

The Boyle Family in New Zealand

John & Mary (nee Foran) Boyle.

They were our first Boyle ancestors in New Zealand.

John was born 25 Apr 1840 near Killarney, Lake Kerry, County Kerry, Ireland. He was from a large family, some of whom went to America and one brother to Queensland. At least one sister stayed home. The family were Church of England.

His father was also John and was a farmer. His mother, Anne was a Groves.

John came out to New Zealand via Australia. He landed at Westport & from there to the gold diggings at Charleston.

There he met & married Mary Foran, and their four children were all born in Charleston. When the first child was christened John became a Catholic, much to the chagrin of his sister back in Ireland.

Around 1890 he moved the family to Patea where he worked for the railways.

Mary Foran was born at Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland.

Her father Michael was a sea captain based at Tralee. Her mother Kate was a Fannan.

She died relatively young of cancer.

One mystery is recorded in the Taranaki herald of 11 Dec 1897.

In it John Boyle was authorised by the Magistrate's Court, to adopt Patrick O'Brien, a deserted child.

John & Mary's children:

William Patrick	1869 – 1923
married in 1910	
Anna Bella Pitkethley	1870 – 1941

They had two children:

Moira Margaret	1911 – 2002
Lawrence William (Laurie)	1914 - 1997

John James (Jack) 1871 – 1913
married in 1904
Margaret Lavery 1878 - 1944

They had six children:

John Falvey 1905 – 1912
Arthur Joseph 1907 – 1980
Maurice William 1908 – 1981
Francis Gerard (Frank) 1911 – 2006
Bernard John (Jack) 1912 – 1988
Mary Foran 1913 – 2001

Margaret (Maggie) 1873 – 1958
married in 1902
Hugh McCarty 1857 – 1943

They had one child:

Kathleen Mary (Cassie) 1904 – 1979

Catherine (Katie) 1976 – 1965
married in 1904
Alfred Augustine (Alf) Quin 1875 – 1947

They had one child:

Charles Alfred John (Alf) 1904 - 1994