

Family Group Sheet

Husband	William Brittain Rutherford LAIDLAW Dr		
Born	8 Sep 1902	Edinburgh, Scotland	
Died	25 Jan 1975	Leith Hospital, Leith	
Buried	Jan 1975	Cremation	
Occupation	Entomologist		
Education	Edinburgh Academy, Aberdeen University DSc Forestry		
Father	John Kinlay LAIDLAW (1860-1928)	Mother	Flora Charlotte Jane BEDFORD (1862-
Other Spouses: Doris Grant WILSON			
Married	14 Feb 1941		
Wife	Margaret Downs SAUNDERS		
Born	10 Apr 1915	Ipswich, England	
Died	13 Apr 2002	Masterton, New Zealand	
Occupation	Teacher, Mathematics		
Education	MA, Dip Ed, Edinburgh		
Father	William SAUNDERS (1886-1976)	Mother	Mary MAIN (1881-1974)
Children			
1	M	Michael Rutherford LAIDLAW	
Born	1 Apr 1945	Edinburgh, Scotland	
Occupation	Meteorologist, Quality Manager		
Education	Auckland Grammar School, Auckland University, BSc Maths.		
Spouse	Elaine Elizabeth WILSON		
Married	19 Feb 1977	Nelson, NZ, All Saints Church, Vanguard Street	
Husband's Notes			
<p>As a child William lived at 13 St Bernard's Crescent Edinburgh. He attended Edinburgh Academy and Aberdeen University where he was awarded a DSc in Forestry (ref "One Hundred Years of forestry teaching and research at the University of Aberdeen 1907 to 2007 by Andrew D Cameron.. He was a research scientist (forest entomology) and lecturer at the university in the 1920's. His scientific work took him to Ranchi India where he met his first wife.</p> <p>In 1941 he he married Margaret Saunders. At this time, during World War 2 he worked for the Ministry of Food in Glasgow where son Ruary was born. They then moved to Edinburgh where son Michael was born. After the war William bought a market gardedn near Eyemouth in Berwickshire before sailing for New Zealand on the P&O liner Strathnaver in 1952 to take up a post in the Zoology department at Auckland University. In 1956 he spent 3 months at the Cawthron Institute (science) in Nelson before returing to Auckloand. Latterly he took teaching jobs in various parts of New Zealand. He published 2 books "A Guide to British Hardwoods" illustrated with his own pen and ink drawings and "Butterflies of New Zealand" published by Collins NZ using his own water colour illustrations. His main hobby was water colour painting. Shortly before his death William returned to Scotland.</p>			
Husband's Sources			
SRO Death Certificate			
Notes by son Michael.			
Wife's Sources			
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