

Progress in solving the Luniom/Leeuwin/Lewin mystery as it related to Louisa Hannaford -our Great Grandmother and mother of our Grandpa Edgerley. In 2009 I bought some BDM certificates from NZ including William Walter Edgerley / Maude Mary Annie Death marriage certificate below. Note the odd reference to Luniom as the maiden name of William's mother – who we know to have been Louisa Hannaford.


BDM 109

# New Zealand Marriage Certificate

Registration Number  
**191000804**

### Particulars of Parties to Marriage

|   | <b>BRIDE</b>            | <b>BRIDEGROOM</b>     |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| First/given name(s)   | <b>Maude Mary Annie</b> | <b>William Walter</b> |
| Surname/family name   | <b>Death</b>            | <b>Edgerley</b>       |
| <i>(If different from above)</i> First/given name(s) at birth   | -                       | -                     |
| <i>(If different from above)</i> Surname/family name at birth   | -                       | -                     |
| Age   | <b>22</b>               | <b>27</b>             |
| Place of birth  | <b>Wellington</b>       | <b>Epsom Auckland</b> |
| Usual occupation, profession or job   | <b>Not Recorded</b>     | <b>Teacher</b>        |
| Relationship status   | <b>Spinster</b>         | <b>Bachelor</b>       |
|   | -                       | -                     |
|   | -                       | -                     |
| Usual residential address   | <b>Sanson</b>           | <b>Epsom</b>          |
| <b>MOTHER:</b> First or given name(s)   | <b>Sarah</b>            | <b>Louisa</b>         |
| Surname or family name  | <b>Death</b>            | <b>Edgerley</b>       |
| Surname or family name at birth   | <b>Mulholland</b>       | <b>Luniom</b>         |
| <i>(If different from above)</i>  |                         |                       |
| <b>FATHER:</b> First or given name(s)   | <b>George Gooch</b>     | <b>William</b>        |
| Surname or family name  | <b>Death</b>            | <b>Edgerley</b>       |
| Surname or family name at birth   | -                       | -                     |
| <i>(If different from above)</i>  |                         |                       |
| Date of marriage <b>29 March 1910</b>   |                         |                       |
| Place of marriage <b>St John's Church<br/>Felding</b>   |                         |                       |
| Other information pursuant to sections 59, 60, 62 or 62D of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Act 1995 -           |                         |                       |
| Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar<br>Issued under the seal of the Registrar on <b>1 September 2009</b> |                         |                       |



**CAUTION - Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.**

Just before Christmas 2013 I emailed the Anglican Church at Feilding and asked if they had the original entry. They kindly sent back the following. So we see Luniom was really Leeuwin. Remember that Louisa was b 1863 in Ballarat and was orphaned in about 1870. I could never find any sign of her in documents until her marriage in 1881 to William Edgerley.

Marriages in the District of Feilding

| No. | When and where married.<br>(Date, Locality, and Description of Building) | Names and Surnames of the Parties. | Ages. | Rank or Profession. | Conditions of Parties:<br>1. Bachelor or Spinster (or as case may be);<br>2. Date of Dissolution of former Wife or Husband. | Dioceses.         | Residence:<br>1. Present;<br>2. Usual. | Parents.   |  |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---|-------------------|--|--|--|
|     |  |                                    |       |                     |   |                   |  | Father's Name and Surname (1), and his Rank or Profession (2). | Mother's Name (1), and Maiden Surname (2).   |
| 17  | 1910.<br>March.<br>29.<br>at<br>St John's<br>Church<br>Feilding          | William Walter<br>Edgerley         | 27    | Teacher             | 1. Bachelor<br>2.   | Epsom<br>Auckland | 1. Epsom<br>2. Epsom                   | 1. William<br>Edgerley<br>2. Builder                           | 1. Louisa<br>Edgerley<br>2. Leeuwin<br>XXXXX |
|     |  | Maudie Mary Annie<br>Death         | 22    | -                   | 1. Spinster<br>2.   | Wellington        | 1. Sanson<br>2. Sanson                 | 1. George<br>Gooch<br>(Death)<br>2. Farmer                     | 1. Sarah<br>Death<br>2. Mullholland          |

MARRIED, after the delivery to me of the Certificate required by "The Marriage Act, 1908," by

Ernest J. Sola, Officiating Minister.

This Marriage was solemnized between us,

In the presence of us,

William Walter Edgerley  
Maudie Mary Annie Death

Herbert Cecil Whyman Auckland Clerk.  
Whayne Court Allen Cambridge Justice

I searched high and low on the www but got nowhere with the very unusual name Leeuwin that has Dutch origins in Australia. I mentioned all this to Fay Sefton – a Jack Edgerley grand-daughter who is keen on family history.

