Francis DRAKE (1845-1929)

Wairoa: Military History of Waverley by C. L. Lovegrove p24 Roll of Wairoa Light Horse from Arms Book, Patea Militia District 1872-1876
1874 Jun 22 F. Drake, No.1 Company Militia 1873
1874 Jul 26 A. Drake, No.1 Company Militia 1873
1875 Nov 2 T. Drake, Patea Rifles 1870

1887 Foxton Electoral Roll
Francis Drake, farmer, Waikawa; Walter Drake, sheepfarmer, Waikawa; Arthur Drake, sheepfarmer, Waikawa

1890 Palmerston Electoral Roll
Francis Drake, farmer, Waikawa; Arthur Drake, sheepfarmer, Waikawa

1893 Otaki Electoral Roll
Francis Drake, farmer, Te Horo

Wises Post Office Directory 1894-1895
Frank Drake, farmer, Otaki

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll
Johnsonville: Walter Drake, farmer
Manakau: Harriet Drake, married woman
Ohau: Percival Tenby Drake, settler; Helen Russell Drake, married woman; Thomas John Drake, farmer
Te Horo: Francis Drake, farmer and Amelia Drake, lady
Waikawa: Arthur Drake, sheepfarmer

Wises Post Office Directory 1896-1897
Francis Drake, farmer, Te Horo

1897 Otaki Electoral Roll
Johnsonville: Selina Drake, widow; Walter Drake, farmer
Manakau: Harriet Drake, married woman
Ohau: Helen Russell Drake, married woman; Thomas John Drake, farmer
Te Horo: Francis Drake, farmer; Amelia Drake, lady
Waikawa: Arthur Drake, sheepfarmer

Wises Post Office Directory 1898-1899
Francis Drake, farmer, Te Horo

Evening Post 07 Jul 1900 Sale of Small Farm, 17 acres, Johnsonville
Tuesday next, 10th July at 2.30 o'clock. Macdonald, Wilson and Co. are favoured with instructions from Mr F. Drake to sell by public auction that valuable small farm property, being Section No.1a, Paparangi Block, containing 17 acres, together with the residence of 6 rooms and outbuildings; also cowshed, shearing shed, stables, etc. This is the old house of the late Mr Drake, who selected the site over 40 years ago. House is not of new design, but well built, picturesquely situated; grounds well planted with fruit and forest trees; splendid stream of water; land is good, and carries grass well. The expenditure of a very little money would make this an ideal home, and to a town man would form a splendid retreat where he could keep cows, poultry, and horse and trap. It is only a quarter of an hour's walk from the Johnsonville railway station.

1911 Egmont Electoral Roll
Francis Drake, retired farmer; Jessie Drake, married – Castle Street, Eltham

1914 Ohinemuri Electoral Roll
Francis Drake, farmer; Jessie Drake, married – Waihi Plains

Waihi Daily Telegraph 05 Feb 1924 Death
On February 4th, at the Waihi Hospital, Jessie, the dearly beloved wife of Francis Drake; aged 63 years. The funeral of the late Jessie Drake will leave the Hopsital Morgue tomorrow Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the Waihi cemetery. Friends please acknowledge this intimation. D. G. Saunders, Undertaker.

Waihi Daily Telegraph 19 Feb 1924 Bereavement Notice
The relatives of the late Jessie Drake desire to thank the doctors and nursing staff of the Waihi Hospital for kindnesses shown; also all kind friends for expressions of sympathy, and for letters, cards, telegrams, and floral emblems received.

Probate of Jessie Drake of Waihi – Archives NZ Reference BBAE 1569 A48 560/17084
Will – all to husband; Jessie was born in Victoria, Australia of British parents.

New Zealand Herald 07 Oct 1929 Obituary
The death occurred at his residence, Cooper Street, Archhill, on Saturday, of Mr Francis Drake, aged 85. The late Mr Drake, who claimed to be a descendant of Sir Francis Drake, the famous British admiral, was born at Johnsonville, near Wellington, his father being the late Mr Thomas Drake, who settled at Porirua in 1840. For many years Mr Francis Drake engaged in farming on the Waihi plains, and about seven or eight years ago retired and came to live in Auckland. Mr Drake took a keen interest in the work of the Salvation Army, with which he was associated for 32 years. At the time of his death he held the rank of colour-sergeant and was a very popular figure among the men who work on the waterfront. Mr Drake was predeceased by his wife and is survived by a daughter. The funeral took place at Waikumete Cemetery yesterday when an impressive tribute was paid by the Salvation Army. The service at the graveside was conducted by Adjutant I. Briddock, and in the evening a memorial service was held in the Salvation Army Hall at Ponsonby.