

Justice of Peace - Upper Hutt District

1871 – No Justice of Police in Upper Hutt
1880 - James Duff Cruickshank JP
1916 – Philip D Davis JP
1916 - J Barton JP of Trentham
1916 – Mr G L or G D Lay JP (resigned)
1916 – Mr Barber JP of Trentham (not available is ill)
1916 - Mr Morpeth JP (not available works in the City)
1917 - William Keys Upper Hutt
1917 - Peter Robertson Upper Hutt
1917 – P D Davis Upper Hutt
1917 – C P Morpeth Upper Hutt
1917 – N J Bennington Silverstream
1917 – O S Watkins Silverstream

1871 Upper Hutt no Justice of Peace

- 09 November 1871 – letter from CHS Nicholls Trentham Parsonage Upper Hutt – Sir I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 06th instant stating that no appointment of Justice of the Peace is currently planned at the Upper Hutt. I have no personal feelings or interest in this matter but I regret that no steps are intended to be taken as I feel convinced that some such appointment is very much required and it has the appoint of Mr Crawford the present R.M. – I have the honour to be Sir your most obedient servant CHS Nicholls Foundation Equr. [sic] Per Asst. Law Office Wellington (written in red CHA Nicholls Regret that no JP is to be appointed at Upper Hutt 71/2868)
- 28 October 1871 – letter from CHS Nicholls Trentham Upper Hutt – Dear Sir I enclose a copy of a letter which I forwarded to you on the 28th of August instant. As I have received no reply I suppose it must have miscarried or have been overlooked in the tern of business – I am dear sir yours faithfully C H Nicholls – The Hon W Fox & Co Wellington (written in red Rev CHS Nicholls recommending apt. if a JP at Upper Hutt & offering his services 71/2794)
- 28 August 1871 Upper Hutt – letter Dear Sir The one policeman stationed in this isolated place has often mentioned that the advantage of having at least one magistrate here. Often information has to be taken or a summons issued a long journey is necessary – and in many ways the presence of a J.P. would be a benefit. Should you deem it advisable to appoint one & should not one else be found suitable for the office I should have no objection to act. I do not desire the appointment nor do I ask for it but I am willing to undertake the duties if required. In cases of little importance a J.P. could act and save the R.M. a long journey and perform the necessary work satisfactory – I have the honour to be your servant CHS Nicholls to the Hon W Fox Wellington

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24288138 ACGS 16211 J1 118/ar 1871/2868 CHS Nicholls Upper Hutt 11 November 1871 Regrets that no Justice of the peace is to be appointed at Upper Hutt 30 October 1871 Recommending appointment of a Justice of the Peace at Upper Hutt and offering his services year 1871)

24 May 1880

In 1880 the Justice of the Peace was James Duff Cruickshank who resided in Upper Hutt. He signed the deposition from for Walter Edward Bacon & Samuel Raymond Johnson & John Johnson for the accidental shooting of James Gilchrist who died on Monday 24 May 1880

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24385628 ACGS 16211 J1 269/0 1880/2571 J D Cruickshank JP Coroner UH 07 June 1880 Inquest proceedings on James Gilchrist)

1916 Upper Hutt requires extra Justices of the Peace

- 12 June 1916 – memo from Stipendiary Magistrate D G A Cooper to Under Secretary Justice Department Wellington – Herewith I beg to enclose for your consideration a letter received from the Clerk of the S.M. Court Upper Hutt as to the insufficient number of Justices of the Peace in the Upper Hutt District
- 14 June 1916 – memo from Under Secretary C B Jordan to D G A Cooper Esq SM Wellington – I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of the 12th instant forwarding a communication from the Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt with reference to the need for appointment of additional Justices of the Peace at Upper Hutt and in reply am directed by the Minister of Justice to inform you that the matter will receive consideration when further appointments to the Commission are being made.
- 10 the June 1916 – memo from Clerk of Court J W McHolm to the Clerk of Magistrates Court Wellington – Sir Re paucity of Justice of the Peace for Upper Hutt – I have to report at present there are an insufficient number of Justices of the Peace for this District. There is only one in the Upper Hutt Township viz P D Davis Esq hitherto there were two but Mr G L Lay resigned last year. The next nearest to the Upper Hutt Township is a Mr Barber who lives at Trentham but owing to an unfortunate illness he is unable to officiate. Mr J Barton JP lives at Trentham 3 miles distant. As there are a great number of Affidavits &ct to be made owing to the increased work brought about by the Military Camp being here I would respectfully ask that this shortage of Justices be brought under the notice of the Justice Department with a view of having the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr G D Lay and the illness of Mr Barber filled. I am your obedient servant J W McHolm Clerk of Court – for D S A Cooper Esq SM
- 06 March 1916 – Memoranda sheet New Zealand Justice 1916/232 received 06 March 1916 from T M Wilford MP Wellington subject That Upper Hutt requires extra J's P. and recommending appointment of Messrs P Robertson and William Keys both of Upper Hutt as J's P.
- 01 March 1916 – letter from Thomas M Wilford to The Hon Mr McNab Wellington - Dear Sir The Upper Hutt requires some extra Justices of the Peace. Mr Lay has resigned and Mr Morpeth who works in the City is seldom there and Mr Phil Davis is the only Justice left. I beg to suggest the names of P Robertson Chairman of the Upper Hutt Town Board and Mr William Keys of the Upper Hutt Settler. These two men bear excellent characters and are in my opinion entitled to the position yours truly Thomas M Wilford of Wilford Levi & Jackson Barristers ad Solicitors telephone 13 P O Box 549 Butlers Building opposite Supreme Court Stout Street Wellington NZ (TM Wilford – P Levi MZ – P W Jackson)

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24679556 ACGS 16211 J1 914 1916/232 T M Wilford MP Wellington 06 March 1916 That Upper Hutt requires extra Justices of the Peace and recommending appointment of Messrs P Robertson and William Keys both of Upper Hutt as Justice of the Pearce years 1916)

14 April 1917 Hutt Valley Independent newspaper

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Upper Hutt P D Davis & C D Morpeth

Silverstream N J Bennington & O S Watkins

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23 June 1917 Dominion newspaper

Justice of Peace New Appointments

William Keys Upper Hutt

Peter Robertson Upper Hutt

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