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Francis 'Frank' McPherson, 1878-1922



Morehu Rebecca Pene 'Butu' Arano, about 1887-1959

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Introduction

This chapter reports the origins, children and descendents of Frank McPherson from Wardwell Farm in the Parish of Inverkeithny, Banffshire, Scotland, and his wife Morehu Rebecca Pene 'Butu' Arano, of Te Rawara, Ahipara, New Zealand. It clarifies the oral traditions in the McPherson family concerning Frank's beginnings and the current understandings concerning Butu's background. It explains that Frank and Butu raised a family of four; Mary, Allan, 'Dollie' and 'Alec,' married in 1921 thirteen months before Frank died in 1922 aged 44, and how Butu went on to adopt a fifth child, Taupiri Tamati 'Bela' from 1934, later known as Kath, and a sixth whangai child Noble Hohaia from 1938. It then traces over 300 descendents that are scattered today across New Zealand and Australia. Inevitably, this chapter will need refinement and corrections are most welcome.

Oral History about Frank McPherson

There are many stories provided by McPherson kuia (senior women) today concerning Frank's arrival and family. The first story, derived from his grandson Scotty McPherson's research, made four claims. Frank arrived in New Zealand from Scotland with his brother John. John is buried in the Otahuhu cemetery. Frank and John's sister later visited relatives in Dunedin without ever coming to the Far North. Frank was the first person to bring a wood burner to Ahipara.

A second story in the family made six claims. Frank's proper name was actually Francis and that he came from Edinburgh where he had been teaching. He had two older brothers called Allan and Alex that he named his own sons after. His sister Mary Margaret or Margaret Mary was an author and visited members of 'the Clan' in Dunedin.

A third story made three claims. His wife Butu insisted that Frank's proper name was Francis. His other nickname 'Scotty' was transferred to his grandson to avoid confusion. Frank is buried next to the Snowdens or Pukeroas at the lower level of the Pukemiro cemetery at the Ahipara end of Roma Road.

The facts have been accumulating from recent research. They support many of these claims while undermining others. To begin, Scotty's widow, Betty, found the picture right of Frank (B. McPherson, 2011, p. 3) in the spine of Scotty's album. By comparing it with photos of his two sons Alex and Allan taken at various ages, it was probably taken when he was in his early 30s, probably before he left Scotland. Since his grandson Scotty died suddenly when he was 50, his son Allan when he was 55 and his other son Alex when he was 54, all of undiagnosed heart problems, it is likely that Frank suffered the same fate.

Frank's bereavement notice appeared in the *Northland Age* dated 22 February 1922. His family thanked the undertaker in Mangonui, where the County hospital was in those days, indicating that he had died there a few days earlier, about 20 February 1922. Since some of his male descendents also suffered badly from late onset asthma, it suggests that they should monitor their health very carefully.

Scotty and Betty toured Scotland in 1966 and visited the Clan Macpherson Museum in Newtonmore in search of Frank's origins. Despite their total immersion in the culture (see right), Scotty's research predated online databases and proved inconclusive. His eldest daughter Dr Marilyn Brewin and I have since constructed the family tree online with the help of the collaborators listed above.



The Facts about Frank McPherson

Frank probably came to New Zealand via Australia. A search of passengers from the UK to Australasia between 1900 to 1915 found



a Francis McPherson who matched his profile; he was a single 'Scotch' labourer (see detail right) on the Orient Line ship *Ormuz* (see left) that departed London 19 August 1910 for Sydney.

Frank became an itinerant teacher of English in the Far North of New Zealand, mostly in the Ahipara area, although he is also remembered in the Udjur family visiting Ngataki School. Oral history recalls that "Morehu Arano married a Mr McPherson an English teacher and they had four kids; Mary, Tape (two girls), Allan and Alex (two boys)" (Seymour, 2002, p. 3). It becomes clear below that Mary actually came from a previous relationship, Tape was Taare (Dollie), Alex was Alec, the parents married three years after their youngest child Alec was born and Frank died thirteen months after marrying.

The certified copy of Butu and Frank's marriage certificate (see right) shows that they were married at Kaitaia's Church of England on 6 January 1921. Frank's age on marriage is given as 43, which provides a birth date of about 1878. Since he died 13 months later, about 20 February 1922. He was about 44 when he passed on.

Frank's place of birth is given as Bamshire Scotland, an approximate spelling of the county of Banffshire, Scotland. A search of all births in Scotland for 1878 plus or minus five years proved fruitless, suggesting that his birth was not registered and therefore possibly illegitimate (meaning born out of wedlock and therefore not having inheritance rights in law; perhaps why he married late before dying to secure property rights for his sons in Ahipara).

Most importantly, the certificate gives Frank's father as John and his mother as Annie Allan. A search of all marriages in Scotland for 1878 plus and minus 10 years also proved fruitless, suggesting that his parents were not actually married.

Nevertheless, Scotland's Census conducted on 3 May 1881, established (see extract right) that John McPherson, a widower (aged 37 and born about 1844), was living with his unmarried housekeeper Annie Allan. She was born in Grange, Inverkeithny and aged 24 (born about 1857) (Census, 1881). The four McPherson children present were Alexander (a farm servant aged 15 and born about 1866), John (a scholar aged 8 and born about 1873), Francis (a scholar aged 6 and born about 1875), and Jessie (aged 4 and born about 1877). They were living in a three-windowed house on a property called Wardwell in the Parish of Inverkeithny, Banffshire. This means that Francis McPherson of Ahipara's father John McPherson was partnering Annie Allan, farming 80 acres with his eldest son Alexander and a labourer, and that Francis and his older brother John were probably attending Inverkeithny's school (see right).

Passenger Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Religion	Country of Birth	Place of Birth	Remarks	
							Particulars	Other
Londoner	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
McPherson	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Francis	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
John	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Alexander	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Jessie	3	F	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
John	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Francis	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Alexander	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Jessie	3	F	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
John	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Francis	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Alexander	3	M	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		
Jessie	3	F	Labourer	Anglican	Scotland	Banffshire		

New Zealand Marriage Certificate

Registration Number 192109080

Particulars of Parties to Marriage

BRIDE:		BRIDEGROOM:	
First given name(s)	Rebecca Pene	First given name(s)	Francis McPherson
Surname (family name)	Araro	Surname (family name)	McPherson
Age	33	Age	43
Place of birth	Ahipara	Place of birth	Bamshire Scotland
Usual occupation, profession or job	Household Duties	Usual occupation, profession or job	Farmer
Relationship name	Register	Relationship name	Register
Usual residential address	Ahipara	Usual residential address	Ahipara
MOTHER: First or given name(s)	Harata Araro	MOTHER: First or given name(s)	Annie McPherson Allan
Surname or family name at birth	Araro	Surname or family name at birth	Allan
FATHER: First or given name(s)	Pene Araro	FATHER: First or given name(s)	John McPherson
Surname or family name at birth	Araro	Surname or family name at birth	McPherson
Date of marriage	6 January 1921	Date of marriage	6 January 1921
Place of marriage	In the Church of England	Place of marriage	Kaitaia
Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar			
Issued under the seal of the Registrar on 1 February 2011			

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The undermentioned houses are situate within the Burgh of Inverkeithny

House No.	NAME OF HOUSEHOLDERS	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SEX	RELIGION	PROFESSION	WIFE'S BORN	1st BORN	2nd BORN	3rd BORN	4th BORN	5th BORN	6th BORN	7th BORN	8th BORN	9th BORN	10th BORN
1	John McPherson	Head	37	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Annie Allan	Wife	24	F	Anglican	Housekeeper	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	15	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	8	M	Anglican	Scholar	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	6	M	Anglican	Scholar	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	4	F	Anglican	Scholar	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	John McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Francis McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Alexander McPherson	Son	3	M	Anglican	Labourer	Yes										
	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	3	F	Anglican	Labourer	Yes				</						

Ten years earlier, the Census taken 2/3 April 1871 (see right) showed that Wardwell was being farmed by the same John McPherson, then aged only 27 (Census, 1871). Resident at the same address was John's mother Jessie, his three older sisters Mary, Margaret and Ann, his son Alexander and a farm servant Robert Dyker aged 23. Mother Jessie was a farmer's widow aged 59, born about 1812 in Forgue, a village a few miles south of Inverkeithy. John's oldest sister, Mary McPherson, was a general servant aged 42 born about 1829 in Inverkeithy. His second sister was Margaret McPherson, a dress maker aged 33 born about 1838 in Huntly, Aberdeenshire. John's youngest sister, Ann McPherson, was also a general servant aged 32, born about 1839 in Inverkeithy. John's son Alexander was 5, born about 1866 in Mortlach, Banffshire.

