

12. Short horn Cattle in New Zealand
He should have been partner settled at Lawrence
in close proximity to the mining district
& taking up farming also. I never heard of
his making a fortune at the gold; but was
later considered somewhat of an expert in
geology.

Part 2

I come now to that period in which embrace
the more active period of my life, although
for a considerable time not in any wise
cognizant of them. Being born as previously
mentioned at Waltham, six months later
in March 1864. Father & mother together with
the family, now numbering six, moved to
our new home a farm of sixty five acres
situated twenty five miles to the south of
Christchurch, & two miles on the south side
of the River Selwyn. At that time the only
name given to that portion was South
Selwyn, & some years ^{later} when the first public
school was erected & called South Selwyn

13 school, it had the honour of being the first
school, erected in that quarter & the name of
district was changed to that of Brookside, and
still continues as the Brookside School.
The land was purchased with freehold title, & I
think the price was £2 per acre. There were
no easy methods of financing in those days, no
such thing as State Advances Departments
through which to deal. The land was in
its virgin state, but I have no recollection
of, beyond learning later, that it was rather
heavy land, with a mixture of flax, wild
irishman, a prickly scrub, & also an occasional
plant of which I have forgotten the name, with
immense dagger like spurs, & which went
by the name wild Spaniard. When drained
later, it turned out to be one of the best
grazing farms in the district. The dry spot
on which the home was erected, turned out
later to be slightly lower than the other portion
of the farm. All the timber and material
for the house, together with the bricks for the
chimney, had to be carted in a dray from