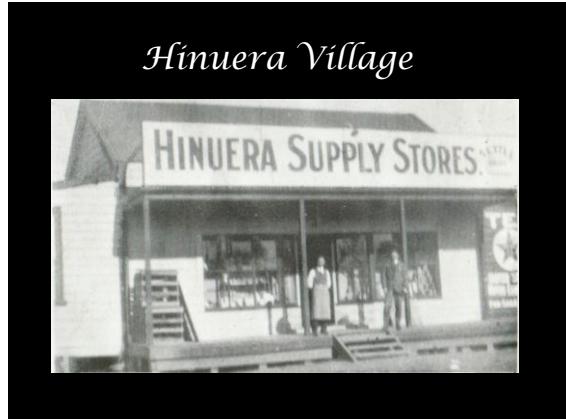


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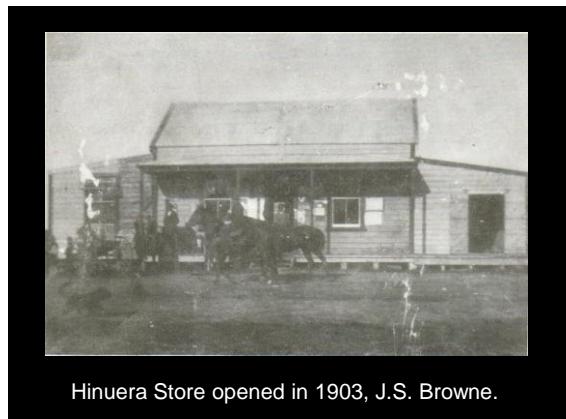
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*Hinuera Village*



The railway line reached Hinuera in 1886.



Hinuera Store opened in 1903, J.S. Browne.



Mangawhara School began in 1892. Hinuera Primary School opened in 1907.



Postal services began in 1901.  
Hinuera Post Office was built in 1907.



Hinuera Hall was built in 1915.



Hinuera church built in one day in 1920.  
(Molly and Jim).



The Hinuera Co-operative Dairy Company was built in 1922. Cecil Pond was a founding member.



James Alexander Pond c. 1900.



Herbert Cecil Pond c. 1908.  
Pharmacist.



Herbert Cecil Pond c. 1908.  
Farmer.

3  
1908  
Br. L. Up.  
April 28 Oats & Stores  
1/80 7. W. Smith & Co 7 1 3  
16  
✓ 16 20 Glass Seed & Cover  
7/80 (Braided) - W.S. Lawrie & 34 19 6  
28 - Deposit on Mangawhara  
Hinuera, R.M. Wilson 100 0 0

J A Pond's Ledger Book, 28 April 1908.  
"Deposit on Mangawhara, Hinuera,  
R.M. Wilson 100 pounds".

30 FRIDAY 30-62  
Promissory Note due J. H. Morrison  
£ 12 0 0 0 36 Shortland St.  
Self & Barney to Hinuera with timber &  
plow & one tent returning same day.

Cecil Pond's Rough Diary, 30 October 1908.  
"Self & Barney to Hinuera with timber &  
plough & one tent returning same day".

November 1 1908  
2 MONDAY 30-62  
Moved camp from Puketurua to Hinuera  
Barney & Joe in wagon self riding  
Ran shelter July 1 0d.  
Obt from Brownes 2 lbs candles  
2 lbs butter, 6 lbs meat 7/-, 1 bread  
plate, 4 mares in Brownes paddock  
11. 3 TUESDAY 30-62  
Barney & self over Hinuera road.  
To new land Joe on track clearing

Cecil Pond's Rough Diary, 2 November, 1908.  
"Moved camp from Puketurua to Hinuera. Barney  
& Joe in waggon, self riding".

2  
WEDNESDAY 30-62  
Pitched cookhouse & my tent & fixed  
up camp.  
Obt from J. S. Brownes 1 bread  
4 lbs, mosquito netts 1/-, 1/2 lb. Golden Syrup  
1/2 lb. Baking Soda, 2 watches 1/2 box bootlaces

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Cecil Pond's Rough Diary, 4 November 1908.  
"Pitched cookhouse & my tent & fixed up camp".

7  
SUNDAY 31-63  
21st Sunday after Trinity  
Barney & I across swamp onto Island into Deaths  
returning via Puketutu.  
Sunk well

Cecil Pond's Rough Diary, 8 November 1908.  
"Barney & I across swamp onto Island into Deaths  
returning via Puketutu. Sunk well".

1 Sach out 1 carbles  
Time 11 FRIDAY 10-10  
Barney burned valley close 20 acres +  
+ started outback fence  
Burned flats + N end swamp.  
1200 12 SATURDAY 10-10  
Barney bush burnt 300 3 acres +  
+ started N flat. Shirts 5.6  
want to have at 10.0.  
Shirts 13 SUNDAY 10-10  
get bush to almost  
Barney + self climbed big Hill.

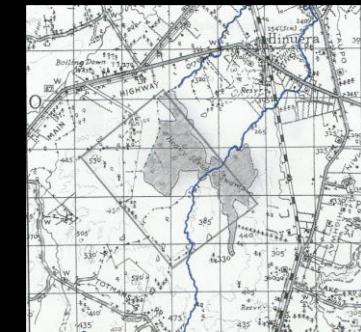
Cecil Pond's Rough Diary, 13 December 1908. "Barney & self climbed big Hill".

1920  
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To legal costs in transfer of  
Warlingham from L. Wilson to J.A. & H.C. Pond  
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Search, stamp duty & registration 10-13-0  
Legal charge 5-19-0  
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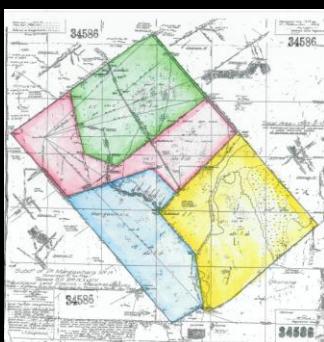
J. A. Pond's Ledger Book, 1 March 1920.  
"Transfer of Warlingham from L. Wilson  
to J.A. & H.C. Pond".