Ten years prior to that, the Census taken 7/8 April 1861 (Census, 1861) reported that Wardwell was being farmed by Alexander McPherson aged 69, born about 1792 in Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Francis McPherson of Ahipara's paternal grandfather. Alexander's wife Janet must have been his second partner - she was 20 years his junior, only six years older than their eldest daughter and born about 1812 in Drumblade, Aberdeenshire.

Alexander and Janet's eldest resident daughter was Margaret McPherson, aged 43 and born about 1818 in Huntly, Aberdeenshire. Their second daughter was Mary McPherson, aged 33 born about 1828 in Inverkeithy, Banffshire. Their eldest son Francis McPherson was present aged 29, born about 1832 also in Inverkeithy. Their next child present was Jessie McPherson, aged 25 and born about 1836 in Inverkeithy. Next came their daughter Ann McPherson aged 21 born about 1840 in Inverkeithy. Next was their youngest son (and Francis McPherson of Ahipara's father) John McPherson aged 17, born about 1844 in Inverkeithy, who took over the farm 30 July 1870 when his father Alexander died (SR, 1870). Also resident was a grandson Alexander McPherson aged 8 born about 1853 in Forgue.

In 1851 (Census, 1851) Alexander was 58 and farming Wardwell (see right). His wife Janet was 38, their daughters were Mary 33, Margaret 32, Isabel 29, their eldest son Francis 20, Ann 12, Helen 9 and John 7, with a farm servant Alexander Lawson 10. In 1841 (Census, 1841), Alexander and his family were recorded resident at Wardwell. He was 45, his wife Janet was 25, his resident children were Margaret 20, Alexander 15, Mary 14, James 12, Francis 10, Janet 7, Ann 2, and Helen 6 months.

02/04/1871 MCPHERSON, JOHN (Census 1871 158/00 001/00 005)
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Serial No.	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE	SEX	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Year of Birth
1	John McPherson	Head	27	M	Farmer	Inverkeithy	1844
2	Jessie McPherson	Wife	59	F	Farmer's Widow	Forgue	1812
3	Mary McPherson	Sister	42	F	General Servant	Inverkeithy	1829
4	Margaret McPherson	Sister	33	F	Dress Maker	Huntly	1838
5	Ann McPherson	Sister	32	F	General Servant	Inverkeithy	1839
6	Alexander McPherson	Son	5	M		Mortlach	1866
7	Robert Dyker	General Servant	23	M			

07/04/1861 MCPHERSON, ALEXANDER (Census 1861 158/00 001/00 009)
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Serial No.	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE	SEX	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Year of Birth
1	Alexander McPherson	Head	69	M	Farmer	Huntly	1792
2	Janet McPherson	Wife	20	F		Drumblade	1812
3	Mary McPherson	Daughter	43	F		Huntly	1818
4	Margaret McPherson	Daughter	33	F		Inverkeithy	1828
5	Francis McPherson	Son	29	M		Inverkeithy	1832
6	Jessie McPherson	Daughter	25	F		Inverkeithy	1836
7	Ann McPherson	Daughter	21	F		Inverkeithy	1840
8	John McPherson	Son	17	M		Inverkeithy	1844
9	Alexander Lawson	General Servant	10	M			

30/03/1851 MCPHERSON, ALEXANDER (Census 1851 158/00 001/00 005)
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Serial No.	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE	SEX	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Year of Birth
1	Alexander McPherson	Head	58	M	Farmer	Huntly	1793
2	Janet McPherson	Wife	38	F		Drumblade	1813
3	Mary McPherson	Daughter	33	F		Inverkeithy	1828
4	Margaret McPherson	Daughter	32	F		Inverkeithy	1829
5	Isabel McPherson	Daughter	29	F		Inverkeithy	1832
6	Francis McPherson	Son	20	M		Inverkeithy	1832
7	Ann McPherson	Daughter	12	F		Inverkeithy	1840
8	Helen McPherson	Daughter	9	F		Inverkeithy	1841
9	John McPherson	Son	7	M		Inverkeithy	1844
10	Alexander Lawson	General Servant	10	M			

06/06/1841 MCPHERSON, ALEXANDER (Census 1841 158/00 001/00 005)
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Serial No.	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	AGE	SEX	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Year of Birth
1	Alexander McPherson	Head	45	M	Farmer	Huntly	1796
2	Janet McPherson	Wife	25	F		Drumblade	1816
3	Margaret McPherson	Daughter	20	F		Inverkeithy	1821
4	Alexander McPherson	Son	15	M		Inverkeithy	1826
5	Mary McPherson	Daughter	14	F		Inverkeithy	1827
6	James McPherson	Son	12	M		Inverkeithy	1829
7	Francis McPherson	Son	10	M		Inverkeithy	1831
8	Janet McPherson	Daughter	7	F		Inverkeithy	1834
9	Ann McPherson	Daughter	2	F		Inverkeithy	1839
10	Helen McPherson	Daughter	6 months	F		Inverkeithy	1840

their own. Allan was born 22 September 1915 in Ahipara, died about 7 January 1969 in Auckland and was brought home to be buried in the Wainui cemetery, Ahipara. Taare ‘Dollie’ was born in 1916 in Ahipara, died 13 September 1972 and was buried alongside her mother in the Pukemiro cemetery. Alexander ‘Alec’ was born 21 October 1918, died 13 March 1973 and was buried at the Kaitaia Public Cemetery.



In sum, Butu and Frank’s partnership started sometime after 1910 and before 1915, they had three children between 1915 and 1918, married in early 1921 and it ended when Frank died suddenly early in 1922. Mary, then just 10, was raised as a sibling of Allan (7), Dollie (6) and Alex (4) (see Mary and Dollie right, about 1933).

In 1934, twelve years after Frank’s death, Butu accepted her first whangai child; Taupiri ‘Bela’ later ‘Kath’ Tamiti (see right). Butu registered Kath’s birth when she was 10, defining herself as her ‘Unty.’ Kath was raised by Butu in 81 Cook Street, Auckland as Taupiri Selwyn because her then partner was Eddie Selwyn. Kath’s birth certificate gave her mother as Puti Tamati, a “Maori of Full Blood” of Te Rarawa. Kath recalls being told that she had a twin and that Puti had 13 children and died of TB when she was about 50 (Macnee & Macnee, 2011).



During WW2 Butu ran a sly grog shop for American servicemen. She also raised another whangai child, Noble Hohaia, who was born about 1945 to Dollie McPherson and Charlie Hohaia. Noble completed military service, see right, married, had children and died about 2006. Details are awaited.

In 1952, Butu attended Scotty and Betty’s wedding (see below left) and clearly enjoyed herself. From left are Hera Murray (Betty’s grandmother), Morehu McPherson, John McPherson, Scotty McPherson, Betty McPherson (née Murray), Dave Brass, Noble Hohaia, Herbert Murray, and Scotty’s parents, Nellie McPherson (née Brass) and Allan McPherson.

