



## WILLIAM GOLDIE:

William Goldie, the youngest son of Captain John Goldie, was born at Aberdeen, c1832, and emigrated to Victoria, Australia, where he married Jane Notman at Williamstown, and arrived at Port Chalmers aboard the SS Aldinga on 23 March 1861.

They settled at what is now called Goldie's Point, Mansford Bay, where he established himself as a lighterman and waterman. He shared ownership of *Don and William Money*, owned *Harriet* and *Result*, and was part-owner of *Emma* when she was offered to the Port Chalmers Borough Council on 6 March 1879 at the end of the watering era. A supply of water on the wharves made the former service unnecessary. An account of the sinking of *Result* was given in the Otago Daily Times on 9 August 1876 :

An incident on Monday night was the sinking of the lighter *Result* as she lay loaded with ballast alongside the *Orpheus*. A notification from the Pier Master was served upon Mr Goldie, her owner, to have her raised and out of the way within 48 hours.

At the 1866 Queens Birthday Regatta his 25ft four-oared racing gig *Amateur*, described in the Otago Daily Times of 25 May as a "really handsome boat and sits water capitally", won both the pairs and the fours, yet he had never built a boat before. After her success she was offered for sale at Clark & Co, Port Chalmers.

When the Port Chalmers Naval Brigade was formed in July 1864 Goldie was appointed as the first Petty Officer. He later rose to become Captain Commandant and in recognition of over twenty-three years as a commissioned officer he was awarded a long-service medal, as reported in the Otago Daily Times of 16 November 1895.

The Otago Daily Times of 11 October 1873 reported that he was fined the sum of 5/- for allowing a mare and foal to stray. His defence was that surveyors had cut two lines through his property leaving gaps in his fences, but the magistrate suggested he should take action against them.

Following the Russian scare a torpedo boat, *Taiaroa*, was purchased for Port Chalmers and arrived on 9 May 1884. It used to exercise with the Navals and was taken by Goldie up to Oamaru for exercises in April 1886 where she showed her powers of rapid turning and going astern and high speed during a half-hour run among boats and ships.

He had the pinnaces *Orlando* and *Vanguard* built for the Navals in 1890 and housed in their shed at Goldie's Point. From the battery at the same location he used to fire salutes to departing dignitaries. The Goldie residence was at the top of a track leading up from the Navals' shed. A section of the original (1852) Presbyterian Church with a gothic window was moved to Mrs Goldie's garden in 1871.

From 1892 to 1894 he was Master of the harbour ferry SS *Pioneer* which ran from Dunedin to Andersons Bay.

William and Jane had one son and three daughters - Sarah Seddon died on 21 February 1863 aged twenty months of "whooping cough" and was one of the first to be buried in the Port Chalmers old

cemetery. William died aged seventy-eight on 13 July 1910 and Jane died aged eighty-five on 19 August 1917; they were buried in the family plot with Sarah.