

## **BASSETT William Thomas, MAYNE Mary Emblyn and their sons Walter Mayne and Christopher Charles**

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and they await confirmation/correction, and further detail/expansion from family descendants ...

**William Thomas BASSETT** was born 29 September 1829 in Countesthorpe, Leicestershire, England. His parents were **Christopher BASSETT** and **Mary MAYNE**.

**Mary Emblyn SHIPHERD** was born in new Zealand in 1845. Her parents were **Thomas SHIPHERD** and **Esther TRICK**.

**William** and **Emblyn** were married at **Saint Peter's Church, Onehunga**, 8 March 1865.

They gave birth to six children, two of whom are buried in **Saint Peter's Cemetery**.

<b>Christopher Charles</b>	<b>b. 17 Dec 1865;</b> <b>d. 25 June 1876 (aged 10 years);</b> <b>highly likely that he is buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery</b> (the church burial register of that year is missing)
Mary Alice	1867–1923    b. 16 June 1867, baptised St Peter's Church 16 June 1886
Thomas Shipherd	1869–1949
Esther Emily	1871–1954    b. 11 June 1871, baptised St Peter's Church 24 April 1896
<b>Walter Mayne</b>	<b>b. 25 June 1873;</b> <b>d. 17 Nov 1874 (aged 16 months);</b> <b>highly likely that he is buried in Saint Peter's Cemetery</b>
Winifred	1875–1960    b. 26 Oct 1875, baptised St Peter's Church, 24 April 1896

In the church Baptismal Register, William is described as a 'farmer'. When his son Christopher died (1876) the family lived at 'Three Kings' – perhaps that was where their farm was.

Aged 48, **William** died 16 March 1878 and was buried the following day in **Saint Peter's Cemetery**, Onehunga (Plot 304).

His wife **Mary Emblyn**, lived for another 39 years, dying 16 October 1917; at the time she was living at her home in Norman Hill's Road, Onehunga. She was buried in Plot 304 together with husband **William** and her two sons **Walter Mayne** (who died as an infant) and **Christopher Charles** (who died as a ten-year-old boy).