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Charles George Ziele and Grace Poole Fincher

Charles George Ziele and his wife Grace Poole were the parents of Charles William Ziele who in 1903 married Dorothea Gilmer, the eldest child of Hamilton Gilmer and Elizabeth Hamilton.

Charles George Ziele was the fourth son of **Henry Frederick William Ziele** of Hanover, Germany. An Obituary published¹ after his death indicated that he was born in Germany in 1839 and migrated to Australia in 1856 at the age of sixteen sailing on the ship "*Europa*" and landing in Victoria in November. The Obituary states that Charles worked with his uncle, **Conrad George William Ziele** (born 1834 in Germany), in a store at Creswick near Ballarat for three years. In fact Conrad was his older brother. Charles then took over a branch of the business at Redbank which is near Avoca.²

The Obituary indicates that Charles George was attracted by the discovery of gold at Otago and went to New Zealand on the steamer "*Ladybird*" arriving at Port Chalmers on 1 January 1861. We have not been able to confirm this arrival nor indeed identify that the *Ladybird* arrived on this date or left Melbourne to get there on that date. However, a newspaper report in The Argus of 24 June 1861 cites Charles' evidence in a court case that clearly shows that on 3 June 1861, Charles was the manager of a store at Redbank for Lange & Thonemann. Further we can confirm that the "*Ladybird*" arrived at Port Chalmers on 1 January 1862 and we believe this is when Charles actually arrived in New Zealand.

Charles started a store at Wetherstones but moved the store to Dunstan (Clyde) after gold was found there by Harvey and Rielly which had started a rush. He was reported as having unclaimed letters at Wetherstones on 5 September 1863³ so it seems he had moved on to Clyde by then. Charles Ziele was a successful storekeeper and the newspaper reported on several events he was involved with. Charles was reported as bringing an injured man to hospital on 15 June 1864⁴ and on 22 October 1864 was appointed to the Town Improvement Committee. He was re-elected to this committee in 1865.

Committee were at once proposed and duly seconded, viz.:—Messrs T. G. Betts, James Cambridge, James Hinds, S. Samuel, S. Jacobs, J. Downing, C. Ziele, S. Isaacs, H. Staite, J. Grieve, H. J. Cope, A. Fetch, J. W'Conachie, I. D. Ferand, Altson, Cannon, J. Welsh, Goodwin, D. Low, Winstanley, Benjamin Naylor, Wm. Grindley, C. B. Edwards. A vote of thanks was unanimously given in favor of the chair, and the business terminated with the

Otago Witness 22 October 1864

¹ Otago Daily Times 3 March 1902

² Otago Daily Times 3 March 1902

³ Otago Daily Times 5 September 1863

⁴ Otago Daily Times 15 June 1864

A further event occurred in 1864 although this was reported much later.

to the present bridge. An incident occurred in 1864 worth recalling: One day while standing on the Cromwell side of Hill's bridge in conversation with the late Captain W. J. Barry we noticed Mr Charles Ziele, who was then store-keeping on the Dunstan (Clyde), drive his express up to the bridge approaches, and in backing towards the bridge the two horses became unmanageable, with the result that the express, driver, and horses turned a complete somersault over a perpendicular rocky precipice into the river, 200ft below. By providential interposition Mr Ziele landed on a ledge of rock only a dozen feet or so below the road, and in a miraculous manner escaped almost unhurt, but the express and horses touched absolutely nothing till they landed in the seething river below. Strange to say that when the horses rose to the surface the express had disappeared, nor did a vestige of harness remain on the horses, which were rescued by Mr J. M'Cormack, who had a small ferry-boat for crossing the Kawarau. A similar accident befell Dr

Otago Witness 24 Feb 1909

The "Dunstan Times," of the 11th inst., states that "A man was last night taken to the Hospital, suffering from a fall over a precipice thirty feet high, at Pipeclay Gully. The injury is not much more, it is hoped, than a severe bruising. He was brought to the Dunstan by Mr Ziele."

Otago Daily Times 15 June 1864

In 1866 Charles put his name forward to run for the office of Mayor but he did not receive support and others were preferred⁵. As well he stood for the local council elections and was

⁵ Otago Daily Times 28 May 1866

HANOVER STORE,
 Clyde, Sept 5 1886
 Mr. *William Chapman*
 Dr. to **C. ZIELE AND CO.,**
 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
 WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.
 1887
 Aug 5 1 *San Antonio* 1
 6 4 *Mate Sugar* 2 0 18 *1887* 6 1
 1/2 *do* *Cumblers* 6
 2 *Half Chateaux* 10 10
 7 1 *Platform* 10
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Invoices for Hanover Store Clyde 1865 & 1867 Transactions⁸

The marriage of Charles and Grace was reported in the newspaper but Charles' name was given as Charles Henry. This is a little perplexing because later references, and in particular his death notice, give his name as Charles George. It is possible that he had both the names of Henry and George.

