Kanji Morar arrived in New Zealand in the early 1930’s as a teenager to join his father Morar Chhiba, who had arrived in the early 1920’s and had established a general store in the small village of Tokaanu.

In 1948 Kanji went back to India and returned to New Zealand in 1950 with his wife Manki.

In 1953 Kanji purchased his father’s business when his father decided to return to India to retire.

Kanji then expanded his business and relocated to Turangi, where he owned and operated a SuperValue food market, a fish shop and a dairy.

In the late 1970’s it was his turn to retire so he handed over his business interests to his children and he spent his remaining years up until his death in India in 1998 commuting between New Zealand and India.

Today dad we are planting this Kahikatea tree in memory of you. As the tree matures and grows may the generations that are yet to be born be reminded of where their roots first began in New Zealand.

Dad, although its been several years since you left us we still miss you very much and now that mum has joined you, we know you are both looking over us.

*Om Shanti Om*