

KAITAIA became their HAVEN



**Percival (aka Pemble Browne)
& Annie Crene**

Native School Teachers, Ahipara and Te Teko, 1881-1903



Adrienne Puckey

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PERCIVAL & ANNIE CRENE
WERE WELL KNOWN IN THE FAR NORTH AS
NATIVE SCHOOL TEACHERS AT AHIPARA.

Conventional as this English-born couple appeared to those who knew them in New Zealand, their previous lives were much less so.

Percival came from a prosperous family of surgeons and vicars. His first wife had been of a similar social standing, but he abandoned her for Annie, whose origins were much more humble. He also abandoned his birth name of Pemble Browne.

What would lead a man to do this? Where did Annie come from? Why were they married twice? More than a decade of research has revealed an intriguing tale that deserves a place in the far north's colourful history.

Four of Percival and Annie's children survived into adulthood, two sons and two daughters, one daughter and a son marrying into the Puckey family, and the other daughter into the Masters'. All four remained in the north, becoming prominent in the farming community and in many sporting, business and social groups.

The book tells the story of the Crene/Browne family, accompanied by approximately 100 images, from old family photos, certificates and sketches, to photographs taken on a recent trip in England. Six family tree charts detail the ancestors and descendants of this couple and their extended families. Four pages give biographical data for ancestors for whom details are available.

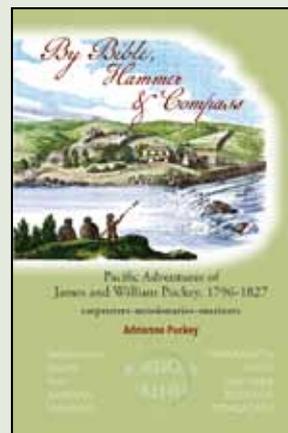
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