

CLARA DALE 1877-1949

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Clara Dale was the 11th and youngest child of Charles Hawkins Dale and Eliza Mary Bolton Stow.

She was born in Tapanui on 4 March 1877. She had 5 older brothers and 5 sisters.

She moved with her parents from Otago to Palmerston North in the early 1880s when they moved there upon the opening up of the new settlement in the North Island.



Figure 1 - Mary, Clara and Emily Dale

Clara Dale married **Arthur Stanley Litchfield** on 30 August 1897 at All Saints Church, Palmerston North. The witnesses to the marriage were William Alfred Litchfield, a farmer (Arthur's brother) and Emily Dale, Clara's sister.

Arthur was 24 years of age, and Clara was 20. Arthur was listed as a Farmer born in Blenheim and currently residing in Raglan. At that stage, Clara was also living in Raglan. Arthur was the eldest son of Alfred John and Emma Litchfield. He had 4 sisters and 3 brothers.



Figure 2 - Arthur John Litchfield and Clara Dale, c. 1897

Their first child **Alice Lavinia Bolton Litchfield** was born in 1898 in Raglan, but sadly she died in infancy. The death notice reads:

“**DEATH** – Mr and Mrs Litchfield, I am sorry to hear, have lost their infant daughter. The remains were interred in the Okete cemetery, Mr Leach officiating the grave.”

Another birth is registered in 1899 but no name is given.

Arthur and Clara must have moved to Woodville about 1903 to take up dairy farming, as there are many references in local newspapers of their business and social activities over the years. Quite a lot of information can be gained by reading these notices and articles.

The next child in the Litchfield family is **Gwendoline Litchfield**, born in 1903 in Woodville, and who died 1903 (lived 4 hours), followed by **Mavis Eileen Litchfield** in 1904. **Beryl Doreen Litchfield** was born in 1911.

A newspaper notice in the *Woodville Examiner*¹ stated: “Mr Litchfield has secured Mr Callaghan’s farm of 80 acres on the Napier road. The transaction was effected through Messrs Latham and Co.”

A newspaper notice in the *Woodville Examiner*² on 21 June 1909 states: “Mr G Macfarlane has taken over the lease of Mr Litchfield’s farm on the Napier Road. Mr Litchfield has not made up his mind

¹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XX, ISSUE 3432, 18 JULY 1902

² WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4355, 21 JUNE 1909

yet where he will settle down.” A further notice³ in July said: “Abraham & Williams Ltd publish certain particulars of a clearing sale of Mr A. S. Litchfield’s dairying stock, which will be held on the farm, Napier Road, on Thursday 22nd instant. As Mr Litchfield has parted with his lease of the farm, and is leaving the district, everything will be sold without the slightest reserve. The cows are a splendid lot, and are due to calve at factory dates.” A later notice⁴ listed that he was selling “the whole of his dairying herd, comprising 21 dairy cows, 15 due August and the others in September, 3 heifers due to calve at factory dates, farm implements, household furniture etc.” The full advertised list⁵ included “4 stores and sow with weaners, horse, spring dray and harness, dogcart and harness, milk cans, buckets etc. Useful lot of farm implements, household furniture. All the cows have a strain of Jersey or Ayrshire and are in real good condition and show first-class factory returns.”

The auction went ahead and the auctioneers reported⁶: “We held a most successful sale of cows, pigs, implements and furniture etc on account of Mr Litchfield, Napier Road, yesterday. There was a large attendance of buyers from all parts of the district and the cows, which were in good condition, met with a ready sale. Prices ranged from £5 5s to 10 17s 6d per head, the whole herd averaging £8 3s. A Holstein-Jersey bull made £5 5s, empty sow 3, and 12 weaners 15s 6d per head. Furniture and implements sold at most satisfactory prices.”

In November 1909⁷, the Litchfields had moved to a new farm: “Mr A Litchfield, who used to occupy Mr P Scally’s farm on the Napier Road, has taken over the lease and the stock of the late Mr Archer’s farm, rather nearer town, and went into possession on Saturday.”

Later that month⁸: “Mr A Litchfield has purchased Mrs J Nicholson’s 50-acre farm on Woodlands Road, and takes possession next February.”

As an aside, the same newspaper edition reported that the population of the Dominion as at 30 September last was estimated at 973,350, exclusive of Maoris and Pacific Islanders, an increase of 4004 for the three months.