Butu lived out her days in Auckland (see below right). Her squint was due to being blinded in her right eye. She had been playing with a dog in the backyard when it accidentally got too excited and scratched her eye (Yelavich, 2011). Kath recalled that Butu was strongly of the Ratana faith and wore earrings with the Church’s half moon and star emblem. When she died in 1959 her jewellery went into her casket, including her greenstone (Macnee & Macnee, 2011). She was buried at Pukemiro as Morehu Rebecca McPherson, and in 1972, her youngest daughter Taare (Dollie) was buried alongside her. We now turn to her eldest daughter, Mary.



Mary and Waata Tepania

Mary married Waata (Walter) Tepania, born 24 August 1903 and died 20 January 1969. They had 14 children and at least 61 mokopuna (Amai, 2011; Tepania, 2011). Mary and Waata are pictured right.

Most of Mary and Waata's children living today were at Kathleen's 'Bub's' 80th birthday at the end of 2010, see below (excluding Joseph who was ill at the time). Standing left to right are Michael Tepania, Ben Tepania, Dolly Tepania, Wally Busby, Wati Tepania, Eddie Tepania, George Tepania, Aubrey Tepania and Phoebe Tepania. Seated are May Matiu, Bub Busby, and Mary Tepania (the wife of the late Kennedy Tepania).



Kennedy and Mereanna Tepania

Mary and Waata's eldest, Kennedy, was born 2 June 1929 and died in 1996. He married Mereanna Wara and had six children; Terry, Kennedy Jnr., Patau, Eru, Aorangi and Alec (Tepania, 2011).

Terry married Francis and they had Victor, Martin, Robyn and Johnny. Victor married Michelle. Their children are Jordan (whose maternal mum is Lana Parker), Havyn, Charmah, Waikohu, Te Houtaewa and the youngest, Vee-Jay 'VJ'. Martin married Emma and they had Hemi. Robyn and her partner Stephen have three children; Jesse-Lee, Levi and Jade. Johnny and his partner Jody have no children of their own although Jody brought Reuben and Jesse from a previous relationship. Details and photos are awaited.

Bub Tepania and Hec Busby

Mary and Waata then had Kathleen 'Bub' Tepania on 29 November 1930 who married Hec Busby and had nine children; Walter (who married Frances Sinclair and had Timothy), Alex (who married Doris Matiu and had Peter, Ratahi and Thomas), Steven, Hector Jnr., Selwyn, Peter, Margaret, Moira and Robert. Details and photos are awaited.

Edward and Marlene Tepania

Mary and Waata's third child, Edward, born 14 March 1934, married Marlene McSheffrey (1940-2006) in 1959. They had five children. Photos are awaited.

Glen James Tepania was born in 1959. He partnered with Tania Millar and had two sons, Jarred in 1987 and Tamiti in 1989. He then partnered with Pam Cleverly and had Ruby in 1992 and Rewa in 1994. They are no longer together.

Daryll Edward Tepania was born in 1960. He and his partner Cheryl Henderson had two daughters. The first was Karla Lorraine Tepania born in 1982. She and her partner Lesley Norton had Leighton in 1999, Cody in 2001, Seth in 2004, Trinity in 2005, Cassidy in 2005, and Xaiver in 2007. Darryl and Cheryl's other daughter is Sarah Kathleen Tepania born 1986. She married Daniel Neilson and they have no children.

Colin Micheal Tepania was born in 1962. He and his partner Christine Williams had a son, Orren Scott Tepania born 1982. Colin then married Fiona Whyte in 2001 and had another son Tane in 2000.

Kathleen Denise Tepania was born in 1963. She married James Brass in 1988. Their first child was Rangi Melissa Brass born in 1985 who married James Goodman 2009 and had Adrianna Katrina Goodman in 2007 and Cyprus James Goodman in 2009. Adrianna and Kath are pictured right.



James Edward Tepania was born in 1967. He had Tori Kathleen Tepania 2005 with Tracey Collins, as well as Paki Bruno Tepania in 1992, Emma-Lee Morehu Tepania in 1998 and Adrianna Tui Alana Tepania in 1999.

Scott Walter Tepania was born in 1969. He partnered with Tracey Cooper and had Nathan Scott Tepania in 1998 and Rylie-Grace Tepania in 2000. Scott then married Debbie.

The twins Alex and Joseph Tepania

Mary and Waata then had twin boys. Alex was born 30 November 1935 and died in 1936 while Joseph flourished, married Frances Berghan and had eight children, although not all of their mokopuna have been traced; Noline (who had Benjamin), Ben, Diane (who had Haley and Paula), Joe, Ronald, Walter, Tracey (who had Harley, Jessie and Jordan with Andrew) and Michael. Joseph died 25 December 2010. Details and photos are awaited.

Jane Tepania and Ron Aro

Mary and Waata's sixth child was Jane, born 27 February 1937, who married Ron Aro and had Marlene and Elizabeth. Details and photos are awaited.

James Tepania

Mary and Waata's seventh child was James, born 26 October 1938 and died 1997, who had Adonnis. James was a Malayan veteran. Details and photos are awaited.

Wati and Robin Tepania

Mary and Waata's eighth child is the respected Malayan veteran and bus driver, Wati Alexander Tepania, born 2 June 1940. Wati married Robin Alice Gardiner (born 2 March 1945) and had Sonia Milly Tepania born 20 October 1966, Phillip Edward Tepania born 8 January 1968, Anita Jane Tepania born 17 August 1972 and Richard Charles Tepania born 31 July 1973.

Sonia married Eric James Neho born 10 April 1965 and had Darcy Robin James Neho, born 7 May 1987, Jay born 7 November 1989, Ramoan born 28 February 1991, and Tyrone, born 21 February 1995. Sonia is pictured right.



Phillip married Kathleen 'Mandy' Rogers and had Arnika Rose Anita Tepania and Trinity Waata Tepania. Arnika and her partner Chance Pipitolu had a daughter named Charvel Diaz Hartlee Lena Tepania Pipitolu born 27th August 2010, Wati and Robin's first great grandchild. Anita had Harlym. Richard and Amy Barry had Nikau and Riley.

Aubrey and Elaine Tepania

Mary and Waata's ninth child was Aubrey Francis Tepania, born 2 April 1942, a highly regarded Vietnam veteran. Aubrey married Elaine Pure and had Dorothy. Dorothy had two children; Taina Mere Tepania born 6 June 2006, and Evan Anthony Tepania born 8 March 2010. Details and photos are awaited.

Benjamin and Barbara Tepania

Mary and Waata's tenth child was Benjamin Joseph 21 November 1943 who married Barbara Way and had Daniel and Maureen. Maureen has four children; Ida, Ryker, Sonya and Taniora. Details and photos are awaited.

Michael Tepania

Mary and Waata's eleventh child was Michael born 26 December 1945. Details and photos are awaited.

Phoebe Tepania

Twelfth born was Phoebe born 7 January 1949 who had Lisa Ann Katherine Tepania born 5 August 1973. Lisa had Blake, Jamie and Brody Cranch with Ross Cranch. Details and photos are awaited.

George and Mary Tepania

Mary and Waata then had George born 1 June 1950 who married Mary Poata and had Audrey Tepania, Rita Deborah Tepania and Vallance Tepania. Rita had Santana and Rewi Morning with Matua Morning. Details and photos are awaited.

Dorothy Tepania and Peter McKay

Finally, they had Dorothy born 14 November 1952 who married Peter McKay and had David and Michael. Details and photos are awaited.

In sum, there are likely to many more that can be added to this preliminary listing of Mary and Waata's over 60 mokopuna.

Allan and Nellie McPherson

Frank and Butu's eldest child was Allan McPherson. He was born 22 September 1915 in Ahipara. His first name probably came from his paternal grandmother, Annie Allan. He died about 7 January 1969 in Auckland and was buried at the Wainui urupa. His first name has been used in every generation since.

