

KEMP
Hutt Valley - Upper Hutt
Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information
(Weblink HVF Kemp)

William KEMP and Emma NOWELL
Family History

William KEMP

B 01 December 1843 East Riding Yorkshire England
D 24 June 1917 Petone New Zealand
M 16 September 1866 Hull East Riding Yorkshire England

Emma NOWELL

B 1847 Dewbury Yorkshire England
D 18 August 1894 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Children:

1. William KEMP born 14 March 1881 New Zealand (adopted)

William KEMP was born 01 December 1843 East Riding Yorkshire England. His parents were Mary nee Richards and William Kemp. William was baptised St James Hull Yorkshire England.
(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1843 March quarter district Patrington County Yorkshire East Riding England volume 23 page 67)

1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England

- William KEMP head married age 32 Railway Pointman born Hessle Yorkshire
- Mary KEMP wife married age 36 wife born Hull Yorkshire England
- John SMITH son unmarried age 15 son born Hull Yorkshire England
- William KEMP son age 6 born about 1845 Hull Yorkshire England
- Mary Ann KEMP daughter age 3 born Hull Yorkshire England
- Sarah KEMP daughter age 2 born Hull Yorkshire England
- Joseph KEMP son age 1 week born Hull Yorkshire England

(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England ED 1c household 45 piece 2360 folio 280 page 15)

Emma NOWELL was born 1847 Dewsbury Yorkshire England. Her parents were Sarah nee Windle and Thomas Nowell.

(Reference Ancestry website 1847 December quarter district Dewsbury County Yorkshire West Riding England volume 22 page 17)

1851 Census High Street Daw St John Mirfield Dewsbury Yorkshire England

- Thomas NOWELL head married age 30 Hand loom weaver born
- Sarah NOWELL wife married age 28 born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Thomas NOWELL son age 11 born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Hannah NOWELL daughter age 6 born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Emma NOWELL daughter age 3 born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Fanny NOWELL daughter age 1 born Dewsbury Yorkshire England

(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census High Street Daw St John Mirfield Dewsbury Yorkshire England ED 1i household 15 piece 2324 folio 436 page 4)

1861 Census 764 High Street Dawgreen St John Dewsbury Moor Yorkshire England

- Thomas NOWELL head widower age 42 woollen weaver born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Emma NOWELL daughter unmarried age 16 woollen bobbin winder born about 1845 Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Ann NOWELL daughter age 6 scholar born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- Mary SMERRTHWATE servant widower age 40 servant born Wakefield Yorkshire England

(Reference Ancestry website 1861 Census 764 High Street St John Dewsbury Moor Yorkshire England ED 13 household 41 piece 3410 folio 64 page 11)

William KEMP married 16 September 1866 Hutt East Riding Yorkshire England Emma NOWELL
(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration 1866 September quarter district Hull county Yorkshire East Riding England volume 9d page 345)

1871 Census 9 Wilcox Road Vauxhall Ward St Anne Lambeth Kensington First London England

- William KEMP head married age 26 Railway Engine Driver born about 1845 Hull Yorkshire
- Emma KEMP wife married age 23 born about 1848 Dewsbury Yorkshire England

(Reference Ancestry website 1871 Census parish St Anne civil parish Lambeth registration district Kensington First County London Country England ED 23 household 83 piece 672 folio 54 page 15)

Ship "Golden Sea" departed England 23 January 1874 arrived 01 May 1874 Wellington New Zealand

- William KEMP age 28 Yorkshire Engine Man
- Emma KEMP age 25

(Reference Family Search website NZ Passenger lists from Archives New Zealand Wellington IM 15/98)

1880-1881 Hutt Electoral Roll

William KEMP residential Upper Hutt engine driver

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William and Emma adopted a son William KEMP who was born 14 March 1881 New Zealand

1890 Hutt Electoral Roll

William KEMP residential Upper Hutt engine driver

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1890 Upper Hutt School

William KEMP birth date 14 March 1881 parent William Kemp address Upper Hutt admission date 02 April 1890 last day 22 March 1897 comment home ill registration number 87 Upper Hutt School

1891 Upper Hutt School child William KEMP

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington EB-W8/9)

1893 Upper Hutt School child William KEMP

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington EB-W8/11)

Emma KEMP age 47 died 18 August 1894 Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1894 folio website 1894/4409 age 47 born about 1847)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 07 September 1894

