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Mr. Arthur Chas. Dyer gives the following details about his father Mr. John Dyer.

He arrived in New Zealand in the "Canterbury" in October, 1851. For the first six months he lived in a tent. He had bought land from the Canterbury Association before leaving England, and was allowed to choose any land not already taken up. He chose Governor's Bay because there were no rivers to cross in getting there.

Mr. Dyer and Mr. Parsons were partners at first, and the Pass was named after him because he owned land at the foot of the Pass, and people had to go through his land to get across the Hill.

At first people went by boat to Lyttelton to Church, then Services were started in a small building belonging to Mr. Potts. The Rev. W. W. Willock was the Parson, and Mr. Dyer used to lead the singing with his flute.

The Dyers left the Bay for a time, and Mr. Gray occupied their house, they went back for five years, but left finally because it was so difficult to sell their produce. If they brought butter over to Christchurch they might get only 4½d. a lb. for it, and that had to be taken out in groceries.

There is a story about the gum trees which for years have been such a feature of the landscape, as one reaches the foot