



DUNNOTTAR CASTLE

# THE MOST DISTINGUISHED SURNAME WELCH

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## ORIGINS

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The Welch surname is derived from the Old English "welisc," meaning "foreigner."

## ANCIENT HISTORY

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The northern Border name Welch is one of the oldest lowland surnames and its history is closely entwined in the rich fabric of the mediaeval chronicles of the border region of Scotland and England.

Careful research of the first documented history of lowland Scotland and northern England, including many private collections of historical and genealogical records, the Inquisitio, the Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, the Ragman Rolls, The Hearth Rolls, the Domesday Book, parish cartularies, baptismals, and tax rolls revealed that the first record of the name Welch was found in Roxburghshire, where John Walshe was a juror on an inquest in 1360. A John Walch was listed as a tenant of the earl of Douglas, in the Barony of Kylbouho in 1376.

## SPELLING VARIATIONS

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Since the early and middle development of the name many different spellings were found in the archives researched, typically linking each alternate to the root source of the surname. Although your name, Welch, occurred in many references, from time to time the surname was spelt Walsh, Welsh, Welch and Walch, and these changes in spelling frequently occurred, even between father and son. Scribes and church officials recorded the name from its sound, sometimes changing the spelling on each occasion of the same person's birth, death or marriage. Preferences for different spelling variations also came from a division of the family, or had religious reasons, or patriotic reasons.

## EARLY HISTORY

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The family name Welch is believed to be descended originally from the Strathclyde Britons. This ancient founding race of the north was a mixture of Gaelic/Celts whose original territories ranged from Lancashire in the south, northward to the south bank of the River Clyde in Scotland. They were divided into three sub-kingdoms, the Selgovians south of the Clyde, the Novantii in Galloway in south-west Scotland, and the Rhiged to the south in Cumberland, Westmorland, and Lancashire.

From 400 A.D. to 900 A.D. their territory was overrun firstly by the Irish Gaels, then the Angles from the east, and, finally the Picts and Dalriadans from the north. More recently there was a Viking influence as the Kings of Man attempted coastal landings. However, their basic culture remained relatively undisturbed. By 1000 A.D., however, the race had formed into discernible Clans and families, perhaps some of the first evidence of the family structure in Britain.

By the 16th and 17th centuries many of our modern family names descended directly from this



ancient race, including Welch. Many of these families were later found scattered, not only throughout England, Scotland and Ireland, but all over the world, surnames which can now be traced back to this locality and time period. Tracing its ancient development, the name Welch was found in Roxburghshire. Years later, Sir Robert Velche was listed as vicar of Tynron in 1548 and Robert Velsche was listed as Burgess of Dumfries in 1567.

## EARLY NOTABLES

Notable amongst the family at this time was Rev. Peter Walsh, who wrote "The Loyal Remonstrance."

John Welch or Welsh (1570?-1622), was a Scottish Presbyterian divine, son of the laird of Collieston or Colliston, in the parish of Dunscore, Dumfriesshire. He was convicted of high treason and sentenced to death "but by the king's direction the sentence was commuted on 23 Oct. 1606 to perpetual banishment from the king's dominions, and they were appointed to go on board a ship which on 1 Nov. sailed with them from Leith to Bordeaux." <sup>[1]</sup>

William Walsh (1662-1708), was an English poet, critic and politician, Member of Parliament for Worcestershire (1698-1701), (1702-1705) and Richmond (1705-1707); as well as John Walsh, author and judge.

## LIFE IN IRELAND

The natural division of Scotland and England, an arbitrary line from Carlisle to Berwick, posed an artificial division to the unity of the ancient Strathclyde Britons and their family groupings. To the north they became Scottish, to the south English. However, many of the family structures would continue to be unified clans, powers unto themselves, owing little allegiance to either Scotland or England, having territories and political interests on both sides of the border.

Soon after the Norman Conquest border life was in turmoil. In 1246, six Chiefs from the Scottish side and six from the English side met at Carlisle and produced a set of laws governing all the Border Clans. These were unlike any laws prevailing in England or Scotland or, for that matter, anywhere else in the world. For example, it was a far greater offence to refuse to help a neighbour recover his property, wife, sheep, cattle or horses than it was to steal them in the first place. Hence the expression "Hot Trod," or, a hot pursuit, from which we get the modern "hot to trot." For refusal of assistance during a "Hot Trod," a person could be hanged on the instant, without trial. Frequently, the descendants of these clans or families apologetically refer to themselves as being descended from "cattle or horse thieves" when, in fact, it was an accepted code of life on the border.

In 1603, the Union of the Scottish and English crowns became reality under King James VI of Scotland, who was also crowned King James 1st of England. The Crown dispersed these "unruly border clans." In 1587, an Act of Scottish Parliament had condemned certain border families for their lawlessness. Scotland was moving toward breaking up the old "border code." Hence, the Border Clans were banished to England, northern Scotland and to Ireland. Some



were outlawed directly to Ireland, the Colonies and the New World.

Many of the Border Clans settled in Northern Ireland, transferred between 1650 and 1700 with grants of land provided they "undertook" to remain Protestant. Hence they became known as the "Undertakers." Many became proudly Irish. In 1890, a birth census of Scottish families in Ireland was taken. From that census, it was estimated that there were over 1,434 people bearing the surname Welsh throughout Ireland; about 78 percent were living in the province of Ulster where the families were found in Antrim.<sup>[2]</sup>

## THE GREAT MIGRATION

Some looked to the New World and sailed aboard the "White Sails" an armada of sailing ships such as the Hector, the Rambler, and the Dove which struggled across the stormy Atlantic. Some ships lost thirty or forty percent of their passenger list, migrants who died from dysentery, cholera, small pox, and typhoid. In North America, some of the first migrants which could be considered kinsmen of the family name Welch and its spelling variants were Jacob Walsh who settled in Boston Massachusetts in 1635; Thomas Walsh settled in Virginia in 1643; John Walsh settled in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1756; Robin Walsh settled in Quebec in 1825 with his wife and six children; Richard Walsh settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1808; John Walsh settled in Charles Town Massachusetts in 1803.

## SETTLERS

- Mary Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1637<sup>[3]</sup>
- Morgan Welch, who arrived in Virginia in 1638<sup>[3]</sup>
- Nicholas Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1638<sup>[3]</sup>
- Daniell Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1638<sup>[3]</sup>
- Gilbert Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1650<sup>[3]</sup>
- Joan Welch, who arrived in Virginia in 1651<sup>[3]</sup>
- Bernard Welch, who landed in Maryland in 1657<sup>[3]</sup>
- Jane Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1661<sup>[3]</sup>
- Philip Welch, who arrived in Massachusetts in 1661<sup>[3]</sup>
- Anthony Welch, who arrived in Maryland in 1663<sup>[3]</sup>
- Eliz Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1663-1664<sup>[3]</sup>

As well as 124 more in the Appendix.

## CURRENT NOTABLES

In North America, both new and established immigrants would leave the East for a new frontier: many joined the wagon trains westward, moving to the prairies or the west coast. During the American War of Independence many who remained loyal to the Crown moved north into Canada and became known as the United Empire Loyalists.