Allan was a gumdigger in the gum fields above Ahipara, fluent yet not literate in English, Maori and Dalmatian, although he could sign his name to his cheques (see below left, aged about 25).

He married Katerina 'Nellie' Brass who was born about 1916 in the Gumfields. Allan inherited 11 acres above the Wreck Bay road at Ahipara from his mother Butu. He and Nellie lived in the old McPherson house there for some years (see right). Nellie died about 19 August 1982 at St. Stephens College, Bombay Hills, and was also buried at Wainui. They had eight children.

Allan, his wife Nellie and the six of their eight children that survived to adulthood are also pictured below, in 1965, at John McPherson and Blossom Snowden's wedding; Cathleen, Scotty, Allan, Barney, Ron and John.



However, when the price of kauri gum gradually collapsed in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Allan and Nellie led a family migration to Auckland, leaving their youngest surviving son on the farm, with some going on to Australia to find work.

Kathleen Arona 'Moosey' McPherson and Robert Ivan Smith

Allan and Nellie's eldest child was known as Moosey. She was born 10 July 1932 in Ahipara and died 5th February 1996 in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland. She married Robert Ivan Smith who was born 8 November 1932 in Herekino and died 12th May 2004 in Middlemore Hospital. Robert was a dairy farmer. They had five children.

First born was David Smith born 11 October 1952. Details and photos are awaited.

Second was Roderick 'Roddy' Smith who was born 1 October 1953 and who had Donna Smith, Mary Smith Robert Smith and then Michael 'Mikka' Smith who was born 8 September 1954. Mikka married Patricia Gallagher, formally of Tauranga, on 18 June 1976. They had three children; Tina Smith born 12 December 1975, Shane born 18 March 1977 and then Jason born 6 May 1982. Tina married Jason Hetherington of Rotorua. Mikka's partner is now Carol Norman, born 25 September 1966. Details and photos are awaited.

Moosey and Robert's third child was Maureen Smith born about 12th November 1956. She married Robert Taylor from Pangaru who was born about 1960. They had David in 1986, Courtney in 1988, William in 1991 and Leslie about 1993. Details and photos are awaited.

Fourth born was Audrey born about 3 April 1957 who married Rolly, an Australian, and had two boys Christopher and Michael. Details and photos are awaited.

Fifth was their whangai child, Robert, born about 1977. Details and photos are awaited.

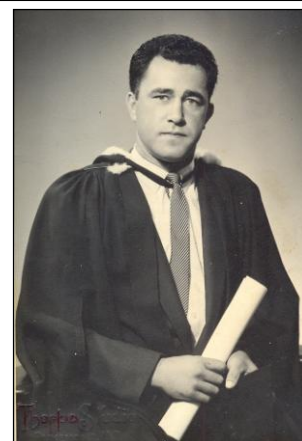
Frank 'Scotty' and Betty McPherson

Allan and Nellie's second child, Scotty was the famous Principal of St. Stephens College. He was born 20 August 1933 in Ahipara. He was supported by the family to go to Ardmore Teachers College for primary school teacher training in 1952 and 1953. On 31 May 1952 he married Betty Murray, born 31 October 1934 in Whangape, at St Barnabys Church in Mt Eden, Auckland (B. McPherson, 2011). Scotty's grandmather Butu attended their wedding (see right).



Scotty's career was meteoric. His first teaching job was at Te Araroa District High School at the East Cape from 1954-1957 where he and Betty built life-long links with Ngati Porou. From 1958 to 1961 he taught at Stephens School in the Bombay Hills.

He then won his first leadership post, aged 29, as a Head of Department at Papatoetoe High School, from 1962 to 1968. In 1969, aged 36, he was appointed Deputy Principal of Penrose High School. In 1973, aged 40, he was appointed principal of Opotiki College, and a year later, selected to lead St. Stephen's College. In 1966 he completed his Master of Arts thesis on the impact of unemployment on young people at the University of Auckland to add to his Bachelor of Arts gained earlier (see right). He was given a scholarship to go to the University of London in 1979-1980 where he became an Associate.



On 12 May 1984, after 10 years as principal of St. Stephen's, Scotty suddenly died of undiagnosed heart problems, aged 50. Many hundreds of mourners attended his tangi at St. Stephens, including the Māori Queen, Dame Te Aturangi-kaahu. He was buried in Ahipara at the Wainui urupa.

Scotty and Betty had eight children (B. McPherson & Brewin, 2011). The first born, on 5 December 1952 in St Helens, Auckland, was Marilyn Tangi Ina McPherson. On 31 August 1974 she married Peter 'Kris' Brewin, born 11 March 1953. They had three children in Auckland; Jonathon Kyle Te Rau Aroha Brewin, born 11 October 1975 and died 21 July 1985 of a rare blood disorder; Kate Hineio Brewin born 21 May 1990; and John Kris Te Rau Aroha Brewin born 11 November 1993. Marilyn and Kris divorced in 2009. Marilyn has a PhD and is today Coordinator of Research in the National Institute of Research Excellence for Māori Development and Advancement located in the Waipapa Marae Complex of the University of Auckland.

Scotty and Betty's second child was Frank Ronald McPherson, born 9 February 1954. Frank first married Karen Duane January 1976 and had Chanon Frank McPherson 1 July 1980. He married again in February 1986 with Julie Elizabeth Haines, born 2 September 1958, on Maraetai Beach. Frank and Julie had four children; Nicola Francis McPherson born 3 July 1987, Manu Robert McPherson born 22 June 1989, Evan Eru McPherson born 31 December 1991 and Ruby Siniea Nellie McPherson born 29 July 1995.

Third was John Patrick 'Little John' or 'Nugget' McPherson, born 17 March 1955 in Waipiro Bay, East Coast, and died 24 March 1991 in Auckland. In August 1976 he married Yvonne 'Dickie' von Ravenstein, born 22 August 1956 in Holland. They had Daina McPherson on 13 March 1977 and Joshua McPherson on 8 April 1980 in Waitakere, Auckland. Daina and her partner Kane born 14 November 1975 have two children; Katie born 10 December 2006 and Kai born 3 May 2009. Daina has two children, Marcikira born 9 January 2002 and Hinemaia born 26 February 2004.

Scotty and Betty's fourth child was Pauline Karen McPherson, also born at Waipiro Bay, on 21 July 1956. She completed a BSc at the University of Auckland in 1977, added a postgraduate teaching diploma in 1978 and currently works for Learning Media in Wellington. She married Darrell Robert Waiti, born 19 July 1956, and

had four children; Danica Aroha Waiti born 30 July 1976, Jordan Aromoana McPherson Waiti born 22 July 1982, Raukura Caleb Waiti born 15 May 1990 in Hamilton and Rawhiti Tukotahi McPherson Waiti born 22 July 1993.

Fifth born was Elizabeth Anne McPherson, on 1 October 1957, also at Waipiro Bay. On 9 January 1982 she married Leo De Beurs at St. Stephans. He was born 27 January 1957 in Bergen, The Netherlands. They had Jacob Raumati De Beurs, born 13 November 1982 in Auckland, Scot McPherson De Beurs born 12 April 1989 in Kaitaia, and Nina Betty De Beurs born 30 July 1997 in Pukekohe East, Franklin.

Scotty and Betty's sixth child was Christine Ross McPherson born 23 November 1958 in Pukekohe East, Franklin. Last born were the twins born 12 September 1968; Mark Stephen McPherson and Paul Douglas McPherson, the latter marrying Brenda Jane Watt born 9 July 1968 in Devonport. Paul and Brenda had Mark John Ngarimu McPherson born 5 May 1997 and Grace Elizabeth Roimata McPherson born 2 December 2002.

