

## Isabel SINCLAIR (1803-1882)

*1841 Census Ruthven House, Tibbermore, Perthshire, Scotland*

Cathrine McLAGAN	67yrs		b Perthshire, Scotland
D. Sinclair McLAGAN	40yrs	Independent	b Perthshire, Scotland
Ruthren McLAGAN	40yrs		b Perthshire, Scotland
John McLAGAN	7yrs		b Perthshire, Scotland
<a href="#">Duncan McLAGAN</a>	5yrs		b Scotland
Robert McLAGAN	3yrs		b Scotland
Elizabeth McLAGAN	2yrs		b Perthshire, Scotland
<a href="#">Isabella SINCLOR</a>	35yrs	Servant	b Perthshire, Scotland
Jeme LANDORS	20yrs	Servant	b Perthshire, Scotland
Betsy YOUNG	20yrs	Servant	b Perthshire, Scotland
Ann SINCLAR	15yrs	Servant	b Perthshire, Scotland

*Wellington Independent 21 Oct 1859 Shipping Intelligence - Arrived*

October 20, ship 'Hastings', 510 tons, from London. Passengers - cabin, Mr and Mrs Peake, Messrs R. Glass, M. Samuels, James Bradbury, Charles Smith, Charles Sherwood, William Murray, John Hutton, Bernard Stock, Miss Amelia Johnstone, Miss Catherine Fyffe; second cabin - Mr Charles B. Yarker, [Isabella Sinclair](#), [Duncan McLaggan](#), George Bridge, Charlotte Harris (2), Louisa Harris, Charles Harris, Frederick Webb, Emily Webb (2), Amy Webb, Albert Owen, Thomas Bridge, Robert Platt, John Wheeler, Mary Wheeler, Ellen Wheeler, William Groves, Mary Groves, John Cribb, Thomas Faulkner (3), Benjamin Stebbings, Ann Stebbings, Henry Stebbings, John Pellatt, Alexander Mellstrbon, Thomas Offer, Robert Ellis.

The ship 'Hastings', one of Messrs Willis, Gaun, and Co.'s line of New Zealand packets, arrived in the harbor yesterday afternoon, after a rather protracted passage of 131 days from London. The 'Hastings' left Gravesend on the 11<sup>th</sup> June; and experienced very tempestuous weather in the Channel, which delayed her for a fortnight. After clearing the Channel, met with light variable winds, which continued until reaching the latitude of the Cape. On the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> August, when off the Cape, during a gale of wind the ship gave a lurch and pitched the Captain overboard, who, we regret to say, was unfortunately drowned. The wind was blowing so strong at the time, and there was such a heavy sea on, that the boats could not be lowered to save him. About a fortnight after this occurrence, two passengers, while harpooning dolphins, were washed off the martingle. The life buoys were instantly let go, and the boats lowered, and the two passengers after being in the water for about three quarters of an hour, were picked up, and safely taken on board. The 'Hastings' made the land on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, and was off the heads about a fortnight ago; but, being light, and meeting with a succession of N.W. Gales, was driven to the South. She brings about 40 passengers, and a large cargo of general merchandise.

*White Wings Vol II. Founding of the Provinces and Old-Time Shipping. Passenger ships from 1840 to 1885. Page 154*

The ship 'Hastings'... [Third voyage to New Zealand] A new captain took charge in 1859. He was a young man who had previously visited New Zealand as chief officer of the Joseph Fletcher, and was married a few days before the ship sailed from London on June 10th. Once more she was detained in the Channel for 14 days, and when off the Cape of Good Hope she encountered a sever gale, during which the captain was washed overboard and drowned, the ship then doing ten knots. She arrived at Wellington on the 20th October, 1859, landing 40 passengers.

*Evening Post 21 Feb 1882 Death and Funeral Notice*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, at Wainui-o-mata, Isabella Sinclair, sister of the late Hugh Sinclair, in her 79<sup>th</sup> year. The Friends of the late Isabella Sinclair are invited to attend her funeral, which will leave her late residence, Wainui-o-mata, on Wednesday, at 2 o'clock p.m.

*Will dated 10 May 1881 Archives New Zealand Reference AAOM 6029 W3265 Box 34 Record No 1758*

This is the last Will and Testament of me Isabella Sinclair of Wainuiomata in the Province of Wellington spinster. I direct that my just debts Funeral and Testamentary expences be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my nephew John Sinclair of Wainuiomata my House, one Cow Article, a portion of my books and all of my belongings not otherwise bequeathed or disposed of, also one of my trunks I give to Kate Sinclair daughter of the said John Sinclair.

I give to my nephew Duncan Sinclair of Wainuiomata One cow Lily and dairy utensils consisting of churn buckets dishes and other things also three chairs one washstand & basin also flat irons & bellows also a portion of my books.

I give to my niece Elizabeth Sinclair of Palmerston North my looking glass one trunk my clothing linen and all my jewellery and trinkets also a portion of my books and the other small things in the house.

I give to my niece Isabella McIlvride wife of John McIlvride of Wainuiomata all my kitchen utensils one sofa three chairs my ~~bed~~ allini and bedclothes and also a portion of my books.

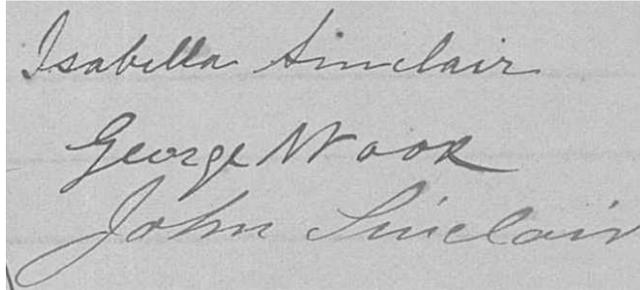
My eyeglass I direct to be sent to my nephew Duncan Sinclair Maclagan now in Scotland.

All cast together with the proceeds from the sale of my fowls I wish after paying all debts to be equally divided between my two Sisters , Margaret Sinclair and Janet Sinclair or Menzies both in the Village of Aberfeldy in Scotland. I desire that my nephew Duncan Sinclair as aforesaid will as soon as conveniently may be after my decease remit the same to them in two equal portions.

I hereby appoint my nephew Duncan Sinclair and John Wright both of Wainuiomata, settlers as Executors of this Will and hereby revoking all other Wills at any time by me heretofore made, this being my last will I witness whereof I have herewith set my hand this tenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighty one. Signed by the above named testator Isabella Sinclair

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isabella Sinclair".

In the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses thereto – Isabella Sinclair, George Wood, John Sinclair.

A rectangular image showing three handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. The top signature reads "Isabella Sinclair", the middle one reads "George Wood", and the bottom one reads "John Sinclair".