- John Francis "Jack" Welch Jr. (1935-2020) American business executive, author, and chemical engineer, Chairman and CEO of General Electric between 1981 and 2001
- Walter Wilbert Welch (1918-2015) American pastor and educator
- Tahnee Welch (b.1961) American actress, known for her roles in Cocoon (1985), I Shot Andy Warhol (1996) and Cocoon: The Return (1988), daughter of Rachel Welch
- Edward William "Ed" Welch (b.1947) English television composer, known for his work on Thomas & Friends (1984), Blockbusters (1983) and The Thirty-Nine Steps (1978)
- Maurice Denton Welch (1915-1948) Shanghai-born, English writer and portrait painter
- General Larry D. Welch (b.1934) the 12th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force
- Edward J. Welch (1922-2014) American research chemist for DuPont who developed Silverstone, a non-stick plastic coating for cooking materials
- Robert Welch Herrick (1868-1938) American novelist and politician, acting-Governor of the United States Virgin Islands in 1935
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## HISTORIC EVENTS

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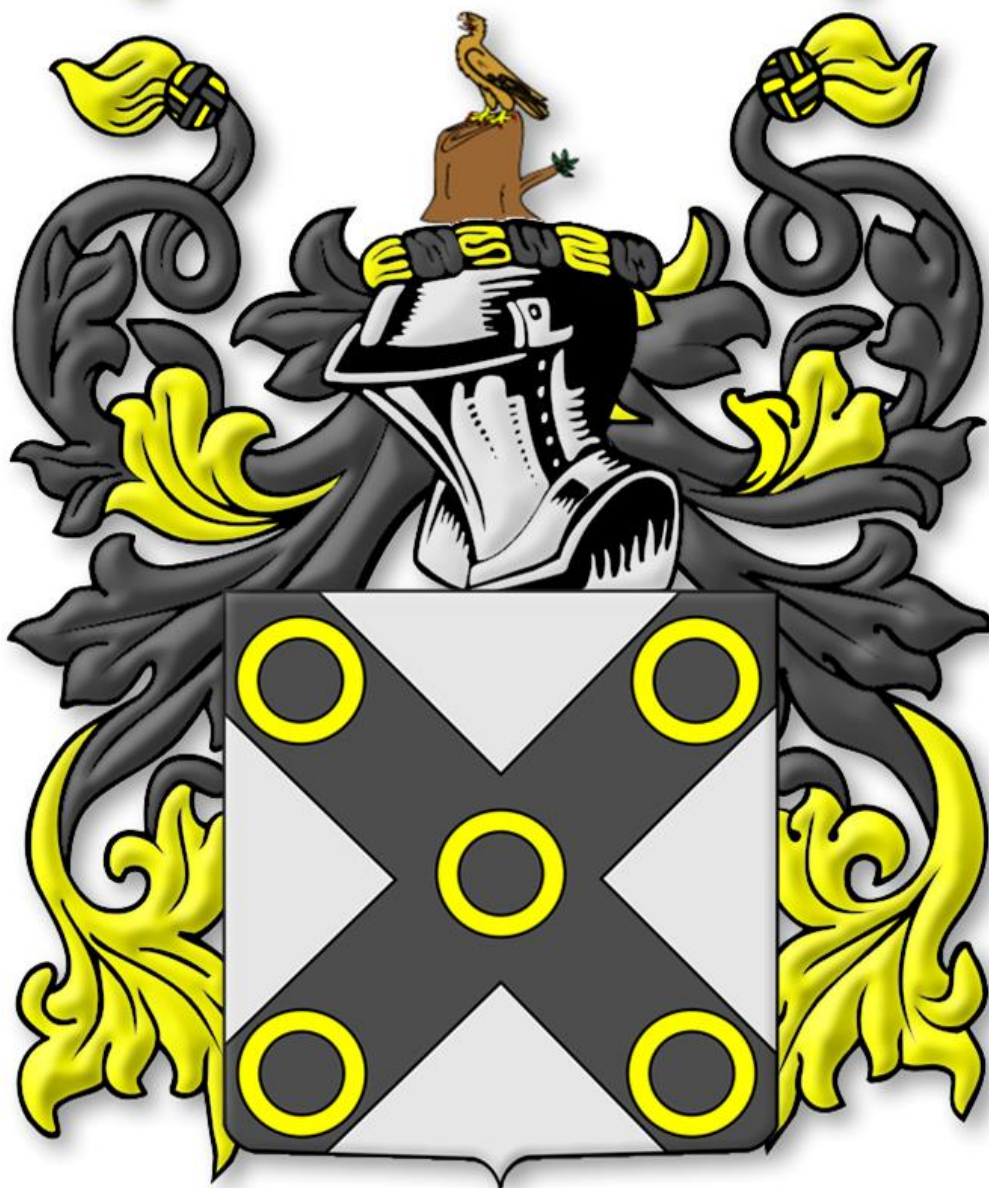
- Mr. Stanley Welch, British Stoker, who sailed into battle on the HMS Repulse and survived the sinking<sup>[4]</sup>
- John W. Welch, British Stoker Petty Officer with the Royal Navy aboard the HMS Royal Oak when she was torpedoed by U-47 and sunk; he survived the sinking<sup>[5]</sup>
- Mr. Frank Welch Jr., American Ensign working aboard the ship "USS Arizona" when she sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7th December 1941, he survived the sinking<sup>[6]</sup>



- Mr. Reginald A Welch (b.1911) English Petty Officer serving for the Royal Navy from Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>
- Mr. Sidney C T Welch (b.1918) English Marine serving for the Royal Marine from Littlehampton, Sussex, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>
- Mr. Albert C W Welch (b.1920) English Stoker 1st Class serving for the Royal Navy from Petworth, Sussex, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>

As well as 34 more in the Appendix.

**Auspice numine**



**Welch**



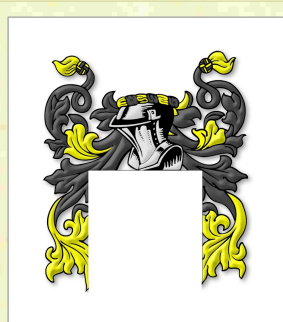
# SYMBOLISM

## INTRODUCTION

The practice of using symbols to represent people is ancient, and in Scotland it evolved into a complex system of armory. Although greatly influenced by England's example, Scotland's heraldic tradition also developed on its own, and there are many devices that are uniquely, and sometimes, exclusively Scottish.



ACHIEVEMENT OF ARMS OF  
WELCH



MANTLE OF WELCH

An Achievement of Arms such as the Welch arms depicted on the left typically consists of these parts: the Escrolls, displaying the family motto and name, the family crest (if any) seen above the helmet, the actual Coat of arms (also known as 'arms,' or 'the shield'), the Helmet depicted below the crest, the Torse on top of the helmet, and the Mantle draped from the helmet. Each of these elements will be described below. Supporters were a later addition to the Achievement; they are somewhat rare, and are usually personal to the grantee.

The mantle was spread over and draped from the helmet and served as a protection, 'to repel the extremities of wet, cold, and heat, and to preserve the armour from rust.' The numerous cuts and slits suggest that it had been torn and hacked on the field of battle. The style or design of the mantling is up to the individual heraldic artist, and it is usually depicted in the main color and metal from the shield. The helmet (or Helm) varied in shape in different ages and countries, often depicting rank. The Esquire's Helm, as depicted here, is generally shown silver, with a closed visor and facing to the dexter (its right). On top of the helmet is a Torse or wreath which was formed by two pieces of silk twisted together. Its purpose was to hold the crest and mantle on the Helm.

## MOTTO

The motto was originally a war cry or slogan. Mottoes first began to be shown with arms in the 14th and 15th centuries, but were not in general use until the 17th century. Thus the oldest coats of arms generally do not include a motto. Mottoes seldom form part of the grant of arms: Under most heraldic authorities, a motto is an optional component of the coat of arms, and can be added to or changed at will; many families have chosen not to display a motto.

The motto for the Welch coat of arms displayed here is:

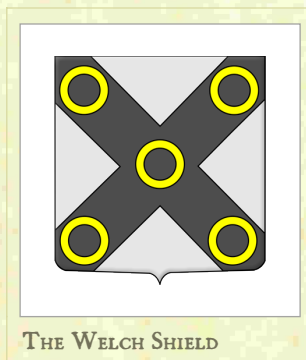
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This translates as:

UNDER DIVINE DIRECTION

## SHIELD

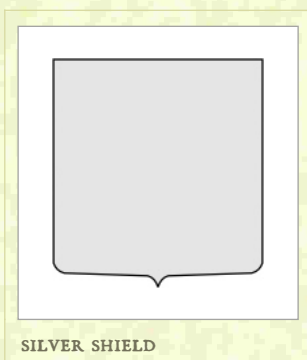
Shields (or Escutcheons) at first were painted simply with one or more bands of color or 'ordinaries'. Later, the ordinaries were used in conjunction with other figures or symbols. The Coat of Arms for the surname Welch can be described as follows:



## WELCH ARMS

A silver shield with five gold annulets on a black saltire.