The *Woodville Examiner*⁹ published this article on 21 July 1909:

“FAREWELL. The residents of Napier Road gave Mr and Mrs Litchfield a surprise party on Monday night, which was one of the largest and best we have seen for a long time. All the residents of Napier Road were represented, from Woodville to Papatawa, and the number present was considerably over 50. It was an amusing sight to see them dotted all through the paddock with lanterns of every description, finding their way to Mount Erin. When they got there they had a very enjoyable evening with games of various descriptions – table bowls, castle cards, ping pong and cards, songs and recitations. Mr and Mrs Gilbert kindly lent their piano for the occasion, and Miss Gilbert and her brothers, Messrs W. and N. Gilbert, played the accompaniments. After refreshments had been passed round Mr R.E. Beattie called on Mr John Ebbett, as the oldest resident in the district, to present Mr and Mrs Litchfield with a beautiful marble clock, and little Miss Litchfield with a gold brooch. Both articles had been purchased from Mr R.M. Kenny’s well-known establishment. Mr John Harding also spoke of the good qualities of Mr and Mrs Litchfield as neighbours, wishing them health and prosperity wherever their future home may be. Mr Litchfield feelingly replied, after

³ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4389, 9 JULY 1909

⁴ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4389, 12 JULY 1909

⁵ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4389, 14 JULY 1909

⁶ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4392, 23 JULY 1909

⁷ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4423, 1 NOVEMBER 1909

⁸ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4423, 8 NOVEMBER 1909

⁹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4392, 21 JULY 1909

which games, singing and dancing were carried on until 12 p.m. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by all joining in singing 'Auld Lang Syne.'"

In the *Woodville Examiner*¹⁰ on 24 July 1912, there is an article naming Mr A.S. Litchfield and others from the A&P Association as part of a deputation to meet the Prime Minister Hon W. F. Massey, who was visiting the area, and people were invited "to bombard him with deputations on all sorts of questions. The deputations were introduced by Mr Escott, M.P. and were cordially and courteously received, having clear, concise and as far as possible, direct answers to their requests. Mr Massey showing a great power of grasping the different matters put before him. Even the most ardent anti-Masseyites on the deputation must have come away with considerable respect and admiration for the new Prime Minister." The A&P Association's deputation "was to ask that bulls from the State Farm should be hired to the Association for a year with the option of purchase, so that they would be within the reach of small settlers' pockets, for use with their best cows. They would like a Holstein, as cheese-makers wanted quantity, and a Jersey, as butter-makers wanted quality, of milk. The bulls would be put in good keeping, be well looked after, and insured if necessary." The Prime Minister promised to make enquiries to see what could be done.

An article appeared in the *Woodville Examiner*¹¹ on 12 February 1913 describing the local school picnic.

"Woodlands School – A successful Picnic. The annual prize-giving and picnic of the school took place on Friday last, and was in every way a marked success. Nearly all the parents and friends of the school throughout the district were present, and the weather was delightful. The ladies provided ample and appetising refreshments, which seemed to be "on" all day. During the day many racing and other events usual at a childrens' sport's gathering were carried out and were all keenly contested. In the afternoon Mr Escott M.P. very kindly attended, and he distributed the prizes in the school, speaking nicely to each one as he handed the prize. Standard II – Mavis Litchfield, 1st.

Arthur Litchfield was President of the Woodville Cow-Testing Association. He wrote this letter in August 1913 to the editor of the *Woodville Examiner*¹²:

"KEEP GOOD COWS. TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —The following appeared your paper a few days ago: That the 10 best cows in our Cow-testing Association for last season produced 3500lbs butter fat which at 1s per 1b returned £190 and that it would take about 34 of the worst cows to produce as the above 10 best cows." I should like to go a little further, in this way: Assuming that it takes two acres to keep a cow of say £4? per acre land, we find 20 acres required for the 10 best cows, or outlay off £ 800 for land. Whereas 68 acres are required to bring the same return from the 34 worst cows, which means an outlay £2720 for land. We will leave out the question of bye products, and to purchase land and extra stock the enormous difference capital required to gain a certain point, to say nothing of the extra interest, rates and general up-keep of two areas. Surely such differences should set the dairy farmers thinking as to whether they are on right wicket. I am, &c., A. S. Litchfield. Woodville, Aug. 11th."

