

## Distillations

Cameron - Mullins valley - had a still on  
Govt. ground, quite near by.

Brother Jack & David Dick - found a whiskey  
still & keep of whiskey - somewhere, between  
Mullins Valley & Wainui.

Two Cameron Brothers - vessel used to cross  
Lyttelton to Chatham - one worked on it, &  
it was lost & nothing ever heard of it. (so said  
Mr. McKenzie - & other one died of pneumonia  
in hospital)

Father Cameron - seen him only once, came to  
Post-Office in Wainui - Peter McIlwaine remarked  
he had the appearance of a sly dog maker.  
This remark made, years before anyone knew  
he was at the game.



Ghost Stories "Sachie Woods" <sup>one evening</sup>  
Lizzie Sinclair & Aggie - sent to river  
for water, & Maoni everyone was afeared of  
(Sachie Woods) got to river & reckoned they saw him.  
Went home in great panic.

"Come on come on" "we'll see if it's J. Woods"  
So made them go back & have a look -  
nothing but a stump. made them go right  
up it.

Hugh Sinclair (old Highland man) made them  
go back to river, father of Lizzie & Cizzie Sinclair.

Isabella McIlvride <sup>used to see</sup> - two black used to go &  
visit the grave of late husband at night, walk  
miles to do so.

Isabella Sinclair, sister of Hugh Sinclair  
(old Auntie Belle <sup>was</sup> <sup>maid all her life</sup>) thought there was preaching  
on one night when, but & made a  
mistake in the night, Mr Wallace (worked for  
Graces) passed church yard on way home at night  
woman with long black cloak with  
white drape round neck, walking among  
the graves.



another Cameron story.

Wreck Quaker(?) - off Palliser Bay.  
Bad weather & windy aboard. Police  
men to pick up what came ashore.  
Two going round to wreck met Cameron with  
horse & cart load of something - stopped him & got ride  
back to Hutt. Arrived there remarked jerkily, "left pellets"  
"Can't be some tin - could come &  
be some too." "See asleep after the tea."  
"If you're ready will take them to ~~Hutt~~ Hutt."  
(He had stopped at his place at Galins Valley).  
Then had to pay lots more to get him to  
take them to the Customs Office. Wellington.  
They then got him to drive them to the Customs office.  
On investigation of load, found the cart  
load full of potatoes.!!



## Possessions

Pink Lace Teaset: Grandfather gave to Grammie on 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Chosen by Rich.

Donated to Loggin Museum - March 1983. b.g.j.

↓  
Sandalwood Saw: Gift of father to Tina - bought it at a bazaar at the Butt. Gave it her long before she was married. Both went together to Presley Bazaar.

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Brown velvet dress - going away dress (from their place to Dad's place (Grandfather's Place) then went to Whitmans Valley. Plain princess robe first - a year or one year later Grace Randell took the frock, got what she wanted for it & altered it.

↓  
Green leaf plates: Isabella brought a dozen & gave each of the girls three.

↓  
Silver teaspoons (large): Richard won shooting trophy & Lina chose them - had them in Whitmans Valley.



Lina & Rich House

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[3] came to Levin in 1891. (19th August)

Jim & Clara came in July & lived in school house)

They left Linnie & all kids <sup>children</sup> at Aunt Jessie's at <sup>the</sup> Bull.

They <sup>came</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>North</sup> <sup>Island</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>boat</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>met</sup> <sup>Rich</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>Haurangi</sup> & drove up to Paekahi in <sup>the</sup> buggy  
brought the <sup>2</sup> cats (a) Guy Pearl (Jessie Tom cat)

& hens, & 1 canary. People at Paekahi let the  
fowls perch in their fowl house all night  
& place to put cats. <sup>the</sup> Road <sup>went</sup> to Paekahi

but no further, <sup>they</sup> had to come up <sup>the</sup> beach.  
The tides <sup>were</sup> not suitable <sup>so</sup> <sup>they</sup> loaded everything  
on to bucks, horse <sup>in</sup> a box (Jocky) &  
came up by train to Ohau <sup>but</sup> because there  
was an unloading place there <sup>at</sup> Levin.

They had to go up & cross on <sup>the</sup> Queen St crossing  
for the <sup>was</sup> none other between there & Ohau.

About <sup>there</sup> <sup>were</sup> felled trees, stumps, logs <sup>etc</sup> & no road formed  
this is where <sup>is</sup> (Queen St) & had to pick their way amongst it all.

All heavy standing bush - <sup>the</sup> <sup>railway</sup> line, road space  
& piece <sup>of</sup> <sup>land</sup> <sup>side</sup> of them - <sup>the</sup> forest all heavy  
bush, everywhere. <sup>They</sup> <sup>came</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>Weraoia</sup> <sup>where</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>single</sup> <sup>path</sup>  
flew (been a totara forest at one time & burnt  
& burnt, till it was burnt out, according  
to the Moaris) Weraoia means long burning.

