### The Story of William Montgomery Jater/St George

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Chapter 1

Jater families

The following details are on JATER families in Byfleet, Surrey, from the IGI index and researchers in England:

Frances JATER m Elizabeth ? with 5 children:
Francis bapt 18 Aug 1733
Jane bapt 20 Feb 1734
Mary bapt 4 May 1743
Elizabeth & Sarah twins bapt 5 March 1746

Francis JATER m Anne SONGUST 14 Nov 1764, 2 children:
James bapt 14 April 1771
Sarah bapt 30 Oct 1774

Jane JATER m William OWEN 29 August 1755
Sarah JATER m William STEVENS 1810

James JATER b 1771 m Sarah ? She was born in 1772, died 5 July 1850 in Byfleet.

They had 2 Children:
1. James bapt 20 April 1800, d 1869 in Chertsey, Surrey.
2. William bapt 18 Sept 1803 d 1884 (see William’s family below)

1. James (1800) married Charlotte MARTIN (b.ca 1802). Her father was William MARTIN, mother was Hannah CUZER m. 27 Mar 1780, Wilmington, Kent.)

James and Charlotte JATER had 5 children:
2. William Montgomery b 1831 or 1832 also called William James Montgomery
   She married Francis HARRIS 30 June 1860 at Weybridge, Surrey.

(see birth certificate below for Henry William Montgomery Jater, born 10 Dec 1838 at 12 oclock at night at Byfleet, father James Jater, cordwainer (bootmaker), mother Charlotte Jater nee Martin, registered at Chertsey, Surrey on 25th Dec 1838.)
5. Alfred  bapt. 28 May 1843 at Byfleet. He went to NZ, see Chapter 5.

2. William JATER m Sarah AYLING 1823 and had 13 children:

William Cooper b 2 Oct Bapt 2 Nov 1823 m Emma BALCHIN 20 April 1847 in Byfleet.
Frederick Archibald b 31 Jan bapt 2 March 1828
Emily b 24 May bapt 27 June 1830
Jane  b 7 May  bapt. 10 June 1832
James b 11 Nov bapt. 15 Dec 1833
Mary b 20 Dec 1835 bapt 14 Feb 1836
Clara b 4 Dec 1837  bapt. 21 Jan 1838
Fanny Jater Christened 10 Nov 1839 (Chertsey)
Ellen JAYTER 5 May 1844 Saint Paul Addleston
Ann Jater Christened 30 Nov 1845 Addlestone. (Next village to Chertsey)
Louisa b abt 1848 see 1851 census
Eliza JAITER bapt 31 Mar 1850 Addlestone.
Henry JATER christened 24 July 1853 (Addlestone)

========== CENSUS RECORDS ===========
The 1841 Census of Byfleet ref HO107/1074 dist.11 p8

Address: Railway Cottages

James Jater, 40, Shoemaker, born in Surrey
Charlotte Jater, 40, not born in Surrey
Charlotte Jater, 13, not born in Surrey
William Jater, 10, not born in Surrey
Susan Jater, 5, born in Surrey
Henry Jater, 2, born in Surrey

1851 Census (Byfleet) (census date 30 March) (film 1593 p 363)

James JATER head of family, agricultural labourer age 51
b Byfleet.
Charlotte, wife age 49 b Wilmington, Kent
Susanna daughter age 16 b Byfleet
Henry son aged 13 b Byfleet
Alfred son age 8 b Byfleet
William Henry, grandson age 1 b Ashford, Middlesex.

(The grandson is Walter(William) Henry Young JATER, bapt 18 Nov 1849 in Ashford Middlesex. The birth record of this child shows him born to Charlotte JATER, single woman, no father's name.)

