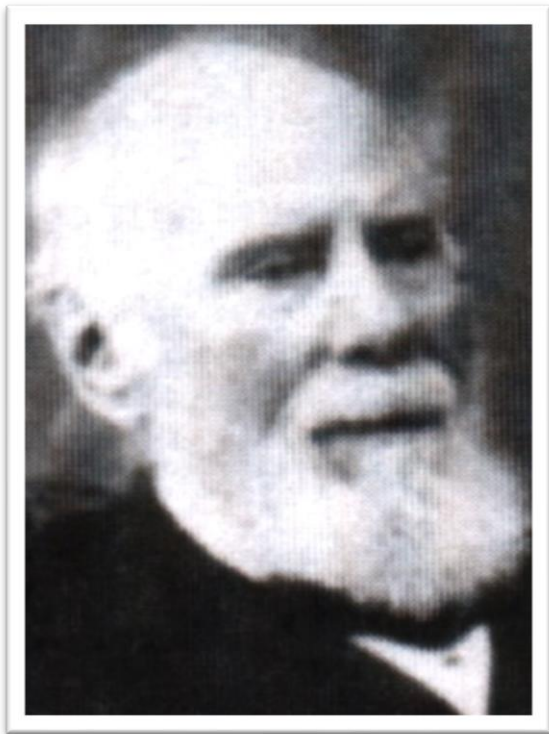


A Bowron Scrapbook

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George Bowron 1805-1891 and his wife Mary Ann Bowron (nee Martin) 1802-1883

Images: My Heritage.com [Lawler family website]

Introduction

Sally Bowron, my son's partner, has been encouraged to delve a little deeper into her Whakapapa / Genealogy in the course of her study of Maori language and culture. She turned to me for assistance since genealogy has been my passion for many years.

As I started to explore the Bowron history I found they were an interesting family which I felt deserved to have their stories recorded. I have been happy to put my research skills to work in gathering the raw material from many sources into this quite informal electronic scrapbook. I invite members of the family to draw freely from this compendium should they wish to further develop their history. I also welcome contributions of additional material or suggestions for corrections to the address above.

The Family Name

The online Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland, 2016, indicates that Bowron is derived from a place named Boldron in the North Riding of Yorkshire, now in County Durham. Bowran is another variant. Durham is still the main location of the name in Britain. 244 Bowrons were listed in the 1881 census.

Sources

There is no list of sources appended to this document, but for each item consulted I have tried to indicate within the entry where it may be found. I have always endeavoured to utilise original documents rather than transcriptions and indexes, because there is often additional information available which was not extracted to an index or transcription.

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Family Bible of Mrs Elizabeth Bowron

Published M.DCCC.XXXIX [1839]

This bible has been passed down the eldest sons

December 25 1840
To the kindest and most
Affectionate of Mothers
Elizabeth Bowron
from her affectionate
Son G. J. Bowron

Christmas 1840: George has decided his mother should have a family bible in which his growing family's vital records can be safely stored. He signs G J Bowron, believing George James to be his correct name, but later crosses out the J on discovering his baptismal name was "George", as is explained in the next image. He writes in a confident style as might be expected from a business man, and a stationer at that.

Why would his mother need a new bible at this date? There would surely have already been a family bible, but maybe George had an older brother who inherited that bible on their father's death ? ?

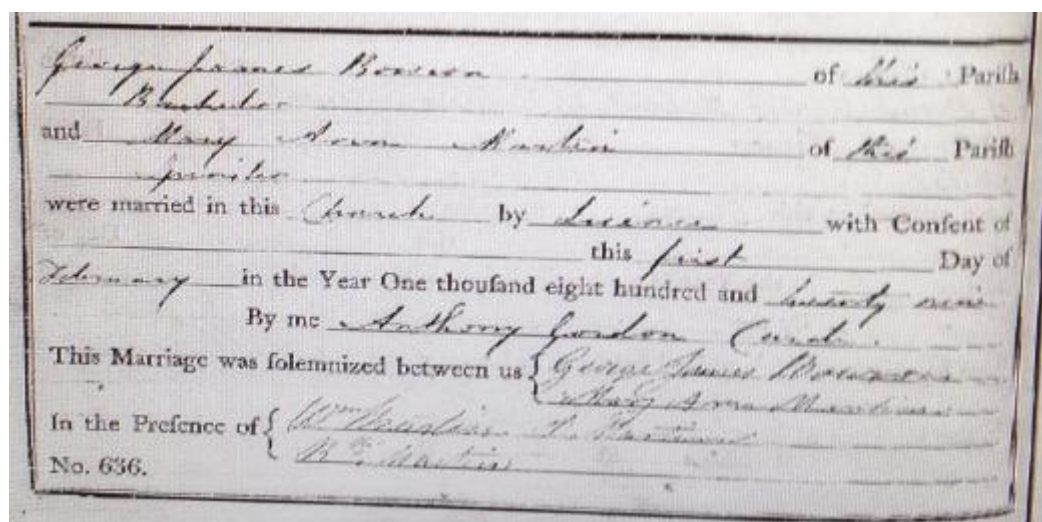
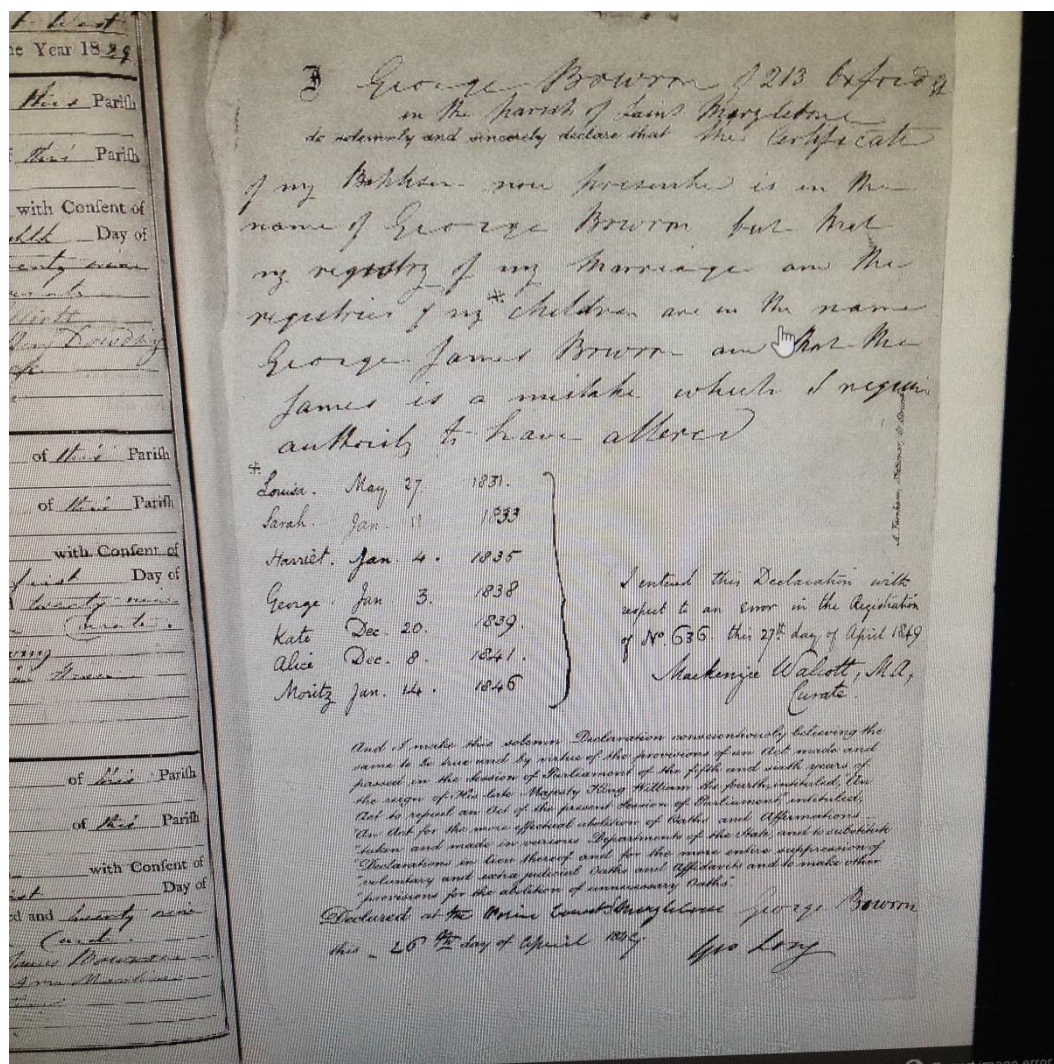
George Bowron born Sept 8. 1805 and
Mary Ann Marten ^(born March 5 1802) were married at St. Margaret's West.
Feb. 1st 1829 in the name of George James Bowron
but finding from his Certificate of Baptism at St. Luke's Church
that his name was entered as George Bowron he
made a Declaration before a Magistrate in order that
the error might be corrected which was done by the
Rev. A. M. Halcott placing the ^{original} ~~Printed~~ Form of Declaration
properly filled up in the Marriage Register Book of
figured No 12 on the back but figured No 4 on the side
George Bowron April 28. 1849.

George explains his mistake about his correct name and the steps he has taken to remedy the error. He signs and dates his note, perhaps unnecessarily, and in doing so reveals his careful business habits.

This note, providing his exact date of birth, is a valuable opportunity to discover his father's name, as it allows the identification of his baptismal record (see below).

It is fortunate that George recorded details of his marriage and his children as they can be difficult to identify with certainty in the vast databases at FamilySearch, FindMyPast, Ancestry and MyHeritage.

Here is an image of George's original declaration still pasted into the St Margaret's parish register opposite his marriage entry, obtained from FindMyPart Westminster database online:



Witnesses to George and Mary Ann's marriage were Wm Martin, Tea merchant, and possibly R or Robt Martin.

Children of George and Mary Ann Brown			
Names of Children	When Born	Baptized	
2 Louisa & Martha twins	Dec 3. 1829	Weeks after birth	L. died aged 3 Mon. M. died aged 3y.
3 Louisa	April 27. 1831	May 27 1831.	
4 Sarah	Dec ^r 15 1832	Jan ^y 11. 1833	
5 Harriet	Nov ^r 2. 1834	Jan ^y 4 1835	
6 William	July 6 1836	4 th weeks after	
7 George	Dec ^r 2. 1837	Jan ^y 3. 1838	
8 Kate	Oct ^r 6. 1839	Dec ^r 20. 1839	
9 Alice	Aug ^t 29. 1841	Dec ^r 7. 1841	
10 Moritz	Oct ^r 1. 1845	Jan ^y 14. 1846	

These events have been verified from parish and civil registration records.

The issue of the second name James is interesting. It would have been unusual for a second forename to be given at this date, so it is likely to have been significant, not just randomly adopted to provide "style". It may represent his mother's maiden name.

St Margaret's Westminster

Situated alongside Westminster Abbey, from 1829-1851 this was the parish church of the Bowron family. One marriage and ten baptisms were celebrated here, and three infants were buried in the churchyard. Young George, aged 13, was employed here as a chorister in 1851.

We need to remember that in those times the church interior would have been quite gloomy, lit only by candles or oil lamps, and both inside and out centuries of smoking chimneys and candle flames would have blackened the stone work. It ceased to be a parish church in the 1970s, and is now administered in conjunction with the Abbey.



St Margaret's Westminster, nestled alongside Westminster Abbey, and below a view of the interior.



Generation 1

1 George BOWRON birthdate and parents unknown, died before 1851 when his wife Elizabeth was described as a widow. He may even have died before 1820 when his wife made the payment for their son's apprenticeship. George is likely to have left a will, but so far nothing has been found.

He married **Elizabeth [surname unknown, possibly JAMES]** before 1805 [No marriage record found]

The 1841 census entry for Elizabeth has not been identified, but it would be helpful to find whether she was a widow, and who else was in that household.

1851 census: Elizabeth Bowron, widow, living with her son George, birthplace Sussex about 1779

Looking for Elizabeth's death record, the most likely was an Elizabeth Bowron, who died in 1856 aged 76 at Reigate in Surrey. By 1856 her son's family had left for New Zealand, and none of her other relatives have been identified. The death certificate would provide the name of the informant (likely to be a relative) but no other family details.

George and Elizabeth had a son George born on 8 Sep 1805 [Family Bible]

Family Search have the baptism record, citing an exact date of birth which matches the family bible.

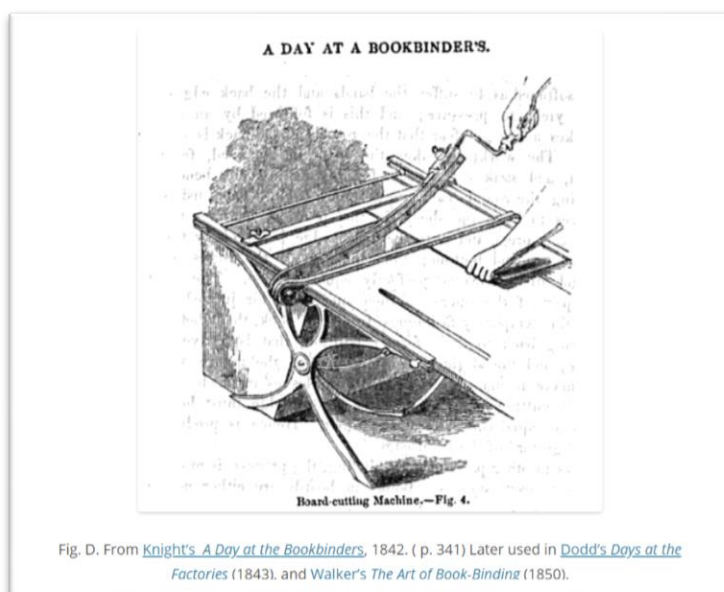
George Bowron England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975	birth:	8 September 1805	father: George Bowron mother: Elizabeth
	christening:	25 September 1805	
		SAINT LUKE OLD STREET, FINSBURY, LONDON, ENGLAND	

No baptisms of possible siblings for George have been found and, with no information about his father's origins, it is not possible to establish any links with other Bowron families. He was not the brother of a William Bowron, with parents William and Mary, whose four sons also emigrated to Christchurch and established a tannery business. DNA could possibly reveal an eighteenth century connection, but that timespan is almost beyond the limit of current technology.

Generation 2

2 **George BOWRON**, was born on 5 Sep 1805 Finsbury, London, only known child of George and Elizabeth [as detailed in his father's entry above]. There is a hint however that he may have had a brother.

George must have had a good education. He was able to train as a bookbinder and stationer, and had enough capital to set up a business in Dartmouth Street, Westminster. From there he became a book-seller in Oxford St, London, and finally he was Registrar of Deeds, and Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in Canterbury, NZ.



Apprenticeships cost significant money and usually covered training for a period of 7 years. An online database is being compiled at <http://www.londonroll.org>, from which George's entries are copied below.

Records of London's Livery Companies Online

Apprentices and Freeman 1400-1900

Event

Date: 01/02/1820
Year: 1820

Apprenticeship

Bond Length:
Bond Value: £84 - paid by Mother
Start Date:
Note: to William Searle [ST/3:0863]

Details	Role	Status
George Bowron (Male) - Location unknown, County unknown	New apprentice	
William Searle (Male) - Location unknown, County unknown	Master	Co Stationer

Event

Date: 6th February 1827
Year: 1827

Freedom

Freedom Method: Servitude
Freedom Notes:

Details	Role	Status
George Bowron (Male) - Location unknown, County unknown	New freeman, Son	Co Stationer & Newspaper Maker
George Bowron (Male) - Location unknown, County unknown	Father of freeman	
Philip Jones (Male) - Location unknown, County unknown	Master, Turnover master	Co Stationer & Newspaper Maker
William Serle (Male) - Location unknown, County unknown	Master	Co Stationer & Newspaper Maker

They tell us that on 1 Feb 1820 George's mother paid £84 to William Searle, a master of the Stationers' Company, to take on her son as a new apprentice. On 6 Feb 1827 the seven years were complete, and George (son of George) was recognised as a Freeman, by servitude. The record names George's father but says nothing about his occupation, or even if he was alive, though the fact that it was his mother who paid the fee suggests that father had died when George was quite young. More information may be available at Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, off Ludgate Hill, London.

The Stationers' records in the London Roll database are taken from the "London Book Trades database", which contains additional details of activities of members of the Company. As well as the above I found that a William Bowron was active in the Stationers' Company in 1826. Was this George's brother by any chance? The one who with whom George's family is supposed to have fallen out, according to family legend ? ?