On the 9th January, at the Church of England, Clyde, by the Rev. Dr. Copeland, Charles Henry, fourth son of Henry Frederick William Ziele, Esq., Germany, to Grace Poole, youngest daughter of the late William Fincher, Esq., Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Otago Daily Times 14 January 1868

⁸ Archives New Zealand Dunedin.

Details of the **Fincher family** are:

William born 1801, Aberdeen, Scotland. Died 9 May 1855. Buried at Melbourne General Cemetery.

Barbara Garen (nee Garden) born 1802 Kemnay, Scotland. Married William on 8 April 1826 at Nigg Kincardine Aberdeen Scotland. Died 5 July 1881 at Smith Street Dunedin. Buried at Southern Cemetery, Dunedin, NZ

On the 5th July, Barbara, relict of the late Mr William Fincher, Aberdeen, mother of Mrs Charles Ziele, Smith street, and Mrs A. Clulee, Mornington ; aged 78.

Otago Witness 9 July 1881

Children of William and Barbara Fincher:

1. **Christina.** Born February 1827 at Newhills, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married **Thomas Smith** in 1855. They had five Smith children (four born at Sandhurst, Vic.): **Elizabeth** 1855; **Catherine** 1856; **Ellen** 1857, **Christina** 1861 and **Thomas James** 1868 born at Kangaroo Flat, Vic.
2. **Helen Hill.** Born January 1828 at Newhills, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married **John Rae** in 1852 at the Presbyterian Church Melbourne. They had five Rae children: **William Gladstone** born 1854 Victoria, died 1925 at Brunswick, Vic. **Barbara** born 1855 at Sandhurst, **Alexander** born Windmill Hill, Vic. **Helen** born 1860 at Amer Vic. died 1952 Hawthorn Vic. and **James** born 1863 at Sandhurst. Helen Hill died in 1864 at Sandhurst.
3. **William.** Born 27 April 1831 at Newhills, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married **Jane Boyd** on 30 October 1856 at Brunswick. Jane was born 24 August 1834 at Hobart, Tasmania. They had five Fincher children **William Geardon** born 30 July 1859 at Happy Valley Vic. died 31 December 1939 at Wonthaggi, Vic. **Jane Helen** born 1861 at Bendigo Vic. **Janet Barbara** born 1863 at Sandhurst. **Walter Robert** born 1866 died 1951 at Fairfield Vic. **Grace Poole** born 1868. William died on 16 October 1893 at Coburg, Vic.
4. **James Alan.** Born January 1834 at Newhills, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married Catherine Kennedy born c1836.in 1859.They had four Fincher children three of whom died young. : **William John** born 1860 at Happy Valley Vic. **Mary Helen** born 1862 at Sandhurst and died there in 1863. **Helen Hill Barbara** born 1863 at Sandhurst and died in 1866 **James Robert** born 1865 at Sandhurst and died there in 1866.
5. **Barbara .** Born c1836 at Newhills, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married in 1854 in Victoria to **Henry William Jones** born 1841 Gloucestershire England and died 1871 in Victoria.

They had one Jones child **William Alexander** born Pentridge Vic. Barbara died in 1920 at Geelong.

6. **John Cumming.** Born 28 August 1838 at Old Machar, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Married **Matilda Ellen Boulton** (born Bristol, England c1834. Died 1894 Granville NSW) in 1866 at Sandhurst, Vic. They had four Fincher children. **Louisa Frances** born 1866 at Sandhurst died 1901 Drummoyne NSW. **Robert** born 28 April 1868 at Castlereagh St Sydney NSW died 22 May 1950 at Rockdale NSW. **Maud Ellen** Born 1871 at Kangaroo Flat Vic. **John Cumming** born 6 Aug 1874 Dunedin NZ died 1933 Newtown NSW.

7. **Robert Forbes.** Born 1841 at Old Machar, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married **Louisa Jane Garland** (Born c1846 in NZ) on 26 October 1871 Maori Hill, Dunedin NZ, daughter of Captain W. R. Garland of Thames. Auckland⁹. They had two Fincher children **Louisa Garland** born 14 September 1872 St David St Dunedin New Zealand died 1949 Hawthorn Vic. **Eraline Ethel** born 13 February Mackay St Dunedin.

