

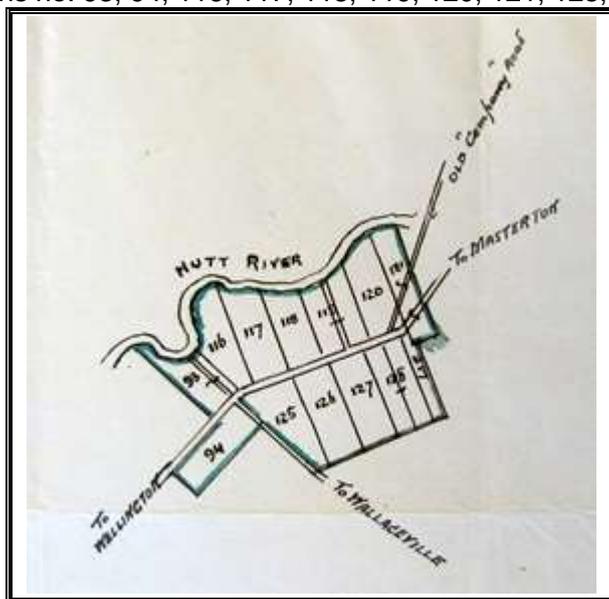
1908 Householders Upper Hutt Town Borough Petition

In 1907 Angus John McCurdy began organising a Petition and collected signatures of the householders of the Upper Hutt and Trentham postal district of the Mungaroa Riding of the Hutt County who desired to proclaim an Upper Hutt Town Borough.

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The Upper Hutt Town Borough was gazetted on 26 March 1908.

Sections included in the proposed Town District Upper Hutt contain a total of 1245 acres of the original surveyed sections no. 93, 94, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128 and 217.



Dominion newspaper 08 October 1907

The area under the control of the Hutt County Council is being reduced gradually with the rapid advance of settlement. Only three years ago Miramar broke away and became a borough in its own right. Eastbourne is even a later deserter from the patient local body. Now the Upper Hutt has decided it could look after itself better than is at present the case and a meeting of resident, together with those of Trentham and Silverstream was held on Saturday evening to discuss the question of instituting a separate local body. On the motion of Mr G Brown it was that the time had arrived Town District should be formed and on Mr McCurdy's motion a committee consisting of Messrs McCurdy, Edwards, P D Davis, R Butler, J and J Benge, was appointed to prepare the necessary petitions to the Governor praying for a local governing body to be set up in the Upper Hutt District. Mr G Shirtcliffe occupied the chair.
(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 08 October 1907 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1907

Upper Hutt Dissatisfied - Indignation Meeting - Several matters of local importance were discussed at the meeting of residents and ratepayers of the Upper Hutt, Trentham, and Silverstream settlements on Saturday night and briefly reported last night. Mr G Shirtcliffe - presided Mr G Brown emphasised the opinion generally expressed by ratepayers and householders that the maladministration and supineness of the Hutt County Council could be no longer tolerated, as it was preventing the development of the district. He contended that had the County Council displayed more ability and greater consideration for local requirements, they would not have witnessed the severance of Miramar and Eastbourne for some time yet, there would not have been threats of severance from the Makara Road District

nor would there have been any need for the present meeting. The people were sick and tired of neglect and broken promises. He moved that in the opinion of this meeting, representative of Upper Hutt residents, the time has arrived when a town district should be formed. The motion was seconded by Mr McCrossan, and supported by Mr P D. Davis JP, and Mr H C Gibbons. Mr James Brown made a vigorous speech in favour of the proposal for local self-government. He charged the Hutt County Council with neglecting to collect the rates. He paid a high compliment to the ability of the County Clerk, and gave it as his opinion that as regards the County Council itself the girl typist in the office was more competent to conduct the affairs of the county than the whole of the councillors rolled into one. Mr A J McCurdy asserted that the state of affair which had existed for the past five years could not be allowed to continue longer, and he was convinced that inside of twelve hours he could obtain the necessary signatures to a petition to proclaim a town district or a borough within half a mile of the place of meeting. The motion was carried almost unanimously. On the motion of Mr McCurdy, seconded by Mr E Wilkie, it was decided "That a committee, to consist of Messrs McCurdy, T Edwards, P D Davis, P Butler, and J Benge, with power to add to their number, be set up to prepare the necessary petitions, obtain signatures, draw plans of areas, etc., and that they report to a public meeting to be convened at the earliest possible date, with a view to obtaining final authority for the forwarding of a petition to His Excellency to set up a local governing body in the Upper Hutt district. The meeting also adopted a motion by Mr E Wilkie, seconded by Mr Williams, in favour of the establishment of a suburban area on the Wellington - Napier section of railway, to extend as far as the Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1907 page 6)

