

### 8.3 SAMUEL HAMILTON 1857 to 1949

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Samuel was the third child and only son of John Hamilton and Sarah Jane Rainey. He was born at Castleblayney County Monaghan on 8 January 1857.

The source of this birth date is his son Leo's Hamilton Family Tree compiled about 1972. The reliability can be questioned but the date probably represents the date that his birthday was celebrated. There would also be an understanding of his age. Samuel's Death Certificate supports the 1857 birth year. It shows Samuel's age at death as 92 years in 1949 giving the birth year as 1857.

Samuel was very young when his father John left Ireland, probably as young as four or five. It is unlikely that Sam had any recollection of him. It is also likely that his mother would not have spoken in complimentary terms about her husband.

Dorothea's letters to Ireland reveal that John Rainey was a significant influence on the whole family. This is quite understandable. John had no other nieces or nephews. Sarah was without a husband and in the 1860's, while John Hamilton was building his wealth in New Zealand, she had four children to raise and educate.

Samuel's early years may have been spent at John Rainey's household although we prefer to believe that the family went to Sarah's sisters' place in Dundalk St Newtownhamilton. Her sisters both died in early 1869 so it is likely that at least Sarah, Lizzie and perhaps Sam, as a 12 year old, returned to Annalittin to her father Walter Rainey who was living alone by that time. Sarah Jane and Dorothea being older probably stayed in Newtownhamilton. The only certainty we have is that Lizzie died of Tuberculosis at Annalittin in 1871.

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Castleblayney</i>				Registrar's District <i>Castleblayney</i>						
18 DEATHS Registered in the District of <i>Castleblayney</i> in the Union of <i>Castleblayney</i> in the County of <i>Monaghan</i>										
No.	Date and Place of Death.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Condition.	Age last Birthday.	Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Certified Cause of Death, and Duration of Illness.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
<i>129</i>	<i>Eighth March 1871</i> <i>Annalittin</i>	<i>Elizabeth Hamilton</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>Farmers daughter</i>	<i>3 months</i> <i>Certified</i>	<i>The Mark of Mary Walsh</i> <i>Present at Death</i> <i>Annalittin</i>	<i>Fourteenth March 1871</i>	<i>Roll Martin</i> <i>Registrar</i>

#### Death Certificate Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hamilton

Sam had a good education in keeping with all others in his family. We have been told by that he was educated at the London Polytechnic but we have found no evidence of this. Dorothea's letters showed a continuing interest in Sam's progress through his studies. He appears to have studied with Alex Burns who was later to marry Sarah Jane. The letters also show Sarah Jane was a teacher and this would have added further pressure on Sam to become a teacher.

The following extracts show Dorothea's interest in Samuel:

- "Poor Sam is the one has the greatest cause to cry out against me. I was sorry to hear he had failed in his examination last year. I hope he was successful this time. Has Mr. Burns passed? How do you like teaching?"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Letter 6 July 1879 to Sarah Jane

- *"Have Sam and Mr Burns passed their examinations? I shall write to Mr. Burns next mail. How does Sam get on? Who is his girl? Does he go up to Croziers still?"*<sup>2</sup>
- *"If Sam would study and pass an examination or two at home, he would get a good school with very little trouble here."*<sup>3</sup>
- *"Sam seems to have studied lately. His last letter to me showed wonderful improvement. His carte does not do him justice though".*<sup>4</sup>
- *I hope Sam and Mr. Burns enjoyed their trip to London. It would have been nice for you to have gone. Did they make much of their science classes this year?*<sup>5</sup>
- *Sam and Mr Burns are still at their duties in Townsend I suppose.*<sup>6</sup>
- *I was glad to hear you were all well. So you have been to the great city of London – a place I never expect to see – you must have been a bad sailor. I never was seasick all the voyage to New Zealand. You never told me a single thing of the sights you saw or your trip. Did you bring the children with you or leave them behind? You might have sent one their photographs. How did Alex and Sam stand the sea?*<sup>7</sup>

These points indicate that Sarah Jane was teaching in 1879. Sam was also being urged to study and had difficulties with them. However, by 1882 he had qualified sufficiently to be teaching at the Townsend National School at Newtownhamilton with Alex Burns. They obviously were close associates.



**Townsend National School Newtownhamilton<sup>8</sup>**

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<sup>2</sup> Letter 7 Mid 1879

<sup>3</sup> Letter 9 to John Rainey undated.

<sup>4</sup> Letter 12 to Alex Burns 13 June 1881

<sup>5</sup> Letter 14 to John Rainey 1881/82

<sup>6</sup> Letter 15 to Sarah Hamilton July 1882

<sup>7</sup> Letter 16 to Sarah Jane October 1882

<sup>8</sup> Courtesy of Philip Watt



**Samuel as a young man**



**Samuel in his mid Twenties  
Taken at Liverpool we believe prior to his emigration.**

It appears that Samuel migrated in about 1883 at the age of 26. We have not located a relevant shipping record. There is a family story that he initially went to New Zealand and met his father. However, they did not get on and he was going to go to America but apparently missed the boat and decided instead to go the Victoria. Lil Hamilton's note mentioned that "*he visited his father once. He complimented him on being a tee totaller.*" We believe this trip was much later and in the early 1900's when John Hamilton was considering whether to include Sam in his Will.