On 1 Feb 1829 George married **Mary Ann MARTIN** at St Margaret's Westminster. A William Martin, tea merchant, who witnessed the marriage, was probably her father or her brother. Refer to image on page 5.

They had 3 sons and 7 daughters, of whom 2 sons and 5 daughters survived, refer #3 – #12 in generation 3.

Baptism records of George and Mary Ann's children show their father's occupation gradually changing from "book binder" to "bookbinder and stationer" to "stationer and bookseller". With this history, it may be relevant to reflect on the army of clerks employed by business in those times, recording transactions in ledgers and from them creating more ledgers of cross references and indexes. The stationer/bookbinder may perhaps have been preparing empty ledger books for his customers. Later in life he was to supervise the clerks who filled up such ledgers in Canterbury, New Zealand.

1828 – 1840s George or George Jas Bowron, Dartmouth St, is repeatedly listed in Westminster Rates Books, e.g. 1835 Dartmouth St house, rateable value £30, rates £4.10 paid in 2 instalments; [FindMyPast]
e.g. 1850 213 Oxford St, house, gross est. rental £122, rateable value £110, total rates £16.10, watering 13/9d

THE ATHENÆUM

Journal of English and Foreign Literature, Science, and the Fine Arts.

LONDON, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1849.

BOOKBINDING.—GEORGE BOWRON, of 213, Oxford-street, near Portman-street, respectfully solicits orders for BOOKBINDING. The strictest attention is paid to the sewing and forwarding, in order to ensure the freest possible opening, for which his Binding has long been distinguished. The best workmanship and the most moderate charges may be relied on. G. Bowron has been established as a practical Bookbinder for many years.

Land Registration Office					District	
No. of Instrument Registered	Date of Instrument	By whom presented for Registration	Nature of Instrument	Parties to By whom made	Instrument To whom made	Land office
Instrument filed to name when Instrument is taken up						
271	Decr 27. 1854	J. G. Bowron	Marriage Settlement	Rev. C. Mathias	Appl. G. Bowron	Section 160 Reg
272	June 2. 1857 ✓	Do	Conveyance	Canterbury Assrs	W. George Bowron	" 23 M.
273	June 2. 1857 ✓	Do	Do	Do	Do	" 56 M.

1841 census record for George Bowron, stationer, of Dartmouth St, St Margaret, Westminster, with wife and the 5 surviving children to that date. His mother was not present.

Parish or Town	George Bowron	35	Stationer	✓
	Mary do	35		✓
	Louisa do	10		✓
	Sarah do	8		✓
	Harriet do	6		✓

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts
Dartmouth			George Bowron	2			✓	
Street			Mary do		1		✓	

1851 census record for 243 Oxford St, Marylebone Borough, London: George Bowron, his wife Mary, and 7 surviving children, also his mother Elizabeth and 1 house servant.

Noted George listed as “retired stationer” – he was probably preparing for emigration to New Zealand later that year. His birthplace was St Marylebone, his wife’s Westminster, and his mother’s Sussex.

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
St. Marylebone		St. Marylebone		Marylebone					
House No.	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, Deaf, or Dumb
					Males	Females			
45	213 Oxford Street	George Bowron	Head	Married	46		Retired Stationer	Middle St. Marylebone	
		Mary do	Wife	Married	47			Middle St. Marylebone	
		Louisa do	Daughter	u	20			Middle St. Marylebone	
		Sarah do	do	u	18			do	
		Harriet do	do	u	16			do	
		George do	Son	u	13			do	
		Mary do	Daughter	u	10			do	
		Alice do	do	u	9			do	
		Elizabeth do	Son	u	5			do	
		Elizabeth do	Mother	Widow	72			Middle St. Marylebone	
		Charlotte Smith	Servant	u	25			Weymouth	
	243 Oxford Street	Joseph Bennett	Head	Married	50		House Servant	Middle St. Marylebone	

1851: **EMIGRATION** to Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand in the ship *Bangalore* [arrived 21 August 1851] with wife and 7 children. Note: a list of *Bangalore* passengers has not been sighted, but an indication of their ship name is available from the attendance, listed as *Bangalore* passengers, of George jnr, Louisa, Sarah and Alice at the 50th anniversary dinner held in December 1900.

The passenger list should show whether they travelled cabin class, second cabin, or steerage. The Macdonald Biographies (see below) suggest they were second cabin.

Illustrated London News 19 April 1851 page 308:

FOR PORT LYTTELTON, CANTERBURY SETTLEMENT. with liberty to land passengers and goods at the undermentioned ports in New Zealand; the first-class passenger ships:—DOMINION, 584 tons register; CANTERBURY and OTAGO, to sail on the 8th of MAY. BANGALORE, 877 tons register, CANTERBURY, WELLINGTON, and NEW PLYMOUTH, to sail on the 8th of MAY. Lying in the East India Docks, chartered and provisioned by the Canterbury Association. Rates of passage:—Chief Cabin, a whole Cabin between decks, £42; second Cabin, £25; Steerage, £16; Children under fourteen, one half. Each ship carries an experienced Surgeon. For freight, passage, or other information, apply to Filby and Co., 157, Fenchurch-street; J. Stayner, 110, Fenchurch-street; or to Frederick Young, Manager of the Shipping Office of the Canterbury Association 74, Cornhill.

Illustrated London News 17 May 1851 included an article *The Canterbury Colonists of 1851*. This illustration is titled: *The Canterbury Association ships "Bangalore", "Dominion", "Duke of Portland", "Lady Nugent", "Midlothian" and "Canterbury"*. There may be some artistic licence here, but it gives the feel of the working port which would have confronted the emigrants when they arrived to take passage.



Should further proof of their ship be required a request could be made to Christchurch Public Library for a lookup in the work "Canterbury jubilee celebrations : Old Colonists' Committee. [Passenger lists of Canterbury Association ships arriving before 15 March 1853]" or a visit could be made to Archives NZ Christchurch Office to view: "Bangalore - Complete passenger list (R21009378)" [refer Archway database online, search for Bangalore]

EMIGRATION PLANS George had operated his business, apparently successfully, for twenty years. He had raised 7 healthy children and was providing them with good educations. But the time was approaching when he would need to find careers for his two sons and husbands for his five daughters. The advertising of the Canterbury Association must have convinced him that investing his capital in Canterbury offered better prospects for his large family. He would have brought with him a reputation as a reliable man of business, almost certainly with references from influential people. This was to lead to an offer of a salaried post with the prospect of a retirement pension almost as soon as he landed (refer Charlotte Godley, below). And he may have already had an offer from the Heywoods to assist George junior into farming when the time was right (more on that topic below).

George's obituary at the end of this section refers to him having bought "a large amount of land" before leaving England. This was Rural Section 33 (50 acres) in the Canterbury Association settlement, where he almost immediately set about breaking in the land for farming and built the house he called Heywood, still the home of his unmarried daughters to the end of their lives. Initially he may have been almost self-sufficient on this plot, producing his own milk, meat, vegetables and fruit and possibly his fuel if it was wooded. Here George and his sons would have gradually acquired the skills of land developers and farmers.

Lyttelton Times 17 Apr 1852 - The following article was entitled *The suburbs of Christchurch*, one of a series. [The reserve for the Botanical Garden was not developed, and it was relocated in Rolleston Ave.]

East of the town of Christchurch, on either bank of the Avon, there are some improvements worthy of notice.

On the North bank, opposite the wharf at the Bricks, a Cemetery has been reserved, of which a few acres have been fenced in by bank and ditch. Near its outer fence is the house and garden of Mr Bowron, who owns the nearest rural section.

Adjoining the wharf, 22 acres, reserved for a Botanical Garden, have been substantially fenced in, at the expence of the members of the Horticultural Society. A nursery gardener, named Wilson, has been allowed to occupy part of this ground for the present. In a small inner enclosure he has reared a large number of young plants and trees, including Australian Wattles, firs, and fruit trees of various kinds. A hive of bees is also struggling for existence.



<https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/Christchurch/@-43.5234548,172.6492082,279m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x6d322f4863c5ed01:0x500ef8684799945!8m2!3d-43.5320544!4d172.6362254>

This view of the same area in 2018, post-earthquake, is again very green as much land within this loop of the Avon is red zoned, the former housing cleared, and not suitable for rebuilding due to liquefaction. Barbadoes Street can be seen at the left, with a corner of the old cemetery tucked in between Barbadoes and Cambridge Terrace. Cambridge Terrace swings round towards its intersection with Fitzgerald Avenue, and almost opposite is Heywood Terrace leading off to the east. George's "Rural Section 33" was 50 acres fronting the river and the cemetery, in the vicinity of Heywood Terrace. It would be hard to imagine a rural section in a better position – if your intention was to subdivide rather than to farm. The only downside was the absence of roads and few bridges, with his address given as "Avon River", not very helpful considering how much the river meanders through the city. An alternative address was "near the cemetery".

LAND RECORDS and ELECTORAL ROLLS The earliest electoral franchise in New Zealand included land ownership in the list of qualifications, making voter lists a good place to start looking for land records.

From 1853-1881 George Bowron was qualified to vote by ownership of rural section 33 (or part thereof as bits were sold off). The electorate name changed from "Christchurch Country District" through "Avon," "Christchurch East," and "Papanui," to "Stanmore." After that the qualification changed to residential.

Because voting in multiple electorates was permitted for citizens who held land in more than one place, George Bowron, residence "Heywood", also qualified to vote in Lyttelton electorate by virtue of his ownership of Town Section 56 in Lyttelton, at least until 1876. [More about this land presently.]

Leasehold land also conferred voting rights, so George Bowron had further entitlement by virtue of the farm lease at Banner Downs, and since that land straddled the boundary of two electorates he was entitled to vote in both Ashley and Oxford (later Ashley and Kaiapoi). The qualifying land is described as "sections 4228 and 4229 situated on Moeraki Downs in the Ashley and Mandeville Districts." From about 1866 George Bowron junior held a residential qualification at Ashley.

Early land records are held at Archives New Zealand, and images of the earliest Canterbury records can be viewed on the Archway website. The procedure for accessing them is explained in an appendix to this document. Relevant entries are :

271: 3 Jan 1855, a marriage settlement dated 27 Dec 1854, made by Rev O Mathias to Miss H Bowron, affecting section 160 in Map C, refer folio 26. [Mathias was securing an income from this land for Harriet in the event of her widowhood, a prudent arrangement as she was to be 50 years a widow.]

272: 3 Jan 1855, a conveyance from Canterbury Association dated 2 June 1851 to Mr G Bowron, affecting Section 33 in Map C, refer folio 16.

273: same date, another conveyance from Canterbury Association, same date, affecting Section 56 in Map B, refer folio 11. [This was the town section at Lyttelton, already discovered through the electoral rolls. These two lots, plus passage to New Zealand in the *Bangalore* for George, his family and his household goods, were the package purchased from the Canterbury Association before leaving England. The fact that it was not sold or leased suggests that it may have had little value.]

2014: 7 Mar 1856, marriage settlement G Dunnage with L Bowron affecting Crown Grant 304 which was registered at the same time, refer folio 20. [This appears to be a similar arrangement to No 271 for Harriet.]

3508: 5 Apr 1860, a lease from O Mathias to G Bowron Jnr affecting section 160 in Map C, refer folio 16. [The same land which had been secured for Harriet's widowhood. Her husband would die in 1864.]

8438: 24 Feb 1864 a lease from B. A. Heywood to G Bowron jnr, affecting section 4228 in map C, refer folio 26.

9574: 6 May 1864 Grant Crown to B. A. Heywood affecting section 4229 in map C, refer folio 7

9575: 5 Jul 1862 Lease B. A. Heywood to S. Heywood and G. Bowron 4229 map C, refer folio 16

9576: 30 Mar 1864 Mortgage B. A. Heywood to R. Heywood and R. O. Heywood 4229 map C, folio 38

9582: 11 Jul 1862 Conveyance B A Heywood to S. Heywood re section 4229 map C, folio 7

It is rather difficult to interpret all these transactions, except to say that they confirm the business relationship between the Heywoods and the Bowrons. Section 4228 was 600 acres, 4229 was 1500 acres, on the south bank of the Ashley River. More about this below, in the section "Heywood".

CAREER The stationer / bookseller business having apparently been taken as far as it could go, George made the decision about 1850 to invest all his capital in Canterbury land, then just beginning to open up to the small investor. There would be no prospect of returning to his old trade in early Canterbury, and at the age of 46 developing a farm from virgin land would not be appealing, so he needed to find another source of income. His assets were a solid education and a good business reputation, and men of this age and calibre would be needed to administer the new community. A family story suggests that he came out with a promise of Government employment, perhaps as a surveyor. Surveyor seems unlikely, but it is entirely possible that the Canterbury Association had suggested Government employment would be an option.

More could be learned of George's government employment from the Canterbury Provincial Gazettes in the Lexus Nexus Gazettes database, and there is a small sample of his correspondence listed in the Archway database online and available for viewing at Archives NZ Christchurch office. [Enter Bowron in the simple search box].

Bowron, George, River Avon, clerk in register office

The Jury List 1860 is the first indication I found of George's move from agriculture to the Civil Service – to which he would have been more suited. [But see also Charlotte Godley's comment below indicating George's employment dated as early as January 1852.]

The Provincial Government, under the Empowering Ordinance, have accepted the resignation by Mr. Calvert of the office of Registrar of Deeds, held by him rather more than six years, and appointed Mr. Bowron, late Chief Clerk to be Registrar.

On 16 Feb 1861 George was promoted to Registrar. Tables in the AJHRs show that George retired in 1867 as Registrar of Deeds, salary £500 with 14 years' service, and received a Civil Service Pension of £89.18.0 for the rest of his life.

1867: George Bowron was gazetted deputy commissioner of stamp duties, also Registrar Lands and Deeds, also Registrar of Joint Stock Companies. Salaries for these positions would be listed in the Provincial Gazettes.

Land development and farming was still an interest being pursued in parallel, in preparation for George junior to make his career. Looking back towards the end of his life George had good reason to be well satisfied with his decision to chance his family's future in Canterbury.

Jury List 1852

Bowron, George, Avon river, Christchurch, land owner

A & P Exhibition 1853

soil for all root crops. Swede turnips were exhibited by the Rev. O. Mathias, exceeding 20 lbs. in weight; Mangold Wurzel of the same size by Mr. Bowron, and Carrots weighing upwards of nine pounds by Mr. J. T. Brown. Mr. Bridge's Barley was

1858 Jury List [no advertising in support of the occupation "merchant" has been found.]

Bowron, George; near Christchurch, merchant

The newspapers also indicate George's involvement in parish work for St Lukes, and possibly wider Christchurch, and his musical interests were catered for in the Harmonic Society, and the Mendelson Society. He was active in establishing church choirs at St Michaels and St Lukes. [Noted "my musical instruments" mentioned in his will]

EAST CHRISTCHURCH ROAD.
THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
ARE prepared to receive Tenders for
Clearing Bowron's Creek, from the
River Avon to the Town Belt, a distance of
seventy-two chains.
The specifications of the work may be seen,
and forms of tender obtained on application at
the Office of Public Works, Christchurch.
Tenders to be sent in to the Provincial Secre-
tary's Office, Christchurch, on or before Satur-
day, January 8th, at noon.
The Government will not be bound to accept
the lowest or any tender.
E. DOBSON,
Provincial Engineer.
Office of Public Works,
Christchurch, December 27th, 1858.

**50 ACRES OF FREEHOLD LAND,
FRONTING THE RIVER AVON
AND THE TOWN BELT,
ADJOINING THE CHRISTCHURCH
CEMETERY RESERVE.**

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

ALL that 50-acre section known as
Heywood Farm, bounded on the
west by the Town Belt and the property
of S. Bealey, Esq., on the south west and
south by frontage following a bend of the
River Avon. The position and capabilities
of this 50-acre section peculiarly adapt it
for a gentleman's private estate.

For particulars apply to the owner,
GEORGE BOWRON,
of Heywood.

Press, 22 Mar 1862 - the first of several campaigns
to sell off land

Lyttelton Times, 21 Feb 1863 [unsold allotments
were to be auctioned 13 June 1863]

VALUABLE FREEHOLD ALLOTMENTS.

Section No. 33, the Property of G. Bowron, Esq.

RIVER FRONTAGES
AND
FRONTAGES ON THE TOWN BELT.

MESSRS. J. OLLIVIER & SON have been favored with instructions from G. Bowron, Esq., to offer for sale by public auction, at their Sale Rooms, in Christchurch, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, at One o'clock,

All that valuable freehold section, being No. 33 on the map of the Chief Surveyor, situated on the north side of the River Avon, and about one mile from the centre of the town of Christchurch.

