

The Brookes – Millett Connection

The direct descendants of the Brookes, Millett and associated families, from Edvardi Brookes (born about 1643) of Berkswell and Bickenhill, Warwickshire, England, to New Zealand

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The Windmill, Berkswell, Warwickshire

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Note: This document is a direct-line genealogy. A more comprehensive family tree is at: <https://tonymillett.tripod.com/brookesfamtree.html>

EDVARDI BROOKES

Born about 1643.

4 children, including:

MATHEW BROOKES

Married in 1663 at Rotherfield, Sussex **MARY JARRETT**.

Died 1689 at Berkswell, Warwickshire, buried 22 June 1689 at Berkswell.

3 children, including:

EDWARD BROOKES

Born 1685 at Berkswell, Warwickshire, baptised 14 February 1685 at Berkswell.

Married on 9 June 1732 at St Michael's, Coventry, Warwickshire **ELIZABETH MATHEWS**, born 1701 at Berkswell, baptised 6 February 1701 at Berkswell, daughter of **Samuel Mathews** and **Katherine Jervis**.

7 children, including:

EDWARD BROOKES

Born 1731 at Kings Norton, Worcestershire, baptised 15 August 1731 at Kings Norton.

Married on 18 October 1764 at Berkswell, Warwickshire **ELIZABETH GILBERTS**, born about 1748 at Berkswell, died October 1818 at Meriden House of Industry, Packington, Warwickshire, buried 6 October 1818 at Little Packington.

Died about 1814 at Coventry, Warwickshire, buried 1 May 1814 at Coventry.

2 children, including:

WILLIAM BROOKES

Born 1768 at Berkswell, Warwickshire, baptised 1 May 1768 at Berkswell.

Married on 14 October 1794 at Little Packington, Warwickshire **MARY GIBBS**, born 1768 at Berkswell, baptised 7 May 1768 at Berkswell, daughter of **Thomas Gibbs** and **Mary Bird**; died 1849 at Packington, buried 6 May 1849 at Little Packington.

Census 6 June 1841 (*with Mary*): Little Packington, agricultural labourer.

Died August 1846 at Little Packington, buried 18 August 1846 at Little Packington.

6 children, including:

CHARLES WILLIAM BROOKES

Born and baptised 5 May 1804 at Little Packington, Warwickshire.

Married (1) in Ireland **ELLEN ELLEN**, born 1816 in Ireland, died 1852 at Chatham, Kent.

Married (2) on 7 February 1853 at Chatham **SOPHIE ELIZABETH TOOL**, died 1861 at Chatham.

Census 7 April 1861 (*with Sophie*): Henry Street, Chatham, Chelsea Pensioner.

Died 3 February 1866 at Chatham, buried 8 February 1866 at Chatham.

Occupation: egg merchant (Source: *National Probate Calendar, 1858-1995*).

4 children, including:

CHARLES WILLIAM BROOKES

Born 1845 at Chatham, Kent, baptised 19 October 1845 at Chatham.

Census 7 April 1861 (*with father and step-mother*): Henry Street, Chatham.

Married in 1872 at Liverpool, Lancashire **MARGARET ELLEN CAMPBELL**, born December 1855 at Ramsgate, Kent, daughter of **John Campbell** (1833-1896) and **Jane ?** (born 1833); died 13 March 1932 at Worcester Street, Linwood, Christchurch, Canterbury, buried 14 March 1932 at Akaroa Cemetery, Canterbury.

Died 15 November 1886 at Akaroa, Canterbury, buried 18 November 1886 at Akaroa Cemetery.

ARRIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND

The ship *Duke of Edinburgh*, 1117 tons, Captain Mosey, from London, with immigrants for Timaru, arrived at Lyttelton on Wednesday last. She left Gravesend on August 8th, and had a good passage until reaching 22 deg. south latitude, when she experienced a succession of gales, which continued till arriving at the meridian of

Tasmania. When off the Snares on November 12th a heavy gale of a cyclonic nature prevailed. On September 27th a man fell overboard, but by promptness on the part of a few of the sailors, who quickly lowered a boat, he was saved. The immigrants, of whom there are 182, arrived in good health. Two births and two deaths of children occurred on the voyage.