Another family story is that Sam was on a ship to Liverpool from Ireland foundered causing him a delay and making him miss his planned voyage to America. He then decided to go to Australia instead. We have not located any records to support these stories.

Samuel married Teresa O'Hare who was born at Newtownhamilton on 6 February 1862. She was the daughter of Patrick O'Hare and Catherine Tierney.

Before their marriage Samuel was working as a Storeman, the occupation shown on his Marriage Certificate. We believe this was at Waterloo. We know that Samuel knew Teresa from their days in Ireland because they lived only two doors from one another in Dundalk Street. Teresa accompanied her sister Annie to Australia where Annie was to marry her fiancée who had migrated to Ballarat. It is said that Samuel met up with Teresa again in Ballarat.

Teresa and Annie came on the ship *Iberia*. The ship sailed from Plymouth on 28 April 1887 with a total of 239 passengers under Captain J.W. Shannon. It arrived in Melbourne on 8 June 1887 making the voyage in 41 days. Annie gave her age as 25 and Teresa as 22. (She was actually 24 and Annie was 29).

The majority of the 209 passengers were English. The *Iberia* was a ship of 4689 Gross Tons, length 433.4 feet and a beam of 45 feet. It had two funnels and three masts rigged for sail an iron hull, single screw propeller and a speed of 14 knots. The capacity shown on the shipping list was 250



passengers. On Teresa's voyage the ship was well below capacity. The Iberia commenced service in December 1873 on the run from Liverpool to South America. On 12 May 1880 it commenced the London to Melbourne/Sydney route for the joint Orient/Pacific Steam Navigation Co. The Iberia was scrapped at Genoa in 1903.



**Teresa O'Hare**

Samuel and Teresa were married about 18 months after her arrival in the Colony. The ceremony was at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Manresa, at Hawthorn on 27 December 1888. Teresa had been living at Kew.

103 Christopher Hamilton Bachelor 27 years old of the Parish of St. John's, Melbourne		Samuel Hamilton Bachelor 27 years old of the Parish of St. John's, Melbourne		Peter F. Pollock Minister of the Parish of St. John's, Melbourne	
I, <u>Samuel Hamilton</u> , being <u>27</u> years of age, do hereby certify that I have celebrated Marriage between <u>Christopher Hamilton</u> and <u>Teresa O'Hare</u> after Notice and Declaration duly made and published, as by law required (and with the written consent of <u>Samuel Hamilton</u> after Notice and Declaration duly made and published, as by law required) on the <u>27th</u> day of <u>December</u> 188 <u>8</u> .		Marriage, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, was solemnized between us <u>Samuel Hamilton</u> and <u>Teresa O'Hare</u> in the presence of <u>Samuel Hamilton</u> and <u>Teresa O'Hare</u> .		Witnessed by <u>Samuel Hamilton</u> and <u>Teresa O'Hare</u> .	

### Marriage Certificate Samuel & Teresa 27 December 1888

Searches of the Sands & Macdougall Melbourne Alphabetical Directory do not show the name of Samuel Hamilton in Melbourne either before or after their marriage. There is also no entry for Teresa O'Hare in 1888. The marriage certificate showed she lived at Kew. This leads us to the conclusion that after their marriage in December 1888 they went to Waterloo.

## Waterloo

A search of directories through the 1890's did not reveal Samuel Hamilton or Teresa at Waterloo. One reason for this is because the Country Directory entries only show business or professional names. We had been told by the family, Leo, Vera etc, that Samuel had a store at Waterloo. If so his name would have been recorded in the directory. However, we have found no entries and have concluded that Sam never owned a store at Waterloo.

We know the family lived at Waterloo because the birth of each of their seven children occurred there. While the original certificates are not available, the Victorian BDM Index contains the entries of all the children and shows Waterloo as their birth place.

Their children were:

### **John Rainey** (Jack).

Born 2 November 1889. The name on the Birth Index is John Rainey Morgan Hamilton and the parents' names are Samuel Charles and Teresa O'Hare. Christened 22 December 1889.

Married **Alice Myrtle Smith** (Born 1 January 1899, Seymour, Victoria. Died 18 May 1962, Brighton South Australia.) at St. Colman's Balaclava, Victoria on 11 February 1920.

Died 21 May 1948 at Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. Buried at Monumental and War Cemetery, Wagga Wagga.

### **Catherine Maria.**

Born 13 February 1891. Christened 8 March 1891. There is no record in the Birth Index.

Died 12 June 1891 of "Exhaustion" at Waterloo. The name shown in Death Index is Catherine Maria Morgan and parents as Samuel Charles and Teresa O'Hare. Buried at Waterloo Cemetery RC Section Plot 32.

Several generations of Hamiltons have been christened in a Christening Robe that was sent from the O'Hare family in Ireland for the christening of Catherine. We believe that the family was not happy that Teresa had married a protestant but this gift indicated that they had relented and accepted the marriage.

There is a family story that the cause of Catherine's death was that she was being wheeled in a pram down a hill when it got out of control and went into a well. From the Death Certificate it appears that she did not drown but died fighting for her life. In any event it was a tragic loss for the relatively newly married Sam & Teresa.

