John GUMMER (1819-1870)

1851 Census India Rubber Works, Goswell Mews, St Luke Old Street, Middlesex

John GUMMER	Head	31yrs	Clerk to India Rubber Manager	b Islington, Middlesex
Jane GUMMER	Wife	30yrs		b Bermondsey, Surrey
John GUMMER	Son	6yrs	Day Scholar	b Haggerstone, Middlesex
Henry GUMMER	Son	4yrs	Day Scholar	b Bermondsey, Surrey
Thomas GUMMER	Son	2yrs		b Bermondsey, Surrey
Ann CREBBIN	Visitor	66yrs	Surgeon's wife [married]	b America

1861 Census 115 Albany Road, St George, Camberwell, Surrey

John GUMMER	Head	41yrs	Commercial clerk	b Islington, Middlesex
Jane GUMMER	Wife	41yrs		b Bermondsey, Surrey
John GUMMER	Son	16yrs	Ironmonger's apprentice	b Huggleton?, Middlesex
Henry GUMMER	Son	14yrs	Commercial clerk	b Bermondsey, Surrey
Thomas GUMMER	Son	12yrs	Scholar	b Bermondsey, Surrey
Alfred GUMMER	Son	9yrs	Scholar	b Islington, Middlesex

Auckland Star 10 Dec 1935 Obituary

Mr John Charles Jerwood Gummer, another of the original Albertland settlers, died at his home, Mount Eden, at the age of 92 years. He came to New Zealand with his parents and his three brothers in the ship 'Tiburnia' in 1863. After spending a month on Rangitoto Island, as a result of the stringent quarantine regulations of the time, the family settled on the site of the present township of Maungaturoto. All their belongings and goods were lost when a cutter was wrecked on the Kaipara Bar and they were without any provisions for several weeks. About 30 years after settling at Maungaturoto, Mr Gummer left with his brothers for California, where they stayed for two years, acquiring experience of the latest fruit growing methods. Returning to Auckland, they established a large orchard at Birkdale. Sixteen years ago the brothers retired and removed to Woodside Road, Mount Eden, where three of them lived until the death of Mr Henry Gummer last year. Mr Gummer, who was a bachelor, is survived by two brothers, Messrs A. Gummer, of Mount Eden, and T. Gummer, of Dominion Road.

New Zealand Herald 02 Oct 1937 Obituary

The death occurred yesterday in his 87th year of Mr Alfred Edward Gummer, of 39 Woodside Road, Mount Eden, who came to New Zealand in 1863 with his family, his father taking up land as one of the original Albertland settlers. Four brothers accompanied their father and mother to New Zealand, and three of these, of whom Alfred Edward Gummer was one, remained unmarried, lived together all their lives, farmed together and retired together, the association being broken two years ago with the death of two of the brothers. When the family first arrived at Albertland, near Maungaturoto, they expected to find the district roaded with farms laid out and buildings erected. The reality was just kauri forest. Neither father nor sons had previous farming experience; the father had been a Supreme Court officer in London and the sons had done clerical work, but they obtained tents and proceeded to clear the land and make a home. After some years, three brothers, John, Henry and Alfred Edward, went to California and started in business as fruit farmers. About 40 years ago they returned to New Zealand and began fruit-farming in association at Birkdale. They retired from business about 16 years ago and went to live in Mount Eden. The three brothers had an intense interest in music and they imported one of the first cylinder phonographs and later one of the first disc machines. At a time when recorded music was a novelty, their home was regularly visited by friends and neighbours. They were in the forefront when radio came into being, and their interest in music was maintained by wireless. In 1935 Mr John Gummer died at the age of 92, and in the same year Mr Henry Gummer died, aged 89. Mr Alfred Edward Gummer lived a very active life up to within a few weeks of his death. He is survived by a brother, Mr Thomas George Gummer.