The land is all laid down to grass, and is well supplied by a running stream of spring water.

The section has been laid out into Quarter-acre, Half-acre, Three-quarter-acre, and One-acre allotments.

There is a long frontage to the river, and also to the town belt; the latter is opposite to the Church of England Reserve, which, from the nature of its tenure cannot be built upon; the upper portion of the section fronts to the well-known residence of Samuel Bealey, Esq.

The Auctioneers beg to draw special attention to this valuable estate. The land is dry, with a considerable fall to the river, and is in one of the most healthy localities of the town; the northern line of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway is marked on the maps of the Chief Surveyor as running along the eastern boundary of the section. Two bridges have been built across the River Avon, both immediately contiguous to this property; one at Madras street, the other close to the Avonside church.

These sections are now open for selection at an upset price per quarter acre, and may be challenged by intending purchasers, to whom they will be sold at the upset prices on the day above-named if there is no advance.

The terms are liberal, viz.:—One-third cash; the balance by instalment, or according to the extent of purchase-money, extending over from one to three years, with bank interest.

A deposit of 5 per cent. upon the upset price will be required at the time of application.

625

George Bowron's name appears about this time in connection with meetings of the Governors of Christchurch Hospital of which he had a life membership for £31.10 donation. Ads to sell his Christchurch land were still appearing. At a meeting of St Michael's parishioners George spoke against a rent for sittings in the churches which he thought would have a negative impact on offertories. He often contributed readings from Tennyson, Shakespeare and other authors to the entertainment at church functions.

1868: George Bowron conducted annual examinations in history at St Luke's school, similar in other years – the school trustees appear to have shared the duties, taking one subject each.

1868: grazing to let for horses on George's Christchurch land

1869: advertising for gardener / cow and horse care / wife to be cook / general servant at Christchurch property [similar ads through the years] The occasional small advertisements in the papers suggest that from the time George junior married and moved to Ashley, serious farming ceased at Heywood.

1872:

LAND FOR SALE.

**SPLENDID BUILDING SITES FOR
RESIDENCES**

On East Town Belt North, Road to New
Brighton, and about 23 chains frontage on
on the River Avon.

**TO SPECULATORS, GENTLEMEN RE-
QUIRING DRY HEALTHY SITES,
STOREKEEPERS, AND OTHERS.**

MESSRS H. MATSON & CO. have been
instructed by George Bowron, Esq.,
to OFFER FOR

PUBLIC SALE BY AUCTION,

At an early date,

Parts of Rural Section 33, having
frontages on the Avon (about 23
chains) on the East Town Belt, up
to the present residence of his
Honor Judge Gresson, and fronting
the road leading from Christchurch
to New Brighton and the sea beach,
with frontages on roads as laid out
on plan, subdivided into lots of 8
acres, 4 acres, $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and $\frac{1}{4}$ acres,
the whole FOR SALE, comprising
24a. 0r. 17p.

The auctioneers beg to call particular at-
tention to this Property—

1st—As to the TITLE, which is complete
by a "Conveyance from the Canterbury Asso-
ciation to George Bowron, Esq."

2nd—As to situation, which is HIGH, DRY,
and HEALTHY.

3rd—As to the LAND, it is of a very
superior quality.

4th—It is adapted for all classes of pur-
chasers—from those who seek a beautiful
spot for a residence to those who want places
of business.

Terms very liberal.

H. MATSON & CO.,
Auctioneers and Estate Agents.

A letter was received from Mr Bowron,
expressing his willingness, in the event of a
cart bridge being constructed over the Avon
at East town belt, to give land enough to
make the road one chain wide.

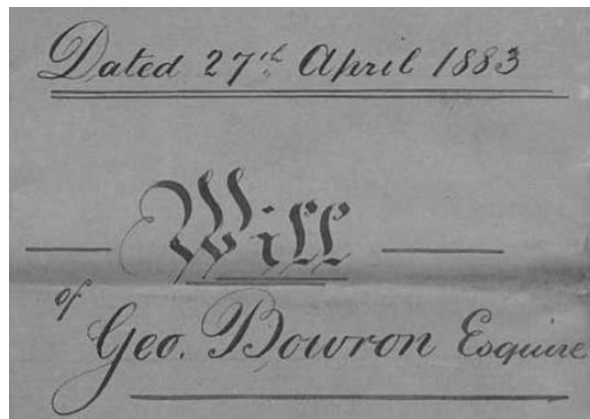
1873: proposals for this road continued for years, the
difficulty being who would pay for its formation. Now part of
Fitzgerald Avenue.

1874: Matsons had sold $8\frac{1}{4}$ acres [out of the total 50 acres] of George Bowron's land for £1,240. This appears
to be a good return considering the Canterbury Association originally charged £3 per acre.

1883: Mary Anne was buried at Barbadoes St
cemetery. George had another 8 years to live at
Heywood with his daughters Sarah and Alice, and
his son Moritz.

DEATHS.

**BOWRON—On March 5th, at Heywood,
Christchurch, Mary Anne, the wife of
George Bowron. aged 81.**



This is the last Will and Testament of me George Bowron of Christchurch in New Zealand Gentleman I appoint my sons George Bowron of Sea-view Ashley Bank in the Provincial District of Canterbury in New Zealand Farmer and Moritz Bowron of Christchurch aforesaid Commission Agent Executors and trustees of this my Will. I bequeath to my daughters Sarah Bowron and Alice Bowron Spinsters All my watch jewels trinkets and wearing apparel and all my furniture plate plated goods linen glass china books manuscripts pictures prints musical instruments articles of vertu and all other articles of personal domestic or household use or ornament (other than fixtures) and all my wine liquors and consumable stores and provisions and all my horses carriages harness saddlery stable furniture and equipments and all my plants and garden tools and implements to be divided between them as nearly as may be in equal shares And such division in case of disagreement between my said daughters to be made by my trustees who shall have an absolute discretion to the mode of effecting such division which shall not be questioned on the ground of any alleged inequality or otherwise And in case of the death or marriage of either of my said daughters

Full text at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9L9-7RX2?i=1&cc=1865481>

There are four large closely written pages which can be read online, a summary follows:

Will of George Bowron of Christchurch, gentleman

- Sons George, farmer Sea View, Ashley Bank and Moritz, commission agent Christchurch to be executors
- Spinster daughters Sarah and Alice to have his jewels, trinkets, wearing apparel, furniture, plate, plated goods, linen, glass, china, books, manuscripts, pictures, prints, musical instruments, articles of personal domestic use, wines, provisions, horses, carriages, saddlery, plants, garden tools.

Everything else to be divided in 21 shares:

- 1 share for daughter Harriet Mathias of Ashbrook near Christchurch, widow [getting less than the others because she is better provided for]
- 1/6th of the remainder to be invested for the benefit of daughter Kate Moorhouse, wife of Thomas Carter Moorhouse, of Belfast, and if widowed to have access to the capital, and if she predeceases her husband her children to get her share.
- The rest of the 21 shares to be divided equally between George, Moritz, Sarah, Alice, Louisa wife of George Dunnage of Christchurch clerk in civil service.
- Sarah and Alice's shares are not to be less than £1,900.

Died 8 Feb 1891 Probate value under £13,700.



Image courtesy Beverley Evans, Christchurch 2015

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEAR FATHER
GEORGE BOWRON

ALSO HIS BELOVED WIFE OUR MOTHER MARY ANN
FELL ASLEEP ON HER 81ST BIRTHDAY MARCH 5TH 1883

OUR FATHER WAS SUDDENLY TAKEN FROM US
IN HIS 86TH YEAR FEB 8TH 1891

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD

ALSO OF THEIR DAUGHTER SARAH
BORN DEC 15TH 1832 DIED JAN 20TH 1908

ALSO ALICE BOWRON
BORN AUG 29TH 1841 DIED AUG 6TH 1918

AND THEY SHALL BE MINE SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS
IN THAT DAY WHEN I SHALL MAKE UP MY JEWELS

plot 2288/2289 in City Council database

To find this stone enter by the lychgate from Cambridge Terrace, and take the path straight ahead. The house in the background of this photograph provides a useful landmark. Note the fallen stones in the background, a result of the severe earthquakes of 2010/11.

OBITUARY Press: 10 Feb 1891 [The journalist has not done his homework well. George's family were in the second wave of ships in 1851, not the first four in 1850. The tannery interests of Bowron Brothers (not related) have been confused here with George's family which did not have business interests in Christchurch.]

OBITUARY.—Another old identity in the person of Mr George Bowron passed away on Sunday afternoon, at his residence, Heywood, Richmond. The deceased gentleman, who was eighty-six years of age, has been rather infirm of late, and has been under medical treatment for some time. Nothing unusual was noticed in his manner till about five o'clock on Sunday afternoon, when he appeared to be taken seriously ill, and expired shortly after the arrival of Dr. Moorhouse. Mr Bowron was one of the few survivors of those who came out in the first four ships, and during his residence of 41 years in the colonies he has made a large number of friends. In all his transactions he was most successful, as before leaving England he purchased a large amount of land, which has since been cut up and now forms part of the district suburb of Richmond. The deceased leaves a grown up family, several of whom are in business in this city.

Press, 6 Jan 1891: A month before his death, George was still attending to details:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. — Superintendent Turt n desires to acknowledge the receipt of £1 1s from Mr George Bowron as a donation to the Fire Brigade funds for services rendered in connection with the gorse fire at Richmond last week.
"ON THE YARRA."—Mr John Gibbs'

When this project was almost complete I remembered the **G R Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies**, a card index at Canterbury Museum Archive, from which the following were obtained:

B.629.

1.

Bowron, George (1806-91) was a bookseller in Oxford St and came out in the Banglors, 2' cabri, 31.8.51. His wife was Mary Ann; his family house, 20; Sarah, 18; Harriett, 16; Geo. 13; Kate, 11; Alice, 9; Montz S. Mis Godley says of them "I have only met them in the street as yet, but they look nice people, and the daughters are rather pretty, but I don't know who can receive any of them at present. They have, I fear, very little capital; and unless he sells his land again (50ac) or part of it, in small lots, I don't know he and all his family are to live, build a house etc, before the land can produce anything". Mis Bowron was disappointed in this; she had expected it to look more like Ramsgate. Mis G. continues "However she is very cheery about it and the girls seem nice and are all pretty". Later news of from Mis G. "One of his daughters is governess to Mis Britton's children and another with Mis Bay, whose governess has been married; and he himself is just made a sort of clerk at the Land Office, which is all a great help, and I hope they will do very well.

Geo Bowron selected his R.S. 33 just outside the East Belt. The Brakke selected land alongside him and he was able to lease to pass his land. Mus.: Charlotte Godley.

B.629 from them. It called this firm ² Heywood. Bowrons and Heywoods

were connected in some way. Geo Bowron Junr and Samuel Heywood took up Banner Downs each owning 600ac. - part of Turnside Run. G.B. Senr was one of those who undertook to collect for the enlargement of the temporary church (St Michael's) Nov. 58. He was appointed Registrar of Deeds in '61. In 67 he was Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and deputy commissioner of stamps. He was succeeded by J.C. Bethune in '68 and was granted a retiring allowance by the N.Z. Govt. He was a member of St. Luke's Sch. Comm. Ap. 68. At the end of the school year he examined the pupils at St. Luke's school in his drug. J.T. Burke says that Geo. Bowron was first manager of the Evening Mail in '66 - a daily evening paper with not a good reputation. It started as "The Enfranchisement" when J.L. Hall was running the theatre. Then an adventurer called Wm. Bartlett Langbridge carried it on under the name of The Evening Mail. Geo H. Tribe succeeded him with Montague Mosley as editor. This does not sound like the old bookseller but no other Geo. Bowron is known at this time. G.B.d. at Heywood 8.2.91. aged 85

wife Mary Ann d. 5.3.83. aged 81 buried
Barradoes St Cem.

WT. 7.11.58; 2.2.61; 6.3.67; 18.12.68; 18.4.68;

H. 520 Heywood, Samuel (1829-96) came of a well-known family of London bankers. He came to N.Z. in the 50's and settled in Canby. in '61 The Heywoods and the Bowrons were close friends and were probably related (Mrs Bowron may have been a Heywood). Geo Bowron saw leased 50 ac. west to Bonbadoc St. Cens and ran it as a farm and called it Heywood. George Bowron Jnr. marr. Mary dau of James Martin of London. - (see Joseph Martin Heywood).

Samuel Heywood and Geo Bowron Jnr. took up Banner Downs on the Downs at Farnside overlooking the Ashley. It must have been bought out of Farnside station. Both the Heywoods and the Bowrons were great C. of. C. people.

Bowron and Heywood were fined for scab in July '63. Heywood went back to England about this time ^{twice} and married Elizabeth dau of Rev. Edward Smith of Ashley, Cambridge. He was one of the first churchwardens at Farnside. There is a fine carved altar and sedos in the church to his memory. They sent a part draft of Romney, wellies to the Carlton Yards which Matson were the first they had yet seen. Aug. 73. In Nov. 74 he was put on the Rangiora Rec. Bench. He was a lay member of the Synod, 77.

LT. 18.7.63: 23.8.73: 24.11.74:

This sent me looking for Charlotte Godley's letters [she was the wife of John Godley, the "father" of Canterbury] from which the following three excerpts are taken.

Godley, C. Letters from Early New Zealand, 1850-1853 <http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/document/?wid=4742&action=null>

3 September 1851 [the *Bangalore* had arrived on 21 August 1851]

Mr. Bowdery (and Kirby) has not appeared, but in his place a Mr. Bowron, also late bookseller in Oxford Street, also with daughters, and I cannot help thinking you may have heard the name imperfectly. I have only met them in the street as yet, but they look like nice people, and the daughters are rather pretty, but I don't know who can receive any of them at present. They have, I fear, very little capital; and unless he sells his land again (fifty acres) or part of it, in small lots, I don't know how he and all his family are to live, build a house, etc., before the land can produce anything. Some of the people have made a great

deal of money by selling an acre or two of their land in very small patches to suit the working people, very many of whom have now bought their own little patches, on which they can have a minute cottage and garden. Mr. (the Revd. B.) Dudley, the incumbent of this place, chose his fifty acres on the hill along the 'bridle path', and by selling about nine acres, he got back the whole of his purchase-money (for the fifty acres), and about £200 or more besides. But as he employed a surveyor, an attorney, and an auctioneer, each of a grasping and somewhat suspicious character, I am afraid he will not realize much by the transaction. (I have since heard that he has done very well and not suffered one penny by the failure.) Indeed the auctioneer has just failed, having absorbed the greater part of the proceeds of all his sales. It has made quite a sensation here, but we have not heard yet what he can pay in the pound. He is more than suspected of foul play. He used to adopt the George Robins' style, and send most absurd advertisements to the *Lyttelton Times*.

10 September 1851

September 10th. I have just had a visit from Mrs. Bowron (late bookseller in Oxford Street) and three daughters. I said to her that I hoped she was not very much disappointed with the place, so she said, 'Well, she was very well pleased with it now, but she must say, at first, she had expected it to look more like Ramsgate!' However, she is very cheery about it, and the girls seem nice, and are all pretty. There is to be a 'Bachelors' Ball' to-morrow, and unluckily everything they have in the shape of evening dress is just on its road to Christchurch.

14 January 1852

carpet, and all, even to the few chairs set round the room in their own places. You sent me a letter from Mrs. Phillimore, I think, about Mr. Bowron (not Bowdery) of Oxford Street. One of his daughters is now governess to Mrs. Brittan's children, and another with Mrs. Bray, whose governess has been married; and he himself is just made a sort of clerk at the Land Office, which is all a great help, and I should hope they will do very well.

Charlotte had absorbed so much trivial detail about her community, and apparently she felt her mother would be interested to share it all. These comments give us a hint that the Bowrons were not entirely anonymous. Mrs Phillimore (probably from the family of publishers) had sent a "good word" about George Bowron, which may have been a factor in launching his career in the civil service.



Sketch of Charlotte Godley (1877)

Heywood

Christchurch Street Names: <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/PlaceNames/ChristchurchStreetNames-H.pdf>

Heywood Terrace: named after *Heywoods*, the home of George Bowron (1806- 1891) on the East Belt (later Fitzgerald Avenue). Bowron bought Rural Section 33, 50 acres on the "North Bank Avon, near Cemetery", in 1851. He was Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, of Deeds and Deputy Commissioner of Stamps. He named his house, *Heywoods*, and farm, *The Heywood*, after Sir Benjamin Heywood, a friend of his in England, and his family. His son, George Bowron jnr. (1838-1915) farmed *The Heywood*, and later *Banner Downs*, Fernside, in partnership with Samuel Heywood (1839-1896).