2. William JATER and Sarah (Ayling)

1841 Census. Living in Woodham

William aged 35 a Beer Shop Keeper
Sarah aged 30
Children
William jnr 15
Frederick 10
James 8
Emily 12
Jane 10
Mary 5
Clara 3
Fanny 1

1851 Census: living at Horsell (?) Rd Chertsey address 'Beer Shop'

William aged 47 Beershop keeper/Farmer of 12 acres employing 1 lab
Sarah 44
Amelia 20
James 17 Farmers son Cowhand
Clara 12
Fanny 11 Scholar
Samuel 9 Scholar
Ellen 6 Scholar
Annie 5 Scholar
Louisa 3
Eliza 1 (all born in Chertsey except William born in Byfleet)
William Smith Lodger 30 Ag Lab

1861 Census: James has left and William is described as an Innkeeper.
Only Fanny, Ellen, Eliza and Henry (7) still living at home

1871 Census William is the 'Publican Victoria Inn' and only Henry 17 Nurseryman is still at home. Arthur (Grandson) aged 5 also living with them.
The Victoria Inn, Byfleet, 2007

====== Other Jaters, not in Byfleet: ======

1851 Census (Middlesex - A Regents Park) Z/11/518/Henry Street/2/
Thomas PIERCE head of family, fishmonger age 55 b Surrey
Sarah Pierce wife age 36 b Suffolk, Rinkshall
4 Children named PIERCE Alfred 4, Thomas 3, Harriet 1, Elizabeth 11
James JATER son in law aged 9 b Middlesex, St Pancras
Amelia JATER dau in law aged 8 b Middlesex, St Pancras
Caroline Brown, Servant unm aged 14 b Surrey, Camberwell

1851 Census: 2 Speldhurst Grove, St Pancras, Middx
Mark Jater Head Married 66 Lamplighter b St Marylebone, Middx
Mary Wife Married 50 b Wallingford, Berks
Elizabeth Hawkins GDau 7 Scholar b St Pancras, Middx

1871 Census St Pancras 10 Craddock St
Emma Jater Head M 39 Surrey, Shelford
Emma M Jater Dau U 20 Telegraphist, P.O. Surrey,Shelford
William J Jater Son U 16 Telegraphist, P.O. Stafford, Staffordshire
James M Jater Son U 15 Telegraphist, P.O. Cambridge
(Illegible) Jater Dau U 7 Scholar Cambridge
Harriet Jater Dau U 5 Scholar Bow

DEATHS: all JATERs
John son of Francis 1 Nov 1765
Francis senior 14 Nov 1779
Francis aged 60 7 Nov 1793
William 5 June 1805
Sarah 10 June 1810.
Sarah 1850 Chertsey, Surrey
James Jater 1849 Chertsey, Surrey
Chapter 2

Byfleet today:

Byfleet dates from the Bronze Age in Britain, is referred to in documents from 727 AD and is mentioned in the Domesday book 1085 as Biflet.

Our visit to Byfleet in 2007 found very little from the 1800s. We could not visit the Manor House due to Foot and Mouth disease restrictions.

The town is close to the historic Brooklands Racing Track and airfield. During WW2 most of the track was removed and replaced with industrial buildings. This was the site of Vickers Aircraft Co, manufacturing Wellington bombers. An interesting museum is on the site with historic race cars and some unusual aircraft, including a Concorde. Note St George’s Hill!
A Village of England

BYFLEET

by Leonard R. Stevens, F.S.A.

14. Manor House, Byfleet
It's recorded in the Domesday Book: as being worth ... four pounds!

BYFLEET MANOR GETS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

by JUDITH MEEKING

OVER the past few years the village of Byfleet has witnessed numerous changes. New parades of shops have sprung up, and there has been a large increase in the number of houses. Yet Byfleet still retains its links with the past, which in their turn are undergoing the changes of restoration.

The old church of St. Mary the Virgin, which dates from 1309, has been restored, and now the Manor House itself, which lies at the end of a turning towards the bottom of Mill Lane, has new owners who are gradually restoring the house to its former beauty.

The present owner is Mr. R.A. Lee, an interest

completely, the new building being of brick in Laugh and Hutton, which was the site of the Manor House. The new windows were built in the same style as the old. The door to the first floor was also restored, and the door is a special feature in the front.

REVIEW

After leaving the house, the visitor passes to the Junior Follies, who have completed II. When the smoke, the visitor passes to the front door in the main hall, and preferred to

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St Mary’s Church, 2007
James Jater is listed as a Shoemaker in Byfleet 1862. From the book, **Byfleet, a Village in England**.
Byfleet High St, 2007

Byfleet Fire Station, 2007. Residents were protesting at plans to demolish it and develop the site into apartments in 2007.
The Plough, Byfleet High St 2007.

The Blue Anchor, Byfleet High St, 2007. A hotel of that name existed in 1839. Notable for a murder by poison of the licensee, Mr Alfred George Poynter Jones in 1924.
More Byfleet pictures.
Chapter 3

70th East Surrey Regiment.