The piece we're living on, Post Liverpool <sup>at</sup> St  
& little & down to Reeve's house, just about  
to the lake - old clearing. <sup>but</sup> <sup>poor</sup> <sup>houses</sup>  
would come out at night (moles of them)  
& stand in the lake all night to clear



the mosquitos off themselves.  
He was another clearing up by Parks. Mrs Ostler  
saw a milk <sup>out</sup> on the grass <sup>the</sup> - asked if they could have  
them. Oh yes, if you can catch them" (wild  
horses.)

There were lots of wild horses about <sup>had</sup> tracks  
thro' the brush - one track came out  
by Reeves house.

They had a drinking hole down near  
Reeves & Lina got water from this hole, to scrub  
out the upstairs bedrooms.

Fannie <sup>the maid servant</sup> & children came up on Saturday <sup>following</sup>.  
There were several <sup>other water</sup> more holes in the brush too - way  
back somewhere!

Drinking water - <sup>here was</sup> a well at a cottage  
near Bath St crossing - <sup>the water was</sup> carried ~~to~~ from  
here (on foot) until <sup>the lands</sup> filled up with rain  
water at the house.

A well <sup>was</sup> dug soon after. <sup>Bill Smithson</sup> <sup>this</sup> probably dug it  
It was deepened from time to time as <sup>the water</sup> supply  
lessened. It was probably 60 ft deep to finish <sup>with</sup>  
a bucket, rope & windmills <sup>were used</sup> to bring <sup>up the</sup> water up.  
The windmill <sup>was</sup> put up much later - 25 feet high  
(probably). It was probably 25' high  
Sometimes wild horse would get on to  
railway line & get killed.



Some years after settling in Levin 3.

A wild bull used to come out sometimes <sup>this was</sup> & shot eventually by Rich & skinned by Tom Russell, & used ~~the skin~~ <sup>the hide strips</sup> <sup>was used</sup> for belt leaces.  
(This some years ~~later~~ after came to Levin)

Tom Russell heard a first shot & knew what it was <sup>all about</sup> so got up, dressed & ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> creep along behind Rich, when he was shot Rich heard behind him "Did you get him Rich?" & Tom had watched from behind a stump.

~~So~~ Its bulls tracks <sup>had been seen</sup> about even as close as the foul yard. He was a dark red, heavy bull. <sup>the man</sup> Built a fire over him & burnt him after he was skinned. The man <sup>about</sup> had been after him again & again.

→ Rich heard him bellow one Sunday morning about 4. & got up & took his gun.



Prouse

lived in Devonshire

(i) Richard Prouse } - died Wai-mi-omati - <sup>two lookam</sup>  
Mary King } Bill, Tom, Richard, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary.  
                  } <sup>James Berry</sup> Harold Ellis, Marg. Wick. (Chick, the Coast) <sup>non Belier: Chik. (Hodgson)</sup>

(ii) Richard Prouse } Jim, Richard, Jenny, John, Mary,  
Jessie Gornie } Annie, Emma, Tommie (died 17)  
                          } Herbert (died 2 1/2) Lew.

↓ Came to Australia with brothers, gold fields, Rich picked her up  
there - brothers against losing sister, otherwise housekeeper - so they  
scared out, ~~brothers~~ minister's wife's wedding in q to get married.

(iii) Richard Prouse } Grace, Jessie, Gertrude,  
Christina McDivide } Malcol. Allow, Thyllis.



Jessie Gornie - father was dye worker, in River Bleachfields,  
visitors came one day & one man fell in dye  
bath - Jessies father jumped in after him  
to save him, both died (probably lying eye)  
Jessie - black haired, pretty little woman  
Her father red haired - when comes in family.

(Low & Rich). only red heads, both born in  
February. Jessie warned parents, if kids  
were red, it was from her father.  
(Not one of us as good looking as Jessie.)

Richard Prouse (1) - Church of England - baby died  
before it was baptised, church wouldn't allow  
child to be buried in church yard, made coffin &  
buried it on hill side. Left the church, so church took  
his job from him & promised its return on his  
return to church. Family almost starved - had to  
cut tops off seed potatoes & eat meat. Then started  
to make blacking & gradually worked up  
a trade. Manured the ground with sea weed &  
had a monster crop.

Came to N.Z. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1840. - Richard son, 10 yrs. old  
Emory King & Richard - this is - landed Pelorus Beach.



Richard (11) went to gold digging in Aus. met  
Jessie <sup>Ann</sup> married her & brought her back.  
His mother didn't like name of Jessie, so  
always called her Jane.