Kuia Betty is pictured below in recent times with six of her many mokopuna and the poupou carved by Scotty. Left to right are Mark McPherson, 13 (son of Paul and Brenda (néé Watts) McPherson), Kate Hineio Brewin, 20 (daughter of Marilyn néé McPherson and Kris Brewin), Rawhiti Waiti, 17 (youngest son of Pauline néé McPherson and Darrel Waiti), Betty (néé Murray) McPherson holding Grace McPherson, 8 (daughter of Paul and Brenda (néé Watts) McPherson), John Brewin, 17 (son of Marilyn néé McPherson and Kris Brewin), and Nina De Beurs, 13, (daughter of Elizabeth néé McPherson and Leo De Beurs).



Allan 'Boob' and Ellen McPherson

Allan and Nellie McPherson's third child was Boob McPherson who was born about 1934 and died 6 July 1997. He married Ellen Puru born on 11 November 1940 in Waima, Hokianga. They had five children in Auckland.

Boob and Ellen's first born was Logan McPherson born 20 September 1958. Logan married Barbara and they adopted Elizabeth McPherson on 14 May 1992 and then had Alice 20 September 1993. Second born was Betty 'Betso' McPherson born about 6 December 1960. Betso married John Shepherd and they had a son Bronson Shepherd about 1988. Third born was Andrew McPherson born about 1962. Fourth born was Yolande Melody McPherson born about 1978. Yolande and her partner Cody have a son, a daughter called Jasmine and a son, Tyrone. Fifth born was James McPherson born about 1980. James and his partner are also known to have a son. Photos, names and dates are awaited.

Barney and Mary McPherson

Allen and Nellie's fourth child was Barney McPherson (see right 1988), born 5 May 1936 and died 10 February 2005 in Ahipara. He married Maryann 'Mary' 'Tata' Matthews (see right, 2011) who was born 1 July 1928 in Pangaru in the Hokianga. They had a full life (Matthews, 2011; E. McPherson & McPherson, 2011).

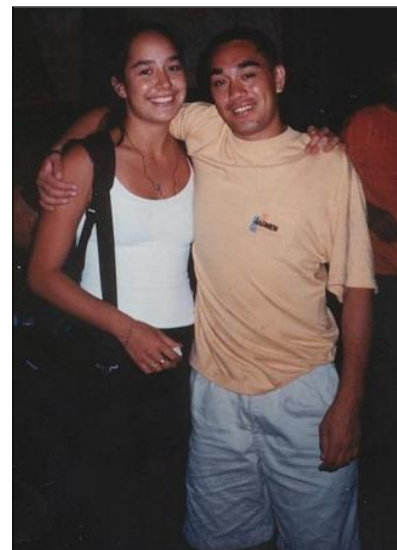
Barney went to Kaitaia College and then worked to help support his brother Scotty through teachers college. He and Mary then moved to one of the first state houses in Ellerslie in Auckland and he found work in the Westfield and Hellaby's meat works. They moved to Sydney in 1972 where Barney became a fitter on Garden Island and Mary worked in child care. They returned to Auckland in the late 1980s.

The photo right of Barney and his boys was taken in 1991. Left to right are Peter, Eddy, Joey, Jason, Robert, Allan and Noble with Barney in front.

Barney and Mary actually started their family with two whangai children and then added 10 of their own.

Their first whangai child was Lucy McPherson born about 1948, seen with Shannon in the photo left below, taken in 2011. She married Martin Kenneth, an Englishman, seen in the second photo below, also taken in 2011. They had two children; Christopher Kenneth and Shannon Kenneth, seen in the third photo below, taken in 1998. This family lives in Sydney.

Barney and Mary's second whangai was Marama Patricia 'Pat' McPherson born about 1951 who married Colin Panapa in Dargaville. She lives in Ahipara today.



Barney and Mary's eldest child, Peter Barney McPherson, was born 12 October 1954 in Auckland and died 13 May 2008. He married Pixie Ihaka neé Rakich and had four children; Desmond Alexander 'Dez' McPherson born 11 February 1976 and died 1 March 1995, Martha McPherson born about 1976, Adrian McPherson born about 1978 and Maryann McPherson born about 1980. The photo of the family right, less Pixie, right to left by age, was taken about 1994. Peter and Pixie may have since had grandchildren. Details are awaited.



Barney and Mary's second child, Joseph Aloysius 'Joey' McPherson, was born 28 December 1955. He was a mechanic. He married Anna Ihaka. They had Joanna, who married Tommy from the Coromandel and had Liam and Harangi, Tania who had three sons with her partner Lewis – Anthony, Jeff (son Leon) and Peter (two sons, the oldest Hayden), and Joseph 'JJ' who married Melissa and had Trey, Lishanna and McKayla.

Barney and Mary's third son was Edward Soloman 'Eddie' McPherson (see near right), born 5 February 1957 in Rawene in the Hokianga. Eddie married Evermore Louise 'Keri' Christensen (see far right) who was born 22 January 1961 in Taumaranui in the King Country. They have three children.



First born was Eveleen Fontane McPherson on 31 October 1978 in St Helens, Auckland. She had two children with her partner Leslie Jacob 'Les' Pereira, born 9 May 1979; Joaquin Jacob Pereira born 6 April 2003 and Indie Jedi Pereira born 11 March 2009. Second born was Colin Edward McPherson on 19 October 1981. He and his partner Teri-Ann Gill (born 17 June 1984 in Blenheim) had Caleb Maximus McPherson born 29 April 2004 and Lexi Evamore McPherson born 5 June 2007 (see right). Third born was Nicholas Soloman McPherson was born 22 July 1987 in Auckland.



Left to right in the photo below, taken in 2008, are Leslie Pereira, Nicholas McPherson, Lexie McPherson being held by Teri-Ann Gill, Colin McPherson, Eveleen McPherson, Keri McPherson and Edward McPherson, with Joaquin Pereira and Caleb McPherson in front. The two recent photos below right are of Indie and Lexie.



Barney and Mary then had their first girl, Mary Anne (seen right with Mary and Pat in 1988). Mary was born 4 July 1958 and married Fred Kaeo from Manaia, South Taranaki. They had two children; Elijah Kaeo born 1980 and Brooke Kaeo born about 1983. Mary Anne then married Karl Kreiger and had Tobias on 24 February 1998.

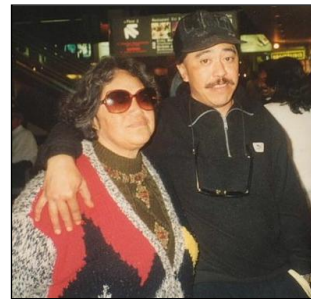


Barney and Mary's fifth child was Robert Patrick 'Robbie' McPherson born 30 November 1959 (see left about 1993). He was murdered in Sydney on 28 January 1998, brought home and buried in Wainui Urupa. Robbie's partner Tammie had Teela Jane McPherson in 1990, pictured second right with her Aunty Lucy in 2011.



Barney and Mary's sixth child was Noble (Nopera) McPherson born 16 June 1961. He

is pictured third right with his mother Mary in 1993. He lives in Ahipara with his partner Patrina (see fourth right).



Barney and Mary's seventh child, Nellie Kathleen McPherson, was born in 1962, had Aaron Kaeo, Megan Kaeo and Edmund Kaeo Jnr. with her first partner, Edmund Kaeo Sr., and then Paul with Sipoe 'Joe' Muller. Nellie is pictured bottom right with Maryanne in 1989.

Barney and Mary's eighth child was Allan Christopher 'Pene' McPherson (see fifth right). He had Jasmine McPherson with his first partner Fiona in Australia. He had a daughter Harmony McPherson and a son Arana McPherson in Houhora with his second partner Noni. He then had another son Tane McPherson in 2007 with his third partner, Kathleen (see sixth right), in Auckland.