Dominion newspaper 18 November 1907

A Lively Meeting - Upper Hutt Militant - Borough or Road Board - Never in the history of the Upper Hutt has so great an interest in public affairs been taken as since the cry, Town District versus Borough, arose some weeks past, in the general clamour for "Homo Rule" in the Upper Hutt and separation from the Hutt County. The meeting on Saturday evening last in the Town Hall stands out unequalled as regards both importance and attendance. Long before 8 o'clock the main thoroughfare was the scene of animated groups men and women discussing the prospects of a lively meeting in consequence of a big gathering of the clans both for and against the larger. At 8 o'clock about three souls three promoting souls and the hall custodian wore the only ones to leave the street, and the shop, and the hotel, all of which are adjacent to the hall, and it looked as if it had been arranged to leave it in their hands the, "dauntless three " to elect of themselves a chairman, mover and seconder of a motion to declare, for a borough, and have done with it, and then dissolve into the street, the shop, and the hotel likewise. It was not until the custodian disappeared into the night and reappeared at the hall door with a glass and a jug of water, that the crowd followed or seemed to follow as if remembering that its, presence was required, and the meeting proceeded along customary lines. Mr J E Hughes (Upper Hutt), was elected to the chair, and Mr George Brown to promote discussion, as advertised) moved "That, this meeting considers that the time has arrived when the Upper Hutt and Trentham should be formed into a borough, suggesting in addition certain individuals as a committee to define boundaries, attend to the obtaining of signatures, and such like performances; to report the same to a further public meeting, and then forward the petition to His Excellency asking him to declare the area chosen a borough. Mr Gard (Silverstream) asked the promoters to explain the advantages of a borough over those of a town district. Mr George Brown (Upper Hutt) then spoke to his motion and desired all present would consider the question, Borough versus Town Board, in an impartial spirit, as both proposals were good one if anything (the borough) being better than the other. Three years ago a Town Board would have met the requirements of the Upper Hutt district better than to day. Since then the rapidity of settlement rendered the formation of a borough, in view of continued progress, almost a necessity. The Silverstream end of the valley had grown so rapidly that before long they could form themselves into a town district, thus precluding the chances of the Upper Hutt amalgamating, as at present, in the formation of a borough right away, and embracing an opportunity which might not occur again if ever so much desired in the near future. As stated in their circular, the conveners were of opinion that whilst controlling a much larger area, the cost of administration in proportion would be very little in excess of that of a town district, whilst the importance of a borough far exceeded that of a