### **Anna Dorothea** (Dora).

Born on 10 March 1892. Christened 17 April 1892. The name in Birth Index is Anna Dorothy with the parents' names "Saml Chas Morga" and Theresa O'Hare. The name on Baptismal record is Hanora Dorothea. Dora never married. She died 23 November 1961 at East Brighton, Victoria. She is buried at Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria, in the family grave with her mother and father.

### **Samuel William** (Bill).

Born on 10 April 1894. The name in the Birth Index is "Saml Wm" Hamilton and the parents names "Saml Chas" and Teresa O'Hare. Christened on 20 May 1894.

Married **Mary Helena Cannon** (10 September 1899 at Yea Victoria to 25 April 1994) at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield, New South Wales in 1926.

Bill died 5 January 1963 at Dandenong, Victoria and he is buried at Heidelberg Cemetery.

### **Sarah Mary Teresa** (Tessie).

Born on 17 May 1896. The name in the Birth Index is shown as Sarah Mary T. Morgan Hamilton and the parents' names as "Saml Chas" and Teresa O'Hare. Christened on 28 June 1896. The name on Baptismal record is Maria Teresa.

Married **Joseph Eugene Grigsby** (Born 26 January 1894, Geelong, Victoria.  
Died 12 November 1950, Sydney, New South Wales.) at St Joseph's Elsternwick, Victoria, on 14 April 1926.  
Died 31 May 1969 at Larundel. Buried at Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria

**Kathleen Veronica** (Vera). Born 8 April 1899. The parents names in the Birth Index are "Sam Chas Morgan and Teresa Morgan O'H". Christened 28 May 1899. Her name on the Baptismal record is Catherine Veronica. Vera died 11 August 1984 at Bentleigh and is buried in a lawn grave at Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria. Vera never married.



**Joseph Leo** (Leo). Born on 17 January 1905. Christened on 9 February 1905. The parents' names are shown as "Saml Chas" and Teresa O'Hare. Married **Lilian Madge Keane** (12 Aug 1909, St Kilda, Victoria. Died 1 August 1994 Alfred Hospital, Prahran Victoria.)  
Leo died 8 May 1980 at Bentleigh. He is buried at Brighton Cemetery, Victoria.

A search of Baptismal records,<sup>9</sup> initially by the Parish Priest, yielded no Hamilton Baptisms for the years we knew the children were baptized. We visited Ararat and searched the records ourselves. These had been indexed by an experienced genealogist. The Hamiltons were not listed in the Index. We then searched for Jack's baptism and this was quickly found. The issue was that Samuel had given his name as **Charles Morgan**. Teresa was shown properly as Teresa O'Hare.

Reference back to the Index showed that all the children were indexed as "**Morgan.**" The names on the baptism records have been given above and while they differ marginally from the Birth records there is no doubt they are the Hamilton children. The birth records are all indexed under "Hamilton."

The records provided details of the godparents. These were particularly interesting as these people would have been the best friends of Samuel & Teresa. They godparents were:

**Jack:** Michael and Kate Flynn.  
**Catherine:** Martin O'Loughlin and Maggie O'Brien  
**Dora:** John Conway and Rose Kelly  
**Bill:** Thomas Rogers and Annie O'Hare  
**Tessie:** James Rogers and Mary Jane Cadden  
**Vera:** Katie Flynn

<sup>9</sup> Records held by Parish Priest Immaculate Conception, Ararat, Vic.



**Leo:** Joseph Flynn and Catherine Phelan

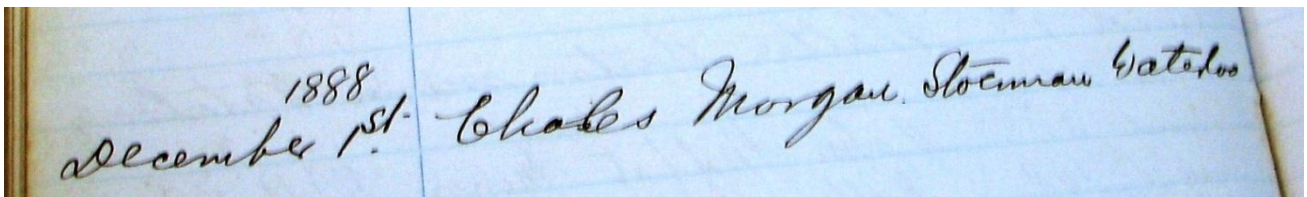
We believed that there had been a mistake made by the priests in recording their surname as “**Morgan**” and this was repeated by the Indexer. A search of school records<sup>10</sup> showed that five of the Hamilton children were enrolled at Waterloo School all under the name of **Morgan**. The records show:

Ref.	Name	Birth Date	Date Admitted	Last Year	Parent	Occupation	Distance from Home	Residence
694	John Morgan	2/11/89	05/1894	1905	Charles Morgan	Manager of Store/Grocer	½ Mile	Waterloo
409	Dora Morgan	10/3/92	02/1897	1905	Charles Morgan	Miner	¼ Mile	Waterloo
465	William Morgan	10/2/94	08/1898	1905	Charles Morgan	Miner	¼ Mile	Waterloo
537	Tessie Morgan	17/4/96	10/1900	1905	Charles Morgan	Miner	1 Mile	Waterloo
-	Kathleen Veronica Morgan	8/4/99	-	-	-	-	-	-

There are two different records and Vera is only shown in one but with no other details. The entry for Jack shows the parent’s occupation as “grocer” while the other record shows Manager of the store. We have included both.

