

Florance Robinson (née Hatch) – An ***Oakley*** Relative From Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

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In recent weeks, I have written a great deal about my DNA matches with descendants of Miles Oakley III (1612-1672) and his wife Mary Browne (1607-1682). This couple were my 8th-great grandparents. I have a segment of DNA on Chromosome 15 that appears to have come from this couple, and I share this ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment with a large number of other people who also are descended from this couple.

Here is a webpage with links to a number of narratives I have written recently on this topic:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/Oakley-Chr-15.html>

Now let's do a little thought experiment (just to try something different). Let's assume that the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment really does go back to Miles Oakley III and his wife Mary Browne.

This couple immigrated from England to America in the mid-1600's. Did one of them have a sibling who remained in England? My guess is that one or both of them did.

Let's assume that:

- The sibling who remained behind had the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment and passed it along to his or her descendants in England, and that this continued over many generations. [This DNA segment came from Miles Oakley III or Mary Browne – I don't know which one of them had this segment.]
- Then in the early 20th century, one of the ***Oakley-Browne*** descendants living in England decided to immigrate to New Zealand, taking the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment with him (literally in his DNA).
- Then the English immigrant married an indigenous New Zealander with Māori ethnicity.
- Then this couple had a daughter, and the daughter had a son.
- And both the daughter and the son took a DNA "test" on Ancestry.com that showed that they each had the ***Oakley-Browne*** DNA segment.

Wouldn't that be something?

Well, I think that this is exactly what happened! Stay tuned!

One of my solid **Oakley-Browne** DNA matches is Andrew Baird. He and I have “Shared DNA Matches” with a very large group of **Oakley-Browne** descendants, including:

- Amy Oakley
- John Bever
- Timothy Bever
- Brett Struck
- Pamela Grogan
- Howard Bever
- David Thompson
- Kelly Schlicher
- Cassidy Prentiss
- Donald Baird
- Nellie Waddell
- Mark Workman
- Elizabeth Workman
- Jeani Trana
- Shannon Wiley
- Mark Miller
- Clifford Wachlin
- Brenda Coleman
- Austin Finch
- Joyce Purdy
- Ryan Siver
- Tamara Hunt

Andrew is descended from Miles Oakley VI (1696-1763) and Sarah Tippetts (1700-1800). This Miles Oakley was a great-grandson of the **Oakley-Browne** couple.

I wrote about my DNA match with Andrew earlier this spring:

http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/Oakley-Chr15-Subgroups_17Apr25.pdf

I viewed my DNA match with Andrew on Ancestry.com, and then I looked at our “Shared DNA Matches”. One of my shared DNA matches with Andrew was a woman named Florance Robinson. And Florance has a son named Nathan Robinson.

 FloranceRobinson  	Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 20 cM Paternal side	A.B.'s: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 21 cM
 Nathan Robinson  	Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 21 cM Paternal side	A.B.'s: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 21 cM

Note that my DNA matches with Florance and Nathan are essentially the same size, and Andrew’s DNA matches with Florance and Nathan also are essentially the same size. This is the “sticky segment” behavior that I believe is responsible

for this autosomal DNA segment persisting for so many generations – the segment is passed from parent to child with little, if any, diminution.