## SILVER SHIELD

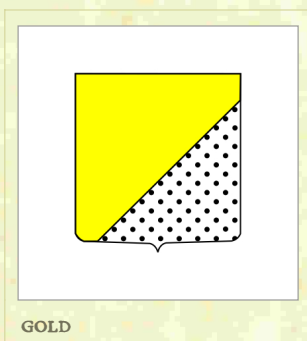
Silver, known by the French term "argent," is one of the two metals used in heraldry. It is usually represented on a shield by the colors gray or white. This metal represents nobility, peace and serenity. It is associated with the qualities of purity and chastity, because the metal withstands the test of fire.

**Symbolic Virtues:** It guards innocence and gives celestial happiness. It denotes virginity in maidens and chastity in widows. It also lends justice to judges and represents the virtues of Humility, Innocence, and Happiness. Celestially, the color represents the moon.

**Precious Stone:** Pearl

**Planet:** Moon

**Obligations:** Help maidens and orphans.

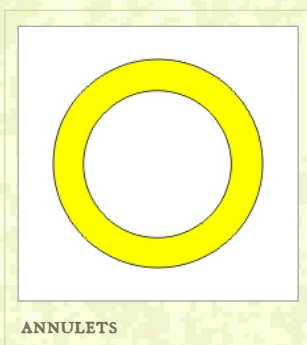


## GOLD

"Or" (from the French word for gold) is the tincture of Gold, or in heraldic terms "or," was considered the noblest color.

One of only two metals used in heraldry, it exceeds all others in value, purity and finesse. It represents the light of the sun, and was once borne only by princes. Gold is said to gladden the heart and destroy all works of magic. It is also associated with excellence and achievement, and the bearer surpasses all others in valor.

It is represented on coats of arms by the color yellow, and in engravings by a dotted pattern.



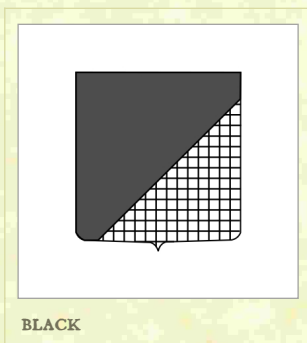
## ANNULETS

The Annulet or Finger Ring is a closed circle and is symbolic of fidelity, continuity and wholeness.

"It is well known as the emblem of fidelity. Joseph was highly honoured by the one given to him by Pharaoh." (Wade)

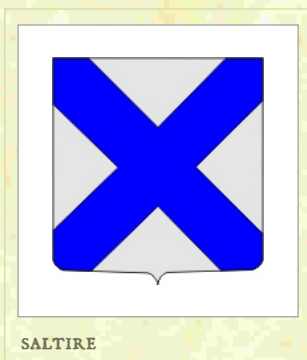
The Romans are said to have worn a ring as a sign of knighthood and rings are still used at some coronations and in the institution of knighthood.

The Annulet may have been borne to indicate that the bearer had the superior qualities of a knight. In some circles an annulet represented riches. In English heraldry, an Annulet was a Mark of Cadency signifying the fifth son.



## BLACK

Sable (Archaic or literary English for black) or black, the coldest of the colors, corresponds to lead. Black, or "sable," is symbolic of sadness. It also corresponds with winter and is a humble color, suitable for the deeply religious. It denotes the qualities of knowledge, piety, serenity and work. Engravers represent it with numerous horizontal and vertical lines crossing each other.



## SALTIRE

The saltire is frequently found in Scottish arms because it is the well-known cross of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. In this case, it is most frequently found displayed under a chief.

Irish heraldry has occurrences to the saltire too. In this latter case, it usually shows the hereditary relationship to the Anglo-Norman "Fitz" surnames. This usage derives from the Norman (cognate with French fils - Latin filius), meaning "son of", which was coupled with the name of the father (e.g. Fitz Gilbert, meaning "son of Gilbert").

It is a cross running from corner to corner rather than vertically and horizontally like a crucifix. The saltire symbolizes suffering for faith and the endurance of hardships.



## THE CREST

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The Crest was worn on top of the helmet, and was usually made of wood, metal, or boiled leather. It provided the double advantage of easy identification and the addition of height to the wearer. The Crest for the surname Welch is described as follows:



THE WELCH CREST

AN EAGLE PERCHING ON THE BRANCH OF AN  
OAK TREE



EAGLE

## EAGLE

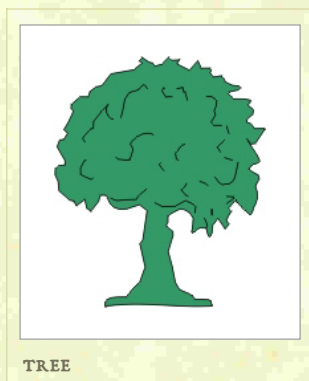
The eagle was a symbol born by men of action, occupied with high and weighty affairs. It was given to those of lofty spirit, ingenuity, speed in comprehension, and discrimination in matters of ambiguity. The wings signify protection, and the gripping talons symbolize ruin to evildoers. The eagle is held to represent a noble nature from its strength and aristocratic appearance, as well as its association with the ancient kings of Persia, Babylon and the Roman legions, having been the official ensign of those empires. Since then, other empires and nations have also adopted the eagle as their symbol, such as the German third Reich and the empire conquered by Napoleon. The eagle is also associated with the sun. As a Christian symbol, the eagle represents salvation, redemption and resurrection. The eagle has been represented over the centuries in a variety of different ways: wing tips pointed up or down, wings closed or rising or the eagle displayed from above with one or two heads. Parts of the eagle such as the head, wings, legs or talons, are also often symbols in heraldry. The claw of a bird and leg of a bird is always taken to be that of an eagle unless specified otherwise, and the eagle leg borne on a shield or coat of arms is said to signify that the "preyer upon others has been preyed upon," though this is highly uncertain.

An interesting form of the eagle is the alerion, which is drawn without the beak or the legs. It is thought to represent a formerly great warrior who was seriously injured in combat and is no longer able to fight. The osprey may also be classed with the eagle. It is always represented as a white eagle and is referred to in heraldry as a sea-eagle.



## BRANCH

The bough has long been associated with ceremonies of triumph and is thus an ancient and traditional sign of victory. Though they may not differ much visually, different types of branches often have very different symbolic meanings. Victorious princes returning from mighty enterprises often bore palm branches. The palm branch thus became an emblem of victory and justice. Acacia branches or leaves have traditionally signified eternal and affectionate remembrance. The olive branch is a heraldic emblem of peace.



## TREE

The tree is a symbol of antiquity and strength. Many types of trees are blazoned on shields and crests, but they are generally not depicted accurately. The type of tree can relate to the characteristics of an early bearer of the family name, or perhaps to the land held by that family. The oak tree was sacred to the ancient Greeks and the Celts; the cedars of Lebanon are referred to in the scriptures as trees of stately beauty; the lime or linden tree was sacred to the Germans; the poplar is a symbol of great strength; the cypress tree is a symbol of death, because once cut, it never springs up again from its roots; evergreens, like the pine and the yew, symbolize of death and the hope of eternal life; the ash tree was venerated by the Scandinavians. Trees allude to home or property, and they are also generally considered a symbol of life and strength. Sometimes a hurst of trees, or a wood is found on a shield. Also, a tree stump or tree trunk may be used as a symbol of re-growth and rebirth, especially when it is borne with branches spouting new leaves.

# CONCLUSION

## SUGGESTED FURTHER READINGS

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"The Tishomingo County Connecti.

": History of Skinner-Welch, Adams-Seago and Allied Families of Tishomingo County, Mississippi" by Esther Welch Adams.

"The Welsh (also Welch) Family from the Revolution to the Bicentennial, 1776-1976" by Mrs. Berne Chamberlin.

"Welch" by Jeff D. Welch.

