

ELIZABETH TAPLEY

1821 - 1910



George Henry SHARPE with his wife Elizabeth (nee TAPLEY) and their grand daughter, Mary Beatrice SHARPE, about 1881.

CHILD OF THOMAS AND MARY TAPLEY

15516 ELIZABETH TAPLEY (1821 - 1910)

Elizabeth TAPLEY was born at Vlissingen(Flushing), Holland on 25th October 1821. Her father was Thomas TAPLEY (1789-1856), a Baker by trade at the time, aged 32 years. Her mother was Mary TAPLEY, nee MORFORD (1791-1867). Thomas took the baby Elizabeth before the BurgeMeister of Vlissingen on 26th October 1821 for Registration of the Birth. Witnesses were John HEOLDER and David LANKESTER, both of Vlissingen.¹

The TAPLEY family lived for several years in Vlissingen, and about 1828 moved to Rotterdam in Holland.²

In 1835, when Halley's Comet was visible from Europe, the young Elizabeth watched it while still living in Holland. She was to live long enough to see it on its return in 1910, just prior to her death, recalling her first glimpse to her grand daughter.³

In 1837 or early 1838, the family moved from Holland to England, and just prior to their emigration, Elizabeth was listed on 3 July 1838 with the family as of Old Gravel Lane, Ratcliff Highway. She was listed as a servant.⁴

The family boarded the Ship RAJASTHAN soon afterwards and arrived in South Australia on 16 November 1838. They moved to Tapley's Hill in early 1839, the hill taking its name from the TAPLEY family.⁵

In 1841, Elizabeth, aged 20 years was listed with the family in the Census of 1841 as living in District B.⁶

Elizabeth TAPLEY, aged 27 years, married on 24 August 1848, to George Henry SHARPE, 25 years, Farmer, of Tapley's Hill. The marriage was conducted by the Revd. Thomas Quinton STOW at the Freeman Street, Congregational Chapel, Adelaide. Witnesses were Thos. TAPLEY, J. TAPLEY, M. A. TAPLEY.⁷

George and Elizabeth continued to live at Tapley's Hill for the next few years on their farm, where their first children were born.

155161 Thomas Alfred SHARPE born at O'Halloran Hill (the nearby township), South Australia on 8 July 1849, but lived only a few weeks when he died of whooping cough in August 1849.⁸

155162 Mary Helen SHARPE - born 5 April 1851 at Tapley's Hill.⁹

155163 James Hill SHARPE - born 9 October 1853 at Tapley's Hill.¹⁰

155164 Hannah SHARPE - born 27 July 1855, at Tapley's Hill.¹¹

In June of 1857, Elizabeth registered the birth of a Nephew, Alfred Schramm.¹²

During that same year, 1857, the family moved to Hobart, Tasmania, where in August 1857, her husband George was listed as the Licensee of the Lord Raglan Inn, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.¹³

The family moved once more in 1859, from Hobart to Christchurch, New Zealand, arriving at Lyttleton on 16 March 1859.¹⁴

They settled at the suburb, Opawa, Christchurch.

155165 Richard John SHARPE, was born at Christchurch, New Zealand on 17 August 1860.¹⁵

155166 Elizabeth Jane SHARPE- their last child, was born at Christchurch on 13 march 1863.¹⁶

Elizabeth Jane was to die of Diphtheria at the age of 9 years on 18 December 1872.

The family were by now living at 89 Wilson's Road, Sydenham, Christchurch, New Zealand.

In 1875, Elizabeth and her husband George went to South Australia and when they returned they brought back with them, their niece Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY (daughter of Elizabeth's brother John, and George's sister Hannah). Jane was to subsequently marry their son James Hill SHARPE in 1876.¹⁸

Their eldest child, Mary Helen SHARPE had married William Haswell WOOD, and in about 1890 they had moved to South Australia, where William deserted his family in about 1895. Elizabeth travelled to South Australia and brought Mary and her family back with her to New Zealand.¹⁹

Elizabeth's husband, George, died at the age of 75 years on 31 December 1898.²⁰
Elizabeth and her son James were appointed co-executors of her husband's Will.²¹

Elizabeth saw the return of Halley's Comet in 1910, as she told her Grand Daughter Elizabeth Jane SHARPE about having seen it as a girl in Holland.²²

Elizabeth SHARPE, nee TAPLEY, died on 23 October 1910, at 89 Wilson's Road, Sydenham, at the age of 89 years. She had been suffering from Chronic Nephritis (A Kidney disease) for ten Years, and Morbis Cordus (Chronic Cardiac Disease) for one and a half years, finally succumbing to Uraemia (Kidney Failure) after 4 days. She was buried at Christchurch.²³

She was survived by her 2 sons, James and Richard, and her daughter Hannah.

