



**Above:** Colonial villas, once the homesteads of miners and traders, are now lovingly restored to become family homes again. Built from kauri, totara and rimu timber taken directly from the forests above Thames, these houses will continue to stand for many years to come.

**Right:** A pioneering family stand proudly in front of their cottage on the corner of Richmond and Mackay Streets, Thames. This photograph was taken around 1890.

