

FROM SCOTLAND TO NEW ZEALAND



Absalom Rookes was born in Cambridge, England in 1852. Two years later his future wife Mary Ann Stewart was born in Angus, Scotland. They married in Dundee in 1877.

In 1907 the couple and their 3 youngest children sailed from London to Wellington, New Zealand where they settled.

Their grandson Gordon Watt was born in Wellington NZ in 1918 and served in the navy throughout WW2. Whilst on leave in Scotland he met Kate Byrnes and in 1945 they married in Stranraer and moved to NZ.

Kate Byrnes was from Umericam, Co Armagh and a sister of Sarah Byrnes (1915-2011) the subject of this family website.

Mary Ann
in 1930



NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PASSENGERS															
N.B.—Cabin Passengers must also be included in this Schedule, after the other Passengers.															
Port of Embarkation.	No. of Contract Ticket	Names of Passengers.	Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers.	English						Scotch					
				Age of each Adult of 12 years and upwards.		Ages of Children between 1 and 12 Years.		Infants.	Age of each Adult of 12 years and upwards.		Ages of Children between 1 and 12 Years.		Infants.		
				Married.	Single.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Married.	Single.		Males	Females
				Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
London	011817	Wm J. Marzey	None												
"	"	Jno. do.	Son												
"	011818	Walter Gairdner	Nurse												
"	011825	Mary Maack	Domestic												
"	011826	Agnes Wraugh	do												
"	011833	Absalom J. Rookes	Farmer	54											
"	"	Wm do.	Wife		53										
"	"	Jos. do.	Son			17									
"	"	Eliz. do.	Daughter				14								
"	"	Absalom do.	Son												
"	011839	Ernest W. Friend	Clerk												

1907 ship's passenger entry for
Absalom and his family