The Union Steamship Company's fine steamer *Hawea* called here [Timaru] yesterday, having on board the immigrants for Timaru from the ship *Duke of Edinburgh* at Lyttelton. She arrived here at 6 a.m., and after landing the passengers and luggage, left for Dunedin.

Source: *Timaru Herald* Friday 19 November 1875, p. 3.

The passenger list for this voyage was published in advance of arrival in the *Timaru Herald* on Wednesday 3 November 1875, p. 2. It included:

Brooks Charles William 29 farm labourer Kent
Brooks Margaret 20
Brooks Charles A 15 mths

THE FINDING OF SERGEANT BROOKES' CHILD

On Friday morning, soon after daylight, a Māori woman, named Isabella Kaihoma, found the missing boy lying on the beach near Dally's jetty, and at 9 o'clock the tolling of the bell at St. Peter's informed all of the fact. The child must have fallen off the jetty and been drowned.

At noon an inquest was held in the Courthouse.

Charles William Brookes, sworn, said: "I am Sergeant of police at Akaroa. I have seen the body of the deceased, and recognised it as that of my son, Sydney Alfred Brookes, aged four years and seven months".

The jury returned the following verdict: "That the said Alfred Sydney Brookes, on the 6th day of January [1885] being on Dally's jetty, fell therefrom, and was accidentally drowned"

Source: *Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser* Tuesday 13 January 1885, p. 2.

OBITUARY

The residents of Akaroa, who have had a very high respect for Sergeant Brookes during his three years' residence amongst them, the members of the Force, and others who have known him in Christchurch and elsewhere, will all deeply regret to hear of his death, which took place last evening, at Akaroa. Charles William Brookes joined the police in December, 1875, when he was thirty years of age. He had previously been in the naval service, and served in the Naval Brigade in the Abyssinian war. When in India he contracted fever and ague, which had troubled him at times more or less ever since. Since his connection with the police he met with a railway accident, which left its effects upon him; but he was a man of naturally strong constitution, and

an efficient and zealous officer. For this latter reason he was selected to undertake an important mission to England about four years ago, and his success was followed by his promotion to the position of sergeant. He was in charge of Sydenham station for some time, and thence was transferred to Akaroa. About a year ago, Sergeant Brookes had the misfortune to lose a son by drowning, and this distressed him exceedingly. He had a severe illness three months ago, and though he partially recovered, a relapse took place, and on Saturday last it was necessary to perform an operation for the removal of an abscess. He had latterly been suffering from kidney disease, and a complication of disorders, and his death was, no doubt, a release from much physical pain. Sergeant Brookes was 41 years of age at the time of his death, and leaves a widow and five children.

Source: *The Star* (Christchurch) Tuesday 16 November 1886, p. 3 col. G.

ELECTORAL ROLL

1885-6: Dannevirke (carpenter)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

6 children, including:

JOHN BROOKES

Born 16 March 1877 at Christchurch, Canterbury.

Married on 2 March 1903 at Christchurch **FRANCES ELLEN BUTCHER**, born 27 December 1867 at Christchurch, daughter of **James Butcher** (1829-1884) and **Mira Cranfield** (1833-1905); died 2 September 1941 at Papatoetoe, Auckland, buried September 1941 at Old Cemetery, Papatoetoe.

Died 20 September 1949 at Otahuhu, Auckland, buried 22 September 1949 at Old Cemetery, Papatoetoe.

OBITUARY

A veteran of the South African War, Mr John Brookes, of Flat Bush Road, Papatoetoe, died recently at the age of 72. Born in Christchurch, he joined the Post & Telegraph Department at Akaroa, and was stationed for 17 years at Stratford. He was later postmaster at Otahuhu, Avondale, and Birkenhead. Mr Brookes took an active interest in Anglican Church affairs, being a church warden for many years. In his youth he was interested in rowing and was an honorary life-member of the Canterbury Rowing Club. At the time of his death he was a member of the Papatoetoe Bowling Club. He is survived by two sons, three daughters.