Rich (11) left - Allan's build, more like him  
Children of Jessie & Richard :-

Jim, Richard, Jimmy (Jane), John, Mary  
Ann, Emma, Tommie (died 17) Herbert (died when 5 or 4)  
Low.

Richard married Christina Mc Elvade - May 22nd 1879.

Jim " Lara Sedgwick 19th Aug. 1879.

Children of Richard & Christina :-

Richard (lived 1 1/2 days) premature (6m on the)

Grace

Jessie

Gertrude,

Mabel,

Little Boy (lived an hour, 8 months prem)

Eunice (lived 14 months - died of whooping  
cough, measles, teething, convulsions.

Allan

Phyllis.



Jessie Gornie, met Rich Prouse in Australia & her objections <sup>brothers</sup>  
to the marriage (loss of their housekeeper, had brought  
her out from Eng.) so they 'balled' one day when brothers  
werent about, & got married. Minister's wife that  
her wedding ring, for her to be married with &  
handed it back after the ceremony.  
(Pondies little digging? this happened.) Grandfather  
Prouse gone over from here.



Thos. Peter McEwan, - Scotland.  
Son died in India

Grace Miller }  
 came N.Z. with }  
 her mother (son) }  
 Peter McEwan }  
 died in Scotland }  
 married 10<sup>th</sup> February }  
 (married Crombie)

America }  
 Grace, Winah, Robert, Peter, John, George }  
 Scotland }  
 New Zealand }  
 (New Zealand)

Grace Miller - died when Luca was about 12 yrs. (looked like Aggie - same coloring.)

Gregor McGregor }  
 Christina Sinclair }  
 b. 1-2-1797 }  
 John, Isabella, Betty, Kate, Donald.

Isabella McGregor }  
 b. 1833 }  
 John McEwan }  
 b. 1833 }  
 Christina, Grace, Agnes, Luiza, Jack }  
 (lost 2 girls & a boy).



Quarrier

Gregor McGregor - Stone mason, cutting stone from pits etc.  
Lived to great age - died in ~~Palace~~ Crief, Perthshire.  
From highlands before that. Spoke in Gaelic & children  
didn't know what they said.

Christina Sinclair - <sup>1791 (died 1824)</sup> died before John & Isabella came  
to N.Z. Hugh & Belle, brother & sister, lived  
& died in Wai-nui. "Auntie Belle" - old maid -  
was asked by some one about it "No - I  
was never married!!" (indignant)

Hugh married Agnes Spiers(?) - <sup>such a</sup> nice old body too  
Lived in Melbourne - lost 2 children white throat.  
John Duncan Agnes, Lizzie - surviving children (born in NZ)  
(Gammie Lina, was born in their house.)

Agnes - Mrs. Capt. Howlem  
Duncan - married Martha Howlem, captain's sister - "she  
was a fine woman too"

Lizzie married Alexander, two sons - <sup>John, same age as Aunt Geo.</sup>  
<sup>? had small stroke</sup>  
<sup>was just all right.</sup>

Lina staying there he asked Lina how many  
daughters she had, on hearing answer, "tell  
mother if she's got that many, she can give us  
one."

(Lizzie's Husband)  
Alexander - bridge builder(?) went out one  
morning & hung himself.



John married Isabella Wood — one daughter Kate.

" died when Kate about 5-6 yrs <sup>young</sup>  
Lizzie for a long time, then married Mrs Hill.  
whose brother taught in the Wai-mui School.

John Hill } "had no time for him" — Lina  
Berie Hill } Chewed onions if she went to their  
house to keep John off — knew about Lina.  
"He was such a pest" "wouldn't take 'no'  
for an answer. Tell Lina girls always said  
'no', when meant 'yes', "well" says she,  
"here's one that doesn't say no when she  
means yes"

Lina's brother to John, settled in Laramaki  
Nice old body she "couldn't make out the girls  
here, they were mad about him in the  
Old Country" but the girls here didn't care about  
him. "well" says Lina "I'd suggest he  
go back to England".

John Hill, school-teacher —  
Liza Preuse (Bill Brown's daughter, sister of Harriet)  
Kept in for sending up her dictation  
with "Old Daddy Hill" out, when he went  
to let her out, she'd gone thro, a <sup>very</sup> tight  
window — a seemingly impossible feat



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The Ancestors of Christina Brouse - nie McDougal  
On 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1855, at Brief, in Scotland  
John M<sup>c</sup> Dougal, a shoemaker, <sup>of the village of Muthill</sup> was regularly  
married by the Rev. Andrew Donald, to  
Isabella M<sup>c</sup> Gregor, a servant, <sup>of the village</sup>  
of Blackford.

