

JOHN DRAPER (II) 1879 - 1941

1874			Wife, BEATRICE ALICE LONGFIELD Born: Bootle, Lancashire. 02.07.1874 (<i>Birth Cert</i>).
1875			
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1878	0	Kirkdale	Born: 6 Dryburgh Street, Kirkdale, Lancashire, 4.11.1878
1879	0		Baptised 12 Jan 1879, Walton-on-the-Hill, Aston Brook, Birmingham, Warwick, England. Family listed as living in Kirkdale, Lancashire.
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1881	2	Kirkdale	5 th CENSUS: John living with parents, John and Emily at 6 Drysburgh St, Kirkdale, Lancs.
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1891	12	Bath Lodge, Ormskirk	6 th CENSUS: Family living at Bath Lodge, Dark Lane, Ormskirk. John not at home on day of census, aged 12. May will later visit the property, as will Paul and Heather (derelict at that time – later restored and featured on 'The Restoration Man' TV show).
1892	13		
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1897	18		
1898	19		Brother, Frederick departs England to Quebec, Canada on the Parisian 28.04.1898.
1899	20		John (II) baptised as a Christadelphian, aged 20: 01.01.1899 Boer War begins
1900	21		John writes to his younger brother, Ted (and older brother Fred) from the HM Boer War Transport Aurania 07.06.1900. Says he started working 12.03.00, leaving South Hampton on 17.03.00 sailing to Cape Town with 1,800 troops and returning with 610 sick and wounded (<i>letter</i>).
1901	22	Woodbine Cottage, Town End, Ormskirk	7th CENSUS: Family living at Woodbine Cottage, Town End, Ormskirk. John recorded as a Grocers Assistant, aged 22. John worked for Garside's & sons Grocers in at 6 Aughton Street, Ormskirk. Heather recalls a mention of a pneumatic tube system for transporting cash and messages (?Lamson)  https://ormskirkbygonetimes.co.uk/blog/
1902	23		Sister, Emily dies, aged 12: 02.09.1902. John writes to Beatrice Longfield discussing differences in faith (<i>letter has been lost</i>). Boer War ends

1903	24		 Date and location unconfirmed but possibly taken before departing to New Zealand.
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190425

John moves to Auckland, New Zealand, aged 26. Sails on the 'RUAPEHU' departing London bound for Wellington on 02.11.1904. His occupation is recorded as labourer'.

THE "ORMSKIRK ADVERTISER" ABROAD.—
In a recent letter from Auckland, which Mr. John Draper, Town Hall, Aughton, has received from his second son, John, who recently went out to New Zealand, the latter says that on landing at Wellington, which was the last calling place on the journey, and going along one of the principal streets there he was surprised to see an Ormskirk Advertiser outside a shop. He bought it. The date was November 17th, 1904, and they might be sure with what interest he read it. In Auckland he met with an old greaser from Preston, and when Mr. Draper said he came from Ormskirk he asked him if he knew Affon (meaning Aughton) and they had a long chat together. We are glad to hear that Mr. Draper is doing well in the far off land.

Ormskirk Advertiser - Thursday 09 March 1905

The RMS (Royal Mail Ship) Ruapehu (Image courtesy of National Library of New Zealand, PAColl-3037, John Dickie Collection, 1869-1942, Ref. 1/1-002409-G).

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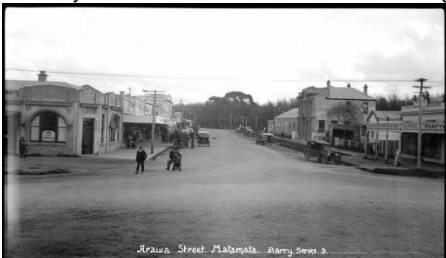
SCHEDULE B.

FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

Ship's Name	Master's Name	Tonnage per Register	Approximate number of registered Tons in the vessel (excluding cargo and passengers)	Total number of Persons (Adults, children, crew, etc.)	Where bound
RUAPEHU (S)	J. H. Rogers	5000	4275	285	New Zealand

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Provisions actually taken on board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Passengers' Act,
for 500 Statute Adults, for a Voyage of 30 Days.

1905	26	Wellington	Sister, Elizabeth Draper baptised as a Christadelphian, aged 23: 09.02.1905. Mother, Emily Draper baptised a Christadelphian, aged 57: 27.04.1905. John writes to his father from Wellington
1906	27		
1907	28	Auckland	Wife, Beatrice Alice Longfield changes her faith and is baptised a Christadelphian, aged 32: 25.01.1907 Beatrice sails from Liverpool to Sydney on the 'PERSIC', 26.09.1907. John & Beatrice marry on 26.11.1907 at the Auckland Registry Office. John is recorded as a Grocer's Assistant.
1908	29	Freemans Bay, Auckland	1 st child Daughter, BEATRICE ALICE (MAY) Born: 6 Paget St, Freemans Bay, Auckland: 18.10.1908 (<i>Birth Cert</i>). Sister, Elizabeth, aged 36 changes faith and marries Frederick Johnson, aged 48 at Ormskirk Parish Church.
1909	30		? Brother Fred Draper travels to NZ (on passenger list to Brisbane)
1910	31		
1911	32	Ponsonby, Auckland	2 nd child Son, JOHN Born: 79 Summer Street, Ponsonby, Auckland (still exists) 9.04.1911 (<i>Birth Cert</i>). NZ Census conducted – likely records destroyed.
1912	33		 John and May Draper – date unknown.
1913	34		Brother, Edward dies of Pleurisy, aged 30: 22.08.1913 (<i>Death Cert</i>).

1914	35	Arawa St, Matamata	3rd child born..... old. NZ Electoral Roll: Arawa St Obituary states he came to Matamata to manage the Wallace Supplies Branch, opposite the Bank of Australasia. 	Son, EDWARD NEIL 25.05.1914. Place of birth, Matamata (<i>Birth Cert</i>). John Jnr is 3 years
1915	36		4 th child born.....Daughter, AGNES NATHALIE (need to order cert to see date and address)	
1916	37		NZ Census conducted – likely records destroyed.	
1917	38	Arawa St, Matamata	Brother, Joseph dies, Killed in Action at Vimy Ridge WWI, France, aged 29: 01.03.1917. John joins New Zealand, World War I Army Reserve Roll, 1916-1917 He is recorded as a Grocer's Assistant, Arawa St, Matamata	

1918	39		NZ Electoral Roll: Beatrice and John living at Arawa Street, Matamata. John is recorded as a Storekeeper. John Jnr will be around 8yo. John steps down as president of the Matamata Public Library MATAMATA PUBLIC LIBRARY. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of subscribers to the Matamata Public Library was held on Saturday, Mr J. Draper presiding. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance on the year's working, and the secretary's report showed that about 50 new books had been added to the library. Both president, Mr J. Draper, and secretary, Mrs Free, resigned their positions, and were thanked for services rendered. Officers were elected as follows: Patron, Hon. W. H. Herries M.P.; president, Rev. R. W. Jackson; vice-president, Mr Allen-Smith; secretary and treasurer, Mr G. A. Kusabs; committee, Messrs Yardley, Smales and Gale; selection committee, Rev. Jackson, Mr Allan-Smith and Mr A. G. Yardley. It was decided to apply to the hall committee for a reduction of rent. It was pointed out that many subscribers were away on active service and the Government subsidy had been discontinued; so that the library revenue was now much less than formerly. The subscribers thought, seeing that the library was a useful public institution, the members of the hall committee might assist in the manner asked. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME II, ISSUE 90, 11 JULY 1918, PAGE 2
1919	40		NZ Electoral Roll: Arawa St Fire destroys shops on Tower Rd 25th Feb 1919

