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In connection with the 75th Anniversary of Laying the Foundation Stone of St. Cuthbert's Church, Governor's Bay, a few items of personal interest have been gathered together, and are written down here in the hope that other, and fuller details may be contributed, while there are still some of the Pioneers amongst us who remember the early days.

The earliest settler of whom we have record was Mr. R. Harris, Grandfather of Mr. Robert Harris of Allandale. His first home was a hole dug out of the side of the Hill, and covered with bullock skins sewn together. The hole is still to be seen near Mr. Sage's property.

Mr. Dyer, after whom the Pass is named, purchased 50 acres (R.S.228) near the Bay which was then called Dyers Bay, in 1850. In 1856 he bought R.S.442, and 443 (30 and 20 acres) at the G.B. wharf. He lived with Mr. Parsons for five years before building his own sod house (below Dr. Pairman's house). This he named Stoke Farm, the Maori name is given as Parakiraki. Mr. Dyer's Mother brought an acorn from England and planted it there. The oak tree is still flourishing in Mr. Hewitt's garden. A correspon-