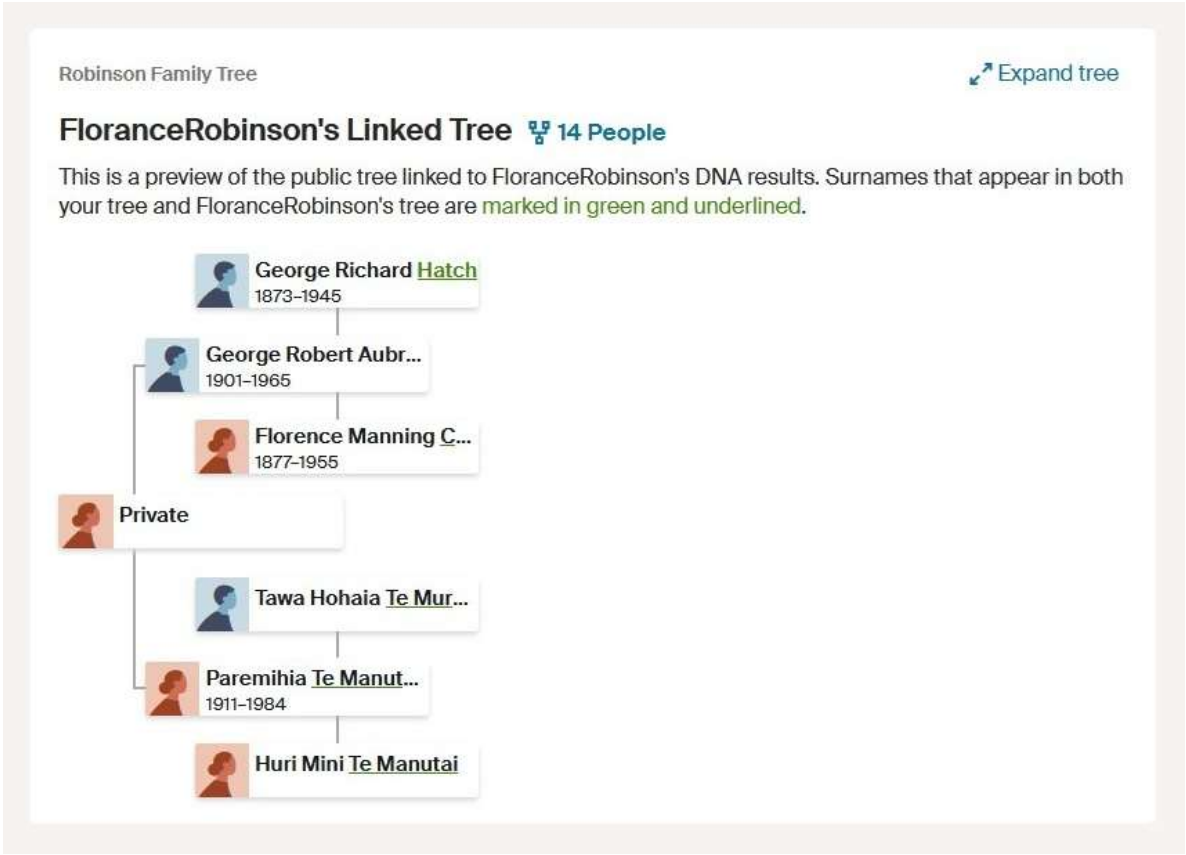
What about my daughter Amy? Does she have DNA matches with Florance and Nathan?

Yes, she has DNA matches with both Florance and her son Nathan:

 FloranceRobinson	Amy Oakley's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 20 cM Paternal side	A.B.'s: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 21 cM
 Nathan Robinson	Amy Oakley's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 22 cM Paternal side	A.B.'s: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 21 cM

Again, we see the “sticky segment” behavior, where Amy’s DNA match with Nathan is essentially the same size as her match with Florance. And Amy’s matches with the two of them are essentially the same size as mine.

I moved on to look at Florance’s pedigree:



Florance’s father was George Robert Aubry Hatch. Here is his profile from Florance’s family tree:

Robinson Family Tree

Find in tree

FloranceRobinson

George Robert Aubrey Hatch

BIRTH 17 NOV 1901 • Bromley, Kent, England
DEATH 09 JAN1965 • Nelson, New Zealand

Family

Parents

George Richard Hatch
1873–1945

Florence Manning Coe
1877–1955

Spouse and children

Paremihia Te Manutai Tawa
1911–1984

Private

George was born in Bromley, Kent County, England, in 1901, and he died in Nelson, New Zealand, in 1965.

Florance’s mother was Paremihia Te Manutai Tawa. Here is her profile from Florance’s family tree:

Robinson Family Tree

Find in tree

FloranceRobinson

Paremihia Te Manutai Tawa

BIRTH 11 JAN 1911 • New Zealand
DEATH 31 AUG 1984 • Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

