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*Master Jack Dale*

*to Mr. Frost*

*New Zealand Clothing Factory*  
*Marterton N.Z.*

Sat. 3rd Dec. 2005

*copy of James letter to us  
Mary.*

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Brisbane. Australia.

*This is a copy of a letter  
written by James Gerard Frost  
to his sister Mary Josephine  
Cournamee nee Frost.*

Dear Mary & Mick,

Many thanks for the latest photo's of the Frost Family in New Plymouth & Masterton, also Margaret Hennessey, they make a great addition to my photo collection.

On further searching of my papers I find that E.G. Frost & Ellen Lucy Hennessey were both of the same age 23yrs. when married on the 14th Feb. 1888. When they died in 1952 2nd Aug. & 3rd May they were both registered as 88yrs.

E.G. Frost was born on the 21st April 1864 - 1952-88yrs.

E.L. Hennessey was born on the 11th April 1861-1952-91yrs.

The ship John & Lucy sailed from Liverpool on the 4th Sept. 1859 for the Cape of Good Hope, but ended up on the Garcas Reef, Cape St. Roque, which is near Natal on the 9th Oct. 1859. The emigrants were then taken by ship and arrived on the 23rd Oct. 1859 at Pernambuco. This place is now a Province and the Harbour is Recife and Coconut Is. is in this Harbour.

Two ships brought the emigrants from Pernambuco to the Cape of Good Hope 220 on the Ceres 23rd Dec. 1859 landed and the remainder on the Steam Ship Stanley on the 14th Jan. 1860 landed.

Ellen Lucy Hennessey was born on the 11th April 1861, Baptised 21st April 1861, so the Hennessey's were at the Cape of Good Hope 14 months before Ellen Lucy was born.

My thought is that the Hennessey's witnessed the handing over of the "Placenta" of the new born child to the Captain for good luck, as was the custom at that time.

My researcher at the Cape told me at the time that any family stories handed down were a big help in research but may not be quite correct. Aunties told me that the boat the Hennessey's were on was wrecked near the Cape of Good Hope, there is no record of a passenger ship wrecked at or near the Cape about the time of the John & Lucy.

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The same goes for the "Placenta" it really happened but not with Ellen Lucy as it happened about 14 months before she was born.

Further research in South Africa Quote..... and according to a subsequent inquiry held by the Colonial Emigration Board, the selection of such an old vessel for such a task was strongly deplored, it was also stated that the ship lost its steering and sails blown out, and was at the mercy of a fierce storm in the Atlantic.

The "Ceres" was paid £1,060-17-6 in Jan. 1860 for bringing these emigrants to the Cape, the steamer Stanley also brought the Irish to Capetown. According to a report in the Cape of Good Hope shipping Gazette dated January 1860, the ship John & Lucy was sold as a wreck for £250.

I hope this effort makes sense to you, what I have written is from my certificates, letters and newspaper reports.

Any information I tried to get from Brazil, Liverpool and Birmingham was not forthcoming, which was very disappointing.

Cheers for now and a Merry Xmas to all.

Love Jim and Janice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jim', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



As compiled By James Gerard Frost.

# HENNESSEY FAMILY

John and Margaret Hennessey were born in Ireland, most probably County Clare. They lived and married in Birmingham. I think the date of their marriage is 3 September 1854, but this should be verified. Margaret's single name was McKain. It has also appeared as McKane and McCane. They immigrated from England on a boat called the "John and Lucy". At the time of immigration they had three daughters - Mary, Elizabeth and Ann. The boat ran into bad weather and they were shipwrecked at the Cape of Good Hope. Their daughter Ellen Lucy was either born at sea or in Capetown South Africa. No record of the birth is available. It is said that the placenta from the birth was given to the captain of the boat "John and Lucy". Ellen Lucy was baptized on 21 April 1861, at St Michael's Catholic Church, Rondebosch, Capetown, South Africa. She was baptized by T. Meagher and the sponsors were Thomas Toomey and Mary Toomey.

While in Capetown they had a son John Andrew born on 28 June 1863. He was baptized on 16 September 1863 at St Mary's Cathedral, Capetown by Rev E.G. Quaid - Catholic.

Ellen Lucy and John Andrew Hennessey were named after the ill-fated boat "John and Lucy".

John and Margaret and their family eventually sailed from the Cape of Good Hope for New Zealand on the sailing ship "Maori", 700 tons on 24 December 1864. The ship's captain was Captain William Ashby. When they left Capetown they had three children - Mary, Ellen and John. Obviously two of the daughters had not survived.

Somebody, way back then, took the time to write down the whole family and their birth dates where known.

