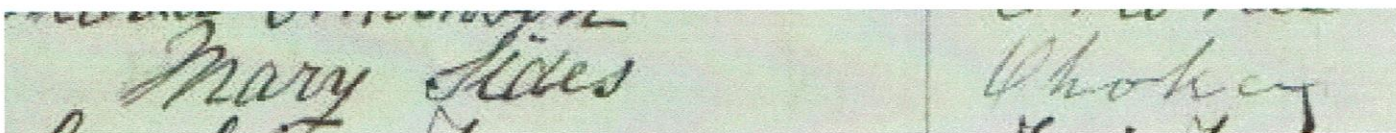


Mary Sides was the fourth of nine children born to James Preece and Hannah Davis. She was born 20 August 1871 in Worcester, England. The family arrived in New Zealand in 1873 and settled in Ohoka, North Canterbury.

Mary married Henry Alley Sides, originally from Clonan, Ireland, in 1890. They had six children, my maternal grandmother was their third child.

The family settled on a farm at Waihao Downs in 1900, but in 1906 Henry had an accident and died. Mary shifted into Timaru and lived there until her death aged 80.

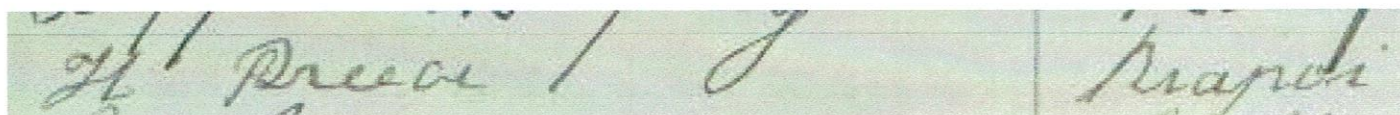
A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The name 'Mary Sides' is clearly legible in the center, with 'Ohoka' written to its right.

Mary Sides with husband Henry and their children Photo circa 1898



H Preece is Hannah, mother of Mary Sides. Hannah was born in Herefordshire in 1844 and married James Preece in 1863. She was living in Kaiapoi in 1893, and died in Christchurch in 1907, aged 63.

This signature is on the same page as her daughters (above)

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The name 'H Preece' is clearly legible on the left, with 'Hannah' written to its right.