William James Montgomery Jater joined the Regiment on 20 Nov 1849 (WO12/1820) at the age of 18. It is said that 'he left England for England’s good'.

Two days before he joined up, his sister, Charlotte had a baby christened. Walter (William) Henry Young JATER, was baptised 18 Nov 1849 in Ashford Middlesex. The birth record of this child shows him born to Charlotte JATER, single woman, no father's name. Charlotte would have been aged 22 at the time. In the 1851 census, he is listed as William Henry, grandson, age 1 b Ashford, Middlesex. In the 1861 census, Charlotte has left home.

He received the Indian Mutiny Medal as Sgt William James M. JATER but left the army in New Zealand as a Private. The 70th East Surrey saw service in Crimea, India and New Zealand. William came from Calcutta in the "Daniel Rankin" 1047 Tons, arriving in Auckland on 13 May 1861. He was stationed mainly at Otahuhu until his discharge with Gratuity 31 December 1865, listed as a Private, occupation: labourer, no.3137. Ref Ak Museum archives. Because he left before his army time was completed, his records were not kept. The Auckland Museum has microfilms of the 70th East Surrey pay records and his signature can be seen.

The regiment was formed in 1758 from the 2nd Battalion, 31st Regiment of Foot as the 70th (Glasgow Lowland) Regiment of Foot. In 1825 it became the 70th (The Surrey) Regiment. The regiment was at Guadeloupe in 1810, India 1857-59 and fought during the Maori Wars 1863-66 in New Zealand, amongst other things building a fort at Miranda, New Zealand, and also served on the North West Frontier (near Pakistan).

**Indian Mutiny Medal Roll (1857-1859)**

| Surname:  | Jater                      |
| Forename(s): | William James M. |
| Unit:      | 70th Foot (Surrey)       |
| Rank:      | Sergeant                 |
| Clasps:    | -                        |
| Remarks:   | Discharged in New Zealand|
Uniforms of the 70th East Surrey Regiment.
Extract from "Life and Experiences of D B Stewart" (written for his children)

I well remember our first trip to Papakura. Our family went for an Easter Weekend. It was the first ride we had in a train. An uncle of my father's, with his daughter, were occupying what was the home of Grandfather and Grandmother Stewart, which was built after the first home was destroyed. St George was his name. His wife, my father's sister, had died shortly before our visit. He had a lame leg and got about on a stick. He was an old Imperial Army soldier, and had fought in the Crimea War, and in India. He told us how he had been shipwrecked, and he and another, had been a long time in the sea treading water supporting them with an old sea chest containing his belongings.

The house only had four rooms, and no inside conveniences – no verandah, and no back porch. Water had to be drawn from a well near the back door. There were seven of us, and uncle and daughter made nine. We five children, and the grown up daughter, had to sleep in one bed lying crossways.

He kept cows. Something we had never seen before and how frightened I was of them. My brother Bob and I were given a ride (our first) on a horse. Bob fell off and dragged me with him. Our father jumped a paling fence that surrounded the house, and came to our rescue. There was an abundance of mushrooms growing in a nearby paddock with which we were loaded for the homeward journey.

Our luggage was on a sledge drawn by the horse, and I was put on top of a box to be driven to the station. The horse made a sudden stop on the way, and I fell off.

My father bought the house and ten acres of land. Apparently my grandfather had mortgaged the property, and after his death the mortgagee had put it up for sale, and my father had bought it for £ 200.

St George eventually came to live with us for quite a period of time at our Settlement Road home. He worked on the farm and spent a lot of time cutting tea tree (manuka) firewood on vacant town sections. I, and my brother Bob, had to sledge it home when we were only youngsters.....
Chapter 4

New Zealand

After leaving the army in 1865, William found bad company in 1867 with his friend, John Wallis.

LARGENY.

W. J. M. Jater and John Wallis were charged with having stolen on the 2nd of August, from the store of Robert Workman, at the Kuman Flat, a number of articles to the value of £9 18s. 1d.

Robert Workman deposed that he was a store-keeper on the Kuman Flat, near Riverhead. On the 1st of August, about midday, witness locked up his store and left it. On his return on Monday, he found that the store had been broken open and the articles enumerated in the information stolen from it.