Source: *New Zealand Herald* 4 October 1949.

ELECTORAL ROLLS

1900: 5 Armagh Street, Christchurch (letter carrier)
1905-6: Orlando Street, Stratford (post office official)
1911, 1914, 1919: Pembroke Road, Stratford (post office official)
1928: Great North Road, Avondale, Auckland (post master)
1935, 1938: Pembroke Road, Stratford (retired post master)
1938, 1946: Flatbush Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland (no occupation)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

5 children, including:

MARGARET ELLEN BROOKES

Born 18 March 1903 at Christchurch, Canterbury.

Married on 28 February 1934 at Tauranga, Bay of Plenty **CHARLES TREVORIAN FLETCHER MILLETT**, born 9 May 1903 at Wanganui, Manawatu-Wanganui, baptised June 1903 at Wanganui, son of **George Nicholls Millett** (1880-1962) and **Isabella Robertson Fletcher** (1881-1965); died 16 October 1995 at Takapuna, Auckland, buried 20 October 1995 at North Shore Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Albany, Auckland.

Died 20 April 1999 at Takapuna, buried 23 April 1999 at North Shore Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Albany.

OBITUARY

Lifetime of service

Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, was just a rough, unsealed road when Margaret Millett came to live in it in 1942.

Mrs Millett died on April 20 [1999] after a lifetime of serving the community. During her years in Takapuna Mrs Millett was a librarian, on school committees, on the Auckland Education Board, belonged to the Mothers' Union, worked for the Anglican opportunity shop and was 10 years on the North Shore Hospital Auxiliary.

Because of the travelling she did – and this included Alaska and Russia – she was made an “Admiral of the Matson Line”, an honour bestowed on a frequent traveller in those days.

Born in Christchurch in 1903, Mrs Millett came to Takapuna in 1942 and lived in the same Tennyson Avenue house until four years ago when she moved to a retirement home. Before this, while living with her parents at St Heliers and Pt Chevalier, she taught at Queen Victoria School, was a librarian at St Heliers and in 1934 she married her husband, Charles, a boat-builder. The couple had four children, one girl and three boys.

After moving to Takapuna she became the first office assistant at Takapuna Primary School in the early 1950s and was on the school committee for many years. Mrs Millett was elected to the Auckland Education Board, and was an active member of the St Peter's Anglican Church Mothers' Union, later representing the organisation at a conference in London.

In 1957 Mrs Millett joined the North Shore Women's Club, continuing her membership until 1993. She also worked for the CAB [Citizens Advice Bureau] gaining a 10 year certificate. She worked for St Peter's op shop and for many years was librarian at Westlake High School.

Mrs Millett didn't drive, walking to most of the places that she worked at. She loved travelling, was a great fan of radio presenter Alistair Cooke and Sir Robert Muldoon and was an involved member of the National Party.

Mrs Millett is survived by her four children and five grandchildren.

Source: *North Shore Times Advertiser* Friday 30 April 1999, p. 5.

ELECTORAL ROLLS

1928: Avondale, Auckland (spinster)
1935, 1938: First Avenue, Tauranga (married)
1941: 24 Ninth Avenue, Tauranga (married)
1946, 1949, 1954, 1957, 1960: 10 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland (married)
1963, 1966, 1969, 1972, 1975, 1978: 10 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland (librarian)
1981: 10 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland (retired)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

4 children:

(1) **MARGARET ELISABETH MILLETT**

Born 31 December 1934 at Tauranga, Bay of Plenty.

Married on 31 January 1975 at King's College Chapel, Otahuhu, Auckland **JOHN VINCENT SUTTON**, born 31 July 1941 at Te Awamutu, Waikato, son of **Claude Vincent Sutton** (1900-1973) and **Ellen Maria Corcoran** (1909-1998).

Died 31 July 2019 at Hamilton, Waikato, buried 6 August 2019 at Kihikihi, Waikato.