George Ivall Heywood (1859-1892) was the son of Joseph Martin Heywood (1832-1904), a carrier, and probably a relation of Samuel Heywood. He is listed in street directories 1887-1890 as living where Heywood Terrace was later formed. Moritz Bowron (1845?-1933) is listed in street directories as a neighbour of George Heywood in 1890.

First mentioned in The Press in 1893 when building sites in Heywood Terrace are advertised for sale after the Heywood Estate was subdivided into 221 sections. First appears in street directories in 1896.

[MS notes on the above]

- I have never seen the final "s" added to Heywood in any of the records consulted
- The family bible confirms that 1845 is correct for Moritz' birth year.
- The suggestion that Sir Benjamin Heywood 1793-1865, MP for Lancashire 1831-32, was a family friend needs verification, though members of his family certainly were.



From old survey maps it appears that rural section 33 of 50 acres, purchased by George Bowron, was roughly bounded by London Street, Stanmore Road, Draper Street, Harvey Terrace, and Fitzgerald Avenue on today's map. His house, which he named "Heywood", fronted the river, near the corner of Heywood Terrace.

Name changes that have occurred over time: Fitzgerald Ave – Town Belt; portion of Fitzgerald Ave between Heywood and Harvey Terraces formerly regarded as a continuation of Cambridge Terrace; Harvey Terrace formerly known as Windsor Terrace; Heywood Terrace was a continuation of Draper St.

THE HEYWOOD CONNECTION

The Heywoods had been a large and flourishing family of merchants and bankers in the Midlands for several generations but had not come to great prominence until Sir Benjamin (1793-1865), banker and philanthropist, received a baronetcy in 1838. That honour seems to have led to an assumption in some quarters that any mention of Heywood referred to Sir Benjamin. However, Benjamin was the eldest of five brothers, of whom the fourth, Richard Heywood (1799-1867) is the one associated with this story.

Richard lived at Banner House, near Bath in Somerset, describing himself as a “landed proprietor” in census returns. He raised eight sons, of whom the sixth (**Benjamin Arthur Heywood** born 1835) and the eighth (**Samuel Heywood** born 1838) are of interest here. These two both came to NZ, though Benjamin returned to England after a few years, and both in their turns raised large families. They were of similar age to George Bowron junior, and as younger sons of younger sons they were not greatly different from the Bowrons in terms of their capital. These Heywoods are likely to have been business associates but not benefactors of the Bowrons, though they may have been able to facilitate access to loan capital if appropriate security was available.

No hint has been found in the records of anything that might have brought Richard Heywood of Bath and George Bowron of London together. Richard would have been exactly the sort of person the Canterbury Association sought to interest in their plans – coming as he did from a well known and widely connected family with a strong history in the Church of England, and looking for opportunities for his younger sons.

Richard Heywood or his son Benjamin may have passed their enthusiasm for Canterbury on to George Bowron, but it was Bowron who made the first move, ten years before these Heywoods arrived in Canterbury. When George named his property Heywood he could not have had any expectation that his son, then aged 14, would become a business partner and lifelong friend of a Heywood, but George Bowron junior would later be named executor and children’s guardian in Samuel Heywood’s will.

BENJAMIN ARTHUR HEYWOOD (1835-1904) His name crops up occasionally in early NZ newspapers:

1863: Author of “A Vacation Tour to the Antipodes, through Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand” by B.A. Heywood, M.A.,

1871: Rangiora Literary Institute advised by Mr B.A. Heywood in London that their order for £56 worth books could not be filled at the previous discounted prices. By 1872 the books had somehow been obtained after all.

1872: B.A. Heywood sent a £5 donation from London for the Richmond, Nelson, church building fund

1874: B.A. Heywood wrote to the *Lyttelton Times* from London opposing opening museums on Sundays.

1876: “Mr Benjamin Heywood of London, who for some years resided at Fernside, has promised the handsome contribution of £105 for two years towards the clergyman’s stipend.” [half the stipend]. [This could not have been Sir Benjamin, as he had died in 1865.] A muddle ensued with the job promised to two different clergy. In 1877 a letter to the editor set out the history of the affair commencing thus: “In 1873 the Bishop was informed that Mr B.A. Heywood, brother of Mr S. Heywood, of Bannerdown, Fernside, was prepared to subscribe a considerable sum towards the passage and stipend of a clergyman

SAMUEL HEYWOOD (1838-1896) The death [at Christchurch] of Mr Samuel Heywood, of Banner Down, Fernside, will be received with widespread regret by all who were acquainted with the deceased. He was a member of the well-known family of London bankers of the same name, and came to New Zealand in the fifties. He settled in Canterbury in 1861, and took up land at Fernside. A few years afterwards he paid a visit to England, where he married. The late Mr Heywood was of a quiet, home-loving temperament, and entered little into public matters, except in connection with the church. He was for some time a member of the Mandeville and Rangiora Road Board, and was elected to the Waimakariri-Ashley Water Supply Board at the last election to that body. He was a lay - reader of the Church of England, and the erection of the church at Fernside was due in great measure to his efforts.

BANNER DOWNS From the above some understanding of the Heywood and Bowron partnership at Fernside can be developed. It is clear from the early land records that it was Benjamin Arthur rather than Sir Benjamin who was George Bowron's associate. He had connections in the book trade which he could use to the advantage of the Rangiora Institute, and perhaps this is how he came to know George Bowron.

From about 1863-1880 the property known as Banner Downs was farmed in the name of "Heywood and Bowron". The property was over 2000 acres on the south bank of the Ashley River. Samuel Heywood and George Bowron junior were the active partners, but the land records suggest that their fathers, G Bowron senior and Richard Heywood, and his eldest son R.O. Heywood, all had an interest at certain times. Much of the work was done by contractors with advertisements frequently seeking services for ploughing, harvesting, trimming 8 miles of gorse hedges etc. Samuel Heywood offered land for sale before travelling to England with his family in 1880, but appears to have been unsuccessful in divesting himself of all his Fernside interests. He returned to NZ after a short absence to spend the remainder of his life at Fernside. A lectern was gifted to the church in his memory. Bowron's move to Ashley Bank may relate to Heywood's return to Banner Downs.

JOSEPH MARTIN HEYWOOD (1832-1904) came from another large and successful Heywood family, not closely related to Benjamin and Samuel. He arrived in Canterbury about the same time as the Bowrons, much earlier than Benjamin and Samuel, and was involved in numerous land transactions. Later he developed a large carrying business. In Samuel Heywood's entry in the *Dictionary* (copied above) Macdonald speculates that the Martin in Joseph Martin Heywood's name comes from the Martin family of the two Bowron wives. The fact that J.M. Heywood's son (George Ivall Heywood) would later live near the Bowrons may have been nothing more than coincidence, but Macdonald must have had some basis for this speculation. J.M. Heywood's father was Joseph Benjamin Heywood (1796-1878), and I began to realise that it was the father who might hold the answer to this part of the puzzle.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN HEYWOOD (1796-1878 JBH) was born in 1795 at Islington, Middlesex, to William Heywood and Arabella Rigge, but I can find no connection between his family and the Midland banking Heywoods. He turns out to have had quite a bit in common with George Bowron. There are numerous entries in the London Roll of Livery Companies relating to three generations of these Heywoods, members of the Drapers Company. They qualified for admission by Patrimony, not Servitude, and even Joseph Martin Heywood in Christchurch, NZ gained admission in 1865.

JBH had a number of small businesses in central London. During his early life his occupations included grocer, tea dealer, fringe manufacturer, varnish manufacturer. The latter developed into a business which continued for more than 50 years, and yielded an estate worth £18,000 at the end of his life.

JBH had 8 children in the 1820s and 1830s, and at a time when most children were given a single forename, his family stands out for the number of additional names bestowed, including Thomas, Sharp, Cromartie, Barker, Martin, Cleland and Barnes. None of these seem to be ancestral maiden names. The Martins girls who married Bowrons were from a family of tea dealers, and tea dealer was one of JBH's occupations, not long before Joseph Martin Heywood was born. When Macdonald was compiling his *Dictionary* he must have been told by a Bowron that they thought there was a connection, but it may have been business, not blood.

CONCLUSION Unlikely though it may seem, it appears that the Bowrons had links to both the London Heywoods as friends and business associates, and to the Midlands Heywoods as investors in the farm development at Banner Downs. My feeling is that the name given to their Christchurch property is more likely to have been taken from the London family. Joseph Martin Heywood arrived in Canterbury just 2 months before the Bowrons. In that small community it would be very natural that earlier ties between the families would be renewed. Hugh Fletcher, genealogist of the J.M. Heywood family, agrees that there is no evident connection between his family and the banker Heywoods in the Midlands.

to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.
THE "HEYWOOD" ESTATE,
 Subdivided, as per plan, into 24 sections, ranging
 in area from 37 perches to 1 rood 13 perches, and
 having frontages on Cambridge Terrace, Windsor
 Terrace, Heywood Terrace, East Town Belt and
 Draper street.

This property is beautifully situated, being high
 "TERRACE" land, and having frontage on streets
 that are a credit to the city. The widening of
 Cambridge Terrace, and the magnificent new street
 shown as Heywood Terrace, formed, channelled and
 metalled at great expense to the vendors, make it
 one of the best positions for residence around
 Christchurch.

The land is of the best quality for garden pur-
 poses, and having been in grass for the last 42 years
 should be in capital working order.

The City and Suburban Tramway passes close to
 the property, via Stanmore road, providing easy
 and comfortable access to the centre.

The Canterbury and Union Boatsheds on the
 Avon are situated immediately in front of the es-
 tate, and the terrace, being about six feet above the
 level of the road, commands a capital view of the
 river.

Judging from the 1893 advertisement (above) it appears that the northern portion of the block was sold in the
 earlier marketing, and by 1919 (below) the house stood on 1 acre (.4 hectare) at the corner of Heywood and
 Fitzgerald, with a 7 chain (150 metres) frontage to the river.

HUGE FURNITURE AUCTION

TUESDAY Jan. 21, 1 o'clock TUESDAY

ON THE PREMISES, "HEYWOOD"

SITUATED CORNER HEYWOOD TERRACE and FITZGERALD AVENUE.

In the estate of the late ALICE BOWEN, deceased, we will offer the contents
 of the above well-furnished 10-roomed house.

MAIN ITEMS.—Piano (Collard & Collard), Axminster Carpet (16 x 13),
 6-piece Suite (Walnut), Gate-leg Tea Table (Mahogany), Leather Couch
 (Mahogany), Quaint Secrétaire (Mahogany), Sideboard, Dining Table (Ma-
 hogany), 6 Upholstered Chairs (Walnut), Music Stool and Music, 2 Easy Chairs
 (Walnut), Opossum Rug, Sheep Skin Rugs, Electric Table Lamp, Occasional
 Tables, Jardiniere, 3 pairs handsome Indian Curtains.

DINING-ROOM.—Tapestry Carpet, Leather Couch, Bookcase (several bound
 volumes), Copper Coal Vase, pair Damask Curtains, 75-piece Dinner Set, Mag-
 nificent lot of E.P.N.S. Cutlery, Crockery, Wine Glasses (Cut Glass), also Hall
 Table, Curtains, 3 Stair Runners, Commode (Mahogany), Chest (Kauri), D. & S.
 Bedsteads, Wardrobe, Horsehair Mattresses, 2 Singer Sewing Machines, Baby
 "Daisy" Vacuum Cleaner, Hottentot Gas Cooker, Wringer, Mangle, Wheel-
 barrow, Lawn Mower, Grindstone, Flower Pots and Plants, Carpenter's Tools,
 Garden Tools. A large quantity of Crockery, Cutlery, Pots, and Kitchen
 Utensils, also a large quantity of Blankets, Linen, Towels, Curtains, Quilts, Table
 Cloths, and articles too numerous to mention.

ALSO PROPERTY AUCTION

And at TWO O'CLOCK, on above premises, the property in the above estate,
 comprising 8-roomed House, situated on 1 acre, more or less, of beautiful grounds,
 overlooking the Avon. This property has a charming situation, well planted in
 orchard, shrubs, and flowers, also a good frontage of some 7 chains, which greatly
 enhances the value of same. The house, although fairly old, has every possible
 up-to-date convenience, including Electric Light.

Generation 3

3 Louisa BOWRON was born on 3 Dec 1829 and baptised at St Margaret's Westminster, twin eldest daughter of George and Mary. She died aged 3 months, but her burial record has not been found. [Family Bible and St Margaret's registers]

4 Matilda BOWRON 1829-1832 Baptism and burial in St Margaret's records.

5 Louisa DUNNAGE, nee BOWRON 1831-1905 married George DUNNAGE 8 Mar 1856 in Christchurch. They had 11 children, refer #13 - #23 in generation 4 below, and are buried in St Paul's Anglican churchyard, Christchurch.

MARRIED.—On the 8th March, by the Ven. Archdeacon Matthias, George, the eldest son of the late Reverend George Dunnage, of Papanui, to Louisa, eldest daughter of George Bowron, Esq., of Heywood.

Mrs Dunnage, one of the Canterbury Pilgrims, died at Longwood, Papanui on Friday. Mrs Dunnage, who was the eldest daughter of the late Mr George Bowron, arrived at Lyttelton with her parents on August 21, 1851, in the ship Bangalore. Most of her married life was spent in Papanui where she was very well known. Her husband died a year ago. They are survived by a family of four sons and five daughters.

The Dunnage family is detailed on MyHeritage.com in Lawler Family website, from which the following is acknowledged: George Dunnage in his mid teens (1846) enjoyed walking tours in Switzerland and Italy. These experiences contributed to his life-long enjoyment of the mountains. Having decided against following his father into the church, George settled on the popular option of becoming a soldier. At the age of 18, George joined the "Austrian" Imperial Army, one of many Englishmen to do so. In 1848 he was a Voluntary regiment cadet, Infantry Regiment Archduke Stefan, and took part in several major battles in what today is the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. Promoted Lieutenant 1st class 1849.

1851: having already decided to leave the Army, he joined his family emigrating to New Zealand.

1864: clerk in land office, salary £225 pounds p.a., retired with acknowledgment of 30 years' faithful and efficient service.

1866: bought Longwood, 2 acres, 407 Papanui Road, where George and Louisa lived until their deaths.

1871: chairman of first Papanui school committee



6 Sarah BOWRON 1832-1908. Unmarried. She died at Heywood on 20 Jan 1908 according to her probate file, but I did not find a death entry in the NZ deaths database online.

1896: Miss Sarah and Miss Alice Bowron, nurses at the Strathmore hospital, sent a wreath to Dr Prin's funeral.

1908: Probate £3,818 Her will signed in 1908 names her nephews George William Bowron and Hugh Herbert Mathias as trustees. She left her interest in the house and land known as Heywood on Rural Section 33 to her sister Alice for life and then to her nephew George William Bowron. She also gave Alice absolutely £300 and all her interest in the chattels. To brother George, gentleman of Opawa £1000, legacies varying between £5 and £50 to each of her nieces and nephews, and £1000 to be invested and the interest paid quarterly to her brother Moritz of Thames for life, then split that among George William's children.

7 Harriet MATHIAS, nee BOWRON was born 2 Nov 1834, and baptised on 4 Jan 1835 at St Margaret's Westminster, the fourth daughter of George and Mary

MARRIED.—On the 28th of December, : Christchurch, by the Rev. James Wilson, A.M. the Rev. Octavius Mathias, Commissary of the Lord Bishop of New Zealand for the Canterbury Province, and Incumbent of Christchurch of Harriet, third daughter of Mr. George Bowron of Heywood.

Harriet married Rev Octavius MATHIAS on 28 Dec 1854, and died on 6 Mar 1914 at Ashbrook, Fendalton, Christchurch. Their marriage settlement is at Land and Deeds, she was aged 20, he was 49.

Harriet Mathias' will included a legacy to her niece Mabel Bowron of two hair bracelets, her grandmother's and Aunt Bessie's. These could be Martin ladies. Her will was probated at £4,329. Her father George had considered Harriet to be "well provided for" and not needing an equal share of his estate.

Octavius was an Archdeacon and a widower, his first wife Marianne having died on 18 Sep 1851, leaving several children including Alured (or Alfred) George Mathias, Vincent William Mathias, Richard Canterbury Mathias, Herbert John Mathias referred to in Harriet's will as her step-sons. There is a note attached to Harriet's profile on FamilySearch Family Tree which suggests that she had been governess to these children before marrying their father, which certainly seems possible as she would have been educated in England before emigration. Octavius and Harriet had 5 sons in addition to the 4 stepsons mentioned, but no

daughters, refer to # 24 to # 28 in Generation 4 below. The Archdeacon apparently had an aversion to registering his children, some of the births are elusive in official records! Octavius died on 18 Jun 1864.