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6. S. A. Archives - CENSUS 1841
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8. Birth Certificate of Thomas Alfred SHARPE
9. Birth certificate of Mary Helen SHARPE
10. Birth Certificate of James Hill SHARPE
11. Birth Certificate of Hannah SHARPE
12. Birth Certificate of Alfred SCHRAMM.
13. Archives of Tasmania- HTC 11/8/1857
14. Canterbury Museum- Lyttleton Times.
15. Birth of Richard John SHARPE
16. Birth of Elizabeth Jane SHARPE
17. Death of Elizabeth Jane SHARPE
18. See George Henry SHARPE
19. Letter of Bess SHARPE
20. Death Certificate of George Henry SHARPE
21. Will of George Henry SHARPE
22. Letter of Bess SHARPE
23. Death Certificate of Elizabeth SHARPE

ELIZABETH SHARPE REFERENCES

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Original in Dutch - Following is a translation supplied by Stuart E. TAPLEY.

Month of Birth.....October
Name of Born.....Elizabeth TAPLEY
No.....243

ACTS OF BIRTH-

Now the twenty sixth of the month in the years 1821 at the 12th hours appeared before me, Burgemeester of the town of Vlissingen, district Middleburg Province of Zeeland, Thomas Tapley, thirty two years of age, Baker by trade, living in Vlissingen, who brought to me a child of the female sex, born on the twenty fifth in the month of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty One on the seventh hour, in the evening, District 16, Number 198, from the declared Mary Morford, twenty eight years of age, his wife. And whereby he declared the given name of Elizabeth; which was witnessed by John Heolder, Vlissingen, and David Lankester, thirty four years old, painter , living in Vlissingen, witnesses hereto, and after reading by me, with the declaration and witnesses present the act of birth was signed.

Thomas TAPLEY
John HEOLDER
D. LANKESTER

Burgemeester' Signature
(not readable)

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Place of Registration.....	Christchurch, New Zealand
When died.....	23 October 1910
Where died.....	89 Wilson's Road, Sydneham
Name.....	Elizabeth SHARPE
Occupation.....	Widow
Sex and Age.....	Female 89 years
Causes of Death.....	Chronic Nephritis 10 years
	Exhaustion 5½ months
	Morbus Cordis 1½ years
	Uraemia 4 days
Medical Attendant.....	A. J. BROWNLEE
When last seen.....	23 October 1910
Name of Father.....	John TAPLEY (should have read Thomas TAPLEY)
Mother.....	Elizabeth TAPLEY (actually Mary)
Maiden Name of Mother.....	MOFFATT (Should have read MORFORD)
Father's Occupation.....	Farmer
When and Where Buried.....	25 October 1910, Christchurch
Where Born.....	England (Actually Holland)
How long in New Zealand.....	51 years
Where Married.....	Adelaide
At what age.....	28 years
To whom.....	George Henry SHARPE
Agnes and Sex of Living Issue.....	M- 57 49 F- 55

WILL OF ELIZABETH SHARPE

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELIZABETH SHARPE

This is the Last Will and Testament of Me, Elizabeth SHARPE, of Wilson's Road, Sydenham, Widow. Whereof I appoint James PERKINS of Sydenham, Estate Agent, and Edward PAGE of Lyttleton, Storeman (hereinafter called my Trustees) to be the Trustees and Executors.

I give the oil painting portrait of my Mother to my Grand Daughter Gladys HANCOCK.

I direct that my said Trustees shall sell and convert into money either by public auction or private contract that part of my estate being Lot numbered 70 and part of Lot numbered 71 on Wilson's Road bounded as fenced with dwelling house and improvements thereon situated on the Northern Boundary of the Property now occupied by me and shall stand possessed of the proceeds of such sale and conversions in Trust for all the children of my late daughter Mary Helen WOOD deceased, who being sons, attain the age of twenty one years or being daughters attain that age or marry under that age in equal shares and if there be only one such child the whole to be in trust for that child.

