

THE 'ALLISON' LINE

HORLSEA DRAWING

FIRSTLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE NAME 'ALLISON' IS OF LOWLAND SCOTTISH ORIGIN - NOT A CLAN NAME, BUT ONE HAVING SOME SORT OF NOBLE SIGNIFICANCE.

THAT IT IS A NAME OF LOWLAND SCOTTISH ORIGIN IS QUITE BELIEVABLE AS THE RECORD BEGINS, AT LEAST AS FAR AS I CAN GO BACK, IN THE NORTH-WEST OF ENGLAND: IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND (OR CUMBRIA) JUST SOUTH OF THE BORDER WITH SCOTLAND.

IN THE TOWN OF PENRITH WAS BORN ONE 'EDWARD ALLISON' AND IT IS WITH HIM THAT THIS RECORD BEGINS.

EDWARD ALLISON

THE 'HORILLA' GIRL.

BORN IN PENRITH, CUMBERLAND, ENGLAND
AND EMIGRATED TO NEW ZEALAND, IN THE
SHIP 'BLUE JACKET' IN 1864 OR 1868.
HE SETTLED FIRSTLY IN RANGIORA, NORTH
CANTERBURY.

NOTHING IS KNOWN OF HIS PARENTS, OR IF
HE HAD ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS, AND IF
SO, WHETHER ANY OF THEM ALSO CAME TO
NEW ZEALAND.

'EDWARD ALLISON' MARRIED 'JULIA WORGAN'.

JULIA WORGAN

BORN IN LYRETON, CANTERBURY.

JULIA'S FATHER WAS 'JOHN HOLDER WORGAN'

BORN IN BRISTOL, ENGLAND, EMIGRATED TO

NEW ZEALAND AND SETTLED IN LYTTELTON.

APPARENTLY 'JOHN HOLDER WORGAN' MARRIED THREE TIMES.

TO THE FIRST MARRIAGE THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN,
NAMELY:

JULIA WORGAN.

FLORRIE WORGAN.

POLLIE WORGAN.

'JULIA' AND 'POLLIE' WERE BROUGHT UP BY THE
'BIDDLES'.

TO THE SECOND MARRIAGE THERE WERE NO CHILDREN.

TO THE THIRD MARRIAGE THERE WERE FOUR CHILDREN.
NAMELY:

RENE WORGAN (MARRIED 'DAVIES')

JACK WORGAN

JESS WORGAN
HERBERT WORGAN (DIED AT AGE 18)

'EDWARD ALLISON' MARRIED TO 'JULIA WORGAN'.

TO THIS MARRIAGE THERE WERE SIX CHILDREN,
NAMELY:- (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER OF BIRTH.)

GEORGE ALLISON

JOHN B. ALLISON

FRANCES ALLISON

LUCY ALLISON

ANNIE ALLISON

JULIA ALLISON.

'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA ALLISON' FARMED LAND AT
WEST EYRETON, A FEW MILES EAST OF CUST,
NORTH CANTERBURY.

THE 'LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT' OF 'EDWARD

'WILL IN GAVIA WENT HORUM ALLISON'
ALLISON' IS DATED 26 OCTOBER, 1902, AND IS
AMONGST THE ITEMS OF MEMORABILIA.
HE MUST HAVE DIED VERY SHORTLY AFTER THE MAKING
OF THE WILL, AS I HAVE A NOTE, SAYING HE DIED
WHEN 'GEORGE ALLISON' WAS 10 YEARS OLD, AND
'GEORGE ALLISON' WAS THEN ALREADY 10 YEARS OLD
IN JULY, 1902.

ALSO IN THE MEMORABILIA IS 'EDWARD ALLISON'S'
OLD KEY-WINDING TIME PIECE. OPEN THE BACK TO
SEE HIS NAME THERE-IN ENGRAVED.

THE 'WILL' ALLOWED 'JULIA ALLISON' TO CONTINUE
THE FARMING AND GRAZING BUSINESS (WITH THE
TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE) AND THIS, I BELIEVE, SHE MUST
HAVE DONE UP UNTIL ABOUT 1918.

IN THE MEMORABILIA, IS THE ACCOUNT SALES OF AN AUCTION,
DATED 9 MAY, 1918, SELLING OFF THE ASSETS OF THE
FARM - RIGHT DOWN TO 'HOUSE FOR REMOVAL', £26.0.0.

JULIA ALLISON THEN LIVED IN CUST.

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ON A MOTORING TRIP AROUND THE SOUTH ISLAND IN JULY, 1976, I TRAVELED THROUGH RANGIORA TO CUST, AND WAS ABLE TO PHOTOGRAPH THE OLD COTTAGE, STILL IN GOOD REPAIR. IT WAS OCCUPIED BY AN ELDERLY COUPLE, WITH WHOM I SPOKE. THEY KNEW IMMEDIATELY THE NAMES OF JULIA ALLISON AND GEORGE ALLISON WHEN I MENTIONED THEM.

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MY PHOTOGRAPH OF THE COTTAGE IS IN THE MEMORABILIA. THE COTTAGE IS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD FROM RANGIORA, ABOUT $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE BEFORE YOU GET INTO CUST.

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IN THE DECLINING YEARS OF HER LIFE, 'JULIA ALLISON' LIVED IN HOME-CARE IN CHRISTCHURCH AND MUST HAVE DIED 1936/37 OR THEREABOUTS.

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