**Moorhouse** was the fifth child of seven born to Stephen and Maria, (nee Secretan, was she related to HH Secretan). Stephen was an accountant.By 1881 Stephen had died, Annie was working as a school teacher and only older sister Alice and Malcolm were living at home in London. He was a clerk.

Moorhouse first appears in Christchurch as a member of the Standard club in October 1882, later he was a member of the Lower Riccarton club in March 1883 and a member of the Addington club in October 1883. His debut first class match was Pocock’s benefit game and he batted seven. He was one of seven bowlers used in Wellington’s second innings as they reached 202 and drew the match.

He moved to Wellington in 1886 and played nine matches for the province between December 1886 and March 1891 scoring 246 runs at 17 average. He played three other non first class matches between 1886 and 1888. Moorhouse played cricket for the Phoenix club and was captain in 1890 and 1891. He was their leading batsman regularly leading the averages and in March 1889 scored a century. When he left Wellington on 22 May 1891on the RMS Tainui to live in England for a few seasons he was presented with a gold chain and pendant of greenstone at a dinner to honour him. Speeches were made praising him and one speaker said “he could well return as a member of the English cricket team”. However while living in England he only played club cricket, mainly for the Merton club as well as some matches for other Surrey clubs.

Moorhouse was also a good rugby player, playing as a back for the East Christchurch club and while in Wellington played for the Poneke club. He represented Wellington from 1886 to 1888 playing against Manawatu, Wairarapa and Hawkes Bay in 1887. In July 1887 he represented the Insurance companies against the Legal profession. Later in the same month Lieutenant Moorhouse played for D Battery of Artillery against the Naval Brigade. In May the following year he played against the visiting English team.

Moorhouse was also a keen gardener and a member of the Wellington Horticultural and Florists' Society. On his return to New Zealand he moved back to Christchurch in September 1907 and played two more first class matches. The Star paper on 7 December 1907 said” he is brimful of enthusiasm and one who knows the game from A to Z. Should he be successful with the bat it will be pleasing to those who love a spectacular display”. Moorhouse had a good game against Wellington being was run out for 86 “attempting a risky second run and batted just less than three hours showing the prettiest variety of safe shots”. Eleven fours and one six were in his score of 86. Canterbury won by 104 runs. Five days later batting at four against Wellington he ended his career with a pair. Canterbury had a lead of 37 on the first innings but with Wellington declaring at 346 for seven Canterbury were dismissed for 218 and lost by 91 runs.

He was a very versatile player being a good bat and wicket keeper, able to bowl well and field in any position and a newspaper report in January 1887 said” he had no superior as a cricketer in Wellington”. Obviously a keen cricketer he is recorded as playing for Wairarapa in December 1910 against Manawatu scoring one and 35 and in January 1911 against Nelson in Masterton scoring ten and eight.

In the 1890 electoral roles Moorhouse was living in Nelson St Wellington and unmarried. He returned to England and married Grace Ann …..in 1898 in Wandsworth. By the 1911 role he was in New Zealand in Masterton at 67 Essex St. living with his wife and they had had a daughter Dorothy Winifred born on 5 October 1907. Earlier a son Sydney had been born in March 1904 in Clapham. The family returned to England and by 1918 they were back living in North Rd Clapham. In 1922 they were in Lewisham. Grace died on 17 December 1950 and Malcolm in June 1955 aged 89.in Camberwell London. Both probates were undertaken by Dorothy Hutchings.

His full first class career was 12 matches, 21 innings, 376 runs at 20 average with a highest score of 86. He took three wickets at 36 bowling 266 balls.

His full name is unknown as his initials vary, in some reports he is listed as HM, others MH Moorhouse and in Star 16 February 1906 and the NZ Truth of 28 September 1907 he is called Harry, presumably his second name. He was a commercial traveler.