Detective O’Hara deposed to the apprehension of the prisoners. Jater had a pair of boots on which had been stolen from Mr. Workman’s store. The other articles were found in the tent occupied by the prisoners.

Prisoners pleaded guilty, saying they were sorry for what they had done.

Both prisoners were sentenced to nine months’ imprisonment, with hard labour.

He would have been released about May 1868.

He married Emily Jane STEWART (or STUART) at Mangawhai, NZ. She was born on 29 June 1846 in Manchester, England, the eldest daughter of Robert Stuart and Margaret Kearns.

More on John Wallis on pages 18,20,21.
Robert Stuart (1824-1893) and Margaret (nee Kearns) 1826-1884. Buried at Papakura.

At this point, William changed his surname to ST GEORGE. Note he signs as Saint George. It was probably a good time to start a new life with a new name after his prison term. Odd that they married in Mangawhai, with Emily's family in South Auckland. Emily listed her name as Emma, and signed with an X as she was illiterate. His mate, John Wallis, signed as a witness.

They moved to Grahamstown, now known as Thames, to make some money in the gold rush.
Their first child, Margaret was born in 1870.

The family comprised:

1. **Margaret** ST GEORGE b 18 Jul 1870 at Grahamstown (now Thames), d 26 Feb 1937 at Waipipi. Middle name Charlotte on later certificates. M William Wilson RIDGLEY on 28 Oct 1896. William was b 1873, d 3 Aug 1950 at Waipipi. They had one child Eric William RIDGLEY b 17 May 1903, d 5 Oct 1923 Auckland as a result of a gun accident.

2. **William** James ST GEORGE b 23 Jan 1873 at Karaka.

3. **Robert** Montgomery ST GEORGE b 1874, D 27 Jan 1946 at Otahuhu. M. Lil (Fanny) NEVILLE.

4. **Emily** Susan ST GEORGE b 27 Jul 1875 at Riverhead.

5. **William** Montgomery ST GEORGE b 14 Sep 1878 at Papakura, d 16 Jul 1949 at New Plymouth. M Ellen McLARNON 20 Mar 1899. **Photo below.**

6. **Henry** Montgomery ST GEORGE b 19 Dec 1880 d 1881.

7. **Alfred** Montgomery ST GEORGE b 28 Aug 1882, d 23 Jul 1959 at Auckland. M Isabella GRATTAN. **Photo below.**

8. **Elizabeth** Queen ST GEORGE b 19 Dec 1884 d 8 Nov 1918. M 8 Sep 1909 to Alfred Earnest BEATTIE.
William Montgomery ST GEORGE b.1878, Ellen (nee McLarnon) & family, 1949.

Alfred Montgomery ST GEORGE, b. 1882, with Mrs Gibson (Rena’s Mum), Rena, Loma & Terry, Carolyn, Douglas. Ray. January 1951, Ponsonby.

William’s mate, John Wallis, was kicked and died following a fight in Grahamstown.

It is reported below by the *Daily Southern Cross, Volume XXVI, Issue 4021, 12 July 1870, Page 4.*
INQUEST.
An inquisition to make manifest the causes which led to the death of John Wallis was held on Saturday afternoon at the Salutation Hotel, Shortland, before Lockhart Brown, Esq., J.P., Acting Coroner. A mass of evidence was taken, that of Reid, the landlord of the boardinghouse, being strongly against the prisoner Johnstone. Reid swore that Johnstone came to the door of his house in Davy-street on Thursday, and behaved in a most violent and outrageous manner; and that Wallis, who was lying down in one of the rooms, complained of the row made, and that in consequence of these neighbours’ quarrels he could get no rest night or day. Johnstone, who was standing near the door, began to swear at him, whereupon Wallis stepped outside, and a fight or struggle ensued, and both men fell—Wallis being underneath. Johnstone then raised himself and struck Wallis with his fist, and, according to Reid’s evidence, then stood up and several times kicked the prostrate man violently in the region of the neck and shoulders. Reid, it would seem, did not interfere beyond calling Johnstone a “cowardly scoundrel,” at which the latter laughed.
Wallis, whilst being carried inside, declared he “was done for,” that he had got “his death-blow.” William Chapel deposition to being a friend of deceased, and to having helped to carry him into the house. He (Chapel) did not witness the struggle, but arrived on the spot just as it was over. Johnstone was then stepping across the legs of the prostrate man, who told Chapel him he had been kicked and that he should die. Drs. Trousseau and Croft attended the deceased at first, and apprehended no danger. The former stated in evidence that he was under the impression the deceased man was tipsy, as he smelled strongly of liquor. Wallis was removed to the hospital on Friday morning upon the recommendation of Dr. Trousseau, who then took a more serious view of the case. Wallis died that night, at about half-past 10 o’clock, from paralysis caused by the dislocation of the spinal column between the fourth and fifth vertebrae, and according to the medical evidence the dislocation might have been caused by a blow or a knife. Before Wallis died he made a solemn deposition before H. Goldsmith, Esq., J.P., to the effect that the quarrel was none of his seeking, and that Johnstone had kicked him and so killed him. Johnstone gave evidence at the inquest, at his own special desire. He denied the charge of kicking in toto, and said that deceased had first assaulted him. The Coroner summed up clearly and impartially, and the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Johnstone, adding a rider to the effect that they deemed the prisoner to have received strong provocation. The latter was then and there committed to take his trial at the Supreme Court, bail being allowed, himself in £200, and two sureties in £200 each. He is to undergo a further examination in the R.M. Court on Thursday next.
Chapter 5

