

# The Koorey Family History

تاريخ عائلة كوري



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## Introduction and Acknowledgements

This book arose from the third national Koorey Family Reunion, which was held in Hastings at Easter 2011. (The first reunion was in Wanganui in 1981, and the second in Auckland in 1991.)

During the reunion in Hastings, a draft of this book was on display in an effort to update family information, and to give family members an opportunity to correct any errors. As with most similar projects, the finished product is a direct reflection of the detail provided and, in this case, many of the family have contributed to making this as accurate a record as possible. In this regard, I would like to thank all those who have contributed before, during and since the reunion.

In compiling the history of the family and the Lebanon, I have referred to the previous reunion booklets produced in 1981 and 1991. In particular, I owe a great deal of thanks to Greg Devine, whose detailed research produced much of the history for the 1991 reunion booklet. In addition, I have included various articles from the Internet, and from some published works, with the latter acknowledged in the text.

An explanation of the numbering system used in the index of names is necessary. In searching for a particular family member, the reader will find the names in the index in alphabetical order, and spouses listed under their maiden names. An example, from the first page of the index, is:

Adams, Oliver Charles Bernard (6) 1.1.4.1.4.1 59  
(Each entry is also colour-coded, and the key is on the first page of the index.)

The first number (in brackets) refers to the generation since Mark, so Oliver Adams is 6<sup>th</sup> generation from him. (If you subtract 2, that is Mark and Halim, this makes Oliver a 4<sup>th</sup> generation New Zealander.)

The next number – 1 – denotes that Oliver is a descendant of Mark – everyone's first number will be 1.

The next number – 1 – denotes that Oliver is descended from Mark's 1<sup>st</sup> child (Halim).

The next number – 4 – denotes that Oliver is descended from Halim's 4<sup>th</sup> child (Lawrence/Laurie).

The next number – 1 – denotes that Oliver is descended from Laurie's 1<sup>st</sup> child (Lawrence/Larry).

The next number – 5 – denotes that Oliver is descended from Larry's 4<sup>th</sup> child (Phillipa).

The last number in the sequence is Oliver's own place in his family (he is the eldest).

The number on the end of the line is the page number where all of Oliver's details can be found.

A small \* symbol at the end of the number sequence denotes that there is another partner or spouse of that family member, whose details will also be in the same general area of the book. If one of the numbers has a small letter after it, this denotes a child of the successive partner or spouse. (The first child is 'a', the second 'b' and so on.)

I hope you enjoy finding your roots and working out exactly where you fit in to this ever-expanding Koorey family.

Julian Geor  
Hastings  
2011

# The First Generations



**Halim Mark Koorey**  
(18 Mar 1858 - 20 Jul 1944)

- Bernard Mark Koorey**  
(1899 - 1900)
- Mary Bernadetta Koorey**  
(19 Jan 1901 - 21 Nov 1982)
- Anthony Joseph Koorey**  
(15 Oct 1902 - 22 May 1971)
- Lawrence Levin Koorey**  
(13 Nov 1904 - 20 May 1994)
- Louis Mark Koorey**  
(1 Sep 1906 - 25 Aug 1962)
- Teresa Koorey**  
(Dec 1908 - 1909)
- Francis Patrick Koorey (Pat)**  
(24 Jul 1911 - 4 Dec 1989)
- Kathleen Veronica Koorey**  
(20 Apr 1914 - 5 Jan 1994)

**Mark Koorey & Smeyah Jebier**

**Nahim Koorey (James)**  
(15 Aug 1860 - 23 Mar 1938)



- Leo Mark Koorey**  
(1905 - 1 Dec 1907)
- Mona Smeyah Koorey**  
(29 Apr 1908 - 5 Mar 1984)
- Alverna Marguerita Koorey**  
(3 May 1909 - 24 Apr 1997)
- Rosella Genevieve Koorey**  
(1910 - 23 May 1992)