JA Pond's lands at  
Te Waotu and  
Hinuera, South  
Waikato.



Mangawhara No 1 A. Deposit £100, 28 April 1908. J. A. & H.C. Pond had bought a great swamp. The Ring family owned the adjacent swamp land (later farmed by the Gore families).



Plan of "Warlingham", 1364 acres at Hinuera. In 1949 the land was transferred to Cecil's four sons.



The "Warlingham" Homestead was built by John Smith, Ida's father in 1909.

*Ida and Cecil's Seven Children*

b. 1910 - 1927



Cynthia Eleanor Pond b. 28 February 1913. She was born at Ida's family home "Brompton" in Onehunga. c. 1917.



Cynthia and Olga with their home tutor at "Warlingham", c. 1919.



The Pond Children: Olga b. 1914, Neville b. 1910, Cynthia b. 1913, Jim b. 1917, Ron b. 19, Bert, 1922.



The Pond Children, c 1927 at "Warlingham": Cynthia, Olga, Bert with parasol, Ron.



Florence Nancy Pond, b. 1 March 1927.



Pond Children on the Farm, 1920s.



Pond family picnic, 1920s.  
Rapurapu stream, Horahora and  
Waihi Beach were favourite spots.



Pond family picnic, 1920s.



Pond family picnic, 1920s.  
A friend, Bert, Ron.



Pond family picnic, 1920s:  
Olga, Jim, Ida, Cynthia, Nancy, Ron, Bert.



Pond family picnic, 1920s:  
Back: Olga, Neville, Cynthia  
Front: Ron, Jim, Bert.



Pond family picnic, 1920s. Olga, Jim, Cynthia.



Pond Children picnicking under Piarere Bridge: Cynthia and Nancy, c. 1927.



Pond picnic at Waihi Beach, c. 1927.



Cecil's cars in the garage at "Warlingham": Oldsmobile, Neville's motorbike, Nash, and Bert in cowboy rig, ca 1930.



Future sons-in-law. Accident at the Tirau railway crossing, 10<sup>th</sup> March 1929. Carl McGirr driving. From left: McDonald, Colin Campbell, Jack Callaghan, Lou Wrigley (with door).





Draft horses pulling plough.



Cecil's team of horses pulling harrows. From left:  
Pompee, Hughie, Trilby, Vespa, Blazes.



Sampson tractor crushing tea-tree.



Samson tractor pulling rotary plough, Neville driving.



Samson tractor pulling giant discs. Neville driving.



Nancy Jones, Joyce and Thelma Hancock and Olga Pond dressed for concert item at the Hinuera Hall, c. 1932. Dairy Company factory to right.



Cynthia Eleanor Pond, age 21. 1934.



Nancy with pet lamb at "Warlingham", c. 1936.



Bert, Jim, Cecil at the cowshed. "Warlingham" 1930s.



Neville deerstalking, 1930s.



JAP II and Miss Wills visiting "Warlingham" in 1935. Cecil driving, Jim on the back.



Wedding of Cynthia Eleanor Pond and John Lawrence Callaghan. 13 March 1936, at "Warlingham".



Bride: Cynthia Pond  
Flowergirl: Nancy Pond



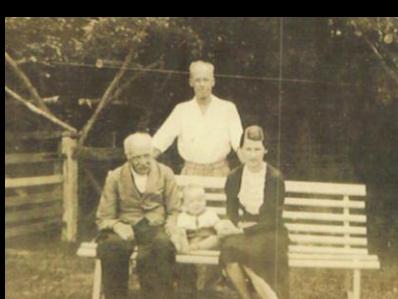
Cynthia with her sisters: Nancy (flower girl) and Olga (bridesmaid), 1936 at "Warlingham".



"Warlingham" in pasture.  
Polled angus steers, Nov, 1936.



Jim visiting "Aldon" 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1937,  
with JAP II and Mrs Murray.



The first grandchild at "Warlingham".  
JAP b. 1846, Cecil Pond b. 1878, Cynthia  
b. 1913, David Callaghan b. 1937.



Wedding of Olga Pond and Carl McGirr, 24 August  
1937 at Matamata. From left: Edna Harris, Stan Firkin,  
Carl McGirr, Olga Pond, Jim Pond, Karen McGirr.



Nancy Pond, age 9 or 10, (front, right) at Hinuera Primary School, 1937.



Neville Pond and Nancy Jones courting in the Kaimais, c. 1937.



Mrs Marion Jones, Mrs Ida Pond, Nancy Jones, Bert Pond, Cecil (H.C.) Pond. Neville and Nancy had a registry wedding in Rotorua in 1938. Ohope beach 1937.



Neville preparing his house site on top of the hill, 1937.



Neville's Chev truck outside garage at "Warlingham". He used the truck to cart shingle for his farm house, built 1938.



Nancy with "Prince" at Warlingham, c. 1938.



Jim with Oldsmobile at "Augnabrech",  
the Barron homestead, c. 1938.



JAP II beside Kingsford Smith's plane the  
"Southern Cross" at Waharoa, c. 1938.



Jim and Molly engaged, at Waiheke Island to see  
motorbike racing. Got wet through then dried out,  
1939.



Foundations laid for "Emerald Hill" farmhouse, 1939.  
Kaimais on horizon.



"Priam" (white foal) and his mother.  
Priam was bred and trained by Ron.



Nancy with "Priam" in the calf paddock, c. 1940.