1920	41		JOHN opens his own store, 01.03.1920 Matamata's Select Cash Store Tower Road JOHN DRAPER wishes to notify the residents of Matamata and surrounding districts, that he will open the above Store on MARCH 1st, with GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, GLASS-WARE, CROCKERY and HOUSEHOLD IRONMONGERY at Strictly Cash Prices A Trial Solicited. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME III, ISSUE 170, 26 FEBRUARY 1920, PAGE 3 Family spend Christmas in Bayswater, Auckland. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME III, ISSUE 206, 30 DECEMBER 1920, PAGE 3 Among the Matamata residents in camp at present are Mr. and Mrs. H. Cleland and family, at St. Heliers Bay, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Darby and family, at Kohimaramara, Mr. J. Robinson and family, at Tapu, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burke, at Howick, Mrs. McSweeney and family, at Tauranga, Mrs. J. Draper and family, at Bayswater.
1921	42		NZ Census conducted - likely records destroyed.
1922	43	Arawa St, Matamata	Mother, EMILY dies after a period of failing health, aged 73: 03.03.1922 (<i>Death Cert</i>). Was living at 23 Dyers Lane, Ormskirk. Buried at Christ Church Aughton. NZ Electoral Roll: Arawa St. John listed as a Storekeeper. 19th December - John purchases 6 Tower Rd, Matamata (later Broadway). It is possible that he leased the premises from Edwin George Beeson and George Johnson, as he had been advertised his Select Store on Tower Rd since 1920. Edwin died in 1922 and subsequently ownership was transferred to George, who then sold the premises to John on the same day, while also holding the mortgage. The mortgage was also lodged with Percy Spencer (tenants in common), a solicitor from Auckland. The mortgage was transferred a number of times before being discharged in 1939 (records unclear).

