

## Joan Couper Horwell nee Brown

Joan Couper was born in 1863, Saint Madoes, Perth, Scotland to Andrew Goldie Brown and Christina Waddell. Shown as Margaret Couper on the birth record.

Emmigrated with parents and four siblings, Eliza, David, Catherine and Alice on the "Ivanhoe" arriving in Lyttelton 13 June 1864.

The *Canterbury Press* publishes the following as the Immigration Commissioners' report on the ships *Ivanhoe* and *Amoor*:—June 13.—The Commissioners visited the *Ivanhoe* at the Heads; 25 deaths were reported, of which several were from slow fever. Messrs Donald and House went on board. There was no case of recent illness—three or four convalescents. The ship generally was very dirty, an unwholesome damp smell pervading every part. On the main deck was a sheep pen (cargo), the drainage from which ran over the deck. The 'tween decks were damp

The voyage was not a happy one with 25 deaths, 13 from typhoid including her sister Alice, who died on 7 April 1864. The passengers complained about the poor conditions and lack of suitable food on arrival at Lyttelton. The Captain was summoned to court and afterwards, after drinking brandy, fell off the wharf at Lyttelton and was drowned.

Joan married William Parkes Horwell in 1884 and lived in Christchurch before moving to Temuka.



She had five children with William, Martha Lindsay, Arthur Edward, Walter Waddell and Emerson Robert George.

Joan died in 1946 and is buried in the Timaru cemetery.