town district, which, in his opinion, could never, hope for signal treatment, in the matter of governmental and public buildings. The duplication of the railway line to Upper Hutt and the extension of the suburban area likewise would induce settlement to such a degree that the requirements of sanitation, lighting, drainage, and street maintenance could be better dealt with under a borough than a town district, whose borrowing powers were more or less limited. In fact, it scorned to him that the status and convenience of the community would be raised to such an extent as to outweigh all objections in the way of increased rent and taxation which ever followed in the train of advanced settlement. By uniting the Upper Hutt with the lower end, as suggested in the borough proposal, all future difficulties of overlapping, in the manner of Lower Hutt and Petone; were for all time set aside. He would, therefore, earnestly ask of those present to choose a borough from the outset. Mr James Brown; oldest resident and Father of the Upper Hutt followed his brother, and outlined the advantages of unity in public affairs, and cited the trend of affairs since, settlement had really begun in carrying to Upper Hutt way. Said this speaker Improvements in the Upper Hutt during the last five years, from the Silverstream to the Maori Bank, and from the river to the base of the hill, meant land to the value of over £90,000 had changed hands; eighty buildings had been, erected worth between £40,000 and £50,000; eighty acres of land had been given for street purposes, and about eight miles of road formed five miles had been metalled, and about two and a half miles of footpath made, roads and footpaths costing close on £3000. All this had been dedicated to the Hutt County Council for the benefit of the ratepayers in the district free of cost by the several parties who had subdivided their land, whilst the district was practically in the same state now as it was fifty years ago, so far as any public improvement was concerned. Mr H C Gibbons (Upper Hutt) supported the last two speakers in their contention that a Borough was in many ways preferable to a Town District, which limited the control of district affairs in the Upper Hutt two miles as against the proposed six. Without anticipating the arrival of the time when the larger public works would necessitate a heavier burden of taxation than at present existed, the advantages of locally raised rates being spent locally, meant a great deal meanwhile. The extending of the area also meant the future welfare of the Upper Hutt when the demands of population required an extension, and the same proportion of rates as raised could be spent till a more equal distribution of values came about. The Upper Hutt was in many respects an ideal place to reside in, and doubtless thousands would follow once railway facilities, drainage, and such other needed questions had been disposed of Wellington City could claim distinction in the matter of municipal control, the advantages of which now extended as Mr H D Bell (when Mayor) predicted, to the utmost limits and, the Upper Hutt people would do wisely to embrace the opportunity now afforded of taking in Trentham and Silverstream from the commencement. Mr J T Wilkins (Silverstream) supported the Borough proposal, and contended that by uniting with Trentham and Upper Hutt many advantages not possible to obtain separately, would serve alike the good of one and all. Mr W Card (Silverstream) said no good could come of singling out the, new residents from the old. No monuments of progress marked the pathway of the old identities of late years and differences such as these had best be relegated to the background in discussing future progress. Mr William Brown (Trentham) championed the make haste slowly movement, and convulsed his audience with rich sallies at the expense of both the Town District and the Borough champions. In a good natured way this speaker referred to the, cure all properties of the nostrums suggested in the circular and the poster, of the rival parties. I warn you in no uncertain voice said the speaker, have nothing to do with either deadly concoction, and the audience shouted itself hoarse, quite forgetting that sooner or later it was to renounce the subject of its mirth and declare for one dose or the other, nevertheless, it enjoyed itself in anticipation of the nectar its own particular party had provided. Two new residents, Messrs Gegan (Trentham), and Barrett (Upper Hutt), also spoke in favour of a borough. Then came a gentleman known as "Fighting Mac" otherwise Mr A J McCurdy who asserted his right, to awaken both the dead non-resident and the dying rent-payer, adducing fact upon fact and figure upon figure in support of a town district as against a borough. From North Cape to the Bluff this speaker had ascertained the exact cost of administration; rate of taxation, population, and every possible available information with the object of proving that a Town Board was more easily run, and less costly than a borough. He compared rates levied in town districts and boroughs, and the undue raising of unimproved values which resulted in