While the dates of birth do not align precisely for each child, it is quite clear that the Morgans were the Hamilton children and Samuel and Teresa were living in Waterloo as Charles and Teresa Morgan.

The earliest reference we have to Charles Morgan is in a visitor’s book Michael Flynn kept at his store. This was dated 1 December 1888 a few weeks before Sam and Teresa married. The occupation of Storeman is consistent with that shown on Samuel’s Marriage certificate.



#### Entry in Michael Flynn’s Visitors Book

Further searches were made of Electoral Rolls. These revealed that Charles Morgan, Miner, was enrolled on the 1899 Federal Roll for a Referendum. He was not recorded on later rolls in 1903 and 1905. However, both of these Rolls contained the name of Teresa Morgan but not Charles Morgan.

We were also able to determine<sup>11</sup> that Charles Morgan paid rates for three years from 1896 to 1898<sup>12</sup>. At this time the rates were for a property owned by Robert Robinson. The location is shown on the following map being developed for a book on Waterloo.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Records held by Beaufort Historical Society.

<sup>11</sup> Lois Keating, History of Waterloo and Chute Committee

<sup>12</sup> (1896 Rate Book No: 364 Page 57; 1897 No:353 Page 103; 1898 No: 337 Page 21)

<sup>13</sup> Rod McErvale History of Waterloo and Chute Committee

### Bob (Daggy) Robinson's Property second down from Cricket Ground







**Michael Flynn's Store Waterloo**



**Waterloo School early 1900's??**



**1904 Waterloo Football Team**

The use of the name Morgan has intrigued us because it did not appear on Leo's family tree.

We had earlier obtained the name Morgan from Birth record searches on the Federation Index so we knew of its existence although it was not on Samuel's Death Certificate.

We have speculated on the origins of this name and one thought is that it could have been John Hamilton's mother's maiden name or Sarah Rainey Hamilton's maiden name. The latter appears more likely as Sam had a much closer relationship with his mother and never really knew his father. However, the name might not have had any connection with Ireland.

It is clear that Sam's occupation was a Miner rather than a Storekeeper. Alluvial gold had been discovered at Waterloo in 1854/5 and this started a major gold rush. People flocked to the area and in 1855 there was a large tent town stretching from Waterloo Swamp along Waterloo Flat. As the shallow ground was worked out mining companies were formed to work the deep ground and large quantities of gold were obtained.<sup>14</sup>

By the late 1880's some of the deep mines began to peter out and many cooperatives were formed to work shallow leads. These usually contained small numbers of shareholders pooling their funds and their labour. Perhaps Samuel had joined one of these ventures? However, he had little if any money and might have borrowed money to purchase his shareholding. If this were the case the venture would have had to have been successful for him to repay the money.

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<sup>14</sup> A Valley of the Finest Description, A History of the Shire of Lexton by Margaret Oulton

## Happy Memories of Old Waterloo

*It was early one morning,  
The skies were clear and blue,  
When I had a sudden longing  
To visit dear old Waterloo.*

*Where the hills all wild in grandeur,  
Where the gums and wattles grow,  
The valleys green in splendor,  
Through the winding Emu flows.*

*Years ago a busy mining town,  
For I heard their whistles blow  
And watched the cages going down  
Taking the diggers below.*

*Many hundred feet beneath the drift,  
There 'midst wealth untold,  
They toiled for eight shillings a shift  
Digging for precious gold.*

*The Victoria was a rich gold mine,  
The Waterloo and Hobart, too,  
There were many others along the line  
Of the deep leads at Waterloo.*

*For years they paid big dividends  
And seldom made a call,  
But they closed them down,  
put off the men  
When the yields began to fall.*

*Their poppet legs have fallen down,  
The machinery taken away,  
Now o'er the flats for miles around  
Are great heaps of stone and clay.*

*I well remember Michael Flynn,  
Who kept the general store,  
They all spoke well of him  
He never turned a digger empty-  
handed from his door.*

*There were the Huttons who kept the pub,  
Vowles, Hinchcliffs and Blackmore,  
They always had good beer and grub  
And I often owed a score.*

*At the old pubs at Waterloo  
I've heard the woodcutters' axes  
ringing,  
Along the wild bush roads  
I've seen their horse teams hauling  
To the mines their heavy loads.*

*Gone are these good old pioneers,  
Last of that honest band;  
They have gone to join their comrades  
In that fair promised land.*

*Now at the old sports ground today  
Many of their descendants are here,  
All happy, young and gay,  
The competitors they cheer.*

*Fine, gentle, homely folks,  
Honest, kind and true,  
I won't forget the happy days spent  
with them  
Many years ago in Waterloo.*

R. H. PITCHER

## Happy Memories of Old Waterloo<sup>15</sup>

Dorothea, Samuel's sister, visited the family from New Zealand and was appalled by the poverty they were living in. She went into Ballarat and bought them all kinds of necessities such as cutlery, crockery, sheets blankets etc. This was attributed to Dora<sup>16</sup> who was old enough to recall her visit making her about 4 or 5 and the year about 1900 or 1901. The shipping records for this trip are still being researched.

