

Francis (Ferez) (Franz) POTOKY

This chapter begins with the birth of **Ferez Potoky** in Arad Hungary (now Romania) in 1929 - is quite possible that the surname was different to that when born.

Suggestions for actual name are Potofski—Potoccy—Pataky.

During the 1848 **Hung Revolution** many Jews moved to England and the US.

From information now held Francis married **Elizabeth Fisher** at St.Johns Preston Lancashire on 19 December 1852. Certificate 484 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 4238 folio 21 page 36 FHL film 134014.

Also Batch Moo 7132 1742 -1754 0094006 Film 6903552.

Witnesses were James Pickup and Agnes Gornall—Cert. states father of groom was Francis Potoky a ships carpenter-maybe also a soldier.deceased--Elizabeth a widow maiden name **Bretherton** was born **Goosenough Lancashire** 1813 and they had 3 children.at time. Francis was 28, Elizabeth 36.

Marriage entry 484/242 and those below from Lancashire Family History Centre.

Theresa - 5 March 1854 location Nile St - 2555 page 320

Lewis - 18 March 1854 location StPauls Sq,- died 7 April 1858-- 1137/143

Lojok Kemmeny - 19 October 1856. Spring Gardens - 624/ page 78

In the 1881 census Elizabeth and Teresa were living at 16 Pleasant St Preston and Teresa now 27 was a Cotton Weaver. There is no record of a divorce at this time but could have happened.

The next record we have is Francis marrying **Harriet Eade** at **St.Marys Lambeth Kennington** 4 December 1859 at that time addresses were Thomas St. and 6 Johns Place, Kennington. and by this time Francis had been promoted to Sergeant - the 1841 and 1851 Census shows the Eades living at 3 Johns Place with a son also Thomas born 1828 but not at home in 1851 Census.

On 22 July 1858 Francis aged 28 joined the **2/24th Regiment of Foot** at Bury showing his trade as a Tailor. He was promoted to corporal the next day WO12/4139.

On March 13 1860 he left aboard "**Donald McKay**" for **Mauritius** and arriving there 23 May 1860.

In 1861 Isabella Potoky was born but as yet no formal record is available.

The Potoky family left **Mauritius** aboard "Madras" a sailing ship of 260 tons under command of Captain Wuffer after Francis purchased his discharge 5/9/1862 - arriving in **Melbourne** 21 May 1863 with a another daughter Emily and a servant unnamed.

Both the Delaney and Potoky families were in Melbourne during 1863 and may have met as both finished up in Opotiki about the same time.

There is no information of the period of discharge until the ship sailed on 11 April 1863. The next record is of Harriet and Isabella arriving in Auckland aboard the "**Matoaka**" on 3/1/1865, a sailing ship of 1088 tons which evidently sailed direct from London without landfall leaving there On 23 September 1864 - passing by Porto Santo Madeira and Cape de Verde islands Trinidad and south of Tasmania - there is no mention of Francis, Emily or servant arriving in NZ - entry appeared as PATSKEY and Patakey in newspaper.

Child 3 - Ophelia --aka Opellia Denisia was born 7 October 1865 in Auckland.and must have been conceived during the voyage—was Francis a crewman or traveling under another name ? not listed it seems.

No.4 **Agnes Jane arrived 1867** in **Opotiki** but only lived for 2 years

No 5 **Emmerick Ferez Tomas** was born 6 Sept 1869 in **Auckland died unmarried**

No6 **Edmund Corcinus Bethel** was born 12 August 1871 Baker St Auckland—suicided no children

No7 **Palatina Lily** arrived 1874 in **Opotiki** but died young on 1877 the same year as Agnes Jane.

No.8 **Corona Selavina Zealandea** born 22 Feb. 1877 in Opotiki---later married George Rooks

Interesting that the 2 first born had strictly English names whereas but one of those born to Elizabeth Fisher and all those born in New Zealand had Hungarian names.

Interestingly **Lojos Kossuth** was the leader of the Hung Revolution and there was a count **Kemeny Lajoz** it seems. This information came from a researcher in Hungary who mentioned checks of “Chevra Kadisha Book” and emigration records in Budapest on 1 March 1884 a child **Tereasa** was born to Ophelia it seems but died at 3 months from lack of breast milk.

In March 1883 another child Francis 3 also to Ophelia was born and met the same fate as Tereasa.—was to be adopted at Avondale Mothers Home. Sadly on 4 August 1891 **Edmund Corcinus** aged 20 committed suicide by shooting and is buried at Martinsborough Cemetary--Edmund had entered Kohimarama Industrial school 26th Feb 1879 aged 7 (on roll 31/12/1882 as 10y10m) and was to attend Kohimarama Public school in Auckland. and may have started at a Naval Training School opened in 1874 by the Colonial Government.

Some details only of his estate l #1253 Pahawa under 100 pounds page no.1891/996 and handled by Public Trustee. A Constable in Greytown is recorded as informant.

Whilst born 12 August birth not registered till 25 September 1871 at the time the family was at Baker St. Death was 3/8/1891 but again not registered till 18 August.

Emmerick was another tragic Potoky story-it seems he did not marry and was accidentally killed on his property at **Patetonga** in 1924 aged 55.

I do have details as to how his estate was left to Ophelia and the children of 2 of his other sisters, Isabella (Delaney) and Corona (Rook) both of whom were then deceased. ie the estate was divided between my grandmother Ophelia (Potoky) who was alive and the 11 children of Isabella Delaney and Corona both of whom were dead at that time.

I have a copy of the Coroners Report dated 8/6/1924 which states John Henry Millington who was engaged as a sharemilker by Emmerick and lived with him for 3 months. Emmerick hoped to block some cattle by felling trees and did not return. That night he found Emmerick under a tree after hearing his dogs barking.

He sent a friend James Costello for a spade to free him. He died soon after being released. The body was then taken to the house of Mr.Plummer in a sleigh.The Coroner William Henry Lucas held an inquisition in the Plummer House 8/6/1924. ref 1924/593. Reference is also made of a Constable Deveraux, J.Woodward ,Woods store, Patetonga district Nurse, F.A. Coy, Milsom, Twentymans Funeral directors, Allen and Needham solicitors, Miller and Sons etc.

The property was sold to W.G.Haywood. In March 2001 we spoke with Peter Hunter who showed us the place where Emmerick was buried in an unofficial cemetary now forming part of his property. Emmerick,s full name Emmerick Ference Tomas Potoky but probably known as Tom in Patetonga--local legend tells that Emmerick’s horse used to wander down to Woods store with milk and cream and would return alone with any supplies needed by Emmerick. Sadly, the Potoky name ended with Emmericks death as there were no other males alive and he had no offspring as far as is known.

On 12/9/1877 **Isabella Potoky** married **John Delaney 2nd** it was not until 3/3/1898 that sister **Ophelia** married Johns brother **Michael Walter** but it would appear that prior to wedding Ophelia gave birth to **Francis Patrick** 1891 ref 197 and **Mary Aileen** 1894 Ref 1180both of whom became Delaney’s in due course—it must be assumed both were fathered by Michael Walter. These 2 families are covered in separate chapters and in generation printout.

A John Potoky was born 1884 Ref 1175 but not yet identified further.

It seems Francis left New Zealand and it is assumed he traveled to West Australia as a Frank Potoky was accidentally killed there in 1893 ref 477 (does not give further details) meanwhile it appears Harriet remarried a Mark Ashdown Sivyver in Pukeatua on 20 July 1892 –Sivyver suicided on 12 January 1916 and Coroners report is held but so far no death details for a Harriet Sivyver-Potoky or Eade.