

# Annie Heslop

## 1849 - 1881 (32 years)

Daughter of John and Ann Heslop

**Annie Heslop** was born in 1849 in Corsenside, Northumberland, England and is the daughter of **John Heslop and Ann Richardson**.

She emigrated with her family at the age of 7, to New Zealand on the clipper Indian Queen from Liverpool in November 1856, arriving in Wellington on 30th January 1857. She spent her childhood with father John and stepmother Elizabeth Jane, living at the bottom of the Puketapu pa site which is the first hill on the right as you turn into Springfield road from Puketapu Rd. The foundations of the house can be seen, as it burnt down.

In 1866 the battle of Oamaru happened across the river and family legend tells of Jane (his second wife) hiding the younger children under the riverbank while the battle raged on above. This battle only lasted 1 day and a memorial commemorating this is in Oamaru Road, ironically just down from the homestead that son William bought later.

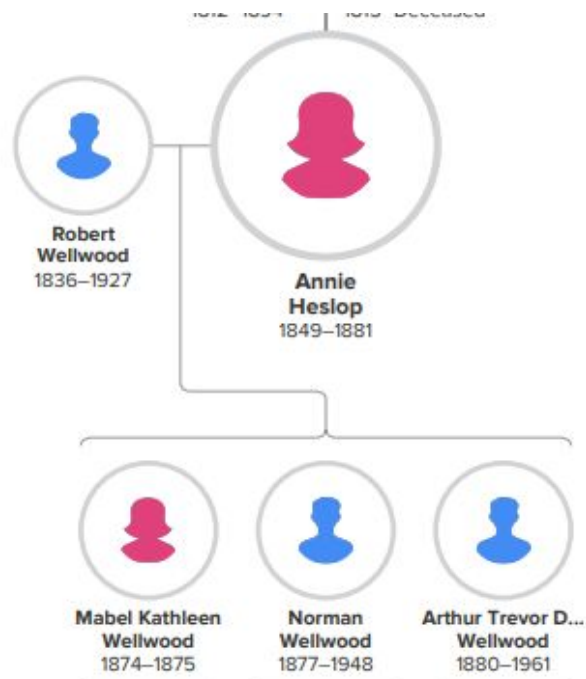
Annie married **Robert Wellwood**, on 11 April 1872, at Puketapu. When Annie's brother John's wife Jane Isabella died in 1873, Annie Wellwood took **Annie Eleanor** into her household. They lived in Hastings.

Their first child a daughter **Mabel Kathleen** died at the age of 10 months and has a large headstone at the Napier Hill Cemetery (right next to William Colenso). Two sons were born before Annie Wellwood died on 12 August 1881. She is buried at the Napier Hill Cemetery with her daughter. She was 32 when she died, leaving behind young Annie Eleanor, Norman aged 4 and Arthur aged 1.

On 14 March 1883, at Wellington, Robert married **Jane Ann Taylor Ling**, the daughter of a butcher and businessman. They were to have five daughters and two sons. (He later became Hastings first mayor). More info in this link

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/2w1/wellwood-robert/print>

**Eldest Son Norman** was found in the book City of Plains - A History of Hastings (p109) as an advocate for cold storage and cannery.



<https://books.google.co.nz/books?id=uM5ZMxaooDIC&pg=PA109&dq=norman+wellwood+hastings&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwixL6bjKXaAhVIfLwKHcB1DiAQ6AEIJjAA#v=onepage&q=norman%20wellwood%20hastings&f=false>

**Son Arthur** was a farmer who enlisted in the South African War as part of the NZ Mounted Rifles (3rd Contingent - Rough Riders).

In 1914 he enlisted in Toowoomba, Australia in the Australian Imperial Force as a driver for the 3 FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] - Reinforcements [1-9] (December 1914 - September 1915)

<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/awm-media/collection/RCDIG1067056/large/5367105.JPG>

Arthur married **Effie May Transon** at the age of 40 and died at the age of 80