It was also said that Dorothea returned to New Zealand and asked her father to help the family out. At this stage John Hamilton was very wealthy with no dependents. We have no evidence of whether any assistance was provided but we believe that he did help them.

### Gisborne

The family moved from Waterloo to Gisborne to the store on the corner of Aitken and Hamilton Streets in 1905. Samuel's first entry is in the 1906 edition of the Sands & Macdougall Directory for the Cr. of Hamilton St and Mount Alexander Rd. This road was later renamed Aitken St. The previous year, 1905, the occupant was shown as W. Byrne. Dorothea had died in 1904 and it is likely that Samuel was a beneficiary of her estate although we have not located any Will.

There are two entries in the 1906 directory one under the alphabetical list<sup>17</sup> and the other shown in the Trades Listing under Wine & Spirit Merchants. So like his father John who ran hotels Samuel, also a teetotaler, was in the business of selling liquor! There are entries in the directory for 1907, 1908 and 1909 although they vary subtly. In 1907, the Trades entry is under Wine Shops<sup>18</sup> rather

<sup>15</sup> A Valley of the Finest Description, A History of the Shire of Lexton by Margaret Oulton

<sup>16</sup> Gertie Hathaway (nee Watt).

<sup>17</sup> 1906 Sands & Macdougall Directory Pages 753 & 1996

<sup>18</sup> 107 Sands & Macdougall Directory Page 2098



than Wine & Spirit Merchants. The initials after Samuel's name are also put as SCM i.e. Samuel Charles Morgan. These would have been provided by Samuel himself to Sands & Macdougall.

Samuel C.M. Hamilton, Grocer, was on the Rates Assessment list for Gisborne Shire Rates for the years 1906, 1907 and 1908<sup>19</sup>. His status was Occupying Tenant of Shop and allotment 11 Section 22, Gisborne. For 1906 the owner was shown as Estate of H. Hussey and for 1907 and 1908 it was Joseph Hannigan. This indicates that Samuel did not own the Gisborne Store. The title shows the land was owned by Haigh & Hussey from 1838 and there is no indication of any purchase in the name of Hamilton.

An ASSESSMENT to the GISBORNE SHIRE RATE for the period ending						
made this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord 19__						
SOUTHERN PROVINCE.			GISBORNE DIVISION.			
Surname of Person Rated.	Christian Names of Person Rated.	Trade or Occupation.	Address.	Name of Owner of Rateable Property.	Owner, Lessee, Assignee, or Occupying Tenant.	DESCRIPTION AND SITUATION OF RATEABLE PROPERTY.
<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Samuel C.M.</i>	<i>Grocer</i>	<i>Gisborne</i>	<i>Joseph Hannigan</i>	<i>l.t.</i>	<i>Shop &amp; allot. 11 Sec. 22 Gisborne</i>
<i>nn</i>	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Publican</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Bridget Barry</i>	<i>l.t.</i>	<i>"Victorian" Hotel &amp; allots.</i>

### 1908 Rate Record Gisborne Shire

A Mr. S. Hamilton was a member of the Gisborne Mechanics Institute from 1903-1909 and Mr Jack Hamilton was a member in 1908. These were probably Sam and Jack who would have been 19.

The Gisborne store is now a Real Estate Agency leased by John Dunlop. It is a beautiful building which has been tastefully renovated outside and inside on the Ground floor to remove the render and take the surface back to the original brick. The upstairs has not been touched. The bluestone stone step to the front door has shown serious wearing with age.



**Gisborne Store Cnr Aitken & Hamilton Streets**

<sup>19</sup> Gisborne Historical Society

Our visit to the store took Elizabeth back to childhood stories of her father taking the family on Sunday drives and pointing out where he lived as a young boy. He used to point to a window and say he got into serious trouble for setting fire to the curtains in his upstairs bedroom. In the 1950's you could still see the (faded) sign "*Hamilton's Corner Store*" painted on the side of the building. The building is on the corner on the left hand side of the roundabout as you turn right coming from Melbourne.



**The well worn front step of the Gisborne Store**

There are no entries in the 1910 directory for Samuel at either Gisborne or Melbourne. This is also the case for 1911. It is clear that the family left Gisborne about 1909 or 1910.

After leaving Gisborne, the family lived at Edmanson St, Elsternwick<sup>20</sup>. The house is an old Victorian Cottage called "*Illillwoa*" There is a reference to the address written by Dora Hamilton in the old photograph album Elizabeth rescued from Bailey Avenue. This has given us a reliable date for the album because the family was only mentioned at the address for one edition of the Directory. We believe the house to be the second in from Cochrane St and is now numbered as six.

The next year the Hamiltons were located in Allison Parade, Elsternwick<sup>21</sup>, on the South Side. It would appear they were on the Corner of Meaney Street although this is by no means certain.

On 14 August 1914, Samuel purchased 17 Bailey Avenue from Thomas MacKinnon and Frederick Sargood who had subdivided a larger property<sup>22</sup>. The property was mortgaged to John Woodford Hyland with the mortgage being discharged on 4 July 1919. The land was 50 by 124 feet.

