JANE OLD

1. [**Photo of St Mawgan**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=9BF87871-BF1F-4DB9-B695-76B9869C169F)

Jane Old was the eldest daughter of Richard Old & Jane Liddicoat. She was christened at St Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall, on the 26th December, 1816. The St Mawgan church dates back to the 13th century.

1. [**1841 Census**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=E0B23404-213E-4058-BD63-F3E7825BC0C9)

Jane had 2 children out of wedlock before coming to New Zealand. In 1837 she gave birth to a son, John, who was baptised on 9 July 1837 in St Mawgan in Pyder. The little boy died aged 7 months. Then in 1840 Jane gave birth to a daughter, Mary Jane, in St Mawgan in Pyder.

In the 1841 Census Jane was living with her family in Higher Tolcarne, Cornwall.

On 3 Sept 1842 she set sail for New Zealand on the barque “Essex” with her parents, siblings and daughter Mary Jane. They anchored offshore at New Plymouth on 15 January 1843, and came ashore in Longboats on 20 January.

1. **[Slide: Henry Bailey Shipwrecks](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=CD474E99-813B-40A6-AB01-B4C138132384)**

Also on the boat was Henry Bailey who was a Plumber – which is a person who measures the depth beneath a ship to the ocean floor.

Henry Bailey, was born in Plymouth, Devon, the son of John Bailey & Hannah Price.   
For a young man growing up at a time of economic hardship, going to sea on one of the sailing ships he saw coming and going from Plymouth Harbour offered him a ticket to a better life.

On 22 December 1836, at the age of 16, Henry left Plymouth as Apprentice Crewman on board the “South Australian”. They stopped at Tristan da Cunha from 17 – 20 February 1836 and the Cape of Good Hope from 1 – 22 March 1836. They berthed at Kangaroo Island, South Australia on 22 April 1837 under the command of Alexander Allen Jnr.

On 08 Dec 1837 the South Australian sailed to Encounter Bay to bring back a cargo of Whale Oil to Kingscote. While sheltering from a severe storm at Rosetta Harbour it broke its moorings and was driven over a reef and totally lost. All the crew survived.

It is presumed that Henry then returned to England. He can’t be found in the UK 1841 Census so he was possibly still at sea. But on 3rd September 1842 he set sail again on the Barque ‘ESSEX' from Plymouth, Devon, arriving in New Plymouth, New Zealand on 20 January 1843.

1. [**Photo Ngamotu church**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=1D76A2DA-E809-4702-A877-0D5B0B4B9626)

Jane and Henry were married on 20th March 1843 at the Wesleyan Chapel in New Plymouth.

The passengers off the settlers’ boats had been met by Reverend Charles Creed who, along with his wife Eliza, was setting up a mission at Ngāmotu. By September 1841 settlers could worship in their newly built chapel, albeit probably of primitive raupo construction, at Ngamotu, overlooking the crashing waves below Paritūtū's peak. The little chapel was later replaced, and then moved to the Moturoa area, where it still stands today. This picture is of a later Mission Church, but it shows us what the location of the original one was like.

1. [**Marriage Certificate**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=EDF2070D-02C9-439D-A4CA-213394017D2E)

This is a copy of the original Marriage Certificate. It notes that Jane and Henry were married by Charles Creed, Wesleyan Minister, and at the bottom it says:

“I certify that the above particulars are truly copied by me from the entry in the original Marriage Register.” Signed by the Reverend Henry Hanson Turton who was a Wesleyan Missioner in New Plymouth at the time. Henry’s occupation was noted as a Labourer.

1. [**Slide: Te Henui settlers map**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=E2BA5347-3D46-4E89-B8F5-B710A290E98B)

Henry was employed by the Post Office in New Plymouth and Fitzroy, as a mail runner.

A list of Houses, Cottages and Whares in the settlement of New Plymouth as at 31.1.1846 records Henry Bailey as owning and living in a Whare – as opposed to a House or a Cottage.

Henry Bailey appears on the 1842 – 1850 Te Henui Settlers Map as owning Lot / Section 16, so we can assume the whare was on that land.

Nothing is known about Jane’s life other than between 1844 and 1851 she and Henry had 5 children.

1. [**Jane’s Death Notice**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=4345FF91-2866-496A-94F8-D90C4BB80675)

On 3 Sept 1852 aged 36, Jane died in childbirth with her 6th child, a male infant who was stillborn. The Death Notice recorded that “Jane had been very ill for about 3 weeks before, from a hurt she received by drawing water out of a well.”

Her other children would have been aged 8,7,5,3 and 1 at the time of their mother’s death.

It is not known where Jane is buried.

In the early days of New Plymouth there were a lot of little Cemeteries around the early churches.  A lot of these have since had the bones removed and re-interred at the Te Henui Cemetery.  They cleared the land so it was suitable for housing. There have been no records kept of where people were reinterred within the Te Henui cemetery.

1. [**Slide: Henry Bailey**](http://www.famnet.org.nz/docs_pages_NoReg/DocsGeneral.aspx?DOCid=CB862F98-7533-434E-AFBF-FCD2D92B5803)

Henry went on to marry twice more, but as we are not descended from Henry and those wives, I won’t go into those family histories. Sadly we don’t have a photo of Jane, but we did find this one of Henry.