

## PIDGEONS of London, Australia & New Zealand

William Henry Pidgeon and Elizabeth Atwood were married at Paddington in 1817. Four daughters and a son died in childhood, but two sons survived.

The eldest surviving son James was indicted for stealing at the Old Bailey, when only 15 years old. Charged with taking a 14 pound iron weight, value two shillings, he claimed not to have done it, and his accuser was not totally sure of his identity. Perhaps the fact he had already "been five times in custody" counted against him. He was found guilty and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

James was transported on the *SS Runnymede*, departing from London on 11 Nov 1839 and arriving at Van Diemen's Land on 23 March 1840. He was given a Certificate of Freedom at the end of Feb 1845 (7 years after his conviction), and a month later he married Ann Cunningham, whose mother had been murdered by "natives" in 1831. Two children were born, but both James and Ann died while they were still children. An "aunt and an uncle" (according to family legend) took them to New Zealand.

The other surviving son Charles, after marrying in London, followed James to Australia, first to Perth, then Adelaide and Tasmania, before finally settling in Victoria, where most of his descendants live today.

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Notes: ab. = about, b. = born, bp. = baptised, bu. = buried, d. = died, m. = married, (+) = extra-marital relationship  
*Places in italics* = Registration districts.

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**William Henry PIDGEON** b.ab.1786 – bu.21/7/1849, 63y, Marylebone) hairdresser  
m.(16/2/1817, Paddington, London) **Elizabeth ATWOOD** (b.ab.1794 – d.1859, 65y, *Marylebone*)  
| 1841: at Union St, St Marylebone – William (55) & Elizabeth (40)  
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| – **Mary Ann PIDGEON** (b.27/10/1817, Marylebone – bu.7/2/1820, 3y, Paddington)  
| – **Emma PIDGEON** (b.29/4/1819, Marylebone – bu.9/8/1820, 13m, Paddington)  
| – **Emma PIDGEON** (b.16/4/1821, Paddington – bu.10/10/1834, 13y, Paddington)  
| – **James Frederick PIDGEON** (b.21/9/1822, Paddington – d.11/10/1859, 37y, Launceston, Tasmania) hairdresser  
| : Convicted of theft of a 14 lb lead weight on 1/3/1838 at Old Bailey. Sentence: 7 years transportation  
| : **TRANSPORTED TO AUSTRALIA – ARRIVED VAN DIEMEN'S LAND (TASMANIA), 28/3/1840 ON RUNNYMEDE**  
| m.(31/3/1845) **Ann Elizabeth CUNNINGHAM** (b.21/10/1828, George Town, Tas – d.25/5/1859, Launceston)  
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| – **James Henry PIDGEON** (b.28/11/1848, Launceston, Tas – d.1895, 47y, NZ)  
| m.(1874, NZ) **Matilda Elizabeth BURCH** (b.– d.)  
| m2.(1898, NZ) **Jacob Lewis OWEN** (b.– d.)  
| m3? (1913, NZ) **George BISHOP** (b. – d.)  
| – **Walter Henry PIDGEON** (b.1875, NZ – bu.11/9/1954, 79y, Invercargill)  
| m.(1896, NZ) **Elizabeth COX** (b.ab.1870– d.13/5/1954, 84y, Invercargill)  
| 1938: at 55 King St, Invercargill – Walter Henry & Elizabeth  
| – **Florence Ivy PIDGEON** (b.1897, Invercargill – d.1957, 60y, Dunedin)  
| m.(1917, NZ) **William COLLETT** (b.1891, Invercargill– d.1/3/1971, 80y, Dunedin)  
| – **Victoria Ruth PIDGEON** (b.1897, Invercargill – d.8/12/1970, 73y, Pahis)  
| m.(1920, NZ) **James Allen WHITELOCK** (b.1890 – d.17/1/1957, 66y, Tihaka)  
| – **Myra Beatrice PIDGEON** (b.1904, Invercargill – d.12/4/1984, 79y, Invercargill)  
| m.(1926, NZ) **Walter Smart ROBERTS** (b.1904, Invercargill – d.19/2/1984, 79y, Invercargill)  
| – **Rosella Matilda PIDGEON** (b.1905, Invercargill – d.)  
| m.(1924, NZ) **Ernest Frederick Moseley STILES** (b.1905, Invercargill – d.17/6/1980, 75y,  
| Oatara)  
| – **Merle Elma PIDGEON** (b.5/2/1907, Invercargill – d.2003, NZ)  
| m.(1929, NZ) **John Mervyn COOKE** (b. 1910, Invercargill – d.2/7/1983, 73y, Invercargill)

