

Charles Colville FLEMING

Date of Birth (<i>Baptism</i>)	c1837
Place of Birth (<i>From</i>)	Glasgow
Role on Ship	Second Cabin Passenger
Journey Outcome	Saved

Notes:

Charles Colville Fleming was born in 1837 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He was the son of Peter Fleming, a native of Kintyre, and Agnes Colville, who was born in Campbeltown. His parents had married in Glasgow in June 1836. Charles was the eldest of five children, raised alongside his siblings Janet, John, Mary, and Agnes. The family had deep roots in Argyll; his paternal grandparents were John Fleming and Janet Clark of Kintyre, and his maternal grandparents were Charles Colville and Janet Dunlop of Campbeltown.

Traveling as a second cabin passenger, aged about 19, Charles was among those rescued from the *Josephine Willis* after the collision in February 1856. He resumed his journey to New Zealand soon afterwards on the *Sandford*, arriving in Auckland on July 9, 1856. Upon arrival, he settled in Onehunga to work with his uncle, Samuel Fleming. He was eventually joined in the colony by his brother, John, who died in Auckland in 1860. Charles's arrival was also preceded or followed by two other uncles: Matthew Fleming, who settled in Mangere, and Samuel Fleming, who became a merchant and treasurer for local enterprises. The family history was marked by the accidental deaths of both these uncles, who each died from a broken neck—Samuel from a fall from a horse and Matthew from a fall down a cliff.

In 1862, Charles married Jacobina Walker Turnbull in New Zealand. Jacobina was the daughter of Thomas and Celia Turnbull and had been born in Perthshire, Scotland. Together, they had seven children: Agnes Colville, Charles Turnbull, Cecilia Annie, Catherine, Elizabeth, George Herbert, and Ethel Margaret.

Throughout his life in Onehunga, Charles established a successful mercantile career, eventually taking over the business of J. W. Hoare & Co. in 1876 as an importer of boots, shoes, and leather. He was a director of the Onehunga and Mangarei Bridge Company and was active in the community as the President of the Onehunga Choral Society and a presiding member of the Onehunga Wesleyan Mission. Charles died in Onehunga on September 18, 1901, at the age of 64. His wife Jacobina survived him, passing away in 1905 in Kawakawa.