By this time John Hamilton's Estate was being finalized and Sam would have been receiving his half share of the funds. In 1912 the total value, before the Trustees costs and fees, was 1090 Pounds from the sale of land at Cobden and 390 Pounds rent from the hotel. In each year after that he would have received half on the annual rent of the hotel of 390 Pounds i.e. 195 Pounds.

The 1912 amount would have given Samuel money for the 1914 purchase and a deposit on the loan to build the house. In 1897, John Hamilton had leased the Imperial Hotel to Staples Brewery of

<sup>20</sup> 1912 Sands and Macdougall Directory

<sup>21</sup> 1913 Sands and Macdougall Directory

<sup>22</sup> C/T: Vol. 384 Fol. 769600, Lot 3 of Plan of Subdivision No, 6435, being Crown Portion 239, East St Kilda, Parish of Prahran, County of Bourke

which his nephew Hamilton Gilmer was the major shareholder. The term was for 21 years and the annual rental was fixed for the period.

A new five year lease was finalized in February 1919 with the renewal dating from 1 November 1918. This increased the annual rent more than four times to 1716 Pounds of which Samuel's share was 858 Pounds, less the Trustee's costs and fees. Also in 1919 more land at Cobden was sold and Samuel's half share was 310 Pounds (gross). Sam's total net amount is likely to have been in excess of 1000 Pounds and it certainly allowed him to pay off the mortgage in that year.

Samuel never worked after he left the Gisborne Store and was receiving the funds from his father's estate. His niece Gertie Hathaway (nee watt) has made the following comments:

*"Samuel Hamilton was a lovely gentleman. He was a perfectionist, his lawns were manicured with beds of standard roses each side of the path and across the front with poppies below. This was a great contrast from what he called a women's garden which had things poked in everywhere.*

*He had been in love with Lizzie Jenkins but had quarreled with her and was too proud to make amends. He left Ireland and came to Victoria. He knew the O'Hares in Ireland and when Teresa came out from Ireland they met and married.*

Samuel visited Ireland with Dora in 1925. He visited his niece Margaret Burns who had married Joseph Watt. They were living in Belfast. At the time his sister Sarah Jane had been dead ten years and he asked Margaret whether she was getting the share of John Hamilton's estate she was entitled to. She said she had received nothing. Sam then said they could take the family to court but Joseph objected to this as the family would say that he had only married Margaret for her money. Margaret also said she did not want the money as it came from the proceeds of alcohol. Sam said if they did not take them to court he would.<sup>23</sup>

Sam then visited the family in Newtownhamilton and very soon after that Margaret started to receive her entitlement. It was also found that Margaret's sister Edith also only received her share after Sam had visited.<sup>24</sup> Sam and Dora returned home on 19 January 1926 on the ship "Largs Bay."

D. & W. 2,500.

Name of Ship

LARGE BAY

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Date of Departure

18th December,

19 25

Steamship Line, Australian Commonwealth Line.

Where Bound

AUSTRALIA

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF LONDON

(1) Contract Ticket No.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) LAST ADDRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM	(4) CLASS	(5) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land	(6) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers	(7) AGES OF PASSENGERS						(8) Country of last Permanent Residence †	(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence †	
						Adults of 12 years and upwards								
						Accompanied by husband or wife	Not accompanied by husband or wife	Children between 1 and 12	Infants	Boys	Girls			
				(Whether 1st or 2nd)		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	England Wales	Scotland Northern Ireland Irish Free British Possessions Foreign Continents	
13797	LOWLER Thomas	67 Lucien Road, Tottenham, S.E.	3rd	Sydney	Scholar		14					1		AUSTRALIA
13798	RACKHAM John	Dalwick Lodge, Buxton, Derbyshire.	"	"	"		15					1		"
13799	" Ernest	-do-	"	"	Clerk		17					1		"
13800	IRKLAND Edwin	51 Tellingwood Road, Severton Hill on Tees, "	"	"	Market Lad		17					1		"
13801	HAMILTON Samuel Anne	10, Newtownhamilton, Ireland.	"	Malbourn	Retired Home duties		69	33				1		"
13802	JOHNSON Horace R.	20 Newham Street, Chatham, Kent.	"	Auckland	Decorator	30						1		N.Z.
"	" Lillian V.	"	"	"	Wife		26					1		"

Passenger List **Largs Bay**

<sup>23</sup> Gertie Hathaway (nee Watt)