heavier rates being collected from a given area though the rate itself might remain in fixed amount of one penny in the pound. Mr Gibbons had spoken of land increasing fifty or a hundred fold in value if a borough were formed. Mr McCurdy said a house and land valued at £400 brought a rental of 10s per week. If that value were increased fifty fold to £600 there would be 200 more pence rates collected, and that the tenant would be asked to pay in increased rent, with the result that houses would be empty and progress stopped instead of improved. All the advantages of a borough were obtainable under a town board as were enjoyed in a borough, and they had the advantage of being governed for the first two years by residents and not absentee land speculators and non-resident faddists. (Cheers) Further, Mr McCurdy was against the old inhabitant who lived abroad, and with the new-comer who paid rent only, and wanted to outvote the freeholder every time. With similar sentences the speaker sliced heads off every member the conveners committee, and challenged contradiction generally the audience again cheering lustily. The climax was almost reached when Mr McCurdy moved as an amendment to substitute the word town district in the motion where it read borough, and in addition selecting a totally new committee to go into the matter of immediately presenting the petition in hand (favouring a town district) to His Excellency Mr N J Bennington (Silverstream), in seconding the amendment pro forma, said the desire of the promoters of the borough movement was for the good of the community as a whole, not a limited portion of it, and none were more pleased or proud of the Upper Hutt's progress than the people of Trentham and Silverstream, participating as they did in every advantage accruing therefrom. Mr P Davis (Upper Hutt) supported Mr McCurdy in the matter of limiting the area, thereby limiting the responsibility and the expense of government till a greater population existed to warrant a change. He had lived in the Upper Hutt all his life, and desired as much as any to see it go ahead, but thought, the time had not yet arrived to form a borough. The Chairman then read the amendment, and on the voices declared it lost. Being requested, he invited those in favour to step to the right, those against to the left, and amid great confusion and uproar, stated the division (discounting several on each side not eligible), thirty two for the amendment and thirty four against. The supporters of the Borough here cheered lustily, the groans of the Town Board supporters notwithstanding, and the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Indignation Meeting - An indignation meeting was immediately held, Mr McCurdy taking down the names of all those who had voted in favour of the amendment. Mr J T Benge was voted to the chair, on the motion of Messrs McCurdy and Read. The roll of those present in favour of a Town District, and who had protested against Chairman Hughes's decision, was called, and fifty persons responded to their names. Mr Thomas Edwards moved, and Mr Reid seconded, a resolution That this meeting declares the decision of Chairman Hughes to be inaccurate, and that the figures in favour and against the amendment were so for the amendment in favour of a Town District and 29 against the amendment. The names of the fifty who recorded their vote in favour of the amendment were appended to the resolution. Messrs Edwards and McCurdy stated that they had each counted the number of opponents of the amendment, and only found 29, of whom Mr McCurdy said three were ineligible to vote on the subject, being neither ratepayers, freeholders, or rent payers, as provided by the Municipal Corporations Act of 1900. The names of T F Boyd and H Williams were added to the Town Board Committee by the mover of the amendment in favour of a Town District. A vote of thanks to Chairman Benge closed the proceedings a few minutes before midnight.

The Disputed Count- Sir, - In the matter of the grossly inaccurate declaration of voting by Chairman Hughes at Saturday's meeting at Upper Hutt, I have the honour to enclose for your information an affidavit quoting the names of all those who were present at the public meeting when the amendment was put, and voted in favour of the amendment, and who handed in their names to me immediately upon Chairman Hughes announcing his figures. You will observe there are fifty names therein. I am prepared also to swear an affidavit, and give the names of the persons who voted against the amendment. I am, etc., Angus J. McCurdy. - Upper Hutt, November 17, 1907.

The names in Mr McCurdy's affidavit are as follows - Messrs Gillies, Gallagher, Boyle, T F Boyd, Taylor, J. Greenwood, Young, Fool let, Craig, Harmon, A Martin, Hastings, T Edwards, Harrison, H Williams, A Cudby, J. Kearney, Fuller, N Ward, June, Miller, J T Benge, F. Wilkie, Mitchell, W Wilkie, P Davis, Roberts, C Collett, W Brown, W Deller, Matthews, E Wilkie, J

Geange, A Boyd, C Reid, A Golder, S McBurney, H Pratt, R Butler, D McCurdy, A McCurdy, B Benge, J Harrop, G Wyeth, A McBurney, F Whiteman, H Blair, J Whiteman, H Moulder, and E Greenwood.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 18 November 1907 page 8)

The Upper Hutt Town Board elections took place on Thursday 23 April 1908 and the following were elected George Isaac Benge, Richard Henry Williams, Alex Gordon Martin, Job Harrison, John Thomas Craig and Frank Wilkie.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 April 1908 page)

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Note the full list of names and details are located at the end of this document.

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Alphabetical order, number of householders / number of residents

A = 5/21 B = 23/113 C = 13/68 D = 6/38 E = 6/25 F = 4/14 G = 14/79 H = 11/56
J = 7/28 K = 12/60 L = 5/29 M = 11/42 Mc = 6/23 N = 1/4 O = 2/7 P = 4/21
R = 2/7 S = 9/46 T = 5/18 U = 1/2 V = 1/3 W = 13/65 Y = 1/4 Misc. = 1/1
Name / Number in family or household / occupation / [A] Petition signature / [B] Petition signature

A (5/21)

Albert Edward Ernest Admore 4 painter	[B] A E Admore
Christine Susanna Aldrich 2 settler	[A] [B] C S Aldrich
Alexander Allan 3 carpenter	[A] A Allan
Elizabeth Allan 8 boarding house keeper	[A] E Allan
John James Allingham 4 engine driver	[A] [B] J J Allingham

B (23/113)

