and vicar. George's occupation is given as Private 4th Waikato Regiment.</p> <p>George (lighterman) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Castlemain, Australia, 26 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Cartledge	Francis	20 Mar 1864	20 Mar 1864	5 mths	<p>Thomas Fletcher</p> <p>Son of Joseph and Mary Esther Cartledge.</p> <p>Baptism Register: born 23 Sept 1863; baptised 19 Mar 1864; died 20 Mar 1864, at the 'clinic' of A.G. Purchas, being both doctor and vicar. Joseph's occupation is given as Private 4th Waikato Regiment.</p>
Military Grave	Symes	Agnes	20 March 1864	20 March	18 mths	<p>Daughter of John and Mrs Symes.</p> <p>John Symes (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 21 Jan 1864.</p> <p>Agnes' brother James Symes died 28 April 1864</p>
Military Grave	Moss	Sarah	23 Mar 1864	23 Mar 1864	28	<p>Thomas Fletcher</p> <p>Wife of Samuel Moss.</p> <p>Mother of Catherine Moss.</p> <p>Sarah died 4 days after Catherine's birth on 19 March 1864.</p> <p>Catherine died 27 May 1864</p> <p>Samuel Moss (bullock driver) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 24 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Petty	Patrick Dominik	28 March 1864	29 March 1864	15 mths	<p>RC Swiftsure</p> <p>Son of Dominick and Isabella (Sears) Petty.</p> <p>Dominick Petty (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 19 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Green	Mary Agnes	4 April 1864	5 April 1864	10 mths	<p>RC</p> <p>Probably the daughter of Cleveland and Mrs Green.</p> <p>Cleveland Green (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato</p>

						Regiment in Sydney, Australia, 3 Feb 1864.
Military Grave	Cantlon	Sarah	11 April 1864	11 April 1864	2	Swiftsure Daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Cantlon Adam Cantlon (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 20 Jan 1864. Sarah's brother Adam Cantlon died 2 May 1864.
Military Grave	Kettlewell	Arthur William Wilson	16 April 1864	16 April 1864	10 mths	Swiftsure Son of William James and Mima Helen Kettlewell. Baptism Register: born 17 June 1863; baptised 14 April 1864; died, 16 April 1864, at the 'clinic' of A.G. Purchas, who was both doctor and vicar. William's occupation is given as Corporal 4 th Waikato Regiment.
Military Grave	Mason	Henry	20 April 1864	20 April 1864	1 mth	Swiftsure Son of Thomas and Mrs Mason . Baptism Register: no date of birth or names of parents recorded; baptised 19 April 1864; died the following day at the 'clinic' of A.G. Purchas, being both doctor and vicar. Thomas Mason (bootmaker) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 19 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Vowles	Hannah Harriet Letitia	26 April 1864	26 April 1864	5 mths	Swiftsure Daughter of Thomas and Louisa (Bush) Vowles . Thomas Vowles (gardener) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864. Daughter Hannah was born 18 Nov 1863, Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia. Thomas and Louisa . are buried in Hamilton East Cemetery. (Much of the above information provided by family researcher Tony Mattson.) # See Biographies on this website
Military Grave	Stephens	James	26 April 1864	27 April 1864	15 mths	RC Swiftsure Probably the son of James and Mrs Stephens . However, there were two men with the name of James Stephens (one a 'mariner', and the other a 'joiner') and both of whom enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 19 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Reid / Reed	Richard	27 April 1864	27 April 1864	2	Thomas Fletcher Son of Henry and Ellen Reed . Henry Reed (butcher) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 22 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Symes	James	28 April 1864	28 April 1864	2	Son of John and Mrs Symes .