LIFE

Margaret was working as receptionist at the Grand Hotel, Auckland in 1955 at the time the Queen stayed there. Shortly afterwards she and a girlfriend went on holiday to Australia where they travelled from Surfers Paradise to Melbourne on

Vespa motor scooters – they were 20 years old at the time and their picture and story were in several of the local newspapers. On her return she worked as a medical secretary for 4 years.

In 1966 Margaret purchased a round the world trip ticket for 500 pounds. Her ship was the last to travel through the Suez Canal prior to it being closed during hostilities. She worked as an office worker in London and an au pair girl in Germany and Sweden, and arrived back in New Zealand in 1969.

John and Margaret lived on the farm previously owned by John's parents. This was 350 acres in area, with 150 acres carrying dry stock and the remaining 200 acres leased out for growing maize. Margaret's hobby was breeding Burman cats.

Source: John Charles Brian Millett (September 2001)

ELECTORAL ROLLS

1963: 10 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland (spinster)

1966: 34 Glanville Terrace, Auckland (spinster)

1975, 1978: Arapuni Street, Te Awamutu (housewife)

1981: Arapuni-Kihikihi Road, Pukeatua (housewife)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

No children.

(2) JOHN CHARLES BRIAN MILLETT

Born 24 August 1938 at Tauranga, Bay of Plenty.

Married on 17 March 1979 at Takapuna, Auckland **CHRISTINE ANN PACKER**, born 8 August 1949 at Wellington, daughter of **John Clifford Packer** (1923-1999) and **Betty Marjorie Blackmore** (1927-2007).

Separated September 1986, divorced 1988.

LIFE

Christened John Charles, but known as Brian. The name Brian was added by deed poll on 8 August, 1996.

After leaving school in 1954 Brian worked at menial employment until commencing an electrical apprenticeship with the Auckland Harbour Board in 1955. Three months into the apprenticeship he suffered a severe motorcycle accident which left him unable to work for over a year while he recovered. In 1956 he was offered an opportunity to join the New Zealand Post Office where, for 2 years, he served behind a postal counter. He then transferred to the technical operations division and worked as a telephone technician for 8 years, eventually

moving to Wellington where he became an engineer's assistant working on the design of telephone exchanges. (By this time NZPO had become Telecom NZ).

In 1965 he made the first of several visits to Australia where he initially worked for Black & Decker in their Sydney service depot. He then worked as a driver/operator for a carnival and sideshow attraction that followed the horse racing circuit in outback Queensland. He was joined there briefly by his younger brother Ivan.

Brian eventually returned to New Zealand and worked for Pye Systems Ltd in Auckland on the development and construction of ripple control and monitoring systems. In 1968 he felt the desire to go back to Australia where he worked for a credit checking agency in Melbourne, and again in 1971. Returning from Australia he worked for Xerox for 10 years on the refurbishment and servicing of photocopy machines, eventually graduating to the position of supervisor at the Auckland service centre.

A transfer to Whangarei occurred just after he had met his future wife Christine, and after many long drives to Wellington they were married 5 months later in March 1979. While living in Whangarei Cliff was born. Two years later their first separation resulted in the family home being sold. They later reconciled and moved to Algie's Bay, Warkworth, and set up a new home for a second attempt at life together. This is where Trent and Helena were born. It was at this time that Brian travelled daily to Auckland and worked for Nashua NZ in Auckland for six months before moving over to Ubix copiers. While he was there he set up the refurbishing department and instigated a program for monitoring the import and control of new equipment for the company's products.

Brian later worked for a year as a ferry-boat skipper between Sandspit and Kawau Island, followed by six years as a real estate salesman for United Real Estate, Warkworth. After a final breakup of the marriage he was employed by Elders Real Estate, from where he retired in 1989.

By this time he had become involved in the building and flying of microlight aircraft. He has also travelled extensively in the South Pacific area and visited the United States on several occasions. His children joined him on some of these travels in 2000/2001.