8. **Jane Cumming** (also known as Jeannie) Born 14 June 1843 at Old Machar, Aberdeen, Scotland. Married **John Hay** (born c1840 in New Zealand. Died 1871 Wellington NZ.) 23 September 1868 at St Paul's Church Dunedin They had one Hay child **Barbara Garen** born 1869 died 1951 Victoria. Jane was married a second time on 17 March 1875 at St Paul's Church Dunedin. She married **Alfred Clulee** and they had one Clulee child named **Grace** born 12 May 1876 at Mornington, Dunedin. Jane died in 1925.

9. **Grace Poole.** Born 1847 at Old Machar, Aberdeen, Scotland Married **Charles George Ziele** on 9 January 1868 at Clyde. Otago, New Zealand. Grace died at Bowral, New South Wales on 5 June 1932.

Grace also participated in activities at Clyde and she was reported as being a member of the Clyde Choral Society.

⁹ New Zealand Herald 7 November 1871.

The Clyde Choral Society gave their first Concert at the Town Hall, on Monday evening last, the proceeds being devoted to the Dunstan District Hospital. The success achieved was most unequalled, and the leader, Mr James Spenceley, may be congratulated upon his success, when we consider the rough and incongruous material he had to work upon. Scarcely a tithe of his pupils—till he took them in hand—understood a note of music. The choir numbered about forty, and their performances showed that they had been both well and carefully drilled. The choruses were admirably executed; many of them

being really difficult pieces of music. The gem of the evening was "Norah Mullane" by Mrs Harper; and next in excellence, was "The Power of Love," by Miss Annie Brooks. Both of these ladies possess voices not commonly heard in private circles. A duet by the latter lady and Mrs Ziele, "I know a bank," was exceedingly well sung, and deservedly applauded. Two comic songs were sung by a gentleman, which considerably pleased the audience, but they had been better omitted. An infant phenomenon, named Miss Mary Jane Hastie, aged some ten summers, sang "In the Hazel Dell" with considerable self-composure, and was well applauded for her effort.

Otago Daily Times 2 September 1868

While in Clyde in 1868 Charles and Grace had their first child who was named **Grace Doretta Barbara**.

In 1869 the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Alfred, second son of Queen Victoria, visited Otago. On 30 April 1869. A Citizens Ball was held in Dunedin and George & Grace were among the many who attended. The newspaper reported all the attendees names. There were about 350 to 400 people present.¹⁰ The family moved from Clyde to Canongate Street, Dunedin, in 1869 and their attendance at the Ball appears to be the first reference to their life in Dunedin. There was a later newspaper reference on 17 September¹¹ before a call for tenders in November confirmed they were in Dunedin.

TENDERS WANTED for removal of
Buildings now in the occupation of Messrs C.
Ziele and Co., Rattray street; to be lodged with the
undersigned on or before the 31st instant, at 4 p.m.

B. A. LAWSON,

30d

Architect.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY REMOVAL DURING
RE-BUILDING ON THE SITE OF OLD
PREMISES.

C. ZIELE and CO'S Business will be
carried on at the Store lately occupied by
Messrs Service, Gibson, and Co, in Kilgour Court, at
the rear of Feldheim Brothers' Store and the Otago
Hotel, Rattray street.

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Otago Daily Times 9 November 1869

Otago Daily Times 14 January 1870

Charles had bought the wholesale business of Pole Dodds and Cameron in Rattray Street¹² and proceeded to rebuild the premises. He advertised that he had moved in on 21 March 1870.

¹⁰ Otago Witness 1 May 1869

¹¹ Otago Daily Times 17 September 1869

¹² Otago Daily Times 3 March 1902

with previously. The store in Rattray street formerly occupied for many years by Mr R. S. Dods, and latterly by Messrs C. Ziele and Co., and the adjoining shop of Mr C. Moore, have been cleared away, and the site will be occupied by a handsome brick and stone structure, which will have a frontage of 36 feet to Rattray street, by a depth of 55 feet. 20 feet of the frontage will be occupied by the wholesale stores of Messrs C. Ziele and Co, and will be arranged to suit the business requirements of the firm. The central entrance will be flanked by recessed plate-glass windows on each side, each of these openings being covered with segmental arches, that over the doorway finished with rusticated and panelled keystone. Over these openings and divid-

ing the upper from lower floor of building, and extending across the whole width in unbroken lines, are the architrave, frieze, and boldly-moulded cornice. In the upper floor, and corresponding to the lower openings, are three windows finished with moulded architraves and corbelled out moulded cills, the whole front being finished with frieze, boldly blocked, and moulded cornice and blocking course.