Charles Backstrom 4 farmer	[B] C Bachstrom
William Peter Barber 1 florist	[B] W or M or Mrs Barber
William Clarence Barrett 3 nursery manager	[A] W Barrett
William Henry Belfit 3 saddler	[A] [B] W H Belfit
Annie Benge 6 settler	[A] [B] Annie Benge
George Isaac Benge 4 produce dealer	[A] [B] George Benge
John Thomas Benge 7 carrier etc.	[A] [B] J T Benge
Charles Benzie 10 hotel keeper	[A] [B] Chas Benzie
J Berkett 5 labourer	[B] J Berkett
Thomas Dick Bertram 6 gardener	[A] Thomas D Bertram
J Bickerton 1 stationer / bookseller	[A] J Bickerton
J Bishop 3 builder	[A] J Bishop
Henry Arthur Blake	[B] left Town district area
Henry William Bolton 4 railway labourer	[A] [B] Henry Bolton
Thomas Franklin Boyd 7 Master farrier	[A] [B] T H Boyd
James Boyle 8 engine driver	[A] James Boyle

Brace 6 accountant	#no signature
W Braid 3 farm assistant	[A] W Braid
Thomas Malachi Brennan 4 railway guard	[A] [B] T M Brennan
Andrew Brown 7 dairy farmer	[B] A Brown
James Brown 4 railway guard	[A] [B] Jas Brown
William Brown 8 Dairy farmer	#no signature
Charles Burman 4 Railway mechanic	[B] C Burman
Ronald Butler 5 butcher	[A] [B] R Butler

C (13/68)

William James Cameron 5 engine driver	[A] W J Cameron
George Arch Campbell 2 Saw miller / Timber man	[B] Geo A Campbell
T Cheetham	[A] [B] left the district
Vivian Clendon 2 Farmer / settler	[B] V Clendon
F Clifford 8 storekeeper	[A] F A Clifford
Theodore Deither Clifford 7 Farm contractor	[A] T D Clifford
Frederick William Connell 5 schoolmaster	#no signature
J Cooney 2 Railway signalman	[A] [B] J Cooney
J or Thomas Cooper 10 fruiterer etc.	[A] T Cooper
John Thomas Craig 8 Dairy farmer	[B] J T Craig
Charles Cudby 3 undertaker and joiner	[B] Charles Cudby Senr.
E or John Walter Cudby 6 road inspector	[A] [B] E Cudby
Henry Herbert Cudby 5 Railway guard	[A] [B] H D Cudby
Angus Henry Cunningham 5 Saw mill Manager / saw miller	[B] A Cunningham

D (6/38)

John Benjamin Dalton 16 bootmaker boarding-house keeper	[A] [B] J B Dalton
Philip D Davis 6 painter	[A] [B] Phil D Davis JP
Robert Dick 3 carrier	#no signature
Mrs M L Dowling 10 Infant's homekeeper foster-home	[A] M L Dowling
John Dowman 2 Railway labourer	[B] J Dowman
Wilkinson Downie 1 tailor	[A] W Downie
	[A] A Davies left the district

E (6/25)

Thomas Edwards 5 settler	[A] [B] Thos. Edwards
William Henry Edwards 2 carrier	[A] [B] W H Edwards
D Elder 7 Coach builder / carriage builder	[A] [B] D Elder
Edwin Bernard Elliott 4 Railway guard	[B] E R or E B Elliott
John Moran Emery 2 builder	[A] J M Emery
James Harris or F Evans 5 Labourer / gardener	[A] F or I Evans

F (4/14)

Thomas Fletcher 6 Railway labourer	[A] F Fletcher name struck off by request
George Wilson Fothergill 3 saw-miller	[B] G W Fothergill
Henry Herbert James Fowler 4 hairdresser	[A] H Fowler
George Francis 1 Old age pensioner	#no signature

G (14/79)

S J Gallacher 2 trainer	[A] [B] S J Gallacher
Charles Geange C 2 carrier left the district	#no signature
John Geange 6 Dairy farmer	[B] John Geange
Jacob Geange 6 carrier & stable keeper	[A] Jacob Geange
H Gelding 3 gardener	[A] H Gelding
J Gillies 2 Store Assistant / store-man	[B] Jas Gillies
Mrs Jane Golder 11 settler	#no signature