Family

Parents

Tawa Hohaia Te Muruhupe

Huri Mini Te Manutai

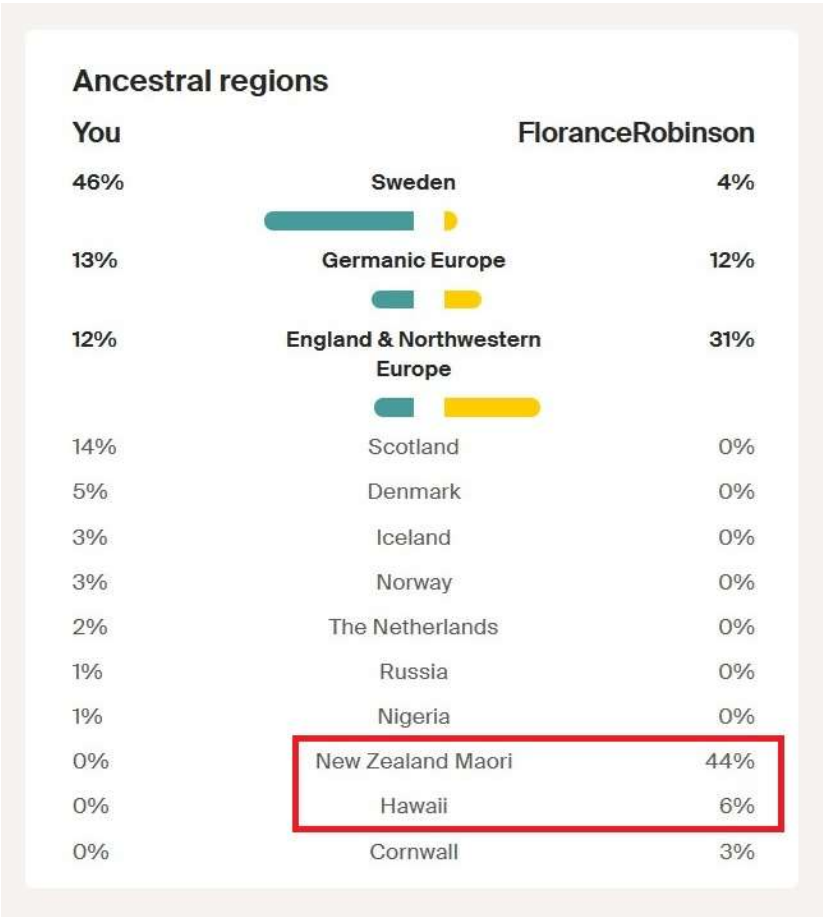
Spouse and children

George Robert Aubrey Hatch
Mr
1901–1965

Private

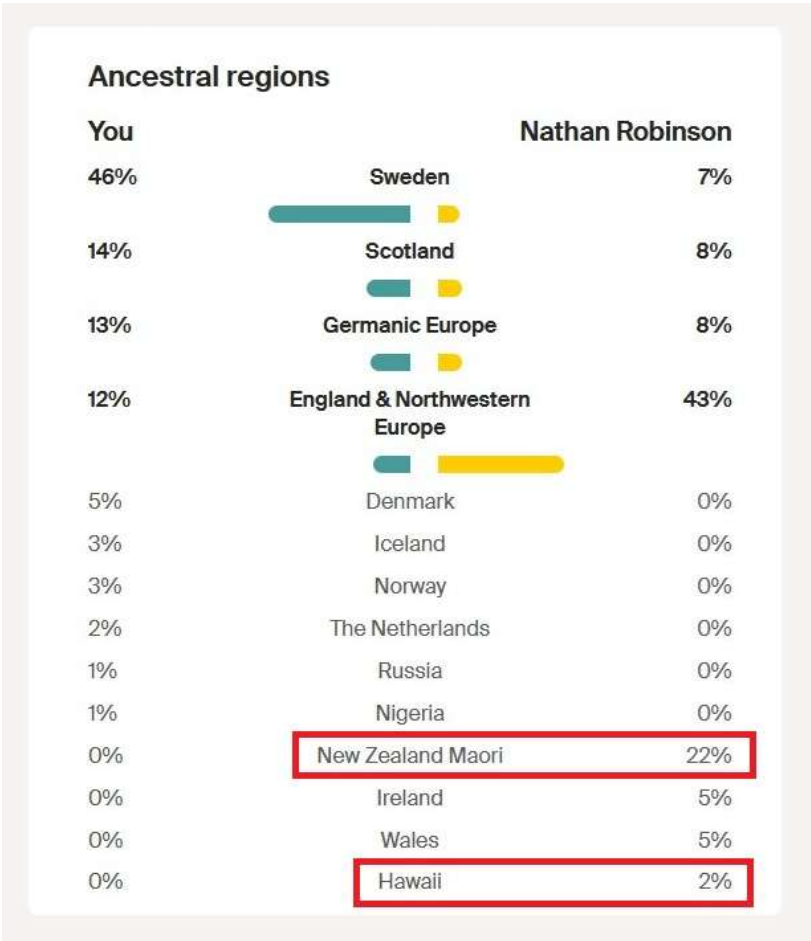
Paremihia was born in New Zealand in 1911, and she died in Rotorua, New Zealand, in 1984. Based on her name, I assume that she was an indigenous New Zealander with Māori ethnicity.