2<sup>nd</sup> Grandchild: Cynthia with David and Robin Callaghan, b. 1940 at Tirau, c. 1940.



Cynthia's sister Nancy with David and Robin Callaghan at Tirau, c. 1940.



Marriage of James Alexander Pond III and Mary (Molly) Harvey Barron, 13 January 1940 at Matamata Presbyterian church.



Wedding of James Alexander Pond III and Mary (Molly) Harvey Barron, 13 January 1940 at St Andrews Presbyterian church, Matamata. Frank Conder, JAP, Elizabeth Barron, Andrew Barron and Elsie Barron.



Bert in the Air Force, 1941.



Bert farewelled at "Warlingham" in 1942. Cecil, Ida, Ron, Bert, Neville, Jim holding Diana, and Nancy.



Bert departing for WWII, with Nancy at "Warlingham", 1942.



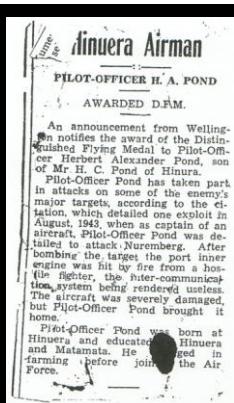
Humber Hawk at homestead waiting to take Bert and Cecil to the Hinuera railway station. 1942.



Jack and Cynthia Callaghan and Carl McGirr, with Robin (Bob), probably at the races, c. 1942.



Jack Callaghan on final leave escaping police cordon in Aunt Karen's dress. 1942.



Ron at "Warlingham", c. 1942.  
Ida, Cecil, Olga, Ron and Nancy remained at the farm homestead during the war (WWII).



Ron and Nancy at Cabbage Tree Flat below the homestead, looking east, c. 1942.



3<sup>rd</sup> Grandchild: Molly Pond and Diana, b. 1941, at Emerald Hill, 1943.



4<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: Nancy Pond with Wendy, b. 1942 and dog "Mike", at "Moehau", 1943.



5<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: May 1944 at Emerald Hill. Diana, Pam Pond b. 1943, Wendy.



Wendy on "Moehau" hill, looking southeast towards Totman's hill, 1944.



6<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: The grandchildren at "Warlingham". Pamela Pond, Robin Callaghan, Wendy, Diana, David Callaghan holding Susan Naomi Pond, b. 1944.



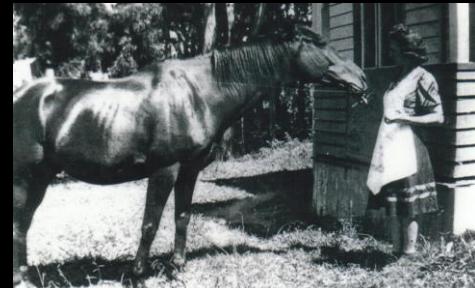
Cecil and Ida's first house at The Mount, 8 Ngarata Avenue, purchased around 1944.



Cecil and Ron with his dog "Rock", on the Lookout hill, c. 1945. Jim's hill in background.



Nancy and "Nifty", on the raceway to the milking shed (now Pond Road), 1940s. Neville's hill in the background.



Molly giving an apple to "Confuoko", 1940s.



Jim with Diana and Pam chopping gumtrees on home farm, 1945. Diana 4, Pam 2.



Working girls celebrating D-Day, 1945. Connie and Cynthia in Queen Street.



Cecil at Horahora, c. 1946.  
The hydro power station was submerged when  
Lake Karapiro was formed in 1947.



J.A. Pond family, 1946. Molly and Jim, Kim b. 1945,  
Diana 5, Pam 3.



Neville Pond family: Neville, Wendy, Naomi  
Susan, Nancy, c. 1946.



'Working Girls'. Cynthia and Connie in Auckland, 1946.



Nancy and Naomi Susan Pond eeling in the  
Mangawhero creek, January 1947.



Naomi and Wendy Pond on Neville's hill,  
looking north over "Warlingham", 1947.



8<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: David Callaghan, Roger McGirr b. 1945, Robin Callaghan at Auckland Zoo, 1948.



7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grandchildren: Baptism Day for the J.A. Pond children, 1948. Pam, Kim b.1945, Winston b. 1947, Diana, with Jim at Emerald Hill homestead.



Kim 3, Winston 1, Diana 7 and Pam 5 at "Emerald Hill" farm, 1948.



"Pond Pie". Jim with scythe about 1948.  
In grass pile: Pamela, Winston, Kim and Diana.



Pamela's first day at Hinuera Primary School.  
Ford V8, Molly, Pamela, Diana, 1948.



Birthday party for Susan Naomi Pond, 1949. Diana Pond, Brenda Pelham, Susan, Wendy, Pam, Kim Pond, Chip (Christopher), Margie Pelham, Barry Stratton.

1950s.



Matamata in the 1950s.



9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Grandchildren:  
Bert, Gloria, Janis b. 1948, Teresa b.1950, Claudia  
b.1946 at "Warlingham", 1950



Ron and Claudia with "Priam" c. 1950.



"Priam" with the Ellis Chalmers tractor, purchased  
around 1944, looking towards Neville's hill, c. 1950.



Janis, Teresa and Claudia Pond at "Warlingham", 1951.



Wendy Pond, Judith Jones, Claudia Pond, Pam Jones,  
Janis Pond and Naomi Susan Pond, c. 1950.



Claudia Pond's first day at Hinuera Primary School, 1951.



Ron and Claudia.  
Ron was Claudia's godfather. 1952.



Claudia Pond and Mrs Whitmarsh  
at Auckland Airport, 1952.



Nancy in London, 1952.  
She was Diana's model of how to grow up.



Cynthia and Olga in Queen Street, Auckland c. 1952.



12<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: Roger and Julie McGirr, b. 1949, 1953.



Wedding of Norma Ellis and Ronald Alexander Pond,  
12 June 1954.



