

THE TWENTY THREE

CATCHING UP WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OF...

ALFRED CHURCHILL LOCKYER

CHARLES AGNEW

GEORGE GOODALL BELL

SIDNEY WILLIAM CAINS

CHARLES AGNEW



Charles Agnew was born in Lochore, Fife, Scotland. He emigrated as a lad with his parents Robert and Margaret and his fifteen siblings to Perth, Australia. He later emigrated to New Zealand, settled in Wellington and married Cecelia Marchant. They had a little girl they named Margaret.



When Charles died, Cecelia remarried Richard Hart and he adopted little Margaret.



Over the past 12 months, I have been in touch with a number of the descendants of the Agnew family who are spread around Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and America. One of those family members is Pauline McEwen who is the daughter of Cecelia and Richard and half-sister to Margaret. However, the girls always referred to each other as 'sisters'. I had always wondered what happened to little Margaret!

On Monday 8th December in a café in central Wellington, Richard and I met with Pauline and her husband Neil. Pauline had brought to our meeting photograph albums that allowed me to glimpse at the life Margaret had led to adulthood as a young girl...



...and beyond as a mother and grandmother.



Over coffee together with Pauline and Neil, we talked about Charles - often referred to as Chick – about his time in the Air Force and how sad it was that he died when things were almost over in Europe. It's strange how life leads you from one sad event to a joyful ending. Had Cecelia not been widowed, Pauline would not have been born and shared the love of her sister Margaret.



Thank you Pauline, it was a delight to meet you and Neil and to learn so much about 'baby' Margaret. Thank you also to all the Agnew family members.