**Halimeh Koorey (Lena)**  
(1868 - 11 Oct 1946)

- Chaker Azar El Khoury Hanna**
- David El Khoury Hanna**  
(1890 - 3 Dec 1918)
- Cecilia El Khoury Hanna**  
(5 Jan 1899 - 5 Oct 1973)

**Carrem Koorey (1st)**  
(died shortly after birth)



**Carrem Koorey**  
(1878 - 16 Oct 1966)

- Admah Mary Smeyah Koorey**  
(21 Aug 1905 - 17 Jan 2003)
- Nazaire Bell Koorey**  
(29 Sep 1907 - 10 Aug 1991)
- Rosa Lilla Koorey**  
(1909 - 17 May 1924)
- Cecilia Kathleen Koorey**  
(1 Nov 1913 - 14 May 2002)
- Peter Cervante Koorey**  
(29 Jul 1915 - 10 Nov 1992)



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(4) 1.1.4.1 Larry John Koorey

Spouse: Ann Elizabeth O'Rourke (Liz)

Birth Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November 1936  
Birth Place: Hawera, New Zealand



Birth Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1936  
Birth Place: Waipawa, New Zealand

Death Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 1995  
Burial Place: Awanui Cemetery (Cremated)  
New Plymouth, New Zealand  
Age: (58)

Marriage Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 1960  
Marriage Place: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Waipawa, New Zealand

Children:  
Erin Mary  
Therese Suzanne  
Helen Bridget  
Phillipa Grace  
Anna Katherine Stella  
Christopher John Levin  
Elizabeth Veronica  
Patricia Clare



[...]

(2) 1.2 Nahim Koorey (James)

Birth Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 1860  
Birth Place: South Of France

Naturalised: 18<sup>th</sup> January 1897 (Australia)

Arrival: from Sydney, Australia upon the steamship SS Tasmania and arriving in Auckland, New Zealand  
17<sup>th</sup> May 1897

Death Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1938  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (77)

Spouse: Mathilda Petersen  
Birth Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April 1880  
Birth Place: Waipawa, New Zealand



Death Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 1939  
Burial Place: Karori Cemetery Wellington, New Zealand  
Age: (58)



Marriage Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 1904  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Leo Mark  
Mona Smeyah  
Alverna Marguarita  
Rosella Genevieve



(3) 1.2.1 Leo Mark Koorey

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1905  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand

Death Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 1907  
Burial Place: Waipawa, New Zealand  
Age: (2)





(3) 1.2.2 Mona Smeyah Koorey (Smeyah)

Spouse: Steve (Stjepan) Kuzmicich (no middle name)

Birth Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 1908  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand



Death Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 1984  
Burial Place: Taita Cemetery Lower Hutt,  
New Zealand  
Age: (75)



Birth Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 1905  
Birth Place: Hvar, Croatia

Death Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1981  
Burial Place: Taita Cemetery Lower Hutt, New  
Zealand  
Age: (76)

Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1931  
Marriage Place: Dannevirke, New Zealand



(4) 1.2.2.1 Stephen Raphael Kuzmicich

Spouse : Kathleen Mary Green

Birth Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1931  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand

Birth Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 1944  
Birth Place: Wellington, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 1971  
Marriage Place: Wellington Hospital Chapel Wellington, New Zealand

Children: Geoffrey Stephen (Twin)  
Antony Richard (Twin)





(4) 1.2.2.2 Judita Smeyah Kuzmicich

Birth Date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 1932  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand

Spouse: Douglas Gordon Brailey



Birth Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 1927  
Birth Place: Wellington, New Zealand

Death Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 1989  
Burial Place: Lower Hutt Cemetery,  
New Zealand

Age: (61)

Marriage Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 1982  
Marriage Place: Lower Hutt, New Zealand



(3) 1.2.3 Alverna Marguarita Koorey

Birth Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1909  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand

Spouse: Ante Tony Marinovich

Birth Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 1904  
Birth Place: Podgera, Croatia

Death Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 1997  
Burial Place: Mangere Cemetery  
Auckland, New Zealand