The base course will be of Port Chalmers stone, superstructure of brick, cement finished in front. The architect of the building is Mr R. A. Lawson, and contractor, Mr Dalziel, and the building is to be completed fit for occupation on or before the 31st March.

Otago Daily Times 24 January 1870

In the midst of this business activity Grace and Charles were expecting the birth of a child. Their second child was a boy born on 22 February 1870. He was named **Charles William**.

In June 1870 Charles Sr. became a naturalised New Zealand citizen.¹³ However, he did not forget his German origins and was involved significantly in a meeting with fifty other Germans to devise means of raising funds for the relief of German soldiers wounded in the Franco German War in Europe and also for the assistance of the widows and orphans of those who may be killed. He was elected to a committee to collect subscriptions from Germans and English colonists in Dunedin. Similar activities took place in other New Zealand towns.¹⁴

Charles and Grace had a third child, a son, **Robert Henry**, who was born at their Maori Hill home on 11 April 1871.¹⁵ Clearly their home was not large enough for their growing family so Charles set about enlarging it.

TENDERS invited for erection of
Additions to Residence of C. Ziele, Esq., Maori
Hill.
For particulars, apply to
R. A. LAWSON,
Architect.

Otago Daily Times 24 June 1871

However, Robert did not live very long and his death was reported some nine months later:

¹³ Otago Daily Times 28 June 1870

¹⁴ Otago Daily Times 20 September 1870

¹⁵ Otago Daily Times 12 April 1871

On the 27th January, at his father's residence, Maori Hill, Robert Henry, youngest son of Charles Ziele, aged 9 months.

Otago Daily Times 29 January 1872

Charles continued his wholesale merchant activities but also had other work such as acting as an agent for the sale of hotels and other businesses. During 1871 he advertised the York Hotel for sale over a number of months and when not successful later sold it by auction. In 1873 he called for tenders for the sale of a Hotel and Store at the Kyeburn diggings.¹⁶ On 2 January 1873 a daughter, **Gertrude Helena**, was born. Very soon afterwards Grace advertised for a "Nurse Girl about 14" to help her to manage her three children, the eldest of whom was five years old.

Grace was reported as leaving Dunedin on 11 May 1874¹⁸ and arriving in Melbourne on 17 May 1874¹⁹ on the ship *Alhambra*. There is no reference in the newspapers of a child travelling with her as would normally be the case. On 8 June 1874 her husband left Dunedin on the ship *Tararua*²⁰ bound for Melbourne and arriving there on 14 June.²¹ They apparently had two weeks together before returning to New Zealand on the *Albion*²² on 27 June 1874.

BLUFF, July 2nd.
The *Albion*, with the English mail on board, left Melbourne at 9 p.m. on the 27th. She had head winds all the passage, but made the rapid run of 4 days 16 hours, and arrived at the Bluff at 3.4 p.m. on the 2nd. She sails for Dunedin at 7 p.m. to-night. She brings 28 saloon and 30 steerage passengers, and 250 tons of cargo for all ports. Passengers for Dunedin—Mr and Mrs Ziele, Mr Handyside, Mr Alberti, Mrs Fulton, Mrs Kible and child, Miss Moore, Miss Walstab, and 20 steerage.

Otago Daily Times 3 July 1874

Grace had been pregnant during this trip to Melbourne and three months after their return she gave birth to another son named **Henry Frederick** who was born on 12 October 1874.²³ However for the second time, Charles and Grace lost a child to an early death and Henry died on 13 November 1875, aged 13 months.

¹⁶ Otago Daily Times 6 May 1873

¹⁷ Otago Daily Times 7 March 1873

¹⁸ Otago Daily Times 11 May 1874

¹⁹ The Argus 18 May 1874

²⁰ Otago Witness 13 June 1874

²¹ The Argus 15 June 1874

²² Passenger Lists Victoria Outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923 NZSG & The Argus 29 June 1874

²³ Otago Daily Times 14 October 1874

**On the 13th November, Henry Frederick William,
son of Mr Charles Ziele, Smith-street; aged 13 months.**

Otago Daily Times 15 November 1875

Charles was continually in the Residents Magistrates Court seeking orders for payment from his debtors. He was consistently successful. He often acted with others as a Trustee for a bankrupt person. As examples :

MONDAY, 14th JULY.

