

Timaru Herald. 23 August 1919 (Papers Past) [18/08/2022]

On Wednesday evening more returned soldiers reached Geraldine, having been motored from Orari. They were cordially welcomed by Major Kennedy on behalf of the Soldiers' Entertainment Committee, and by the Mayor, Mr B. R. Macdonald for the residents of the town and district, while they were heartily cheered by the people assembled. The returned men were: — Campbell, of Kakahu, who won the Military Medal at Bapaume on August 28th last, and a bar thereto on September 14th; Sergeant Kelliher, of Orari Bridge, who won the Military Medal at Passchendaele on 4th October, 1917, and who was gassed later; Sapper A. Scott, and Privates Robinson, Lord, Maxwell and Z. Sherratt.

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**WELCOME HOME.
TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.
THE SOMERSET'S DRAFT**

Seven of Geraldine's returned soldiers arrived back home by the Somerset troopship, getting to Geraldine late on Wednesday evening. The party was composed of Sergeant J. Kelliher, M.M., gained at Paschendale, who was afterwards gassed, and Privates Campbell, M.M. and bar, the former decoration being won on August 28 and the latter on September 11th, 1918, A. Scott, Robinson, Lord, Maxwell, and Z. Sherratt. The Mayor (Mr B. R. Macdonald) gave the men a hearty welcome home, and those who had assembled to join in the welcome heartily cheered the men.

Timaru Herald. 8 January 1921 (Papers Past) [22/08/2022]

**WEDDING.
SCOTT—WOODING.**

A wedding of great local interest took place at St. Thomas's Church, Woodbury, when Edith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. P. Wooding, "Groveley," Woodbury, was married to Mr Aubrey W. Scott, son of Mr and Mrs John Scott, Geraldine. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H. Purchas, Mrs Turton presiding at the organ. The church was artistically decorated by friends of the bride with lilies and pink roses. The bride, who was accompanied to the altar by her father, was attired in a frock of ivory crepe de chine, made on simple lines and ornamented with seed pearls, her tulle veil being arranged with the same. Her bouquet was of white carnations and maidenhair fern. She was attended by two

maids of honour, her cousin Miss Myrtle Irvine, and the sister of the bridegroom Miss Edith Scott. They wore dainty frocks of shell pink and mauve georgette respectively, with cream hats and streamers to match. Their bouquets were in tones of mauve and pink. After the reception Mr and Mrs A. W. Scott left for the south, the bride wearing a smart navy costume with hat of navy blue and rose. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr Eric Scott.

Temuka Leader. 11 January 1921 (Papers Past) [22/08/2022]

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Ashburton Guardian. 5 September 1941 (Papers Past) [22/08/2022]

THEFT OF WOOD TAKEN FROM RAKAIA MILL. DETECTED BY CONSTABLE.

In the Ashburton Magistrate's Court this morning, before Mr H. Morgan, S.M., Daniel Brown, of Rakaia, a hairdresser, was charged that between July 14 and August 10 at Rakaia he did steal firewood to the value of 5s 6d, the property of Aubrey Scott.

For the police it was stated that Scott conducted a small sawmill near Rakaia. Accused lived near the mill. Scott left the mill at the week-ends and went to his

home at Burnham, and in those periods wood was pilfered from the mill yard. The police were informed and kept an eye on the place. At 6,30 p.m. on August 10 a constable went to the mill and saw accused cycling out with several strips of timber on his bicycle. At accused's home there were 13 strips of similar timber, and accused stated that these had been supplied by Scott, who later denied that he had supplied them, declaring that they had been stolen. Accused, it was stated, was in comfortable circumstances and there was no need to steal. His coalbin had been full at the time of the constable's visit.

Accused stated that he had taken wood from the mill before and Scott had said that was all right so long as he was told about it.

The Magistrate: I can't accept that in view of what Scott said. You made several visits surreptitiously to the mill and you did not notify Scott that his timber was going. It was thieving, and systematic thieving. These offences are far too common.

Accused was fined £5, which he was allowed to pay at the rate of £1 a week, and he was ordered to make restitution to the extent of 5s 6d.

Press. 18 December 1959 (Papers Past) [22/08/2022]

BURNHAM DOMAIN GATES

Dedication Next Sunday

The Scott memorial gates at the entrance to the new Burnham Domain will be dedicated by the Rev. R. W. Blair at 2.30 p.m. next Sunday.

The gates have been erected to the memory of Mr Aubrey Scott who died about six weeks ago, and to his son Mr Graham Scott who died about three years ago.