- **Walter Arnold Stanley PIDGEON** (b.24/7/1908, Invercargill – bu.13/2/1990, 81y, Invercargill)  
 m1.(1930, NZ) **Isabel Nesbit HARDY** (b.– d.)  
 : **1938:** at 148 Catherine St, Invercargill – Walter Arnold Stanley & Isabel Nisbet  
 m2.( NZ) **Jean Rough HERBERT** (née **McDONALD**) (b.29/5/1912– d.3/5/1980, 67y,  
**1978:** at 46 Paterson St, Invercargill – Walter A S & Jean Rough Invercargill)
    - **Violet Sylvia PIDGEON** (b.23/2/1914, Invercargill – d.1999, NZ)  
 m1.(1931, NZ) **Ebenezer Allison MILLS** (b.ab.1909 – d.16/12/1969, 60y, Invercargill)  
 m2.( ) **Robert Roy BISSETT** (b.– d.)
  - **William James PIDGEON** (b.ab.1878 – d.1948, 69y, NZ)  
 m.(27/1/1901, Invercargill) **Clara Maud Caroline DENTON** (b.ab.1874 – d.1943, 68y, NZ)  
    - **Alfred James PIDGEON** (b.1902, Invercargill – d.1904, 18m, NZ)
    - **Henry William Ormsby PIDGEON** (b.5/10/1904, Nelson – d.5/8/1993, NZ) [b.reg'd 1922]  
 m.(1927, NZ) **Elinor Jane WATSON** (b.4/9/1907 - d.22/7/1993)
  - **Thyrza Elizabeth PIDGEON** (b.1882, NZ – d.)  
 m.(1902, NZ) **Samuel THORN** (b.1876, Cardiff, Wales – d.7/9/1922, 46y, Gore)  
 m2.(1928, NZ) **William August WHITE** (b.ab.1885 – d.28/11/1952, 77y, Waimate)  
**1949:** at 17 Painstown Rd, Waimati – William August & Thyrza Elizabeth  
**1969:** at 76 Tennis Court Rd, Raumati – Thyrza Elizabeth (wid)  
**1978:** at 76 Tennis Court Rd, Raumati – Thyrza Elizabeth (wid)
  - **Frances Marion PIDGEON** (b.25/7/1885, NZ – d.24/3/1966, 80y, Gisborne)  
 m.(1904, NZ) **Bertie Lawrence WALLIS** (b.– d.5/1956, Hawkes Bay)
  - **Victor Pearson PIDGEON** (b.1891, NZ – d.1968, 77y, NZ)  
 m.(1916, NZ) **Bertha Esta DEWE** (b.18/1/1889, NZ – d.1989, 100y, NZ)
- **Jane Elizabeth PIDGEON** (b.11/11/1853, Launceston, Tas – d.1943, 90y, NZ)  
 m1.(1871, NZ) **Arthur CRISP** (b. – d.)  
 m2.(1908, NZ) **Charles ERICSSON** (b. – d.)  
 m3.(1934, NZ) **William Francis ANDERSON** (born **Frans Theodor BERGSTROM**) (b. – d.)
- **Charles John PIDGEON** (bp.26/12/1824, Paddington – d.1885, 62, Melbourne, Vic) gun smith, engineer  
 m.(13/11/1848, St Marylebone) **Agnes Ann SIMS** (b.30/1/1820, Marylebone – d.1904, 84y, Bunyip, Vic)  
 | **1851:** at 28 Newnham St, St Marylebone – Agnes (lodger)  
 | **EMIGRATED TO AUSTRALIA**  
 | **1903:** at Bunyip, Vic – Agnes, Arthur, Susan
- **Charles James PIDGEON** (b.1855, Perth, WA – d.1930, 75y, Vic) Trainer  
 m.(1880, Vic) **Fanny NEWMAN** (b.26/8/1859, Kilmore, Vic – d.5/1931, 71y, Mooroopna, Vic)  
 | **1909–1924:** at Kialla, Shepparton – Charles James & Fanny  
 | **1919:** ditto, plus William
- **Selina Florence PIDGEON** (b.9/3/1881, Mooroopna, Vic – d. 1931, 50, Oakleigh, Vic)  
 m.(1902, Vic) **William Alex CAMERON** (b.1881 – d.)  
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  - **Edward A CAMERON** (b.1902, Shepparton, Vic – d.)
  - **Ruby May CAMERON** (b.1904, Mooroopna, Vic – d.)
  - **Florence L CAMERON** (b.1907, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1934, Thamarurr, Vic)
  - **Stella CAMERON** (b.1909, Mooroopna, Vic – d.)
- **Violet Agnes PIDGEON** (b.1883, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1966, 83y, Moor, Vic)  
 m.(1907, Vic) **Ernest Joseph HOWARD** (b.1885, Murchison, Vic – d.1958, 73y, Mooroopna, Vic)  
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  - **Violet Vic HOWARD** (b.1906, Mooroopna, Vic – d.)
  - **William George HOWARD** (b.1908, Euroa, Vic – d.)
  - **Flora May HOWARD** (b.1909, Mooroopna, Vic – d.)

