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PARENTS OF Joseph and of Richard Matthews, OF DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE ENGLAND WERE:

William and his wife Isabella:

Sailed from Plymouth 18/3/1831 ①

Joined Darwin's Voyage ^{was Capt Fitzroy.} 27.12.1831 ②

Joseph B. 26/11/1808 m Mary Ann Davis 16/12/1833
AT WAINMATE NORTH

Richard B. 11/9/1811 m Johanna Sarah Bloomfield 14/3/1833
(Early Missionaries in KAITIHI, NORTHLAND NZ) Richard died 27.1.1893. AT WAINMATE NORTH
Johanna .. 10.9.1890

THEIR OTHER BROS WERE
SONS OF

③ ELIZABETH :- ① William B. 8/8/1814 weaver & ropemaker m Mary Anne Green
+ had 4 children.

He set up a business at Eden Terrace, + after the death of his wife remarried
② Mary Culbert. He died in Howick 22/4/1889 aged 76 yrs

③ Rizpah :- ① James Baker, B. 13/1/1823

Came to NZ 1854 + in later yrs was Publican at Reden Hotel
KAITIHI.

He married Mary Ellen Harper in 1880 + they had 2 daughters
He died at Kaitiaki 4th MARCH, 1886 aged 64 yrs

(Richard + Johanna (nee Bloomfield) MATTHEWS WERE OUR Gt/Gt GRANDPARENTS)

Richard Matthews (1811-93). Youngest brother to the Rev. Joseph. Matthews. was born in Poddington England in 1811.

At the age of 20 he went as a lay missionary on the ship Beagle under Capt. Fitzroy R.N. (Later governor of N.Z. to Terra del Fuego, from where the Captain had taken several natives to England to learn their language.

He also had a go at civilizing them so that they could have a go at civilizing the other natives on the home land.

On arrival Matthews tilled the ground and planted potatoes and other veges. It proved a fruitless effort as the natives followed behind and pulled everything up, almost as soon as they were planted.

Meanwhile the Beagle with Charles Darwin on board went on exploring the South American coast. As they neared some of the smaller Islands near Cape Horn they saw some natives wearing some of Matthews clothes and made for Terra del Fuego as fast as they could sail. They arrived in time to save the young Matthews who had been robbed of everything and had also been tortured and was tied to a tree.

Fitzroy got him to help Darwin collect various plants and specimens.

Darwin later spoke in glowing terms about the great help Matthews had been to him. The Beagle arrived at the Bay of Islands in December 1835.

Matthews walked to Kaitaia to help his brother with the preparations and found the logs for the new Church were still up the Oturu valley as there was no flood during the previous winter to float them down to Kaitaia.

In March 1838 he married Joanna Bloomfield at Waimate North.

Joanna was a daughter of the Rev. Ezekiel Bloomfield.

For a time they lived at Bay of Islands. then they shifted to Kaitaia where he built a small cottage for themselves and five other houses between the Church area and Te Ahu St. he built his cottage on the Northern side of Te Ahu Street.

He was asked to go to Wangonui to build the first wooden Church in N.Z.

As the logs for the Kaitaia Church were still up the Oturu Valley.

They walked to Wangonui with Maori Guides over National Park in the middle of winter. Panakerao had the use of their house while they were away in Wangonui.

The Church at Kaitaia was finished by the time they had returned.

After learning brick making in England he helped Broughton make the bricks for the brick house at Summerville.

He was then asked to go back to Wangonui to build a Res. for the Parson there.

The trip was a disaster for him some of the material was not on the site and He went to Wellington and purchased the necessarys so that he could get the job finished because He did not get permission for the purchases the C.M.S. refused to reimburse him the extra cost. His kiddies got sick living under primitive conditions.

The Boy died down there and the girl got Meningitis and her brain was never the same as before the sickness. On the way home he saved two young Maori lads lives by trading them for a couple of axes. They lived in the Awanui District until they died there of old age. Panakerao sold Richard 3000 acres at Kumi Road

for the cottage at Te Ahu 12 cows 1000 spades, 1500 hoes 1000 adzes, 1500 clay pipe one barrel tobacco, 5 figs tobacco, two sums of money. 500 axes. He returned 1200 acres free to the Maori families when he had too much land.

RICHARD MATTHEWS
DIED 27.1.1893

MARRIED

JO ANNA BLOOMFIELD.
DIED 10.9.1880