Barney and Mary's ninth child was Sharon McPherson born 12 May 1965 (seen bottom left). She and her partner Alan Gordon have two children; Marcel Jamie Gordon, born 3 September 1985 and Allan Jnr. 'Flash' Gordon born 20 November 1990. Allan, Sharon, Noble and Marama all now live in Ahipara where they regularly visit their mother Mary.



Barney and Mary's tenth and last child was Jason Leslie Joseph McPherson born 28 December 1971. He died aged 22 in a car accident on 16 August 1993. He is pictured centre below in 1992 at his 21st birthday.



In 1988, Barney and Mary held a family reunion at their home in Kelston, Auckland. The photo below records the occasion.



Mary and Barney are seated in front. Left to right standing are Sharon, Nellie, Maryann, Marama, Lucy, Peter, Joseph, Edward, Robert, Noble, Allan, Christopher (nephew) and Jason. That completes the record of Barney and Mary McPherson.

Ron and Miriam McPherson

Allan and Nellie's fifth child was Ronald 'Ron' McPherson born in Kaitaia in about 1942. He married Miriam Silver from Auckland and they had four children; Ronald 'Flick' McPherson born about 1962 in Whakatane, with the others born in Auckland - Marion McPherson born about 1964, Sanna McPherson born about 1966 and Sera McPherson born about 1970. Details and photos are awaited.

Big John and Blossom McPherson

Allan and Nellie's sixth child was John 'Big John' McPherson born 12 May 1944 in Kaitaia. He married Puawai 'Blossom' Snowden born about 1963 and they had three children in Auckland; Raymond 'Big Ray' McPherson born about 1965 who had four children in Auckland, Allan McPherson born about 1967 who married Denise and had Emma McPherson in about 1995, and Robert McPherson, born about 1968. Details and photos are awaited.

Mary and Logan McPherson

Sadly, Allan and Nellie's seventh and eighth children died in infancy; Mary McPherson (abt 1944-1946) and Logan McPherson (abt 1946-1947).

While awaiting further data, it appears that Allan and Nellie had eight children and at least 112 mokopuna.

Taare 'Dollie' McPherson and Charlie Hohaia

Frank and Butu McPherson's second child, Dollie McPherson, married Paikaraihe 'Charlie' Hohaia, a widely respected Sergeant in the Maori Battalion during WW2 from Taranaki (see right).

Dollie was born in Ahipara in 1916, died in Auckland on 13 September 1972 and was buried in the Pukemiro cemetery in Ahipara. Charlie died 4 January 1988 in Glen Eden, Auckland, and was buried in the Kenana urupa. The couple are shown second right in 1968.

Dollie and Charlie raised three of their four boys and two girls in Ahipara, moving to Auckland as their children migrated for work. They whangai their second child Noble to Dollie's mother Morehu. Their family structures have been mapped (Edwards, 2011; R. Hohaia, 2011), and follow below. Dollie was also much loved aunt of Mary and Waata Tepania's children (see third right), left to right Kennedy Tepania, Dollie Hohaia, Eddie Tepania, Marlene Tepania and Jane Aro (Tepania, 2011).



Rauna and Tangiwhenua Hohaia

Dollie and Charlie Hohaia's first born, on 21 April 1937, was Raunatiri 'Rauna' Hohaia, now a scaffolder living in Otahuhu.

Rauna first married Tangiwhenua Williams who was born 7 May 1936. They had five children. Tangiwhenua died 12 August 1990 and is buried in Pukemiro Urupa, Ahipara. There is a silver plaque commemorating her in the church. Rauna has since married again with Maureen Hasson who was born 28 January 1940.

Rauna and Tangiwhenua's first born was Jack Hohaia. Jack married Karen Rahui and had Stacey Hohaia and Raymond Hohaia. Stacey married John Brown and had Presley Brown, Kingsley Brown and Jackson Brown. Raymond married Kylie Taylor and had Rayden Hohaia.



Second born was Maryanne Hohaia who married Chris Albert and had Gordon Albert and Maria Albert. Gordon married Leah Riggs and had Boston Albert and Jordyn Albert. Maria married Geoffrey Atutolu and had Capri Atutolu, Casey Atutolu and Chance Atutolu.

Third born was Charlie Hohaia who married Teresa Wright and had four children. Hayley Hohaia was their eldest and she married Dave Popata and had Journey Popata and Paige Popata. They then had twins. Kurt Hohaia was born 10 May 1991 at the Middlemore Hospital. Kurt's partner Casey Salle was born 20 October 1992 at the Kaitaia Hospital and they had Shampagne Salle born 15 December 2008 at the Whangarei Hospital. Kurt's twin was Dallas Hohaia. Finally, Charlie and Teresa had Aaron Hohaia.

Rauna and Tangiwhenua Hohaia's fourth child was Miriam Hohaia who is deceased.

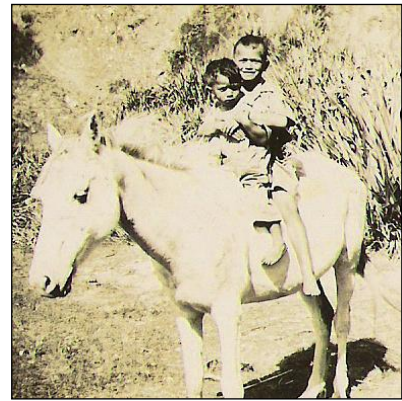
Fifth was Raunatiri Jnr. Hohaia who first married Poko Okinga (and had Rauna Hohaia and Miriam Hohaia) and then Michelle Hughes (and had Michael Hohaia and Royce Hohaia).

Noble Hohaia

Dollie and Charlie's second child was Nopera (Noble) Arona Hohaia born 27 March 1939 and died July 2005. As noted above, he was whangai out to Butu, and later married, had children and died about 2006. Details are awaited.

Sam and Colleen Hohaia

Dollie and Charlie’s third child was Samson ‘Sam’ Allen Hohaia born 22 August 1943 and died 4 August 2007. He married Colleen Scramm and had three children; Andrew Hohaia in 1967, Benjamin Hohaia on 23 May 1969 and Karan in 1971. Details are awaited.



Maurice and Kathleen Hohaia

Dollie and Charlie’s fourth child was Maurice Charles Hohaia born 12 September 1947. Maurice and his big brother Rauna are seen right on a horse about 1951. Maurice married Kathleen ‘Kathy’ Shepherd (see below left) who was born 9 July 1951 in Mangonui.

They had Noble Charles Hohaia Jnr. on 26 July 1969. On 5 Oct 2001 Noble married Joanne Maree Edwards born 27 November 1969 (see centre below). They had three children in Auckland; Sinead Elaine Hohaia born 15 May 1990, Blake Maurice Hohaia born 6 October 1995 and Mason James Hohaia born 16 March 2000.

They also had Maurice Jnr. Hohaia (see right) who was born 20 August 1970 and died 8 October 1992 in Auckland, and is buried in Pukemiro.



Mary Hohaia and Bill Amai

The first of Dollie and Charlie’s two girls was Mary Lynette Hohaia born 21 August 1951. She married Bill Amai who was born 28 October 1949. They had Corey Amai, Lee Amai, Aroha Kathleen Amai born 8 August 1972, Billy John Paekarehe Amai born 2 February 1973, and Elle-Lee Dolly Amai born about 1975.

On 25 March 2000, Aroha Amai married Denis Tatu born 2 January 1964. They had three children; Dallas Mahepo Amai-Tatu born about 28 Feb 1996, Braxton Aroha Amai-Tatu born 5 September 1998 and Carlos Lee Amai-Tatu born 4 January 2003. Details and photos are awaited.