Edgar Canada Gornell 3 blacksmith	[A] [B] E C Gornall
Andrew Gorrie 3 farmer	[B] Andrew Gorrie
Edmund Greenwood 5 roadman	[B] E Greenwood
James Greenwood 17 Sawmiller boardinghousekeeper	[A] J Greenwood
Mrs Mary Greenwood 1 old age pensioner	[B] M Greenwood
William Greenwood 2 saw miller	#no signature
William Patrick or H Gregan 7 contractor	[A] H Gregan
William Greig 9 engine driver	[B] W Greig

H (11/56)

Joseph Harmon 9 brick-maker	[A] [B] J Harmon
I Harrison 3 builder	[A] [B] I Harrison
Thomas Hastings 5 builder	[B] Thos. Hastings
Harry Hazelwood 3 Store Assistant / baker	[B] H Hazelwood
James Alfred Hazelwood 5 storekeeper	[B] J A Hazelwood
Percy Edward Hazelwood 4 Store assistant / store man	[A] P Hazelwood
David Francis or F Hewat 5 gardener	[A] F Hewat
Herbert Highwood 3 labourer	[A] [B] H Highwood
William James Hogg 3 engine driver	[B] W J Hogg
John Edward Hughes 9 Railway Labourer & boarding house	#no signature
George William Hutchins 7 engine driver	[A] struck off by request

J (7/28)

Peter or R Jamieson 3 labourer	[A] R Jamieson
Petherick Higman Jane 2 engine driver	[A] [B] P H Jane
George Johnson 2 labourer	[A] Geo. Johnson
James Johnson 7 Railway labourer	[A] J Johnson
Thomas or L Jones 7 Labourer	[A] L Jones
Mary Jane or M Jones 2 settler	[A] [B] M Jones
Emma Jane Jones 5 Settler	[A] E J or G J Jones

K (12/60)

Dennis Kelly 7 Railway labourer	[A] D Kelly
Mrs Elizabeth Kelly 1 settler	[B] E Kelly
James Kearney 6 Dairy farmer	[A] [B] Jas Kearney junior
James Kemp 6 station master	[A] [B] Jas Kemp
Alfred Keys 6 butcher	[A] A Keys
Allan Edwin Keys 4 Farm labourer	[A] [B] A E Keys
Joseph Edgar Keys 5 Farm labourer / carter	[A] J Keys
William Richard Keys 6 butcher	[A] W R Keys
Mrs Sarah Annie Keys 6 Infant homekeeper fosterhome	[B] S A Keys
Leonard Theophilus Coupland Kitchen 3 Master farrier	[A] L Kitchen
Philip Kitchen 2 storekeeper	[A] P G Kitchen
J Knox 8 Labourer	[A] J Knox

L (5/29)

John Lambert 4 Railway guard	[A] [B] J Lambert
Edwin Laurenson 5 driver	[A] [B] E Laurenson
George Laban Lay 8 storekeeper	#no signature
George Walter Lewens / Lewins 7 musician	[B] G W or G M Lewins
David Lewis Luxford 5 shorthand writer / reporter	[A] [B] D L Luxford

M (11/42)

Robert Mabey 3 produce dealer	[A] [B] R Mabey
Alexander Martin 5 Dairy farmer	[B] A Martin
H C Martin 4 labourer	[A] H C Martin

James Martin 7 Railway guard	[A] [B] J Martin
Mrs Martin 5 settler	#no signature
A Matthews 3 painter	[A] [B] Alfred Matthews
J P Meredith 2 gardener	[A] J P Meredith
J Miller 1 bootmaker	[A] [B] Jas Miller
T M Milligan 2 labourer	[B] Thos. M Milligan
Francis Davis Mitchell 4 Railway guard	[A] [B] F D Mitchell
Edward W Mudgway 6 Master baker	[A] [B] E W Mudgway

Mc (6/23)

Alfred William McBurney 5 Railway guard	[A] A W McBurney
S McBurney 3 Railway labourer	[A] [B] S McBurney
William McCrossin 7 labourer (his X mark)	[A] [B] W McCrossin
Angus John McCurdy 1 clerk	[A] A J McCurdy
A McDonald 1 plumber	[A] A McDonald
Maurice & Emma McNabb 6 Labourer / [carpenter]	[A] E McNabb