I give and devise the property in which I now reside situated on Wilson's Road Sydenham aforesaid being part of Lot numbered 71 and the whole or part of Lot numbered 72 with improvements unto my said Trustees In TRUST for my daughter Hannah HANCOCK during her life and subject to the payment by her of all rates and taxes and other charges affecting the same and subject to my daughter insuring the said improvements thereon against loss or damage by fire in their full insurable value in the names of my said Trustees and to the payment by her of all premiums necessary for keeping on such insurance and subject to my said daughter keeping the said property in good repair order and condition to the satisfaction of the said Trustees. And after her decease in Trust for all the children of my said daughter Hannah HANCOCK who shall attain the age of twenty one in equal shares. I declare that if the said dwelling house or improvements be destroyed or damaged by fire the moneys payable under any policy of Insurance thereon shall be expended in rebuilding or reinstating the improvements so destroyed or damaged.

I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal property not hereby otherwise disposed of unto my said Trustees upon Trust after payment thereof of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses to divide the same between and amongst all my grandchildren who shall attain the age of twenty one years in equal shares.

And lastly revoking all former Wills and Testamentary dispositions at any time heretofore made by me I declare this alone to be my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty ninth day of August One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

E. SHARPE

Signed by the said Elizabeth SHARPE as
And for her Last Will and Testament in the
Presence of us both present at the same time, etc.
James PERKINS, Land Broker, Sydenham
W. M. SCOTT, Nurse, 86 Kalmore Street, Christchurch.

SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH TAPLEY

GEORGE HENRY SHARPE (1823-1898)

George Henry SHARPE was born in the year 1823. (1)

His father was James SHARP (1767-1840),Farmer/Settler, and his mother was Hannah SHARP, nee HILL, (1798-).

George's birth is not recorded in Tasmania in Parish Records, and it is possible that he was either born in 1822 in Scotland, or was born on the ship on the voyage out to Van Diemen's Land.

The family had sailed from England on the ship 'THALIA', on 22 October 1822, and arrived at Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land, on 27 April 1823. (2)

The family took up land in the Sandy Bay area of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), and it was here that George Henry SHARPE grew up, and was taught farming . (3)

George was one of the children that received a mention in his Father's Will in 1839. (4)

His father died on 4 May 1840, and George was 17 years of age at the time, and the eldest son of the family. (5)

His mother , Hannah, re-married in December of 1841 to James BALDWIN .(6)

During the 1840s, George Henry SHARPE moved to South Australia to live.

On 4 September 1844, a G.SHARP, arrived at Port Adelaide, South Australia on the Schooner 'ELIZA', from Hobart. (7)

George was to take up land at Tapley's Hill, South Australia as a farmer. He had a section of land at Tapley's Hill, Section 126, which was opposite the land owned and occupied by the TAPLEY Family, after whom the area was named. (8)

George Henry SHARPE, aged 24 years, Farmer, was married on 24 August 1848, to Elizabeth TAPLEY, aged 25 years. The marriage took place at the Freeman Street Congregational Chapel, Adelaide, and was conducted by the Reverend Thomas Quinton STOW. Witnesses to the marriage were members of the TAPLEY Family--- Thomas TAPLEY (brother of Elizabeth), M.A. TAPLEY (Margaret Anne-sister of Elizabeth), and J. TAPLEY (possibly John TAPLEY, Elizabeth's brother). (9)

George Henry and Elizabeth TAPLEY were to have five children over the ensuing years of their marriage.

1 Thomas Alfred SHARPE, their first child was born at O'Halloran Hill, South Australia on 8 July 1849. George was listed as a farmer of O'Halloran Hill at this time. Thomas, however, did not live very long, dying a few months later.(10)

2 Mary Helen SHARPE, their first child was born at Tapley's Hill, South Australia on 5 April 1851. George was listed as Farmer on the certificate. (11)

3 James Hill SHARPE, their second child, was born at Tapley's Hill, South Aust., on 9 October 1853. George was still a farmer at Tapley's Hill. (12)

4 Hannah SHARPE , their second daughter was born at Tapley's Hill on 27 July 1855. (13)

The Family were to move from South Australia in the next couple of years to Tasmania, but were still in South Australia in June 1857, when his wife Elizabeth registered the birth of her nephew, Alfred SCHRAMM. (14)

n that same year George Henry SHARPE went into the Hotel trade when he arrived in Hobart, as he was listed as the licensee of the Lord Raglan Hotel in Elizabeth Street, Hobart. (15)

The family were not to stay long in Tasmania, as on 9 March 1859, George Henry SHARPE, left Hobart with his wife and three children on the ship 'RELIANCE' for New Zealand. The RELIANCE was a Brig of 118 tons, and arrived at Lyttleton, Port Town for Christchurch, on 16 March 1859. (16)

George Henry SHARPE bought land at Huntsbury, Opawa, Christchurch, where George took up farming. (17)

Christchurch was still in its infancy at this time, only having been settled in 1850, so the family were among the early settlers of the area.(18)

George's Grand-daughter Bess, (Elizabeth Jane SHARPE), tells the story of the family's arrival in New Zealand as it was recounted to her--

" The SHARPE family came from Tasmania.