(Before His Honour Mr Justice Chapman.)

EXECUTION OF DEEDS.

Mr B. C. Haggitt obtained an order declaring that a deed of arrangement had been completely executed, and by which Walter Morgan assigned his property to Mr Charles Ziele and another, for the benefit of all his creditors. A similar order was made *in re* George Provan, on the application of Mr A. Bathgate.

Otago Daily Times 15 July 1873

RE J. T. BELLAMY.

THE FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND

in the above Estate will be payable on the 14th inst., at the office of C. Ziele and Co., Rattray street.

**CHARLES ZIELE, } Trustees.
HENRY MILLER, }**

Otago Daily Times 21 April 1874

Through the mid 1870's Charles was engaged in a wide variety of activities in addition to running his own wholesale business. In early 1873 he was empanelled as a juror and participated as a member of the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court.²⁴ He placed wanted advertisements for tradesmen in goldfields locations and later in 1874 advertised for a partner in a goldfields grocery and Wine merchant business.²⁵ In January 1874 he was a member of a deputation on behalf of the Dunedin School Committee²⁶ and in 1875 he became a member of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce.²⁷ On 1 January 1876 he was involve as an agent in the auction sale of a freehold premises at Cromwell.

Charles also showed interest in investing in new companies. He was shown as shareholder in the new Arrow River Gold Mining Company.²⁸ He was also a provisional director of the new Colonial Building & Investment Company.²⁹

Through this period Charles also advertised for tenders for alterations to his business and also his house in Smith Street.³⁰

²⁴ Otago Daily Times 23 December 1872 & 7 January 1873.

²⁵ Otago Daily Times 5 January 1873, 19 December 1873 & 8 August 1874.

²⁶ Otago Daily Times 29 January 1874

²⁷ Otago Daily Times 1 May 1875

²⁸ Otago Daily Times 16 September 1873

²⁹ Otago Daily Times 2 March 1875

TENDERS invited for Additions at Business Premises for Messrs Ziele and Co. and Charles Moore, in Rattray street (BRICK). To be received by the undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY, the 31st INST., at 4 p.m.

R. A. LAWSON,
Architect.

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TENDERS WANTED till Monday, 3rd May, at 4 p.m., for ADDITIONS to RESIDENCE of C. ZIELE, Esq., Smith street.

R. A. LAWSON,
Architect.

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Otago Daily Times 25 August 1874

Otago Daily Times 30 April 1875

Another child, Herbert, was born on 10 November 1877

BIRTHS.
'On the 10th November, at her residence, Smith street, Mrs Chas. Ziele, of a son.

Otago Daily Times 17 November 1877

For the next few years Charles continued his business activities along the same lines as earlier but visited Auckland in 1879 and Melbourne in 1881. However, in February 1883 he advertised his Rattray St. business was for sale.

FOR SALE, good GROCERY BUSINESS in the City, with Bottle License. - For particulars apply C. Ziele and Co, Rattray street.

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Otago Daily Times 3 February 1883

This advertisement only ran for a few days and was withdrawn. However, in July Charles advertised that it had been to two of his employees James Liggins and John Gibson.

³⁰ Otago Daily Times 25 Aug 1874 & 30 April 1875.

WE have this day SOLD to JAMES LIGGINS and JOHN GIBSON the BUSINESS carried on by us during the last 14 years as Importers, Wholesale Grocers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Rattray street, and hope that the same favourable support accorded to us may be continued to our successors.

C. ZIELE & CO.

Dunedin, 30th June 1883.

Referring to the above, we beg to intimate that we intend carrying on the Business as heretofore under the style of LIGGINS & GIBSON.

JAMES LIGGINS.

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JOHN GIBSON.

Otago Daily Times 2 July 1883

Only ten days later the newspaper reported that Charles and James Rattray bought the well established candle manufacturing business of McLeod Brothers.³¹

In connection with our recent announcement of the sale by Messrs C. Ziele and Co. of their business as importers to Messrs Liggins and Gibson, we learn that Mr Charles Ziele has joined Messrs McLeod Bros., whose business as soap and candle manufacturers has been brought under the operation of the Limited Liability Act, and that he will now take an active part in the management of the Company. We have no doubt that Mr Ziele's practical business abilities will prove of value to the shareholders.

