

## James Britten 1852-1934

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Bernard Charles Beale, Registrar's Office, Hamilton – 30 Dec 1881

On the 26<sup>th</sup> instant a man who stated his name as Francis Britton came to the Office and said he had procured a marriage certificate with a Miss Hooper, in the name of James Hunter, which on reference to the Book I found correct; and that in order to legitimise his children, he wished me to marry them in his right name. He gave as a reason for doing so that he had been a deserter from a ship and did not wish to be discovered. Will you be so good as instruct me as to the right procedure to be followed in this case.

*Archives NZ R15906767 BDM 1882/16 Inward letters to the Registrar General*

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### *1841 Census Jordan Street, Liverpool*

Ann Abbott, 25, not born in the county; Jane Abbott, 1, born in the county; Ann Logan, 25, not born in the county; Thomas Brittan, 30, mariner, not born in the county

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### *Marriage St Philip Liverpool 10 Jun 1841*

By Banns. Thomas Britton, full age, bachelor, mariner of Liverpool, son of John Britton, farmer and Hannah Abbott, full age, spinster of Liverpool, daughter of Joseph Abbott, farmer. Witnesses: William Skilbeck and Eliza Skilbeck

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### *General Register Office Birth*

Sep Qt 1850 Liverpool – Joseph Thomas Britton – mother's maiden name Abbott

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### *Baptism St Peter, Liverpool 29 Sep 1850*

Joseph Thomas Britton son of Thomas and Hannah of Jordan Street, Engine Driver

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### *1851 Census Jordan Street, Liverpool*

Thomas Britten, 40yrs, mariner; wife Hannah, 33; dau Jane, 10; dau Ann 9; son Joseph 11 months – birth places recorded as "N. K." (not known)

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### *General Register Office Birth*

Dec Qt 1852 Liverpool – James Britton – mother's maiden name Abbott

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### *Baptism St Peter, Liverpool 6 Mar 1853*

James Britton, son of Thomas and Hannah of Hornby Street, Engine man

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### *1861 Census 70 Marylebone, Liverpool*

James Britton, 9yrs, apprentice umbrella maker, born Liverpool – living with the family of John Duggan, umbrella maker, who were all born in Ireland.

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### *Marriage St Nicholas, Liverpool 9 Jun 1862*

By Banns. Ann Britton, minor, spinster of Hornby Street, daughter of Thomas Britton, fireman and John Doughty, minor, bachelor, labourer of Hornby Street, son of John Doughty, labourer. Witnesses: Samuel Kell and Jane Britton.

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### *Wanganui Herald 3 Mar 1870 Desertions from the Flying Squad*

Upwards of eighty men deserted from the Flying Squadron whilst the ships were lying at Auckland, not one of whom was recaptured.

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*Marriage St Mary, Birkenhead, Cheshire*

By Banns 27 Jun 1874 Joseph Thomas Britton, 23, bachelor, mariner of Egerston St., son of Thomas Britton, mariner to Mary Anne Ennis, 24, spinster of 12 Thomas Street, daughter of Edward Ennis, shoemaker. Witnesses Edward Jones and Jane Garry.

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*Waikato Times 16 Nov 1875 Resident Magistrate's Court*

Martin Fitzgerald v Hedger and Laing – for the value of a steer which Hedger and Laing had driven away without any right to do so, and that they refused to return it... **James Hunter** deposed: I am a bushman residing at Whata Whata. I remember seeing the steer in question close to Ngaruawahia. I have known the steer twelve months...

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*NZ BDM Historical Records – Marriage Index Entry*

<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Bride's Given Name(s)</b>	<b>Bride's Family Name</b>	<b>Groom's Given Name(s)</b>	<b>Groom's Family Name</b>
1878/2497	Eliza Emma	Hooper	James	Hunter

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*1879-1880 East Coast Electoral Roll*

James Hunter, Opouriao, household on Lot 64, parish of Waimana

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*Intention to Marry 3 May 1884*

Groom: Francis James Hunter Britten, bachelor, farmer, 30yrs, resident Whatawhata 10yrs  
Bride: Eliza Emma Hunter *nee* Hooper, 26yrs, resident at Whatawhata for 7 years.