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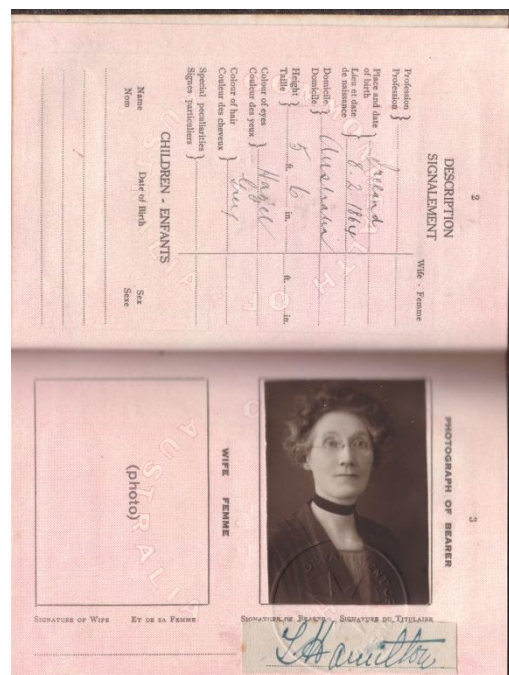
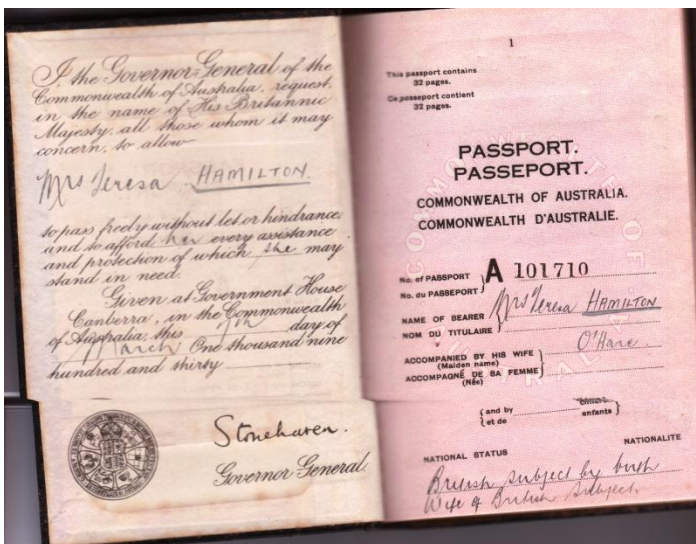
Sam saw how the family was treating the Watt's and he advised them to go to Australia as there were better prospects for the family than in Ireland. Not long after that the Watts migrated spending the first couple of weeks at Bailey Avenue with Sam and his family.

Dora was her father's favourite and could have had anything she wanted. Gertie commented:

*"On one of Dora's visits to mum she wore a lovely diamond ring. She told mum that her father told her to meet her at a certain jewelers shop in the city for he wanted to buy her a diamond ring. The shop assistant showed them many rings; Dora could not make up her mind so the assistant told Dora to go outside and look at the rings in the window. The assistant asked Uncle Sam what price he was willing to pay; he said she could have any ring in the shop she chooses. Dora came in and the shop assistant kept showing Dora much dearer rings but when Dora saw the prices thought dad would not like to pay that amount. When she chose the ring, Uncle Sam paid for it and left Dora to wait for her ring. The shop assistant when he was gone said to Dora what a lovely gentleman he was, Dora knowing that the girl thought he was her sugar daddy said he is my father. She told Dora she could have had any ring in the shop. Dora said why did you not tell me!"*

*I went to Ripponlea for a holiday and Vera wished to join a Golf Club (The Victoria Golf Club) but she wanted her father to give her the money to join. She said to me if it were Dora, immediately she asked him for the money a cheque would be written but she had to wait to get him in the right mood."*

Teresa and Vera went to Ireland in 1930 where they stayed with Lizzie Devine who we believe was cousin of Teresa's.



**Teresa's Passport 1930**

Teresa died on 24 July 1936. The cause of death was Chronic Nephritis an inflammation of the nephrons in the kidneys and kidney failure. It is of interest that her Death Certificate shows her son Jack's name as John Rainey Morgan the only time since they had left Waterloo that we have seen the name of Morgan used. Teresa was buried in the New Cheltenham Cemetery.



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Name of Ship S.S. "BALRANALD"

Date of Departure 10th OCTOBER 1930.

Steamship Line—P. & O. BRANCH SERVICE.

Where Bound—AUSTRALIA.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF LONDON.

(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(3) Last Address in the United Kingdom.	(4) CLASS (whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd).	(5) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	(6) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.	(7) AGES OF PASSENGERS						(8) Country of Last Permanent Residence.*						(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.*	
						Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Children between 1 and 12.		Infants.		Country of Last Permanent Residence.*							
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287	Parker Alfred Charles	38 St. Georges Road, Pimlico.	3rd	MELBOURNE	Retired	67													AUSTRALIA
	do Mrs. Anabel			do	Wife	67													do
	do Miss Vera			do	Home Duties			30											do
323	Dwyer Daniel James	33 Conesboro Ave. Caversham, Reading.		do	Clerk	42													do
	do Mrs. Isabel			do	Housewife	45													do
346	Charlton Mrs. Catherine	c/o Mrs. Judge, High Banks Weaponness Park, Scarborough.		do	Housekeeper			76											do
347	Hetherington Miss Hilary Frances	do		do	Student			19											do
372	McDonald Lechlan	c/o Central Registry, Australia Hse, Strand.		do	Retired	67													do
	do Miss Minnie Alice			do	Home Duties			38											do
410	McAskill Mrs. Elizabeth	c/o Jn. Wilson Esq. Camierson Street, Boswell, Newton Rise, Scotland.		do	Housewife			41											do
459	Hamilton Mrs. Teresa	c/o Miss Devine, Dundalk St. Newton Hamilton.		do	Housewife			65	N									1-7	do
	do Miss Vera			do	Home Duties			31	N									1-7	do
481	Dyson Dyson Mrs. Vera M.	12 Warbeck Hill Rd. Blackpool.		do	Housewife			42											do

### Passenger List SS *Balranald*

Sam continued to live at Bailey Avenue with his spinster daughters Dora and Vera. Vera worked but Dora stayed at home and looked after her father.



