

## My Family - A New Life in New Zealand

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My New Zealand family history starts in 1858 when my great, great, great grandfather George (Geordie) Winlove emigrated from England to Waipukurau. I am sixth generation Winlove to live in Waipukurau.

It is a bit of a funny story why Geordie decided to come to New Zealand.

Geordie's dad John was a furniture maker. Their family made miniature furniture to go inside Queen Mary's doll house. This is a world famous dolls house. Geordie worked at Sandringham Castle as a carriage boy. Geordie was caught "flirting" with a maid at the castle. He got caught and "borrowed" a royal horse to get

back to his home in Kings Lynn. He got into even more trouble and was told to leave town.

Geordie left England on 15 September 1858 on the ship called "Kingston". It had 125 passengers. It took him over three months to get to New Zealand. Geordie arrived in Auckland on the 28th December 1858.

In 1861 Geordie was bored and wanted to go on an adventure. He saw an advert looking for builders to build a new town called Waipukurau. He walked from Napier to Waipukurau and started building the town for Mr Henry Russell. In 1865 he started his own business and was a carpenter, joiner, builder and undertaker. In 1867 he built the first school in Waipukurau.

Geordie died in 1906 when he was 71 years old. Geordie had a daughter named Babe. She was the first European girl to be born in Waipukurau. He also had a son named John. John only had

one eye because he had a slingshot accident when he was young. John was the very first mayor of Waipukurau.

John had two sons named George and Harry. George went to Italy in WW2 as an engineer. He was a warrant officer class 2. He came back from the war and worked in the family business with his younger brother Harry. George and Harry sold the timber yard and building business and started two new businesses. George had a trucking business. Harry started a retail shop. Harry was the mayor of Waipukurau for three terms (nine years).

My grandfather George junior took over the shop called 100% Winloves. The Winloves had been in business in Waipukurau for a sesquicentenary (150 years) in 2015. My poppa hasn't been a mayor.

My dad Mark is a builder but he works for Smedley Station.

Me and my two younger brothers are sixth generation of Winlove's to live in Waipukurau. Five generations have gone to Waipukurau school. I am the first generation to go to Hereworth out of the Winloves. There is a street in Waipukurau called Winlove Crescent but it only has one house on it which is a bit sad.

There are only 19 living male Winloves left in the world. There are only three male Winloves living in England and 16 male Winloves living in New Zealand. We are like an endangered species.

I want to go into the army like my great uncle George and I also want to run a business. Or be a mayor. But I don't want to be an undertaker.

### **My direct family tree**

Adam Winlove 1730 - ?

Thomas Winlove 1756 - 1839

John Winlove 1799 - 1875

George (Geordie) Winlove 1835 - 1906

John Winlove 1872 - 1930

Harry Winlove 1912 - 2002

George Winlove 1950

Mark Winlove 1982

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### **References**

I interviewed George and Beth Winlove.

Waipukurau cemetery.

Winlove family tree.

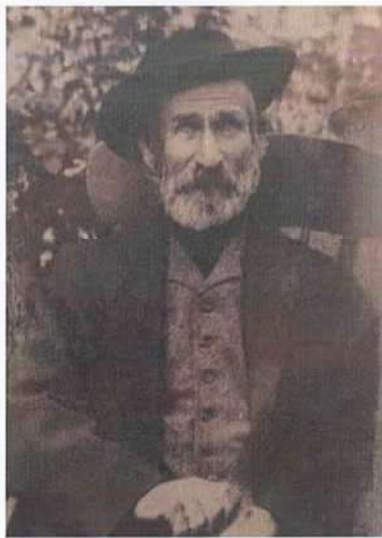
Kingston ship passenger list [www.yesteryears.co.nz](http://www.yesteryears.co.nz)

National Library of New Zealand.

Auckland Museum online

NZ Herald

Geordie Winlove



Waipukurau.

GEORGE WINLOVE, Carpenter, begs respectfully to intimate to the Settlers in the surrounding country that he has commenced business on his own account, and is prepared to undertake all kinds of Carpenter's Work.

Having made arrangements to do all Cartwright Work in connection with the WAIPUKURAU SMITHY.

G. Winlove has ordered a supply of well-seasoned and suitable Timber, so that parties having Carts or Drays to repair may depend on their being promptly done.

G. W. hopes, by prompt attention and moderate charges, to obtain a share of public patronage.

Waipukurau, May 27, 1862.



John Winlove



George Winlove



Harry Winlove