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## APPENDIX - NOTABLE LIST

### NOTABLES WITH THE FIRST AND MIDDLE NAMES WELCH

- Robert Welch Herrick (1868-1938) American novelist and politician, acting-Governor of the United States Virgin Islands in 1935
- Brigadier-General Thomas Welch Blackburn (1892-1964) American Commanding Officer 3rd Fighter Command (1944-1946)<sup>[8]</sup>
- Lloyd Welch Pogue (1899-2003) American pioneering aviation attorney and Chairman of the old Civil Aeronautics Board

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- John Francis "Jack" Welch Jr. (1935-2020) American business executive, author, and chemical engineer, Chairman and CEO of General Electric between 1981 and 2001
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- Jack Welch (1905-1985) American illustrator, best known for his cover illustrations for The Saturday Evening Post
- Franklin A. Welch (b.1959) American ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the United States Coast Guard
- Edward F. Welch Jr. (1924-2008) American rear admiral of the United States Navy, President of the Naval War College
- Jacqueline Denise Welch (b.1958) English actress, dancer and television presenter best known for her roles as Natalie Barnes on Coronation Street
- Carolyn Welch (b.1929) American bronze medalist figure skater at the 1947 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Bruce Welch OBE (b.1941) born Bruce Cripps, an English guitarist, songwriter, producer and singer, best known as a member of The Shadows
- Robert Lynn "Bob" Welch (b.1956) American former Major League Baseball starting pitcher
- Gillian Welch (b.1967) American Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter

- Raquel Welch (b.1940) born Jo Raquel Tejada, American Golden Globe winning actress, author and sex symbol in the 70s
- Bob Welch (1946-2012) American musician, former member of Fleetwood Mac
- Alexander Welch (1873-1962) Canadian politician
- C. David Welch (b.1953) former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs of the United States
- Robert Welch (1929-2000) one of Britain's most important and influential silversmiths
- Adonijah Welch (1821-1889) American politician
- Bettina Welch (1922-1993) New Zealand actress
- Thomas Bramwell Welch (1825-1903) the discoverer of the pasteurization process to prevent the fermentation of grape juice
- Darrell G. Welch, American fighter pilot and flying ace in the U.S. Army Air Forces, during World War II, credited with 5 aerial victories
- George Welch, American fighter pilot and flying ace in the U.S. Army Air Forces, during World War II, credited with 16 aerial victories
- Agnes Welch, American Democrat politician, Presidential Elector for Maryland, 1992; Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maryland, 1996<sup>[9]</sup>
- Andrew J. Welch (b.1870) American Democrat politician, First Selectman of Simsbury, Connecticut, 1911, 1919-22; Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Simsbury, 1919-20<sup>[9]</sup>
- B. W. Welch, American Republican politician, Alternate Delegate to Republican National Convention from Missouri, 1916<sup>[9]</sup>
- Benjamin Welch Jr., American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Norfolk, 1836<sup>[9]</sup>
- Calvin S. Welch, American Democrat politician, Member of Ohio State Senate 9th District, 1884<sup>[9]</sup>
- Charles A. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Oklahoma, 1924<sup>[9]</sup>
- Daniel M. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for New Hampshire State House of Representatives from Andover, 1938<sup>[9]</sup>
- Dean L. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Michigan State House of Representatives 103rd District, 1976<sup>[9]</sup>
- E. Leonore Welch, American Republican politician, Alternate Delegate to Republican National Convention from Nebraska, 1932<sup>[9]</sup>
- Edward M. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Michigan, 1948<sup>[9]</sup>
- Fannie Dixon Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Connecticut, 1920 (alternate), 1924, 1932, 1936; U.S. Collector of Customs, 1941-46<sup>[9]</sup>



- Frank Welch (1835-1878) American Republican politician, Member of Nebraska State House of Representatives, 1866; U.S. Representative from Nebraska at-large, 1877-78<sup>[9]</sup>
- Hartley D. Welch, American Republican politician, Member of Maine State Senate 16th District, 1945<sup>[9]</sup>
- Henry K. W. Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State Senate 1st District, 1862<sup>[9]</sup>
- J. D. Welch, American politician, Member of South Dakota State House of Representatives 6th District, 1905-06<sup>[9]</sup>
- Jacob G. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Justice of New York Supreme Court 7th District, 1956<sup>[9]</sup>
- John Welch (1805-1891) American politician, Member of Ohio State Legislature; U.S. Representative from Ohio 12th District, 1851-53; Justice of Ohio State Supreme Court, 1865-78<sup>[9]</sup>
- John Welch, American Democrat politician, Constitutional Democratic Candidate for Michigan State Senate 21st District, 1938<sup>[9]</sup>
- L. S. Welch, American politician, Member of California State Assembly 18th District, 1856-57<sup>[9]</sup>
- Leroy Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate in primary for Delegate to Michigan State Constitutional Convention from Wayne County 11th District, 1961<sup>[9]</sup>
- Louis A. Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Louisiana, 1944<sup>[9]</sup>
- M. B. Welch, American politician, Mayor of New Castle, Pennsylvania, 1870-72<sup>[9]</sup>
- Maurice Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Connecticut, 1952, 1956, 1960<sup>[9]</sup>
- Nathan M. Welch, American politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from Michigan 1st District, 1918<sup>[9]</sup>
- Peter W. Welch, American Republican politician, Delegate to Republican National Convention from Oregon, 1932<sup>[9]</sup>
- R. A. Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from West Virginia, 1912<sup>[9]</sup>
- Robert F. Welch (1899-1985) American Republican politician, Candidate in primary for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, 1950; Founder of the John Birch Society in 1958<sup>[9]</sup>
- Robert T. Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate for U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, 1994<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sanford K. Welch, American politician, Member of California State Assembly, 1873-75, 1877-80<sup>[9]</sup>
- Ted Welch (b.1934) American Republican politician, Delegate to Republican National Convention from Tennessee, 2004, 2008<sup>[9]</sup>

- Warren Welch, American politician, Member of South Dakota State Senate 28th District, 1931-38<sup>[9]</sup>
- William H. Welch, American politician, Delegate to Michigan State Constitutional Convention 11th District, 1835<sup>[9]</sup>
- A. C. Welch (b.1865) American politician, Member of Minnesota State House of Representatives 22nd District, 1915-24<sup>[9]</sup>
- A. L. Welch, American Democrat politician, Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner; Elected 1918<sup>[9]</sup>
- A. M. Welch, American politician, Member of Michigan Union Silver Party State Central Committee, 1899<sup>[9]</sup>
- Benjamin M. Welch, American Democrat politician, Postmaster at New Martinsville, West Virginia, 1885-89<sup>[9]</sup>
- Bill Welch, American Republican politician, Republican Candidate for Texas State House of Representatives 47th District, 1992, 2006<sup>[9]</sup>
- Billy Welch, American politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from Tennessee 3rd District, 1974<sup>[9]</sup>
- Burton M. Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Chaplin, 1907-08, 1931-32<sup>[9]</sup>
- Don Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from Oklahoma 3rd District, 1924<sup>[9]</sup>
- Don Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Oklahoma, 1940, 1956<sup>[9]</sup>
- Douglas Reynolds Welch (1913-1994) American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Michigan, 1956<sup>[9]</sup>
- Dwight W. Welch, American politician, Mayor of Country Club Hills, Illinois, 1999-2011<sup>[9]</sup>
- George N. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Tennessee, 1928<sup>[9]</sup>
- Grover Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1940<sup>[9]</sup>
- H. H. Welch, American politician, Member of South Dakota State Senate 17th District, 1907-08<sup>[9]</sup>
- H. Ross Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Tennessee, 1980<sup>[9]</sup>
- James LeRoy Welch, American politician, Member of University of Nebraska Board of Regents, 1947-<sup>[9]</sup>
- James T. Welch, American Democrat politician, Member of Massachusetts State House of Representatives Second Berkshire District, 1923-24<sup>[9]</sup>
- James W. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for New York State Assembly from Monroe County 1st District, 1920<sup>[9]</sup>