Building Ron Pond homestead.  
Hills still covered in scrub. 1954.



Scrub cover on swamp on Ron Pond's farm.  
Looking west towards Neville's hill (right).



Building Ron and Norma's farm homestead. 1954.



Building the "Power House" (diesel generator and water pump) for Ron Pond's homestead. Ron in centre. 1954.



Mangawhero Creek in flood across bridge to Ron Pond homestead. Really on an "island". Norma beside the Humber. 1954.



Mangawhero Creek in flood across road to Ron Pond's house, bridge under water. Jim's hill behind Norma. c. 1954.



Ron picnicking on the farm beside the "Red Terror" ("Rudolph").



Young beef stock on Ron's farm. 1950s.



Marriage of Florence Nancy Pond and Hugh Campbell McLaren, 9 October 1954. Pamela, Hugh, Nancy, Diana, Wendy, Roger, Carl, Olga McGirr. 1954.



McLaren Wedding: Naomi, Susan, Molly, Neville. 1954.



Nancy kissing Robin Callaghan outside Holy Trinity church, Tauranga, 9 October 1954.



Florence Nancy Pond with Cecil and Ida,  
9 October 1954.  
Holy Trinity Church, Tauranga.



Jim with Kim and Winston Pond. 1954.



Aerial view of Ron Pond's farm and the Mangawhero Creek, looking towards Hinuera. July 1956.



Putting in first telephone poles on Ron Pond's farm. Ron and Hugh McLaren, 1955-1956.



Norma Pond burning crushed manuka along the boundary between Ron's and Jim's farms. c.1955-56.



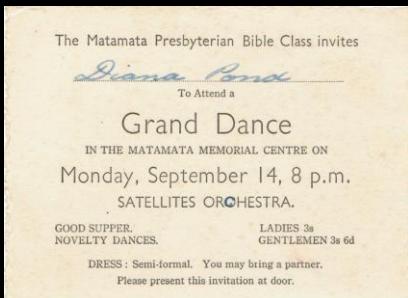
Mangawhero Creek in flood. Bridge to house under water. (Bridge had been washed away in a previous year.) Farmstead really on an "island". Winter, 1956.



15<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: Norma and Richard Pond, b. 1956, on the Fergie driving round the farm house, c. 1956.



Norma and Richard Pond with Roger McGirr and a leveret, 1956.



1956.



Wedding of Herbert Alexander Pond and Beatrice Anne Nicholls in Nelson on 16th September 1959.



Wedding of Herbert Alexander Pond and Beatrice Anne Nicholls. Ida and Cecil were represented by Neville and Nancy Pond. Back: Neville Pond, Charlotte Nicholls, Archibald Nicholls, Nancy Pond. Front: Bert Pond, Ann Nicholls, Trevor Harris, Bridesmaid. 16 September 1959.



The New "Warlingham" Homestead, home of Bert and Ann Pond.



Cecil and Ida's third house at the Mount at 18 Rita Street, purchased around 1959/1960. Humber Hawk.



Norma Pond with Cecil and Ida and Humber Hawk at 18 Rita Street at the Mount, 1960s.



Ida and Cecil's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at their Mount house in Rita Street, 1960.



Roger McGirr in the garden at Te Aroha with two good Waiomou trout, 1961.

**OBITUARY**

**Mr H. C. Pond**

Own Corres. Matamata  
Mr Herbert Cecil Pond, a pioneer of the Matamata district, has died aged 83.

Born in Auckland, he was educated at Auckland Grammar School and qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist. Later he gave up his career and worked in the crushing batteries of the gold mines at Waihi and Great Barrier Island.

In 1909 Mr Pond took up a large block of undeveloped land at Hinuera which is today divided into productive sheep and dairy farms owned by his family on what is known as Pond's Road.

He married Miss Ida Smith, of Onehunga, in 1910.

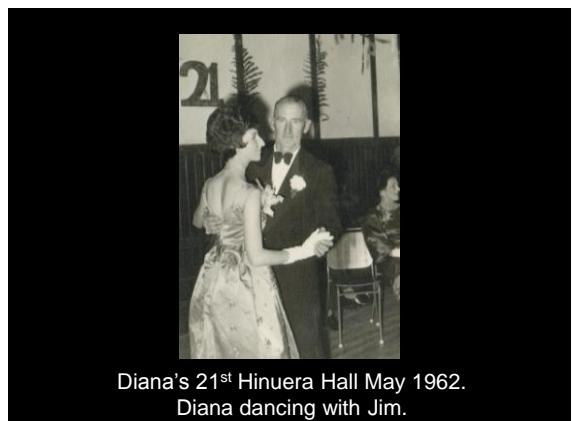
A foundation director of the Hinuera Dairy Company when it was formed in 1922, Mr Pond was its representative on the South Auckland Herd Testing Association during its early years. He was also a member of the Hinuera School Committee, the Farmers' Union and the Matamata Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

Mr Pond took a keen interest in many sports, including tennis, bowls and Rugby football. In 1946 he retired to live at Mt Maunganui.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters.

1.3.2/1962

Cecil died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1962 and was buried at Matamata.



Diana's 21<sup>st</sup> Hinuera Hall May 1962.  
Diana dancing with Jim.



Diana Pond's 21<sup>st</sup> in Hinuera Hall, May 1962.  
Molly and Jim dancing (Win Oates in background).



**SIMPLE BUT SIGNIFICANT**  
Inventor David Callaghan with his "flushsava" device.

**Saves on both**

A Pahia man has come up with a device that will enable Aucklanders to keep both Robert D. Frog and Electricity Board rates down.

David Callaghan says his "flushsava" reduces the amount of water flushed down the toilet, and uses both water and electricity.