1938 Sam with Tessie, Granddaughter Betty and Dora at Sydney Easter Show

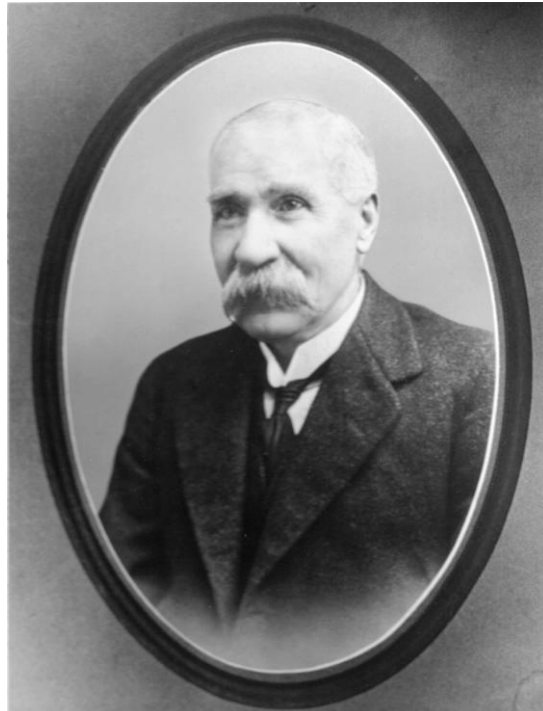




**1946 Christmas**

**From Left:**

**Elaine, Vera, Elizabeth, Tessie, Leo, Betty, Stephen, Lil, Paul (front), Joe Grigsby( back), John, Sam, Bill**



**Samuel in later years**



Samuel died on 6 March 1949 and the Bailey Avenue title notes Probate was sealed on 19 September. 1950 in the Supreme Court of Victoria on the application of the Union Trustee Company of Australia. The cause of death on his Death Certificate was shown as Pulmonary Congestion 2 Days and Arteriosclerosis which he had for many years. Sam was buried at Cheltenham Cemetery.



**The Hamilton Grave Cheltenham Cemetery**

### **Samuel's Will**

Samuel's Will was dated 18 November 1941. A Codicil was added to the Will dated 16 April 1948. He appointed the Public Trustee of New Zealand as his Executor. This trustee was the administrator John Hamilton's estate and was familiar with the details of the assets that had yet to be realized. However, the appointment raised a degree of unnecessary complexity given the location in a different country and the Public trustee appointed the Union Trustee Company of Australia as its agent which verylikely had the effect of increasing the overall costs of its administration.

Samuel's assets consisted of:

- his house “Blaney” at 17 Bailey Avenue, East St Kilda and its contents,
- his share of the unrealized assets of John Hamilton’s estate and the income flowing from them and
- his motor vehicle and any cash and other investments.

In respect of the house at Bailey Avenue, Sam allowed his two spinster daughters Dora and Vera to live in the house, rent free, as long as they wished. They were to have the use of, but could not sell all “*plate, linen, china, glass, books, prints, pictures, furniture and other articles.*” The house was to be sold if each of Dora and Vera died, or married or if they notified the Trustee that they no longer wished to live in the house.

In Samuel’s initial Will both Dora and Vera were to receive 3 Pounds per week. For Dora this amount was increased to 6 Pounds per week in the Codicil of April 1948. Dora had been looking after Sam and Vera was working and this change probably represented Sam’s view of treating Dora more fairly.

Trusts were established to hold his share of the assets of John Hamilton’s estate and the income flowing from them. These were to pay all outgoings for the Bailey Avenue house. Payments were also to be made to Tessie, Jack, Bill and Leo of 3 Pounds per week. As Jack had predeceased Samuel, his share was to pass in equal shares to his children (Dorothea) Joan (Hamilton) Dunn and Jacqueline Gloria (Jill) Hamilton who was to later marry Geoffrey Walsh.

The balance of the income of the trusts was to be distributed in each year to each of his children in equal shares with Jack’s share being shared equally by his two children.

The residuary trust funds were divided into six equal shares. The Will stipulated that Dora and Vera’s shares were to go to Jack and Leo if they predeceased Samuel or died before the house was sold. If either Jack or Leo predeceased Samuel then their share would pass to the other. Although Jack had predeceased Samuel neither Dora or Vera died before the house was sold.

Ownership of Bailey Avenue passed to Tessie and her daughter Betty and this was registered on the title on 31 August 1956. They had already been living in the house with Dora and Vera. The house was sold at Public Auction. It was later sold by Tessie to Giuseppe Rando, a local Fruiterer, on 18 July 1958.

Samuel Hamilton had lived a long life and had a large family. He was generous with the money that had come to him from John Hamilton’s estate. In the case of Leo and Lil, we know that when they were married in 1939 he saw to it that their new house was fully carpeted and furnished with two bedroom suites as well as Lounge and Dining Room suites and a refrigerator and washing machine. They were the envy of their East Brighton neighbours. We have no reason to believe he was any less generous with his other children.