Deaths – KEMP – on 18th August at Upper Hutt Emma Kemp aged 47 years

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 07 September 1894)

1894 Upper Hutt School child William KEMP

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington EB-W8/16)

1896 & 1900 Otaki Electoral Roll

William KEMP Upper Hutt engine driver residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1905-1906 Wellington North Electoral Roll

William KEMP 8 Featherston Street engineer (not sure if related or is it is the father or son)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1911 & 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

William KEMP 34 Cuba Street engine driver

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William KEMP age 74 died 24 June 1917 Petone New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1917 folio website 1917/2329 age 74 born about 1843)

New Zealand Times newspaper 25 June 1917

Deaths - KEMP – On 24th June 1917 at the residence of Mr Joseph Parker 34 Cuba Street Petone William Kemp aged 74 years

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 25 June 1917)

The last Will of William KEMP of Upper Hutt Locomotive Engine Driver – trustees (friends) Richard Cobden Easby of Wellington Blind Manufacturer & Henry Simmons of Wadestown Gardener - upon trust for my adopted son William KEMP on attaining the age of Twenty one – if son deceased and has no living issue to my brother Charles Kemp of New Plymouth Engineer and my nephew Joseph Parker of Petoni Weaver in equal shares – signed 30 April 1895 (upon death the will was administered by the Public Trust solicitor Frederick Fitchett Wellington)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington William Kemp Engine Driver Petone AAOM 6029 21711 filed date 08 October 1917 Will)

St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt burial register

- William KEMP buried 25 May 1880 killed on Silver Stream railway a carpenter of Stokes Valley (Original plot No 100) & (no headstone and existing plot unknown)
- Emma KEMP died 22 June 1894 (no headstone and plot unknown)
- William KEMP died 23 June 1917 aged 74 (no headstone and plot unknown)
- Kelly Rawinia Te Anau KEMP female buried (Block B/F) & (Row C/68) & (Plot E/916)

(Reference Church Warden at St John's Anglican Church Trentham Upper Hutt burial register)

William and Emma KEMP their son and descendants

1- William KEMP born 14 March 1881 New Zealand

#William KEMP was born 14 March 1881 New Zealand and adopted by Emma and William Kemp

#1890 Upper Hutt School William KEMP birth date 14 March 1881 parent William Kemp address Upper Hutt admission date 02 April 1890 last day 22 March 1897 comment home ill registration number 87 Upper Hutt School

#1891 Upper Hutt School child William KEMP reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington EB-W8/9

#1893 Upper Hutt School child William KEMP reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington EB-W8/11

#1894 Upper Hutt School child William KEMP reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington EB-W8/16

Not sure = #William KEMP 12 Jessie Street labourer 1905-1906 Wellington Central Elect Roll

Not sure = #William KEMP 8 Featherston Street engineer 1905-1906 Wellington North Elect R

Not sure = #William KEMP Short Street Masterton 1911 Masterton Electoral Roll

Not sure = #William KEMP married 1910 New Zealand Winifred Mary Harriet SAKER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1910 folio 4503 website 1910/4397

Not sure = #In loving memory of William KEMP born 18 August 1881 died 15 January 1953 – Winifred Mary KEMP born 26 September 1889 died 13 December 1955 masonic lodge symbol on headstone buried Masterton cemetery block J row 10

William KEMP his parents and their descendants

0- **William KEMP** born 1819 Hessle near Hull Yorkshire East Riding England died October 1902 Hull East Yorkshire England married 17 July 1843 St Marys church Hull East Yorkshire England **Mary RICHARDS** born 1816 Hull Yorkshire England died 1860 Hull Yorkshire England

#1851 Census 1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England ED 1c household 45 piece 2360 folio 280 page 15

- William KEMP head married age 32 Railway Pointman born Hessle Yorkshire
- Mary KEMP wife married age 36 wife born Hull Yorkshire England

