

Coroners Inquests & Reports - Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley 1858 - Onwards
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Coroner's inquests provide valuable information about the deceased person, the witnesses and the jurors who resided in the neighbouring district. The reports also give the place where the inquest was held which is often a local hotel. The full name of the licensee of the hotel is also recorded. The licensees often change and Coroner's inquest helps to identify who holds the license during the different time periods.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Inquest held at</u>
1858	13 victims of Silverstream Flood	
1860	Ellen MUDGWAY	Barley Mow Silverstream Upper Hutt
1860	Female child HENN	Highland Home Trentham Upper Hutt
1862	John Robert BUTLER	Whitewoods Hotel Hutt
1862	William DEW senior	Highland Home Trentham Upper Hutt
1862	James RIDDLE	School house Wainuiomata
1862	Diane POAD	Whitewoods Hotel Hutt
1863	Tommy – Aboriginal Native (Maori)	Albion Inn Taita
1863	Edward HANLEY	Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt
1863	John DONELLY	Whitewoods Hotel Hutt
1864	Charles MABEY	Mabey house Upper Hutt
1864	Ernest William Thomas LANGLEY	Whitewoods Hotel Hutt
1864	Edward HANLEY	
1865	Albert HEESE	
1865	Nopera HOHUA	
1865	Teretiu	
1866	George GILLARD	
1866	William LAWSON	
1866	Alfred SANSON	
1866	George POOL	
1866	Child HUTCHISON	
1866	Fire - Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi	Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt
1867	Gustavus JOHNSON	
1867	Eliza MUDGWAY	
1867	Robert SCOTT	
1868	Charles CROFT	
1868	John HAYNES	
1868	person unknown	
1868	Mary GOLDER	
1868	William WILKINS	
1868	George RUSSELL	
1868	Fire – House of Donald KENNEDY	Presbyterian School House Hutt
1869	Fire – House of John JACKSON	Presbyterian School House Hutt
1869	Fire deaths stables & Hughey's store	
1869	Fire Hutt	
1869	Fire at Waldin's stables	
1869	John BASSETT	
1869	Edward DOWNEY	
1869	James BARRON, William PATTERSON, George HARRISON, Edward McKAY, & five other unknown bodies	
1869	Wikitoria EPUNI	
1869	William EVANS	
1869	Matilda & James SYMONS	
1870	Epanaia	
1870	Fire at Bennett's	
1870	Nathaniel TRENCH	Golden Fleece Pakuratahi Upper Hutt

1870	Peter Laing VALENTINE	
1870	Alexander Pattinson	
1870	Taituha KARUPAI	
1870	John Stonehouse CLARKE	
1870	John STACK	
1871	Emily CRUICKSHANK	
1871	Fire at Stephen Fagan's	
1871	Hugh SINCLAIR	
1871	John HARTLEY	Mungaroo Hotel Te Marua Upper Hutt
1871	Albert Joseph Bates HALL	
1871	Herbert Mooley PROUSE	
1871	Alexander GRONE (Giono)	
1872	David SIM	
1872	Ernest Arthur ELLERM	
1872	John FRANCES	
1872	Samuel WESTON	
1872	Thomas TINGLE	
1873	William HUTCHINSON	
1874	Alice MCLAGGAN	
1874	Oliver PILCHER	
1874	Susannah MENCHEN	
1874	Denis RYAN	
1874	Henrietta NEEDHAM	Needham House Upper Hutt
1875	Edward EVANSON	Criterion Hotel
1875	John MCLEOD (James John)	Unknown (perhaps Golden Fleece)
1875	Robert BALL (BALDIN)	Golden Fleece Pakuratahi Upper Hutt
1875	Andrew TAWSE (JAMES)	James McHattie house Kaitoke Pakuratahi
1875	Louis SLADE (Toni/Tomi)	Golden Fleece Pakuratahi Upper Hutt
1875	Ellen LAWRENCE	
1875	Susannah SCHOLES	
1875	Fire house P I Mustagh	
1875	Richard Waygood HAWKINS	Railway Hotel Trentham Upper Hutt
1876	Fire house Ann McKee Horokiwi Road	
1876	Henry HODGSON	Mungaroo Hotel Te Marua Upper Hutt
1876	Patrick Hector SCRIMSHAW	
1876	Edward CRAWFORD	
1876	Carl KNITTER	
1876	Martin MAHER	Unknown (perhaps Golden Fleece)
1876	Charles ROUSE	Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt
1877	Fire at McKenzie's bookshop	
1877	Fanny MASON & Daniel COOLEY	
1877	Robert JOHNSON	
1877	John DOODY	
1877	William MAIDMENT	
1878	John Thomas HUTT	
1878	Charles ROUSE	
1878	Patrick MORTIARTY	Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt
1879	Fire at Robert McDonald's house	
1879	Ellen Jane GOWER	
1880	Isabella SMITH	
1880	fire at Golden Fleece	Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
1880	James GILCHRIST	Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt
1880	Henry Albert Ferdinand Frederick MCINTOSH	
1880	William KEMP	
1881	Gibbs Walker JORDAN	
1881	Man unknown	
1881	John Hugh SINCLAIR	