My grandfather came over to New Zealand from Australia to Christchurch, in his own boat and brought a dray, the first in that part of New Zealand and under which the family slept for the first night.

They then built a sod house which I can remember.

He was quite wealthy and bought about half the Cashmere Hills. He made the mistake of buying the top half so he could run a few sheep he said. The bottom half would have been worth thousands of dollars.....

Grandfather took part in early Christchurch and helped build the first Post Office. ..."
(19)

Some of the details of the story are not quite correct, as it is doubtful that he owned the Ship 'RELIANCE', and Christchurch was already established when he arrived, even though still somewhat in its infancy. It became incorporated as a City in 1862. (20)

He did however own land in the direction of Cashmere Hills although it is described as Huntsbury in his Biography in the McDonald Dictionary of Biographies. (21)

5 George and Elizabeth had their fourth Child, a son, they named Richard John SHARPE.

He was born at Christchurch, New Zealand on 17 August 1860. George was described on the Birth Certificate as a Farmer. (22)

6 A daughter, their last child, named Elizabeth Jane SHARPE, was born at Christchurch on 13 March 1863. George Henry SHARPE is listed as a Carter by occupation on the Birth Certificate. (23)

In 1864, George was granted a General License for a house in Montreal Street, Christchurch, and this became known as the Crown Hotel.

In April of 1867, George Henry SHARPE transferred his License to S. POWER. (24)

George then moved to live at 89 Wilson's Road, Sydenham, a suburb of Christchurch. (25)

On 18 December 1872, his daughter, Elizabeth Jane SHARPE, died of Diphtheria, at Papanui, aged 9 years and 9 months. George was listed as a Farmer at this time. (26)

In 1875, George Henry SHARPE, and his wife Elizabeth, apparently took a voyage back to South Australia. While there they met with his wife, Elizabeth's niece Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY -daughter of John and Hannah TAPLEY. Hannah was George Henry SHARPE's sister.

The outcome of this meeting was that Jane TAPLEY travelled back to New Zealand with them. As reported in the Lyttleton Times of 23 November 1875--

"Nov 22- Albion S.S., 591 tons, J. W. CLARK, from

Melbourne via Hokitika, Greymouth, Nelson and

Wellington. Passengers- Saloon:- from Melbourne -

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, Miss Tapley; and seven in steerage" (27)

The SHARPE Family had Jane TAPLEY staying with them for some months, and then on 13 June 1876, she married their son (her Cousin), James Hill SHARPE, at St Mark's Church, Opawa, Christchurch.(28)

On 13 June 1880, their son Richard John SHARPE married at the age of 20 years to Matilda VARCOE, at Holy Trinity Church, Avonside. (29)

Not many days later on 24 June 1880, their daughter Mary Helen SHARPE, married in St. Mark's Church, Opawa, to William Haswell WOOD. (30)

Their other daughter, Hannah SHARPE, married on 14 April 1885, at St. Mark's Church, Opawa to Arthur Harry HANCOCK. (31).

George Henry SHARPE acquired a considerable amount of land, and in 1895 , he made out his Will an listed the following property--

a. 1/4 acre, part of Section 812, Aitken Street, Ashburton.-Left to his son James Hill SHARPE.

b. Land and houses between South Town Belt and Railway Line, in Montreal Street, Christchurch. -Left jointly to his sons, James Hill SHARPE and Richard John SHARPE.

c. Farms known as Huntsbury, situated at St. Martins, Opawa, containing 81 acres. - Left to James Hill SHARPE and his heirs.

d. Land situated at the corner of Hazeldean Road, and Montreal Road in Sydenham, containing about 3 roods and being part of Section 79. -Left to Richard John SHARPE.

e. Part of Town Reserve, 139 Montreal Street, Christchurch, and land of about 1 rood being part of section 79 in South Belt, Sydenham. -Left to his daughter Mary Helen WOOD and heirs.

f. 30 acre farm situated at the foot of the hills and being section 11465 and part section 2116, and a parcel of land containing 1 rood, part of section 301 , situated in Worcester Street, Linwood. -Left to his daughter Hannah HANCOCK.