Later in the year, there is a newspaper notice¹³:

¹⁰ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4478, 24 JULY 1912

¹¹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4512, 12 FEBRUARY 1913

¹² WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4518, 18 AUGUST 1913

¹³ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4564, 17 OCTOBER 1913

“Mr A Litchfield has disposed of his farm on Woodlands Road to Mr R McKay, who hails from the Mataura district. Mr McKay has also taken over Mr Litchfield’s stock and furniture.”

The family moved to Kumeroa, two years after their last daughter Beryl Doreen was born.

Not long afterwards, the *Woodville Examiner*¹⁴ stated in its report on the A&P Association meeting that “Mr A.S. Litchfield wrote hoping that the financial part of the show would be successful. As senior steward of the pig classes he pointed out the advisability of either having scales for weighing the pigs in the bacon classes on the ground, or else doing away with the limit.”

Arthur Litchfield was elected as a new member of the A&P Association at its meeting reported on by the *Woodville Examiner*¹⁵ on 30 November 1914.

Later in December¹⁶, “Mr A Litchfield invites tenders for the grazing of about 90 acres in Kumeroa for about four to six weeks.”

Just several days later, Clara’s mother Eliza Mary Dale¹⁷ passed away. The Litchfields are listed as being in Kumeroa.

On Wednesday 10 March 1915, the Litchfields hosted the Kumeroa-Hopelands Sports Club 6th Amalgamated Sports meeting, with all net profits in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The programme of events started at 11 am, with athletic events starting at 2 pm. Among the races were hop, step and jump, 100, 120, 220, 440, 880 yards and the mile handicap, and Thread the Needle Race, for which trophies and prize money was awarded. There were horse events such as tilting at the Ring, Flag Race, Potato in the Bucket Race, Twining Competition, Stockmen’s race, Maiden leaping Competition, and Driving Competition. The field events consisted of sheaf-tossing, chain-stepping-Ladies’ Nail-driving competition and Sheep-guessing competition. Following the day’s events, a dance was held in the Kumeroa Hall.

The *Woodville Examiner*¹⁸ reported on the event the next day.

“Kumeroa-Hopelands Sports. The sixth annual sports held under the auspices of the Kumeroa-Hopelands Sports Club was held in Mr Litchfield’s paddock at Kumeroa on Wednesday last. Although the weather was delightful the attendance was disappointing. Even the residents of both places were poorly represented. The turnout was disappointing to the promoters. The events were got off up to time, but the air-gun used by the starters was not a success. Mr S. Turnbull had a refreshment booth on the ground, and he would have been better pleased had more business resulted. The officials all worked well to make the affair a success.”

War efforts abounded during 1915, with the Litchfields being heavily involved in raising funds for the Patriotic Fund and to support the soldiers. At one event¹⁹, after a regular meeting of the National Reserve, during the supper, there was singing of the National Anthem, speeches by dignitaries, other patriotic songs, and toasts. “Mr Litchfield proposed the toast of “The Territorial Forces”. He said that if we had not had the Territorials in New Zealand we could not have had the number of men ready in the time we did. He coupled the toast with the names of Lieuts. Cartwright and Beattie and Sergt.-Major Allen. Lieut. Cartwright said he quite agreed with Mr Litchfield that we

¹⁴ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4581, 9 FEBRUARY 1914

¹⁵ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4584, 30 NOVEMBER 1914

¹⁶ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 4584, 4 DECEMBER 1914

¹⁷ MANAWATU STANDARD, VOLUME XLI, ISSUE 9951, 11 DECEMBER 1914

¹⁸ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVIII, ISSUE 4627, 12 MARCH 1915

¹⁹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVIII, ISSUE 4627, 26 JULY 1915

could not have got our men away as quickly as we did, if they had not belonged to the Territorial Force. He was glad that the Territorials at the Dardenelles had held up the honour of the British race.”

On 27 August 1915, the *Woodville Examiner*²⁰ reported that a public meeting was held at Kumeroa the previous Wednesday evening, to discuss the advisability of forming a section of the National Reserve. There was good attendance of local residents, and some 20 members of the Woodville section also attended. The purpose of the meeting was to see that if a section were formed in Kumeroa, drills could be held in that district, making it unnecessary for members to travel to Woodville for drill. Arthur Litchfield and another local man were appointed to canvas the district for members. Drills would be held on alternate Thursdays and the drill instructor would be transported from Woodville. There would also be another social evening as a send-off for men leaving for the front and it was hoped that members of the Kumeroa section would attend.