- John SMITH son unmarried age 15 son born Hull Yorkshire England
 - William KEMP son age 6 born about 1845 Hull Yorkshire England
 - Mary Ann KEMP daughter age 3 born Hull Yorkshire England
 - Sarah KEMP daughter age 2 born Hull Yorkshire England
 - Joseph KEMP son age 1 week born Hull Yorkshire England
- 1871 Census Eastgate Great Driffield Yorkshire England ED 6 household 239 piece 4806 folio 98 page 40
- William KEMP head widower age 52 Pointsman Railway born Hessle Yorkshire England
 - Sarah KEMP daughter unmarried age 22 housekeeper born 1849 Hull Yorkshire England
 - Laura WEST visitor age 31 born Seckoufield Yorkshire England
 - Thomas BLACKBURN visitor unmarried age 19 groom born Westmorehead England
- #1881 Census Eastgate South 9 Great Driffield Yorkshire England ED 6 piece 4793 folio 104 page 47
- William KEMP head widower age 64 Railway Gate Keeper born about 1817 Hesstle Yorkshire England
- #William KEMP age 82 born about 1820 died 1902 December quarter district Sculcoates County Yorkshire East Riding England volume 9d page 122
- 0-1- **William KEMP** born 01 December 1843 Hull East Riding Yorkshire England died 24 June 1917 Petone New Zealand married 16 September 1866 Hutt East Riding Yorkshire England **Emma NOWELL** born 1847 Dewbury Yorkshire England died 18 August 1894 Upper Hutt New Zealand
- #1851 Census 1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England ED 1c household 45 piece 2360 folio 280 page 15
- William KEMP son age 6 born about 1845 Hull Yorkshire England
- 0-2- Mary Ann KEMP born 1847 Hull East Yorkshire England died 1867 Hull East Yorkshire England
- #1851 Census 1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England ED 1c household 45 piece 2360 folio 280 page 15
- Mary Ann KEMP daughter age 3 born Hull Yorkshire England
- 0-3- Sarah KEMP born 1849 Hull East Yorkshire England
- #Sarah KEMP born 1849 June quarter Kingston Upon Hull Yorkshire East Riding England volume 22 page 6 & page 481
- #1851 Census 1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England ED 1c household 45 piece 2360 folio 280 page 15
- Sarah KEMP daughter age 2 born Hull Yorkshire England
- #1871 Census Eastgate Great Driffield Yorkshire England ED 6 household 239 piece 4806 folio 98 page 40
- Sarah KEMP daughter unmarried age 22 housekeeper born 1849 Hull Yorkshire England
- 0-4- Joseph KMP born 1851 Hull East Yorkshire England died 1880 Hull East Yorkshire England
- #1851 Census 1851 Census Harping Parish of Cottingham Sculcoates Sutton Cottingham Yorkshire England ED 1c household 45 piece 2360 folio 280 page 15
- Joseph KEMP son age 1 week born Hull Yorkshire England
- 0-5- **Charles KEMP** born 1852 Hull East Yorkshire England died 11 May 1911 Taranaki New Zealand married 10 April 1880 Wellington New Zealand **Bridget HASTINGS** born 1858 Clare Ireland died 06 May 1924 Stratford Taranaki New Zealand
- #Charles KEMP born 1851 Doncaster Yorkshire West Riding England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1851 March quarter district Doncaster County Yorkshire West Riding volume 22 page 151
- #1871 Census 20 Bradley Street St Barnabas Lambeth Kennington First England ED 36a household 124 piece 674 folio 15 page 21
- Charles KEMP lodger unmarried age 21 Fireman born about 1850 Hull Yorkshire England
 - Arthur PARKER lodger unmarried age 21 born Farnham Hampshire England
- #Charles KEMP married 10 April 1880 Wellington New Zealand Bridget HASTINGS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1880 folio website 1880/2261

- #Charles KEMP Ngaire engine driver residential 1896 & 1900 Hawera Electoral Roll Taranaki
- #Charles KEMP Toko engine driver & Bridget KEMP Toko wife of Charles Kemp 1905-1906 Patea Electoral Roll Taranaki
- #The last Will of William KEMP of Upper Hutt Locomotive Engine Driver – trustees (friends) Richard Cobden Easby of Wellington Blind Manufacturer & Henry Simmons of Wadestown Gardener - upon trust for my adopted son William KEMP on attaining the age of Twenty one – if son deceased and has no living issue to my brother Charles Kemp of New Plymouth Engineer and my nephew Joseph Parker of Petoni Weaver in equal shares – signed 30 April 1895 (upon death the will was administered by the Public Trust solicitor Frederick Fitchett Wellington) reference Archives NZ Wellington William Kemp Engine Driver Petone AAOM 6029 21711 filed date 08 October 1917 Will
- #Bridget KEMP died 06 May 1924 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1924 folio website 1924/2578 age 66 born about 1858 (buried 08 May 1924 Kopuatama cemetery Stratford)
- #Charles KEMP died 11 May 1911 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1911 folio website 1911/9768 age 60 born about 1851 (buried 13 May 1911 Kopuatama cemetery Stratford)
- 0-6- George KEMP born 04 June 1854 Hull Sculcoates Yorkshire East Riding England
Not sure = #George KEMP born 1854 June quarter Sculcoates Yorkshire East Riding England volume 9d page 121