John was the son of Gregor M<sup>c</sup> Gregor - a  
quarrier, & Christina Sinclair. Isabella  
was the daughter of Peter M<sup>c</sup> Dougal, a mason  
& Grace Miller. Grace died when John  
was about twelve years old, she was of the  
same colouring as Auntie Aggie & looked  
like her <sup>surviving</sup>

The children of Isabella & John were:-  
Christina, Grace, Agnes, Rizzie & Jack.  
They lost two girls & a boy.

Gregor M<sup>c</sup> Gregor, the stone mason, & this  
was cutting stone from the pits - lived  
to a great age. ~~Before~~ He came from the High-  
lands before living in Brief, & spoke Gaelic.  
& his own children couldn't understand  
this, consequently ~~didn't~~ <sup>couldn't</sup> know what  
parents were talking about.

Christina, his wife, died before John & Isabella  
came to N.Z. Hugh & Belle, her brother &  
sister lived & died in Wai-nui-o-matai.  
Belle was known as "Auntie Belle" -  
she was an old maid, & when ~~she~~



indignantly

asked by some one about it, replied "Noo - I warrs refer marit"

Hugh married Agnes Spiers - "such a nice old body too". At some time they lived in Melbourne, & while there lost 2 children.

Other surviving children were <sup>John</sup> Duncan, Agnes, & Lizzie. Agnes was Mrs. <sup>John</sup> Mowlem, & it was in their house that

Granmie was born. <sup>Incomet</sup> <sup>Born at Sinclair</sup> <sup>"Martha"</sup>

Duncan married Martha Mowlem, the captain's sister. She was a fine woman too.

Lizzie married an Alexander, they had 2 sons, John the same age as Auntie Jess, & the other, name unknown, had amebrotia & wasn't "just all right".

This Alexander was a bridge builder & went out one morning & hung himself.

At one time Granmie was staying with these people & the not all right son asked Granmie how many daughters she had. On hearing her answer, he said "Well mother, if she's got that many she can give us one."

recorded



b. Prouse

Letter Ref. 1.

{ John McIlvride  
Isabella MacGregor

Christina's parents. They were regularly married on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1855 at Breiff (Scotland) by the Revd. Andrew Donald - minister of the Free Church at Blackford.

John came from a nearby village called MUTHILW, he was 27 yrs. of age, a shoemaker & had been born in this village.

His parents were Peter McIlvride - a mason - & Grace Millar.

Isabella came from the village of BLACKFORD, was 22 yrs. of age. She had been a servant. She was born in Breiff.

Her parents were Gregor MacGregor & Christina Sinclair. Gregor was a quarrier. He had come from the Highlands & spoke Gaelic, ~~and his wife~~. Their children never learnt to understand this speech.

This Christina <sup>Sinclair</sup> had a brother & a sister - Hugh & Belle. One of Hugh's children, <sup>was</sup> a daughter Agnes.

Agnes married a Captain Howlem, & it was in their house in Wainui that Christina Prouse was born in 1860. This is incorrect. Lucia was born at "Hoad" Hugh's home. The Howlem house wasn't built when Lucia was born.

~~I seem to have no record of when & what ship the McIlvrides came out on. If you are very keen to have this, let me know & see by the Turnbull Library.~~  
P.T.O. P.T.O. P.T.O.



Hadve just come onto some more notes.

John & Isabelle M<sup>rs</sup> Elvode came to N.Z. on the "Oliver Lang" (LAING) arriving in Wellington on Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1856. They went straight to Wairarapa as they had relatives there. John in 1862 went on to a 30 acre farm situated between Moor's Valley road & the river. It was here their home was built, central position, at a cross-roads & it later became the Post Office (as well as remaining their home).

There was a Maori Pa across the river & in pre-school days <sup>for Lina</sup> a Maori woman would sometimes wade the river & take Lina back for the day, & she would spend the day in play with the small Maori boy of her own age. The food she was given was always eels & potatoes. Late afternoon she would be pick-up-backed over the river & safely returned to her own home. No doubt these early associations left their influence for she was always a friend of the Maoris & instilled into the minds of her own children that neither race nor colour of skin meant anything. It was character that counted.

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After Lina had started school she had to cross the river to get to school. There was no bridge, but a foot plank. One day the river was flooded & she got giddy with the ~~sea~~ swirling water & fell in. Her mother saw what happened, & <sup>she</sup> attracted the attention of neighbours down the river. They saw she had been washed into a fallen willow tree. Three sisters linked hands with each other, the tallest waded into the river & at arm-pit depth rescued the child. The other sisters assisted in bringing them ashore. They took Lina to their house, took off her wet clothes, & warmed her by the fire. They gave her a slice of buttered bread generously spread with sugar. She never forgot ~~that~~ the luxury of that slice of bread & butter.

Her love of music went back to those early school days. The master they had taught the children Tonie Sol-fa & gave them a very thorough musical training at a very early age.