

PIDGEONS of Kentisbeare & Banks Peninsula, NZ

Philip PIDGEON was baptised at Kentisbeare, Devon in 1824, the son of Rebecca and William PIDGEON. (See the [Pidgeons of Awliscombe](#) family tree) In 1841 he was an "Apprentice" living with John BROOM, a farmer and his family at Kentisbeare. Philip may have joined the Royal Navy, but however he got to New Zealand, he had settled at Purple Peak, Long Bay near Akaroa on the Banks Peninsula by 1852. The following year he married Ann Magee, who had sailed to New Zealand on the *Duke of Bronte* with her parents, three sisters and a brother, all of her family settled in Long Bay apart from her sister Catherine who could have gone to Australia. Most of Philip and Ann's descendants remain scattered in the North Island and South Island of New Zealand, while a few are to be found in Australia, United Kingdom, Germany, USA and Canada. Some were tragically killed in Europe during WWI and WWII. Their descendants once occupied places such as Purple Peak Long Bay, Akaroa, German Bay (renamed Takamatua in 1915), Robinson Bay, Wainui, Okains Bay, Pigeon Bay, Duvauchelles Bay and Little River in Banks Peninsula. Later, some moved to Christchurch, while some descendants still continue to live on Banks Peninsula and can be found in places such as Akaroa, Barry's Bay, Le Bons Bay, Little River, Church Bay, and Lyttelton.

All the details of the descendants of Philip and Ann were provided by [Alana Pidgeon](#).

Notes: ab. = about, b. = born, bp. = baptised, bu. = buried, d. = died, m. = married

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- William PIDGEON** (b.5/1791, bp.31/7/1791, 10w, Awliscombe – d.31/1/1868, 76y, Bradninch) Ag Lab
m.(20/2/1823, Kentisbeare) **Rebecca Way TROAKE** (b.ab.1789 – bu.27/7/1828, 39y, Kentisbeare)
- | **1851:** at Duck Street, Cullompton – William (wid, 55) [See [Pidgeons of Awliscombe](#) family tree]
 - | **1861:** at Pacey Coombe, Bradninch – William (70) + Charlotte POLLARD (housekeeper)
| next door to Daniel & Mary PIDGEON (6th cousins? of the [Pidgeons of Broadclyst](#))
- **Philip PIDGEON** (bp.24/10/1824, Kentisbeare – d.24/6/1862, 38y, Purple Peak Farm, Akaroa, NZ)
- : **1841:** at Kentisbeare, Devon – Philip (16, Apprentice)
 - : **EMIGRATED TO AKAROA, BANKS PENINSULA, NEW ZEALAND (WITH ROYAL NAVY?)**
 - m.(16/11/1853, Akaroa) **Ann Murray MAGEE** (b.14/3/1834, Montreal, Canada – d.13/6/1880, 46y, Akaroa)
 - | : **1851: EMIGRATED TO AKAROA, NZ WITH PARENTS ON DUKE OF BRONTE**
 - | : **DEP. GRAVESEND 10 JAN – ARR. LYTTTELTON 5 JUNE**
 - | m2(8/1/1866, Akaroa) **William Nicholl McDONALD** (b.Ellington, Kent, England –
| d .8/9/1889, Akaroa, NZ)
 - | L → 5 McDONALDs
- **William PIDGEON** (b.4/6/1857, Long Bay – d.25/12/1935, 78y, Christchurch) Farmer
m.(4/6/1881, Long Bay) **Mary NARBEY** (b.30/8/1860, Long Bay – d.15/6/1942, 81y, Christchurch)
| [Mary was the daughter of Francois Narbey & Mary Magee, the sister of William's mother Ann.
| William & Mary were first cousins.]
- **Annie Mary PIDGEON** (b.7/6/1881, Long Bay – d.2/7/1941, 60y, Woodville, Tararua)
m.(26/4/1904, Okains Bay) **William John WARE** (b.29/10/1874, Okains Bay – d.13/9/1935, 60y,
| Woodville, Tararua)
- **William John Francois (Frank) WARE** (b.6/11/1904, Akaroa – d.1960, 55y)
| m.1.(12/4/1930) ? **Stella Benita BAILEY** (b..29/2/1904, Wellington – d. ??
 - | m.2 (1950) **Joyce (HARMAN / ARMSTRONG)** b.? d.?
- **John Bond WARE** (b.19/11/1905, Akaroa – d.27/9/1972, 66y, Palmerston North)
| m.(12/6/1934, Feilding, Manawatu) **Sarah Dorothy GILMORE** (b.2/4/1911, Dannevirke,
| Tararua – 26/8/2008, 97y, Palmerston North)
- **Percival Raymond (Percy) WARE** (b.6/8/1907, Akaroa – d.5/12/1941, 34y, Libya)
| m.(1928, Hastings) **Lila Crossley Melba TAGGART** (b.1907, NZ – d.1975, 68y, NZ)
- **Geoffrey Archibald WARE** (b.14/7/1909, Akaroa – d.8/7/1979, 69y, Morrinsville, Waikato)
| m.(25/9/1937) **Peggy Winifred HAYWARD** (b.15/12/1917 – d. 20/2/2004) Farmer
- **Frederick WARE** (b.24/12/1911, Dannevirke, Tararua – d.21/9/1997, 85y, Napier)
| m.29/3/1939, Wellington) **Clarice Ellen GRAY** (19/5/1919, Wellington – d.2/6/1979, 60y,
| Napier)
- **Kathleen Mary WARE** b.4/2/1919, Dannevirke, Tararua – d.4/8/2009, 89y, Hastings)
| m.(11/8/1945, Woodville, Tararua) **Edward Joseph HANARAY** (b.31/8/1913, Woodville –
| d.3/9/1986, 73y, Hastings)
- **William Henry Philip PIDGEON** (b.28/2/1883, German Bay – d.9/9/1918, 35y, Calais, France)
| m.(26/12/1917, St Albans, Christchurch) **Ida Alice MASON** (b.5/10/1894, Okains Bay –
| d.28/5/1973, 78y, Christchurch)

