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The Acton-Adams family has been associated with Lincoln University since 1889 when Herbert William Acton-Adams enrolled at Canterbury Agricultural College (CAC) aged 18. He had been born in Nelson but his branch of the family moved south and he was educated at Christ's College, Christchurch.

The second Acton-Adams name in the CAC roll books is that of Herbert's brother Reginald who enrolled in 1890 aged 17. He too was educated at Christ's College along with another brother Percy.

Herbert is described in the CAC records as a "fair worker" and a student who "worked well towards the end". Reginald is described as a "very able fellow" and a "good worker". Their nephew Humphrey, son of brother Percy, attended CAC 1932-1933 (see veteran's poster). Another nephew, Wilden, also attended CAC (1930-1931). He served in the Army in the Second World War and became a prisoner of war on Crete.

Almost 100 years after Herbert William Acton-Adams enrolled, descendant John Alexander Acton-Adams was a student at Lincoln College and received a Diploma in Agriculture at the May graduation ceremony in 1984.

Spanning the years 1889 through to the modern era, more than 10 members of the Acton-Adams family have passed through Lincoln University or its earlier forms – School of Agriculture, Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln College.

Pictured above, Humphrey Acton-Adams in Air Force uniform at the wedding of his younger sister Joan in 1943.



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