Alfred Jater

James and Charlotte JATER had 5 children:

2. William Montgomery b 1831 or 1832 also called William James Montgomery
   She married Francis HARRIS 30 June 1860 at Weybridge, Surrey.
5. **Alfred** bapt. 28 May 1843 at Byfleet.

Their fifth child, Alfred, also came to New Zealand.

He emigrated to Australia aged 28, in the ship 'Light Brigade'28 Feb 1872 file ref IMM/114 page 192 M/f no M1699.

Alfred Jater paid rates in Papakura 1887 to 1913, then moved to Waikino. He had Probate for a Will dated 28 August 1926, his occupation was Tramway Foreman at Waikino. Died folio 1926/2247. His will is stored in Auckland Archives BBAE 1569 Box 629 18958.

Waikino was the gold processing plant for the gold mine at Waihi. The gold-bearing ore was run by railway to Waikino where it was crushed and the gold extracted.

![Papakura gold mine](image)

Alfred Jater married Matilda Clarke in 1879, a widow with one child (Edith). The following children are recorded in Papakura School records:

1. Edith Alice Matilda Jater, folio 1872/310 born 21 Mar 1872. She left school 1886 for domestic employment. She was the only child of Matilda Jater.

2. Marion Gladys Jater folio 1891/151 born 4 Feb 1891, daughter of (Edith) Matilda Alice Clark aged 19, no father listed (Govt restriction on releasing all information). Admitted to school 25 Apr 1898. Left the district 21 Dec 1899. Marion Gladys Jater married George Potana HENRY in 1910. He was a grocer, of Waihi.
They had one child, Alfred Edward Jater Henry, who married Emily. Alfred was a Sub-Station Operator, NZ Electricity Maungatapere. His 1963 will & probate is stored in Auckland Archives BBNY 10440 Box415 153/1990. He died 20 Dec 1989 at Maungatapere/Whangarei. They had one child, Paul Edward Jater Henry, born in 1936. He would appear to be the only living person with Jater in his name in NZ.

From Alfred Jater's will:

*Marion Gladys Henry lived with myself and my late wife Matilda Jater as our adopted daughter and although she was never adopted in law both my late wife and myself desired to treat her as if she were our legally adopted child. She was bequeathed 130 pounds and shared the rest of the estate equally with Edith Alice Matilda.*

Matilda Jater died in Waikino about 9 Feb 1926 folio 1926/286. Alfred died in the same year.

Interestingly, Alfred was living in Papakura from 1872 to 1913, at the same time as my gt-grandfather, Alfred Montgomery St George was born on 28 August 1882. Named after his Uncle Alfred! Alfred Montgomery St George's first son was called Alfred Grattan St George (my father).

We found the cemetery plots where Alfred and Matilda Jater are buried, at Paeroa, just South of the town limits.
The view from Alfred and Matilda Jater’s graves, Paeroa Cemetary.
Alfred's signature is on this document in the Waihi museum.
Chapter 6

Unanswered Questions

Who really was William James Montgomery JATER? No birth certificate has been found. I searched all the birth records at the Surrey Family History Centre from every parish adjoining Byfleet, looking for a hint. The answer may well be in another district, note the 1841 census states ‘Not born in Surrey’. It also states that for his sister, Charlotte, born 1827 but the LDS IGI records show her as born in Byfleet.

