

FH Lean file.

Insolvent Estates No 3 Vol 1/72 } Natal
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Letter dated 13 May 1865 from FH Lean to Supreme Court
Pietmaritzburg, petitioning that he, of Mooi River, Trans
is insolvent through losses by the death of stock and failure
of some of his debtors and being pressed by his creditors.
Please to accept the surrender of his estate.

Accepted by the Supreme Court 30 May 1865

Assets include Farm called "The Peak" Mooi River. Natal
(Mortgage Bond in favour of Natal Land &
Colonisation Co Ltd for £400. Description: "1478
acres more or less called "The Peak" situate in the
County of Pietmaritzburg in the Colony of Natal this
day transferred to the applicant constituting under
and subject to the conditions of Government Proclamation
Class No 1 of the 29th Day of April 1857"
The Bond was signed 23 Dec 1863

First Liquidation & Distribution Account April 16, 1866
includes proceeds of sale of 40 Acres of the farm Debar £14-10-0
and 46 acres of at Richmond £4-15-0
Creditors include George Watson
William Watson (described as builder)
Watson and Sons.

Second and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account
Sept 16, 1867

F^H Lean Title

Includes proceeds of Sale of farm "The Peak" 605-0-0
Accounts Confirmed by the Court 2 Nov 1867

On ~~3rd January~~ ^{December} 1867 FH Lean of Blackburn, Victoria
County applied to the Master of the Supreme Court
for Rehabilitation. Appeared and plea heard ^{and} 3 Jan 1867.
Quote "I am now, since my insolvency have been living
with my brother and have nothing except what I earn
by my own manual labour — I have a wife and
2 children of the ages 5 and 3 years

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Provisional Order obtained by William Palmer, John Philips
and Philip Hoffman (Trustees of insolvent estate of Rudolph
Wilhouse) on James Haves Lean (Defendant) to show
Cause why his estate should not be sequestrated

Issued 23 April 1879

Returnable 1 May 1879

Defendant did not appear - Order of Sequestration granted.

Address of FH Lean at this time Umhlanga, County of Natal
Occupation Contractor
Attorney Alfred Dumat.

In a statement answering Lean denies certain judgments
against him — "Books are destroyed by fire" — I began the

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F^H L^o Loan File

contracts Sept 1877. → I went away from Victoria County in October last. ~~But~~ I left a Power of Attorney with James McLaurin, Verulam to act for me in my absence. In October or November last I was appointed to charge of transport between Stanger and Thungu Posh at a salary of 15/- per diem. I did not ~~return~~ retain this appointment long. For sometime I was out of employment and afterwards joined the native contingent as political agent and received £1 per day and rations. I am still holding that appointment. I have household furniture which is at home, Red Hill Umblanga

Dean FH

Cornubia Sugar Estate 1870-1882

The brothers FH & W Dean were the original owners of Cornubia where, up to 1870 they had grown coffee. The Government blue book for 1872 records that the Dean Bros of Cornubia had a 10 h.p. steam sugar mill in operation, thus identifying the Dean's first cane planting with the year 1870. In 1874 however Hill & Co owned the Cornubia Central Estate, with which they were completely successful. By 1877 Leonard Acutt was managing Cornubia, now crushing $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons daily, and at the seasons opening Acutt was congratulated on "advancing the central factory system". In 1878 the plant consisted of a mill, a 16 h.p. engine and an 8 h.p. engine, 5 wetzels and 6 centrifugals.

In 1879 Marshall Campbell was installed as manager at Cornubia, and in July 1882 this estate passed into the hands of the Natal Central Sugar Co. Ltd, later to become The Natal Estates Ltd.

By 238 Volant Harvest.