Mr Aubrey Scott settled in Burnham soon after returning from World War I. He was a Justice of the Peace, chairman of the domain board, and a past chairman of the Burnham School Committee. He originally gave the gates in memory of his son, Graham, who served in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in World War II.

After Mr Scott's death, Mrs Scott in conjunction with the Domain Board decided to dedicate the gates to both men.

The new gates are made of wrought iron set in posts made of boulders and concrete. They are twelve feet wide and about three feet high. A metal plaque on one post bears the names of both men.

Press. 28 January 1965 (Papers Past) [22/08/2022]

Cob House At Burnham To Be Partly Restored

*[Specially written for "The Press" by
J. HALKET MILLAR]*

Held to be unique in the technique of its construction, a cob house about two miles west of Burnham Military Camp has drawn the attention of the Historic Places Trust and plans are in hand to have the old place partially restored and fenced off.

More than 90 years old, the house has lately suffered badly at the hands of vandals. Its windows — scores of small panes — have been shattered, and even the delicate wooden frames between the panes have been smashed. At the rear, part of the unique wall has been pushed inward, and it is thought a heavy vehicle was used to do this.

Two feet thick, the walls were formed of laboriously-made cob bricks. No-one knows how far the builder had to go to find the clay for the pieces. The first layer was of square-cut bricks about 18 inches long and a foot high. On top of this was placed the second layer, each piece being sloped to the right at the ends. The third layer was of bricks sloped to the left, and so on, alternately, to roof height, giving the herring bone, or, as one member of the Historic Places Trust put it, the Harris tweed effect which inspecting members declared unique in their experience of cob house construction.

Occupied Till 1952

This was the noted Burnham Grange, built and lived in for many years by W. P. Cross, and occupied continuously till 1952.

William Peter Cross arrived at Lyttelton in the Lancashire Witch in 1868, and spent the next three years farming at Brookside. With the coming of the railway in 1867 sales of land advanced rapidly, and in 1870 Cross bought 240 acres and later took leasehold over 189 other acres of what previously had been Cracroft Wilson's Broadlands sheep run.

Soon after he took possession he started to build his home, which he called Burnham Grange. On the other side of the railway line was a holding which its owner, Richard Bethell, had called Burnham. Between the two places the railway station was built and was called Burnham. Near the station in 1874 the Industrial School, forerunner of the present day Borstal, was established.

Burnham Grange was owned by Cross for a long period, and was sold to George William Dutton. One hundred acres of it were bought by Aubrey William Scott in 1928, and a man lived in the cob house in a caretaker capacity till 1952.

From then on, broom and small bushes began to take charge and trees planted around the house now hide it from view from the roadway half a mile away. Fruit trees still stand and there is a flourishing walnut tree close to the front of the house, but because of the general growth it is difficult to obtain a good view of the building except from the northern end.

Papers On Walls

There is just sufficient room for the front door to swing back clear of the steep stairway which leads to the upper floor. To the left of the entrance is a room which might have been the drawing room of its day. Its walls are heavily plastered with pages from old newspapers and magazines, farm machinery catalogues depicting strange implements, and some sections show fashions of the 1870's and the 1880's.

There is a calendar of 1886. and a sketch of a press gang at work, with scraps of pages from the "Canterbury Times" and the "Weekly Press." The cob walls had been lightly plastered.

To the right of the front door is the kitchen, with its raftered ceiling, and a stove in the middle of the righthand wall. A hot water cylinder has been attached, with a tap low down on the stove for drawing off the water. Opposite, standing high against the wall, is the kitchen dresser, with its multitude of shallow shelves to hold crockery and small objects, while below is a pair of commodious cupboards. Leading off this room is a tiny vestibule giving on to a bedroom. Its casement windows hang forlorn, every one of their 54 small panes of glass smashed.

Up The Stairs

The stairs take one to a small landing with bedrooms opening off, left and right. Their inverted-V-shaped ceilings come right down to the floor, their highest points being not more than 6ft 6in from the floor. These rooms had been papered with a flamboyant wallpaper over successive layers of newspaper, the latest date in view being February 16, 1895. The ceilings are of heavy match-lining. The windows in both these rooms have been destroyed.

There are two low-ceiled rooms at the rear of the house, reached from the kitchen. One has a colonial oven still in the wide open fireplace, and there is a board which holds the badly-rusted remains of a number of coat-hangers.

Best view of the herringbone effect is to be found in the outer walls of one of these rooms, and it was there that some vehicle was crashed against the cob to destroy much evidence of the loving care which William Peter Cross bestowed when he laid the cob bricks 93 years ago.