Death Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 1981  
Burial Place: Mangere Lawn Cemetery,  
Auckland, New Zealand

Age: (87)

Age: (77)

Marriage Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 1930  
Marriage Place: St Patrick's Church Napier, New Zealand

Children: Leonard Mark  
Jullien Alverna  
Vinka Maria  
Zorka Tania Nada



(4) 1.2.3.1a Leonard Mark Marinovich\*

Spouse: Carol Green

Birth Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 1932  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand



Birth Date:  
Birth Place:

Death Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008  
Burial Place: Yorkshire, England, UK  
Age: (76)

Marriage Date:  
Marriage Place:

Divorced:

Children: Anne Carol  
Jane Lesley

Note: Carol remarried. Anne and Jane took on the surname Durkin

Other Partners: Denise Matherson  
Carole Raw

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(2) 1.3 Halimah Koorey (Lena)

Spouse : Lazarus El Khoury Hanna (Azar)

Birth Date: 24<sup>th</sup> December 1868  
Birth Place: Mt. Lebanon, Syria



Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_1863  
Birth Place:

Arrived: 15<sup>th</sup> November 1906 upon a French Boat  
Naturalised: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1937

Death Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 1946  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (78)

Death Date:  
Burial Place: Lebanon  
Age: ( )



Marriage Date:  
Marriage Place:

Children: Chaker Azar  
David  
Cecilia

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(3) 1.3.2 David \_\_\_El Khoury Hanna

Birth Date: \_\_\_1890  
Birth Place: Baskinta, Lebanon

Arrived: 15<sup>th</sup> November 1906 upon a French Boat

Death Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1918  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (28)



(3) 1.3.3 Cecilia El Khoury Hanna

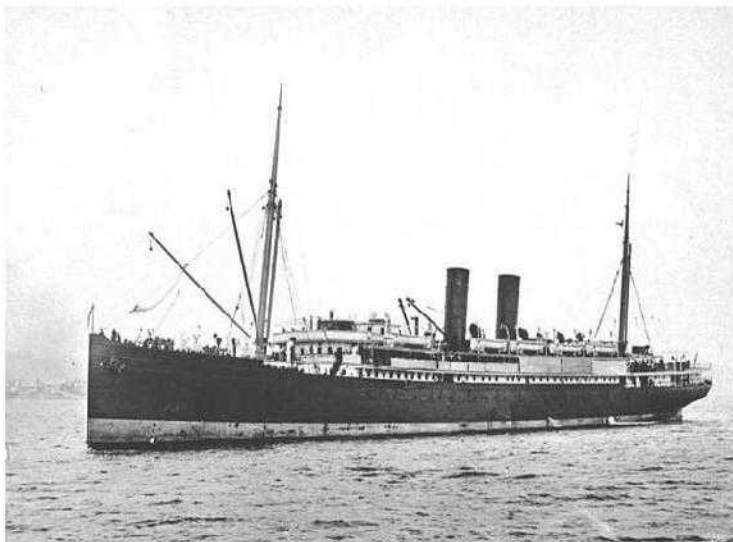
Birth Date: 5<sup>th</sup> January 1899  
Birth Place: Baskinta, Lebanon



Arrival: from Syria to Port Said then to Melbourne, Australia upon SS Orvieto departing Sydney, Australia upon SS Maheno and arriving in Wellington, New Zealand 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1924

Naturalised: 14<sup>th</sup> June 1948

Death Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 1973  
Burial Place: Makara Cemetery. Wellington, New Zealand  
Age: (74)



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**(2) 1.5 Carrem Koorey**

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1869  
Birth Place: Mt. Lebanon.Syria

Spouse: Lillian Bell (Lilla) (no middle name)



Birth Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 1884  
Birth Place: Carterton, New Zealand

Arrival: from Sydney, Australia upon the steamship SS Tasmania and arriving in Auckland, New Zealand  
17<sup>th</sup> May 1897