Dean Joel (Snr)

Dr. Clark's Natal Settler-agent states emigrants on British
Tar ~~was~~ Dean Joel / Grace ① Children Josiah H ② ③

Joel
William
^ Richard H
Francis

Harvey Francis / Anne Children Mary R
Thomas M
John H

Harvey Francis / Ellen

Harkins Ann (20) (Jewellery with Harveys) ④

Shelagh ① Byrne Spenser British Settlers ③
shows Dean Joel

Harvey ^ Francis ②
^ Josiah
^ Richard

x William Frederick
William Gasbell

Hoskins Ann ④

Mamot Papers show Harvey m Emma Shegwegant ①
Emma Shegwegant m 2. Joel Lea Snr.
Children of Harvey Marriage Francis
Josiah
Richard
Other

Leam Joel (Sw)

Children of Joel Leam Marriage
Joel Sw
Frances Harris
William
Richard

Discrepancies.

(1) Joel Leam wife - Clark
O'Byrne Spencer Grace
Marriot & P.
Emma

(2) Child Josiah H - Clark Belonging to Joel Leam
O'Byrne Spencer " " Harvey
Marriot " " Harvey

(3) Joel Leam Family - Clark 5 above mentioned children
O'Byrne Spencer No children mentioned
Marriot 4 above mentioned children

(4) Hosking or Hoskins Clark Hosking
O'Byrne Spencer Hoskins

Observations

- A) (5) O'Byrne Spencer - seems to be more accurate
B) More likely (a) Joel Leam wife was Emma ^
(b) Josiah H (child) was a Harvey ^
(c) O'Byrne Spencer shows ^{certain} children as principal emigrant no father
(d) Emigrant Harvey Frances/Anna's children do not relate and probably distant relative of one at all

Lean Joel Srw

Conclusion : Lean Joel Srw's wife ^{who emigrated was} Emma Shegwegant and
their children were Joel
Francis Haver
Richard
William

As Ha O'Byrne Spencer and Moriott shows
Josiah H as Harvey ~~or O'Byrne Spencer~~
has a and he does not figure in Lean
Hestey, he appears to be a Harvey

As O'Byrne Spencer shows Harveys of similar
first names as principal immigrants
tracked by Moriott it would appear
they emigrated with their mother and
step father Joel Lean (Srw)

Mormon Church Search:

Corwell Microfilm - Leans
Harveys
Shegwegants

Lean Teila

Discrepancies.

of Bristol Tar.

Joel Leans wife per Passenger list of SS John Clarke took
was Grace

children Josiah H. Joel William Richard H
Francis

also Passenger Harvey Frances / Anna + Children Mary R
Thomas M
John H.

Harvey Frances / Ellen

Passenger Osborne William / Emma (married papers say Emma Glover
Children Mary or Joel Leans Jr.

Betsy
William
Robert
Charles

Per Marriot Papers in Kellie Campbell Library

Emma ~~Shoggent~~ Shogweggent married firstly Harvey

Children Francis Harvey
Josiah Harvey
Richard Harvey
Arthur Harvey

secondly Joel Leans Sr.

Children Joel Leans Jr in May Osborne & children

Francis Harris Leans 6 children
William Leans 3 children Beberta
Lecher Leans.

Noted Mercury
May 1928
as Mrs Leans

1) Was Joel (Sr) wife Emma Shogweggent or Grace?

2) ^{are} ~~interest~~ Joels children as per passenger list & per Marriot papers
Interestingly in the Leans Party is Josiah H who in the Marriot papers
are in the Harvey party. Other children in Harvey party not in Marriot papers

Dear Family File K C Leary

1/ Letter To The African Librarian
The Campbell Collections of University of Natal
Muckleneuk
220 Marmot Road
Durban

From W O Marmott on Russell + Marmot letterhead
dated 13 November 1981

Dear Mr Duggan

Records of Russell + Marmot (Pty) Ltd

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd inst with enclosure.
The extract regarding Cornubia Sugar Estate confirms what
my mother and Aunt told me years ago. The Leary Family
came from Cornwall on the sailing ship "British Tar" and
landed in Durban on 27 September 1850. The Harvey and
Osborne families also arrived on the same ship. They were
all for Cornwall. The ship was washed ashore and
wrecked the following day. I enclose a copy of a letter
from Jael Leary to the Captain in October 1851.