1923	44	John Munro, John Jnrs future father-in-law takes over the management of the Wallace Supplies Store in Matamata. WALLACE & COMPANY, THE MATAMATA STORES OF VALUE. For GROCERY, DRAPERY, BOOTS, CROCKERY, Etc. Note.—We are Agents for SAFONIA. J. MUNRO Manager 'Phone 5 Box 28 MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME VI, ISSUE 351, 8 MARCH 1923, PAGE 2 Daughter, BEATRICE ALICE (MAY) passed her junior division music exams. MUSIC EXAMINATIONS. MATAMATA PASSES. The following Matamata and district pupils of Miss Fagan were successful in the Trinity College of London examinations:— Senior Division. — Ruby Evelyn Barnes. Intermediate. — Henrietta Isabelle Fisk. Junior Division. — Beatrice May Draper; Amy Winifred Ranger; Sheila Mary Morrison. Preparatory.—Mary Schwarz; Sylvia Irene Ayers; Mona Esma Tuck. First Steps.—John Schwarz. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME VI, ISSUE 462, 13 AUGUST 1923, PAGE 2
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1924	45	Family move to 28 Smith Street, Matamata. BLACK Orpington Fowls, second season, 4s each. Apply J. Draper. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME VII, ISSUE 544, 7 JULY 1924, PAGE 5 MATAMATA'S CASH STORE.MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME VII, ISSUE 591, 18 DECEMBER 1924, PAGE 4 MATAMATA'S CASH STORE. A SEASONABLE MESSAGE. During the five years that the Matamata Cash Store has been established the patronage of not only the people of Matamata but many of the country districts (a number of whom previously mailed their orders away) has steadily increased. The store was opened with the idea of running it on a strictly cash basis, the proprietor, Mr. John Draper, recognising from experience that booking and the consequent book debts added greatly to the price at which the goods were passed on to the customer. That this fact has been appreciated is proved by the satisfaction which has been expressed by all who deal at Draper's Cash Store. Here the cost of living has in reality been reduced. At this period of the year the proprietor wishes to thank his numerous customers and to wish them A MERRY CHRISTMAS And a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. To old customers and to new Mr. Draper wishes to state that the store is replete with necessities and delicacies for the Christmas trade. Fresh stocks only are sold, at city prices. A special feature is the display of crockery and glassware suitable for Christmas presents. Prices in this department have been greatly reduced. In conclusion it is suggested that the residents of Matamata and district should form a New Year resolution to SHOP AT DRAPERS AND SAVE MONEY.* MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME VII, ISSUE 593, 29 DECEMBER 1924, PAGE 4 WESTERN STOCK ROAD. DISLIKED BY RESIDENTS. Deputation to the Town Board. A deputation from the Western Estate, consisting of Messrs. J. Draper, J. H. Hawes and T. M. Hunt, waited on the Matamata Town Board was a purely residential street, which would soon have homes along both sides; and (10) that it was in the interests of the town generally to have the route altered. Before any of the deputation spoke, the chairman said it would be a matter that would have to be considered carefully. At present there were more people living on Farmers' and Station road than in Smith street.
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1925	46	Smith St, Matamata	NZ Electoral Roll: Beatrice and John living at Smith Street, Matamata. John is recorded as a Storekeeper. Methodist Sunday School Prize Giving. Prizes were presented to Nathan (Nathie), Neil, Jack and May Draper. Jack also received a gold medal for 6 years full attendance at Sunday School. PRIZE - GIVING. METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL. Awards at Matamata. The large vestry room at the back of the Methodist Church was the scene of a bright and festive gathering last Friday night, when the children came together for their annual tea meeting and prize-giving. Happy-faced boys and girls crowded the tables, and did full justice to the bountiful tea provided for them by the teachers and friends of the Sunday school. Tea over, an adjournment was made to the church, where a programme of songs, readings and recitations charmed the large audience, who showed their appreciation by the hearty applause of the items given. The Rev. Cooke (in the chair) conducted the meeting in his usual happy manner. The programme concluded, the interesting business of the evening began, and the prizes were presented by Mr. Cooke to the fortunate winners, whose names follow:— Infants: Joan Howe 1, George Hunt 2, Una Mateer 3. Class 1: Nathan Draper 1, Matthew Mateer 2, Bellie Howe 3; special prize, Hazel Hawes. Class 2: Hazel Robinson 1, Lena Blackburn 2, May Martin 3. Class 3: Neil Draper 1, Godfrey Lark 2, Jeffrey Lark 3. Class 4: Jack Draper 1, Enid Blackburn 2, Kate Robinson 3. Class 5: May Draper 1, Winnie Bates 2, Beatrice Bates 3. Now came the event of the evening, when Mr. J. F. Vosper (superintendent of the Sunday School), presented a handsome gold medal to Jack Draper for six years' full attendance at Sunday school, a record worthy of emulation by all Sunday school scholars. Attendance prizes were also presented by Mr. Vosper to May Draper, Kate Robinson, Enid Blackburn, Hazel Robinson, Neil Draper and Nathan Draper. Mr. Cooke then pronounced the benediction, and brought to a close a very happy gathering. PRIZE – GIVING.MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME VIII, ISSUE 630, 14 MAY 1925, PAGE 4
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1926	47		 Scanned image from May Draper's personal photo albums. No dates supplied.
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Multiple letters to the editor from Rev E Ward defending matters of faith against Mr John Draper in response to John's letter criticising the Reverend's address.

PUBLIC OPINION
(A COLUMN FOR THE PEOPLE.)

LIFE AFTER DEATH.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Mr. Draper objects to the generally accepted interpretation of the incident of the calling up of Samuel on the ground that the word "spirit" is not in the text. It was not necessary, since the Israelites all knew that the real Samuel was a spiritual entity and that on the death of the body that spiritual entity went on living. And all Judah and all Christianity, excepting the pathetic little coterie of Materialists who think with Mr. Draper, know that man in his real being is always that. St. Paul, in referring to certain transcendental experiences that had come to him, says that he did not know whether he was in the body or out of it when those experiences occurred. Whether in the body or not he was still Paul, and when he should depart to be with his Master he would keep on being Paul. (Phil. 1-23).