Source: John Charles Brian Millett (September 2001)

ELECTORAL ROLLS

1960, 1963: 10 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland (mechanician, technician)
1972, 1975: 191 Park Road, Auckland (technician)
1978: 191 Park Road, Auckland; 3 Harris Street, New Plymouth (technical rep)
1981: 49 Deerness Crescent, Algie's Bay (technical rep)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

3 children: **Clifford Charles Millett** (born 29 December 1980 at Whangarei, Northland); **Trent David Millett** (born 23 March 1984 at Warkworth, Auckland); **Helena Marie Millett** (born 9 April 1985 at Warkworth).

(3) MICHAEL GEORGE MILLETT

Born 13 June 1940 at Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, baptised 11 October 1942 at St Heliers, Auckland.

Married on 3 August 1963 at Khyber Pass, Auckland **ALISON ESTHER HEATH**, born 29 December 1941 at Auckland, daughter of **Alfred Leonard Heath** (1903-1995) and **Hannah Brodie** (1906-1993).

LIFE

Michael was baptised 11 October 1942 at St Philips Church in St Heliers, Auckland. Sponsors: Cecil Brookes, William G Hoyle, and Constance Morton. He was named after Michael Lerner, a famous deep sea fisherman who used to be taken by baby Michael's father in a launch to waters off Mayor Island, Tauranga. In 1962 Michael was to meet Helen and Michael Lerner in Florida – Michael was the son of the founder of Lerner's chain stores.

Michael attended Takapuna Primary School and then Takapuna Grammar where he obtained School Certificate. He played for TG at basketball and rowed in the fours. He worked as a Clerical Cadet with the Auckland Education Board from Jan 1957 to Jan 1962. Spent most of 1962 overseas – 9 months in the USA, most of which was based in Potomac, Maryland. Travelled 15,000 miles on Greyhound buses using a 99 days travel pass which cost \$99, and saw most parts of the country. Then spent a few weeks in Europe before heading for home via Japan in October due to the Cuban crisis and the threat of a nuclear war! Returned to the Education Board for a few months and then moved to the Takapuna City Council as rates clerk between May 1962 and Feb 1966. Then to New Zealand Insurance where he graduated to Senior Inspector. Left in March 1980 to work for Motor Corp, Byron Ave. Takapuna selling Austin, Rover and (towards the end) Honda vehicles until April 1985. The next move was to Barfoot & Thompson Ltd. where he was to sell Real Estate from April 1985 until February 1996 when he retired.

Source: John Charles Brian Millett (September 2001)

ELECTORAL ROLLS

1963, 1966: 43 Northboro Road, Hauraki, Auckland (clerk)
1969: 17 Pupuke Road, Takapuna, Auckland (insurance inspector)
1972, 1975, 1978, 1981: 27 Ewen Street, Takapuna, Auckland (insurance inspector; motor vehicle sales)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

2 children: **Peter Michael Alfred Millett** (born 3 May 1968 at Takapuna, Auckland); **Antony Malcolm Trevorian Millett** (born 21 February 1970 at Takapuna).

(4) IVAN RICHARD MILLETT

Born 12 September 1944 at Takapuna, Auckland.

Married on 18 November 1965 at Auckland **EDWINA PILKINGTON HUGHES**, born 15 May 1939 at Auckland, daughter of C. R. Hughes.

Divorced 1967.

LIFE

A quiet, clever chap! He obtained University Entrance no trouble. Went on to university, Elam School of Art – one of his mates was Colin McCahon. Ivan was able to master the computer well in advance of the trend. He assembled a kitset Microbee PC that was to give good service. As well as being able to paint, Ivan could write books very well. No doubt a long friendship with Frank Sargesson was of mutual benefit. Ivan was the first person in New Zealand to publish a book on a floppy disk. His main writing has been on science fiction. He looked after his mother for 10 years and when she was eventually moved into a rest home he travelled around New Zealand before settling in Invercargill in 1998, where he is now kept busy looking after a number of purchased rental properties.