On 17 December 1915, the *Woodville Examiner*²¹ reported that a farewell had been held at Kumeroa: “On Wednesday evening the good folk of Kumeroa rose to their strength to bid Good’s speed to two of her loyal sons who leave for the battlefield with the ninth Expeditionary Force. The weather was delightful and tempted a goodly number of Woodvillites to go into the country and assist at the farewell to Corporal George Ross and Private Pettman.” Arthur Litchfield proposed a toast to “The Ladies”. During the evening, the two soldiers were presented “with very fine field glasses, which should prove of inestimable value in Gallipoli. Various speakers eulogised the action of these two loyal sons of the Empire and wished them God’s speed and a very successful time. His Worship the Mayor of Woodville on behalf of the Councillors of the Borough and County presented each of the soldiers with a silver matchbox suitably engraved, and wished them a right royal time at the front and a safe return.”

In 1916, it was reported²² that following a successful fundraising event, “The secretary reported that the Kumeroa School per Mr Litchfield had paid in the sum of £14 18s, being proceeds of concert in aid of Wounded Soldiers’ Fund.” The Woodville A&P Association also sent a cheque for £118 4s 2d for the Sick and Wounded Soldiers’ Fund.

The *Woodville Examiner*²³ reported local school examination results: “The following are the results of the Sixth Standard examinations as far as our district is concerned: Kumeroa – (P) M Litchfield. The letter P signifies that the candidate has gained a proficiency certificate. The examination standard was set fairly high this year, and we congratulate the successful scholars.” As a result of that success, it was later reported²⁴ that “in secondary department, Miss Mavis Litchfield secured [a] free place in the secondary school.”

Arthur Litchfield was active in the local Woodville A&P Association, and on the School Committee and other community organisations.

An example of this is related in the following newspaper article on 12 September 1919²⁵:

“WELCOME HOME. To Kumeroa Soldiers. A dinner was given in the Kumeroa Hall on Wednesday evening to the returned soldiers of the district, of whom about twenty attended. There was a large

²⁰ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVIII, ISSUE 4627, 27 AUGUST 1915

²¹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXX, ISSUE 4627, 17 DECEMBER 1915

²² WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXII, ISSUE 4727, 29 MAY 1916

²³ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXII, ISSUE 4800, 22 DECEMBER 1916

²⁴ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXV, ISSUE 5261, 22 FEBRUARY 1918

²⁵ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXVI, ISSUE 5499, 12 SEPTEMBER 1919

attendance presided over by Mr Litchfield, and ample justice was done to the excellent bill of fare provided by Mr S. Turnbull, caterer. The hall was artistically decorated with flags and ferns, and on the inside wall facing the main entrance were the words inscribed in silver "Welcome Home." At the conclusion of the dinner a toast list was gone through as follows: 'The King', proposed by the chairman, and drunk with musical honours; "Our Fallen" by Canon Maclean; "Kumeroa Returned Soldiers" by Mrs Storey and responded to by Lieutenants Druce and Ramsden; "Parents of Kumeroa soldiers" by Mr Dobson, responded to by Messrs Mackie and Little; "New Zealand Expeditionary Forces" by Colonel Stevenson, responded to by Capt. Wardrop; "The Ladies" by Mr Lyon, responded to by Messrs C. Mackie and W. Hutchins. Vocal items were given by the quartette (Messrs Lyon, Bannerman, Elder and Turvey) Miss Drager, Canon Maclean, Messrs Miller, Lyon and Hutchins, the latter also contributing a recitation. At the conclusion of the proceedings the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged till the "wee sma' 'oors." The music was provided by Mrs Gordon, Miss Barkwith and Mr Giles, who also played at intervals during the dinner. The committee and secretary (Mr Dobson) should be well pleased with the success of the function."

It would seem Mavis Litchfield, who would have been about 15 years of age, was an accomplished musical student, playing on the Pianoforte Solo, judging by this article in the *Woodville Examiner*²⁶ on 12 December 1919:

"PUPILS' CONCERT. Despite the inclement weather, a large audience attended at the Alexandra Hall on Friday night, when a concert was given by Miss Cosgrove's pupils. The stage had been arranged as a drawing-room and was artistically decorated with a liberal collection of flowers of the season. The entertainment throughout was of a thoroughly enjoyable nature and the various items elicited round after round of applause, and in quite a number of instances encores were demanded and generously responded to. The musical, technique, touch and interpretation were invariably good for such young performers, and the excellence of their efforts, sometimes marred naturally by a little pardonable nervousness, proved a testimony to the careful and skilful tuition they had received from Miss Cosgrove, who is to be congratulated on the advancement the pupils are making. The audience were in a critical mood, but the frequent applause testified to their appreciation of the children's efforts and to the satisfaction which they, as parents, regarded the progress of their wards under such a capable and painstaking instructress. The pupils taking part were: [among others] Mavis Litchfield. At an appropriate period Mr I Moriarty addressed those present, saying how pleased they were with the musical feast accorded them and expressing gratification at the progress the children were making under the able direction of Miss Cosgrove, whom they desired to compliment on her excellent work and to sincerely thank her for the interest she had taken in the children's musical education. On behalf of the pupils he had great pleasure in presenting Miss Cosgrove with a set of brushes and combs, and extended to her their best wishes for "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." The singing of the National Anthem concluded a very successful entertainment."

Once again, Arthur Litchfield's property was to be used for the Kumeroa-Hopelands Sports meeting on 24 March 1920²⁷, and was to include Athletic events, horse events and childrens' and ladies' events, followed by a dance in the evening.

Winter activities in the community included a series of dances as evidenced by this newspaper notice²⁸ where the Litchfields provided music and supper: "KUMEROA. FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. The first of a series of dances to be held in the Hall took place on Friday evening.

²⁶ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXVI, ISSUE 5541, 22 DECEMBER 1919

²⁷ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXVII, ISSUE 5571, 5 MARCH 1920

²⁸ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXVII, ISSUE 5634, 2 AUGUST 1920

There was a very good attendance and all present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Excellent music for dancing was provided by Mrs F. Guilford, extra dances being played for by Misses Litchfield (4) and Sinclair and Mr E. Herbert. A dainty supper was provided under the capable supervision of Mrs Litchfield, while Mr Guildford carried out the duties of M.C. in an efficient manner.”

Proof of Mavis’s musical prowess was noted²⁹: “All the pupils presented by Miss Cosgrove were successful in passing their examinations in the Royal Academy of Music, London, held recently in Palmerston North. The pupils presented were Mavis Litchfield [and others].”

Mavis was also very good at sport, and this photo below of the Woodville Women’s Hockey Team shows Mavis Litchfield 5th from the left in the back row. However the date is incorrect as all the girls in this photo were born around 1903-1905, so judging by the looks of the girls, this photo was probably taken around 1915-16. There’s a newspaper notice³⁰ stating that it was intended to form a Young Ladies’ Hockey club in connection with the Methodist Church in 1910.



Woodville Women's Hockey Team c1900.

Back row left to right:

Cora Curry, -, Vera Turvey, Gwitha Rhodes, Mavis Litchfield, Jean Logan, Jessie Escott, Kasi Rhodes.

Middle row:

-, Gwen Goodwin, Miss Tooman, Rosie Murray, May Grinlinton.

Front row:

Maida Baker, Louie Clarke, Rita Burley, Betty Cossum, Ann Kirkpatrick.

Figure 3 - Woodville Women's Hockey Team

The team played matches all around the Woodville district, and in fact, a newspaper article on 4 June 1915³¹ states: The Woodville ladies hockey team played Te Rehunga at Dannevirke yesterday. This match was the commencement of the competitions, and Woodville showed their superiority, winning by 6 to nil. The goals were shot by Misses M and A xxx, B. Grinlinton, M. Clarke and H. Gillespie. Mr Best refereed the match.”

²⁹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXXVII, ISSUE 5663, 11 OCTOBER 1920

³⁰ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 4233, 4 APRIL 1910

³¹ WOODVILLE EXAMINER, VOLUME XXVIII, ISSUE 4627, 4 JUNE 1915



Mavis Litchfield married **Thomas Henry Bryant** in 1925 and they had 12 children between 1926 and 1948, including 3 sets of twins and 2 sets of grand-twins:

1. John William Arthur Bryant 1926
2. Brian Thomas Bryant 1927
3. Shirley Mavis Bryant 1929
4. Cynthia Beryl Bryant 1930
5. Colleen Mae Bryant 1933 (twin)
6. Trevor Leonard Bryant 1933 (twin)
7. Donald Litchfield Bryant 1934 (twin)
8. Doris Amy Bryant 1934 (twin)
9. Elizabeth Ann Bryant 1938
10. Beverley Clare Bryant 1943 (twin)
11. Barry George Bryant 1943 (twin)
12. Geoffrey Graham Bryant 1948



Figure 4 - Bryant family, c 1951

Bryant Family, c. 1951: Back from left: Colleen, Trevor, John, Betty, Brian, Donald, Doris
Front from left: Shirley, Beverley, Geoffrey, Barry, Cynthia,

DEATHS

Clara Dale died on 20 April 1949 in Feilding aged 73 years, and her husband **Arthur Stanley Litchfield** died just 6 months later on 21 October 1949 aged 77 years, also in Feilding. They are both buried in the Feilding Cemetery, Block 3, row 2, plots 2BC and 3BC.