Notwithstanding the inevitable meaning of the passage to an Israelite, Mr. Draper drops on us the astounding information that it was the dead and decaying physical body of Samuel that the witch of Endor conjured up to meet the King! To such passes are those reduced who deny the plain teaching of Scripture. However, there is still worse to come.

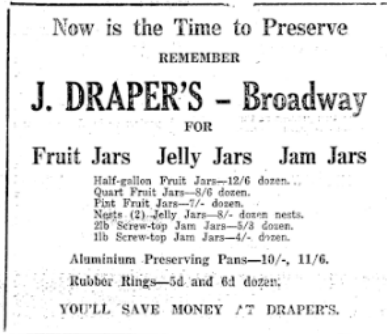
Mr. Draper opines that I am hard pressed when I am compelled to resort to the words of our Lord for support. To me in my simplicity it seemed the obvious source on which to draw. "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Mr. Draper, however, thinks otherwise, and accordingly makes short work of them. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus was spoken for the express purpose of deceiving the Pharisees! Think of it. He who proclaimed Himself the Way, the Truth and the Life, who came to His own people to teach them the truth, knowing that they believed as they had done from time immemorial in a life beyond the grave, instead of dispelling them (according to Mr. Draper) grievous error, spoke to them words confirming them in that error, thus branding Himself a prince of deceivers. So much for the gospel according to Mr. John Draper, of Matamata.

As to the meaning of such passages as "the dead know not anything," Mr. Draper can if he wishes get the interpretation from Hebrew scholars, their writings being open to all. Since, however, there seems to be grounds for believing that Mr. Draper in his own estimation alway knows more than they do he will probably go on as he is. So long as he continues in that frame of mind his condition is not hopeful. It is recorded of one that he did not come to himself until he began to be in want. May I, in bidding Mr. Draper

1928	49	Smith St, Matamata	Brother, Frederick Draper visits from the UK. John is17, Neil is 14 NZ Electoral Roll: Smith St 																																								
1929	50		SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC PLEASANT OUTING AT MATAMATA On Saturday, March 9, the Methodist Sunday School held their annual picnic on Mr. J. Barugh's property, Tower Road. The day was eminently fine and a large gathering of children and parents thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A bounteous luncheon was partaken of in the pleasant shade of the trees and afterwards most of the children received prizes of toys or money. The Sunday School prizes for the year ending 1929 were presented by Rev. Gardner Brown. A special attendance prize was awarded to Neil Draper, who has not missed attending every time Sunday school has been held for the whole year. The superintendent (Mr. J. P. Vosper) addressed the gathering, and especially urged the parents to send their children regularly to church and Sunday school and thus instill into the young minds the great teachings of the book of Life. Tea was served in the late afternoon, and many tired but happy children returned home anxiously looking forward to next year's gathering. Waikato Times, Volume 105, Issue 17660, 14 March 1929, Page 5 EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND. Further donations to the above fund at the Matamata Town Board office are:— <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>£.</th><th>s.</th><th>d.</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Account previously acknowledged</td><td>74</td><td>7</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Messrs. Earl, Kent, Massey and Northercroft</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Naney</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. J. Corbett (per I. Black)</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. and Mrs. Manager</td><td>10</td><td>0</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Mr. S. Scott</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Mr. J. Draper</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Okauia Public Hall</td><td>5</td><td>18</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£91</td><td>13</td><td>0</td></tr></tbody></table> MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XII, ISSUE 1040, 22 JULY 1929, PAGE 4 Possibly for the Murchison Earthquake, 17.06.1929		£.	s.	d.	Account previously acknowledged	74	7	0	Messrs. Earl, Kent, Massey and Northercroft	3	3	0	Naney	1	1	0	Mr. J. Corbett (per I. Black)	5	5	0	Mr. and Mrs. Manager	10	0		Mr. S. Scott	7	6		Mr. J. Draper	1	1	0	Okauia Public Hall	5	18	6	Total	£91	13	0
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1930	51		Drink Draper's Wonderful 2/- Tea JOHN DRAPER The Select Store, Phone 104, MATAMATA. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XIII, ISSUE 1102, 3 MARCH 1930, PAGE 2
1931	52	Smith St, Matamata	NZ Census abandoned due to height of depression (Statistics NZ) NZ Electoral Roll: Smith St MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XIV, ISSUE 1200, 2 MARCH 1931, PAGE 2

