

8 of the Christchurch Cathedral were laid.
It had been the intention, to found purely
a Church of England community & a Bishop,
was appointed to Christchurch, giving it the
dignity of being called a city. The first
immigrants had arrived in 1849, & at this
time (1860) possibly there were not many
more than ten or twenty thousand people
in Canterbury. There was not in existence
in the whole of New Zealand a railway.
There was no communication between the
port of Lyttelton than by going over the
top of the Hills which were called the
port hills. On landing at there fore father
undertook this journey, & on reaching Christ-
Church, not knowing that it was the city. He
enquired how far off, but was told that
he was right in the Centre. The place
where he then was, is certainly even now
the Centre. The White Hart Hotel: As to how
mother & the children got there I have no
clear idea, but I think, that their goods
&c were taken around to what is now

but this is
only a
guess now

9 Summer. Their first home was at Waltham.
It was here then that father and mother made
their first start in their new country. I
have no idea what ever of their resources
but their first employment was with
a man called Fisher (Captain Fisher) I
have no idea how long this occupation
lasted, the wages were I understand six
shillings per day. Their dwelling place
was a building 24 ft x 6 ft subdivided,
but with three children there would not
be much room. It was not very long before
there was an addition to the family
and my brothers John and Joseph (twins) were
born, so that there would be further congestion.
Being used to horses, it was only natural
that, having a liking for them, he would
seek that employment, which gave him
the opportunity. Later on, therefore, he was
occupying and working a farm at Waltham
and it was on the farm that I was born.
on Sept. 29th 1863
I understand, (of course it was long after this
before I understood anything) that he had ac-