**LUMSDEN, John** (c.1819 – 31.01.1859)

1819 Born at St Andrews, Scotland, son of Alexander and Ellen Lumsden. (MSC 3/17 no L2)

1843.05.06 Married Elizabeth Jones born in London, daughter of William and Anne Jones (born Hayward) of London, at Paddington Parish Church, Middlesex. (MSC 20/106)

1849 Present in England at a meeting of the Natal Land and Emigration Society as a

prospective emigrant. (*NW* 06.04.1849)

1849.12.14 Came on *Aliwal* (*NW* *COP* p.47). Aged 31. Came with Eliza(31), John(5), David (3) and Helen(2). Allotted land at Uysdoorns (Hatt. list). Was allotted 19A *Vaalkop* (55 acres) (JHB Moreland’s list). Children were John Hayward(5), David Alexander(3) and Helen E.(2) (Byrne’s list to Moreland in Moreland papers Vol. 21)

1850.03.21 Letter awaiting him at Pmb post office. (*NW* 21.03.1850)

1850.12.11 He and his family attended a preaching session by William Todd at *Sea View*. (W. Todd diary 11.12.1850)

1853 Clerk, West St Dbn. (*DDP* 1853)

1853.10.00 Member of Committee of Management of the Mechanic’s Institution. (ROD p.179)

1854.05.00 Appointed to the Committee of the Dbn Mechanic’s Institute. (*NM* 17.05.1854)

1854.08.00 Clerk, Dbn, occupier. (*NGG* 15.08.1854)

1854 A sergeant in Dbn Volunteer Guard. (*NM* 18.10.1854 in Martin DLI p.6)

1856 Settled at *Montpelier*, now 133 North Ridge Rd. (*WW in Natal* 1933 p.155)

1857.02.00 Lot 17A *Vaalkop* (55 acres) unclaimed and forfeited to Govt. by Ordinance 5,1849. Transfer No 188. (CSO 56 no 251 dated 02.02.1857)

1859 Died aged 39. Married, and was a merchant’s clerk. Left a house and garden on the Berea and a moiety of a farm at Bellair. Henry W.R. Farre and his wife of Montpelier, Berea, his neighbours, filled in the death notice. (MSC 3/17 no L2)

1859.01.31 Died at his residence *Montpelier* after a short illness aged 39. (NM 03.02.1859)

1854.05.00 Wife was a dress & mantle-maker of Pine Terrace. (*NM* 24.05.1854)

1854.05.00 Wife a dress & mantle-maker, Pine Terrace. (*NCA* 27.05.1854)

1859.01.00 Widow Elizabeth made executor dative of husband’s will. (MSC 3/17 no L2)

1859.04.00 Widow was executor dative of husband’s estate. (*NM* 07.04.1859)

1904.01.00 Widow Elizabeth died aged 85. (Tomb St T)(MSC Deeds/Wills 17/1904)

CHILDREN

**John Hayward** (c.1844 – 06.11.1921)

1844c. Born in London. (Lumsden file in KCL)

1853 July-Dec. Henry [sic] John(9½) attended Dbn Govt School. (CSO 55 no 145)

1855 Jan.-June H. John(10) attended Dbn Govt School. (CSO 56 no 139)

1856 Jan.-June John attended Dbn Govt School. (CSO 56 no 200)

1880 Was he one of Harry Struben’s wagon conductors in the Tvl.? (Struben *TATF*

p.115)

1893.03.09 Witness to William Smerdon’s will signed in Dbn. (MSC Deeds/Wills 14/1895)

1921.11.00 Died aged 77. (Tomb St T)

1921.11.06 John Howard [sic], retired storekeeper, died aged 77. (DGR)

**David Alexander** (c.1846 – 14.02.1920)

1846c. Born in London. (Lumsden file in KCL)

1853 July-Dec. David (7½) attended Dbn Govt School. (CSO 55 no 145)

1855 Jan.-June David (9) attended Dbn Govt School. (CSO 56 no 139)

1856 Jan.-June David attended Dbn Govt School. (CSO 56 no 200)

1875.05.20 David Alexander born London, mercantile clerk, married Agnes Julia Barker, born St Helena, both of Dbn. Married in Dbn. (R St C, Dbn)(CSO 2286). She was the 3rd daughter of J.W. Barker of Pleasant, St Helena. (*NW* 28.05.1875)(*NM* 22.05.1875)