George Henry SHARPE made out his Last Will and Testament on 19 November 1895, appointing his wife Elizabeth, and son James Hill SHARPE, as Executors and Trustees. Witnesses to the will were W. BISHOP, Solicitor, and James PERKINS, Solicitor's Clerk. (32)

George Henry SHARPE died on 31 December 1898, at the age of 75 years, at home, 89 Wilson's Road, Sydenham, Christchurch, New Zealand. He died of Morbus Cordis. He was buried at Christchurch on 3 January 1899.

He was survived by his wife Elizabeth, and four children- Mary 47, James 45, Hannah 43, and Richard 38. He had no listed occupation at this time. (33)

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9. Marriage Certificate of George Henry SHARPE.
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11. Birth Certificate of Thomas Alfred SHARPE.
12. Birth Certificate of James Hill SHARPE.
13. Birth Certificate of Hannah SHARPE.
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26. Death Certificate of Elizabeth Jane SHARPE.
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33. Death Certificate of George Henry SHARPE.

GEORGE HENRY SHARPE- REFERENCES

BIRTH CERTIFICATE-

No Birth Certificated has been located as yet(December 1985). George was possibly born at sea.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

1848 Married in the District of ADELAIDE (South Australia)

When married..... 24 August 1848

Where married..... Congregational Chapel,
Freeman Street, Adelaide

Names..... George Henry SHARPE Elizabeth TAPLEY

Age..... 24 years 25 years

Rank..... Farmer -----

Minister.....Thos. Quentin STOW

Witnesses..... Thos. TAPLEY Jo P. TAPLEY

M. A. TAPLEY

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Place of Registration..... CHRISTCHURCH

When Died..... 31 December 1898

Where Died..... Sydenham Road

Name..... George Henry SHARPE

Profession..... -----

Sex and Age..... Male 75 years

Cause of Death..... Morbus Cordis -- Many years

Medical Attendant..... F. E. HUNT

Date last attended..... 30 November 1898

Name of Father..... James SHARPE

Name of Mother..... -----

Profession of Father..... Farmer

Buried..... 3 January 1899- Christchurch

Where born..... Tasmania

How long in New Zealand..... 40 years

Where married..... Adelaide

At what age..... 25 years

To whom..... Elizabeth TAPLEY

Age of Widow..... --

Ages and Sex of living Issue..... M. 38 45 F. 43 47

SHIPPING REFERENCES

REFERENCE: "Passengers arriving at Port Adelaide from South Australian Coastal and Intercolonial Ports between 1837-1845.-Compiled by Mary Hodge

SHARP, G. Mr. - Schooner "ELIZA", Master Chard, from Hobart and Portland Bay.
Arrived 4.9.1844 - Register 7.9.1844 p2D , South Australian 6.9.1844 p2C,
Adelaide Observer 7.9.1844 p5C.

REFERENCE: Canterbury Library 1981/3- 22 June 1981

The Lyttleton Times - 23 March 1859

States that the Brig RELIANCE, SMITH Captain, came from Hobart Town with the passengers being Mrs SMITH and child; Mr and Mrs SHARPE and three children; Messrs HARRISON, ALLEN, DAY, DILLON, CALDWELL, McQUISTER, SHAW and ADAMS.

Brig RELIANCE of 118 tons.

The boat brought a cargo of timber and a few good quality draught mares which arrived in excellent condition without loss to their numbers.

The Lyttleton Times - 23 November 1875

State- "Nov. 22- ALBION S. S. 591 tons, J. W. CLARK, from Melbourne via Hokitika, Greymouth, Nelson, and Wellington.

Passengers- Saloon :- Mr and Mrs SHAPRE, Miss TAPLEY; and seven in steerage."

OTHER REFERENCES

ARCHIVES OFFICE OF TASMANIA -24 Feb 1981

Mr. And Mrs SHARPE and three children left Hobart per RELIANCE for Lyttleton, New Zealand on 9 March 1859 (HTC 9 March 1859)

George Henry SHARPE was licensee of the LORD RAGLAN Hotel in Elizabeth Street 1857 (HTC 11/8/1857)

CANTERBURY MUSEUM, Christchurch, NZ

McDONALD DICTIONARY OF CANTERBURY BIOGRAPHIES

SHARPE, George Henry- Arrived in Canterbury about 1858 from Adelaide.

He bought land at Huntsbury.

He was granted a general license for a house in Montreal Street, 1864: this became known as the CROWN HOTEL.