- **John Edward PIDGEON** (b.13/7/1884, German Bay – d.13/1/1885, 6m, German Bay)
- **Francois Frederick PIDGEON** (b.20/3/1886, German Bay – d.7/9/1957, 71y, Christchurch)
 m.(26/8/1925) **Doris Hazel MATHER** (b.13/12/1895, Lyttelton – d.24/10/1982, 86y, Christchurch)
 - **Enid Mary PIDGEON** (b.24/10/1926, Little River – d.6/2/1978, 51y, Christchurch)
 m.(1947) **William Desmond Hugh BRYDON** (b.12/6/1923 – d.24/4/1986, 62y)
- **Victor Edwin PIDGEON** (b.3/10/1887, German Bay – d.13/6/1958, 70y, Ashburton)
 m.(17/9/1912, Okains Bay) **Lucy Emily HARRIS** (b.12/6/1889, Oxford, N Cant – d.21/8/1948, 59y, Okains Bay)
 - **Mavis Adeline PIDGEON** (b.9/10/1913, Akaroa – d.3/4/1959, 45y, Christchurch)
 m.(12/7/1934, Christchurch) **Lestor Raymond ATKINSON** (b.22/11/1904, Wellington –
 d.10/4/1978, 73y, Christchurch) Painter
 - **Nancy Alice PIDGEON** (b.29/11/1914, Little River – d.2014, 99y, Christchurch)
 m.(12/10/1938, Little River) **Gilbert William (Goodie/Gill) MANSON** (b.12/8/1910, Kaituna –
 d.7/6/1985, 74y, Duvauchelles Bay) Dairy Farmer
 - **Zoe Mary PIDGEON** (b.14/6/1916, Little River – d.13/4/2005, 87y, Halswell)
 m.(4/11/1939, Little River) **Arnold Bolitho PARTRIDGE** (b.22/9/1913, Hillsborough –
 d.9/9/1987, 74y, Halswell)
 - **Rhoda Eleonore (Roie) PIDGEON** (b.18/9/1917, Akaroa – d.19/4/1983, 65y, Christchurch)
 m.(28/12/1939, Duvauchelles Bay) **William Harold HAGLUND** (b.28/12/1919 – d.21/9/2002)
 - **William Henry Narbey PIDGEON** (b.20/12/1918, Akaroa – d.23/7/2006, 87y, Lower Hutt)
 m.(27/8/1945, Christchurch) **Noeline Myrtle DRURY** (b.22/1/1923, Christchurch –
 d.18/4/1982, 59y, Wellington)
 - **Graeme John PIDGEON** (b.28/8/1946, Christchurch – d.23/5/2020, 73y, New Plymouth)
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 - m2.(19/4/2003, New Plymouth) **Grace EDWIN** (b. – d.2/5/2021, Waitara)
 - **Iona Lucy (Peggy) PIDGEON** (b.8/4/1920, Akaroa – d.30/8/2007, 87y, Christchurch)
 m.(21/3/1942, Duvauchelles Bay) **Peter James HAGLUND** (b.29/9/1917, Duvauchelles Bay
 – d.19/4/1983, 65y, Reefton) [brother of **William Harold**, above]
 - **Mona Dorothy PIDGEON** (b.5/11/1921, Little River – d.7/9/1928, 6y, Little River)
 - **Nola Greta PIDGEON** (b.5/8/1923, Little River – d.19/10/1994, 71y, Tai Tapu)
 m.(1/6/1944, Christchurch) **Ronald James HAMILTON** (b.6/1/1922, Christchurch – d.)
 - **Annie Isobelle PIDGEON** (b.16/11/1924, Little River – d.2015, 90y, Christchurch)
 m.(30/5/1946, Little River) **Walter Alfred NEWTON** (b.21/8/1919, Kaituna – d.18/12/1994,
 75y, Christchurch)
 - **Kathleen PIDGEON** (b.28/2/1926, Akaroa – d.10/2/1957, 30y, Dunedin)
 m.(19/8/1946, Reefton) **Douglas Neil MUNRO** (b.2/4/1925, Gore, Southland – d.)
 - **Kathleen MUNRO** (b.1/2/1957, Gore, Southland – d.7/2/1957, 6d, Gore)
 - **Bill PIDGEON**
 - **Alana PIDGEON**
 - **Philip Edwin Terrence PIDGEON** (b.22/3/1930, Little River – d.13/12/1986, 56y, Palmerston
 North)
 :
 m.(18/6/1952, Dunedin) **Shirley Eleanor HALL** (b.30/1/1930, Dunedin – d. 23/9/2008, 78y,
 Palmerston North)