- └ **Ronald Arthur HOWARD** (b.ab.1927, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1933, Mooroopna, Vic)
- **Annie Louise PIDGEON** (b.1885, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1957, 72y, Moor, Vic)  
m.(1906, Vic) **Henry William HOWARD** (b.1885 – d.)
- **James Charles Leopold PIDGEON** (b.1887, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1952, 65y, S Parton, Vic)  
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m.(1913, Vic) **Martha Jane KING** (b.1889, Brunswick, Vic – d.1966, 77y, Kew, Vic) carpenter  
| **1914:** at Warragul – James Charles & Martha Jane  
| **1931:** at Mooroopna, Vic – Martha Jane  
| **1936:** at 78 Clarke St, Clarendonl – John Charles & Martha Jane  
| **1942:** at McIntosh St, Shepparton – James Charles & Martha Jane  
| **1949:** at Archer St, Shepparton – James Charles & Martha Jane  
| **1954–1963:** at 244 Archer St, Shepparton – Martha Jane  
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- **John Robert Franklin PIDGEON** (b.1891, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1961, 70y, Mooroopna, Vic) labour'r  
**1914–1954:** at Kialla Settlement, Shepparton, Vic – John Robert Franklin
- **William Hopetoun PIDGEON** (b.1895, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1941, 46y, Hawthorn, Vic) box maker  
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**1919:** at Kialla, Shepparton – Charles James & Fanny; William  
m.(1921, Vic) **Constance ROGERS** (b. – d.)  
| **1924:** at 41 Princes St, Fitzroy, Vic – William Hopetoun, Constance William  
| **1931:** at Mooroopna, Vic – William Hopetoun, Constance William  
| **1936–1937:** at Kialla Settlement, Shepparton, Vic – William Hopetoun, Constance Willie  
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- └ **Muriel Victoria PIDGEON** (b.1901, Mooroopna, Vic – d.1977, 76y, Mooroopna, Vic)  
m.(1919, Vic) **Arnold MUNDAY** (b.1901 – d.)
- **Arthur Edward William PIDGEON** (b.7/1/1858, Port Adelaide, SA – d.1936, Vic) farmer  
m.(1884, Vic) **Susan SCARFFE** (b. – d.1942, Vic)  
| **1903:** at Bunyip, Vic – Agnes, Arthur, Susan  
| **1909:** at Bunyip, Vic – Arthur, Susan  
| **1924:** at 12 Mary St, St Kilda West, Vic – Arthur, Susie; Alma May  
| **1936:** at 39 Mary St, St Kilda West, Vic – Arthur Wm Edward, Susan
- **Ruby Lillian PIDGEON** (b.1886, Vic – d.1922, Fitzroy, Vic)  
m1.(1916, Vic) **James Joseph CORRY** (b. – d.)  
m2.(?) **COULSTON** (b. – d.)
- **Amey Alma PIDGEON** (b.1888, Vic – d.) Waitress  
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**1914:** at 4 King William St, Fitzroy South, Vic – Alma Amy, Harold Lewis  
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**1924:** at 12 Mary St, St Kilda West, Vic – Arthur, Susie; Alma Amy  
m.(1942, Vic) **Richard Thomas HARRISON** (b. – d.)
- └ **Harold Lewis PIDGEON** (b.1891, Vic – d.1966, Vic) butcher  
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**1914:** at 4 King William St, Fitzroy South, Vic – Alma Amy, Harold Lewis  
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**1914:** at 322 Nicholson St, Fitzroy Central, Vic – Harold Lewis  
m.(1917, Vic) **Mary Florence JOLLEY** (b. – d.1971, Vic)  
| **1919–1924:** at 12 Peckville St, Clifton Hill, Vic – Harold Lewis & Mary Florence  
| **1931–1937:** at Lia Lula, Hillside Av, Northcote, Vic – Harold Lewis & Mary Florence  
| **1943–1963:** at 178 Bastings St, Northcote, Vic – Harold Lewis & Mary Florence  
| **1968:** at 178 Bastings St, Northcote, Vic – Mary Florence  
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- └ **Annie Eliza PIDGEON** (b.25/8/1861, Launceston, Tasmania – d.30/12/1897, Brunswick, Vic)  
m.(26/1/1881, Brunswick, Vic) **John MORRISON** (b.1846, Co Armagh, Ireland – d.14/5/1911,  
Melbourne, Vic)  
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| – **Jane MORRISON** (b.1881, Hotham, Vic – d.)  
| – **Henry MORRISON** (b.1884, Hotham, Vic – d.1959) → **David MORRISON**

- |– **Rupert MORRISON** (b.1886, Hotham, Vic – d.)
- |– **Ethel MORRISON** (b.17/8/1888, Hotham, Vic – d.)
- |– **Lillian Ann MORRISON** (b.1890, Vic – d.)
- |– **Amy MORRISON** (b.1892, Vic – d.)
- |– **William Ernest MORRISON** (b.1895, Vic – d.)
- |– **Annie MORRISON** (b.1897, Brunswick, Vic – d.)

|– **Frances Isabella PIDGEON** (bp.26/3/1826, Paddington – bu.7/1/1828, 2y, Paddington)

|– **Robert PIDGEON** (b.1/3/1834, Paddington – bu.19/4/1838, 4y, St Marylebone)