He transferred his license about 1867 to S. POWER.

He afterwards lived in Wilson's Road, Sydenham.

He died 31.12. 1898. Aged 76.

Son James Hill SHARPE

DEATH NOTICE

SHARPE- On December 31st, at his late residence, Wilson's Road, Sydenham, George Henry Sharpe, suddenly, in his 76th year.

OBITUARY

The many friends of Mr. G. H. Sharpe will learn with regret that he died somewhat suddenly yesterday afternoon at his residence, Wilson's Road. He was 77 years of age, and was one of the old colonists, arriving here from Australia in the early days. Only in last September he celebrated his Golden Wedding. A number of friends gathered on the

occasion, and an illuminated Address, together with several other mementoes, was presented to him by the members of his family.

WILL OF GEORGE HENRY SHARPE

This is the Last Will and Testament of me, GEORGE HENRY SHARPE of Wilson's Road, Sydenham in the Provincial District of Canterbury.

Whereof I appoint my dear wife Elizabeth SHARPE and my son James Hill SHARPE hereinafter called my Trustees to be the Executors and Trustees.

I give and bequeath all of my personal estate of what nature and kind soever after payment thereof of all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses unto my wife Elizabeth absolutely.

I devise and bequeath all my real estate wheresoever situate unto my Trustees upon Trust as to one quarter acre part of section 812 Aitken Street Ashburton for my son James Hill SHARPE absolutely.

As to my land and houses situate between the South Town Belt and the Railway Line Montreal Street for my sons James Hill SHARPE and Richard John SHARPE in equal shares as tenants in common absolutely.

And as to all other of my real estate upon Trust to lease the whole or any part thereof in such lots and upon such conditions and for such term of years not exceeding at any one time five years and to pay the net rents income and profits unto my wife Elizabeth SHARPE for her own use and benefit for her life or to permit her to have the use occupation and enjoyment of such lands and premises for the same period without impeachment of waste and from and after her death upon Trust as to the farm known as Huntsbury situate at S. Martins Opawa containing Eighty one acres or thereabouts to devise and bequeath and lease the same for a term not exceeding at any one time five years and to pay the rents and profits thereof to my son James Hill SHARPE for his life without power of anticipation or to permit my said son James Hill SHARPE to use and occupy and enjoy the same for his life without impeachment of Waste and after his decease then in Trust to sell the same and convert the same into money and to invest the proceeds of such sale and conversion in the Post Office Savings Bank or upon freehold securities in the Provincial District of Canterbury and to stand possessed of such proceeds and the investments for the time being representing the same in Trust for all the children of my said son James Hill SHARPE who being sons attain the age of twenty one years or being daughters attain that age or marry under that age in equal shares.

And as to my land situate at the corner of Hazeldean Road and Montreal Street in Sydenham aforesaid containing about Three Roods and being part of Rural Section 79 Upon Trust for my son Richard John SHARPE for his life and after his decease Upon the same Trusts for the benefit of the children of the said Richard John SHARPE as are hereinbefore declared respecting the devise for the benefit of the children of my said son James Hill SHARPE.

And as to that parcel of land being part of Town Reserve 139 Montreal Street Christchurch and that parcel of land containing about One Rood being part of Rural Section 79 situate in South Belt Sydenham Upon Trust for my daughter Mary Helen WOOD for her life and after her decease Upon the same Trusts for the benefit of the children of the said Mary Helen WOOD as are hereinbefore declared in respect of the devise for the benefit of the children of my said son James Hill SHARPE.

And as to my Thirty acre farm situate at the foot of the Hills and being Section 11465 and part of Section 2116 and as to that parcel of land containing One Rood or thereabouts part of Section 301 situate in Worcester Street Linwood unto my daughter Hannah HANCOCK for her life and upon her decease upon the same Trusts for the benefit of the children of the said Hannah HANCOCK as are hereinbefore declared in respect to the devise for the benefit of the said children of my said son James Hill SHARPE.

And as to the residue of my Real Estate Upon Trust for all my children living at my decease and the issue of any child of mine who may predecease me such issue taking among them the share only which his or her parent would have taken had such parent survived me in equal shares.

I declare That it shall not be lawful for any child of mine to sell mortgage dispose of or otherwise anticipate his or her interest under this my will and in the event of them or either of them so doing I Direct my Trustees to hold and stand possessed of the rents income and annual profits otherwise payable to such child or children so anticipating his or her interest hereunder.

