

Annie Whitworth

New Zealand Diary

January 1985 – March 1985

## January 1985

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

Went into Christchurch with Vicki. Lovely day. Met Frank and June at their shop. Then went into Gardens, Cathedral etc. Had dinner at Frank and June's met Lloyd, Vicki's brother. Margorie rang.

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup>

Went to Brighton seaside resort, then motored round the bay to Lyttleton harbour. Weather breeze with lovely sun. Had lunch at home. Sunbathed in garden.

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup>

Beautiful day. Motored round bays, Brighton, Lyttleton, Governors Bay, Purau. Car broke down went to Koos parents to phone for Koos. Went home for dinner then back to de Vires for drinks. Met his three brothers and sister.

## February 1985

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>

A really beautiful day cloudless blue sky, temp around 33 deg but a cool breeze. Went to Akaroa on west (East ?) coast. Scenery was magnificent, mountains and lakes. Went over top of mountains. Lovely views. Had picnic lunch.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Went to Wild Life Park.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Spent a quiet day with Frank and June. Weather sunny but cool. Frank and June have a beautiful garden, lovely flowers and fruit trees, Apples, pears, nectarines, lemons, plums and beautiful elderberry. Also a grape vine.

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>

Frank and June gone to the shop. Vicki working and Lloyd is out. In the garden. Frank and June extremely nice people and have gone out of their way to make me feel at home.

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>

A lovely day about 27 deg. Lazed in the garden.

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>

Waitangi Day. Frank and June on holiday. Took me to Otira in the Southern Alps. A really lovely day 30 deg blue sky. Saw Mt Rolleston, 7000 ft, snow on top. Magnificent scenery, went through Arthur's Pass.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>

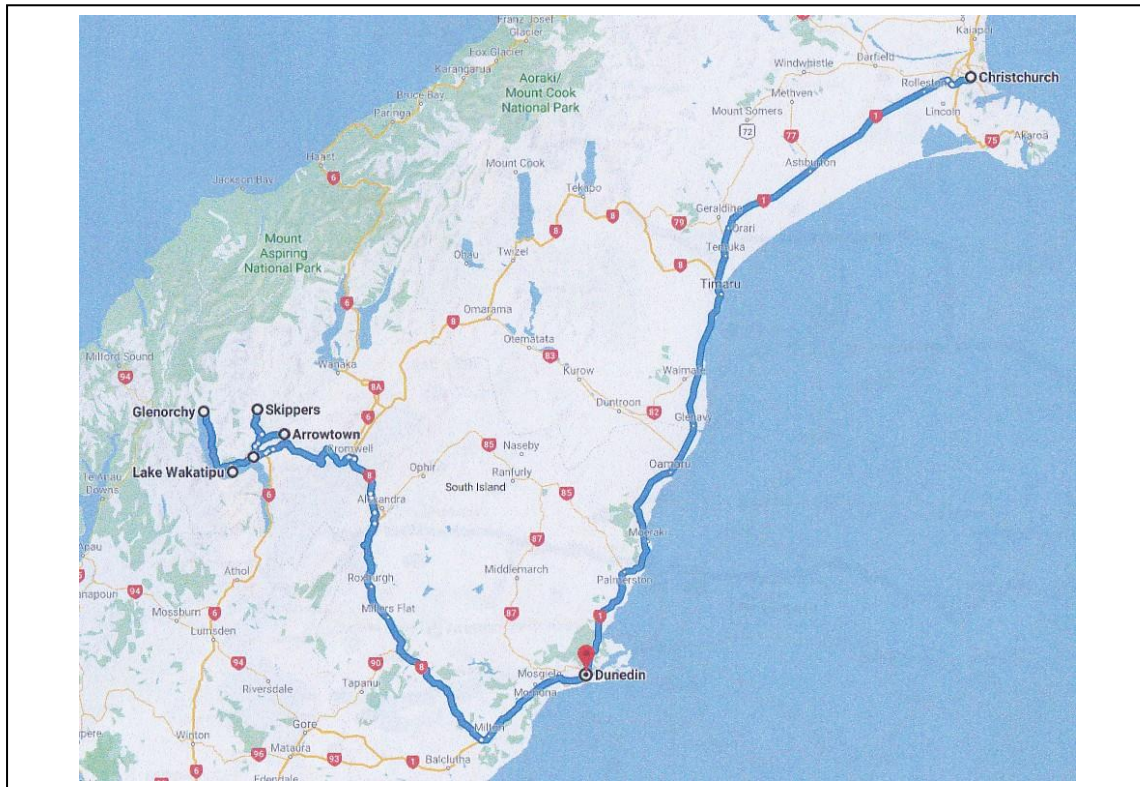
Lazed in garden. Picked elder berries. Blue sky and sun, 35 deg.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>

Cooler. Went on bus tour around the city to view the gardens, etc. Really beautiful gardens.

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>

June took me to the museum, which was very good. Went round the Arctic expedition part. Vicki and Koos came for dinner.



Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>

Leave for Dunedin at 10:30. Lovely day. Went though Tamaru and Oamaru arrived Dunedin at 4:30. I was met by Marjorie, Bessie and her husband Terry. Staying with Marjorie and Grant her son who is 18 years old.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Went into Dunedin during the morning, had lunch at home and met Lynn (23) Marjorie's youngest daughter who is a pharmacist. Nice girl.