1881	John JOHNSON	
1881	Joseph James GREEN	
1881	Leonard Bertram BERGE	ANZ
1881	Charles UPTON	
1882	infant male child of George COLE	Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt
1882	Ellen Ann DAWKINS	
1882	William Edward & John Henry Francis RIDYARD	
1882	Alfred Oakley COLSON	
1882	Elizabeth FOSTER	
1882	Richard BURT	
1883	Gordon BAILLIE	
1883	Alice GORRIE	
1884	Thomas James BERGE	
1884	William Stanley COTTER (Colter)	
1884	Jane PIKE	
1884	Clara PRITCHARD	
1884	Genge ANSTISS	
1885	E MCCANN	
1885	Frederick John Thomas BROOKS	
1885	Alice PRITCHARD	
1886	fire at Wainuiomata	
1886	Alma B FLEET	
1886	Edgar Charles TREVITHICK	
1886	John HERRICK	Railway Hotel Trentham Upper Hutt
1886	Agnes Catherine RICHMOND	
1887	William TANNAHILL	
1895	William HOBBS	
1896	Mary GAMBRAZZI (Gambirazzi)	
1909	W BURT	
1910	Harold KITCHEN	No trace Coroners report at ANZ
1912	Renwick James HARVEY	
1914	Fire & Explosion Benge & Pratt Store (7 men)	
1915	Infant child of Matilda NEWTON	
1929	Paul BLEWMAN	
1932	William COLLINS	No trace Coroners report at ANZ
1945	Henry BERGE	
1956	Robyn Gay & Allan James GLOVER	
1956	Bhanumati GOVIND	
1956	Vasanti GOVIND	
1956	William INGRAM	
1956	Herbert Oswald JONES	
1956	Dennis Herbert Lloyd KNAPP	
1956	Betty Elizabeth MCKAY	
1956	Patricia Ann MEARS	
1956	Wilfred MELLARS	
1956	John Francis MILLAN	
1956	Colin Garry ROUGHTON	
1956	Eric John TRESSIDER	
1956	Armand WOLFSOHN	
1957	Eric Donald MCCARTHY	
1959	Catherine Maud/Maude PERRY	
1959	Charles Edward RYAN	
1959	Steven TAWA	
1961	Allan Thomas PERHAM	
1962	Giovanni BUSATO	
1968	Mary MORTON	
1969	William Hector Agnes STONELY	

1858 – 13 drowned Silverstream floods

Report One (8 victims) = Sarah PRICE (midwife/nurse) – Charlotte & infant son (5 hours)
HAGAN – Charles, Mary Ann & son (Charles Samuel James) SELLARS – two STANAWAY
children (Jane & Fanny)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R25761055 AAAR 27339 W6101 3/[46] Coroners Inquests Case files Wellington- Sarah Price, Charlotte Hagan and infant son, Charles, Mary Ann & son Sellars, two Stanaway children year 1858 & reference ACGS 16231 J46 3/at Coroners Inquests Case files Wellington- Sarah Price, Charlotte Hagan and infant son, Charles, Mary Ann & son Sellars, two Stanaway children year 1858)

Report Two (1 victim) = Mrs Sarah STANAWAY

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R25761049 AAAR 27339 W6101 3/[40] Coroners Inquests case files Wellington Sarah Stanaway year 1858 & ACGS 16231 J46 3/an)