N (1/4)

John Nash 4 Clerk of Court / constable	[A] J Nash
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O (2/7)

Philip O'Brien 3 Railway labourer	[A] P O'Brien
P O'Brien	[A] wife signed in husbands absent
F O'Leary 4 settler	[A] F or T O'Leary

P (4/21)

Mrs Ellen Paul 7 Accoucheuse [sic] / nurse	[A] [B] E Paul
Phillips 7 Dairy farmer / poultry farmer	[A] Phillips
Mrs M Phillips 4 Accoucheuse [sic] / nurse	[A] M Phillips
Charles Henry Potts 3 brick-maker	[A] [B] Charles H Potts

R (2/7)

C Reid 3 carpenter	[A] C Reid
John Roberts 4 coachbuilder	[A] [B] John Roberts

S (9/46)

Mrs Elizabeth Ann Scott 4 settler	[A] [B] E A Scott
Francis or P Shaw 3 Presbyterian Minister	[A] Francis Shaw
Charles Edgar Smith 8 butcher	[A] [B] Chas E Smith
Ormond E Smith 6 labourer	[A] [B] O E Smith
Sydney C Smith 4 engine driver	[A] S C Smith
Alfred Southee 10 labourer	[A] [B] A Southee
W Stephenson 3 engine driver	[B] W Stephenson
R Swann 4 Railway ganger	[A] R Swann
W R Symons 4 Railway ganger	[B] W R Symons

T (5/18)

G J Taylor 8 gardener	[A] [B] G J Taylor
T J Teasdale 4 gardener	[A] T J Teasdale
William Thomas 2 settler	[B] W Thomas
John Till 1 Old age pensioner	[A] [B] John Till
James Grace Twohill 3 engine driver	[A] [B] J G Twohill

U (1/2)

William John Urwin 2 plumber	[A] W J Urwin
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V (1/3)

Henry William Vagg 3 farm assistant [B] H W Wagg

W (13/65)

A Wackrow 7 sawmiller	[A] A J Wackrow
William Henry Wackrow 2 farm assistant	[A] W A Wackrow
J Waite 1 gardener	[A] John Waite
W H Wakelin 4 painter	[A] [B] William Holmes Wakelin
Albert G Whiteman 4 Sawmiller / labourer	[A] A Whiteman
Edward Wilkie E 4 Insurance Agent / baker	[A] [B] E Wilkie
Frank H Wilkie 3 painter	[B] F Wilkie
William Joseph Wilkie 8 Clerk / labourer	[A] W J Wilkie
W Wilkie (Selina Wilkie)	[A] wife signed in husband's absence
George Wilkins 7 Dairy farmer	#no signature
Charles H Williams 11 hotelkeeper	[B] Chas. H Williams
H Williams 4 coal dealer	[A] [B] H Williams
George Wyeth 4 labourer	[A] G Wyeth
Joseph Robert Wyeth 6 labourer	[B] J Wyeth

Y (1/4)

Herbert Thomas Daniel Young 4 signalman [B] H Young

Miscellaneous (1/1)

Dutch Peter probable name Anderson 1 Poultry keeper an alien #no signature]
(Big Peter the Danish misogynist 1 labourer) = Peter Peterson

3 unidentified signatures on petition [B]

J J Clin ? = name between Martin and Harrison
T -lilht = name between John Till and Fothergill
W J -outhie = name between Laurenson and Hazelwood

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A (22)

Admore 5 painter & Aldrich 2 settler & Allan A 3 carpenter & Allan E 8 boarding-house & Allingham 4 engine driver

B (113)

Backstrom 4 farmer & Barber 1 florist & Barrett 3 nursery manager & Belfit 3 saddler & Benge E 6 settler & Benge G 4 produce dealer & Benge J T 7 carrier & Benzie 10 hotelkeeper & Berkett 5 labourer & Bertram 6 gardener & Bickerton 1 bookseller & Bishop 3 builder & Bolton 4 labourer & Boyd 7 farrier & Boyle 8 engine driver & Brace 6 accountant & Braid 3 farm assistant & Brennan 4 guard & Brown A 7 farmer & Brown J 4 guard & Brown W 8 farmer & Burman 4 mechanic & Butler 5 butcher

C (68)

