

was their home and a family of five children were born (three boys & two girls). In the meantime he laid out the grounds ~~for~~ on which to erect another building, and when the trees were well grown, he erected a magnificent house two stories high & containing 14 rooms. Like ~~most~~ most places that were erected in the district in later years, I presume that it would be built of white pine timber (Rakakata) which was ultimately very susceptible to the ~~white~~ borer. However, I think it is still standing and occupied, by a son <sup>John</sup> who married a daughter of the Reuben Withell mentioned previously. I forgot to state that the youngest son, was accidentally shot whilst shooting at the rifle butts somewhere near Lake Ellesmere.

There were a few families in the district, & closely related by marriage. Mr John Boag's wife was a sister of Mr Chas Taylor and also of Mrs Robinson ~~of~~ (the organist) She however died early & left two children a boy & girl. The son is still living in England and has been there practically all his life after manhood was attained & by profession a Doctor. Mrs John Cunningham ~~deceased~~ was a sister of Mr Boag as also was Mr ~~Gollo~~ Gollo. Mr Cunningham had a sister in Mrs George Stephens. The ~~Cunningham~~ He had a brother called James. I did not know much about him, only that he had a very prominent teeth, and by report <sup>a most</sup> exceeding vile breath. Report said that he proposed marriage to a certain young lady, but was told that the matter might be considered "when he got a new set of guts."

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It was generally regarded that there was a certain mental weakness in some members of ~~of~~ Boags family, but there was no indications in the younger ones, altho one or two of the Cunninghams family were a little bit silly; Mr John Cunningham ~~deceased~~ developed into a splendid citizen & his sister Jenny, mentioned in my previous writing, also who became the wife of Mr Arthur Chamberlain, was very highly spoken off. The family name of Cunningham is now non existant, in that branch. There were two sons, John & William, but John had three daughters. I cannot remember of any family to William,

There was a Baxter in the district, but I did not know him well <sup>very much about him, but he had</sup> ~~him~~ a son William who became a pupil teacher in our school, and ultimately married one of the schools' mistresses. I cannot say whether or not he took up the profession of teacher (became a farmer) That calls my tie any notice Mr Baxter, he had what <sup>prominent teeth in</sup> ~~were called~~ "buck teeth," & some one threw this up at him in a very insulting manner, but he replied that he was as God made him.

Amongst the very original ones was Tom Banks. I never heard of any other method of calling him. He always <sup>pulling</sup> wore a long slop fashioned, well I can't think of the same but familiar in the older days in England amongst the farm labouring class, & always wore one of similar make on every occasion whether at Church or anywhere else a very tidy I don't know what his antecedents were, it was <sup>man</sup>