Octavius and Harriet Mathias, nee Bowron - image from MyHeritage.com

11 March 1914

MRS HARRIET MATHIAS.
On Friday an old identity of Christchurch in the person of Mrs Harriet Mathias died at her residence, Helmore's Road, Fendalton. Mrs Mathias was a relict of the late Archdeacon Mathias and was in her eightieth year. She came to Christchurch from England with her father, Mr George Bowron, in March, 1851, in the ship Bangalore. About 1854 she married Archdeacon Mathias, at that time Archdeacon of Akaroa and incumbent of St Michael's. In 1864 Archdeacon Mathias died, and since then Mrs Mathias had lived in Christchurch and interested herself in various good works. She was one of the foremost workers in St Michael's congregation, and always took a leading part in church life. For many years she was a vice-president of the Girls' Friendly Society in Christchurch, having taken a leading part in its formation and management, and she held the position of dominion secretary of the Society for many years. She took an active part in the affairs of the Christchurch Musical Society. She had a family of seven sons, three of whom survive, Mr Archdale Mathias, in the South African Civil Service, the Rev H. H. Mathias, vicar of New Brighton, and Mr Harold Mathias, a farmer near Lawrence, Otago. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Barbadoes Street Cemetery.

8 William BOWRON 1836-1836, baptised and buried aged 5 months at St Margaret's Westminster.

9 **George BOWRON** [George jnr] was born on 2 Dec 1837 and baptised at St Margaret's Westminster, the elder surviving son of George and Mary Ann. He married Sidney Mary Martin on 18 Aug 1866 at St Luke's, Christchurch. She died in 1922. Sally notes : George married his cousin. They had 2 daughters, followed by 6 sons, refer #29 - #36 in generation 4 below.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>St Margaret Westminster</i> in the County of <i>Middlesex</i> in the Year 18 <i>38</i>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1838. Jan'y. 3. No. 2225.	George	George	Bowron	Eastmole Street	Book-binder	<i>[Signature]</i>

1851: census return for St Margaret's, Westminster – George aged 13 has the occupation "chorister". George's obituary states "educated at Kings' College" which seems unlikely unless it was the name of a church school for the choristers. He is not listed among the pupils of the famous Westminster Public School.

In August 1851, when George arrived in Canterbury at the age of 13, Christ's College was still operating from the immigration barracks in Lyttelton. In 1852 it was moved over the hills to Christchurch where it was initially accommodated in St Michael's parsonage, Oxford Terrace. George's name does not however appear in the official School List*, so it would seem that his father considered training in practical agriculture more appropriate than learning Latin and Greek. [*School List of Christ's College Grammar School 1852-1877 – online at Google Books]

1851- 1866 living at Heywood, rural section 33 in east Christchurch, where he acquired farming skills and was increasingly given responsibility while his father focussed his attention on his government employment. The Macdonald *Dictionary* indicates that George's father was leasing additional adjacent land from Bealey.

Lyttelton Times 15 Dec 1860

WORKING BULLOCKS.
A Pair of Working Bullocks for Sale, thoroughly broken in to collar. Apply to G. BOWRON, Junior, Heywood Farm, adjoining the Christchurch Cemetery.

27 Mar 1861

PIGS FOR SALE.
STORE Pigs, Sows, and Young Pigs, at Heywood Farm, adjoining the Christchurch Cemetery. Apply to
G. BOWRON, JUNR.

More from the family bible, Sally noted: this page written by Caroline Selina Bowron

George Bowron born 2nd December 1837 and
 Sidney Mary Martin. born 29th January 1838
 were married by the Rev. George Carpenter at
 St. Lukes Church Christchurch N. Zealand on the
 18th of August 1866.

Children of George and Sidney Mary Bowron -
 All are registered at Rangiora

Names of children	When born	When baptised	Christened by
1. Ellen Mary	4 th June 1867 Died 18 th June 1950	St. Michaels	Dean Jacobs
2. Mabel Clara	21 st Dec. 1868	St. John's Rangiora	Rev. B. W. Dudley
3. George William	18 th Sept 1870	St. Thomas	Rev. Wm. Cooper died August 1935
4. Arthur Edward	4 th Dec. 1872	Rangiora	Rev. B. W. Dudley died
5. Francis Sydney	14 th Aug. 1874	St. Matthews Ferriside	Rev. B. W. Dudley
6. Harry Overton	9 th May 1876	St. Matthews Ferriside	Rev. Wilmer died 1935
7. Herbert Robin	12 th Dec. 1878	St. Matthews Ferriside	Rev. Wilmer
8. Charles Leonard	2 nd March 1882 Died 2 nd Feb. 1961	S. S. Simons & Jones Ashley	Rev. Otway

Press, 18 Jul 1863 The farming partnership seems to have been formed prior to George junior's marriage.

Samuel Heywood and Geo. Bowron were fined
 £50, to be remitted by the 23rd November, 1863, if
 a clear certificate is then produced, for being the
 owners of 1000 scabby sheep at their sheep station,
 Banner Downs.

Early electoral rolls (available on microfiche at Public Libraries), when land holding brought entitlement to vote, provide an insight into how this property evolved. George Bowron appears in the 1865-66 Ashley roll of voters, abode Banner Down, leasehold, situated on the Moeraki Downs 4228 and 4229, partly in the Oxford and partly in the Mandeville district. [Today this is slightly south-west of Rangiora]

In 1871-72 George Bowron and George Bowron jnr were both leaseholders of Banner Downs entitled to vote in Ashley.

There is no listing for Samuel Heywood at Ashley until 1872-73 when he held the freehold for Banner Down, a 500 acre property. I cannot account for why he was not a registered voter in earlier rolls.

Lyttelton Times, 20 Aug 1866 [Sidney was born in 1838, daughter of James Martin and Julia Mary Barth]

MARRIED.

BOWRON—MARTIN.—Aug. 18, at St. Luke's Christchurch, by the Rev. George Carpenter George, eldest son of George Bowron, Esq., of Heywood, near Christchurch, to Sidney Mary daughter of the late James Martin, Esq., of London. No cards.

1866: George Bowron junior proposed a candidate for Mandeville election to Provincial Council

1866: Heywood and Bowron offering 1000 half bred Southdown sheep for sale at Rangiora.

1866: George Bowron, Banner Down in group working out rates assessments for Rangiora and Mandeville Road Board.

1866: George Junior on Provisional Committee of Northern A & P Association of Canterbury; vice-President 1868; treasurer 1869

1867: 900 Romney, Merino, Southdown sheep offered for sale on property of Heywood and Bowron 1867, similar 1868.

BIRTHS

BOWRON.—June 7, at Banner Down, the wife of George Bowron, jun., of a daughter.

1868: member, Fernside school committee

1874

BIRTHS

BOWRON.—Aug. 17, at Banner Down, Rangiora, the wife of Mr. George Bowron, of a son.

1870: member Acclimatization Soc

1872: letting harvest contract for 280 acres of grain at Bannerdown

1901

ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES.

Yesterday, Mr George Bowron, of Ashley, was driving cattle in to the Rangiora sale, when he fell from his horse. He was dragged by the bridle for some distance, and when lifted up was unconscious. Mr J. Baird, who was driving towards Rangiora after crossing the Ashley bridge, saw Mr Bowron's position, and conveyed him to Dr. Volckman's surgery, from where the injured man, who was insensible, was conveyed to a private hospital. Dr. Cook, who attended, considered that Mr Bowron might have had a fit, as one side was paralysed. He was unconscious all some time in the afternoon, when he partially recovered, and was semi-conscious last evening. It is supposed that a sudden attack of vertigo caused him to fall from his horse.

Mr George Bowron, of Ashley, who fell from his horse, owing to a paralytic seizure when driving cattle to the Rangiora Market, yesterday, was slightly better this morning, but unable to speak. His right leg is badly broken and contused below the knee, his horse having either kicked or trod on it. His right side being paralysed the broken leg makes his case the more serious.

On Monday morning, Mr George Bowron, a well-known farmer of Ashley, started to the Rangiora market on horseback with some cattle. In the Ashley riverbed he fell from his horse, and was found by Mr Joseph Baird lying on his back, quite insensible, with blood flowing from a wound under his ear. Mr Baird placed Mr Bowron in his trap and conveyed him to Dr Volckman's private hospital in Rangiora. Dr Volckman found the sufferer's condition was not due to the fall from his horse, but that he was suffering from a paralytic stroke, and was in a critical state.

1905

GRAND FARM AT ASHLEY FOR SALE.

WE have received instructions from Mr George Bowron to offer, by PUBLIC AUCTION, in our Land Saleroom, RANGIORA, on

TUESDAY, MAY 2nd,

His Compact FARM of 202 ACRES, situated at ASHLEY.

For full particulars see Wednesday's issue.
**NORTH CANTERBURY CO-OPERATIVE,
LIMITED,**

6722

Auctioneers.

Mr and Mrs George Bowron, who are leaving Ashley after a twenty-five years' residence in the district, were on Thursday presented with a tea service by the children attending the St. Simon and St. Jude Sunday school. Miss Bowron was the recipient of an inkstand.

At the Ashley District School on Friday evening last Mr and Mrs George Bowron were entertained at a farewell social by the residents of the district, and presented with a purse of sovereigns.

1911

The Waimate Borough Council has decided that picnic parties and others shall be informed that ferns, flowers and foliage must not be taken out of Keley's Bush, three hundred acres of which have just been purchased by the Borough from Mr George Bowron, Christchurch, with the assistance of the Scenery Department. The Borough Council is now endeavouring to get a subsidy from the Tourist Department towards forming paths through the reservation, which contains one of the few handy pieces of Native bush remaining in Canterbury.

9 Feb 1915

OBITUARY.

MR GEORGE BOWRON.

Mr George Bowron, of Opawa, whose death occurred on Saturday, was a very old colonist. He was born in London in 1837, and educated at King's College, and came out to New Zealand with his parents in 1851 in the Bangalore. He lived for some years in Christchurch, and then took up a property in the Ashley district known as Baumer Down in association with the late Mr S. Heywood, and he lived there for twenty years. He left Fernside to take up another property at Ashley known as Seaview, where he lived for twenty-six years, and then retired to Opawa. He lived a busy and useful life, and took a great interest in Church affairs, especially in Sunday school work. He was a lay reader in the Ashley district for about forty years, and was also vicar's warden. He was one of the early members of the Rangiora-Mandeville Road Board, and also served on the Ashley School Committee for many years. He leaves a widow, five sons, and two daughters. The funeral took place at Rangiora yesterday.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION.

Mr C. J. Willis moved, and it was carried:—"That this synod desires to place on record its appreciation of the life and work of the late George Bowron, for many years churchwarden, Sunday School superintendent, and lay reader in the parochial district of Leithfield, and for some time a member of synod; and that the synod respectfully request the president to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs Bowron."

Cyclopedia of NZ Vol 3 Canterbury, page 518

THE CHURCH OF ST. SIMON AND JUDE, at Ashley, was built in 1875. It is of wood and shingles, and has accommodation for 120 worshippers. Two services are held every Sunday. The Sunday school is attended by thirty scholars under three teachers, and a branch Sunday school is held at Sea View, the residence of Mr. George Bowron, a lay reader.

Church of St Simon and St Jude

39 Canterbury St, Ashley, Rangiora



Press, 16 Nov 1915

ASHLEY.

On Thursday last his Lordship, Bishop Julius, dedicated a memorial of the late Mr George Bowron, in the church of SS. Simon and Jude, Ashley. The memorial is a font cover of four crocketed arches, supporting a cross, and resting on a suitable base, all of dark rimu. Affixed is a brass tablet inscribed, "To the glory of God and in grateful remembrance of George Bowron, Sunday school superintendent, lay-reader, and churchwarden of this church, 1880-1905. This font cover is placed by the parishioners, mindful of the good works which he did." A large number of friends and parishioners assembled to take part in the service, and the Bishop gave a most able and appropriate address.

George's widow Sidney died with the Polhills at Waipawa on 22 Jul 1922. Her will (value £500) left
to daughter Mabel Clara Polhill her clothing and half her jewellery
to granddaughter Eleanor Mary Weld £9 and Indian stone ring
to daughter Ellen Mary Weld half her jewellery
£11 to each of the surviving children other than Mabel [Arthur had died in 1903]
to son Harry thanks for the great help he has given his parents
residue to daughter Mabel in recognition of many years of work without remuneration



Sidney Mary Martin was mentioned in this 1862 administration document at the Principal Probate Registry, UK

MARTIN Thomas Benjamin.

Effects under £100.

10 April.

Letters of Administration of the Personal estate and effects of Thomas Benjamin Martin late of Rye Hill Peckham Rye in the County of **Surrey** Fourth Officer in the Service of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company a Bachelor deceased who died 27 May 1861 at Saigon in Cochin China were granted at the **Principal Registry** under the usual Limitations to Harriet Martin of Elm Cottage Rye Hill aforesaid Widow the lawful Attorney of Sidney Mary Martin Spinster the Sister and one of the Next of Kin of the said Deceased now residing at Canterbury New Zealand she the said Harriet Martin having been first sworn.

1841 census William Martin age 70, Sarah Martin age 43, Richard Martin age 41, Lydia Martin age 20

1	Wm Martin	70	Registered	Yes
	Sarah	43		Yes
	Nich ^d	41	Shapfed	Yes
	Lydia	20		Yes

1851 census Sidney Mary Martin at girls school in Oxfordshire, 13 pupils, 4 teachers, 2 servants

1851 census Thomas Benjamin Martin at a boarding school in Westminster [their mother died 1850]

1851 census Harriet Barth, visitor, 5 Albany Road, Lambeth, Surrey in the household of Sarah Martin, a few days before her marriage to James Martin.

Sarah Martin, born about 1801, unmarried, head of household, no occupation in 1851

James Martin, born about 1819, widower in 1851, clerk,

Lydia Martin, born about 1821, unmarried, no occupation in 1851

Harriet Barth, widow, visitor

1861 census of Camberwell the residents of Elm Cottage were:

Harriet Martin, head, age 42, widow, born Newbold on Avon c 1819,

James Martin, son, age 7, b. Camberwell

Sarah Martin, sister-in-law, age 62, unmarried, house owner, born Westminster

Lydia Martin, sister-in-law, age 40, house owner, born Westminster

Sidney Wright, sister-in-law, age 49, widow and fund holder, born Westminster

1871 census: Sidney Wright, widow (female) is the head of a Prep school for boys in Church St, Ewell, Surrey with her sisters Sarah, Lydia and Harriett, nephew James, and 10 pupils most born India, and 3 servants

1881: Lydia and Sarah Martin with 1 servant at Isleworth, Middlesex

1911: William Moritz Martin, clerk, auditor in Brighton with his only son Moritz Richard Martin age 26 architect

From various sources a partial MARTIN FAMILY REGISTER can be assembled:

Father William Martin probable dates 1772-1849, wife died before 1841, could be Elizabeth m 1793

1. Sarah Sidney Martin, bapt 1798, St Margaret, Westminster, unmarried in 1861-1881

2. Richard Martin, St Margaret, Westminster, at home 1841 census

3. Mary Ann Martin, born 5 March 1802, St Margaret Westminster, married **George Bowron**, died NZ 1883
10 Bowron children

4. Sidney Martin, born 1810, bapt 1811 St Margaret Westminster, m. Wright, widow in 1871 died 1895 prob £170

5. James Martin, b 1820, clerk, died before 1861 m 1. St G Han Squ Julia Mary Barth (1817 St Martin Fields - 1850)

a. Sidney Mary Martin born 1838 Westminster, died 1922 NZ, married **George Bowron jnr**,

Harry Overton Bowron and 7 other Bowrons

b. Thomas Benjamin Martin born 1840 Westminster, died 1861 Saigon, unmarried

c. Julia Mary Martin born and died 1846 Westminster

5. James Martin, b 1820, clerk, died bef 1861 m2 St M Fields, Harriet Barth, nee Overton (wid of Wm W Barth)

d. William Moritz Martin b 1851 Camberwell executor for aunt Sidney Wright 1895

Moritz Richard Martin b. 1885 only son

e. James Richard Martin, born 1853 Camberwell

6. Lydia Josephine Georgina Martin, b 1819, bapt 1820, St Mgt Westminster, unmarried, no occupation 1861-1881

In the discussion of Heywood / Bowron connections above, mention is made of the suggestion that the Martin in Joseph Martin Heywood's name may relate to this Martin family. Another intriguing link comes from the name Overton, as J. M. Heywood's entry in the Macdonald *Dictionary* notes that his son Ernest Edward Heywood married Kitty Overton, 2nd daughter of John William Overton, on 26 Apr 1899. Kitty's father came from a line of Lincolnshire Overtons and it is not clear if Harriet, wife of James Martin is of the same family.