The device is fitted on the toilet seat. When it is pushed down, this converts the automatic flushing system into a one-flush toilet — 25% for a flush — and would soon pay for itself.

Mr Callaghan says it saves up to 75% of water wasted with a one-flush toilet — 25% for a flush — and would soon pay for itself.

As well as savings for those who use it, there is also less electricity used to pump water to the cistern, he says.

Mr Callaghan says it saves up to 75% of water wasted with a one-flush toilet — 25% for a flush — and would soon pay for itself.

David Callaghan received the Ernest Rutherford award for his invention of a water saving device for flush toilets, 1963.



17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Grandchildren: Norma with Helen b. 1963, Bryce b. 1960, Brenda b. 1958 and Richard Pond, in the woolshed c. 1963.



22<sup>nd</sup> Grandchild:  
Bert and Ann with Kath at 5 months. 1963.



Bert and Kath getting in the wood. 1964.



Helen, Brenda and Bryce Pond with pet lambs, c. 1965.



14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Grandchildren: Annette b. 1955, Jennifer b. 1957, Beverley b. 1960, Robert b. 1962 and Peter McLaren b. 1964. Photo c. 1965.



24<sup>th</sup> Grandchild: Alan painting the house. 1965.



J.A. Pond party. Kim's 21<sup>st</sup> at Hinuera Hall, January 1966. Ida Pond and Elizabeth Barron seated and Jim and Molly in forefront. 1966.



Roger, Julie and Carl McGirr with Aunty Karin and Gran Pond (Ida) at Roger's 21<sup>st</sup>, at Molly and Jim's home, 1966.



Robert McLaren & Kathie Pond on seat and Peter McLaren & Alan Pond on carrier of tricycle on the driveway up to Bert Pond's homestead on the original homestead block -1966.



Kath modelling for Claudia, 1967.



Roger and Carl McGirr in London, 1967.



Jim and Molly Pond at church dinner, 1960s.  
(Molly's own hat creation).



Cynthia at The Mount, 1960s.



Ron and Norma Pond with Richard, Helen, Bryce and Brenda, c. 1968.



Dragline dredging the Mangawhero Creek on Ron Pond's farm. Reach towards Gore's farm. In background is the stand of old pines planted earlier in the century. 1960s.



Neville and Nancy tailing lambs at "Moehau", 1960s.



Neville and Nancy having a cup of tea at the yards.  
Moehau, 1960s.

1970s.



The wettest spring known.  
View from Neville's house towards Kaimai range, 1971.



Ida with Peter, Claudia, Brigid, Kath, Ann and Bert.  
Christmas 1970.



Ron and Neville dipping sheep at Ron's yards, 1972.



Digger cleaning the drain at "Moehau",  
No. 1 paddock, 1973.



Drought, March 1973. View from Neville's hill across  
Jim's and Bert's farms. 1973.



Last year at "Moehau".  
Neville drafting cattle with Alan Goodwin, 1973.



Neville and Nancy leaving the farm, 1973.



Peter and Robert McLaren on Nola's farm,  
at Taihou, c. 1973.



Robert and Peter McLaren trout fishing in the  
Waihou river on Nola's farm at Taihou, c. 1974.



Brigid and Kath with guinea pigs and Troy on Alan's knee  
on front lawn of Bert Pond's homestead. Christmas 1973.



Claudia with Lydia, Kathie & Brigid in lounge of  
Bert Pond's homestead. Christmas 1975.



Ida died on 16 July 1977, age 90. She was buried with Cecil in the Matamata lawn cemetery on a wet afternoon. The sons carrying the coffin were wearing raincoats. 1977.

1980s.



Alan, Janis, Bert and Kath on the Ferguson at the back door of Bert Pond's homestead. 1983.



Hugh and Rosemary Pond at "Warlingham" visiting from England. 1980.



Jim farmed until his last days. Jim, Kim and John Kearney feeding out at "Emerald Hill", 1980.



Nancy and Hugh McLaren, 50-50 farming at Buckland Road, c. 1980.



Nancy McLaren on "Ben" with dog "Luke", 50-50 farming on Nola's farm at Buckland Road, c. 1980.



Alan, Kathie, Ann in maize paddock. 1983.



Charlotte Pond visited from England with Alan, Bert, Ann and Troy. 1984.



Hugh McLaren with daughters Beverley and Annette, 1985.



Robert, Jennifer and Hugh McLaren, 1985.



Lydia and Bert amongst calves. 1987.



J.A. Pond Homestead, Alan Pond pilot.



Kim Pond Homestead, Alan Pond pilot.



Ron Pond and Bryce Pond homesteads,  
Alan Pond pilot.



H.A. Pond Homestead, Alan Pond pilot.



Looking north over the swamp, H. A. Pond farm,  
Alan Pond pilot.

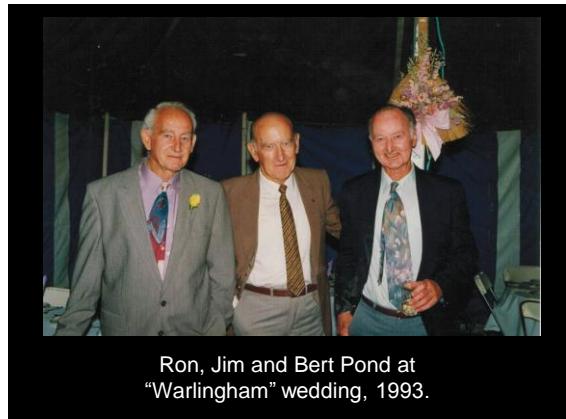
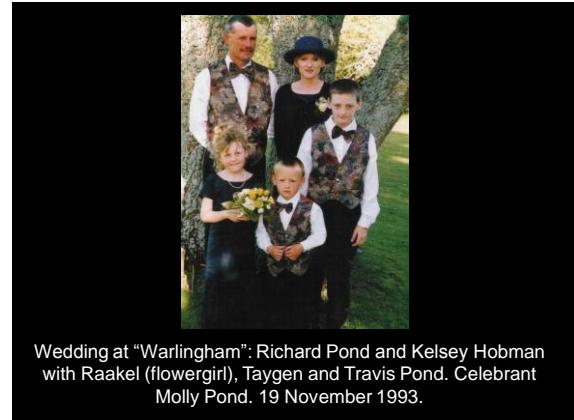
1990s.