- Jason Welch, American Republican politician, Member of Connecticut State Senate 31st District; Elected 2010<sup>[9]</sup>
- Lewis Welch, American politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from Michigan 11th District, 1910<sup>[9]</sup>
- Lewis Welch, American Republican politician, Chair of Logan County Republican Party, 1950<sup>[9]</sup>
- Louie Welch (1918-2008) American politician, Mayor of Houston, Texas, 1964-73<sup>[9]</sup>
- Louis Welch, American politician, Member of Michigan State Senate 9th District, 1857-59<sup>[9]</sup>
- Nelson Welch (1808-1900) American politician, Member of New York State Assembly from Erie County 4th District, 1853<sup>[9]</sup>
- Orin T. Welch, American politician, Mayor of Topeka, Kansas, 1868-69, 1871-72<sup>[9]</sup>
- Patrick D. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Illinois, 1980, 1996, 2000, 2004; Presidential Elector for Illinois, 1992<sup>[9]</sup>
- Paul E. Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate for Michigan State House of Representatives 28th District, 1998<sup>[9]</sup>
- Roxson Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate for mayor-president of East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, 2000<sup>[9]</sup>
- Royal E. Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate in primary for Michigan State House of Representatives from Lenawee County, 1960<sup>[9]</sup>
- Russell K. Welch, American Republican politician, Member of Michigan Republican State Central Committee, 1963<sup>[9]</sup>
- S. E. Welch, American Republican politician, Alternate Delegate to Republican National Convention from Kentucky, 1896<sup>[9]</sup>
- Sandy Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate in primary for Montana State House of Representatives 3rd District, 2010<sup>[9]</sup>
- William M. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Massachusetts, 1916<sup>[9]</sup>
- William W. Welch, American politician, Member of New Jersey State House of Assembly from Passaic County, 1889<sup>[9]</sup>
- William Wickham Welch (1818-1892) American politician, Member of Connecticut State Senate 17th District, 1851-52; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1855-57<sup>[9]</sup>
- Adonijah Strong Welch (1821-1889) American Republican politician, Member of Michigan State Board of Agriculture, 1863-66; U.S. Senator from Florida, 1868-69<sup>[9]</sup>
- Alvin C. Welch, American Republican politician, Presidential Elector for Vermont, 1876<sup>[9]</sup>
- Benjamin Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Norfolk, 1822-23<sup>[9]</sup>

- Benjamin F. Welch, American politician, Member of New Jersey State House of Assembly from Hudson County, 1843-44, 1847<sup>[9]</sup>
- C. David Welch (b.1953) American politician, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, 2001<sup>[9]</sup>
- Carlton E. Welch, American Republican politician, Mayor of Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1947-48<sup>[9]</sup>
- Charles W. III Welch, American Republican politician, Elected Delaware State House of Representatives 29th District 1998<sup>[9]</sup>
- Dawn Welch, American Republican politician, Delegate to Republican National Convention from Ohio, 2008<sup>[9]</sup>
- Edgar T. Welch, American politician, Dry Candidate for Delegate to New York convention to ratify 21st amendment, 1933<sup>[9]</sup>
- Elisha N. Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State Senate 4th District, 1883-84<sup>[9]</sup>
- F. O. Welch, American politician, Delegate to Iowa convention to ratify 21st amendment from Adair County, 1933<sup>[9]</sup>
- Floyd E. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for New York State Assembly from Madison County, 1950<sup>[9]</sup>
- Galen H. Welch, American politician, U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue for the 6th California District, 1932<sup>[9]</sup>
- Harmanus M. Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State Senate 3rd District, 1846<sup>[9]</sup>
- Henry Welch, American Republican politician, Alternate Delegate to Republican National Convention from Utah, 1924<sup>[9]</sup>
- J. L. Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Gold Democrat National Convention from Alabama, 1896<sup>[9]</sup>
- James Welch, American politician, Delegate to New Hampshire State Constitutional Convention from Tamworth, 1948<sup>[9]</sup>
- John Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Litchfield, 1820-22; Member of Connecticut State Senate at-large, 1825-27<sup>[9]</sup>
- John Welch, American politician, Mayor of East Saginaw, Michigan, 1879-82; Member of Michigan State Senate 23rd District, 1881-82<sup>[9]</sup>
- John B. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Michigan State House of Representatives from Ionia County, 1940<sup>[9]</sup>
- Kenneth W. Welch, American politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from Mississippi 4th District, 1996, 1998<sup>[9]</sup>
- Laurie E. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Wisconsin State Senate 27th District, 1950<sup>[9]</sup>
- Louis H. J. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for New York State Assembly from Saratoga County, 1956<sup>[9]</sup>



- Maria Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maryland, 2004<sup>[9]</sup>
- Michael Welch, American politician, Candidate for Presidential Elector for Kentucky, 1972<sup>[9]</sup>
- Nathaniel Welch (b.1920) American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Alabama, 1956<sup>[9]</sup>
- Peter Welch (b.1947) American Democrat politician, U.S. Representative from Vermont at-large, 2007-; Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Vermont, 2008<sup>[9]</sup>
- Philip James Welch (1895-1963) American Democrat politician, Mayor of St. Joseph, Missouri, 1936-46; Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Missouri, 1940, 1944; U.S. Representative from Missouri 3rd District, 1949-53<sup>[9]</sup>
- Robert Henry Winborne Welch (1899-1985) American Republican politician, Candidate in primary for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, 1950<sup>[9]</sup>
- Robert V. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Indiana, 1972; Candidate for Presidential Elector for Indiana, 1972<sup>[9]</sup>
- Smith L. Welch, American Democrat politician, Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Ohio, 1916<sup>[9]</sup>
- Thomas E. Welch (b.1930) American Republican politician, Member of West Virginia State House of Delegates from Marshall County, 1955-58; Defeated, 1958<sup>[9]</sup>
- Walter J. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Justice of New York Supreme Court 5th District, 1937<sup>[9]</sup>
- William Welch, American politician, Mayor of Northampton, Massachusetts, 1926-27<sup>[9]</sup>
- Archibald Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Mansfield, 1831<sup>[9]</sup>
- Archibald Welch, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Wethersfield, 1838<sup>[9]</sup>
- Aubrey Lee Welch Jr., American politician, U.S. Vice Consul in San Jose, 1943<sup>[9]</sup>
- Augustus C. Welch, American politician, Member of New York State Assembly from Chenango County, 1827<sup>[9]</sup>
- Charles B. Welch, American Democrat politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from New York 33rd District, 1976<sup>[9]</sup>
- Charles E. Welch, American politician, Prohibition Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York, 1914; Prohibition Candidate for Governor of New York, 1916<sup>[9]</sup>
- Charles E. Welch, American Republican politician, Alternate Delegate to Republican National Convention from North Carolina, 1932<sup>[9]</sup>
- Charles W. Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Kentucky, 1940<sup>[9]</sup>

- Charles W. Welch, American politician, Representative from New York 3rd District, 1986<sup>[9]</sup>
- Ellsworth Welch, American Republican politician, Candidate for Ohio State House of Representatives from Ashland County, 1897<sup>[9]</sup>
- Ethan Welch, American Democrat politician, Alternate Delegate to Democratic National Convention from New York, 2000<sup>[9]</sup>
- F. L. Welch, American Republican politician, Delegate to Republican National Convention from Texas, 1912<sup>[9]</sup>
- F. O. Welch, American Republican politician, Delegate to Republican National Convention from Georgia, 1868<sup>[9]</sup>

#### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Ms. Moira Elspeth Forbes Welsh B.E.M., British Postwoman for Balquhiddie Glen, was appointed Medallist of the British Empire Medal 29th December 2018 for services to the community in Balquhiddie Glen<sup>[10]</sup>
- Ms. Tracey Elizabeth Walsh B.E.M., British recipient of Medallist of the British Empire Medal 29th December 2018 for services to Culture and to the community in Manchester<sup>[10]</sup>
- Ms. Angela Walsh O.B.E., British Head of NHS Pay at Department of Health and Social Care, was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire on 29th December 2018 for services to NHS Pay and Employee Relations<sup>[10]</sup>
- James Welsh (1775-1861) Scottish general, Madras infantry, son of John Welsh, a Scotsman
- Thomas Welsh (1781-1848) English vocalist, born at Wells, Somerset, son of John Welsh, by his wife, a daughter of Thomas Linley the elder
- John Welsh (1824-1859) Scottish meteorologist, born at Boreland in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright, eldest son of George Welsh of Craigenputtock
- David Welsh (1793-1845) Scottish divine and author, youngest son of David Welsh, sheep farmer, of Earlsbaugh and Tweedshaws, born at Braefoot, Moffat
- Chris Walsh (1951-2018) American architect and politician, Member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives (2010-2018)
- Michael "Ducksie" Walsh (1966-2016) Irish handball player for Kilkenny
- David Joseph "Davy" Walsh (1923-2016) Irish footballer who played from 1942 to 1957, member of various Ireland National Teams from 1945 to 1953
- Major-General Michael John Hatley Walsh CB DSO DL KStJ (b.1927) British Army officer, Chief Scout of the United Kingdom and Overseas Territories between 1982 and 1988
- Phillip "Phil" Walsh (1960-2015) Australian rules footballer and coach
- Peter Alexander Walsh AO (1935-2015) Australian senator and Labor politician from 1974 to 1993, Minister for Finance (1984-1990)
- Joseph T. Walsh (1929-2014) American jurist, Member of the Delaware Supreme Court (1985-2003)