William KEMP his nephew Joseph PARKER

(Joseph's mother was Hannah Nowell sister of Emma Kemp nee Nowell)

- 0- **Joseph PARKER** born 1865 Drewsbury Yorkshire West Riding England died 24 February 1926 Wellington New Zealand married 1890 New Zealand **Sarah Ann THATCHER** born 1867 died 10 June 1940 Hutt Valley New Zealand
- #Joseph PARKER born 1865 March quarter district Dewsbury County Yorkshire West Riding volume 9b page 596
- #1871 Census Dale Street Batley Dewsbury Yorkshire England ED 2 household 16 piece 4580 folio 27 page 4
- John PARKER head married age 33 Wool Weaver born Batley Carr Yorkshire England
 - Hannah PARKER wife married age 27 born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
 - Joseph PARKER son age 6 scholar born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
 - Sarah PARKER daughter age 4 scholar born Batley Carr Yorkshire England
 - Mary Elizh PARKER daughter age 1 born Batley Carr Yorkshire England
 - Ann NOWELL wife sister age 16 unmarried Wool weaver born Dewsbury Yorkshire England
- #Joseph PARKER born 1865 March quarter district Leeds County Yorkshire West Riding volume 9b page 428
- #Joseph PARKER born 1865 September quarter district Kirkstall County Yorkshire West Riding volume 9b page 242
- #Joseph PARKER married 1890 New Zealand Sarah Ann THATCHER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1890 folio 0271 website 1890/337
- #Joseph PARKER 34 Cuba Street Petone loom tender & Sarah Ann PARKER 34 Cuba Street Petone married & Violet PARKER 34 Cuba Street Petone spinster 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll
- #The last Will of William KEMP of Upper Hutt Locomotive Engine Driver – trustees (friends) Richard Cobden Easby of Wellington Blind Manufacturer & Henry Simmons of Wadestown Gardener - upon trust for my adopted son William KEMP on attaining the age of Twenty one – if son deceased and has no living issue to my brother Charles Kemp of New Plymouth Engineer and my nephew Joseph Parker of Petoni Weaver in equal shares – signed 30 April 1895 (upon death the will was administered by the Public Trust solicitor Frederick Fitchett Wellington) reference Archives NZ Wellington William Kemp Engine Driver Petone AAOM 6029 21711 filed date 08 October 1917 Will

- #Deaths – Parker – On the 24th February 1926 at Wellington Hospital Joseph dearly beloved husband of Sarah Ann Parker of 34 Cuba Street Petone aged 61 years reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 February 1926
- #Joseph PARKER died 1926 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1926 folio website 1926/11835 age 61 born about 1865
- #Sarah Ann PARKER died 1940 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1940 folio website 1940/24713 age 72 born about 1868
- #Joseph husband of Sarah PARKER died 24 February 1926 aged 61 years also Sarah Ann died 10 June 1940 aged 73 years both buried Taita cemetery Hutt Valley New Zealand
- 0-1- John George PARKER born 1891 New Zealand
#John George PARKER born 1891 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio website 1891/1957 parents Sarah Ann and Joseph Parker
- 0-2- Violet PARKER born 1893 New Zealand
#Violet PARKER born 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1893 folio website 1893/13244 parents Sarah Ann and Joseph Parker
- 0-3- Annie Ethel PARKER born 1899 New Zealand
#Annie Ethel PARKER born 1899 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1899 folio website 1899/2252 parents Sarah Ann and Joseph Parker

KEMP miscellaneous information

(This William Kemp was also buried at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt)