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*NZ BDM Historical Records – Marriage Index Entry*

1884/900	Eliza Jane	Hunter	Francis James Hunter	Britten
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*NZ BDM Historical Records – Birth Index Entries*

1884/13250	Britten	Eva Jane Eliza	Eliza Jane	Francis James Hunter
1886/5889	Britten	Robert James	Eliza Emma	Francis James Hunes

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*Bay of Plenty Electoral Roll 1893*

James Hunter Britten, Whakatane, ploughman, residential

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*Archives NZ R22403916 MA1 1911/527 (Maori Affairs Department Correspondence)*

Letter dated 8 Sep 1911 by T. L. Fleming, solicitor who is applying on behalf of the representatives of Emma Hunter Britten Hooper (deceased) for removal of restrictions to enable the sale of Section 16A Parish of Horotui.

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*Archives NZ R17198422 WM4365 (Waikato-Maniapoto single number land alienation files)*

1912 Land Alienation – Horotiu 16A: F. Britten and others – John Gordon

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*Archives NZ R22404541 MA1 1912/3340 (Maori Affairs Department Correspondence)*

Letter dated 7 Oct 1912 from the President of the Waikato-Maniapoto Maori Land Board regarding the proposed sale by Francis, Robert and Eva Britten of Parish of Horotiu No.16A. Board recommends consent.

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Archives NZ R17198438 WM4390 (Waikato-Maniapoto single number land alienation files)  
1912-1913 Land Alienation – Horotiu 16A – F. Britten and others – John Gordon

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Archives NZ R22279165 WWI Service File for Francis Allen Britten 43759  
Born 13 Nov 1882. Next of kin: Miss E. J. Britten of Whakatane (sister)

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NZ BDM Historical Records – Marriage Index Entry

1925/4422	Eva Jane	Britten	Arthur	Hall
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*New Zealand Herald 20 Dec 1930 Resident of Mount Eden*

The 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Mrs M. E. Hooper, of 24 Abbott's Road, Mount Eden, falls tomorrow. Mrs Hooper was born in Leamington, Warwickshire in 1837, and came to Auckland with her parents, the late Mr and Mrs Edward Allen, of Allendale, Mount Albert, who arrived with their family in the *Black Eagle*, in November 1861. Miss Allen married Dr R. R. Hooper, medical officer for natives for the district, and for 21 years they worked near the various Maori settlements in the province. This work was interrupted in 1886, when Dr and Mrs Hooper were at Galatea, the whole neighbourhood being overwhelmed by the Tarawera eruption. The experiences through which they passed before reaching safety at Rotorua shattered the health of Dr Hooper<sup>1</sup>, and he died shortly afterwards. Mrs Hooper retired to Auckland, where she has lived ever since.

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*New Zealand Herald 11 Aug 1934 Obituary – by Correspondent, Whakatane*

The death has occurred of Mr James Hunter Britten, who had been a resident in the Whakatane district since 1880. Mr Britten was born in Liverpool in 1852, and as a lad signed on for service in a sailing vessel, arriving in Auckland in 1870. From Auckland he went to the Waikato district, where he engaged in farming pursuits. While there he married the daughter of the late Dr Hooper. Fifty-four years ago he came to the Whakatane district, and was employed on the Opouriao Estate for a number of years. He retired from active pursuits about nine years ago. Mr Britten is survived by one daughter, Mrs A. Hall, and one son, Mr F. Britten, both of Whakatane. His wife died 26 years ago.

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Archives NZ R23111039 Probate for James Britten who died at Whakatane 8 Aug 1934  
Will dated 19 Jan 1926 – all to his daughter Eva Jane Hall

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*Bay of Plenty Beacon 21 Mar 1941 Obituary of Mr F. A. Britten*

Francis Allen Britten died at Whakatane Hospital aged 58 years. He was born in Whakatane, and his father was employed for many years on the Opouriao Station. Mrs Arthur Hall of Whakatane was a sister.

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Richardson Hooper 1828-1886 m1 1855 Eva Tapsell (1839-1864), m2 1865 Mary Elizabeth Allen 1837-1933