After farming in Murebank the family moved to
Mount Edgecombe to the Cornubia Farm. They wished to
erect their own sugar mill but the ship bringing out
the machinery for the mill was lost at sea and they
had to sell Cornubia and Marshall Campbell
eventually bought the farm and started the Natal Estate.
When F H and W Leary first purchased what is now known
as Cornubia Estate it was in various small properties
being Subs A + B of lot 3, Subs A + B + remainder of lot 4
and Sub A of lot 6 all on the River Umhlanga. The
Leary family then went to Pretoria and later returned
to Durban after the first Boer War and the Jameson
Raids.

FH
Leary

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Leam Family Tree KC Library
OSBORNE

2 The deans, Osborne and Harvey family trees of which you may have a copy show that William Osborne was the eldest son of the second son of the seventh Duke of Leeds. This has always been the contention of the Osborne family, but several years ago the newspapers contained a news item that a "School girl had inherited millions as the last Duke of Leeds had died without any male descendants" I then wrote to a friend of mine in England who went to DeBrett's in London and examined their old family records. He wrote back to me to say that according to DeBrett's, ~~the seventh Duke of Leeds had no second son.~~

I am now drafting the family tree for the Marist family and will send you a copy when completed.

Yours faithfully

Varelam, Durban
October 1851

Dear Captain

I am sorry I have not written to you before but I will endeavour to make up for it now. We left Plymouth on the 13th July and nothing particular occurred during the voyage, no deaths except 3 small infants, 2 of which were born on board the vessel.

We dropped anchor in the bay of Natal on the 27th September after a passage of 12 weeks.

I, my brothers Richard and Francis landed on Saturday morning but in consequence of a heavy swell Father and Mother did not land until the evening.

We slept in the tents provided for the emigrants. On Sunday evening a report spread that the

Dear Family, Tele KC Library

3) ship was on shore and our fears were soon confirmed by a man who had been sent up to fetch the sailors to gather anything that might be washed ashore. Next morning we went to the beach and there was the vessel stranded on a sand bank about half a mile from the shore, about 9 o'clock boats went off to her and took a long rope and fastened one end on board the vessel and brought the other end ashore and a regular line of communication with the shore and the ship was effected and I am happy to say all the passengers luggage was landed with little damage considering the situation the ship was in.

Everything here is very dear, bread is sold for a loaf that we should give 2¹/₂ for in England. We have plenty of potatoes of our own growing. We have been very unfortunate in our cattle having had 5 working oxen and milking cows and 4 calves die, and losing the calves is almost as bad as losing the cows for they do not milk here the same as in England, first they let the calf suck until he gets the milk and then the coffee milks until he can get any and then let the calf suck again. We know the coffee language pretty well by this time and can pretty well understand what they say. Father and mother send their love to you and all my brothers.

I am dear Sir,

Your affectionate Friend,
Joel Sam.

NB Obituary for Joel Sam Notal Macey 22/12/1884

Leam Family
File KC Library

Letter William Leam to brother Joel Leam Sr.
See Letter Man Leam to Keller
38 Queen Street Neath ^{Example}

Oct 22 1859

My dear brother,

You will be astonished when I relate the change that has come over the face of things since I wrote to you last so far as I am concerned. You know that I was big with schemes for Natal then, now I shall (all being well) set sail for India in a few days. I received an offer from Mr Fredwell a fortnight ago of an appointment as his Engineer on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway where he has a contract, and as the salary is liberal and the situation said to be healthy I accepted it with which I do resign for the present all notions of going to Natal, though I still entertain the idea of finally settling there if spared. I am about to embark on the 27th this month at Southampton for overland route for Bombay, and hope to arrive there in a month after, from thence inland to Poona my destination.

I cannot at present give you my address but no doubt a letter directed to me addressed Great Indian Peninsula Railway - Mr Fredwell's Contract, Poona, Bombay will find me and I shall be glad to hear from you in reply.

Richard has accepted an appointment and goes with me as inspector several others (English) are also going.

With respect to the nomination papers, if you have forwarded them I suppose if they are not used you will not become liable for anything. If they had better be returned you had better name it when you write. My family will remain probably for a 12 month at 38 Queen Street Neath and you can write Eliza on the subject.