- **Lily Jane PIDGEON** (b.2/11/1888, German Bay – d.5/1968, 79y, Christchurch)
 m.(1917, Palmerston North) **Herbert John (Jack) WAKEMAN** (b.14/6/1889, Kidderminster, UK
 – d.25/9/1968, 79y, Te Kopuru, Northland)
 - **Hector John WAKEMAN** (b.31/11/1918, Pahiatua – d.18/8/1942, 23y, bu.Kiel, Germany)
 Air Gunner, RNZAF
 - **Keith WAKEMAN** (b.17/8/1925, Pahiatua – 17/11/2004, 79y, Christchurch)
 m.
- **Hector Owen PIDGEON** (b.7/3/1890, German Bay – d.28/8/1915, 25y, Galipoli, Turkey) Trooper,
 NZEF
- **Louisa Violet PIDGEON** (b.31/3/1891, German Bay – d.18/3/1929, 37y, Okains Bay)
 m.(26/4/1911, Okains Bay) **Percy HARRIS** (b.10/1/1889, Okains Bay– d.1971, 83y, Christchurch)
 Farmer
 - **Joyce Irene HARRIS** (b.26/10/1913, Akaroa – d.21/8/1949, 35y, Carterton, Wellington)
 m.(1934) **Robert HERRIOT** (b.26/11/1907 – d.1989, 82y)
 - **Phyllis Doreen HARRIS** (b.12/9/1921, Little River – d.20/9/2002, 81y, Carterton, Wellington)
 m.(25/9/1947, Wellington) **John McFADZEAN** (b.17/3/1917 – d.28/8/2008, 91y)
- **Wilfred Louis PIDGEON** (b.22/3/1893, German Bay – d.16/8/1962, 69y, Christchurch) Farmer
 m.(1914) **Amelia Beatrice HARTLEY** (b.21/6/1898, Okains Bay – d.7/3/1958, 59y, Christchurch)
 - **Grace Eileen PIDGEON** (b.10/5/1915, Okains Bay – d.5/1/1998, 82y, Christchurch)
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 - **Phyllis Enid Frances PIDGEON** (b.10/5/1915, Okains Bay – d.27/11/1918, 4y, Okains Bay)
 - **Enid Frances PIDGEON** (b.8/1918, Okains Bay – d.15/12/1918, 4m, Okains Bay)
 - **Raymond Wilfred John PIDGEON** (b.30/4/1920, Okains Bay. – d.1/4/1969, 48y, Christchurch)
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 - **Shirley Joyce PIDGEON** (b.1940, Christchurch – d.25/7/1941, 9m, Christchurch)
 - **Dulcie May PIDGEON** (b.1/5/1923, Christchurch – d.17/9/1923, 4m, Christchurch)
- **Griffen Cecil PIDGEON** (b.2/12/1895, German Bay – d.27/1/1923, 27y, Little River, killed in
 m.(1920) **Isabella Hayward TRUSLER** (b.1899 – d.25/5/1950, 51y, Gore, Otago) mudslide
 m2.(1933, NZ) **Frederick Elwyn DAVIS** (b. – d.)
 - **Reece PIDGEON** (b.23/4/1920, Little River – d.28/4/1920, 5d, Little River)
 - **Griffen Cecil Frederick PIDGEON** (b.20/1/1923, Little River – d.1994, 71y, Wyndham,
 m.(1950) **Isobel Margurite Sim WHITE** (b.19/8/1924 – d.2016, NZ) Southland)
- **Rebecca Mildred PIDGEON** (b.3/1/1897, German Bay – d.15/4/1946, 49y, Christchurch)
 m.(30/12/1920, Little River) **Charles Edward REED** (b.5/1/1896, Little River– d.3/11/1973, 77y)
 - **Arthur Charles REED** (b.9/3/1925, Christchurch – d.28/6/2006, 81y, Auckland)
 m.
- **Gretta Gladys PIDGEON** (b.7/12/1898, German Bay – d.18/4/1977, 78, Christchurch)
 m.(30/12/1919, Little River) **George REED** (b.18/8/1893, Little River – d.24/4/1969, 75y,
 Christchurch)
 - **Mona Evelyn REED** (b.24/8/1927, Christchurch – d.27/8/1927, 3d, Christchurch)
- **Mona Irene PIDGEON** (b.12/5/1901, Okains Bay – d.21/4/1978, 76y, Christchurch)
 m.(17/8/1926, Little River) **James Lawrence WRIGHT** (b.22/10/1894, Wainui – d.15/12/1982,
 88y, Christchurch)
 - **Pauline Mona WRIGHT** (b.7/1/1937, Christchurch – d.13/2/1990, 53y, Christchurch)
 m1.(7/1953) **Ivan Charles Thomas REDMOND** (b. – d.)
 m2.(13/12/1975) **John Randolf Wesley YOUNG** (b.Canada – d.11/1/1994, Christchurch)