Name	Birth Date
John	1834 Approx
Margaret	1831 Approx
Mary	13 October 1855
Elizabeth	6 April 1858
Ann	16 December 1859
Ellen Lucy	11 April 1861
John Andrew	28 June 1863
Joseph	Unknown
Peter J	15 September 1866
Tersa	2 March 1868
Arthur G	4 June 1871
Alfred W	5 May 1873
Lousia	1 November 1874

A., and Hayward, Ltd., 292 Cashel street.  
 HENNESSY, Ada—On June 8, 1957, at Christchurch, dearly loved wife of the late Alfred William Hennessey, and late of 55 Willard street, Addington, and loved mother of Elsie (Mrs W. Griffin) and Les; in her 84th year. R.I.P. The Funeral will leave the Sacred Heart Church, Spencer street, Addington, on Tuesday, June 11, at 9.30 a.m., for the Bromley Cemetery. Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. John Rhind, Ltd.  
 HENNESSY, Ada—On June 8, 1957, at Christchurch, loved grandmother of Bill, Dolly, Reg., June, Trevor, and Aileen.  
 JOHNS, John Ball—On June 8, 1957,

Edward                      13 August      1877

Margaret Hennessey died 1 September 1919 at Mt Magdala, Halswell aged 88 years. She is buried at Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch. Born County Clare, Ireland - Lived in New Zealand for 55 years.

John Hennessey died on 21 February 1899 at St Asaph Street, Christchurch. He is buried at Linwood Cemetery on 23 February 1899, aged 65 years. John was a carpenter all his life. Born in Ireland - married in Birmingham.

Ellen Lucy Hennessey married Ernest George Frost.

Sent by  
Mary Courman  
(nee Frost)

### Snips of Interest.

The list of names and Birthdates was written by  
one of the Hennesseys in 1882  
my brother Jim (James) has the original copy.

The John and Lucy was shipwrecked. Dec 1859  
It struck the Gargus Reef 10 miles off the coast of  
Brazil South America. No lives were lost.

Not able to get passenger list of The John and Lucy  
as records are only kept 100 years. A real shame.

Ellen Lucy was baptised 21st April  
John Andrew " " 16th September. (These  
two children  
were  
named  
in  
memory of the  
lost ship.)

### From the Franklin Historical Society

Passenger List of the ship Moari.  
which they travelled on From Capetown to New Zealand.

John 29yrs      Margaret 28yrs.

Mary 9 yrs      Ellen 4yrs      John 1yr.

John was allotted 5 acres of wastland with a  
spring in the middle at Pukekohe. He took one  
look and left and went to Thames.

About 50yrs ago it was drained and is now  
built on. Jim has particulars of where  
this land is.

John Dale of Newlyn, England  
See copy of page from his Bible  
July 22 1821

I think it means his son  
George Dale married at  
Madron 7/11/1851. It shows  
1852 on the Marriage Cert.  
This is George Shillinglaw Dale

Children of George Shillinglaw Dale  
Polly Hanna Dale (on the shipping doc  
John Dale it says Robina  
Georg Henry Hosking Dale so I don't know)  
Richard Moyle Dale

Children of George Henry Hosking Dale  
George Melville Dale  
Clarence Richard Moyle Dale  
Vera Cecilia Dale  
Joseph Dale (died young I think)  
John Spencer Campbell Dale (Jack)



Mary Courname's address

MRS. M.J. Courname  
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Birkenhead  
Auckland 10

Sister  
and

James Gerard Frost  
130/431 Park Ridge Road  
Park Ridge 4125  
Brisbane  
Australia

brother

Mary has sent me these forms for an individual record of each family member. If you would care to fill them out and send copies for Caroline and Brett to complete I would be very happy to receive them. There are some spare copies too. Also copies for Lillian and Stephen.



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Here are the names to go with the Frost Family photo.

Ernest George - Ellen Lucy Frost  
(nee Hennessy)

You will notice various spellings of the name Hennessy)

The children's names are not in order of the photo but if Mary sends me the list in order of arrangements in the photo I will send it on.

1. Elsie May Frost b. 18/4/1889
2. Ruby Mary Frost b. 5/3/1891
3. Nellie b. 16/12/1893

I met Nellie (called Belle) when she came to stay with Aunt Vera in later years. Maybe on the occasion of Mary's marriage.

4. Patience Ella Frost b. 10/9/1897  
Auntie Vera referred to Patience as Pae, while

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Mary tells me she and her siblings referred to her as Auntie Pat.

5. James Ernest Frost b. 6/8/1900  
(Mary Bowman's father)

6. Dorothy Grace Frost b. 12/9/1902

7. Sybil Mary Frost b. 10/11/1904

Ruby & Sybil were the family members who became nuns.

I think Pae was the sister who was crippled with arthritis or was it Elsie.

Mary too is wheel chair bound with arthritis



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James Ernest Frost  
mabel Frost (nee Coombes)

Their children are —

Cecilia Mary	b. 5/6/1927
Imelda Therese	b. 6/5/1929
James Gerard	b. 16/12/1931
Mary Josephine (Cournane)	b. 21/4/1933
Madeleine Phillipa	b. 27/11/1936
Michael Joseph	b. 30/12/1939

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## Cournane Family

Mary + Michael's Children are.

Pauline Mary                      b. 18/9/1955

Mary Ellen                      b. 2/9/1956

Phillippa Anne                      b. 10/11/1957

Carmel Rose                      b. 7/1/1962

Michelle Therese                      b. 10/5/1964

Josephine Maree                      b. 10/12/1971



Hennessey Family

our Grandmother

Theresa Cecilia Hennessey

(her name is shown  
on some papers as  
Tersa. I had not  
heard that before.)  
Hennessey has been spelt in  
various ways.