Source: Michael George Millett (September 2001)

AUTHOR'S LIFE

I have led what feels like four different lifetimes, which some people might not like:

1: I have been a landlord/property investor. I used to own six free-standing houses here in Invercargill, New Zealand, where I live. If you are a tenant, that might seem like a cushy number. No, it isn't. You are passing over the care of a substantial investment to a bunch of people who might turn out to be dangerous clowns. What mad fool would be silly enough to do that? I did, for five years. Most of my tenants were nice people, so I was glad to provide accommodation for them. The rest, well, let's just say I developed a talent for intimidation of the 'smiling assassin' variety. In those five years I missed just one week's rent. I could write a book about all this, but I don't write those kinds of books.

2: Following all this, I became a share-market investor (or equities, if you're in the USA). In comparison, this seems like a nice warm cozy place to be. The capital gains have been somewhat better, along with the income. That's why I am still here. It also explains why I can sell my books so cheap; I don't really need the money.

3: I have traveled extensively, which is difficult to do from way down here deep in the South Pacific especially if you have Type 2 diabetes and a pacemaker. But I managed to see North and South America, Northern Europe including England, Ireland, Scandinavia, South East Asia including Myanmar, and of course Australia and most of the islands of the South Pacific, including Tahiti, Hawaii, and Norfolk.

4: I have Asperger's Syndrome. That does not make for a fun lifestyle, especially if you're not diagnosed until your mid-fifties. I had been misdiagnosed with all sorts of things, though the specialists in loonydom settled on major personality disorder, which put me on social welfare for over twenty years. Better than trying to work with colleagues who immediately put you down at the bottom of their social pecking order. You also very quickly become a misogynist. because how women treat you is not a figment of your imagination. I could write a book about that one too, but I'm not going to.

5: All this might explain why I write as I do, but I really don't know, or particularly want to. But I do enjoy it, so I'll keep going until I get Alzheimer's or something.

Source: Ivan Millett, from Amazon's Author page, August 2011.

https://www.amazon.com/Ivan-Millett/e/B0050363YO/ref=aufs_dp_fta_dsk

ELECTORAL ROLLS

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1972, 1975, 1978, 1981: 10 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland (beneficiary)

Source: New Zealand Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981.

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No children.

Died: 7 August 2022 at Appleby, Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Charles William Brookes (1845-1886)



John Brookes (1877-1949)



*Frances Ellen Brookes née Butcher
(1867-1941)*



*Margaret Ellen Millett née Brookes
(1903-1999)*



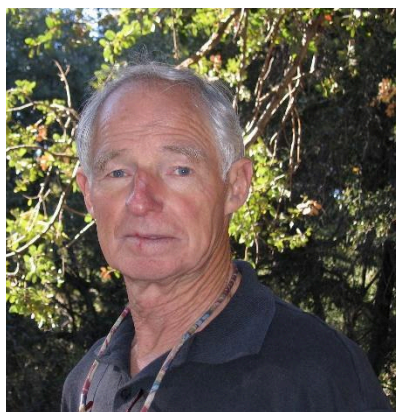
*Charles Trevorian Fletcher Millett
(1903-1995)*



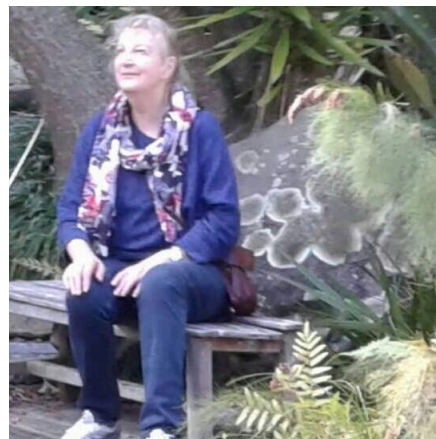
Margaret Elisabeth Sutton née Millett
(1934-2019)



John Vincent Sutton (1941-)



John Charles Brian Millett (1938-)



Christine Ann Millett née Packer (1949-)



Michael George Millett (1940-)



Alison Esther Millett née Heath (1941-)



Ivan Richard Millett (1944-2022)

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