Report Three (2 victims) = Thomas and son Richard STANAWAY

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R25761056 AAAR 27339 W6101 3/[47] Coroners Inquests case files Wellington Thomas and Richard Stanaway [record missing] year 1858 and Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16231 J46 3/au Coroners Inquests case files Wellington Thomas and Richard Stanaway year 1858)

Report Four (1 victim) = child Eliza STANAWAY

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R25761063 AAAR 27339 W6101 3/[54] Coroners Inquests case files Wellington Eliza Stanaway year 1858 and Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16231 J46 3/bb – 1858 Coroner's Inquest case files Wellington Eliza Stanaway)

Report Five (1 victim) = child Sarah STANAWAY

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16231 J46 3/an – 1858 Coroner's Inquest case files Wellington – Sarah Stanaway)

For full details on the flood and the victims please ref to the website (top left corner) under section “*Upper Hutt Miscellaneous & Historical events & disasters*”, click on the documents titled “*1858 Flood Silverstream Upper Hutt*” and/or “*1858 Flood Victims Silverstream Upper Hutt*”.

1860 – Ellen MUDGWAY

30 April 1860 - Ellen Mudgeway - Barley Mow Upper Hutt

Province of Wellington District Hutt to Wit - An Inquisition Indexed taken for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria before the me Mark Kebbell Coroner for the said Province and district of Wellington at the House of one Charles Mudgeway known by the sign of Barley Mow and situated in the district of the Hutt in the Province of Wellington in the district and Province aforesaid on the 30th day of April In the year of our lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty and the twenty third of her Majesties Reign on view of the body of Ellen Mudgeway then and there lying dead upon the oaths of

Robert Robinson foreman	John Daysh	James Bennett
James Hosil	George Busk	William Harwood
William Sparks	John Leverton	Peter Krather
Matthew Hamilton	Matthew Gaskin	George Spackman

good and lawful men of the said province and district of Wellington and who being then and there duly sworn do upon their oaths say that the said Ellen Mudgeway came by her death by the accidental falling of a tree

-In witness whereof the said Jurors as well as the said Coroner have hereunto subscribed their names the day and year first hereinbefore

Robert Robinson foreman	George Spackman	James Bennett
Matthew Hamilton	Peter Trotier [sic]	John Lanenton
Williams his X mark Sparks witness T Braggins & Mark Kebbell		
William Harwood	James Hosie	George Buck
John Daysh	Marks Kebbell Coroner for the district of Wellington	

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24234694 ACGS 16211 J1 13 X 1861/258-268 – Coroner Wellington Inquest proceedings on John Thomas Canty – James Clement – Benjamin Ingram – Manihera – Renfrie Thomas Arundel – Infant child of Edward and Jane Henn – William Martin – Ellen Mudgeway / Mudgway (DJ61/261) – Robert Renall – Sarah Ann Walker year 1861)

Information of Witnesses taken touching on the death of Ellen Mudgeway

To wit information of witnesses taken this the 30th day of April, in the district of the Hutt, at the dwelling house of Charles Mudgeway known by the sign of the Barley Mow in the said district before Mark Kebbell coroner for the district of Wellington touching the death of Ellen Mudgeway.

Richard Mudgeway being sworn states that he is the brother to the deceased Ellen Mudgeway states he was in the Bush and his sister the deceased bought him his dinner and she and he and another sister commenced cross cutting a log together when the tree fell on my sister Ellen and crushed her and I ran for my father I called to my sister Ellen to come towards me as she was running towards me the tree fell upon her - his X mark (witness Mark Hebbel)

Charles Mudgeway being duly sworn father of the deceased Ellen Mudgeway I was in the bush splitting rails on Saturday with my son Richard. I came out to my dinner when my son and daughter told me that the tree had fell on the deceased I ran directly to the spot I found her between two trees I took and lifted one tree off and released her I took her up and was carrying her home to my house which was a distance of about one mile and half when we was met by Mr Wyeth and my son I was so much overcome I could not get on any further I sent Mr Wyeth into the road to get assistance I sat a long time with the child in my lap until some roadmen came and carried the child home before the deceased reached home the Doctor was waiting at my house I am sure the deceased was dead when I first discovered her and the Doctor states the Childs neck was dislocated – C Mudgway

-All the above information were severally taken and acknowledged this day year and place reported above mentioned before Mark Kebbell Coroner