Otago Daily Times 12 July 1883

John McLeod who had previously owned McLeod Bros was declared bankrupt. McLeod had continued as a Director of the company, along with James Rattray and Charles Ziele who was the Managing Director. He resigned from the board when he became bankrupt but Charles offered him a job as Manager of the works at a reasonable salary and he accepted the role.

³¹ Otago Daily Times 12 July 1883

Charles also told him that he would be re-engaged after his bankruptcy was discharged and put into as good a position as he had been in previously.³²

A meeting of the Exhibition Committee was held last evening and attended by Messrs John Roberts (chairman), James Mills, M.H.R., F. Fitchett, M.H.R., H. S. Fish, M.H.R., his Worship the Mayor (Mr W. Dawson), T. Hardy (Adelaide), T. Kempthorne, B. Hallenstein, J. H. Morrison, A. Bartleman, Graham (Milton Pottery), A. Lee Smith, R. S. Sparrow, R. E. N. Twopeny, M. Joel, G. Bell, C. R. Chapman, H. E. Hart, H. Driver, Dr Belcher, C. Ziele, N. Y. A. Wales, R. L. Stanford, and R. Brownlie.

Otago Daily Times 27 October 1888

In 1889 Charles was empanelled as a member of the Grand Jury of the Supreme Court and participated in the trial of fifteen people on a wide range of different charges most of which were fairly ordinary. They included horse and cattle stealing, forgery, false pretences, indecency, embezzlement, robbery escaping from prison and one case of murder.³³

In 1896 Charles was appointed as a Commissioner of the Peace³⁴ which led him into the courts hearing relevant cases.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.
(Before Messrs Colin Allan and Charles Ziele, J.P's.)
DRUNKENNESS.—A first offender was convicted and discharged. Edward Gallagher, who had not been before the court for two years, was similarly dealt with.

Otago Daily Times 26 December 1896

In 1898 Charles stood for election to the City Council but was unsuccessful being beaten 476 to 373 votes.

Charles was busy with McLeod Brothers but he also took a role in industry issues especially on issues such as tariff protection in relation to imported candles. In 1900 he chaired a national conference of candle manufacturers in Wellington.³⁵

He was also heavily involved with the Otago Benevolent Institution an organization providing relief to the needy. He was a member of the board which held weekly meetings. There were

³² Otago Daily Times 27 October 1885

³³ Otago Daily Times 8 January 1889

³⁴ Otago Daily Times 2 June 1896

³⁵ Otago Daily Times 9 August 1900

many cases seeking assistance, for example in July 1900 there were 337 cases providing relief to 120 men, 251 women and 633 children. Charles only resigned from the board when he went overseas in 1900.

in the colony. Those who were associated with Mr Ziele in business were impressed with his high character for general and commercial honesty, his great zeal, industry, and whole-hearted devotion to his work; while those who knew him more in a private capacity, and the poor and sick who needed him, appreciated him still more for his unfailing kindness and his unostentatious liberality.

Otago Daily Times 3 March 1902

In January 1901 Charles and his wife and son Herbert, who by this stage was 24 years old, commenced a trip to Europe. They left Dunedin on the ship *Moana* for Lyttleton, Wellington and Sydney³⁶. Before leaving Charles' staff at McLeod Bros. Ltd. made him presentation:

Prior to Mr C. Ziele's departure for the old country the office staff of McLeod Bros. (Limited) presented him with a handsome pair of field-glasses and a silver-mounted (New Zealand wood) walking stick, both suitably inscribed. Mr J. M. Jamieson, in making the presentation, expressed the hope that Mr Ziele would thoroughly enjoy his well-earned holiday, and that Mrs Ziele, himself, and son would have a pleasant tour and a safe return. Mr Ziele, in his reply, thanked the staff for their handsome presents, and said that he was sure they would do everything in the best interests of the company during his absence. He also referred to the attachment of himself to the office staff, and the good feeling that had always existed between them, and hoped that it would long continue. Mr Ziele purposes visiting the principal centres of Great Britain, Europe, and America.

Otago Daily Times 4 January 1901

They reached Sydney on 9 January³⁷ and were reported as passengers for Bremen on the North German Lloyd Mail steamer *Grosser Kurfurst*³⁸ sailing on 15 January. There were reports that they would be away for both six and twelve months.

³⁶ Evening Post 4 January 1901



Grosser Kurfurst

However, Charles became ill, had an operation in London and in all spent a month in hospital.