I declare that my Trustees may at any time at the request of the life tenant for the time being sell and dispose of my real estate or any part thereof and invest the proceeds of such sale in manner aforesaid and that the interest and income arising therefrom shall be paid and applied to the person or persons and in the manner to whom and in which the rents and annual profits of the part or parts of my real estate so sold aforesaid would for the time being be payable or applicable under this My Will if such sale and conversion had not been made.

I declare that my Trustees may insure all buildings on my real estate pay all rates and taxes and effect all repairs that in their opinion they think necessary and moneys so expended by my Trustees shall be repaid out of and shall be a charge upon the rents and annual income arising from that part of my real estate whereon or in respect of which such moneys shall have been expended.

I direct My Trustees in the event of any buildings so uninsured by them being damaged or destroyed by fire to lay out the moneys received by them under or by virtue of such insurance in the rebuilding and reinstating the buildings so damaged or destroyed.

And Lastly revoking all former Wills and Testamentary dispositions made by me.

I declare this to be My Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have to this and to the preceding two sheets of paper containing My Will set my Hand this nineteenth day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Five.

G. H. SHARPE

Signed by the said George Henry SHARPE
The Testator as and for His Last Will and
Testament in the presence of us both being
Present at the same time who at his request
in the sight and presence and in the sight
and presence of each other have hereunder
subscribed our names as Witnesses.

W. BISHOP, Solicitor, Christchurch
James PERKINS, Clerk to Messrs
DEACON & BISHOP, Solicitors, Christchurch

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH AND GEORGE HENRY SHARPE

The family of Elizabeth and George Henry SHARPE are also given full details in the SHARPE FAMILY story, with only brief notes are included here. But a full known details are given in the individual Children in the Sections Following.

155161 Thomas Alfred SHARPE - (1849)

Thomas Alfred SHARPE was born on 8 July 1849, at O'Halloran Hill according to the Birth Certificate. His Father registered the birth.

Thomas only lived a few weeks, contracting Whooping Cough and he died on 20 August 1849. His uncle Richard Edward TAPLEY registered the death .

155162 Mary Helen SHARPE (1851 - 1899)

Mary Helen SHARPE was born at Tapleys Hill on 5 April 1851, and she was to grow up in South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand.

On 24 June 1880, she married in Opawa, Christchurch, New Zealand to William Haswell WOOD, a Commission Agent.

They were to live variously at Opawa, Akaroa, Richmond, and South Belt in New Zealand. It was her that several children were born-

1551621 Ruby Maude WOOD born 28 June 1881

1551622 Gresley Haswell WOOD born 29 May 1883.

1551623 William Haswell WOOD born 20 March 1885

1551624 Evelyn George WOOD born 12 August 1887

1551625 Sylvia May WOOD born 23 Feb 1890.

They then moved to Australia for a time and another child was born in South Australia.

1551626 Gladys Annie Selma WOOD born 13 October 1893 at Mitcham, South Australia.

Soon after this, Mary's husband William deserted the family and went to England.

Mary's mother, Elizabeth came to South Australia and took Mary and Children back to Christchurch.

Mary died on 25 September 1899, never having got over her desertion by her husband.

155163- James Hill SHARPE (1853-1930)

James Hill Sharpe was born at Tapleys Hill in South Australia on 9 October 1853.

James was only 3 years of age when the family moved to Tasmania in 1857, and 5 when they moved from Tasmania to Christchurch in New Zealand.

James became a Surveyor by Occupation and by 1876 was a partner with a Mechanical Engineer, Charles THOCKTON.

The previous year, his parents had gone to South Australia, and upon their return brought with them their niece, Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY. Jane was a first cousin on both sides of the family, as she was the daughter of his Mother's brother, John TAPLEY, and his Father's sister, Hannah TAPLEY (nee SHARPE).

On 13 June 1876, James Hill SHARPE married his cousin Jane Elizabeth TAPLEY at St Mark's Church (of England), Opawa, Christchurch.

Later that year, James' partnership with Charles THOCKTON was dissolved and James worked on his own.

James and Jane were to have seven children, of which 6 were born in Christchurch

1551631 Mary Beatrice SHARPE born 29 July 1878

1551632 Eva Annie SHARPE born 1 October 1879

1551633 James Malcolm SHARPE born 24 December 1881

1551634 Leslie Allan SHARPE born 8 April 1883

1551635 Ivy Muriel Tapley SHARPE born 3 Nov 1884

1551636 Stanley George Tapley SHARPE born 26 March 1886, but only lived a few months, dying on 26 November 1886.

In August 1888, James Hill SHARPE was appointed to the Oxford Road Board as a Clerk/Surveyor. A month later their seventh Child was born at East Oxford, Canterbury, New Zealand.

