

John Gordon Black - A start of some stuff gathering any pics anyone has please send then to pb@shearingworld.com



Dad Peter and John



Dad at Fields Track, Parapara, Wanganui



Dad at Rewa



Dad, Keith Walton and Ma at Eketahuna



Dad and Dwayne at Rewa



Dad & Perry at Rewa Mid 1970s



Dad and PB at Eketahuna mid 1970s



Perry, Dad and PB at Rewa mid 1970s

To Peter Black

Randall House Napier Terrace, Hawke's Bay Children's Home meeting minutes

22.4.1959

Randall House

Application for Admission: Maurice Wayne Black – four years. The mother has deserted this family and the father was unable to provide them with a suitable home. As this case was urgent this child had been admitted. This admission was confirmed.

20.5.1959

Randall House

Application for Admission: Dinah Hirani Black – five years. Another child of this family had been admitted at the previous meeting. The father had asked that they be admitted for the winter months as he was unable to provide them with a suitable home. This application had been recommended by Mrs Natusch. The admission of these two children was approved.

17.6.1959

Application for Admission: Mary Black - 3½.

Three children of this family were already at Randall House. It was decided to admit this child provided there was room at Randall House.

Applications for Discharge:

William Black – 8 years. The father had applied to have him discharged so that he would be more company for his older brother who would otherwise have been alone. The application was approved.

21.9.1960

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

© Mr J G Black: Asking whether his youngest child aged three could be admitted to Randall House in place of the oldest girl who was at present there. It was decided to advise him that due to staff difficulties, it would not be possible at present to admit any pre-school age children.

15.2.1961

Application for discharge: Dinah Black – 8 years. Mr Black had again applied to have Dinah discharged to his care. Mrs Natusch had recommended this and has promised to keep an eye on the child. It was agreed to discharge Dinah on the understanding that this was a final discharge and she would not be re-admitted.

20.9.1961

Application for Discharge:

Mary Black – 5 years

Maurice Black – 7 years

Mr Black had written in saying that he would like these two children to be discharged to his care. The Committee was concerned at this suggestion and it was decided to reply that Maurice had an infected eye and Mary was suffering from eczema and it was therefore felt that they should remain at Randall House until they no longer required medical treatment. In the meantime, the Child Welfare Department were to be asked to inspect Mr Black's home.

25.10.1961

Matters Arising:

Black Children: No reply had yet been received from the Child Welfare Department.

Staff: It was decided.... All the Randall Home children should be placed in private homes over Christmas. Miss Vaughan was to arrange this with their parents.

23.11.1961

Correspondence.

Child Welfare Department

Advising that they do not consider Mr Black in a position to provide a suitable home for the two younger children. It was decided to write to Mr Black declining his application for their discharge on the grounds that

- a. Both children would require medical attention for some time yet and
- b. That they felt unable to send the children back to him until such time as his home conditions were more suitable for young children.

18.7.1962

Matters Arising:

Black family: no written applications for the discharge of his children had been received from Mr Black.

10.10.1962

Correspondence: letters were received from the following:

Mr J G Black: Asking whether he could have his two children out for the show weekend. It was decided to advise him that this would not be possible as none of the children would be going out for the weekend.

21.8.1963

Application for Discharge: Mary Black – 7 years; Maurice Black – 8 years.

Mr Black had again applied for the discharge of these children to his care. The Secretary had requested the Child Welfare Department to inspect Mr Black's home and report whether the conditions were suitable for children. No report had yet been received. It was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting.

18.9.1963

Application for Discharge:

Black Children

A letter had been received from the Child Welfare Officer, Hastings suggesting that both children might be placed in Abbotsford so that their father could keep in touch with them. He doubted whether the home's conditions were sufficiently suitable to justify their discharge to their father's care. The Secretary had written suggesting that Abbotsford might be the best place for them. He was asked to contact the Child Welfare Officer concerned to see what further action had taken place.

16.10.1963

Application for Discharge:

Mary Black – 7 years

Maurice Black – 9 years

These children had been discharged to Abbotsford Home. Their discharge was confirmed.

Note:

I think Dinah and I (Peter) then went to Abbotsford as well around this time from Waipukurau and John stayed with Dad

I think Dad left the catchment board and went back contract fencing again



Randall House (Napier Terrace) 1955.

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Peter, Dinah, Maurice and Mary were here for a bit
Napier Terrace, up the Hill next to a school



Back: - Wallace Lambert, Richard Faiers, John Black, Mary Black, Peter Black
Centre: - Rosalie Lambert, Christine Black, Morry Black, Dinah Lambert, Caroline Black and Shaun
Front: -Mason Lambert, Dwayne Black and Mardi Lambert
At Dad's Tangi Riverton, 20 June 1979



5 of the 6 Blacks in 2010 at Te Aute College



Dion and Perry at Dads resting place at the Riverton Cemetery, the RSA Plot in 2012

From Morry's delving into the Bowels of History

Have resurrected my genealogy book as I've found some more information on our grandfather Frederick Blacklidge. It's all been verified with records from various sources:

Frederick Blacklidge (our grandfather) and Vine Bicknell were married in Guildford, Surrey in 1904. At the time Vine was 20 and Frederick 21. They came out to New Zealand on board the Waiwera arriving 4th April 1906.

There were 6 children born to Vine and Frederick Blacklidge

Frederick Leonard Blacklidge 1904 – 1930

Harry Blacklidge 1905 – 1920

They travelled over with young Frederick and Harry

John Gordon Black/Blacklidge 1907 – 1979 Dad

Lily Dinah Blacklidge 1909 - ??

William Joseph Blacklidge 1910 – 1932

Catherine Mary Blacklidge 1912 – 1912 died age 4 days and also buried at Karori

While these children were growing up Fred spent quite a lot of the time either in jail or estranged from Vine and it was then she met George Harold Bennett and had a son, Maurice George Harold Bennett 1914 – 1989

It was a short relationship from what I have heard and when Fred came back on the scene Maurice was left with the Bennett family but had contact with his mother again as he grew older. Frederick died in 1935 at the age of 52 (Bennont Hills,

Michael Henry Albert was Vines last partner, she married him in 1921 but as she was still married to Fred at the time it was classed a bigamy and annulled in June 1937. They had already had 2 children

Leonora Joan Albert 1917 – 1992

Michael Stanley Albert 1919 – 1994

Vine did end up marrying Michael Henry Albert legally in 1943 when she was aged 59.

Lily Dinah ended up married to a Claude S Miller in Sydney in 1930.

An unusual happening was that Vine Bicknell's sister Countess Bicknell ended up marrying Fred Blacklidges father James William Blacklidge in 1910 in Guilford, Surrey. He was 49 and Countess was 21 but they went on to produce 6 children

Army Record

Service record

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Service Record

Name	BLACK, JOHN GORDON
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	VX3652
Date of Birth	27 Jul 1908
Place of Birth	WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND
Date of Enlistment	26 Oct 1939
Locality on Enlistment	FOOTSCRAY, VIC
Place of Enlistment	FOOTSCRAY, VIC
Next of Kin	BLACK, VERA
Date of Discharge	21 Jul 1944
Rank	Private
Posting at Discharge	1 AUST M/G TRNG BN
WW2 Honours and Gallantry	None for display
Prisoner of War	No



Aunty Dinah (Markham), Weatherall Street, Weatherall Park, Sydney, NSW

Grandchild Lesley Guy Markham, Peter's age

Aunty Dinah came to Waipukurau when dad worked for the Catchment Board in the early late 1950s or early 1960s

She had a grandson with her as above

She wanted to take us back to Sydney and her and Dad had a big argument and she left