I next looked at Florance’s ethnicity estimates:



Florance’s ethnicity estimates include 44% New Zealand Māori and 6% Hawaii. Presumably these ethnicities came from her mother. [The Māori people are Polynesian, with some coming from Hawaii.]

Florance’s son Nathan is 22% New Zealand Māori and 2% Hawaii:



Nathan’s ethnicities are consistent with his father being of European descent and not contributing any ethnicity from New Zealand Māori or Hawaii.

Now let's look at Florance's shared matches. In addition to Andrew Baird, Florance and I have "Shared DNA Matches" with:

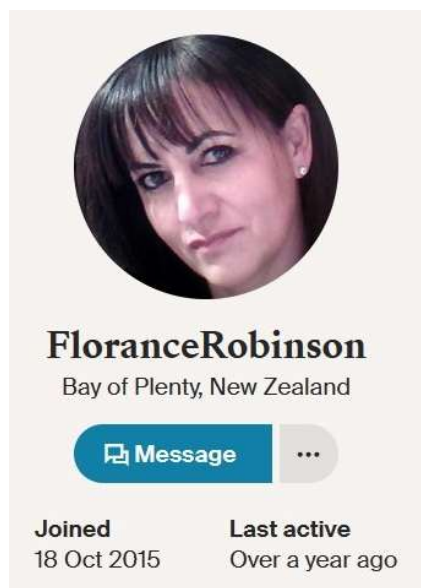
- David Thompson
- Austin Finch
- Joyce Purdy
- Ryan Siver
- Mark Danielson
- Marie Marden
- Kelly Conklin and his father Benjiman Conklin
- Nellie Quinn
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Based largely on "Shared DNA Matches", I have good reason to believe that all of these people are ***Oakley-Browne*** descendants.

I was initially concerned that Florance and I didn't have any "Shared DNA Matches" with other ***Oakley-Browne*** descendants. But if the shared matches are smaller than a certain size (20 cM?), they aren't listed. Given the variety of the DNA matches I share with Florance, I feel good claiming that she also is an ***Oakley-Browne*** descendant.

I realize that I don't have any hope of finding the ancestral line in England from Florance's father back to the ***Oakley-Browne*** couple. But I'm 99.9% sure that there is one. But maybe that is just wishful thinking.

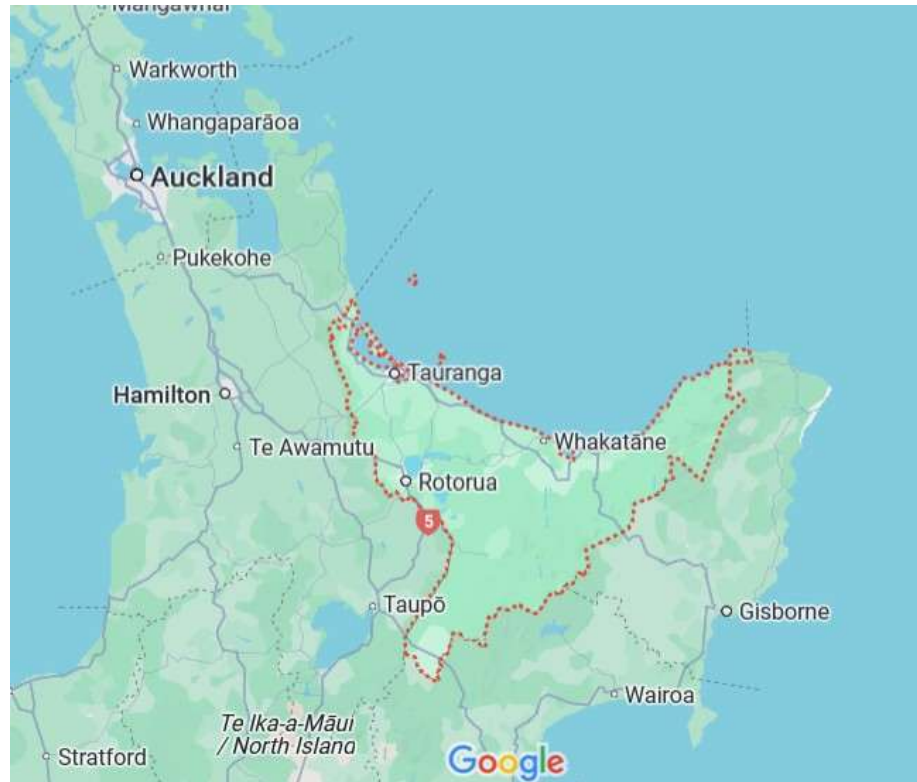
For completeness, I looked at Florance's information page on Ancestry.com:



Florance lives in Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. Here is an AI Summary from Google:

The Bay of Plenty region in New Zealand's North Island is a popular destination known for its beautiful beaches, thriving agriculture, and vibrant culture. It's a coastal region with a diverse landscape, including stunning beaches, a large city (Tauranga), and charming towns. The region is also famous for its abundant food supplies, including kiwifruit, avocados, and seafood, which is why it was named "Bay of Plenty" by James Cook in 1769.

Here is a Google Map showing the location of Bay of Plenty:



The Bay of Plenty area is within the red dotted lines.

Concluding Remarks: I have a DNA match on Ancestry.com with Florance Robinson (née Hatch) and her son Nathan Robinson. Florance lives in the Bay of Plenty area on the North Island in New Zealand. Florance's mother, Paremihia Te Manutai Tawa (1911-1984), was an indigenous Māori from New Zealand, while her father, George Robert Aubry Hatch (1901-1965), was an English immigrant who jumped ship in New Zealand in the 1920's.

Florance and her son Nathan appear to have the **Oakley-Browne** DNA segment, and they must have inherited it from George Hatch. I speculate that George was a descendant of one of the siblings of the **Oakley-Browne** couple, who lived in Saffron Walden, England, in the early 1600's.

What an amazing journey this DNA segment has taken!!

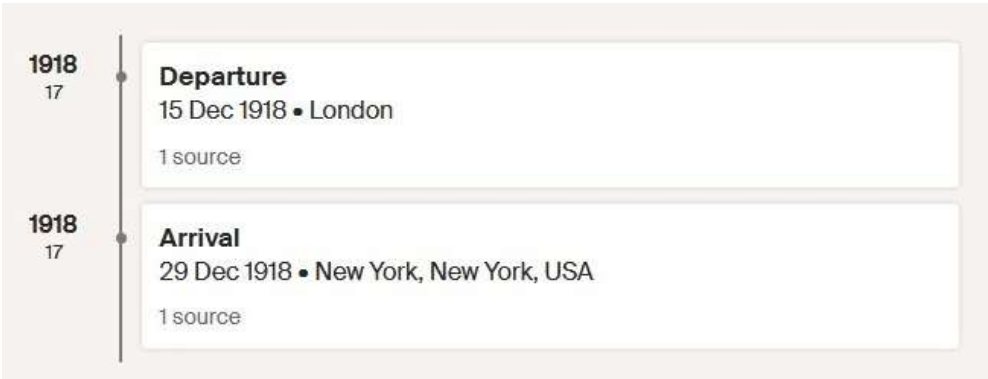
Appendix: George Robert Aubry Hatch (1901-1965)

Florance Robinson’s father, George Robert Aubry Hatch (1901-1965), was born in England and died in New Zealand. I wanted to see if I could find some information about his life. When did he immigrate to New Zealand?

The first profile listed by Ancestry.com when I searched for him was in the “Captain Dexter Family Tree”, which is owned by Mark Dexter. See:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/12157775/person/-312701140/facts>

This profile was full of very interesting facts. It appears that George left home in 1918 and travelled to New York City:



George subsequently worked on the *SS Golden Gate* steamship:



I’m not sure about this one. The *SS Golden Gate* was a steamship that caught fire and sank with the loss of 204 lives off Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico, in 1862. On November 23, 1922, the *S.S. Francisco Morazan* sank in San Francisco Bay after hitting an uncharted rocky area. The disaster resulted in a high death toll, with 128 of the 210 passengers and crew perishing.

George Hatch jumped ship in New Zealand sometime in the 1920’s:



So now I know how George Hatch got to New Zealand.

George lived in New Zealand in the 1930’s:



In the 1950’s, he lived in the town of Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. His occupation was a “pawn broker”:



This profile also showed that he had several marriages, with six children from his second marriage. But the dates look all wrong to me (his second wife was 44 years old when they got married, and they had six children after that), so I’m going to take this with a grain of salt.

My DNA cousin George Hatch sounds like quite a character. I bet he could tell some great stories about his life while downing a Speight’s Pilsner (or two).