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^{1.}
Bowron George Junr. (1838-1915) was the eldest son of Geo. Bowron bookseller and came out in the Bangalore with his parents and the rest of the family, arriving at Lytt 31.8.51. The family settled on their section No 33 just outside the East Belt and were able to lease some more land from the Braley Bros. They farmed this land and called the farm Heywood and G.B. Junr looked after it as soon as he was old enough. He advertised pigs for sale at Heywood Farm in Ap. 61. Soon after this he and Samuel Heywood bought a block of land of 1200 ac. out of Farnside run just west of Farnside homestead. It appears that at first they farmed it in part, and later separately. They were of the same age and both were devoted supporters of the C.O.E. and got funds collected for the building of Farnside Church. He was one of the provisional comm. appointed to organize the Northern A. & P. Assoc. in 66. He was married in EG and a dau. was born at Banner Downs in June 67. He was a lay reader at Farnside in '75. When the Northern A. & P. Assoc. was started he was a member of the Comm. It was decided a member of the Maudville & Rangiora Rd. Bd. Jan. 68. In '72 Heywood & Bowron of Banner Downs had 280 ac. in crop for the 6 harvest. Bowron's share of Banner Downs was ad. for sale

L.T. 17.4.61: 5.1.72

B.630 Geo. Bowron Junr.

^{2.}
in Mar. 79. divided into farms of 50-100 ac. each. Only one small section was sold of 49 ac. at £12 per ac. the rest not reaching the reserve. He was elected chairman of the Stoke Sch. Comm. Oct. 73. He and his partner Heywood worked hard at collecting funds and Bishop Harper laid the foundation stone of Farnside Church 12.1.74. J.T. Brown of Mt. Thomas promised them 25% of all they collected. Bowron and Heywood are said to have dug a very deep - 300 feet - well and got no water. Their homestead was up on the terrace overlooking the Ashley. If they had dug down on the River flat they would probably have got plenty of water. Bowron must have sold some of his land later on. In May 05 he sold 202 ac. to James Bonds at £15.10 per acre. This was the last of his farm. He and his wife were given a farewell and a purse of sovereigns. He retired to Opawa where he died 5.2.15 aged 77.

Mar. 18.8.66 at St. Lukes by Rev Geo. Carpenter Sydney Mary dau of James Martin of London.

his dau. Ellen Mary Marr. William son of Dr. Wold of Oxford. 31.7.94.

Geo. B. Junr. was elected Pres. of the Culverham Soc. Feb. 74. He was still on the Comm. Nov. 79.

L.T. 14.2.74: 20.8.66: 1.3.79: 21.3.79: 3.5.05: 2.6.05: 17.10.73: 21.11.77.

10 Kate MOORHOUSE, nee BOWRON was born on 6 Oct 1839 and baptised on 10 Dec 1839 at St Margaret's Westminster, the sixth daughter of George and Mary Ann. She died at the Grand Hotel, Timaru on 13 Aug 1933 at the age of 93. On 8 Sep 1860 she married Thomas Carter MOORHOUSE, nephew of William Sefton Moorhouse, superintendent of Canterbury. They had 2 sons and 3 daughters, refer #37 - #41 in generation 4 below.

MARRIED.

On the 8th instant, at Saint Michael's, Christchurch, by the Venerable Archdeacon Mathias, Thomas Carter, fourth son of William Moorhouse, Esq., of Marine Villa, Knottingley, Yorkshire, England, to Kate, fourth daughter of George Bowron, Esq., of Heywood, Canterbury, New Zealand.

1880 advertised wanting to take in junior Christ's College boys as boarders

1931: "Mrs Kate Moorhouse, living at the Grand Hotel, Timaru had on her 92nd birthday 6th October 1931, a meeting of all her five children, which was also the first occasion on which they had all been together." Wikitree

Press 14 Aug 1933

MOORHOUSE—On August 12th, 1933, at the Grand Hotel, Timaru, Kate, dearly beloved wife of the late Thomas Carter Moorhouse; in her 94th year. Private interment. No flowers by request

Waikato Independent 17 Aug 1933

OBITUARY
CANTERBURY PIONEER.

MOTHER OF CAPT. R. H. MOORHOUSE.

The death occurred at Timaru on Sunday of Mrs Kate Moorhouse, wife of the late Thomas Carter Moorhouse, and mother of Capt. R. H. Moorhouse, of Cambridge, at the age of 93.

The late Mrs Moorhouse, who was formerly Miss Kate Bowron, was born near London in 1839, the year before Capt. William Hobson, R.N., landed at Auckland as first Governor of New Zealand. Mrs Moorhouse came to the new colony in 1849 as a girl of ten, and later married Thomas Carter Moorhouse, a member of one of the early Canterbury families.

The late Mrs Moorhouse is survived by five children, Mrs Elsdale, wife of Colonel Elsdale of Beaminster, Dorset; Capt. R. H. Moorhouse, of Cambridge; Mrs Roberts of Tirau; Mrs Walter, wife of Major Walter, of Maidstone, Kent; and Mr T. E. Moorhouse, of Canberra, Australia. There are eight grand-children and 13 great-grand-children.

Her will signed 1924, Probate value £3,745 left all chattels to daughter Ethel Roberts
Annuity of £5 per annum to Moritz for life

Interest on £2000 for son Thomas Edward Moorhouse for life, then to his widow, then to his children if any, then to her other children if living. Residue to all her children equally

11 Alice BOWRON 1841 She died on 6 Aug 1918 and was buried with her parents at Barbadoes Street cemetery, Christchurch.

1888: Presented with her St John Ambulance medallion by the mayor, along with 50 others.

1896: Miss Sarah and Miss Alice Bowron, nurses at the Strathmore hospital, sent a wreath to Dr Prin's funeral.

1918: headstone inscription refer father's entry

Will: Niece Florence Ffitch to distribute her jewellery according to instructions,

Brother Moritz to have £10 at once, then interest on £500 for life

Divide residue between nieces and nephews equally: George Clarence Dunnage, Walter Herbert Dunnage, Frank Dunnage, Alfred Dunnage, Archdale Mathias, Hugh Henry Mathias, Harold Roleston Mathias, George William Bowron, Harry Overton Bowron, Frank Sydney Bowron, Frank Bowron, Charles William Bowron, Reginald William Moorhouse, Thomas Edward Moorhouse, Mary Louisa Dunnage, Laura Dunnage, Ellen Mary Weld, Mabel Clara Polhill, Kate Elsdale, Ethel Roberts, Marion Walter, and to Harriet Mathias widow of Geoffrey Selwyn. [Several appear to have been excluded, whether deliberately is unknown]

12 Moritz BOWRON 1845-1933 On 30 May 1898 Moritz married Te Rina TE TUHI.

1860-61: Attended Christs' College, no.112 on the School Roll.

1864-5 November *Press* George becoming more involved at Banner Down, Moritz steps up at Heywood?

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CHRISTCHURCH, well fenced, plenty of
water and abundance of fresh feed. Terms: 5s. per
week per horse. No responsibility incurred for
missing horses or otherwise. Apply to M. BOWRON,
at Heywood, Section 33, near the Avon, adjoining the
Christchurch Cemetery Reserve. 10-25

1872: letter to Prov. Secretary seeking employment at Archives Chch

1873: elected to membership of Canterbury Rowing Club 1877: purser, Pilgrims rowing club

1874: present at general meeting of football club 1874: stroke in rowing crew of 4, weight 10stone 9lb
many appearances about this period in rowing regattas and college old boys sports days

Already there are a large number of entries for the different races, the most attractive of which will be a canoe steeplechase. For some time past Mr M. Bowron has been energetically at work making the preliminary arrangements.

1878 - 1881: canvassing agent AMP insurance, travelling to midCanterbury centres giving lectures on insurance, chief Canterbury agent in 1882

1881: bone collector agency from an office in Cathedral Square, for his brother-in-law, T C Moorhouse, who had a bone crushing and superphosphate fertilizer works at Belfast.

1882: Wanted 1000 sound second hand sacks 1883: taking orders for product with samples on view

1882: one of the toasts at the Canterbury Rowing Club dinner was to "The Pilgrim Fathers of the Club" coupled with the name of Moritz Bowron.

1883: Hunting hares with a pack of hounds at Burnham, his horse broke its neck on a wire fence

1883: Diamond field unveiled 15 Aug 1883 Inungahua Times has long article about the Diamond mania including: "Mr Moritz Bowron, mining agent, reports a moderate amount of business Monday in diamond shares; fewer transactions reported in the higher priced shares, while more activity appears in low-priced scrip. Sales of Caledonians have been effected at £7, few sellers, however, at that figure."

1883: A meeting of the Caledonian Diamond Company, at which all the shareholders were represented, was held at the offices of Mr M. Bowron, 45, Cathedral square. Dr Frankish, Chairman of Directors in the chair.

After the ordinary routine business had been transacted, the Chairman congratulated the Company on having

secured a prospecting license over so large an area as 640 acres immediately adjoining the diamond bearing ground of the Pioneer and Koh-i-noor claims ; as no matter which turned out the richer, the Caledonian was bound to participate.

1883: Lecturing farmers at Kaiapoi on the use of fertilisers

1885: 7 February Long letter in Lyttelton Times under heading "The Defence of New Zealand", urging people to lobby Government in support of Defence preparation. 16 March: another long letter "Patriotic Fund".

Made a similar speech at Christ's College Old Boys' Dinner and "brought the house down".

1885: President, Regatta committee

1885: chairing public meeting re establishing Volunteer Rifle Company 1886: Capt. Bowron, Richmond Rifles

1888: travelled to Ophir in Otago to view new crusher/roller used in mining industry

1891: https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary/AJHR1891-II.2.4.2.50?end_date=31-12-1900&page=2&query=bowron&start_date=01-01-1854

This is a link to a 9 page report by Captain M Bowron, Richmond Rifles which was tabled, by leave, in the House of Representatives and published in AJHR 1891 section H54. The previous year's Defence report indicated the Richmond Rifles under Captain Bowron had a total strength of 87 men. Numbers dropped away after he left the district.

1893: from the Defence report to Parliament

a major of a battalion. Major Bowron, in whose characteristically assisted, is very energetic, and will be a very good man in the battalion. Captain Bowron was of very great assistance to me in guiding me over the country round Christchurch and Lyttelton. He has taken very great pains to learn all about his district, and will be a very valuable staff officer for intelligence, but wholly lacks power of command.

1894: Moritz Bowron of Christchurch gazetted a J.P., hearing cases of drunkenness etc. Resigned 1898

1896: of Brown and Davy Streets, Thames (electoral roll)

1898: Thames Coromandel mining claim: Oamaru - Special Claim - Block XIV Hastings Survey District - applicant Moritz Bowron - application 19/1898 (R25289480) – Archives NZ document at Auckland Regional Office

1914: Received From: T.W. Rhodes, M.P. Wellington. - Subject: Okewa Block. Correspondence from Mr. Bowron of Thames as to Mrs Bowron's name (Terina Mango or Kerei) being in list of owners. [Available at Archives Wellington] **This document would be important to see**

1923: Captain M. Bowron's name removed from territorial reserve list. Letter had been sent to him in Thames in 1903 advised that he was on the retired army list and entitled to wear his uniform on ceremonial occasions. Small Army file on Archway.

1926: Remembering the Thames Pioneers: The toast was responded to by Messrs. W. L. Thorburn and M. Bowron, who recalled many stirring incidents of the early days in Thames. They thanked the association for the kindly interest which was taken in the welfare of the pioneers.

1933: Historic Maori Wars graves - died 27 Mar 1933

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Bowron, Monty (1849-1933) was the younger son of Geo. Bowron of Oxford St. London, bookseller and came out in the Bangalore with his parents in the Bangalore in '57. He was educ. at X's Coll. in '60-61 and became a metallurgist and assayer. He was Capt. of the Tiniwood Rifles and served in the Maori War. a canoeing club was formed for canoeing on the Avon in '75 of which he was a member. In one race competitors after paddling along the river until they reached a loop, had to get out and carry their canoes across the ~~the~~ width of land until they reached the river again and then paddled on. He won a race when they held a regatta in '76. He was the sole agent for T.C. Moorhouse's Superphosphate of lime Nov. 82. He went to Thames when gold was found there and stayed there the rest of his life. He took up fruit-growing when mining declined and wrote books on it. He was the standard authority in fruit-blight. He was also an authority on Maori legends and language.

He d. 28.2.1933 aged 84

This makes his age year of birth 1849. It was given as 1846 in the parish.

X's Coll Sch. list: bt. 20.3.76 : 7.11.82 : 7.2.89. pass. list: ~~the~~ Cant'y. Mus.

LECTURE ON LIFE ASSURANCE.

MR MORITZ BOWRON,
 Canvassing Agent for the Australian Mutual
 Provident Society,
 Will DELIVER a LECTURE on the above
 subject, at the
SCHOOL-ROOM, WAIHIBUSH, on MON-
DAY, the 16th September,
 at 7.30 p.m.
 " **PLEASANT VALLEY, on**
WEDNESDAY, 18th Sep-
tember, at 7.30 p.m.
 " **KAKAHU, on FRIDAY,**
20th September, at 7.30
p.m.

No Charge for Admission. All are wel-
 come, and invited to be present. The attend-
 ance of Ladies and present Members is
 particularly requested.

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 every five years among those who assure their
 lives. The next division of profits takes
 place as from the 31st December next, and
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 Australian Colonies, and during the past two
 years has obtained more New Business than
 any other Life Assurance Society in the
 British Dominions. 13s

The Diamond Field.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The excitement in town with respect to the
 supposed diamond field at Alford Forest
 shows no signs of abatement. There is con-
 siderable enquiry for Pioneer and Koh-i-noor
 shares at the rates quoted in our issue of
 Saturday, but holders, especially in the
 former Company, are not very anxious to
 sell. In regard to the publication of
 information received from Mr Kelsey by the
 Directors of the Pioneer Company, we have
 been requested to explain that all telegrams,
 which will be in cipher, will come to Mr T. B.
 Craig, Chairman of the Company, and after
 being submitted to the Board of Directors,
 will be made public through the medium of
 the newspapers.

The following persons have made applica-
 tion at the Waste Lands Office for prospecting
 licenses:—Moritz Bowron, for self and party,
 Frank H. Hyman, William M'William, and
 John Webber.

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Mr. Bowron,
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The greatest assistance in fighting
 Insect and Fungoid pests yet devised

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The Agent will exhibit and
 demonstrate at the **PARAWAI**
SCHOOL GARDEN FETE on
Thursday, 5th inst., at 3 p.m.