Fay has just told me she found references in Trove, the Australian National Library historic newspapers www site – to a Mrs Lewin wanting to adopt Louisa Hannaford. I searched Trove – <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/result?q=%22louisa+hannaford%22+lewin&l-australian=> And up came several articles from Ballarat papers in 1875 - the gist seems to be that Louisa was in the Ballarat Orphanage and Asylum – no surprise there – and Mrs Lewin wanted to adopt her and take her to Fiji – one way and another we know Louisa was working in Fiji as a teenager when she met her future husband William Edgerley.

Here is the first note from March 1875

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ing and painting at £87 15s, had been accepted.—The committee recommended that the application of Mrs **Lewin** for the adoption of **Louisa Hannaford** be granted, subject to a month's trial, in the meantime a proper agreement to be drawn up.—The tender of Mr

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been appointed general manager. 4. It having been reported to the committee that a lady named Mrs **Lewin**, who had a girl from the Asylum named **Louisa Hannaford**, on probation, was about proceeding to Fiji, and intended taking the girl there also; under the circumstances, and pending further enquiry, your committee instructed the secretary to recall the child." Considerable discussion took place upon this clause, some of the members using strong arguments in favor of Mrs **Lewin**, while others as strenuously opposed the application. Rev. Mr Cummins moved, and Mr Roff seconded, that permission be given Mrs **Lewin** to take **Louisa Hannaford** with her to Fiji, provided that a proper guarantee be given by Mrs **Lewin** and the Rev. Mr Floyd for the future welfare and moral and religious instruction of the child. It appeared that Mrs **Lewin** would accompany the Rev. Mr Floyd and another clergyman to Fiji, and Mr Cummins pointed out that even if these clergymen were removed, Mrs **Lewin** and the child would have a permanent home. Mr Levinson moved, and Mr Wreford seconded, as an amendment, that the 4th clause of the house committee's report be adopted. This was lost, and the motion was carried by eight votes to five. Mr Richards then moved and Mr Glenn seconded, that the guarantee in the case of **Louisa Hannaford** be to the satisfaction of a sub-committee, consisting of the president, the Revs. Messrs Cummins and Inglis, and Mr Scott, also of the hon. solicitor. Carried. 5. The finance committee examined the monthly

## THE ADOPTED CHILD FROM THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.

Sir,—In your "News and Notes" of this day I observe a paragraph likely to wound a loving heart, and cause a wrong impression on the minds of others regarding the conduct of a poor and honest widow. You there state that a Mrs Lewin, who had hired a girl named Louisa Hannaford on probation from the Orphan Asylum, being about to proceed to Fiji, wished to take the girl with her, and on being denied permission, defied the committee, and said she would not give up the girl. Now as my object in writing is not to cavil about what she may or may not have said but merely to show the motives of her conduct, I may state that on the death of her husband, Mr Frank Lewin, chemist and druggist, than whom the world could not produce a more honest man, kinder husband, or truer friend, wishing to fill the blank in her heart, caused by the loss of such a husband, and being childless, Mrs Lewin determined, if possible, to adopt a child, and after much enquiry heard of and obtained, from the Orphan Asylum, Louisa Hannaford, in the fond hope of bringing her up as her own. As the child proved to be tractable and loving, a parental affection soon sprang up, and since having her Mrs Lewin has fulfilled a parent's duties faithfully, sending her regularly to school and church. A short time ago, as her income is only small, a friend and gentleman of the highest integrity recommended her to emigrate to Fiji, and after due consideration she de-

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... continued a parent's duties faithfully, sending her regularly to school and church. A short time ago, as her income is only small, a friend and gentleman of the highest integrity recommended her to emigrate to Fiji, and after due consideration she determined to go, not being in the slightest degree aware at the time that the last object of her care and affection was to be torn from her. So, Sir, I think that even if she has been hasty of speech the natural love inherent in the female breast, even for its adopted young, ought to be sufficient palliation, and I am heartily thankful to those gentlemen in committee who so ably espoused her cause, although I have no doubt the gentlemen who opposed did not know her feelings, and acted with the desire to protect the orphan as well as the widow.—Yours, &c.,

THOS. LE GAY HOLTHOUSE.

Doveton street, 13th October.

Then in November 1875 an Uncle of Louisa (brother of Louisa's mother) appears

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There was another long discussion at the meeting of the Orphan Asylum committee on Tuesday evening, with reference to the girl **Louisa** Hannaford, and her contemplated removal to Fiji by Mrs **Lewin**. A letter was read from the girl's uncle, Harry Kennard, a sailor, which, although dated 20th December, 1873, only came to hand a few days ago. Mr Kennard promised to return to Victoria in twelve months' time and adopt the girl. Under these circumstances the committee considered that they would not be justified in allowing the girl to leave the colony, and decided to stay proceedings for one month, and a notice of motion was given for the rescinding of a resolution passed at the October meeting, granting Mrs **Lewin's** request.

That is about it for now but we know that our ancestor Louisa made it to Fiji—  
20 April 2016