

# TAPPIN FAMILY GENEALOGY

## William Tappin 1844 – 1925

### *Apprentice Cordwainer and Emigrant to New Zealand*

William was born on the 1 October 1844 in Ripley, Surrey, the son of Henry and Hannah Tappin; he was the second eldest of eleven children. Nothing is known of his early childhood until April 1860 when, at the age of 14, he was apprenticed to Stephen Green as a Cordwainer (shoemaker or leather worker) in Ripley, Surrey, his fees were paid for by the Haynes Charity Trust; his apprenticeship indenture is transcribed below. However, he left his apprenticeship early and emigrated to New Zealand onboard the SS Weymouth which departed Downs 1 Apr 1866 and arrived at Wellington on the 3 July 1866 where he initially worked as a shoemaker in Pahautanoi.

He married Emily Barrow on 8 May 1873 at Johnsonville, Wellington and in 1875 he was able to purchase 150 acres of land in Kiwitea and William became a farmer. They had a very fruitful marriage eventually raising twelve children of their own, five boys and seven girls. Emily was the eldest daughter of Stephen and Helen Barrow and was one of eleven children; her parents had emigrated to New Zealand from England arriving on the 2 January 1840 on the Aurora. When they married she was 23 and William was 29 years old. Emily died on 28 September 1912 age 61 and William died on 21 May 1925 age 80; both are buried in a small country graveyard in Kiwitea.



Emily Tappin (nee Barrow)  
ca 1900



William Tappin - ca 1910

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Kiwitea Cemetery

### *Apprentice Indenture – William Tappin – Cordwainer*

#### *Dated 6 April 1860*



*This indenture witnesseth that William Tappin, son of Henry Tappin of Ripley, Surrey, Cordwainer, with the consent of the Trustees of the Haynes Charity. doth put himself Apprentice to Stephen Green of Ripley, Surrey, Cordwainer, to learn his art and with him after the manner of an Apprentice to serve from the first day of October thus past until the full end and Term of six years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended.*

*During which Term the said Apprentice his master faithfully shall serve, his secrets*

*keep, his lawful commands every where gladly do. He shall do no damage to his said Master, nor see to be done of others, but to his power shall tell or forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same. He shall not waste the Goods of his said Master, nor lend them unlawfully to any.*

*He shall not commit fornication nor contract matrimony within the said Term. He shall not play at cards or dice, tables or any other unlawful games whereby his said Master may have any loss, with his own goods or others during the said Term without licence of his said Master, he shall neither buy nor sell, he shall not haunt Taverns or Playhouses, nor absent himself from his said Master's service day or night unlawfully. But in all things as a faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master and all during the said Term.*

*And the said Stephen Green in consideration of the sum of twenty nine pounds and nineteen shillings to be paid to him, the Trustee of the Haynes Charity in two instalments, that is to say fifteen pounds at the time of the execution of this Indenture and fourteen pounds nineteen shillings at the expiration of six months from the date hereof his said Apprentice in the art of Cordwainer which he useth by the best means that he can, shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed. Finding the said Apprentice sufficient meat, drink, lodgings and all other necessaries during the said Term And for the true performance of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the other by these Present.*

*In Witness whereof the Parties above named to this Indenture have put their Hands and Seals, the sixth day of April and in the Twenty third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty.*

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William Tappin Apprentice Indenture held by Colin Tappin - New Zealand

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