CHAPTER 2

An Incorporated Town: 1890 to 1899

By the 1890s, prominent northerners discovered Dunedin with its temperate winter climate and its calm, beautiful waters, which were perfect for sailing activities. They began buying up land and building vacation homes on Victoria Drive.

Andrews Memorial Church was moved to a facility in town, and the downtown Oak Street area really started to take shape. One of the biggest changes in Dunedin was the continued use of the Orange Belt Railroad, which had an impact on the citrus industry and the town's growth.

By this time, too, Henry Scharrer was occupying a parcel of land on Hog Island, and in 1895, his daughter Myrtle came into the world. By the end of the 1890s, the population of incorporated Dunedin had grown to a little over 100 residents.

Top: Looking out at the water from Victoria Drive; Middle: Home built on Victoria Drive; Bottom: Malone family members stand outside of the Orange Belt Railroad in Dunedin (Source: DHM)