

# LOUIS HAROLD FOX

Was born in Gloucester in 1867, the fourth child of Emma (STEER) and James Richard FOX. When his mother died in 1869, his father 'married' a young lady Annie Elizabeth LEE. The family moved from Battersea to Cookstown, Belfast about 1871. Four half-brothers and sisters were born by 1878, at which time the family including eight children had moved south to Clapham.

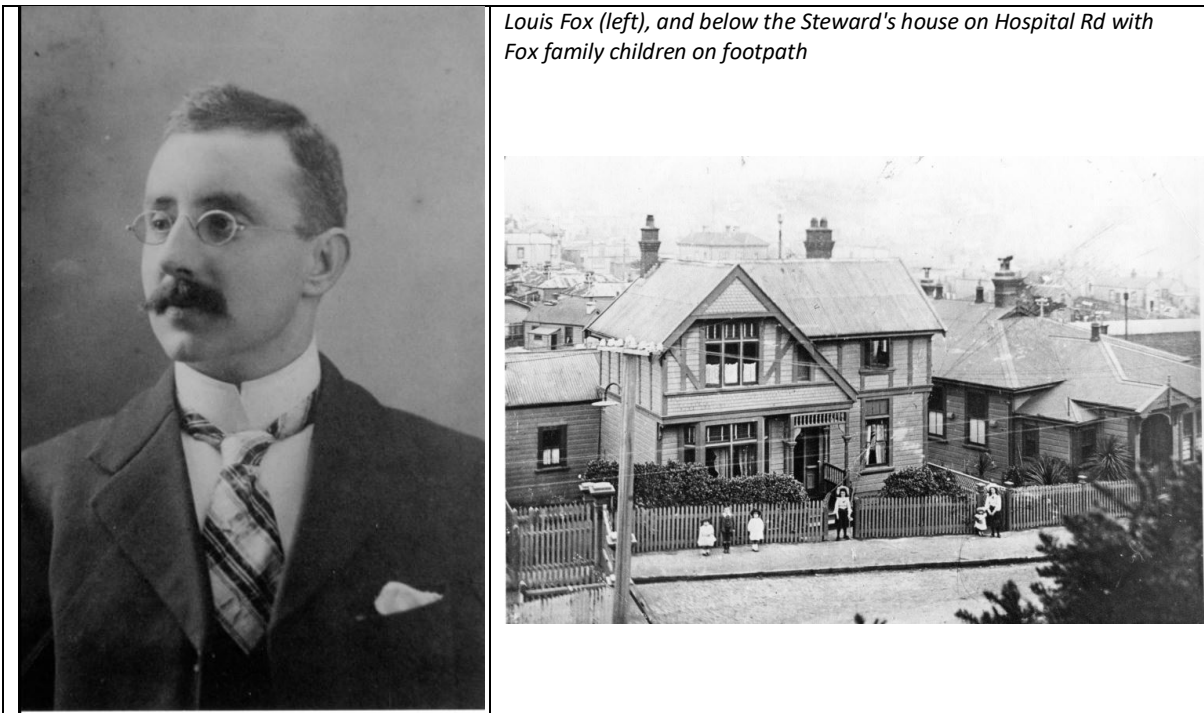
Louis' father died tragically in 1881 – aged 44 - three weeks after a smallpox vaccination.

Sometime around 1888 Louis emigrated, alone, to New Zealand.

He wed Sarah Jane MANN in 1890, in Wellington.

This couple had eight children.

Louis Harold FOX was employed by the Wellington Hospital as Steward from 1901 until his resignation in 1919.



He was President of the Evans Bay Swimming Club in 1913, and was involved on the committee until at least 1916.

During 1915-1916 he was assistant steward in the Masonic Lodge of St Andrew No.32.

Louis Harold FOX also belonged to the Wellington Boxing Assn in 1919.

Their eldest son, Sydney Harold FOX enlisted in the RNVR in WW1. He was awarded, for his incredible courage, a Conspicuous Gallantry Medal and a Croix du Guerre – having volunteered for the Zeebrugge Raid in 1918 while employed in the Dover Patrol of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

After WW1 he set up a motor mechanic's business in Hastings for his son Sydney and his younger son Wilfred. For reasons unknown this venture was a failure.

Following this, Louis was employed as the Secretary of Wairoa Hospital Board. He suffered further ill-health, and died in 1926. He is buried in Wairoa Cemetery with his wife, who outlived him by nearly twenty years.

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