1876 A clerk. (Dbn Govt births reg.)

1876 Ida Penelope Lumsden born Dbn. Daughter of David Lumsden, late of Customs Dept, and Agnes Julia Lumsden. Grandparents arrived in Natal in 1849 and settled at *Montpelier*, now 133 North Ridge Rd, Dbn, in 1856. (*WW in Natal* 1933 p.155)

1920.02.14 David Alexander died. (Doves Dbn list)

1920.02.15 Aged 74 buried. (R St J Dbn)

1920 Died aged 74½. Lived at *Sea View* after arriving, then in 1856 moved to the Berea. He was born in London. Had worked at Gillespies, Black & Baxter, Acutt & Blaine, Reid & Acutt, Savory & Co. and lastly in Customs Dept. Had lived at *Hillandale*, Montpelier Rd, where his family had lived since 1856. On arrival ex *Aliwal* was carried ashore on an African’s back. No sand streets and sod huts today, as he saw as a child at *Sea View*, where he had lived with his family and loved neighbours like Dr Taylor. In 1856 the family moved to Berea site with view of town in front and lovely hills at back. (*NM* *Pict*. 20.02.1920)

1930 Widow Agnes Julia, aged 81, buried. (R St J, Dbn)

1952 In correspondence with Dr Killie Campbell, eldest dau. Ida Penelope wrote, “I never married. I now live in a room at Malvern. I was 70 years old when I left 133 Ridge Road North and am 76 years old now.” (Info. held in KCL and supplied by Linda Lumsden)

1959 Ida Penelope d. a spinster at Malvern. (Linda Lumsden)

**Elizabeth Helen** (c.1847-14.07.1935)

1847c. Born in London. (Lumsden file KCL)

1868 Her husband R.R, Cochrane came to Natal and was in the Customs Dept. (*SAWWW* 1938 p 65)

1871.02.13 ANC signed between Robert Reid Cochrane of *Lowood Estate*, Little Umhlanga, coffee planter and Elizabeth Helen Lumsden of *Montpelier*, spinster. (RSC iv/16 No 72)

1871.02.00 Elizabeth Helen, 23, born London married Robert Reid Cochrane, 23 and upwards, in Durban. (CSO 2285)

1871.02.21 Elizabeth Helen, 23, married Robert Reid Cochrane, 23, planter. (R St T, Dbn)

1871.02.00 Of *Montpelier*, Elizabeth Helen married Robert Reid Cochrane at St Thomas’, Dbn, second son of W.G. Cochrane of Leith, Scotland. (*NM* 23.02.1871)

1872.02.02 Helen Mary Hayward b/bap, dau. of Robert Reid Cochrane, planter, *Lowood*, Little Umhlanga, and Eliz. Helen. (R St T, Dbn in R St P, Dbn)

1874.03.20 Hayward William Gilbert b/bap. Son of R.R. Cochrane, gentleman, Dbn., and Eliz. Helen. (R St T, Dbn in R St P, Dbn)

1876.02.03 R.R. Cochrane sued the insolvent estate of R.B. Tatham for £265, the value of furniture and effects of Clarendon Hotel, bought from Tatham shortly before he went insolvent on12.10.1875. Trustees of the estate denied the claim saying Tatham and Cochrane were partners in running the Clarendon Hotel and therefore furnishings etc belonged to the partnership. Cochrane won the case and was granted £265 and costs. (RSC I/5/86 No 1512)

1882-83 Cochrane was St Thomas’ Churchwarden. The Cochrane’s lived in Greenacre’s Lane until they moved to North Ridge Road where their home was built of yellowwood. (Margrate)

1930.03.19 R.R. Cochrane, Assistant Collector of Customs & Excise, pensioner, died aged 82. (Dbn Govt reg.). Of *Bonnie View*. (Tomb St T)

1935.07.14 Elizabeth Helen died aged 87. Of *Bonnie View*. (Tomb St T)

There are entries for Elizabeth Helen in *Who’s Who in Natal*, 1933 p.54 and *Women of South Africa*, 1913 p.62. The latter shows the Cochranes had a son Hayward William Gilbert and a daughter Helen Mary Hayward. There is an entry for H. M. H in *The South African Woman’s Who’s Who*, 1938 p. 65.

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