- └─ **Kate Dorothy Grace PIDGEON** (b.29/10/1902, Okains Bay – d.25/5/1972, 69y, Palmerston North)
m.(16/6/1926, Little River) **Alfred John (Jack) FINCH** (b.16/7/1901, Pahiatua – d.13/3/1973, 71y,
Palmerston North)
- └─ **Joan Mary FINCH** (b.17/9/1927, Palmerston North – d.18/3/1990, 62y, Palmerston North)
m.(10/4/1950, Palmerston North) **Robert George WAUGH** (b.13/7/1925, Woodville, Tararua
– d.17/9/2005), 80y, Tauranga, B.Plenty)
- └─ **Peter John FINCH** (b.22/1/1932, Pahiatua – d.23/8/1968, 36y, Wellington)
m.
- └─ **Ronald Leonard Narbey PIDGEON** b.2/8/1908, Okains Bay – d.10/10/1957, 49y, Christchurch)
- └─ **Catherine Louisa (Kitty) PIDGEON** (b.2/3/1859, Long Bay – d.28/1/1943, 83y, Christchurch)
m.(6/6/1883, Long Bay) **George BRITTEN** (b.1854, Apsley Guise, Beds, England – d.29/7/1941, 86y,
Christchurch, NZ)
- └─ **Annie Mary BRITTEN** (b.13/3/1884, German Bay, Akaroa – d.15/1/1913, 28y, Christchurch,
:
12 days after the birth of her only child)
m.(1912) **William Henry RIGBY** (b.1873, Liverpool, Eng – d.8/1/1945, 72y, Christchurch, NZ)
- └─ **William Alfred BRITTEN** (b.10/7/1885, German Bay, Akaroa – d.12/2/1956, 70y, Christchurch)
m.(11/6/1913, Opawa) **Ethel Annie WATSON** (b.4/12/1886, Opawa, Christchurch – d.9/5/1963,
76y, Christchurch)
- └─ **Catherine Louisa BRITTEN** (b.30/1/1887, Akaroa – d.23/7/1948, 61y, Christchurch)
m.(1912) **Alfred Edward ACKROYD** (b.14/1/1885, Dunedin – d.21/5/1952, 67y, Christchurch)
Otago Cricketer 1906/8 – RH batsman
- └─ **Arthur George BRITTEN** (b.24/1/1889, Akaroa – d.8/7/1953, 64y, Christchurch)
m.(1920) **Isabella Stewart WATSON** (b.11/6/1893, Edinburgh, Scotland – d.31/10/1985, 92y,
Christchurch, NZ)
- └─ **Grace Merle (Wad) BRITTEN** (b.4/2/1895, German Bay – d.18/4/1938, 43y, Hastings, NZ)
m.(1920) **Horace Victor TURNER** (b.17/5/1892 – d.1984, 92y)
- └─ **James PIGEON** (b.8/1/1827, bp.15/2/1829, Kentisbeare – d.)