The Charles and Grace left England from London's Royal Albert Dock's on 25 June on the New Zealand Shipping Company's ship the *Whakatane* along with 9 other saloon passengers and 50 third class passengers. Herbert did not return with them because he went to Philadelphia in the USA to undertake further dentistry study. They had fine weather to Teneriffe which they reached on 2 July and left the same day.³⁹ They crossed the Equator on 10 July and after that had had high gales and head seas continuously to Cape Town which they reached on 22 July four days behind schedule. After seven hours they left for Hobart and experienced severe north westerly weather half way across the Southern Ocean. This greatly impeded their progress.

The passengers organized concerts and sports which enlivened what would otherwise have been a tedious voyage. They arrived at Hobart on 16 August several days late. They were met there by their son Charles William who had sailed from Christchurch on the *Monowai* on 2 August.⁴⁰ He sailed with them on the *Whakatane* for Wellington on 17 August after the ship had loaded 300 tons of coal for its own use. At Wellington they changed to the *Elingamite* which left for Lyttleton & Dunedin on 23 August.⁴¹ They were finally home on 25 August, two months after leaving London.

³⁷ Sydney Morning Herald 10 January 1901

³⁸ Sydney Morning Herald 15 January 1901.

³⁹ Launceston Examiner 19 August 1901

⁴⁰ Press 3 August 1901

⁴¹ Otago Witness 28 August 1901

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr C. Ziele, the manager of the soap works of M'Leod Bros. (Limited). Mr Ziele some few months ago returned from a visit to the Old Country, and though for some time he has not enjoyed good health, he has been able to devote himself to his business. Of late, however, he has been quite confined to his house, and his condition has become a source of grave anxiety to his friends.

Otago Witness 22 February 1902

During his visit to Europe his health commenced to fail. A severe operation performed in London ameliorated but did not cure his ailment, which he endured with uncomplaining fortitude till the end. Mr Ziele

ZIELE.—On the 1st March, 1902, at his residence, Smith street, Dunedin, Charles George Ziele; aged 63 years. No flowers. Private interment.

Otago Daily Times 3 March 1902

Otago Daily Times 3 March 1902

With Charles death the executors, Grace and the Trustees and Executors Agency placed the house on the market. It was described as:

That CHARMING CITY RESIDENCE and GROUNDS, comprising Sections 5 and 6 and part of 4, Block XVII, Dunedin, containing HALF AN ACRE and 9.2 POLES, Together with COMMODIOUS TWO-STOREY RESIDENCE thereon of 13 rooms (large and lofty), fitted with all modern conveniences, and in thorough order. The Property is tastefully laid out in a wower garden, orchard, and shrubbery, and well stocked. To any business man who wishes to reside at a convenient distance from his office this is an exceptional opportunity.

Otago Daily Times 18 April 1902

The property did not sell at auction and was then advertised by the Executors "To Let"

Charles was buried in the Ziele grave at the Southern Cemetery, Dunedin.



Ziele Grave Block 21 Plot 7 Southern Cemetery, Dunedin.

Burials in Ziele Grave Dunedin:

Robert Henry Ziele (Son) 27 January 1872. Age 9 Months.

John Cumming Fincher (Brother of Grace) 15 October 1874. Age 36 years.

Henry Frederick Ziele (Son) 13 November 1875. Age 3 years.

Barbara Fincher (Mother of Grace) 5 July 1881. Age 78 years.

Charles George Ziele 3 March 1902. Age 63 years.

Grace Doretta Barbara Roberts (Daughter) Ashes Burial 4 February 1952. Age 84 years.

Charles Richard Stewart Roberts (Grandson) Ashes Burial 23 October 1973. Age 84 years.

John (Jack) Debnam Stewart (Roberts) 4 January 1980. Age 88 years.

Charles George Will

Grace was named an executor of Charles Will together with the Trustee's Executor and Agency Company. However, a note in the Probate File indicates that Grace left the Colony very soon after Charles' death and management of the process was carried out by the Company.

Charles' Will was dated 12 January 1900 and there was also a Codicil dated 14 January 1902. Because Grace left for Australia shortly after Charles the Estate was managed and conducted by William Simpson of the Trustees Executors and Agency Company. A newspaper report showed the value of his estate.

Among recently proved wills are the following :—Dr Alfred Bullock (Christchurch), £14,792; Charles Ensor (Christchurch), £19,532; Caroline G. Leary (Dunedin), £11,701; and C. G. Ziele (Dunedin), £11,463.