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24234694 ACGS 16211 J1 13 X 1861/258-268 – Coroner Wellington Inquest proceedings on John Thomas Canty – James Clement – Benjamin Ingram – Manihera – Renfrie Thomas Arundel – Infant child of Edward and Jane Henn – William Martin – Ellen Mudgeway / Mudgway (DJ61/261) – Robert Renall – Sarah Ann Walker year 1861)

4- Charles MUDGWAY born 1821 Kent England died 01 October 1898 Porirua New Zealand married 10 August 1846 Lowe Hutt New Zealand Frances SUNNEX born 1826 England died 23 June 1887 Wellington New Zealand

4-1- Charles MUDGWAY born 1842 New Zealand

4-2- William MUDGWAY born 1844 New Zealand

4-3- Charles MUDGWAY born 1845 New Zealand

4-4- Richard MUDGWAY born 1846 New Zealand

4-5- Eliza/Elizabeth MUDGWAY born 1848 New Zealand

4-6- **Ellen MUDGWAY** born 03 September / 04 October 1849 Wellington New Zealand died 30 April 1860 Silverstream Upper Hutt New Zealand

#Ellen MUDGEWAY [sic] born 1849 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1849 folio website 1849/1564 parents Frances and Charles Mudgeway

4-7- Ann MUDGWAY born 0 August 1850 New Zealand

4-8- Ann MUDGWAY born 02 September 1851 New Zealand

4-9- Thomas MUDGWAY born 1852 New Zealand

4-10- William MUDGWAY born 1855 New Zealand

4-11- Fanny MUDGWAY born 1861 New Zealand

4-12- Jemima MUDGWAY born 1864 New Zealand

4-13- Kezia MUDGWAY born 1867 New Zealand

4-14- Louis/Lewis MUDGWAY born 1869 New Zealand

Please refer to my website (address top left side of page) under the section “*Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies*” and click on document titled “*Mudgway Wilson*” Family.

1860 - Female child HENN

Date? – Female child Henn – Highland Hotel Trentham Upper Hutt

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24234694 ACGS 16211 J1 13/x 1861/258-268 Coroner Wellington Inquest proceedings on John Thomas Canty, James Clement, Benjamin Ingram, Manihera, Renfrie Thomas Ardel, Infant child of Edward and Jane Henn, William Martin, Ellen Mudgeway [Mudgway], Robert Renall and Sarah Ann Walker year 1861)

0- Edward Richard HENN born about 1824 died 1908 New Zealand 1st married 1855 New Zealand **Jane Lomond DIAMOND** born about 1828 died 1863 New Zealand (4 Issue) 2nd married 1864 New Zealand **Johanna MADDEN** born about 1828 died 1896 New Zealand (2 Issue)

- #Jane Lomard Henn died 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1863 folio website 1863/4298 age 35 born about 1828
#Edward Richard Henn died 1908 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1908 folio website 1908/969 age 84 born about 1824
- 0-1- Alice Mary Ann HENN born 1856 New Zealand
#Alice Mary Ann HENN born 1856 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1856 folio website 1856/3729 parents Jane Lomond and Edward Henn
- 0-2- Name not recorded HENN born 1857 New Zealand
#Name not recorded HENN born 1857 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1857 folio website 1857/4742 parents Jane Lomond and Edward Richard Henn
- 0-3- Female unnamed child HENN born 1860 New Zealand died 1860 New Zealand**
#Name not recorded HENN born 1860 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6957 parents Jane and Edward Hen
#Female child HENN died 1860 New Zealand Reference RGO NZ death registration 1860 folio website 1860/937 age not recorded
#Coroner's Inquest – Last Friday at the house of Mr John McHardie The Highland Home Upper Hutt an inquest was held before Mark Kebbell Esquire the Coroner for the District on view of the body of a female child in infant of Edward and Jane Henn who was found dead in bed on the previous morning (Thursday) From the medical and other evidence adduced it seemed that the child died from suffocation in all probability from the female parents having overlaid it during the night and the Jury returned a verdict accordingly. The Mother's evidence could not be received the jury considering that she suffered to much from mental derangement (and has been in the same state we regret to say for some time past) so that her testimony would have been of no value reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 May 1860
- 0-4- John HENN born 1861 New Zealand
#John HENN born 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7852 parents Jane Lomand and Edward Richard Henn
- 0-5- Edward Richard HENN born 1865 New Zealand
#Edward Richard HENN born 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/12952 parents Johanna and Edward Richard Henn
- 0-6- Mary HENN born 1866 New Zealand
#Mary HENN born 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/17856 parents Johanna and Edward Richard Henn

