

FUNERAL DIRECTORS and UNDERTAKERS in the HUTT VALLEY

Part of the legal requirement of a funeral director is to collect confidential information for records required by the Department of Justice. All civil records are kept by the Registrar General now situated in Wellington but previously at Levin House High Street Lower Hutt

Before contacting a funeral director for information about a death

- Check the Registrar General death index on their website or index held on microfiche at Hutt Valley Libraries or Totara Park Family History Centre to confirm the year of death
- Search the cemetery records on the Hutt or Upper Hutt City Council website and/or the cemetery transcriptions on microfiche held at the Hutt Valley Libraries or Totara Park Family History Centre for burial details and/or headstone inscription. There are a few cemetery burials and headstone inscription folders at the Heritage Centre Petone Library Britannia Street Petone Lower Hutt.

<i>Name and/or Company</i>	<i>Date range</i>	<i>Details</i>
Joseph Hall	1866 - unknown	Undertaker Hutt Valley
John Hall	1870- unknown	Undertaker Lower Hutt
E Collett	1893- unknown	Undertaker Hutt Valley
E H Collett	1895- unknown	Undertaker Hutt and Petone
J O'Sullivan	1902- unknown	Undertaker Hutt Valley
G McIlvride & Son	1904- unknown	Undertaker Hutt and Petone
J R Croft	1914 - Current	Funeral Director Lower Hutt
Springays	1937-1977	Funeral Director Upper Hutt (now Gee & Hickton Ltd)
Gee & Hickton Ltd	1946 - Current	Funeral Director Lower Hutt
Gee & Hickton Ltd	1977 - Current	Funeral Director Upper Hutt (formerly Springays)

UNDERTAKERS

Joseph Hall 1866 to Unknown Hutt Valley

Reference Wellington Independent newspaper 27 June 1866

John Hall 1870 to unknown Lower Hutt

Builder and Undertaker near Isaac Cooley's Lower Hutt reference Wellington Independent newspaper 16 August 1870

E Collett 1893 to unknown Hutt Valley

Reference Evening Post newspaper 24 June 1893

E H Collett 1895 to unknown Hutt and Petone

Hutt and Petone reference Evening Post newspaper 16 September 1895

J O'Sullivan 1902 to unknown Hutt Valley

Reference Evening Post newspaper 13 March 1902

G McIlvride & Son 1904 to unknown Hutt and Petone

Hutt and Petone reference Evening post newspaper 25 March 1904

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

J R Croft Limited 1914 to current Lower Hutt

Contact Manager J R Croft Ltd., Funeral Director P O Box 30 067 Lower Hutt Phone 04 5697072

Early newspaper reference Evening Post newspaper 23 September 1914

Date of first Funeral Record = 1943

Type of Records = Death and burial (or cremation) records of people whose funeral was arranged through this firm.

Availability = Indexed records are available from 1970 only. Prior to this date the records are arranged in date order only and not alphabetically listed therefore more difficult to trace without a specific date. They are willing to deal with written applications free of charge providing there are sufficient details. If making enquiries please be very specific and include a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Springays 1937 - 1977 Upper Hutt

The Upper Hutt firm Springays was established in 1937 and operated until 1977 then it was taken over by Gee & Hicktons. Incomplete records held. Please refer any enquiries to Gee & Hickton Funeral Directors Manager 1 Cornwall Street Lower Hutt phone 04 5663103

Gee & Hickton

1946 to current Lower Hutt

1977 to current Upper Hutt

Contact person Manager 1 Cornwall Street Lower Hutt phone 04 5663103

Contact person Manager King Street Upper Hutt phone 04 5282331

Established = The Lower Hutt firm was established in 1946. The Upper Hutt firm which was called "SPRINGAYS" was established in 1937 and operated until 1977. (Incomplete records held.)

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Availability = Records have been kept from 1977. All records are held at Lower Hutt. Enquiries should be in the form of written applications and should be specific. Please include a stamped and self-addressed envelope.