1932	53	Smith St, Matamata	Wife, Beatrice Alice dies of heart failure, aged 58: 5.10.32 at home at Smith Street (<i>Death Cert</i>). <i>May is 24, John is 21, Neil is 18 and Nathie is 16.</i> She is buried at Matamata Cemetery, Plot 591, Row 8. Her grandson, Paul Draper will later be buried with her. OBITUARY.MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XV, ISSUE 1366, 10 OCTOBER 1932, PAGE 4 OBITUARY. MRS. B. A. DRAPER. The death occurred on Wednesday evening of Mrs. Beatrice Alice Draper, wife of Mr. J. Draper, of Matamata. Deceased was 58 years of age and had been in ill-health for some time. Born in Liverpool, England, deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Longfield, of that city, and came to Auckland some 24 years ago. Shortly after her arrival in New Zealand deceased was married and Mr. and Mrs. Draper would have celebrated their silver wedding in a few weeks' time but for her passing. Some 19 years ago the late Mrs. Draper came to Matamata with her husband, where she has resided ever since. Deceased, who was of a very retiring disposition, was very highly respected by those with whom she came into contact, and was devoted to her home. It was this devotion to home and family during a lengthy period of sickness amongst her children that finally taxed her strength and hastened the end. Deceased is survived by her husband and a family of four, two sons and two daughters, the youngest of whom is 16 years of age. The interment, which took place on Saturday at Matamata cemetery, was largely attended, especially by old residents. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. J. A. McLeod,
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1933	54		MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XVI, ISSUE 1422, 8 MAY 1933, PAGE 1 
1934	55		 Page 2 Advertisements Column 1MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XVII, ISSUE 1498, 8 FEBRUARY 1934, PAGE 2 Social notes: May and Neil attend a 'Gift Afternoon' at the home of J F Vospers.
1935	56		
1936	57		 Nathie, John and May Draper, date unknown, but likely taken on the porch at 28 Smith St, Matamata after Beatrice had passed away.
1937	58		

1938	59	John Jnr dating Vera Munro (future wife – their son believed they had been dating for a while, they didn't marry until 1944, 3 years after John Snr passed away, possibly due to Vera's non Christadelphian faith). LAWN Mowers at reduced prices. 10in wheel, 14in cutter, ball-bearing, 75/-. Now 67/6. 8in wheel, 59/6, Now 53/6. J. Draper, Broadway. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XX, ISSUE 1901, 17 JANUARY 1938, PAGE 1 FINAL Week of J. Draper's Closing-down Sale. Take advantage of the big reductions made to clear. J. Draper, Broadway. July 1938 - Daughter, May Draper employed as a sewing teacher at Matamata District High School. MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XX, ISSUE 1950, 11 JULY 1938, PAGE 1 Miss Draper, of Matamata, has been appointed part-time instructress in dressmaking at the Matamata District High School. This is a new subject in the day course, and for the present instruction of the senior and modern course the girls will be confined to one hour daily on four days each week. This term's class will be a small one, but when the new dress-making room is built the classes will be greatly increased. Brief Mention MATAMATA RECORD, VOLUME XX, ISSUE 1913, 28 FEBRUARY 1938, PAGE 4
1939	60	20 th July 1939 - ?Mortgage at 6 Tower Rd cancelled - records unclear.
1940	61	Moved to Auckland