- Edward Joseph Walsh (1942-2014) American political journalist and foreign correspondent for The Washington Post and The Oregonian
- Colonel Walter Rudolph Walsh (1907-2014) American FBI agent, USMC shooting instructor and Olympic gold and silver medalist shooter, the longest lived Olympic competitor at 106
- Brian Welsh (b.1969) Scottish football player and coach
- John Joseph Welsh (b.1984) English footballer from Wavertree, Liverpool
- Andrew Peter David "Andy" Welsh (b.1983) English footballer from Manchester
- Stanley Larson Welsh (b.1928) American botanist, Professor of integrative biology at the Brigham Young University for 44 years

## APPENDIX - HISTORIC EVENT LIST

### EMPRESS OF IRELAND

RMS Empress of Ireland departing from Quebec City, Quebec, Canada bound for Liverpool, England, United Kingdom was struck by the Norwegian SS Storstad due to fog on May 29, 1914. The ocean liner received severe damage and began to flood, she was carrying a total of 1057 passengers and 420 crew, of which 1012 people died.

#### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. Thomas Welsh, British Trimmer from United Kingdom who worked aboard the Empress of Ireland and died in the sinking<sup>[11]</sup>

### HALIFAX EXPLOSION

In the morning of December 6, 1917 the cargo ship SS Mont-Blanc carrying high explosives collided with the Norwegian SS Imo causing a devastating explosion that affected the Richmond district in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Around 2,000 people died due to the debris and the fires from the blast wave that radiated over 1,000 metres per second.

#### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. James Walsh, Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Jack Walsh, Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mrs. Margaret Welsh, Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. John Walsh (1827-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. John Walsh (1856-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who survived the explosion but later died due to injuries<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Thomas Walsh (1861-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Thomas Walsh (1861-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Edward Walsh (1861-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mrs. Margaret Walsh (1864-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Thomas J Walsh (1867-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mrs. Mary Ellen Walsh (1872-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Pius Walsh (1892-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>



- Mrs. Mary Walsh (1895-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mrs. Mary Walsh (1895-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mrs. Edna Walsh (1899-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Albert Walsh (1904-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Master Thomas Walsh Jr. (1908-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Master William Walsh (1912-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Master Gerald Vincent Walsh (1914-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>
- Mr. Freddie Walsh (1915-1917) Canadian resident from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the explosion<sup>[12]</sup>

## HMAS SYDNEY II

On the 19th of November 1941 HMAS Sydney II was off the coast of Western Australia heading towards Fremantle, when she started to follow a merchant ship which should not have been in the area. It was the Germany auxiliary cruiser Kormoran masquerading as the Dutch Straat Malakka. When the German cruiser was unable to verify the secret callsign she responded by dropping her camouflage and opening fire. The HMAS Sydney was struck but returned fire. It was not until she failed to return home with the 645 aboard, that a rescue mission was launched on the 24th November.

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. Michael Henry Joseph Walsh (1921-1941) Australian Able Seaman from East Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, who sailed into battle aboard HMAS Sydney II and died in the sinking<sup>[13]</sup>
- Mr. Gordon Stuart Walsh (1923-1941) Australian Supply Assistant from South Plympton, South Australia, Australia, who sailed into battle aboard HMAS Sydney II and died in the sinking<sup>[13]</sup>

## HMS DORSETSHIRE

During World War II, HMS Dorsetshire was assigned to Force A of the Eastern Fleet. She was dispatched to escort a convoy of ships for repairs when she was spotted by a Japanese air craft from the Japanese Cruiser Tone. Once spotted, dive bombers attacked the HMS Dorsetshire from three different Aircraft Carriers finally sinking her on the 5th April 1942 along with her sister ship.

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Thomas Walsh (d.1945) British Petty Officer aboard the HMS Dorsetshire when she was struck by air bombers and sunk; he died in the sinking<sup>[14]</sup>

## HMS Hood

HMS Hood was commissioned in 1920. On May 24th 1941 she was ordered to intercept the German Battleship Bismarck with HMS Prince of Wales. Early in the Battle of the Demark Strait HMS Hood was struck and sunk after its explosion. Despite being hit she managed to strike Bismarck causing her to steer for safety, 1419 crew lost their lives in the sinking, only 3 survived.

- Mr. Reginald A Welch (b.1911) English Petty Officer serving for the Royal Navy from Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>
- Mr. Sidney C T Welch (b.1918) English Marine serving for the Royal Marine from Littlehampton, Sussex, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>
- Mr. Albert C W Welch (b.1920) English Stoker 1st Class serving for the Royal Navy from Petworth, Sussex, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. John F Walsh (b.1917) English Assistant Cook (S) serving for the Royal Navy from West Gorton, Manchester, England, who sailed into battle and died in the sinking<sup>[7]</sup>

## HMS PRINCE OF WALES

HMS Prince of Wales had an extensive battle history including the battle of the Denmark Strait. She was docked in Singapore when she became the flagship for Force Z, ordered to commence hostilities after Japanese aircraft raided Singapore she set sale with HMS Repulse and other destroyers. On the 10th of December 1941 she was sunk by Japanese Air Attack, 327 people lost their lives.

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. C N E Walsh, British Petty Office Stoker, who sailed into battle on the HMS Prince of Wales and survived the sinking<sup>[15]</sup>

## HMS REPULSE

HMS Repulse was one of the world's fastest battleships. She participated in many campaigns during her time, but eventually sunk on the 10th of December 1941 by a Japanese Aircraft. After witnessing the explosion of the HMS Hood she took torpedo fire and quickly capsized, 508 men lost their lives.

- Mr. Stanley Welch, British Stoker, who sailed into battle on the HMS Repulse and survived the sinking<sup>[4]</sup>

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. Thomas Walsh (1908-1942) English Stoker 1st Class from Blackburn, England, who sailed into battle on the HMS Repulse and survived the sinking, also sailed aboard the HMS Stronghold and was lost in 1942<sup>[4]</sup>



## HMS ROYAL OAK

On 14th October 1939 HMS Royal Oak was anchored in the Scapa Flow, Orkney, Scotland; this was considered to be a safe haven and impregnable to submarine attack. German submarine U-47 was able to navigate through the measures put in place to torpedo the HMS Royal Oak with her 1,234 men aboard sinking the battleship and killing 833 crew. The captain of U-47 became a war hero and celebrity for his action of demonstrating the German Navy could bring war to the home waters. This prompted the British to change dockland security and construct the Churchill Barriers around Scapa Flow.

- John W. Welch, British Stoker Petty Officer with the Royal Navy aboard the HMS Royal Oak when she was torpedoed by U-47 and sunk; he survived the sinking<sup>[5]</sup>

## RMS LUSITANIA

May 7th 1915 a German U-Boat torpedoed the RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland causing the deaths of 1,198 passengers and crew in-sighting that they could not give warning and that Lusitania was carrying war munitions. One hundred and twenty-eight American citizens were among those killed which caused protest from the United States later this was a factor in the declaration of war against Germany.