M. BOWRON;
 Matapura, Parawai; Thames.
 Agent for Thames District.

THAMES COUNTY ELECTION

Waikato Times 20 Aug 1921

THE FIRE BLIGHT: UNITED ACTION NEEDED TO EFFECTIVELY COMBAT IT

M. Bowron, Omahu. Thames Valley

Although possibly like a "nine days' wonder," public interest may be dead, or dying, it is certain that bacillus amylovorus is neither. Fire blight will not be defeated by authors, correspondents, nor Acts of Parliament; it is only action which counts — action, national and united. United public interest and action does not start spontaneously; someone must start it, say you, reader. Get in touch with sympathetic interests — fruitgrowers' societies, nurserymen, and others. Find you a man who has the hang of the matter; one who can put it forcibly and pleasantly. Send that man quickly the length and breadth of fruit-growing New Zealand, per adventure, by conversation, instruction, and lecturing public

opinion and action be welded into an efficient weapon of attack and defence. Make every possible endeavour to keep the extermination of bacillus amylovorus beyond the grip of the strangling tentacles of the octopus (party politics). Act quickly; delay not; very shortly bacillus amylovorus will rouse from winter quarters for his main attack. Failure, through unpreparedness, to successfully counter that attack this coming season may rivet bacillus amylovorus upon New Zealand horticulture in perpetuity. The time for organisation is short, yet organisation there must be. Many will say "they leave all such matters to the officers of the Horticulture Department." Had our Empire's army and navy consisted of officers only (no soldiers, no sailors), what country's flag would now float over our Parliament House and our Waikato butter factories? Legislation. A rough outline bird's-eye sketch for effective legislation: Make hawthorn an outlawed, noxious weed. Destroy hawthorn by exhaustion from defoliation, defoliation being maintained by spraying a defoliating spray. Last season competent authority described the attack of fireblight on hawthorn as "devastating." New

Zealand is confronted with a "Caesarian operation." Spare hawthorn: bacillus amylovorus kills hawthorn, and horticulture, or cripples it; destroy hawthorn and bacillus amylovorus may possibly also be destroyed. Clean up the innumerable fruit tree slums (foci for all diseases). Require overgrown, overcrowded, and neglected fruit trees to be reduced and opened, that inspection and operation (if necessary) be thorough and rapid, without which destruction of hawthorn is useless. The horticulture officers at notified meetings give field instruction how to recognise fire blight. That owners of trees be responsible under penalties that they immediately report fire blight infection, and as immediately themselves take action to abate it. That neglect entail not fines only, but that the Horticulture Department be empowered to enter, effect and conduct the work, and recover fines and costs from owners. Prevention of the spread of fire blight from present infested districts. That throughout infected districts no portion of any tree, roots or fruit liable to infection by fire blight be removed from where they are grown. Possibility of exterminating fire blight. All living organisms have life limitations; each has its own "Achilles heel." Among the life limitations of bacillus amylovorus are factors giving reasonable hope for its utter extermination. By far the strongest friend and supporter of bacillus amylovorus is human cussedness and procrastination. Were bacillus amylovorus opposed with anything approaching the intelligent united determination used by the bacteria, bacillus amylovorus should have a very bad time. To prevent re-importation of fire blight. The most careful inspection by the most skilful officials at ports of export may be useless. When bacillus amylovorus enters a nursery tree at the latest period before dormancy, the tree and the bacteria may both become dormant before the bacteria produce a visible canker, and both may be sent oversea and planted without detection. When spring arrives tree and bacteria awake into activities, and the introduction of fire

blight into a new country is completed. Whether reimportation of fire blight in imported fruit comes within the range of practical possibilities, and whether inspection of fruit might prevent it, are obscure, but suggest careful investigation. Absolute prohibition of importation of fruit trees subject to fire blight might be the most certain prevention of reintroduction; or establish a quarantine station, say, on one of our islands; there plant all imported trees subject to fire blight for one year. Inspect continually, and on the first appearance of fire blight destroy all trees affected. Such quarantine might be made useful for preventing introduction of diseases other than fire blight would be helpful that the Minister for Horticulture give the stamp of official authority to such information as the following: Within New Zealand: Does bacillus amylovorus form spores or endospores when a branch infected with canker is removed from its parent tree during the growing season, for how long does bacillus amylovorus survive within such branch; when bacterial ooze exudes from a tree, for how long do the bacteria survive within such ooze. accepting the moisture within a tree during the growing season as normal what extent of desiccation can bacillus amylovorus survive? Should official investigation disclose favourable answers to the above and I finish questions the possibilities of exterminating fire blight would be greatly increased the public heartened to cordially join the Horticulture officers in a sustained and determined war to the death against bacillus amylovorus and the danger avoided of everybody leaving to everybody else everybody's duty to help their country. Replacement of the inefficient winter shelter of a bare leafless tree like hawthorn with evergreen trees giving warmth, shelter, and comfort, would so improve the condition of stock and increase dairy products that dairy farmers would ere long realise that destruction of hawthorn was the best thing that ever happened for them

Generations 4 & 5

13 Mary Louisa DUNNAGE 1857-1940 aged 83, first born of George and Louisa nee Bowron, unmarried

14 Florence FFITCH, nee DUNNAGE 1858- marr Henry Ffitch in 1884. They had 2 sons, 1 daughter (page 2)

1874: trainee teacher, passing the third year examination in 1876 although under age. 1877 one of first four teachers appointed to Christchurch Girl's High School. 1881: sole-charge mistress at Oxford School. 1884: married Henry Ffitch who with his two brothers farmed Woodstock run on the north bank of the Waimakariri River.

15 George Clarence DUNNAGE 1859-1929 marr Edith Sarah ELMER in 1889 They had 2 son, 1 dau (page 2)

1877: of Geraldine branch Bank of New South Wales (New Zealand) salary £100 p.a. Transferred to branches around the country, 1889 accountant, then relieving manager, 1897 Head Assayer in Dunedin.

1901: transferred to the bank's Head Office in Sydney, Australia. 1913: retired with pension of £150 p.a. Moved to Moss Vale during World War One, remained in Australia for the rest of his life.

[Source Lawler Family Web Site on MyHeritage.com as at 24.12.2017]

16 Edith Sidney DUNNAGE 1861-1958, aged 96 unmarried

17 Walter Herbert DUNNAGE 1863-1942, aged 79 married Caroline Elizabeth KENSINGTON in 1902. They had 4 sons and 3 daughters (page 2).

18 Lucy Ada DUNNAGE 1864-1865, aged 5 months

19 Frank DUNNAGE 1866-1944 married Ellen Rebecca BOWKER in 1900. Served World War I 2 daughters

20 Louisa DUNNNAGE 1868-1942 aged 74, unmarried

21 Alfred Spencer DUNNAGE was born on 3 Feb 1870 at River Styx, Canterbury, NZ. He died in 1957 aged 87, married Annie York OTWAY in 1901. May have remarried Elfreda Winifred Elmer HASZARD in 1938.

22 Ernest Harold DUNNAGE 1872-1873, aged 9 months

23 Laura Constance DUNNAGE 1874-1959 married Henry Harper HARTREE in 1913 1 son (refer page 2)

24 Geoffrey Selwyn MATHIAS 1856-1910, bank manager Oamaru in 1910, married Harriet Annie HAWKINS.

25 Archdale MATHIAS born 27 Mar 1858, died 3 Nov 1933 unmarried

The death occurred at Christchurch yesterday of Mr Archdale Mathias, seventh son of the late Very Rev. Octavius Mathias, Dean of Christchurch, in his seventy-sixth year. Mr Mathias was born at Willow Lodge, Riccarton road. He was educated at Christ's College, but at the age of 18 he went to Australia, where he managed various sheep stations for some years. Later he went to South Africa, where he served in two military campaigns, in the Boer War and in the Sudan, gaining the Khedive's Star for distinguished service. For a time he was a member of the South African Mounted Police, after which he pursued a variety of occupations, including farming and mining. Eventually he returned to Australia, and came to live in retirement in New Zealand in 1925. While at Christ's College Mr Mathias was a successful athlete, and he won a great many races in open competition in Christchurch and South Canterbury after leaving school. He did not marry.

26 Gerald Octavianus MATHIAS 1859-1859, aged 3 days

27 Hugh Henry MATHIAS, born 18 Nov 1862 (from affidavit in probate) died 3 Jul 1942, clerk in holy orders Torquay, Devon, England (will at Archives NZ) married Amy MATHIAS in 1897 Hugh and Amy had one daughter Judith Amy Duncan Mathias married Burnard Leigh Morton, and one son Lionel Armine Mathias.

28 Harold Rolleston MATHIAS born 3 May 1864, died 1954 aged 89, married Ella Laura Ann ROBINSON in 1897.

29 Ellen Mary WELD, nee BOWRON 1867-1950 married William WELD in 1894. They had 3 daughters, and 4 sons (refer page 2)
1892: teacher Loburn school [AJHR]



30 Mabel Clara POLHILL, nee BOWRON 1869-1942 married Reginald Edward POLHILL. They had no children. Her will left her husband her chattels and life interest in the capital, then £10 to each of her surviving godchildren, and the residue to divide between her living brothers and sisters or their heirs. Total under £400.

31 George William BOWRON 1870-1935 married Caroline Selina YORSTON (1870-1953) in 1905. 2 sons

1896: bank clerk, Milton

Will of George William Bowron, Company Director of Dunedin, (as amended by codicil) personal chattels to his wife, ~~£50 each to his brothers sisters and sisters in law if living, Ellen Mary Weld, Mabel Clara Polhill, Francis Sidney Bowron, Harry Overton Bowron, Herbert Robin Bowron, Charles Edmund Bowron, Catherine Elizabeth Yorston, Euphemia Yorston~~ £400 to his wife (in addition to other benefits)

£1000 to his wife for life, and up to £200 additional for ~~George Arthur and~~ Harry Johnstone's lives. Wife to have at least £500 from capital if income is insufficient.

After wife's death ~~£200~~ £120 per annum for maintenance to George Arthur for life, £100 each to the two sisters in law for life.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM BOWRON

[BY TELEGRAPH—OWN CORRESPONDENT]

DUNEDIN, Monday

One of the best-known men in the commercial circles of New Zealand, Mr. George William Bowron, died at Dunedin this morning, aged 65. Mr. Bowron was born at Fernside, near Rangiora. When 18 years of age he entered the employ of the National Bank. In 1898 he joined Mr. Harry Guthrie, the mercantile firm of Guthrie and Bowron being thus started. Some years later the business was formed into a company and rapidly expanded throughout New Zealand, having an office in each of the chief centres and owning its buildings in Wellington and Auckland. Mr. Bowron looked after the sales, and by general consent did that duty very capably. It is no exaggeration to state that he knew every town and village in the Dominion. He retired from the company in 1929, but continued to take an active interest in goldmining, being a director of the Okarito, Waitahu, Nokomai, and other companies. He married Miss Catherine Yorston, who survives her husband. There are also two sons.



Mr G. W. BOWRON

BOWRON.—On August 26, 1935, George William Bowron, of 424 George street, Dunedin.—The Funeral will leave the above residence on Wednesday, the 28th, at 10.30 a.m. for the Anderson's Bay Cemetery.

32 Arthur Edward BOWRON 1873-1903

1880: admitted Ashley Bank school

1899: Drew Waikakahi section 3 block VII 1425 acres (a small grazing run) in a land ballot Waimate *Star*
He died unmarried in 1903, farmer of Glenavy, leaving his brother-in-law William Weld his sole beneficiary.

33 Francis Sydney BOWRON born 17 Aug 1874, died 1952 married Lucy Henrietta Cunningham in 1909, and is buried in Bromley cemetery, Christchurch Block 3 Plot 29 farmer of Waiau - probate

34 Harry Overton BOWRON was born at Fernside on 9 May 1876. He died in 1935 in Deanside, Rockbank. Victoria, Australia. He married Adelaide Ruby PHILLIPS (1887-1971) on 6 March 1917 at St Barnabus, Fendalton. Adelaide lived at 13 Stratford Street Fendalton during the war. Harry served in WWI, a stock buyer for Sims, Cooper & Co (frozen meat exporters) at the time of his enlistment in 1917. They settled in Victoria, Australia after the war, and raised a family of three children.



Harry Overton Bowron [source MyHeritage.com]



Adelaide Ruby Bowron, nee Phillips [source MyHeritage.com]

35 **Herbert Robin BOWRON** born 12 Dec 1877 at Ashley Downs. He died 25 Jul 1947 Unmarried
 1887: Robin Bowron admitted Ashley Bank school 1902: vestryman Ashley church
 Farmer, Rapaura, Marlborough, died intestate, administration to brother Charles, assets £400

38 **Charles Edmund BOWRON** born 1882-died 2 Feb 1961 at Titahi Bay. He married Evelyn Judith PHILLIPS in 1910

Farmer, Rapaura, Marlborough.

They had one daughter Sydney Mary Bowron, married Flatt, 1920-2001.



Charles Edmund Bowron -



Evelyn Judith Phillips

source MyHeritage.com

37 **Kate ELSDALE, nee MOORHOUSE** born 1861, married Colonel Elsdale of Beaminster, Dorset, England.

"Kate Moorhouse (Kitty) born 17th June 1861 at Ashburton, South Canterbury, married 1 Feb 1887 to Major Henry Elsdale, R.E. who was born in 1842 and died in 1900. Mrs Elsdale left N.Z. in Feb 1932 for N.S.W. en route to Britain via Palestine. There were two children: Henry Sefton Elsdale and Robinson Elsdale." Wikitree

38 **Reginald William MOORHOUSE, Cmdr RNR**, born 12 August 1862, in Ashburton. He married Mildred Adela Barry in 1897 in Kent. He died in Cambridge, New Zealand 6 Nov 1942. 2 sons 3 daughters refer page 2

Press 6 Nov 1897 on www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz :

With reference to a wedding of New Zealand interest which I mentioned in a recent letter, I am now in possession of a few particulars which I have no doubt will be read with pleasure in New Zealand, where both the bride and bridegroom have so many relatives and friends. On the 31st August the marriage took place of Mr Reginald William Moorhouse, son of Mr Thomas Carter Moorhouse, of Canterbury, New Zealand, to Miss Mildred Adela Barry, daughter of Mr Horace Barry, of Bush Hill House, Winchmore Hill, London. The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Ightham, in Kent, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. D. Barry, rector of the parish and brother of the bride, who was given away by her youngest brother, Mr F. C. Barry. There was a full choral service and the fine peal of bells was rung at the conclusion of the ceremony.

NOTABLE CAREER ENDS

COMMANDER MOORHOUSE, R.N.R

LIFE OF SEA ADVENTURE

One of Cambridge's most notable residents, Commander Reginald William Moorhouse, R.D., R.N.R., aged 80 years, died at his home yesterday, thus ending a life which was filled with the romance of sea voyaging.

Reginald William Moorhouse was born in Ashburton on August 12, 1862. His father, Thomas Carter Moorhouse, came from Yorkshire as one of the original Canterbury settlers in the "first five ships," and started sheep farming. His uncle, William Seflon Moorhouse, the senior member of this pioneering family, was superintendent of Canterbury for many years, and his statue stands in Christchurch as a permanent reminder of the part he played in the early development of that province.

His mother, who was formerly Miss Kate Bowron, came to New Zealand in 1849, at the age of 10. She lived to be 93 years of age, her death occurring at Timaru on August 13, 1933.

Commander Moorhouse received his early education at Christ's College, Christchurch, where a noted New Zealander, William Pember Reeves, was a Sixth Form contemporary. As he often said in after years Latin drove young Moorhouse to sea, and just before he reached the age of 14 years he was apprenticed as a cadet to the New Zealand Shipping Company. He went to sea for the first time in the Waimate, a full-rigged sailing ship, and was nearly wrecked on his first voyage to England. The only direct passenger route in those days was via Cape Horn, and it was off Cape Stiff that particularly stormy weather provided a suitable initiation for the young cadet.

He served for the next 13 years or so in various other sailing ships of the company, including the Rangitikei, Wairoa, Piako, Waikato, and Orari. As sail gradually gave place to steam, he saw service subsequently in the steamers Tongariro, Kaikoura, Waikato, Waimate, and Ruahine.

Royal Naval Commission

As a sea officer he qualified highly at an early age, passing successively in London examinations for his certificates as second mate and first mate (or chief officer as the rank is better known to-day). Just after his thirtieth birthday, on August 17, 1892, to be exact, he passed the Board of Trade, London, examination for master mariner. Five months after this he was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve, his seniority dating from January 25, 1893.

He carried out his naval training in H.M.S. President, one of the old wooden fighting ships, with muzzle-loading guns, which showed little advance since the days of Nelson. He became a lieutenant, R.N.R., on September 2, 1898, and on July 10, 1914, just before the outbreak of the Great War, he was promoted to lieutenant-commander.

His sea service was interrupted at one stage by a period of exploring for goldfields inland from Broome in North Western Australia, where he endured all the hardships and dangers inseparable from such pioneering work in unknown country. For about a year he served as mate of the pearl-fishing fleet flagship before returning to regular sea service with the New Zealand Shipping Company, as chief officer of the sailing ship Rangitikei. He also held this rank later in steamers belonging to the company.

New Zealand Service

In August, 1901, Commander Moorhouse joined the New Zealand Defence Force, and was given command of the Lady Roberts, one of two small steamers purchased in England by the Government for mine laying, mine sweeping, and patrol work. The other was the Janie Seddon, commanded by Captain Fraser, an old shipmate. The Lady Roberts left Greenwich on September 24, 1901, and arrived at Wellington on January 16, after a stormy and adventurous voyage via Suez. When it is realised that the Lady Roberts was only 100 feet long and displaced only 150 tons, the difficulties of such a long voyage can be appreciated.

He remained in this command for five years, being stationed at Auckland. During this period he held the honorary rank of captain in the Royal New Zealand Engineers. On his retirement from the defence force in 1906, Commander Moorhouse took up fruit farming on the banks of the Waitemata at Riverhead. He moved from there to Cambridge in 1914, just before war was declared.

On the outbreak of hostilities, he immediately cabled to the Admiralty offering his services, and, after some months' delay, was informed that as he was then 52 years of age, he was considered too old for active service with the R.N.R. On December 18, 1915, he sailed from Auckland in the troopship Ruahine, paying his own passage to England, to lay his case personally before the Admiralty.