Aroha Hohaia and Eddie Strickland

In 1977, Dollie and Charlie’s second girl and final child, Aroha Amy Hohaia born 12 July 1959, married Eddie Tuakana Strickland, who was born 13 October 1955. They had Daley Karaka Strickland born 29 November 1984 and Tahei Aroha Herepane Strickland born 4 January 1987. Tahei married Mano Prescott and had Maia Lorelle Strickland-Prescot born 21 February 2009 and Sonny Ariki Strickland-Prescot born March 2010.

In sum, Dollie and Charlie gave Frank and Butu at least 57 mokopuna.

Alec and Bub McPherson

Frank and Butu's second son and third child was Alexander 'Alec' McPherson. He was born 21 October 1918 in Ahipara. In 1936 Alec married Hera (Sarah) Waimaru 'Bub' Berghan who was born 12 August 1918 in Ahipara. (See formal and less formal photos right).

They had six girls and a boy, well documented. The third photo right shows left to right Janice (1937-1974), Heather (1945-), Rongo Tawhiti 'Sandy' (1939-1978), June (1943-), Alexander 'Arlie' (1940-) and Ethel (1938-). Caryn (1958-) was not yet born.

The fourth photo has Alex, Bub, Janice, June, Heather, Sandy, Ethel and Arlie. The fifth features Caryn. The sixth captures Bub and Alec in their prime.

Alec is remembered (Carey, 2011; Yelavich, 2011) as a big man with a heart of gold and as a great family man. Although he had little formal schooling, he could speak fluent Maori and English and had a very good understanding of Dalmation. While he could not read or write he learned to sign his name, although he usually signed anything with a cross and then had it witnessed.

In his young days he worked in the gumfields above Ahipara with his brother Allan, where he gained his fluency in languages. He then worked for Jim Huston, delivering meat to the workers in the gumfields and sometimes working in his slaughterhouse at Ahipara. He was then hired by Phil Quilter Snr. at Pukeopto as a slaughterman. He used to get up very early in the mornings and ride his horse Silver from Ahipara to Pukepotto do his day's work and then ride home again. Sometimes he would walk to Uncle Jack Walsh's place to catch the bus into Pukepotto, and if he finished work early, he would walk all the way back to Ahipara.

His second daughter Ethel can then remember Alec having a motorcycle. He used to take his three eldest children Janice, Sandy and herself to 'Mamas' at Pukepotto. Mama was Rehi Te Whenua Puhipi, Hera and Henare Puhipi's sister, and the person who raised Bub Berghan when her mother Hera died. They picked hydranger flowers for 'pretend lights' for the motorbike. Ethel also remembered Alex then having a Model A car that he used to take around the rocks with the Walshs.

The family then shifted to Pukepotto so that Alec could be closer to his work. He had become a very bad asthmatic and it used to take him quite awhile to get his breath back after walking or riding the horse to work from Ahipara. The girls thought it was great to be close to the beach and to Kaitaia.

Alec and Bub were great friends with Jack and Lil Walsh and spent many weekends together following their children's sports teams, especially when they were at Kaitaia College. Jack would sometimes take them to Auckland to see Pat play rugby and catch up with Janice, who went to Ardmore Teachers Training College, and Ethel at Dental College.

Alec, Bub, June and Heather shifted to Henderson in 1961 for a couple of years to work on Mr Sandy



Sinkovich's orchard in Lincoln Road. Unfortunately the sprays that they used in the orchards did not agree with Alec's asthma. They shifted back to Kaitaia where Alex finished his work years with Ivan Morton at Redan Motors.

Alec retired in his early 50s in Kaitaia and died there 13 March 1973, aged 54. He gave instructions to be buried at the Kaitaia Lawn Cemetery, rather than in Ahipara with other family, so that his wife could visit him more easily. Bub died on 17 August 1998 in Kaitaia, aged 80.

Janice McPherson and Jack Bergerson



Janice McPherson was born 11 May 1937 in Kaitaia, and as noted above, trained as a teacher. She taught at Ahipara Primary School and Mount Eden Primary School before moving to the Chatham Islands to appointments at Tikaroko School and Te One School.

On 12 January 1972, aged 34, she married John Alfred Anders 'Jack' Bergerson who was born 28 September 1921 and died 20 February 1986. She died 27 February 1974 aged 36 in the Wellington Hospital of a heart attack (Dixon, 2011).

Janice and Jack had one child; Bettina 'Jan' Bergerson born 1 December 1967. Jan married Miles Dixon about 1990, retained her surname and then had Lily Johanna-Rae Hoskin



born 12 October 2007 with her partner Paul Hoskin. They live in Christchurch.

Ethel McPherson and Bob Yelavich

Ethel McPherson was born 21 June 1938. She is pictured right wearing a beret about 1948 in front of the McPherson home at Pukepoto, standing between Bela left and her younger sister Sandy right with June in front.



In 1958, Ethel was given away by her father Alec (see left below) and married Milan Lionel 'Bob' Yelavich (see right below, Bob Yelavich, Ethel McPherson, Wally Yelavich, Tui Walsh, George Yelavich, June McPherson, Arly McPherson, Eunice Srhoj, and in front Lynette Srhoj and Robert Blucher.



Ethel and Bob had three children; Jan Maree Yelavich born 27 October 1959, Robynne Alexandra Yelavich born 6 January 1961 and Milan Anthony Yelavich born 13 October 1965. In January 1983, Robynne married David Andrews born 24 June 1960 and had twins; Carlin Andrews, who was born and died 20 September 1992, and Jarni Alexandra Andrews, and their third child, Greta Maree Andrews, born 11 May 1994.

In 1994, Milan married Angela Bonney born 20 February 1965 in Devon or Cornwall. Milan and Angela had three children; Anthony Joseph Yelavich born 7 September 1995, Logan Alex Yelavich born 15 March 1998 and Brooke Angela Yelavich born 29 September 2001.



In the front row of the photo above is Logan, Angela, Ethel (néé McPherson), Brooke, Jan Maree and Anthony Yelavich. In the back row is Milan and Bob Yelavich, Robynne and David Andrews, and Jarni and Greta Andrews.

Sandy McPherson and Errol Brown

Rongo Tawhiti 'Sandy' McPherson was born 25 September 1939. She was close to her sisters and brother Arlie (see below left). She married Errol 'Brownie' Brown, a welder in Kaitaia (see right).

Their first child was Garry Brown (see centre below) who was born 20 June 1964 and died 11 November 1979, aged 15.

Their second child was Carol Brown who was born 11 October 1967 and died 27 July 1986, aged 18 (see right below).

Sandy died 16 June 1978, aged 38. Brownie married again to Bev Phillpott and became stepfather to Darryll and Jeffrey.



Arlie and Raewyn McPherson

Alexander 'Arlie' McPherson was born 28 September 1940. He married Raewyn Leyland (see right). Their first child was Michael Alexander McPherson born 25 July 1963. Michael (below left) married Amanda Crowley and had two daughters and a son; Jessie McPherson born 27 June 1991 (below second left), Ethan McPherson born 15 April 1993 (below third left) and Tasha McPherson born 27 December 1994 (below fourth left).



Arlie and Raewyn's second child was Natalie Kay McPherson (see below left) born 27 November 1964 who married Ricky Castle and had two sons; Spencer Castle born 6 March 1991 (see second left) and Mitchell Castle born 9 October 1993 (see third left). Their third child was Sarah Ann McPherson born 4 May 1967 (see fourth left) who married Michael Gebser and had a daughter; Danielle Gebser born 4 November 2002 (see fifth below).



A recent photo of Raewyn and Arlie McPherson is provided right.



June McPherson

June Waimaru McPherson was born 27 September 1943 (see left). She had six children and has 21 mokupuna.

Her first partner was Jim Tepania with whom she had James Tepania and Carroll Tepania (see right). James married and divorced and has custody of his daughter Caryll. Caryll married Cory and had Charamae and Jamie. Charamae has a little one.



