**Richard Ansell Hayter** was born in 1826 and came from a line of prominent blacksmiths and farriers in Surrey. He was the son of Richard Hayter 1780-1845 & Sarah Ansell 1788-1848 who married in Kilbixy, Co Westmeath, Ireland in 1817. Richard snr was a builder and surveyor who rebuilt Windlesham Church. Richard and Sarah had the following 6 children: James Samuel born 1819, Catherine born 1820, Henrietta Sarah born 1822, Hannah Ellen born 1824, Richard Ansell born 1826 and John William born 1830. When James Samuel died in 1850, he left his effects and money to his 5 siblings in equal shares. It appears that Richard Ansell Hayter and his sisters Henrietta Sarah and Hannah Ellen may have used their inheritance to immigrate to New Zealand in 1850. They travelled in the fore-cabin of the “Isabella Hercus” the sixth ship sponsored by the Canterbury Association, leaving Gravesend on 24 October 1850 and reaching Lyttleton on 1 Mar 1851. In New Zealand Richard first became a farmer in Lower Heathcote. In 1859 he advertised a boar and pregnant sow from Berkshire for sale. He is on the jury list in 1860. In 1864 he advertised all his horses & drays for sale. He lost his entitlement to vote in 1868, it appears he no longer owned the farm. He became a contractor, submitting tenders for road construction in the mid 1860s, only some successful. He was declared bankrupt in 1876.

By 1885 he was practising as an accountant and by 1905 as a bookkeeper. He was on the electoral roll in Christchurch in various locations, including N bank of River Heathcote in 1853 – 1864, Colombo St Sydenham 1885 – 1890, Walton St Sydenham in 1900 and Sydenham Chambers in 1905/6. It appears he never married and he died in 1907, his burial place as yet unknown.

**Henrietta Hayter** returned to England with a son, Edwin Hayter, born 1854 in Christchurch. His father is named as Thomas in the birth register but this may not be the truth. Henrietta is unmarried on the 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 English censuses. She was admitted to Oxford County Lunatic Asylum on 27 May 1877 where she died on 27 Aug 1894. Edwin returned to New Zealand in 1893 aboard the Ruapehu, leaving one if not two wives and two children in England; he married Adelaide Mary Beaumont in 1906 in Christchurch.

**Hannah Hayter** had married John Franklin Smart in 1847 and they had a son William James in 1849. Hannah and John Smart returned to England sometime in the late 1850s, their son William James who had been very ill on the voyage having died in Christchurch in 1854 – he is buried in Barbadoes St Cemetery. They appear on the England census in 1861. They went to New Zealand again in the mid 1860s [there are references to J F Smart in the Christchurch newspapers in 1865 - 1872] and returned once again to England in April 1874 on the “Salisbury”, this time for good – they appear on the 1881, 1891 England censuses & both died in England in the mid 1890s.

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**Ann Freckingham** was born 1 Nov 1821 in Brownlee Street, Holborn, London, the daughter of Thomas, an oil man, & Arabella Freckingham and baptised on 10 Nov 1821 at St Andrew’s
Holborn. Thomas Freckingham had married Arabella Hildyard in 1816 in Bigby, Lincoln. On the 1841 census at Bush Lane St Swithin, Ann aged 19 is a domestic servant living with her mother Arabella 40, stepfather William Penn 39 a printer, brother Henry 18, half sister Helen Eliza Penn 12. Ann committed suicide during the night of 28 Nov 1850 on board the “Isabella Hercus”. She had been “depressed and quiet” and “disappointed in love” according to witnesses. She had hoped to jump overboard but the deck was always populated even at night. She strangulated herself with string wound 3 times around her throat. She was buried at sea; the money found sewn into her clothes was said to have been returned to her relatives. There is another account of the suicide: http://www.peelingbackhistory.co.nz/suicide-on-the-isabella-hercus/