

Charles Richard DE THIERRY
(Weblink DT3 Charles Richard De Thierry)

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B 04 February 1856 Pikau Bay Waiheke Island New Zealand
D 24 January 1913 Gisborne New Zealand
Never married

The family history of Charles Richard DE THIERRY

Charles Richard DE THIERRY was born 04 February 1856 Pikau Bay Waiheke Island Auckland New Zealand. His parents were Mary formerly NYE and Charles Thomas Frederick DE THIERRY.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1856 folio 2472 website 1856/2634 parents Mary and Charles Thomas Frederick De Thierry)

DE THIERRY Baron aged 78 years was married with no occupation when on 25th September 1894 he made application for aid to the Auckland Hospital & Charitable Aid Board the reason recorded as destitution. He had lived 50 years in district and colony. His next of kin was recorded as Charles Thomas DE THIERRY living at Gisborne and Fred Thos DE THIERRY living at Tairua.

(Reference Archives NZ Auckland Office Agency YCAB series 493 Item 63 page 23 Auckland Hospital & Charitable Aid Board No 9564)

The above application records Fred Thos DE THIERRY who was the son of the Baron but I believe they should have written Charles Richard which was the name of his other son not Charles Thomas DE THIERRY.

1881 East Coast Electoral roll

- Charles DE THIERRY occupation Boatman Residential Gisborne

(Reference 1881 East Coast Electoral Roll number 308)

1893 Waiapu Electoral roll

- Richard Charles DE THIERRY occupation Settler Residential Waimata

(Reference 1893 Waiapu Electoral roll number 888)

Charles Richard (registered Richard Charles) DE THIERRY age 60 years died 24 January 1913 Gisborne Hospital New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1913 folio website 1913/641 age 60 born about 1853)

Grey River Argus 22 January 1913 page 5

Carbolic Acid for Beer – Gisborne Jan. 21

To night after finishing work Charles DE Thierry, a bachelor employed by the Harbour Board proceeded to his whare on the breakwater and took a long pull at a bottle of carbolic acid mistaken it for beer. He was conveyed to the hospital in a serious condition

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Papers past Grey River Argus 22 January 1913 page 5)

Poverty Bay Herald 22 January 1913

Information was received from the hospital this afternoon that Mr Charlie de Thierry who drank carbolic acid last night by mistake was making a satisfactory recovery.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Papers Past Poverty Bay Herald 22 January 1913 page 6)

Poverty Bay Herald 22 January 1913

A PAINFUL MISTAKE

Elderly Man Drinks Carbolic

A serious mistake causing painful injuries made by Mr Charlie de Thierry last evening. He had been working late and on returning to his cottage, which is situated near the viaduct of the breakwater he proceeded to take a drink of some homemade beer. In the semi-darkness Mr de Thierry picked up a bottle containing carbolic acid and took two big mouthfuls before he realised his error.

Suffering intensely from the severe burning the unfortunate man rushed out of his cottage where he was seen to be staggering by Mr G Dick who was walking along the breakwater.

Ascertaining what was wrong Mr Dick hastened to the freezing works and got two men to go to Mr de Thierry's assistance while he rang up a doctor. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining medical aid but eventually Dr Coker was hailed. In the meantime flour and water had been administered to the sufferer with soothing effects. The doctor did all he possibly could for the patient whose condition appeared to be serious. He was taken to hospital in the ambulance and from inquiries this morning it was learned that Mr de Thierry was progressing as well as could be expected.

Mr de Thierry is foreman of works for the Gisborne Harbour Board in whose employ he has been for many years. He is a heavily built man and his fine physique is expected to stand him well in his unenviable experience.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Papers past Poverty Bay Herald 22 January 1913)

Poverty Bay Herald 24 January 1913 page 6

A fatal error – Death of Charles De Thierry

Charles DE Thierry, foreman of works for the Gisborne Harbour Board who removed to hospital on Tuesday night, suffering from carbolic poisoning, died from the results of his painful mistake at 1.30 this afternoon.

It will be remembered that De Thierry who had been many years in the Board employ, and was a steady reliable man took a couple of mouthfuls of carbolic acid in mistake for home-made beer.

Mr W A Barton, S.M., district coroner, decided to dispense with an inquest, deceased having made a statement as to his mistake and it being evident there was no blame attachable to anyone

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Papers past Poverty Bay Herald 24 January 1913 page 6)

Grey River Argus 25 January 1913

TELEGRAMS - DOMINION NEWS ITEMS

[Per Press Association]

A fatal Drink Gisborne Jan. 24

Richard Charles DE Thierry who drank carbolic acid in mistake for home made beer on Tuesday died this afternoon

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Papers past Grey River Argus 25 January 1913 page 5)

Poverty Bay Herald 25 January 1913

THE LATE MR DE THIERRY

Mr Charlie De Thierry whose death occurred yesterday under tragic circumstances, he having taken carbolic acid by mistake was a single man 63 years of age. He was of a most retiring disposition and could rarely be induced to speak about himself. Attached to his name however are some interesting historical incidents relating to the early days of New Zealand. His grandfather was the famous Baron De Thierry, who

came to New Zealand with a party of French settlers to claim the middle Island on behalf of France, but who was beaten for possession by a British vessel in the space of only two hours. Word was received at Auckland that the Baron was making for Akaroa and the gun-brig Victoria was despatched with all haste and after a smart passage reached Akaroa in time to hoist the Union Jack just a couple of hours before the Frenchman put in an appearance. De Thierry and his party remained in Akaroa, which became a French settlement for some year. The late Mr C DE Thierry father emigrated North and was engaged in the kauri gum digging and timber industries in the Kaipara district for a number of years. It is believe that Charlie was born in the district. He came to Gisborne when a young man and been a powerful-built fellow he entered in fishing and was also employed for some time on the surf boat which was used to convey passengers to and from the ships anchored in the bay prior to the initiation of the tendering service by the Snark. With a large flat bottom boat Mr De Thierry was also engaged in shipping wool from the Pouawa and Waimata districts down the Waimata district to the wharf that was before there were any roads to those districts.

The late Mr De Thierry was much respected by all who knew him. In conversation with a reporter to-day Mr J Townley chairman of the Harbour Board spoke very highly of Mr De Thierry as a servant of the Board. He said he was a most reliable man and was every ready to do anything that lay in his power to conserve the best interests of the Board. For over 20 years he was employed by the Board and during the whole of that period he had proved himself a capable man.

The body of the late Mr De Thierry is to be sent to Auckland next Wednesday at the request of his friends in Auckland. As an evidence of their sympathy the members and staff of the Board are sending wreaths with the body.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Papers past Poverty Bay Herald 25 January 1913 page 4)

Charles Richard DE THIERRY place Kaita occupation Overseer death date 24 January 1913 court Wellington filed date 23 April 1913 type Intestate letters of administration

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6029 item 15390 Wellington)

Evening Post 2 May 1913

Administration of the wills of the following was granted to the Public Trustees as the appointee of the executors. Charles Richard DE THIERRY late of Kaiti overseer.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull & National Library of NZ Internet Papers past database)

Symonds Street Grafton cemetery Auckland New Zealand

Baron Charles Philip Hippolytus DE THIERRY 1864

Baroness Emilie Mary DE THIERRY 1856

Baron Charles Thomas Frederick DE THIERRY 1897

Baroness Mary Nye DE THIERRY 1869

Charles Richard DE THIERRY 1913

Emilie Mary BURGESS 1882

Isabella Margaret BROADFOOT 14 January 1912

Baron Frederick James DE THIERRY 21 May 1931 Grandson

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche cemetery transcripts Auckland district)