June's second partner was George Dalton. They had Michael Dalton, John Dalton, Thomas Dalton and Queenie Dalton. Michael and Angie had five children; Soraya Dalton, Riki Lee Dalton, Leigon Dalton, Bryant Dalton and Cory Dalton. John and Fale also had five children; Hikairoa Dalton, Savoy Dalton, Evonte Dalton, Arika Dalton and Jahteeva Dalton. Further, Thomas and Collette had five children; Huriana Dalton, Junior Dalton, Sera Lee Dalton, Chontelle Dalton and Tamati Dalton. Queenie and Anthony have two children; Jahvarne and Michael.

June's third partner is Haki (Jack) Rakete. They adopted Rakete's grandson Brogan Rakete and live in Blenheim, Marlborough.



Heather McPherson and Wayne Carey

Heather was born in Kaitaia on 11 June 1945. She attended Kaitaia College where she met her husband, Wayne Cary (see left). Wayne was born 20 April 1944 and is a builder. They live in Pukenui. In 2010, Heather participated in the Maori Ironwoman Competition (see right).



Their first child, Vanna Carey, was born 18 July 1970. On 3 September 1994 Vanna

married Peter Blucher who was born 21 November 1964. Vanna and Peter had three children; MacKenzie Sarah Blucher born 20 May 1997, Riley Elizabeth Blucher born 11 May 2003 and Adam James Blucher born 9 August 2005.

Heather and Wayne's second child, Alexander 'Alex' Carey, was born 11 January 1974 in Kaitaia. In March 1997 he married Kathryn McLean who was born 19 February 1973. Alex and Kathryn had three children; Greer Jean Carey born 30 December 1998, Cole Alexander Johnson Carey born 27 December 2000 and Milan Fraser Carey born 20 May 2004.

Caryn McPherson and Keith Rhodes

Caryn Rose McPherson was born 22 May 1958. She married Keith Rhodes (see right). They live in Buderim on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

Keith and Caryn have two children; Chanelle Rhodes born 31 October 1984 and Kameron Rhodes born 29 April 1987 (see below, Keith, Caryn, Kameron and Chanelle).



In total, Alex and Bub McPherson gave Frank and Butu 36 mokopuna.

Kath and Ian Macnee

Taupiri 'Bela' or 'Kath' Tamiti was born 23 Nov 1934. As noted above, her mother was Puti Tamiti who whanghaied her out to her 'Unty' Morehu (Macnee & Macnee, 2011). She was thereafter raised as Taupiri Selwyn because Butu was then living with Eddie Selwyn at 81 Cook Street, Auckland. She became widely known as Bela and later as Kath.

During the Macpherson Family Reunion 25-27 February 2011, Kath learned from Ethel Yelavich (née McPherson) that her father was Berislav Jelichich who had died about 20 years ago. Berislav spent a short time in Ahipara after migrating from Croatia, before settling in Henderson, Auckland, where he married a Croation bride in 1940 and had a daughter and four sons. Berislav's wife died quite young and his daughter raised the four brothers. The boys are still alive although the daughter recently passed away.

Soon after the Reunion, Kath and Ian were introduced by Ethel to one of Berislav's four sons, Wally Jelichich, and his wife. The meeting went well. Wally shared an interest in rugby league with Ian. Kath was told by Wally that Bela (pronounced Beala) is an Yugoslavian name but that he had no knowledge of Kath's mother, Puti Tamati. The search for Kath's mother goes on (Farrell, 2011).

On 27 August 1954, Kath married John Robert 'Ian' Macnee who was born 25 June 1935 in Gore, Southland. They had five children (see right, 2010). Standing left to right are Michael, Ian, Terry and Glen. Seated are Moana, Kath and Donna.



In order of their birth dates, Moana Rebecca Macnee was born first on 10 February 1955.

Michael David Macnee was born 10 September 1957. He and his partner Sue Matthews had a son Aaron Malt Macnee born 21 September 1985. Aaron serves on the frigate HMNZS Te Kaha (see right).

Terry Dean Macnee, born 2 May 1959, first married Linda and had Shanen Aly Macnee. He then remarried with Brooke Triulzi who was born 27 November 1973 in Italy. They had a son Tane John Macnee on 3 September 2007.

Donna Marie Macnee was born 20 August 1962. She married Gary Pera from Pukenui in 1981 and had Jamal Leon Pera on 5 November 1985 and Shaa Marie Rose Taupiri Pera on 22 September 1988. She has since remarried with James Farrell from Motherwell, Scotland, and lives in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

This means that Kath gave Frank and Butu McPherson nine mokopuna, and when combined with those produced by Mary, Allan, Dollie and Alec, takes the total to over 300.



Concluding Note

This is a preliminary report of the origins and descendents of Frank and Butu McPherson. It is preliminary in the sense that much of the data it uses are oral family history with many gaps signalled that might be filled. It must therefore be regarded as a tentative and foundational report intended to serve as a base of follow up genealogical research.

Another limitation is that the mapping of family structures was given precedence over the details of people's lives, although most photographs provided have been included. The report was also assembled in a rush to be available for the Macpherson Family Reunion 25-27 February 2011. Corrections are inevitable.

In the interim, the photograph below was taken at the Reunion by Natalie McPherson and Greta Andrews and captures many of Frank and Butu McPherson’s descendents.



Left to right back row includes Natalie McPherson, Jan-Maree Yelavich, Christine McPherson, Paulene McPherson, Mary Tepania, Terry Tepania, Betty McPherson, Arlie McPherson, Ethel Yelavich, Spencer Castle, Mark McPherson, Bob Yelavich, Mitchell Castle, Robynne Andrews and Greta Andrews.

Middle row from left includes Bela MacNee, Marilyn McPherson, Eddy McPherson and his wife.

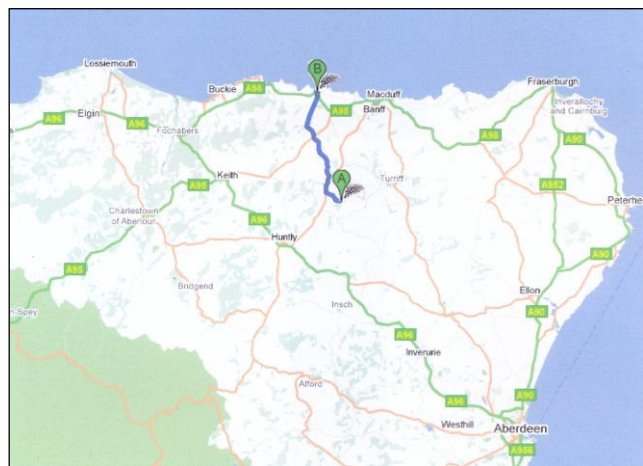
Front row from left (kneeling or sitting): Jan Dixon, Lily Hoskin, Raewyn McPherson, Dana McPherson and her daughter, Joshua McPherson and his girlfriend, Moana McNee, Charlie Hohaia and Ian MacNee.

Despite the limitations of this report, it is due to the hard work of the collaborators listed that this baseline study even exists. Kia ora tatau – thank you all.

One final issue. Are the McPhersons of the Far North of New Zealand related to the Macphersons of the Far North of New Zealand? Probably.

This chapter has shown that the McPherson’s ancestors were resident for at least three generations on Wardwell Farm in Inverkeithny, Banffshire, Scotland. Two earlier chapters, The McPhersons of Portsoy and The Macphersons of Leeds, showed that the McPhersons of the West Coast and the Macphersons of the Far North were all McPhersons before 1876 and originated in Portsoy, a small fishing village on the coast of Banffshire.

The map right shows that Inverkeithny (A) and Portsoy (b) are 14.3 miles/ 23 km apart, that is, about one day’s walk apart.



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