Jim and Molly Pond's Golden Wedding anniversary,  
1990.



Neville and Cynthia on Founders' Day at Auckland  
Museum, 1990.





View from Ron Pond's airstrip looking north west towards Neville's hill (left), Jim's hill (centre) and Bert's farm (right). Peria hills in the background. 1994.



View from Ron Pond's airstrip looking north across Jim's farm towards Bert's house. Ron's cowshed and woolshed. Peria hills in background. 1994.



Dome shed, cow shed; behind trees are hay shed and wool shed. Looking across Ron's farm to Jim's hill. 1994.



Wool shed (orange) and implement / hay shed (known as the "pink" shed from its earlier priming). Looking towards Jim's hill with Kim's worker's cottage. 1994.



View from hill above Ron's house looking towards Bert's house and Peria hills. 1994.



View from hill above Ron's house looking north east towards Mt Te Aroha and Hinuera. 1994.



Great swamp converted to pasture. South eastern side of the "island" looking north east across Gudgeon's and Gore's farms towards the Kaimai Range. There was a stand of old pine trees here when Ron began breaking in the land. c. 1994.



The great swamp on Ron Pond's farm was drained and brought into pasture for sheep and cattle. In 1980 the farm was converted to dairying. 1994.



Jim and Molly in the garden at "Emerald Hill", c. 1996. Matamata.



Cynthia with Jim and her partner George Walton, c. 1996.



Neville Pond died in 1997. His casket was carried by Bert, Ron and Jim Pond, Bob Todd, Roger McGirr and Sean Leach. Buffalo cemetery. 1997.



Ron Pond butchering his last sheep before leaving the farm in 1997. Dave, Kevin, and Rachael Elder.

2000s.



Diamond wedding of Jim and Molly.  
Pioneer memorial stone, "Emerald Hill" farm, 2000.



Visit of Teresa to "Warlingham" in 2001. Ann, Bert ,  
Teresa, Molly and Jim Pond. Painting by Claudia Pond  
Eyley. 2001.



The Elders: Jim, Bert, Nancy, Ron Pond  
at Bert's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, 2002.



Bert Pond's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, 25 April 2002. Roger  
McGirr, Ann, Wendy, Nancy Pond, Nancy McLaren.



Jim Pond and Nancy McLaren at Bert's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
2002.



A birthday celebration for the Pond elders: Cynthia  
90, Jim 87, Nancy 75 at Monte Cecilia School.  
March 2003.



Pond elders blowing out the candles at Monte Cecilia school, 2003.



Smith cousins: Edna Quinn, Jim Pond, Trevor Harris, 2003.



Bert and Ann farming, July 2003.



Bert and Ann left the farm in 2004.



Old number plates in single garage. 2004.



Bert in barn with 1937 portrait by Jim. 2004.



The workers' cottage at "Warlingham" built by Ida's father has lasted a century. 2004.



Bert and Ron on the Lookout Hill at "Warlingham", 2004.



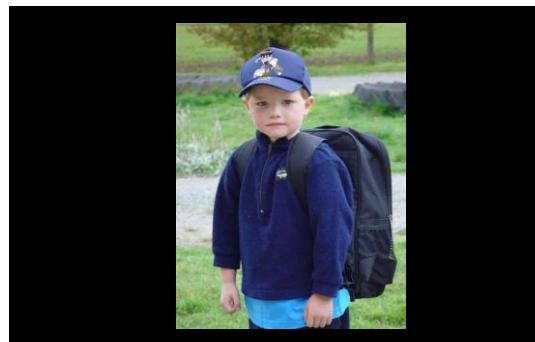
Bert and Ron with the wheel of the old Samson tractor which broke in the land in the 1930s. 2004.



Cousins' Day at Te Aroha, 2006. Standing from left: Helen Elder, Roger McGirr, Diana Freeman, Pam Holden, Courtney Callaghan-Pope, David Callaghan, Brenda Pond, Alan Pond, Julie McGirr, Winston Pond. Sitting from left: Sheila Callaghan, Norma Pond, Wendy Pond, Nancy McLaren, Ron Pond, Bert Pond.



Cousin's day at Te Aroha in search of JAP's Bendigo Battery, 2006.  
Roger McGirr, Claudia Pond and Peter Eyley, Wendy, Alan,  
Ann Pond, Pam Holden, Bert Pond.



Ida and Cecil's 100<sup>th</sup> Descendant: Jenson Daniel Pond,  
b 13 October 2004, descended from  
Te Whanau-a-Apanui & R A Pond whanau. 2009.



Ida and Cecil's grandchild Brenda Clearwater-Pond, their great grandchild Shane Taipari with partner Gina Pooley and great great grandchild Arwen Taipari, 2009.



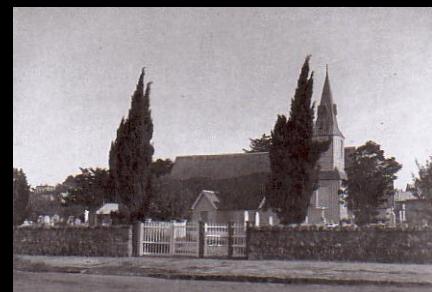
Great great grand daughter Beth Walker and her pet pig "Blossom".  
There are still Pond descendants at "Emerald Hill" in 2010.