Part in Great War

Finally, on March 9, 1916, he was successful in obtaining an appointment in the Naval Transport Service, being stationed for the first 12 months at Calais, and for the remainder of the war at Le Havre.

For his war services he received the reserve decoration, was mentioned in despatches "for gallant and distinguished service" by Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and was promoted to the rank of commander, R.N.R. He arrived back at Cambridge on July 3, 1919, after an absence of three years and a-half.

Life Membership Conferred

As one of the first New Zealand-born sea officers, it was appropriate that Commander Moorhouse should have been made a life-member of the Navy League. He was a foundation member of the Garrison Officers' Club. This has now become the Auckland Officers' Club, and it honoured the commander also by making him a life-member.

The late Commander Moorhouse is survived by four children: Miss J. Moorhouse (Cambridge), Mrs. A. Willis (Cambridge), Mr. T. Moorhouse (Tauranga), and Mr. B. Moorhouse (Wellington).

39 Ethel ROBERTS, nee MOORHOUSE born 1864, married 23 Sep 1889 with 6 bridesmaids, 2 train-bearers at St Mary's Merivale, Christchurch to Alexander Frederic Roberts of Hickory, Le Bons Bay. Press 2 Oct 1889

"A sheep farmer and owner and trainer of race horses, (the horse Phar Lap was bred at his stables), formerly resident on Banks Peninsula, at Ashburton, Teviot in Central Otago, and Timaru and recently at Ataahua, Kaituna, Canterbury, N.Z. He died 4 Aug 1931 at Christchurch. No children." [Wikitree] Probate £25,000.

40 Marion WALTER, nee MOORHOUSE born 1866, married Major Walter of Maidstone, Kent. 1 son

“Marion Moorhouse born at Ashburton, N.Z. 3 Oct 1866, married at the Drill Shed Temporary Church Pietermaritzburg, Natal on 30th Jan 1894 to Stephen Walter, born 1857 (eldest son of the late Frank Walter of Sutton Valence, Kent. He was a Captain in the 3rd Dragoon Guards. On his retirement from the army as Major they lived at The Parsonage, East Farleigh, Kent. They had one child.” From Wikitree, based on a Moorhouse document at Canterbury Museum library. Their child was Stephen Reginald Parke Walter, died in Belgium 1917.

41 Thomas Edward MOORHOUSE born 1881, died 29 Oct 1941 at Lindfield, NSW, Australia married Lilian Georgina Prosser, no children.

“Thomas Edward Moorhouse, born at Christchurch N.Z. 21 Feb 1881 educated at the Cathedral Choir School, Christchurch. He served with the N.Z. troops in the South African War. He married 24 April 1912 at Lichfield, Sydney, N.S.W. Lilian Georgina Prosser (born at Bathurst, N.S.W. on 29 Oct 1880, third daughter of George and Jessie Prosser (nee McInness). No children. He has been engaged in the promotion of the use of British Manufactures in Australia and on Railway Commissions relating to changes of guage and on the Inter-State Extensions & Control, and is (1932) engaged as Secretary to the Transport Board in Victoria. Resident at Il St. Johns' Avenue, Mt. Albert, Victoria.” Wikitree

Canterbury Land Records Online

Go to <https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/>

Click "GO" to select "Advanced Search", and on the next screen click the first "GO" to select Records.

On the Records screen, scroll down to find "Accession" in red at the left, and enter "CH1032" then click "search" at the bottom of that screen

10 pages of Canterbury land records appear, use the buttons at the bottom to move through to about page 5 where the annotation "record available online" starts to appear.

STEP 1: Near the bottom of page 6 find Canterbury Land District **Nominal Index to Deeds 1853-1864**

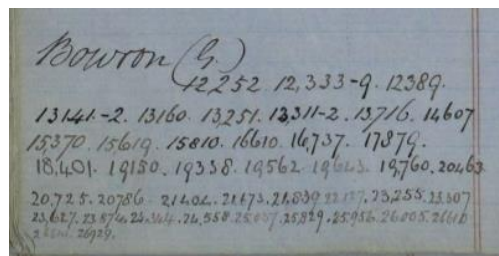
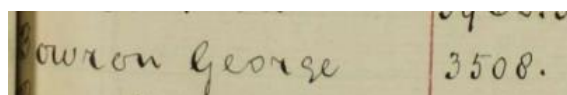
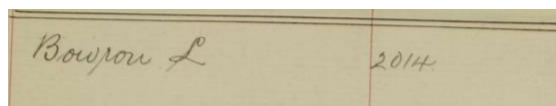
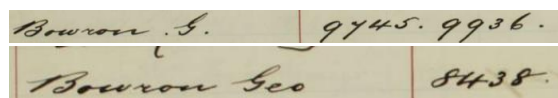
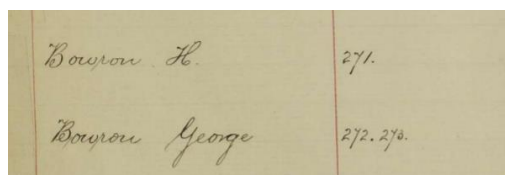
Click "record available online" against this record, and on the next screen click the item's name.

Click "Derivative Copy" at the bottom of the screen, and roll down a little to expose and click the full screen symbol on "Image 1". Wait for the whole book to download.

Roll down through the book getting a feel for how it is arranged. It's not strictly alphabetical, divided first by the initial letter, then (sometimes) by the first vowel (so Bro and Blo are both listed with the Bo's). There could easily be mistakes in where a name has been entered so check carefully. Also, roll to the end of any section to see if they started a whole second set of entries when they were running out of space.

When you find a Bowron entry note the numbers associated.

[Remember that George as Registrar of Deeds (or his clerks) was responsible for maintaining this system.]



H Bowron, L Bowron are Harriet and Louise. The NZSG Kiwi Index indicates that Land and Deeds hold a marriage settlement for Harriet. Harriet's land probably passed to her eldest son as a copy of his death certificate is also held in Lands and Deeds. Also remember there was another George Bowron in Christchurch, I am not sure at what date the other got into business, but any transactions at Woolston are likely to be his.

STEP 2: To find details of those transactions, go back to page 6 of that Archway listing to find "Canterbury Land District **Primary Entry Book Vol 1, 1-5574**"

Follow the same procedure as was used for the Nominal Index, and be sure to select "Derivative Copy". When the book opens, scroll down column 2 looking for the reference numbers from the nominal index.

The Other Christchurch Bowrons

William Bowron 1810-1890

I have been unable to link the William and George Bowron families. George (son of George and Elizabeth) was about 5 years older than William and was born in the south of England, whereas William (son of William and Mary) was born in Durham and moved south early in life. They seem to be more likely cousins at best, not brothers.

Various children of William spent parts of their lives in NZ and William himself relocated to NZ late in life where he got himself appointed Dairy Advisor to the NZ Government. However he died in England whilst on a visit – probably checking on his Provision business run by his son John Allen Bowron.

William had a successful and long surviving high class grocery business in London's west end, he also owned a large dairy farm in Wiltshire where he manufactured fine cheeses. He seems to have sent his sons to Canterbury where they were tanners Bowron Brothers, or G.L. Bowron Ltd.

William and George seem to be the preferred names for boys in both families. Both use Sidney.

William's family was strongly involved in Methodist church, the church leader spoke at his funeral.

1910: fire in top floor of building [in Christchurch] owned by Bowron brothers

1911: Reference in Acland "High Country Runs" to Dalefield in mid Canterbury – held by George Rutherford from 1872 – 1911, when it was acquired by the Bowron brothers who made a good profit by subdividing it.

c 1903 George Bowron, the tanner, involved with the tramways board History of Canterbury Vol III

Marriage of William's eldest son

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
58	December 7 1878	John Allen Bowron	full bachelor	Merchant	East Lodge, Enfield	William Bowron	Gentleman	
		Harriet Pratt	full spinster		Spencer's Place, Billingshurst, Sussex	Major Pratt	Gentleman	

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or after by nec.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Allen Bowron and Harriet Pratt in the presence of us, M Pratt J. H. Goucher

Star, 31 Jan 1891 [Papers Past]

OBITUARY.—“Anglo-Australian” writes —Mr William Bowron, an old New Zealand colonist, has passed away at 43, Clapham Common, London, S.W., at the age of eighty.

Evening Post, 16 Jan 1891 -

District Meeting of United Methodist Free Church

Reference was made to the great loss sustained by Free Methodists by the death, in his eighty-first year, of Mr. William Bowron, who, when on a visit to England, died in London on 3rd December, 1890, and a resolution passed expressing the high estimation in which he was held by the Methodists, both in New Zealand and at Home.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Information has been laid by the Income Tax Department against the Hon. G. J. Smith, George Bowron, and William Bowron, trading as Bowron Bros., for having made wilfully false returns under the Land and Income Tax Amendment Act, for the purpose of evading duty properly payable under the Act. A very large sum is involved.

The case will come on for hearing at the Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

FINED A HUNDRED POUNDS AND TREBLE INCOME TAX.

JUDGMENT IN THE CHRIST
CHURCH CASE
MAGISTRATE'S SCATHING
COMMENT.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

CHRISTCHURCH, April 25.
Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M., this morning delivered a written judgment in the case in which George Bowron, William Bowron and George John Smith are charged with making a false return under the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act and evading the full taxation in respect of income tax.

Monument to 4 Bowron children (George, Christopher Wren, Jane and Eliza) at Brompton cemetery, London



was making headlines.

This sketch of George Bowron (the tanner) appeared in *Truth* newspaper while the income tax evasion case



William Bowron 1810 Cotherstone, Yorkshire, son of William & Mary, with siblings Joseph, Christopher, John
Thus he cannot be a brother of George born 1805 in London, son of George and Elizabeth

William Bowron 1810-1890 married Jane Allchin Allen Provision Merchant, London, retired to NZ

John Allen Bowron 1843-1929 Provision Merchant, England and NZ , married Harriet Pratt 1878 UK

Florence Harriet Bowron 1879- (London)

Marion (May) Bowron 1881-

William Major Bowron 1882- married Edith Alice Narraway in 1909 UK

Thelma Bowron 1910- NZ

Lillie Bowron 1883-

Mary Ann Bowron 1844

William Bowron 1846-1854 (London)

George Bowron 1848-1858 (buried Brompton cemetery, London)

Christopher Wren Bowron 1850-1859 (buried Brompton cemetery, London)

Jane Bowron 1852-1858 (buried Brompton cemetery, London)

Eliza Bowron 1853-1859 (buried Brompton cemetery, London)

William Bowron 1856-1918 Bowron Brothers Tanners, Christchurch NZ married Jane Moody

Margaret Allen Bowron 1887 married George Wilson Staniland in 1917 NZ

William George Bowron 1888-1969 NZ married Lilian Elvira Boddington in 1916

Florence Mary Bowron 1889-1891 NZ

Jessie Marion Bowron 1896- married Norman Wood in 1931 NZ

Grace Jane Bowron 1911-1952 NZ

George Bowron 1859-1935 Bowron Brothers Tanners, Chch NZ m Mary Elizabeth Cooke 1882 NZ

Ernest William Bowron 1884-1898 NZ

Edith Mary Bowron 1885-1967 NZ

George Leonard Bowron 1887-1920 NZ unmarried, suicide Brighton Beach

Winifred May Bowron 1889-1967

Henry Allan Bowron 1890-1918 NZ (killed in action)

Sydney Gordon Bowron 1892-1977 married Freda de Launey Munns in 1935 NZ

Lilian Joy Bowron 1894- married Gordon Tate Lucas in 1920 NZ

Frederick Leslie Bowron 1895-1975 married Alice Kathleen Jessie Freeth in 1921 NZ

Richard Hugo Bowron 1924-2009 married Fay Barbara Stewart in 1951 NZ

Frank Edward Bowron 1898-1899 NZ

Christopher Bowron 1860-1861 (London)

Sidney Bowron 1862-1950 tanner and leather merchant, London, & NZ marr Fanny Hymas 1888 UK

Christopher Bowron 1889-1956 married Florence Currall in 1914 NZ

Raymond Currall Bowron 1916-1993 NZ

John William Bowron 1890- UK

Muriel Bowron 1891 UK of Blackheath, London

Irene Winifred Bowron 1893 Wandsworth, married Archibald Critchel of Windsor

Greta Florence Bowron 1895- UK married Jack Moor, accountant, London

Jane (Jennie) Bowron 1863 married Richard Dobbin in NZ

Unplaced in either family

Bowron, Thomas Arthur 1920-2004 possibly teacher, wife Margaret Mary 1925-2014 nee Racle (Catholic)

Bowron, Marie Carse 1922-1981 buried Ruru Bowron, Edith Betty Cresswell 1910-1993

Bowron, David Alan, 1923-2011, OBE 1982 For services to manufacturing and the community.

Bowron, Alister Douglas George MB ChB, 1923-2002 bur Murchison with Gregory Douglas Bowron 1962-2007

Bowron, George William, c.1882-1960 husband of Maisie Bowron, buried Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, ODT obit

Bowron, Jean Rutherford, 1920-1992 Clegg (nee Bowron), Jean Lorraine, 1920-2006

Bowron, Kate married Albert Charles Pay in 1910

Bowron, Pierce Patricia Craig (nee Robertson) 1919-2011 notices ODT, Press

Possible related family:

William Bowron bapt 9 Apr 1809 St Marylebone, St Mary parents Thomas / Elizabeth

Married Mary Ann Lloyd 18 Oct 1833, LDS film 580907 580908 Thomas Bowron witness

1851 census Wm age 41 musician recorded Bouron in this census, but Bowron in all other records

Mary Ann age 41

William 14 musician

Mary Ann 11

Tryphena 8 born 1843 St Marylebone, married 1886 St Pancras to Diedrichs or Rhein

George 6

Benjamin 1

1910 US census Benjamin Bowron, lodger New York, Manhattan, musician, age 60, born England emigrated 1872, wife Ida (nee Cundy), born Massachusetts 23 yrs married, no chn

Some Website Links used in compiling this Digital Scrapbook

My Heritage:

www.MyHeritage.com

Library edition accessed as Auckland ratepayer

Used for images of emigrant couple, also for images of 1841, 1851 census

Oxford Dictionary of Family Names:

<https://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199677764.001.0001/acref-9780199677764>

NZ Historical Birth, Death and Marriage records:

<https://bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/search>

Find My Past Westminster Marriages:

with record images attached

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/westminster-marriages>

Index was defective for George Bowron, marriage found by searching on Mary Ann Martin

This record is not on Family Search

Family Search at an Affiliate Library for image of George Bowron's birth 1805 – look for father occupation.

<https://www.familysearch.org>

Records of London Livery Companies:

Apprentices and Freeman (under development)

<https://www.londonroll.org/>

Search of Google Books for George Bowron + Stationer

Yielded Athenaeum advertisement

Christ's College lists of past pupils and early history

<https://christscollege.com/old-boys/member-directory>

<https://christscollege.com/about-college/history/>

Illustration of ship Bangalore from *Illustrated London News*

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

[subscription site, or on Find My Past]

also available direct from Google

Papers Past Newspapers

Search for all references to Bowron (by date)

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

Papers Past Parliamentary Papers

Search for Bowron

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary>

Includes details of George senior's pension, also younger son's service in Richmond Rifles (Volunteers)

Google Maps for contemporary satellite views of Christchurch, also Googled historic maps

Canterbury Land Records:

<https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/>

Detailed instructions included as an appendix to Bowron Scrapbook at

<http://www.genealogy.ianskipworth.com/pdf/bowron.pdf>

Electoral Rolls

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/new-zealand-electoral-rolls>

Available free in Public Libraries or by subscription

NZ Wills and Probate documents

available at Family Search with images

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1865481?collectionNameFilter=true>

Barbadoes Street Cemetery, Christchurch

<https://www.findagrave.com>

Beverley Evans transcriptions of Canterbury newspapers and cemetery photos

<http://www.transcriptions.nz/>

Bible – full text available from various sites – used to assist reading headstone verse

<https://biblehub.com/>

Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies

The cards are digitised and available online on the Canterbury Museum website.

Christchurch Public Library holds an index to the Dictionary, but this is not available online.

Entries can be found by searching with Google “Macdonald Dictionary Record: George Bowron”

Godley, Charlotte. Letters from Early New Zealand, 1850-1853

<http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/document/?wid=4742&action=null>

Full text, each section needs to be searched separately.

Christchurch Street Names:

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/PlaceNames/ChristchurchStreetNames-H.pdf>

[Specify initial letter of street being sought]