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Miss Ellen Walsh, American 2nd Class passenger from New York, New York, USA, who sailed aboard the RMS Lusitania and died in the sinking<sup>[16]</sup>
- Mr. John Welsh, English 3rd Class passenger from Manchester, England, who sailed aboard the RMS Lusitania and survived the sinking<sup>[16]</sup>
- Mr. R. Walsh, English Greaser from Walton, Liverpool, England, who worked aboard the RMS Lusitania and survived the sinking<sup>[17]</sup>
- Mr. Christopher Welsh, Irish Trimmer from Mayo, Ireland, who worked aboard the RMS Lusitania and died in the sinking<sup>[17]</sup>
- Mr. Martin Welsh, Irish Trimmer from Mayo, Ireland, who worked aboard the RMS Lusitania and died in the sinking and was recovered<sup>[17]</sup>

## RMS TITANIC

A British passenger liner en route from Southampton, UK to New York City, USA sunk in the early morning of April the 15th 1912. Operated by the White Star Line the RMS Titanic was traveling through Newfoundland when she hit an iceberg on the 14th April 1912 at 11.40pm ship's time. During the course of the night passengers and crew were evacuated to lifeboats, however of the 2,224 passenger and crew over 1,500 people died. The lifeboats could carry 1,178 people, which at the time was just over half the number on board.

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Miss Catherine Walsh (d.1912) aged 32, English Stewardess from Southampton, Hampshire who worked aboard the RMS Titanic and died in the sinking<sup>[18]</sup>

## USS ARIZONA

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began shortly after 8.00 local time on the 7th December 1941, the aircraft deployed from six aircraft carriers struck the Pacific Fleet as it sat in the harbor, and the USS Arizona was one of these ships defending Hawaii. The Air raid alarm started on board at 7.55, shortly after 8.00 ten Nakajima B5N torpedo bombers started their attack with several near misses as small ricochets' they struck USS Arizona in the vicinity of Turret II believing to have penetrated the armored deck near the ammunition magazines, causing the forward magazines to detonated and create a cataclysmic explosion, causing 1177 of the 1512 crewmen aboard the USS Arizona to lose their lives. There is memorial in place in Pearl Harbor across the ships sunken remains which includes a shrine room listing the names of the lost crew members.

- Mr. Frank Welch Jr., American Ensign working aboard the ship "USS Arizona" when she sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7th December 1941, he survived the sinking<sup>[6]</sup>

### SURNAME VARIANTS OF WELCH

- Mr. Homan L. Walsh, American Ensign working aboard the ship "USS Arizona" when she sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7th December 1941, he survived the sinking<sup>[6]</sup>



## APPENDIX - SETTLER LIST

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### AMERICAN SETTLERS

- Mary Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1637<sup>[3]</sup>
- Morgan Welch, who arrived in Virginia in 1638<sup>[3]</sup>
- Nicholas Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1638<sup>[3]</sup>
- Daniell Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1638<sup>[3]</sup>
- Gilbert Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1650<sup>[3]</sup>
- Joan Welch, who arrived in Virginia in 1651<sup>[3]</sup>
- Bernard Welch, who landed in Maryland in 1657<sup>[3]</sup>
- Jane Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1661<sup>[3]</sup>
- Philip Welch, who arrived in Massachusetts in 1661<sup>[3]</sup>
- Anthony Welch, who arrived in Maryland in 1663<sup>[3]</sup>
- Eliz Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1663-1664<sup>[3]</sup>
- Sarah Welch, who arrived in Virginia in 1664<sup>[3]</sup>
- Morris Welch, who landed in Maryland in 1668<sup>[3]</sup>
- Dankum Welch, who arrived in Maryland in 1670<sup>[3]</sup>
- Richard Welch, who arrived in Maryland in 1674<sup>[3]</sup>
- Shadrach Welch, who landed in Pennsylvania in 1682<sup>[3]</sup>
- Katherine Welch, aged 22, who landed in New York in 1693<sup>[3]</sup>
- Jone Welch, who arrived in Virginia in 1704<sup>[3]</sup>
- Reuben Welch, who landed in Virginia in 1719<sup>[3]</sup>
- Jacob Welch, aged 21, who landed in Pennsylvania in 1737<sup>[3]</sup>
- Hans Martin Welch, who arrived in Pennsylvania in 1738<sup>[3]</sup>
- Peter Welch, who landed in Pennsylvania in 1742<sup>[3]</sup>
- John Welch, who landed in Boston, Massachusetts in 1763<sup>[3]</sup>
- Davis Welch, who arrived in Boston, Massachusetts in 1765<sup>[3]</sup>
- Luke Welch, who landed in Boston, Massachusetts in 1766<sup>[3]</sup>
- Edward Welch, who arrived in Boston, Massachusetts in 1768<sup>[3]</sup>
- Nally Welch, aged 31, who arrived in New York, NY in 1803<sup>[3]</sup>
- Edmond Welch, aged 47, who landed in Tennessee in 1812<sup>[3]</sup>
- Abraham Welch, who arrived in New York in 1834<sup>[3]</sup>
- Robert Welch, aged 26, who landed in St Louis, Missouri in 1840<sup>[3]</sup>
- Lawrence Welch, who arrived in Morgan County, Illinois in 1840<sup>[3]</sup>
- Patrick Welch, who arrived in Tippecanoe County, Ind in 1842<sup>[3]</sup>
- Daniel Welch, who arrived in Tippecanoe County, Ind in 1842<sup>[3]</sup>

- Alexander Welch, who landed in New York in 1843<sup>[3]</sup>
- Mathew Welch, who arrived in Mississippi in 1844<sup>[3]</sup>
- Michael Welch, aged 31, who landed in Mobile, Ala in 1846<sup>[3]</sup>
- Martin Welch, who arrived in Maryland in 1846<sup>[3]</sup>
- Francis Richard Welch, aged 40, who arrived in Mobile, Ala in 1850<sup>[3]</sup>
- William Welch, who landed in San Francisco, California in 1851<sup>[3]</sup>
- Julia Welch, who arrived in San Francisco, California in 1851<sup>[3]</sup>
- Henry Welch, who landed in Mississippi in 1857<sup>[3]</sup>
- David Welch, who landed in Mobile, Ala in 1860<sup>[3]</sup>
- Joseph Welch, who landed in Allegany (Allegheny) County, Pennsylvania in 1860<sup>[3]</sup>
- Samuel Welch, who landed in Allegany (Allegheny) County, Pennsylvania in 1876<sup>[3]</sup>
- James Welch, who arrived in Alabama in 1918<sup>[3]</sup>
- Rudolph George Welch, who arrived in Alabama in 1919<sup>[3]</sup>

## CANADIAN SETTLERS

- Thomas Welch, who arrived in Nova Scotia in 1750
- Mr. William Welch U.E. who arrived at Port Roseway, fShelburne&, Nova Scotia on December 13, 1783 was passenger number 428 aboard the ship "HMS Clinton", picked up on November 14, 1783 at East River, New York, USA<sup>[19]</sup>
- Mr. Thom Welch Jr., U.E. who settled in Home District fYork County&, Ontario c. 1784<sup>[19]</sup>
- Mr. Samuel Welch U.E. who settled in Ernest Town fErnestown&, Lennox & Addington, Ontario c. 1784<sup>[19]</sup>
- Mr. Samuel Welch U.E. who settled in Canada c. 1784<sup>[19]</sup>
- James Welch, aged 21, who arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick in 1833 aboard the ship "John & Mary" from Belfast, Ireland
- Joseph Welch, aged 20, who arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick in 1833 aboard the ship "John & Mary" from Belfast, Ireland
- Robert Welch, aged 40, a labourer, who arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick aboard the ship "Salus" in 1833
- Catherine Welch, aged 45, who arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick aboard the ship "Salus" in 1833
- Jabin T Welch, who arrived in Canada in 1834
- Miss. Ann Welch, aged 2 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Q uarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Sarah" departing 29th May 1847 from Liverpool, England; the ship arrived on 19th July 1847 but she died on board<sup>[20]</sup>
- Miss. Catherine Welch, aged 13 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Q uarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Marchioness of Breadalbane" departing 11th June 1847 from Sligo, Ireland; the ship arrived on 12th August 1847 but she died on board<sup>[20]</sup>