St Peter's Church, Onehunga 1860. Built in 1848 in the Selwyn style. One of earliest churches in Auckland.  
Painting by John Kinder, 1860.



St Peter's church, Onehunga: side entrance from Queen Street (The Mall), 1912.  
(Auckland Public Library photograph)



St Peter's church, Onehunga: main entrance from Church Street, 1912.  
(Auckland Public Library photograph)



Interior of St Peter's church prepared for a wedding, looking down the aisle towards the rear of the church, 1912.  
(Auckland Public Library photograph)



Interior of St Peter's church prepared for a wedding, looking at the altar and sanctuary, 1912. (Auckland Public Library photograph)



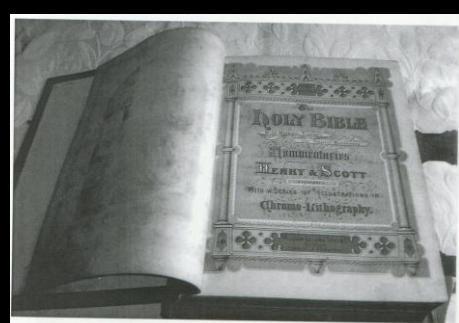
Ida Mildred Smith, b. 1887, daughter of John and Anna Maria Smith of "Brompton", Onehunga.



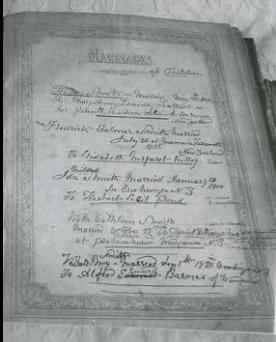
Wedding of Ida Smith and Cecil Pond, 1910.



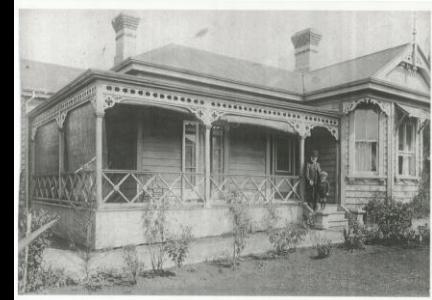
Wedding of Ida Mildred Smith and Herbert Cecil Pond at "Brompton" Onehunga on 13 January 1910.



Smith Family Bible kept by Bob Sadd.



Marriages of John Smith's children.



Ida's children at "Brompton":  
John Smith with his grandson, Neville Pond, c. 1920.



Ida's children at "Brompton":  
Cynthia, Jim, Olga, c. 1920.



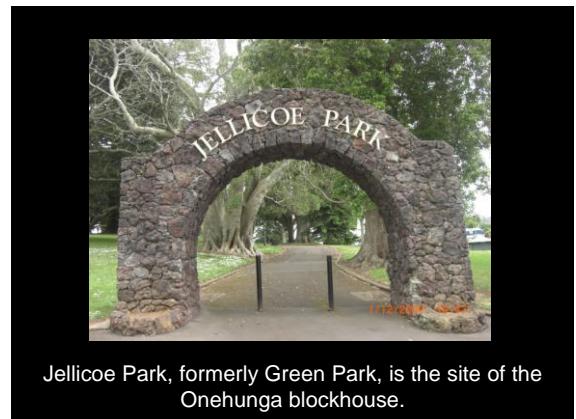
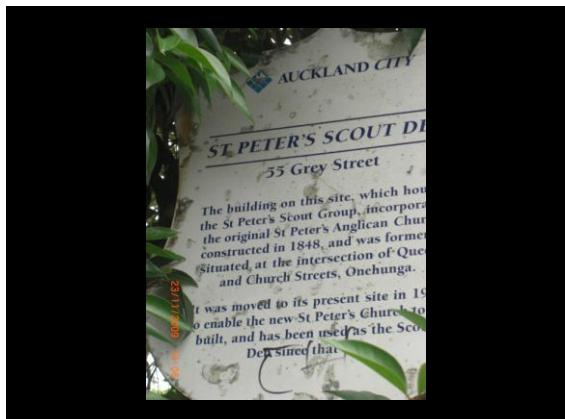
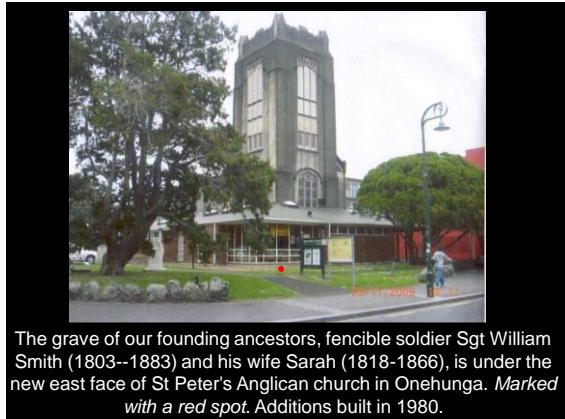
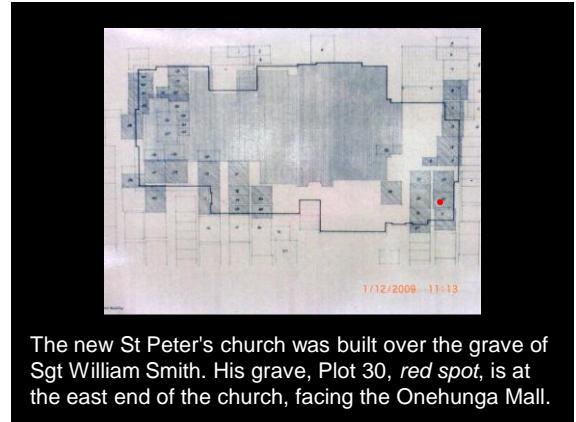
Ida's Parents at "Brompton",  
John and Anna Maria Smith, c. 1910.