With respect to the matter of the Nat Natal Railway, I believe it will eventually go on and the Company is being formed pretty successfully. Mr Bagthell is now in

Lean Family Isle K C Lebrary

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Linda and Mr Dickson the promoter has had several interviews with him, his is favourable to it and has even promised a guarantee of 6 per cent shall he succeed even all the bells come before June next.

If the scheme succeeds Mr Dickson has promised me to put as much as he can in your way and when he comes out there you had better introduce yourself to him - which he contemplates doing shortly, he has bought 40,000 acres of land in the neighbourhood of Maitzberg and Hursich. I think or remember up there. If I omit anything I ought to mention in this, I shall be glad to give you any information at a future day respecting what I know about the Nat Natal Railway and Loan Company, at present I am too much pressed for time to enter into the details of it as this Indian concern came about too abruptly but I believe Mr Dickson has forwarded your prospectus and all the printed documents.

I mentioned in my last that Thomas Faull was dangerously ill poor fellow he has now been dead a fortnight or thereabouts and our poor Sister Mary is a widow with a large family of course I shall not now expect her to pay any of the amount of the note of hand left by Father. I am glad she was allowed to come into Catfield and hope she and her family may be able to do there. I mentioned in my last also the death of Brunel now I have to add that of Robert Stephenson, the two greatest planets in that system are fallen and yet there is no stop in the Worlds progress, the other great men will rise up and pass away and also you and I and then the final account.

I conclude this in great haste and with all our love

Mr Joel Loan remain your affect. Brother William
My pay for India will be about £1000 per annum

Lean Family File K R Library

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7 Glencastle
Montgomerie Rd
June 9th 1949.

Dear Mrs Campbell,

My sister Mrs Lean went past with her
old letters so I am sending you copies of two of them, which
you may find interesting etc. etc

One letter was written by my father when ^[Joel Lean]
a boy and incidentally was never posted - the other was
written by my great Uncle William to my grandfather.
etc etc

Yours sincerely
May Mariot

(Refer to letter from Joel Lean to Captain
Verulon Durban October 1851

AND
Letter William Lean to ^{brother} Joel Lean ^{Sr.} 38 Queen St. Neath
Oct 22, 1859)

Lean Family Dale Kellie Campbell Leary

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Mrs Emma Florence Knight who will be 100 years of age this month was born at Merbank, Natal, on 17 December 1869 and was a daughter of Joel Lean and his wife Mary (born Osborne)

The Lean and Osborne families came from Cornwall and landed at Durban from the "British Tree" on 27 September 1850. The Lean family were Byrne settlers and first settled at Vesulam and Little Umhlanga (Mount Edgecombe) as coffee planters. From there they went to Merbank as sugar cane planters and later they moved to Pieteria and were there at the time of the First Boer War and the Jameson Raid when the residents spent many months in camp. Her father Joel Lean died in Pieteria in 1884 and in 1890 she married Thomas Knight a member of an Old Durban family, and returned to Durban. She has two daughters and four sons all of them are still living, except one son, the late E.H. Knight.

An extract of note supplied in 1951 by W.O. Marret.

Mr Leam Dale Killee Campbell Lebraay

"Jwst Post"
P Bag
P.O. Umjankulu
EG

18/12/50

Mrs Killee Campbell,
220 Mamot Road
Durban

Dear Madam,

Mr Lester received your letter of the 8th
and has asked me to reply to you as her eyesight is bad.
Unfortunately

refer to a little book written by Mrs Alan Anderson, my
great Aunt is very interested in her and her parents
pioneer days. It is entitled Reminiscences & Memories
of Early Durban and its Pioneers

Mr A's parents a Mr & Mrs William Jones came out on the
Ship Conqueror Here in 1850

Mr Lester Sister Mrs Parker whose address is
x 228 W.K.C. Mine
Wai Rende
Krugersdorp
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Signed D Lester (Mrs F.W. Lester)
(Frank's wife)