

Henry/Harry Leslie Anderson

1889-1975



Born 15 February 1889 in Pleasant Point, Canterbury. He was the second son of Robert Augustus Anderson and Edyth Alice Box.

His father Robert was born in Alderney, Channel Islands but came from a family that moved to Alderney in the 1840s from Alloa, Clackmannanshire in Scotland so that his father could gain work assisting with the building of a Breakwater there. The family migrated to New Zealand on board the Echunga, arriving in Timaru on 24 December 1862.

Harry came from a family of 8 –

- William (Bill) Robert Anderson 1887-1963
- Henry (Harry) Leslie Anderson 1889-1975
- Gladys Emma Berry Anderson 1892-1975
- Ernest Edward Anderson 1895-1977
- Robert Anderson 1896-1898
- Dorothy Joyce Anderson 1900-1971
- Edythe Marjorie Anderson 1902-1978
- Lily Anderson 1905-1972

He was enrolled at the Pleasant Point School on 25 September 1893, and his first employment was as a Ploughman in 1911.

He married **Ethel Maude Charter** on 15 May 1912 when they were both 23 years old. Harry went into the motor trade with his brother Bill and he and Ethel were still living at Pleasant Point when their first son Dexter was born in 1913.



He joined the army on 13 June 1918 – Trooper 72010 where he was part of the 37th Reinforcements and served on patrol in the Suez Canal. His occupation at the time was given as “Motor Proprietor”.

In 1919 Harry and Ethel were living at 14 Ramsay Street Dunedin, but by 1938 the couple were living at 165 Western Terrace in Christchurch.

Ethel died on 23 October 1970 while she and Harry were living in St Albans in Christchurch with their son Bernard and his family. Harry died on 31 December 1975 while living at 82 Main Road North Papanui, Christchurch. Their remains were buried in the Oakland Brick Wall at Bromley Memorial Gardens and Crematorium in Christchurch



Harry and Ethel had 2 children –

- **Dexter Leslie Anderson**, who was born about April 1913 at Pleasant Point. He married **Gladys Mochan** on 17 December 1935 and they lived at various addresses in Christchurch, retiring to an Engineers' camp in Lewis Pass.

Dexter appeared on the WW2 Ballot List in 1942 as an Ammunition Maker, No. 514406. It's likely he did not serve in that case, due to his occupation. He died on 20 August 1991 just one month after his wife. He and his wife's ashes are scattered in Lewis Pass.

- **Bernard Alexander Anderson**, who was born 1 February 1917 in Dunedin. He appeared in the WW2 Ballot List in 1941, No. 295177, and served as a gunner in the Artillery Division from 1943, by which time he had married **Iris Flora Taylor**. About 1949 he became an AA Patrol Officer. Bernard died on November 2005 and was buried in the Bromley Cemetery in Christchurch along with Iris who died 27 September 2006