Claudia Pond Eyley tiling the grave of John and Anna Maria Smith in the Mangere cemetery,  
5 May 2006.



Grave of John and Anna Maria Smith at Mangere Cemetery, with tiles by Claudia Pond-Eyley, 2006.





The Onehunga blockhouse was built in 1860 by William John Redwood. Sgt William Smith was in charge of a garrison of 12 militiamen during 1863-65. No fighting ensued.



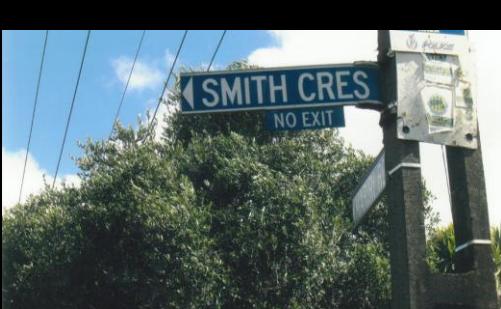
"Brompton", 83 Mt Smart Road, cnr Cardwell. Home of John and Anna Maria Smith and family. Brompton in North Yorkshire was the home of John Balmer's regiment, the 65th.



"Walnut Grove" cottage, 11 Mariri Road. Home of Robert and Emma Smith and family.



Robert Smith ("Walnut Bob" of "Walnut Grove") is buried in the Hillsborough cemetery near the Goodall Street entrance.



Smith Crescent occupies part of the Walnut Grove estate.



Walnut trees in Jordan Ave are a legacy of Robert Smith's walnut orchard.



"The Landing" overlooks the Manukau harbour at 2 Onehunga Harbour Road. The centennial of Ida and Cecil Pond's wedding was held here on 23 January 2010.



Ida and Cecil's descendants representing the "Brompton" Wedding party at St Peter's church, 2010.

**BACK ROW:** (standing) from left: Mike Murray, Fencible Private John Balmer , 65th Regiment- Kim Pond, Arthur Smith - Ann Pond, Alice Graham - Beverley Hughes, Smith cousin - Bert Pond, William Australia Graham -- Richard Pond, Frederick Balmer Smith - Shane Taipari, Cecil Percy Marshall (best man) - Austin Gillman, Cecil Pond, Groom - Lydia Gillman, Ida Smith, Bride - Sean Leach, John Moore Abbott (groomsman) - Bryce Pond (obscured) , Harry Smith- Naomi Pond, Smith cousin - Roger McGirr, Fencible Sergeant William Smith, 63rd Regiment - Pamela Holden, Smith cousin - Helen Pond Elder, Smith cousin - Brenda Clearwater Pond, Smith cousin.

**FRONT ROW:** (seated) from left: Diana Pond Freeman, Bertha Combes Pond (mother of the groom)- Winston Pond, James A.Pond II (father of the groom) - Nancy Pond McLaren, Eleanor Combes; (grandmother of groom) - Kath Loudon, Viola Smith, bridesmaid - Teresa Pond Adams , Gladys Pond Eyley, Anna Maria Smith, mother of the bride - Gina Pooley, Elizabeth Smith, holding great great grandchild Arwen Taipari (as Noel Balmer Smith) Norma Pond, Mary Combes.



Brompton Wedding 2010; Bridal group.



Brompton Wedding 2010; Bridesmaid with Bride's parents.



Brompton Wedding 2010; Bride's parents with Aunt Lizzie and baby, Mary Combes and Smith cousins.



Brompton Wedding 2010; groom's father and grandmother with Alice and William Australia Graham and others.



Brompton Wedding 2010; Guests disbanding.



Brompton Wedding 2010; Guests conversing.



Brompton Wedding 2010 - All descendants: Ida and Cecil's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.



Three generations of Smith descendants: Norma Pond, with great grandchild Arwen Taipari and daughter Brenda Pond Clearwater.



'May Smith' with Bertha's locket, worn by the bride.



James Alexander Pond's gold fob watch.



Bride with Ida and Cecil's great great grandson.



Shane Taipari, Gina Pooley and Arwen Taipari; Arwen in Cecil Pond's cot; Cecil born 1878; great great grandchild Arwen b. 2009.



Nancy Pond McLaren and Bert Pond, the remaining children of Ida and Cecil Pond.



Bert Pond with his nephews Roger McGirr and Winston Pond.



Children of James Alexander Pond III; Kim, Diana and Winston, in grounds of St Peter's church Onehunga.



Fencible soldiers and children of J A Pond III in the grounds of St Peter's Church.



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Wedding Cake; baked by Diana Pond Freeman, decorated with seven flowers representing Ida and Cecil's seven children.



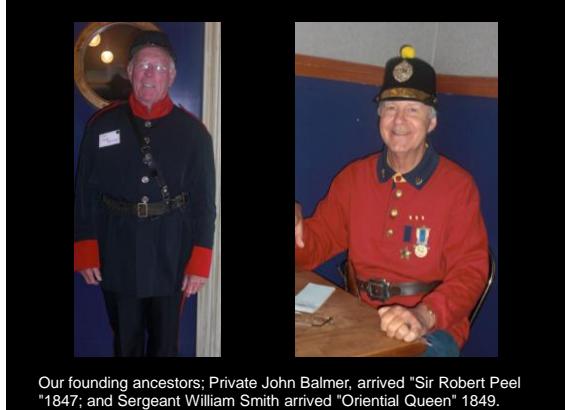
Bride and groom cutting the cake.



Bridal table; from left Ann & Bert Pond, Lydia & Austen Gillman; Claudia & Peter Eyley.



Ploughman's Lunch.



Our founding ancestors: Private John Balmer, arrived "Sir Robert Peel" 1847; and Sergeant William Smith arrived "Oriental Queen" 1849.