1941	62	New Lynn	Nov 1941 - John dies, age 64 years old (<i>death cert</i>). He was living at 36 Rata St, New Lynn, Auckland. NZ Census abandoned due to WWII (Statistics NZ). There is a Christadelphian Ecclesia nearby at 3195 Great North Rd, New Lynn. MR. JOHN DRAPER ----- The death occurred in Auckland on Friday of Mr. John Draper, who was one of Matamata's most-highly-respected citizens over a period of nearly 30 years. Mr. Draper had retired to Auckland about a year ago and had broken in the section around his home to make a beautiful garden. He was apparently in the best of health, when he collapsed and passed away on the afternoon of Friday. Deceased was born at Ormskirk, Lancashire, England, being the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Draper, of that town. A true Lancashire lad, and coming from within a few miles of the birthplace of Miss Gracie Fields, Mr. Draper was a staunch admirer of this Lancashire artist and philanthropist and was looking forward to renewing acquaintance with her on her coming tour of New Zealand. Mr. Draper was apprenticed to the grocery trade in England. He came to New Zealand 35 years ago, and followed his occupation in Auckland for five years and then came to Matamata. At that time there were very few shops in the town, and Mr. Draper managed Wallace Supplies' branch, which was housed on what is now a vacant section opposite the Bank of Australasia. Years later the building on this section was destroyed by fire. Ten years later Mr. Draper opened in business as a grocer on his own account in the premises now occupied by Mr. C. J. Fleming. Four years ago he retired for two years, but again entered business, this time as an ironmonger. For health reasons he decided to return to Auckland, and disposed of his business, which was situated in Phoenix Buildings, Broadway, leaving Matamata just over a year ago. Mr. Draper was for many years a member of the Fountain of Friendship Lodge, Auckland, and while in Matamata he served on an early School Committee. However, he was not attracted to public life, and devoted his spare time to the hobby of gardening. He was a prominent member of the Christadelphian Church, and for about 10 years he conducted a branch in Matamata. Shortly after his arrival in New Zealand Mr. Draper married Miss Beatrice Alice Longfield, who also came from his home town. Mrs. Draper predeceased her husband nine years ago. Deceased is survived by two sons, Mr. John Draper, of Matamata, and Mr. E. N. Draper, of Wellington, and two daughters, Misses M. Draper and N. Draper, of Auckland. Matamata Record, Volume XXIV, Issue 2291, 20 November 1941, Page 5
1942			
1943			

1944			Son, John Jnr marries Vera Munro. They raise their son as a Presbyterian, but are not regular church -goers in their later years. John Jnr was also a grocer, working for Marriotts/L D Nathan. Vera's father was also a grocer, originally hailing from Glasgow and working for Sir Thomas Lipton.  Nathie also marries into a retail royalty, marrying into the Tingey family in 1955. The Tingey's had a large chain of decorating stores 'R E Tingey & Co', with multiple stores throughout New Zealand. They specialised in paint, wallpaper, glass and decorating supplies. Her husband, Albert Edward Tingey was also a Christadelphian. May and Neil never marry, and live together until their deaths in the early 70s. They bequeath the proceeds of their home sale to the Christadelphians.
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The population of New Zealand was enumerated from 1858 to the present. However, the pre-1966 returns have been destroyed with the exception of a few for the Maori population (1891-Family History Library [film 449437, item 2](#); 1911-Family History Library [film 449444, item 8](#)). Post-1966 returns are closed to the public until 2066.

Since most census returns have been destroyed, researchers use substitutes which list people, such as almanacs, directories, electoral rolls, lists of property owners and occupants, juror lists, and school records. See the appropriate section of this outline for information regarding these records.