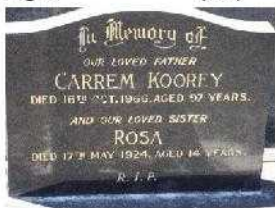
Naturalised: 13<sup>th</sup> November 1906 (New Zealand)

Death Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 1966  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand

Death Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 1937  
Burial Place: Karori Cemetery, Wellington, New Zealand

Age: (97)

Age: (53)



Marriage Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 1904  
Marriage Place: St. Patrick's Cathedral. Auckland, New Zealand

Children: Admah Mary Smeyah  
Nazaire Bell  
Rosa Lilla  
Cecilia Kathleen  
Peter Cervante



(3) 1.5.1 Admah Mary Smeyah Koorey

Spouse:

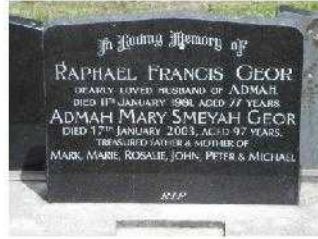
Raphael Francis Geor

Birth Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 1905  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1903  
Birth Place: Palmerston Nth, New Zealand

Death Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2003

Death Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 1981



Burial Place: Mangaroa Lawn Cemetery Hastings, New Zealand

Burial Place: Mangaroa Lawn Cemetery Hastings, New Zealand

Age: (97)

Age: (77)

Marriage Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 1926

Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church,  
Hastings, New Zealand

Children:

- Mark Frederick
- Marie Therese
- Rosalie Helene
- John Francis
- Peter Michael
- Michael Raphael





**(4) 1.5.1.1 Mark Frederick Geor**

Spouse: Jean Mary Elder

Birth Date: 19<sup>th</sup> December 1928  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand



Birth Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 1930  
Birth Place: Stratford, New Zealand

Death Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 1999  
Burial Place: Cremated  
Age: (70)

Notes: Ashes scattered over Rotorua Golf Course

Marriage Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1953  
Marriage Place: Stratford, New Zealand

Children: Michael Gerard  
David Mark  
Marie Therese  
Gerard Peter

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**(4) 1.5.1.2 Marie Terese Geor (Sister)**

Birth Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 1930  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand



**(4) 1.5.1.3 Rosalie Helene Geor**

Birth Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 1933  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand





(4) 1.5.1.4 John Francis Geor

Spouse: Natalie Margaret Ranford

Birth Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 1938  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 1936  
Birth Place: Hawera, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 1961  
Marriage Place: St Josephs Church Hawera, New Zealand

Children:  
Stephanie Therese  
Julian Peter  
Christopher John  
Damian Mark  
Jonathan Philip  
Marcel Gerard



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(4) 1.5.1.5 Peter Michael Geor

Spouse: Josephine Rider (no middle name)

Birth Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 1939  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 1941  
Birth Place: Barnet England, UK

Marriage Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 1964  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children:  
Jeremy Peter  
Catherine Louise  
Anna Michelle  
Melanie Jane



(4) 1.5.1.6 Michael Raphael Geor

Spouse: Catherine Ann McCarthy (Kay)

Birth Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 1942  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 17<sup>th</sup> August 1952  
Birth Place: Pongoroa, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 1974  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Emma Marie  
Simon Raphael  
Samuel Martin



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(3) 1.5.2 Nazaire Bell Koorey

Spouse: Gordon Karauria Murfitt (Mick)

Birth Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 1907  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand



Birth Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1905  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Death Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 1991  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand

Death Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 1989  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery,  
New Zealand

Age: (83)

Age: (83)

Marriage Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 1930  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Valerie Ruth  
Eric David  
Margaret May Maria (Twin)  
Brian Gordon (Twin)





(4) 1.5.2.1 Valerie Mary Ruth Murfitt

Birth Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 1931  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand  
Death Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Burial Place: Papatoetoe Cemetery  
Auckland, New Zealand  
Age: (77)



Spouse: Maurice Leslie Dunn

Birth Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 1928  
Birth Place: Gisborne, New Zealand  
Death Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 1965  
Burial Place: Papatoetoe Cemetery  
Auckland, New Zealand  
Age: (36)

