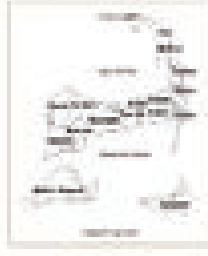
Robert Ann Kinnear, m. 1817, [illegible] and Mary Ann Kinnear, b.1819, [illegible], 1864

John Kinnear was baptised Bishopsbourne, Kent, England 21 January 1816/7, son of Richard Kinnear and Barbara Bidwell.

John came to Southampton Port Nelson with his father Richard, stepmother Elizabeth (Gilbert) and young sister Barbara Ann Elizabeth on 1 April 1841 on the ship [illegible] on the 1 July 1 1848 journey on the Fortune 1, was first cousin to Jonathan Kinnear. John is listed as eight years old on the Census. Maybe he is the [illegible] [illegible] Portobello, Scotland, England.

Ship Nelson at the wharf

The first United Kingdom Census was in 1841 and John's family was living in Bradford. John, listed as farm labouring, was at the time employed by Jonathan Kinnear, his half-uncle. On 16 March 1841, the date of the census, John was living with Jonathan Kinnear, his wife Frances Ann Kinnear, Jonathan's children and Jonathan's sister Barbara Kinnear.

John was naturalised a settler and granted land in 1850s, most settlers at the Sunnyside and Upper Hutt area. Kinnear Road was named after the Kinnear family who lived in the area.