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Anna's birthday. Left about 10:00 for Queenstown. Beautiful journey, mountains, gorges. Had lunch at Gorge Creek (?), scene of mine disaster, 1861. Snow avalanched from the mountain and buried them. Called in to see Michael's Cottage a typical gold miner's cottage in 1860's. Arrived in Queenstown around 4:30pm. Beautiful Hotel, was right on Wakatipu Lake edge with lovely view from bedroom window Hotel Wakatipu.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Went up the Gondolas chair lift. A magnificent view. Went to Arrowtown. Had lunch with Marjorie's friend. Arrowtown gold mining town. Saw people panning for gold. Saw monument to Fox who found nugget in 1861-2?

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Went through Skippers Canyon to Skippers. Magnificent view, narrow snaking road, gorges and shot over river. Saw panning for gold. Had cuppa at junk shop, visited cemetery at Skippers. In the afternoon went to Glenochy and Royerurn Track. Lovely mountains, rivers and forest scenery. Day cool and cloudy. Dinner at the hotel.

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful day. Left Queenstown around 10:30 am. Came over mountain pass to Wanaka Lake. Lovely run. Had lunch on the side of Lake Wanaka. Came through Cromwell and Clyde. Saw dam they are building there. Arrived Dunedin about 4:15 pm Margorie's son-in-law, David, brought Bengeman over to stay the night.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day. Lazed about. David cam for dinner.

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Lovely day. Terry, Bessie's husband picked me up to stay with them.

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Cool and Cloudy. Read in the morning. In the afternoon went round the harbour and peninsular. Saw sealions.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy and cool. Went into Dunedin in the morning, had lunch out. Anne and her husband Roy with Wellby, also Jill came for dinner. Lovely family.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunny and cool. Motored round the peninsular . Saw Pat Chambers in the afternoon. Jill and friend Lea called in the evening.

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Called at Ann's flat on the way to Crypt at Purakanui about ¾ hrs north from Dunedin. Viewed Port Chalmers from vantage point. Port Chalmers last port of call of the 6<sup>th</sup> Scott's expedition to the S. Pole. Stayed all day at the crib, cool and cloudy. Arrived back about 7:30pm.

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunny and cloudy. Stayed in.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Twins birthday. Morning sunny. After lunch went up Mt. Cargill and Signal Hill Dunedin. Then to Botanic Gardens. Then to flower show in Town Hall.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Rain in the morning, cleared after lunch but dull. Went to the museum. Saw Maori Village etc, Then went round to St. Clair's beach.

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Nice day, sunny with breeze. 19 deg. Motored north to Moeraki Beach where there are unique round stones from 60 million years ago. Had lunch at the old mill and visited plant nursery and art and craft shop.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Warm and cloudy. After lunch went to Waihoa south of Dunedin.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Lovely day, 22 deg. Sunbathed. Margorie came in the evening to say goodbye, so did Jill. Lovely girl.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy but warm. Left Dunedin at 10:30. Bessie and Terry took me to the bus. Anne brought Welby to see me off. What a lovely girl she is. Welby very interested in the goings on. Vicki and Koos met me in Christchurch,  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs late Nice to see Frank and June again. . Vicki and Koos have found a house.

## March 1985

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy with a little rain. Lazed about Frank and June working.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

A lovely day. Went to Ferrymead. A museum piece of an old settlers town. Went on a Tram. Listened to Mr. David Lange at the Oxford union debate on Nuclear Power he won hands down.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dull in the morning, Cloudy pm. Went to Mason's dinner at Redwood Motel with Frank and June, Vicki and Koos. Very Good. Get log for master's of lodge in Christchurch, 1981. (?)

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>

Lovely day. Went to Christchurch to change currency and buy dolls etc. Went to British Airways to change tickets.

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful day sunbathed and read in Garden, temp around 28 deg. Watched cricket, NZ v India on TV

### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>

My last day in NZ. Beautiful day. June home in the morning. Went to shop at lunch time. Lazed about, had a shower etc., Vicki couldn't come for tea. June and Frank took me to the Airport, Vicki didn't make it. My plane to Auckland was delayed so took one to Wellington, then on to Auckland. Not much time. Bus charged 1.50 dollar to international airport. Good flight. Christchurch to Wellington, ½ hr, Wellington to Auckland ¾ hr. From Auckland to Tahiti 4 ½ hr. Good flight landed at 6:20 am. Wednesday morning crossed the date line. So gained a day, So it was still Wednesday, in Tahiti. Greeted with music and flowers at Papeari. Took taxi cosy 1500 francs to Hotel Royal Pateari.

Lovely day. Walked myself silly. Booked trip around the island. (3500 francs) In the afternoon went to Pired (?) by buss 70 cents one way. Just beach with black sand. Had cup of tea, 200 f. Had dinner in café on harbour front. Quiche Lorraine and chips. + tea 900 francs, good but dear. Motorboats here have huge chair in the back for game fishing. Along the harbour front at night are food vans with counters for the youngsters.

### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>

Rainy start cleared about 10:00am. Took trip round the tour coach round the island 3500 francs expensive but enjoyed the scenery. Arrived back at 2:00pm, should have been 3:30pm. She went much too fast. Packed and went to bed early for early start tomorrow for USA.