Marriage Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 1953  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Christine Theresa Cecilia  
Gary Maurice (Twin)  
Lisa Marie (Twin)  
Julie Maree



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(4) 1.5.2.2 Eric David Murfitt

Birth Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 1936  
Birth Place: Memorial Hospital Hastings, New Zealand

Spouse: Beverly Clarice Dagg  
Birth Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 1941  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1960  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Tracy Lee  
Anna Louise



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(4) 1.5.2.3 Margaret May Maria Murfitt

Spouse: John Masters Townsend

Birth Date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 1942  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 24 July 1942  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 1962  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Michelle Beth  
Andrew John Masters



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(4) 1.5.2.4a Brian Gordon Murfitt\*

Spouse: Yvonne Marie Williams

Birth Date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 1942  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1946  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 1966  
Marriage Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Divorced:

Children: Glenda Marie  
Grant Kenneth

Other Partners: Carol Marion Lovell



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(4) 1.5.2.4b Brian Gordon Murfitt\*

(See above)

Spouse: Carol Marion Lovell

Birth Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1950

Birth Place: Wairoa, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2000

Marriage Place: Taradale, Napier, New Zealand

Other Partners: Yvonne Marie Williams



(3) 1.5.3 Rosa Lilla Koorey

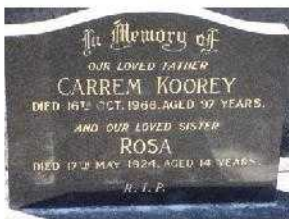
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1909

Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Death Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 1924

Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand

Age: (15)





(3) 1.5.4 Cecilia Kathleen Koorey

Spouse: George Christopher Barnes



Birth Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 1913  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 1910  
Birth Place: Turakina, New Zealand

Death Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2002  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (88)

Death Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 1966  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (56)

Marriage Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 1941  
Marriage Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Patricia Georgina (Trish)



(4) 1.5.4.1 Patricia Georgina Barnes (Trish)

Spouse: Louis Caldwell (no middle name)

Birth Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 1946  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 1945  
Birth Place: Napier, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 1968  
Marriage Place: Sacred Heart Church, Hastings, New Zealand





(3) 1.5.5 Peter Cervante Koorey

Spouse: Elizabeth Agatha Hannah Downing (Betty)

Birth Date: 29<sup>th</sup> July 1915  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand  
Zealand

Birth Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 1920  
Birth Place: Hastings, New

Death Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 1992  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (77)

Marriage Date: 26<sup>th</sup> December 1942  
Marriage Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Children:  
Peter Raymond  
Elizabeth Anne  
Michael Patrick  
Mary Rosalyn  
David John  
Margaret Therese  
Alan Karim  
Pauline Marie





**(4) 1.5.5.1 Peter Raymond Koorey**

Spouse:

Rosemary Jean Whitmore

Birth Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 1944  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand  
Zealand

Birth Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 1950  
Birth Place: Wairoa, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 1971  
Marriage Place: Rotorua, New Zealand

Children: Richard Peter  
Michelle Jean



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**(4) 1.5.5.2 Elizabeth Anne Koorey**

Spouse:

Edward Peter Ward

Birth Date: 27<sup>th</sup> July 1945  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Birth Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 1939  
Birth Place: Gisborne, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 1967  
Marriage Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Divorced:

Children: Anne Maree  
Christopher John  
Patrick Michael  
Sarah Jane



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(4) 1.5.5.3 Michael Patrick Koorey

Birth Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 1947  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Death Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 1995  
Burial Place: Hastings Cemetery, New Zealand  
Age: (48)



(4) 1.5.5.4 Mary Rosalyn Koorey

Birth Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 1949  
Birth Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Spouse: Noel William Colquhoun

Birth Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 1947  
Birth Place: Christchurch, New Zealand

Marriage Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 1972  
Marriage Place: Hastings, New Zealand

Children: Angela Louise

