

THE 'SHOVE' LINE

FRANCIS SHOVE (PRONOUNCED AS IN 'CHAUVINISM') WAS A PROSPEROUS GRAIN MERCHANT IN GREENWICH, LONDON, ENGLAND. BUT SOMEHOW HE LOST ALL HIS MONEY.

ONE OF HIS DAUGHTERS, 'MARION' ONCE RECALLED THAT SHE COULD REMEMBER THE FAMILY BEING DRIVEN TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS, IN A HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE, WITH LIVERIED FOOTMEN IN ATTENDANCE.

IN THE MEMORABILIA IS A PHOTO OF FRANCIS SHOVE TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER OF A MIDDLE-AGED LADY, WHOM I WOULD TAKE TO BE HIS 'WIFE'. BOTH PHOTOS WERE TAKEN BY STUDIOS IN GREENWICH. THERE IS ALSO A PHOTO, PRINTED ON TIN-PLATE, OF AN OLD LADY. AND I WONDER IF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN FRANCIS SHOVE'S, OR HIS WIFE'S, MOTHER.

FRANCIS SHOVE AND HIS WIFE (POSSIBLE MAIDEN NAME OF 'CAMPBELL') HAD FIVE CHILDREN, NAMELY:-

MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE

FRANK (? FRANCIS) SHOVE

DOUGLAS SHOVE

NORA CAMPBELL SHOVE

OLIVE SHOVE.

PRESUMABLY, AFTER 'FRANCIS SHOVE' LOST ALL HIS MONEY, THE 'FAMILY (AT LEAST THE CHILDREN)' EMIGRATED TO NEW ZEALAND.

BESIDES THOSE OF MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE, TO WHOM THE PHOTO ALBUM ORIGINALLY BELONGED, THERE ARE IN THE ALBUM, PAGES 17-19, PHOTOGRAPHS OF 'FRANK SHOVE', 'NORA CAMPBELL SHOVE' AND 'OLIVE SHOVE'. ALTHOUGH NONE OF FRANCIS SHOVE, HIS WIFE, OR THE OTHER SON, DOUGLAS SHOVE, SO WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IS UNKNOWN.

MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE WAS SEEMINGLY IN HER LATE 'TEENS' WHEN SHE CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IN ABOUT 1887/1888 AND LIVED IN CHRISTCHURCH OR LYTTLETON.

IT IS NOTED THAT 'MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE' WAS MARRIED AT THE AGE OF 19, TO 'CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN'. BY DEDUCTION THIS WOULD PUT HER DATE OF BIRTH, CIRCA 1870.

FRANK (? FRANCIS) SHOVE. EVIDENCE THAT HE CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IS IN THE PHOTOS ON PAGE 19 OF THE ALBUM.

IT IS NOTED THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. — OTHERWISE NOTHING KNOWN OF HIM. (SEE ADDENDUM)

DOUGLAS SHOVE NO PHOTO EVIDENCE THAT HE CAME TO NEW ZEALAND, BUT IT IS NOTED THAT HE ALSO WENT TO CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. (SEE ADDENDUM).

NORA CAMPBELL SHOVE (PHOTOS PAGES 17-19)

MARRIED A JACK BURNS OF PETONE, WITH
AT LEAST TWO DAUGHTERS OF THE MARRIAGE,
NAMELY :-

MARION BURNS

JESSIE BURNS (MARRIED 'VINES')

OLIVE SHOVE EVIDENCE THAT SHE CAME TO
NEW ZEALAND IN THE ONE SOLITARY PHOTO
OF HER ON PAGE 19 OF THE ALBUM.

OTHERWISE NOTHING KNOWN OF HER.

ADDENDUM

IN THE LIGHT THAT IT IS NOTED THAT FRANK SHOVE AND
DOUGLAS SHOVE HAD GONE TO CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND, I
WROTE TO FRIENDS OF MINE IN CAIRNS ASKING THEM TO
CHECK TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR THE NAME 'SHOVE'.

THE NAME IS NOT LISTED IN QUEENSLAND BUT THEY GAVE

ME THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIVE 'SHOVES' IN OTHER STATES. TWO IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THREE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I DULY WROTE TO ALL THE FIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES EXPLAINING OUR DESCENT FROM FRANCIS SHOUE AND ENQUIRING IF THEY COULD POSSIBLY TRACE THEIR DESCENT FROM EITHER FRANK SHOUE OR DOUGLAS SHOUE.

I RECEIVED ONE REPLY FROM AN 89 YR. OLD MAN IN PERTH. HE WAS ABLE TO TELL ME A LOT OF HIS OWN FAMILY BACKGROUND - ALSO FROM THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF ENGLAND, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CONNECTION WITH EITHER FRANK SHOUE OR DOUGLAS SHOUE IN CAIRNS.

THE OTHER TWO W.A. NAMES WERE HIS BROTHER AND NIECE. I HAD NO REPLY FROM EITHER OF THE S.A. NAMES.