- 0- **William KEMP** born 1835 died 22 May 1880 Silverstream New Zealand married details unknown (2 children)
- #William KEMP died 22 May 1880 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1880 folio website 1880/760 age 45 born about 1835
- #William KEMP buried St Johns churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt – no headstone and plot and block number not known
- #William KEMP = **ORDER** reference Archives NZ Wellington R24385637 ACGS 16211 J1 269/t 1880/2581 W E Hacon for Coroner Hutt 08 June 1880 Inquest proceedings on William Kemp year 1880
- #The remains of William Kemp who was lately killed by a train were interred today. Deceased was a widower and leaves two children reference Papers past website Wanganui Chronicle newspaper 27 May 1880
- #The Recent Railway Accident - At the Upper Hutt yesterday an inquest was held at the Provincial Hotel before Dr Hacon Deputy Coroner upon the body of William Kemp who was killed on the 22nd at Silverstream, by a train passing over him. There were seven witnesses examined, and the enquiry lasted about two hours. The evidence brought to light the following facts, Deceased, William Kemp, was a ship's carpenter, and had been working at Prouse's sawmills, Whiteman's Valley. On the 22nd instant he was a passenger by the 4.45 train from Wellington to Silverstream, and was, when he entered the train, quite sober. He was in a second-class carriage, which contained two other passengers, and had a large sized flask of brandy with him of which he partook freely. On arriving at Silverstream he was quite drunk, and went to sleep inside the station. He was observed on the station when the next Hutt train passed, talking to some people. About 6 pm a plate-layer named Harland saw him sitting in the station in a state of intoxication, and left him there. This witness said he knew there was a special train expected to pass soon, but he had no duties in connection with the station. When the special train came up at 7.55 it was felt to go over something. The fireman, Henry Adams, had noticed an object lying on the edge of the platform. The train was then going six miles an hour. The object he saw on the platform fell off, and was recognised as being a man's body. An alarm was given, and the train pulled up in 40 or 50 yards, but the man had been cut through the middle, and his legs, arms, and back broken. The matter was reported to Constable Lyster, who had the remains conveyed to the Provincial Hotel. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that William Kemp, while in a state of intoxication, was accidentally killed by the train passing over him reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 May 1880

#The Late Fatal Accidents - Mr Hewitt the station master at the Wellington railway station, has furnished us with the following particulars of a fatal accident which occurred on the railway line on Saturday evening. A special train, consisting of engine, four carriages, and a guards break van, left Wellington station at 7 pm. All went well, there being no stoppage until the train arrived at Silverstream, a flag-station where, under ordinary circumstances, no stoppage is made unless the signal is given by passengers who wish to get on the train or alight. There was no signal displayed, but the fireman as the train got within about ten yards of the platform discerned something protruding over the line of rails. There was no time to stop the train, and in a moment more the carriage steps came in contact with what proved to be the legs of a man lying on the platform. The concussion hurled him off on to the line, and the wheels of the first carriage ran over him, cutting and mangling his body horribly, and causing instantaneous death. It was found that the body was that of a man named Kemp, a saw-mill hand, and from the fact that a bottle of brandy was found on the platform near where he had been lying, and from the position he was in when first discovered, it is supposed that he had fallen asleep while intoxicated, and thus met with his death. There was no one on duty at the station, and the mangled remains were picked up and laid on the platform, and the occurrence reported to the police at the Upper Hutt. It should be stated that the night was clear and moonlight, and that the train carried the usual regulation lights a head lamp on the engine, and two side lights on the guard's van so that the unfortunate man, had he been awake, would have had ample time to move clear of the coming train. No blame under the circumstances can be attached to anyone in connection with the accident. We learn from Sergeant Anderson that the deceased was named William Kemp, that he was a carpenter employed at Prouse's Sawmill, Whiteman's Valley, and that he was a widower and leaves two children. He was struck by the step of the first carriage, and when picked up it was found that both his legs were broken and his body cut nearly in two. Intelligence of another fatal accident was received in town on Monday, though the particulars were of the most meagre description. Constable Lyness, who is stationed at the Upper Hutt, forwarded a report to the Central Station to the effect that James Gilchrist, a blacksmith, residing in Wellington, had been shot by a man named Raymond Johnstone, inspector of the road now being formed from the Upper Hutt to Waikanae. The accident happened at 11 am, and the unfortunate man died in a few minutes. The body was taken to the Criterion Hotel, where it awaits the inquest. The two men were out shooting together, but the constable did not state how the accident occurred reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 29 May 1880