Cameron 5 engine driver & Campbell 2 Timber man & Clendon V 2 settler & Clifford F 8 storekeeper & Clifford T 7 contractor & Corinell 5 schoolmaster & Cooney 2 signalman & Cooper 10 fruiterer & Craig 8 farmer & Cudby C 3 undertaker & Cudby H 5 guard & Cudby J 6 road inspector & Cunningham 5 saw miller

D (38)

Dalton 16 boarding-house & Davis 6 painter & Dick 3 carrier & Dowling 10 foster-home & Dowman 2 labourer & Downie 1 tailor

E (25)

Edwards T 5 settler & Edwards W H 2 carrier & Elder 7 carriage builder & Elliott 4 guard & Emery 2 builder & Evans 5 gardener

F (14)

Fletcher 6 labourer & Fothergill 3 saw-miller & Fowler 4 hairdresser & Francis 1 pensioner

G (79)

Gallacher 2 trainer & Geange C 2 carrier & Geange Jacob 6 carrier & Geange John 6 farmer & Gelding 3 gardener & Gillies 2 store-man & Golder 11 settler & Gornall 3 blacksmith & Gorrie 3 farmer & Greenwood E 5 roadman & Greenwood J 17 boarding-house & Greenwood M 1 pensioner & Greenwood W 2 saw miller & Gregan 7 contractor & Greig 9 engine driver

H (56)

Harmon 9 brick-maker & Harrison 3 builder & Hastings 5 builder & Hazelwood H 3 baker & Hazelwood J 5 storekeeper & Hazelwood P 4 store man & Hewat 5 gardener & Highwood 3 labourer & Hogg 3 engine driver & Hughes 9 boarding house & Hutchins 7 engine driver

J (28)

Jamieson 3 labourer & Jane 2 engine driver & Johnson G 2 labourer & Johnson J 7 labourer & Jones E 5 settler & Jones M 2 settler & Jones W 7 labourer

K (52)

Kelly D 7 labourer & Kelly E 1 settler & Kearney 6 farmer & Kemp J 6 stationmaster & Keys Alf 6 butcher & Keys A E 4 labourer & Keys J 5 carter & Keys S A 6 foster home & Keys W 6 butcher & Kitchen L 3 farrier & Kitchen P 2 storekeeper

L (29)

Lambert 4 guard & Laurenson 5 driver & Lay 8 storekeeper & Lewins 7 musician & Luxford 5 reporter

M (42)

Mabey 3 produce dealer & Martin A 5 farmer & Martin E 5 settler & Martin H 4 labourer & Martin J 7 guard & Matthews 3 painter & Meredith 2 gardener & Miller 1 boot-maker & Milligan 2 labourer & Mitchell 4 guard & Mudgway 6 baker

Mc (23)

McBurney A 5 guard & McBurney S 3 labourer & McCrossin 7 labourer & McCurdy A 1 clerk & McDonald 1 plumber & McNabb 6 carpenter

N (4)

Nash 4 constable

O (7)

O'Brien 3 labourer & O'Leary 4 settler

P (21)

Paul 7 nurse & Phillips M 4 nurse & Phillips 7 poultry farmer & Potts 3 brick-maker

R (7)

Reid 3 carpenter & Roberts 4 coachbuilder

S (46)

Scott 4 settler & Shaw 3 minister & Smith C 8 butcher & Smith O 6 labourer & Smith S 4 engine driver & Southee 10 labourer & Stephenson 3 engine driver & Swann 4 ganger & Symons 4 ganger

T (18)

Taylor 8 gardener & Teasdale 4 gardener & Thomas 2 settler & Till 1 pensioner & Twohill 3 engine driver

U (2)

Urwin 2 plumber

V (3)

Vagg 3 farm assistant

W (64)

Wackrow A 7 saw miller & Wackrow W 2 farm assistant & Waite 1 gardener & Wakelin 4 painter & Whiteman A 4 labourer & Wilkie E 4 baker & Wilkie F 3 painter & Wilkie W 8 labourer

& Wilkins G 7 farmer & Williams C 11 hotelkeeper & Williams R 3 coal dealer & Wyeth G 4 labourer & Wyeth J 6 labourer

Y (4)

Young 4 signalman

Plus (1)

Also Big Peter the Danish misogynist (does not like women) 1 labourer