1551637 Arnold Vivian Tapley SHARPE born 6 September 1888.

His wife Jane Elizabeth SHARPE, nee TAPLEY died at Oxford of Asthma on 10 July 1894.

Just under a year later, on 13 June 1895, James Hill SHARPE married Elizabeth Marian DURANT at her father's home in Leeston, Canterbury. Two children were born of this marriage at Oxford.

1551638 John Richard SHARPE born 29 Feb 1896

1551639 Elizabeth Jane SHARPE born 11 March 1897.

On 19 December 1898, James' second wife Elizabeth died of Pleuropneumonia.

His father George Henry SHARPE died later that same month on 31 December 1898, leaving James some property in Ashburton and Christchurch.

James soon after this moved to Christchurch taking up a position as Clerk of the Riccarton Road Board.

In 1903 his daughter Ivy died aged 18 of a Lung Abscess.

James Hill SHARPE married for the third time on 3 June 1905 to a widow, Sarah STOW, at New Plymouth, New Zealand.

Another daughter, Eva, died in 1908 as a result of drowning in the Avon River, Christchurch.

By 1910, James Hill SHARPE was an Engineer for the Waimairi County Council. He resided at Hornabrook Street, Opawa, Christchurch.

James Hill SHARPE died on 15 April 1930 at the age of 77 Years, and is buried in the Bromley Cemetery, Christchurch.

155164- Hannah SHARPE (1855- c1950)

Hannah SHARPE was born at Tapleys Hill, South Australia on 27 July 1855.

Just over a year later the family moved to Tasmania, and in 1859 to Christchurch New Zealand.

Hannah was a witness at the marriage of her sister Mary to William WOOD in 1880.

Hannah SHARPE married on 14 April 1885, to Arthur Harry HANCOCK, a manufacturer of Papanui. Over the following years they had four children-

1551641 Ethel Maude HANCOCK (Maude)- born 1886

1551642 Arthur Lewlan HANCOCK (Lewlan)- born c1888

1551643 Gladys Mary HANCOCK (Gladys)- born c 1890

1551644 George Lewis HANCOCK (Lewis)- born c 1892

When her father died in 1898, Gladys was left a 30 acre farm at the foot of the Cashmere Hills, Christchurch.

When her mother Elizabeth died, Hannah was left the family Home, and resided in Christchurch until her death.

Her husband Arthur left home and went to live at Petone, Wellington, visiting the Christchurch races each November and visiting his family.

Hannah died in Christchurch about 1950, when she was about 95 years of age.

155165- George Henry SHARPE (1857-1858)

George Henry SHARPE, named after his Father, was born at Hobart on 9 November 1857, and died just over a year later at Hobart on 2 December 1858.

155166- Richard John SHARPE (1860-1947)

Richard John SHARPE was born on 17 August 1860, at Christchurch in New Zealand, a year after the family arrived there.

He married at the age of 20 years on 13 June 1880 at Holy Trinity Church, Avonside, to Matilda VARCOE. Richard was a Clerk by occupation. They were to have 8 children of their marriage-

1551661 Reginald SHARPE born about 1882

1551662 Violet SHARPE born about 1884.

1551663 Elizabeth Tapley SHARPE born 5 March 1885, died 8 days later on 13 March 1885.

1551664 Elsie SHARPE born 10 September 1888

1551665 Elizabeth SHARPE born 4 July 1890

1551666 Richard John Tapley SHARPE born 1893

1551667 Frederick James SHARPE born 19 May 1895

1551668 Cecil Warren SHARPE born 1898.

When his father died, Richard was left some property in Christchurch

Richard was the County Clerk for the Waimiri County Council for several years, and lived at Creyke Street, Fendalton, Christchurch

His wife Matilda died on 15 Feb 1942, aged 80 years, and a few years later on 28 May 1947, at the age of 86 years, Richard died at Christchurch.

155167- Elizabeth Jane SHARPE (1863-1872)

The last child of Elizabeth and George Henry SHARPE was named Elizabeth Jane SHARPE, and was born at Christchurch on 13 March 1863.

Elizabeth never reached adulthood, contracting Diphtheria in 1872.

Elizabeth Jane SHARPE died at the age of 9 years and nine months on 18 December 1872, at Papanui, Christchurch.

She is buried in the Barbadoes Street Cemetery in Christchurch.