#The Inquests - Two inquests were held at the Upper Hutt, on May 25, the first was on the body of William Kemp, who met with his death at the Silverstream railway station on Saturday last. Six witnesses were examined, but the principal evidence was that of William Gough, the guard of the train which ran over the deceased. He deposed that the locomotive and two of the three passenger carriages attached had passed the platform, when witness, who was on the break van at the rear of the train, saw deceased falling from the edge of the station platform, on which he had apparently been lying, his fall being caused by the step of the third carriage striking against his legs, which had been dangling over the side of the platform. Witness put the breaks hard down, and the train was stopped, and on running back he saw deceased lying on the rail, his left leg cut nearly off, and the left foot smashed, the left hand was also injured, but strange to say deceased held in that hand a silver watch, attached to his neck by a long hair guard, and the watch was not damaged. Looking at it, witness saw that it was going, the hands marking just eight o'clock. Witness pulled down a gate, and with some assistance made a rough stretcher, and carried the body to the train, and took it on to the Upper Hutt, where it was left in charge of Constable Lester, as also some fragments of flesh found cut off the limbs of deceased by the wheels of the carriage, and found on the line. The evidence as to the previous whereabouts of the deceased, showed that he had been in Wellington during the day, and left by the 4.25 train, being at that time perfectly sober. He had with him a bottle of brandy, and it was stated that he drank the contents on the journey, and that he consequently became very tipsy by the time the train arrived at Heywoods. On getting to Silverstream he alighted, but in his drunken foolishness wanted to get back into the train, saying that he wanted to go to town again. Two men who were there held him until the train started, and then put him on a seat in the waiting shed, where he fell asleep, and they left him. From that time until the accident occurred no one appears to have gone near him,

but it is evident that he left the seat in the shed and sat on the outer edge of the platform, where he again fell into a drunken stupor, from which he never awoke to consciousness. When picked up on the rails he merely gave one or two faint gasps, and then died. He was a native of Scotland, had been in the colony about twelve months, and bore the repute of being a good workman. His two orphan boys, one aged seven and the other twelve years, have found good friends in their desolation. Mr William Gough, guard of the train, has taken charge of the younger lad, and Mr Prerose, of the sawmills where deceased had been employed, has taken charge of the elder, and will give him employment at the mills. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. At half-past two pm an inquest was held touching the death of James Gilchrist, who was killed on the Queen's Birthday. From the evidence it appeared that deceased, who was a blacksmith, in the employ of Mr Mills of this city, and formerly a member of the firm of Gilchrist and Waters, had in the early part of the day gone to Mr Raymond Johnson's store, at Petone, having with him a gun and ammunition. He knew Mr Johnson well, and after chatting a while, asked him, if was doing nothing particular, to come out and see what sport they could get, saying that he (Gilchrist) had as yet only shot one bird, a kaka, and that they might, together, have better luck. Mr Johnson consented, and getting his gun, they went out together. After walking awhile, they sat down and had a smoke, and then he (Johnson) saw a kaka in one of the trees, which he pointed out to Gilchrist, and immediately afterwards he saw a pigeon fly into another tree. He called out to Gilchrist not to fire at the kaka, but to try and get the pigeon first, but Gilchrist did fire, and missed the bird, which rose from the tree to fly away, Gilchrist cried out to Johnson to run and have another shot before the kaka got out of range, and he,, taking the gun from his shoulder, ran in the direction towards where Gilchrist was standing, so as to get a good sight at the bird on the wing. Suddenly, as he ran, his gun went off, but for a moment he thought no harm had happened until he heard Gilchrist say, How come you to do that? Johnson ran towards him in time to catch him as he was falling, and Gilchrist then put his hand to his side said, I've got it all here, and then died. Mr Johnson, terribly distressed at the calamity, ran for assistance, but it was of no avail except to remove the body. Inspection showed that the gun charge had been lodged in the body of deceased, with the exception of two shots which penetrated the face. We understand that deceased, who was about forty years of age, leaves a widow and five children. The family reside in Pirie-street. The deceased and his family were spending their holiday at the house of Mr Brown, at the Upper Hutt, and it was Mr Brown and the guard and driver of a train that helped Mr Johnson to bring in the body. Medical examination of the body showed that the charge (of No 2 shot) struck the deceased in the breast and abdomen, but the principal portion lodged in the region of the heart, so that death was almost instantaneous. Great sympathy is expressed for the friends of deceased, and for Mr Johnson, who was the unintentional cause of the deplorable mishap, and who is a brother of the Inspector of Nuisances, and a great friend of deceased. He is overwhelmed with grief at the shocking event. The jury in this case also returned a verdict of accidental death reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 29 May 1880
