# Charles and Bessie Griffiths

The first 40 years of Griffiths Footwear Hastings.

# OUR WELSH GRANDPARENTS CHARLES AND BESSIE GRIFFITHS





CHARLIE and BESSIE in 1905



### Carbon Copy of a Letter written by Charles Griffiths March1953.

1000h which we have used since 1915 a now to go out of print. I am not sure of the date of my first purchase I started business a Harling. I raped 1914. I think it was the following & year Het I was persuaded by a good seles more to try this book I must say that night through There year I couldn't have wrotest for a better system I have recommended it to money I my burners friends with what result I don't know. My accountents Trum m. Butter touther and your have approved of it. I have stown your letter to them and they have advised I've to beare it to them I am some to hart with a such

## I SAY, BILL!

What's all this comment I see in the papers—something about

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manufactured by Bostocks of England. Now you know, with a reputation that Bostocks Boots have got, it's bound to make someone feel uneasy. It's life if you considered yourself a crack tenor singer, and, said Signor Caruso came along to sing on the same state. Well, you would not say much about your singing afterwards. Well, that's the whole of this trouble in a nutshell.

have come to stay and are to be obtained at

GRIFFITHS & COFFEY'S,

HERETAUNGA STREET, RASTINGS

### New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981 for Frederick Charles Griffiths

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2807—Griffith, Martha, Gas 2808—Griffith, William, Gase 2809—Griffith, William Matt 2810—Griffiths, Bella, Wall 2811—Griffiths, Bessie, 607 I 2812—Griffiths, Charles, 607 2813—Griffiths, Elizabeth, N	coyne Road, Hastings, married. coyne Street, Hastings, carter. hew, Gascoyne Street, Hastings, bootmaker.
engineer. 2816—Griffiths, Joseph, Wa 2817—Griffiths, Robert, New	rren Street, Hastings, trainer.





**FAMILY GROUP** 1917 - 1918

# Bessie and Charles Griffiths







DEMOLITION DUTY: Sailors from HMS Diomede demolish Griffiths Boots in Heretaunga Street West (now BJ's Cafe )
PICTURE / CHARLIE DAVIS





CLEANING UP AFTER THE 'QUAKE

Army Tent issued after the 1931 earthquake and used by Rhys and Mary, Charles and Bessie.





From: Madelon van Zijll de Jong [madelonzj@hdc.govt.nz]

Sent: Friday, 27 February 2009 11:22 a.m.

To: sandgbullivant@actrix.co.nz

Subject: I found a small advertisement going through the February 1931 newspaper....

Hello Mrs Bullivant,

In case you have not seen this advertisement before (in the HB Tribune of 24 February 1931):

# GRIFFITH'S THE WELL-RNOWN BOOT STORES are carrying on business at the private residence, 607 HASTINGS STREET NORIH, HASTINGS. (Look for sign on the gate). Large stocks of all classes of Boots and Shoes, including large stocks of Gum Boots and Working Boots, all to be sold at Ridiculously Low Prices.

Kind regards,

### Temporary Shop after 1931 Earthquake









# Citizen of Hastings

Charles Griffiths was involved in the Community in many areas. The Obituaries after his death in August 1953 contained some of the following quotes:-

"As a member of the Hawkes Bay Hospital Board from 1941 onwards, the late Mr Griffiths was a staunch and devoted supporter of our Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital... Unless he was away from Hastings ... Mr Griffiths never missed his weekly Sunday afternoon visits to the wards... and his cheery smile and greeting for everyone.. gave comfort for all."

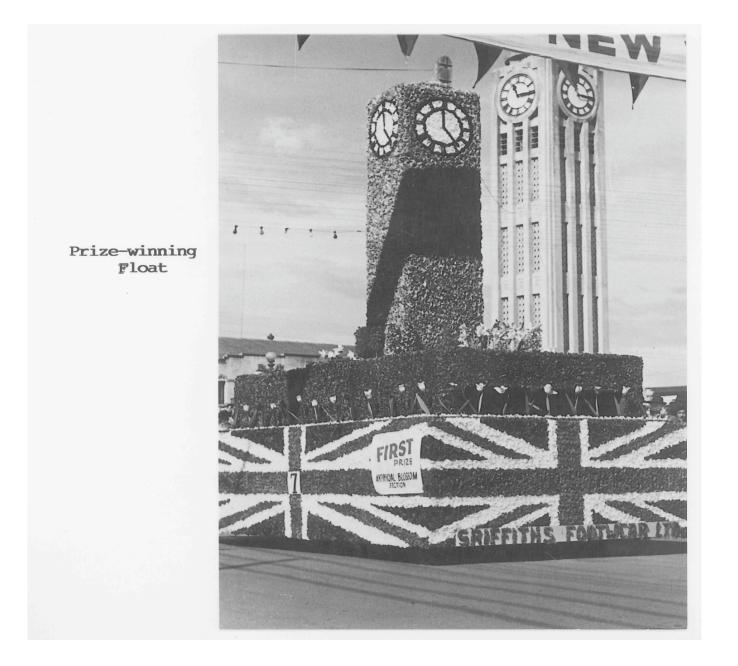
'President of the Rotary Club, prominent member of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, and the Hastings Retailers Association, a keen Bowler and Rugby fan and a staunch member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church where he held many offices, Mr Griffiths sudden death came as a shock to many."





GRIFFITHS FOOTWEAR SHOP STAFF

Front Row: Syd O'Neill, Jean Smith nee Howard, Charles Griffiths.

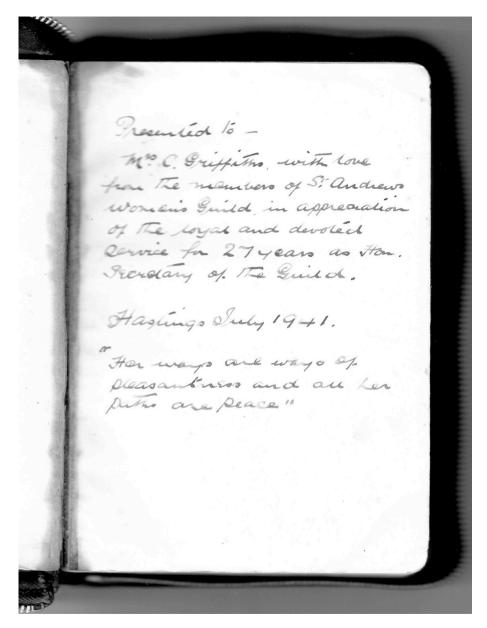




THE FAMILY AND UNCLE DAVY
ABOUT 1951









# St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hastings

- Elder for 36 years
- Session Clerk for the last 4 years of his life.
- Sunday School Superintendent 32 years
- Regularly attended Assembly.

- Treasurer of the British and Foreign Bible Society for many years.
- On the
   establishment
   Board of the
   Eversley Rest Home
- Hillsbrook
   Children's Home