Where did the Montgomery name come from? It is not a common name in Surrey. Look at the use of it in this family:

2. William Montgomery b 1833 or 1834 also called William James Montgomery
5. Alfred  bapt. 28 May 1843 at Byfleet. See Chapter 5.

Look at William Montgomery’s St George family. All the boys with Montgomery in their middle name, except for the first, middle named after William’s father, James. Some of those sons used Montgomery for their children’s middle names, also.

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Why did he choose the surname St George? Was he known ‘by repute’ as St George? From St George’s Hill in Byfleet? From a stepfather?

From Fort St George, in the Indian wars?

Or was it just a name he liked, starting a new life after his prison term, with Emily Stuart from Drury?

Keep digging!
Chapter 7

Other St Georges

Where did the ST GEORGE name come from?

There are two ST GEORGE families in New Zealand, and neither of them go back many generations. I have come across several examples, listed below, which show that it was fairly common to add the ST prefix to GEORGE in the 1800's and the origin is invariably from a surname GEORGE, but a little removed. My investigations at the NZ National Archives found that a surname could be used pre-1900 if the person was known 'by repute' with that name. So no formal name changing process existed at that time. Here are a few more:

ST GEORGE / DURANT

The other ST GEORGE family in New Zealand are descended from a GEORGE DURANT, who had two wives (1) Marianne ELD, (2) Celeste LEVEFRE and a mistress Mary Joan BRADBURY. The children born to the mistress were surnamed ST GEORGE, and were:

- George Hanbury Faraday ST GEORGE 1808-1893 m Matilda Jane SHAW (1820-1876)
- Edwin ST GEORGE (1810-1893)
- Leonard Henry ST GEORGE (1811-1829) m Emma ?.

This family in New Zealand has been very well researched and documented.

Captain John Chapman ST GEORGE

Captain John Chapman ST GEORGE was born in 1844, the son of Mrs GEORGE. (She had another son, Major Frederick GEORGE). Captain John St George was killed fighting Te Kooti with a charge of 200 Arawas at the Te Porere redoubt near National Park (about 10 km from the Chateau) that can still be visited. He also owned land near Taupo and was the first to drive a flock
of sheep from Napier. After he died he was buried on the shores of lake Taupo, and was subsequently disinterred and re-buried in Napier with full military honours.

Mrs George married Alfred Domett who became Prime Minister of NZ 1862-63. He recorded John's death in his poem ‘Ranolf and Adolphia’ (1872).

"…..Who sleeps the sleep no more to wake
On earth, ’mid loveliest scenes afar
Where Tongariro’s snows disgorge
Their flames by blue Te Aira’s lake—
Young, kindly, chivalrous St.George!
Whose honour-fired aspiring brain,
Before that instant-blighting ball
Flashed into darkness without pain.

So Swiftly his bold course was run,
That ardent spirit’s duties done."

Here is his gravestone in the Napier cemetery on Hospital Hill:

The GORTON family

Lt Col Edward GORTON used ST GEORGE for the middle names of his family. This was derived from his mother's name Eliza GEORGE. Edward's parents were Robert GORTON, clergyman of Badingham, Suffolk and Eliza GORTON (nee GEORGE).

Edward GORTON married Nora Mary STEPHENSON-SMITH in 1853. The children in this family were:
• Ada St George GORTON b 1864 m Falconer Balson LARKWORTHY 11 Aug 1892 Belstead Suffolk ENG.
• Nina St George GORTON b 1865
• Norman Ballantye (or Valentine) St George GORTON b 1866 in Wanganui.
• Russell St George GORTON b 1869 d 1873 in Wanganui.
• Hilda St George GORTON b 1871 Palmerston North.
• Denis St George GORTON b 1876.
• Edward St George GORTON b 1871

Another St. George

Graham St.George, of Nice, France tells me:

I have a parallel and similar genealogical linkage with a Great Aunt, Edith Mary George on my father's side, whose brother ( my Grandfather )David George changed his name to St.George at the beginning of the century for business purposes.