Taranaki Herald 5 June 1902

A statement was prepared of the assets and liabilities of the Estate. This was dated 20 June 1904 indicated that Charles had the following assets:

Shares

- 50 Shares in McLeod Bros Ltd. And 905 shares in five other industrial companies.
- A total of 1744 shares in fourteen mining and/or prospecting companies
- He also had Debentures in 4 mining companies valued at 200 Pounds.

Other Assets

- Cash 119 Pounds One Shilling and One Pence
- Furniture and effects 490 Pounds 10 Shillings
- Insurance 3395 Pounds 4 Shillings less Loans 1008 Pounds 4 Shillings and 7 Pence.

Debts Due to Charles

- The debts totaled 4699 Pounds 12 Shillings and 9 Pence. Of these 4000 pounds was owed by his son Charles William. In addition he owed 300 Pounds 4 Shillings and 4 Pence in Interest.

Charges on the Estate

- Debt for alterations to his Rattray St Property 114 Pounds 14 Shillings
- Debts owed to his sons: Charles, 218 Pounds Seventeen Shillings and 11 Pence. Herbert, 181 Pounds 13 Shillings and 6 Pence. Stewart 170 Pounds 15 Shillings and 8 Pence.
- Debt to his wife Grace 32 Pounds 4 Shillings.

- Debt to McLeod Bros 72 Pounds 12 Shillings and 4 Pence
- Other debts totaling 35 Pounds 12 Shilling and 10 Pence.

Legacies

The following Legacies were paid from the estate:

- Grace Poole 200 Pounds and Furniture and effects
- Mrs. Mary Ziele wife of his brother Conrad at Creswick Vic. 100 Pounds
- Mrs. Barbara Hay 50 Pounds
- Doris Spregschender 100 Pounds. Doris was Charles sister who lived at Osterath, Germany.



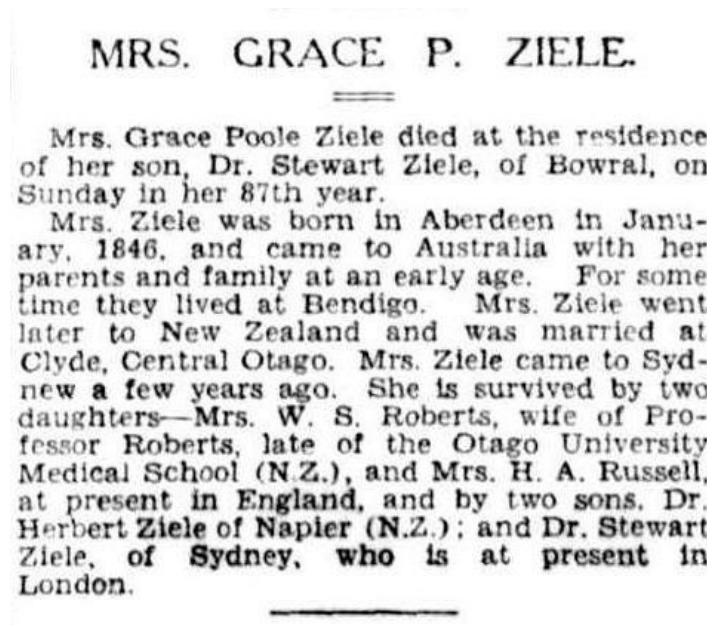
Otago Witness 12 March 1902 Charles George Ziele

Grace left New Zealand very soon after Charles' death. At that time she had two children living there. Her youngest son Stewart was there as her daughter Gertrude Helena had had married Harry Ambrose Russell in Dunedin in 1895. They were living in Sydney with two daughters

Her son William Stewart, a dental surgeon, who never married also lived in Sydney but had a residence *Mahura* at Park Road, Bowral as well. Grace's other son Herbert later also came to Sydney but this was in 1936 after her death.

On 25 August 1902, Grace and Stewart were shown as passengers on the ship *Ventura*⁴² which sailed for Auckland, Honolulu and San Francisco. The ship left Auckland on 29 August with both Grace and Stewart travelling on to the United States⁴³. Grace returned to Australia on the *RMS China* which arrived in Sydney from London on 23 July 1903.

Overseas with Stewart 1913 Other trips eg back to NZ



Sydney Morning Herald 7 June 1932

Grace was buried at South Head Cemetery, Vaucluse where her son Charles was also buried.

Grace's Will

Grace left an estate valued at 124 Pounds 2 Shillings. This was to be divided equally between her five children. Because Charles William had predeceased her, dying in 1931, and having no children the estate would have been shared in four equal portions between the remaining children.

⁴² Sydney Morning Herald 25 August 1902

⁴³ Auckland Star 29 August 1902