Clara's death notice read:

"DEATH. LITCHFIELD, on April 20 1949, at the Palmerston North Hospital, Clara, beloved wife of Arthur S Litchfield, Cheltenham, late of Reid's Line, and mother of Mrs (Mavis) T H Bryant of Kumerou, and Mrs (Beryl) I P Shannon of Cheltenham, aged 75 years. "At Rest"."



Figure 5 - Headstone - Clara and Arthur Litchfield – photo by Dale Hartle 20 June 2020 after cleaning.

In his will³² dated 5 February 1917 Arthur Litchfield bequeathed all his personal and household effects, the sum of £100 from his life insurance, pictures from his father's estate, horse, trap and harness and any motorcar, to his wife Clara, and to his daughter Beryl Doreen Litchfield "my Broadwood pianoforte". He also gifted two-thirds of the net amount of his estate to his wife Clara and the remaining one-third to his children. There were other sub-conditions as well. It was believed the estate was under the value of £700.

³² "New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1843-1998," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-897G-XLL7?cc=1865481&wc=4BCL-Q81%3A1045248601%2C1045691201> : 21 February 2019), Palmerston North Court > Probate records 1949 P260/49-P354/49 > image 666 of 1180; Archives New Zealand, Auckland Regional Office.

Alice Lavinia Litchfield, was buried in the Okete cemetery, Raglan. No issue.

Gwendoline Litchfield is buried in the Old Gorge Woodville Cemetery, Block 5, plot 3. No issue.

Mavis Eileen Bryant died on 2 August 1964 aged 59 years, is buried in the Old Gorge Woodville Cemetery, Block 23, plot 28, along with her husband Thomas Henry Bryant who died on 3 March 1980 aged 85 years.

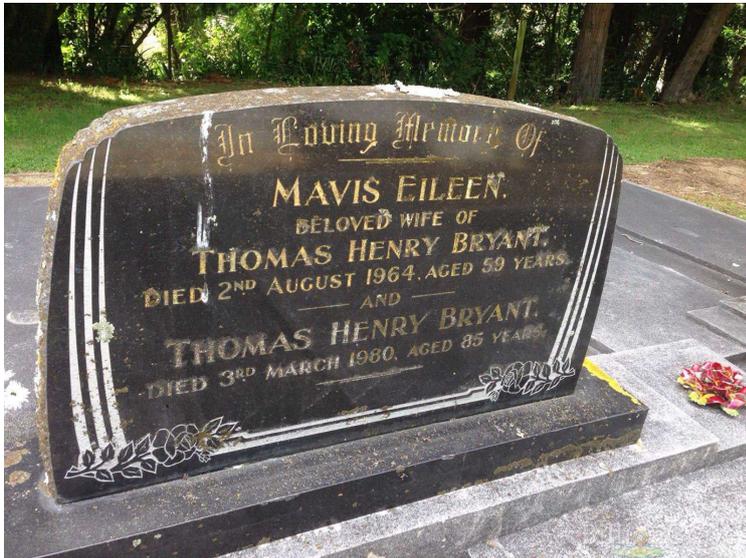


Figure 6 - Headstone - Mavis Eileen Bryant and Thomas Henry Bryant

Beryl Doreen Litchfield married **Ian Paul Shannon**. Beryl and Ian had three children: **Gillian Rae Shannon** 1942-, **Owen Paul Shannon** 1944- and **Janine Lynne Shannon** 1946-.

Beryl died on 21 July 1991 and Ian died on 11 Jun 1994.

There are six sets of twins in the Litchfield family altogether.

At last count, there were over 123 direct descendants from Clara Dale.

Corrections and updates:

If any member of the family finds an error or omission in this document, or is able to provide photographs, please contact Dale Hartle on email mjhartle@xtra.co.nz in Levin, New Zealand.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information, there is bound to be mistakes and updates would be gratefully received.

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