

These are some of the highlights re the Ledgerwood Family connection to Pembroke / Wanaka.

#### SCOTLAND / ENGLAND BACKGROUND.

The village of Ledgerwood just north of the border with England was first established in 1006 AD Basically a group of local farming families.

The " Kirk" Church shown here in Ledgerwood is the oldest in all of England. The Ledgerwood family were very involved in its building and maintenance.

The first Ledgerwood ( James ) arrived in NZ in 1860, followed by his father also James two years later. (The name James was passed from father to son all down the line).



James Lincoln married Eileen Isabella Herd daughter of Mary & Jeremiah Herd.

Eileen's mother was a Butterfield. The Butterfield name still exists in the Upper Clutha through their family who farm in Hawea Flat. Douglas Cecil Ledgerwood often visited his Butterfield family in Hawea which began his love for Central Otago and Pembroke in particular.

In the mid 1940's Doug contracted TB and spent nearly a year staying with Wanaka's only doctor Albert Blanc and his wife Bessie. During his time in Pembroke/ Wanaka he developed what was to become life-long friendships with the McLeod Family ( McLeod's Transport which combined with the Reid Family to become Upper Clutha Transport), the Wests who operated the Malibu launch on the lake, the Umbers, the Galloways, Templetons and several other founding families.

Once recovered Doug returned to Dunedin and operated his own business but because of his love for Wanaka he returned every chance he had.

Once married to Olga Mildred Macdonald , they continued to return to Wanaka to visit family and friends regularly.

After Doug's passing Olga moved to Wanaka to be with her son and one of her daughters and families. Both Olga and Doug are buried in the Wanaka Cemetery.

**Douglas Cecil LEDGERWOOD**

- Born: 28 Feb 1909

**Family Links**



Queenstown Lakes District Council

## Cemeteries

Find People

**Cemetery** Albert Town (17) Arrowtown (1046) Cardrona (73) Family (2) Frankton (539) Glenorchy (118) Hawea (280) Kingston (27)  
Makarora (40) Queenstown (1774) Skippers (88) Wanaka (821)

821 people found in Wanaka cemetery

Surname	Forename(s)	Gender	Cemetery	Date of Death
LANGE	Nora	Female	Wanaka	06 Mar 1952
LARKINS	Christine Sue-Ann	Female	Wanaka	17 Feb 2006
LEAL	John	Male	Wanaka	09 Jun 1934
LEARY	Edward Alex	Male	Wanaka	22 Dec 1995
LEDGERWOOD	Douglas Cecil	Male	Wanaka	08 Sep 1981
LEDGERWOOD	Olga Mildred	Female	Wanaka	05 Jun 1996
LITTLE	Alicia Margaret	Female	Wanaka	09 Aug 1945
LITTLE	Elsie	Female	Wanaka	18 Nov 1940
LITTLE	James	Male	Wanaka	29 Aug 1939

There are several other "Ledgerwood" and their connections, still living in Wanaka.

Daphne and Jim (son of Olga and Doug) moved here in 1984. Both have been active in the local community, and business, and Daphne is still very involved in both local sport and representing Wanaka. Both are very proud of their involvement in creating "Heritage Park"

Like "Wanaka Station Park" it is their intention that "Heritage Park" should mature into a lovely asset for Wanaka being on what has become the Southern entrance to our town.

Donah, (daughter of Olga and Doug) and her daughters Hayley, Amanda, and Charlene (married to Barry Condon, Condon Scott Architects) all live here.

Donah was a school teacher most of her working life then lived briefly in Hawea before retiring here in Wanaka.

Barry and Charlene are totally committed to Wanaka. Barry is the architect for several top homes here, and also the Catholic Church and the planned Community Centre in McDougall Street.

*Other Ledgerwood connections with a long history and love for Wanaka:*

Lady Marie Skeggs (nee Ledgerwood) and Sir Clifford have owned property here for over 50 years and spend much of their time here.

Bill Ledgerwood (Marie's father) does the same.

Norman Ledgerwood ( well-known Dunedin Architect and Author ) spends much of his time here as well.

I hope this demonstrates:

1. The "Ledgerwood Family " name has many connections and a long love of the Pembroke/ Wanaka area.
2. There are many Ledgerwoods and their family connections living here still.
3. Since the current Ledgerwoods have no intention of leaving and will eventually be buried here and their children and grandchildren have a strong love for Wanaka it is reasonable to believe there will always be Ledgerwoods and their family connections represented.

I believe Ledgerwoods are locals and deserve the recognition that is being proposed by "Alpine "of having a street named after their family ,especially on the land that is being proposed , since there is an over 40 year connection to that land.

All the best

Jim.

Hope that is some help Dave.

We are very pleased that you have proposed this naming, and will be very surprised and disappointed if our council turn you down

If it's the. " They are still alive " issue

May I suggest "Douglas Ledgerwood Drive"

As itemised above my father had a long love and connection with Wanaka and some of its leading families, and he is buried here.

Clan Donald (or McDonald/MacDonald) and activities in Otago/Central Otago

Remember we stated our theme for Alpine was a reflection of the early Scottish settlers in Otago...

#### CLAN DONALD IN OTAGO



Ceud Mile Failte. A hundred thousand welcomes to this web page for the Otago branch of the Clan Donald Societies in New Zealand - the furthest flung members of our great clan in the world. There are six separate "branches" of the Clan Donald Society in New Zealand. They are located in the very South of the country in the cities of Invercargill, Dunedin and Christchurch and in the North Island in Auckland and Wellington and Hawkes Bay. A National body, The Associated Clan Donald Societies of New Zealand Incorporated, exists to link all these autonomous societies.

#### History:

Below is a brief history of the Clan Donald Societies of Southland and Otago.

The senior branch, Southland in Invercargill, was launched on 15th July 1959 as the Clan Donald Society of New Zealand. Their name was later altered to Clan Donald Society of New Zealand - Southland, following the establishment of other autonomous branches. Seventy-nine people attended the first meeting when it was held in 1959. A foundation member, Mrs. Mary Batt was a Life Member and Patron of the Southland branch until her death in April 2004. The Southland Branch in February 1999, dedicated a memorial cairn at Glencoe in Southland, to commemorate the massacre of 1692.

The first branch of the Clan Donald Society in N.Z. to be established after Southland, was Otago in Dunedin in 1960. Unfortunately this branch went into recess about 2 years later, but was re-established in 1990 under the Presidency of Colin F. McDonald, who was one of the original founders of the Invercargill Society. Colin died whilst in office, in 1991.

Shortly after the Otago branch of Clan Donald Society was inaugurated, the City of Christchurch was enlivened by the arrival of Clan Donald - Canterbury and about the same time Auckland also arrived on the scene. Today all are alive and well.

One of the great joys which we have had, has been to see the way in which these separate branches have re-established contacts with other Clan Donald members, not only "at home" in Scotland, but also with our kin in other parts of the world - notably the United States, Canada and Australia, and the valued connections which have now been made. Long may this continue.

In 1992, Bill McDonald of Milton, Otago, was appointed by Lord Macdonald of Macdonald, High Chief of Clan Donald, as Commissioner for the South Island, and he held this appointment until 2006 when he passed the task on to Elwyn Martin who now resides in Christchurch, and who was in fact, a foundation member of the Society in Auckland before moving South. Elwyn's major responsibilities are to liaise between the three South Island groups and other like bodies.



The Banner of The Clan Donald Society of Otago.