						John Symes (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 21 Jan 1864. James' sister Agnis Symes died 20 March 1864.
Military Grave	Simmonds	Edward Thomas	29 April 1864	29 April 1864	2	Thomas Fletcher Simmonds. Son of Edmond and Mary Anne Simmonds. St Peter's Baptism Register: born 16 April 1862; baptised 27 April 1864; died at the 'clinic' of A.G. Purchas, being both doctor and vicar. Father's occupation was 4 th Waikato Regiment. Edmond Simmonds (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 22 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Tinling	Andrew	1 May 1864	1 May 1864	1 yr 8 mths	Son of Andrew and Mrs Tinling. Andrew Tinling (soldier) enrolled with the 1st Waikato Regiment in Ballarat, Australia, 21 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Cantlon	Adam	2 May 1864	2 May 1864	7 yrs	Swiftsure Son of Adam and Elizabeth Cantlon Adam Cantlon (labourer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 20 Jan 1864. Adam's sister Sarah Cantlon died 11 April 1864.
Military Grave	Flower	Elizabeth	6 May 1864	6 May 1864	4 yrs	Swiftsure Daughter of John and Mrs Flower. John Flower (butcher) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 21 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Atkinson	Rebecca	7 May 1864	7 May 1864	2 yrs	RC Thomas Fletcher Atkinson. Daughter of John and Eliza Atkinson. John Atkinson (butcher) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 19 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Butler	Mary Louisa	7 May 1864	7 May 1864	1 yr	Swiftsure Daughter of John and Mary Butler (nee Picton). BDM Records: born 16 April 1863 Information supplied by family researcher, Bob Butler.
Military Grave	Watts	Martha	11 May 1864	11 May 1864	1 yr	Swiftsure Daughter of William and Mrs Watts. William Watts (hemp tackle maker) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 23 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	McCormack	Timothy	12 May 1864	12 May 1864	5 mths	RC Swiftsure Most likely the son of Mrs Elizabeth McCormack who, together with four children, came to Auckland on the ' <i>Swiftsure</i> ' – her husband having earlier enrolled in the 3 rd Waikato Regiment.
Military Grave	Andrews	Frederic	12 May 1864	12 May 1864	2 yrs 2 mths	Swiftsure Son of William and Mrs Andrews.

						William Andrews (sawyer) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Monaghan	Maria	16 May 1864	May 17 1864	53 yrs	RC Swiftsure Three Monaghan families came to New Zealand as part of the 4 th Waikato Regiment. Maria was probably the wife of Frank Monaghan (labourer) who enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 23 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Hynes	Alice	17 May 1864	17 May 1864	2 yrs 3mths	Daughter of William and Mrs Hynes . William Hynes (sawyer) enrolled with the 3 rd Waikato Regiment in Hobart, Australia, 6 Oct 1863.
Military Grave	Hindman	Elizabeth Jane	17 May 1864	17 May 1864	5 yrs	Thomas Fletcher Daughter of Samuel and Mary Hindman . Daughter of John and Eliza Atkinson . Samuel Hindman (miner) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 25 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Gane	Frederick	19 May 1864	20 May 1864	4mths	Swiftsure Son of Edward and Mrs Gane . Edward Gane (carter) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 26 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Moss	Catherine	27 May 1864	27 May 1864	2 mths	Thomas Fletcher Daughter of Samuel and Sarah Moss . Baptism Register: born 19 March 1864; baptised 22 March 1864; Samuel's occupation is given as Private 4 th Waikato Regiment. Catherine died at the 'clinic' of A.G. Purchas, who was both doctor and vicar. Catherine's mother, Sarah Moss , died 4 days after Catherine's birth, on 23 March 1864.
Military Grave	Foster	Mary Jane	26 May 1864	30 May 1864	4 yrs	RC Thomas Fletcher Probably the daughter of Josiah Foster who (labourer) who enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Sydney, Australia, 16 Feb 1864.
Military Grave	Turner	Sophia Poole	5 June 1864	5 June 1864	3	Thomas Fletcher Daughter of George and Rachel Turner . George Turner (miner) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Ballarat, Australia, 21 Jan 1864.
Military Grave	Burke	Alice	7 June 1864	8 June 1864	30 yrs	RC Swiftsure Probably the wife of one of the two men named James Burke (both labourers) one of whom enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864, the other on 19 January 1864. Alice Burke's son, John , died 12 June 1864.
Military Grave	Steward	Arthur Edward	9 June	9 June 1864	1 yr, 6 mths	Thomas Fletcher Son of Charles and Alice Steward .

						<p>St Peter's Baptism Register: born 17 Nov 1862; baptised 24 April 1864; father's occupation: '4th Waikato Regiment.'</p> <p>Charles Stewart (baker) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Ballarat, Australia, 26 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Burke	John	12 June 1864	12 June 1864	6 wks	<p>RC Swiftsure Son of James and Alice Burke (see above, 7 June)</p>
Military Grave	Tout	George William	18 June 1864	19 June 1864	3 yrs	<p>Swiftsure Son of Henry and Mrs Tout. Henry Tout (butcher) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 19 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	McCulloch	Michael		20 June 1864	20 mths	<p>RC Swiftsure Son of James and Mrs McCulloch. James McCulloch (draper) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 21 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Roffey	Mary Ann	22 June 1864	22 June 1864	14 mths	<p>Thomas Fletcher Son of George and Mrs Roffey. George Roffey (market gardener) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 20 Jan 1864.</p>
Military Grave	Martin	Frederick	22 June 1864	22 June 1864	6 mths	<p>Thomas Fletcher St Peter's Baptism Register: born 4 Dec 1863; baptised 22 May 1864. Son of William and Sarah Ann Martin. William Martin (tanner) enrolled with the 4th Waikato Regiment in Melbourne, Australia, 18 Jan 1864.</p>



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