- Miss. Elizabeth Welch, aged 14 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Progress" departing 5th May 1847 from New Ross, Ireland; the ship arrived on 14th July 1847 but she died on board<sup>[20]</sup>
- Mr. James Welch, aged 3 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Ninian" departing 13th April 1847 from Limerick, Ireland; the ship arrived on 12th June 1847 but he died on board<sup>[20]</sup>
- Miss. Johanna Welch, aged 2 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Avon" departing 19th May 1847 from Cork, Ireland; the ship arrived on 26th July 1847 but she died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mr. John Welch, aged 40 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Princess Royal" departing 5th May 1847 from Liverpool, England; the ship arrived on 16th June 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mrs. Mary Welch, aged 35 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Ninian" departing 13th April 1847 from Limerick, Ireland; the ship arrived on 12th June 1847 but she died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Miss. Mary Welch, aged 3 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Sarah" departing 29th May 1847 from Liverpool, England; the ship arrived on 19th July 1847 but she died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Miss. Mary Welch, aged 4 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Agamemnon" departing 24th June 1847 from Liverpool, England; the ship arrived on 31st July 1847 but she died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mrs. Mary Welch, aged 40 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Tay" departing 5th May 1847 from Sligo, Ireland; the ship arrived on 9th June 1847 but she died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mr. Maurice Welch, aged 23 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Saguenay" departing 5th June 1847 from Cork, Ireland; the ship arrived on 22nd August 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mr. Patrick Welch, aged 20 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Tay" departing 5th May 1847 from Sligo, Ireland; the ship arrived on 9th June 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mr. Patrick Welch, aged 35 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Princess Royal" departing 5th May 1847 from Liverpool, England; the ship arrived on 16th June 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mr. Patrick Welch, aged 1 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Aberfoyle" departing 27th May 1847 from Waterford, Ireland; the ship arrived on 4th July 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>
- Mr. Thomas Welch who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Wellington" departing 29th July 1847 from Liverpool, England; the ship arrived on 20th September 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>

- Mr. William Welch, aged 9 who was emigrating through Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, Quebec aboard the ship "Trade" departing 17th April 1847 from Waterford, Ireland; the ship arrived on 26th June 1847 but he died on board<sup>[21]</sup>

## AUSTRALIAN SETTLERS

- Thomas Welch, English convict from London, who was transported aboard the "Albion" on May 29, 1828, settling in New South Wales, Australia<sup>[22]</sup>
- Mr. William Welch, British Convict who was convicted in Gloucester, England for 7 years, transported aboard the "Asia" on 20th July 1837, arriving in New South Wales, Australia<sup>[23]</sup>
- Robert Argyle Welch, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Branken Moor" in 1840<sup>[24]</sup>
- Thomas Welch, English convict from London, who was transported aboard the "Anson" on September 23, 1843, settling in Van Diemen's Land, Australia<sup>[25]</sup>
- Peter Welch, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Mary White" in 1844<sup>[26]</sup>
- Elizabeth Welch, aged 55, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" in 1849<sup>[27]</sup>
- Caroline Welch, aged 32, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" in 1849<sup>[27]</sup>
- Sarah Welch, aged 25, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" in 1849<sup>[27]</sup>
- William Welch, aged 22, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" in 1849<sup>[27]</sup>
- Elizabeth H. Welch, aged 20, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" in 1849<sup>[27]</sup>
- Maria Welch, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Trafalgar" in 1849<sup>[28]</sup>
- William Welch, aged 22, who arrived in South Australia in 1849 aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" <sup>[27]</sup>
- Caroline Welch, aged 32, who arrived in South Australia in 1849 aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" <sup>[27]</sup>
- Elizabeth Welch, aged 55, who arrived in South Australia in 1849 aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" <sup>[27]</sup>
- Elizabeth H. Welch, aged 20, who arrived in South Australia in 1849 aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" <sup>[27]</sup>
- Sarah Welch, aged 25, who arrived in South Australia in 1849 aboard the ship "Samuel Boddington" <sup>[27]</sup>
- Reuben Welch, aged 19, who arrived in South Australia in 1857 aboard the ship "Monsoon"



- Mr. Martin R. Welch, (b. 1862), aged 28, Cornish settler travelling aboard the ship "Merkara" arriving in Queensland, Australia on 13th October 1890<sup>[29]</sup>

## NEW ZEALAND SETTLERS

- Mr. William Welch, (b. 1806), aged 33, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "Oriental" arriving in Port Nicholson, Wellington, New Zealand on 31st January 1840<sup>[30]</sup>
- Mrs. Ann Welch, (b. 1807), aged 32, British settler travelling from London with 8 children aboard the ship "Oriental" arriving in Port Nicholson, Wellington, New Zealand on 31st January 1840<sup>[30]</sup>
- Thomas Welch, aged 25, a labourer, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "Aurora" in 1840
- Elizabeth Welch, aged 28, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "Aurora" in 1840
- Henry Welch, who landed in Wellington, New Zealand in 1840
- Elizabeth Delahey Welch, aged 46, a sempstress, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "London" in 1840
- Edward Welch, aged 18, a butcher, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "London" in 1840
- Frances Welch, aged 15, a shoebinder, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "London" in 1840
- Henry Welch, aged 26, a butcher, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "London" in 1840
- Mary Welch, aged 21, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "London" in 1840
- William Welch, aged 33, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- Ann Welch, aged 32, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- Mary Welch, aged 12, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- Annie Maria Welch, aged 10, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- William Welch, aged 10, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- Henry Welch, aged 6, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- Elizabeth Welch, aged 5, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- Jane Welch, aged 2, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840
- James Welch, aged 3 months, who arrived in Port Nicholson aboard the ship "Oriental" in 1840

- William Welch, who landed in Wellington, New Zealand in 1841
- William Jun Welch, who landed in Wellington, New Zealand in 1841
- Mr. William Welch, Scottish settler travelling from Greenock aboard the ship "Philip Laing" arriving in Otago, South Island, New Zealand on 15th April 1848<sup>[30]</sup>
- Mr. John Welch, (b. 1841), aged 21, Scottish farm labourer from Ayrshire travelling from London aboard the ship "Zealandia" arriving in Lyttelton, Christchurch, South Island, New Zealand on 23rd May 1862<sup>[30]</sup>
- Miss Mary Welch, (b. 1845), aged 21, British domestic servant travelling from London aboard the ship "John Temperley" arriving in Lyttelton, Christchurch, South Island, New Zealand on 21st June 1866<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Ellen Welch, (b. 1845), aged 21, British cook travelling from Gravesend, UK aboard the ship "Bombay" arriving in Lyttelton, South Island, New Zealand on 18th August 1866<sup>[31]</sup>
- F. G. Welch, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Countess of Kintore" in 1870
- Mr. Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "Lady Jocelyn" arriving in Port Chalmers, Dunedin, Otago, South Island, New Zealand on 5th November 1873<sup>[31]</sup>
- Mr. Welch, Scottish settler travelling from Glasgow aboard the ship "Wild Deer" arriving in Port Chalmers, Dunedin, Otago, South Island, New Zealand on 2nd May 1873<sup>[30]</sup>
- Mr. John Welch, (b. 1854), aged 20, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "Wild Deer" arriving in Port Chalmers, Dunedin, Otago, South Island, New Zealand on 20th January 1875<sup>[30]</sup>
- Catherine Welch, aged 11, who arrived in Bluff, New Zealand aboard the ship "Adamant" in 1875
- Mr. Edwin Welch, (b. 1853), aged 22, Cornish shoemaker departing on 27th June 1875 aboard the ship "Waikato" arriving in Lyttelton, Canterbury, New Zealand on 3rd October 1875<sup>[32]</sup>
- Mr. George Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Mrs. Mary Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Mr. George T. Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>



- Mr. Frederick J. Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Laura Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Mr. Moses Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Mr. Thomas Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Matilda Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Lilian Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Lousia Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Margaret Welch, British settler travelling from London aboard the ship "May Queen" arriving in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, North Island, New Zealand on 16th December 1881<sup>[31]</sup>
- Miss Margaret Welch, (b. 1864), aged 19, Scottish settler travelling from Glasgow aboard the ship "Forfarshire" arriving in Invercargill, Southland, South Island, New Zealand on 26th June 1883<sup>[31]</sup>

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