1862 - John Robert BUTLER

02 May 1862 of John Robert Butler at Whitewoods Hotel Hutt Valley

Inquest held at Whitewoods Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) on 02 May 1862 for John Robert Butler
Upon oath of

Thomas Poad (foreman),	Charles Keys	Alfred Keys
William Bassett	Stephen Fagan	Charles White
Robert Price	Edward Jones	Thomas McKay
Robert Austin	John Ransom	Robert Scott

William Deversux [sic].

John Robert BUTLER - That the said John Robert Butler on 30th day of April in the year aforesaid while driving a horse and cart was thrown from the cart & received injuries by the wheel passing over his body so that he languished & languishing died on the first day of May in the year aforesaid (1862) and so the jurors aforesaid do say that the said John Robert Butler in manner & by the means aforesaid accidentally casually and by misfortune came to his death & not otherwise

Evidence = George Hill (mentioned John's father was Thomas Butler) & Thomas Hall

Witness signed = Leonard Boor (coroner)

Thomas Poad (foreman)	Stephen Fagan	Robert Price
William Bassett	John Rumsen [sic]	Alfred Keys
Charles White (his X mark)	T [sic] Keys	Edward Jones
Robert Scott	Thos McKay	Robert Austin

W Deveraux [sic]

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

0- James BUTLER married Elizabeth Emma UNKNOWN

0-1- John Robert BUTLER born 1852 New Zealand died 30 April 1862 Hutt Valley New Zealand

#John Robert BUTLER born 1852 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1852 folio website 1852/3565 parents Elizabeth Emma and James Butler

#John Robert BUTLER died 30 April 1862 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1862 folio website 1862/2796 age 11 years born about 1851

#Melancholy Accident – We regret to record the occurrence of a melancholy and fatal accident which took place at the Hutt resulting in the death of a boy named John Robert Butler aged 10 years and the serious injury of a man named Hill. It appears that Mr Hill and the boy Butler were returning home with a load of shells from the Petoni Beach when the horse was frightened by a bullock running through the flax the animal became restive and the man and boy were thrown from the cart – one wheel going over the lad's body, and the other over Mr Hill's leg. The boy died on Thursday from the effects of the injuries received. Considerable sympathy is felt by the settlers of the district for the bereaved parents of the unfortunate youth who as we understand have been heavy sufferers from the floods especially the great flood which occurred some years ago. An inquest was held next evening and a verdict of "accidental death" returned reference Papers past website Colonist newspaper 16 May 1862

1862 - William DEW senior

05 May 1862 – William Dew – Highland Home Trentham Upper Hutt

Inquest held at house of John McHarie (Upper Hutt) 05 May 1862 for William Dew senior

Upon oath of Henry Sargeant, James Stephen, Edwin Alexander, William Matson, Eli Crabb, John Harrison, Peter Wilkie, John Kitchen, George Waterson, Charles Rouse, John Robinson, William Thomas & Samuel Hounson [sic]

William Dew Senior = That the said William Dew on the third day of May in the year aforesaid at the Hutt aforesaid while riding on a dray in a state of intoxication did fall from the dray and that the wheels of the said dray did pass over his body causing injuries of which he then & there died and the Jurors aforesaid do say that the said William Dew in manner & by the means aforesaid came to his death accidentally and not otherwise

Evidence = Henry Hodgson blacksmith lived in Upper Hutt - came upon the accident Hutt Road Upper Hutt assisted Alexander Yule and Peter Bruce to carry body to Charles Pryke house & Charles Pryke labourer lived in Upper Hutt - knew deceased confirmed details & Alexander Yule carter lived Hutt – visiting John McHardie in Upper Hutt gave intoxicated William Dew a ride in his dray along with Mr (Peter) Bruce deceased fell off Yule's dray & Peter Bruce farmer living in Hutt - deceased 1st travelled on Bruce's dray before changing to Yule's dray &

Witness signed – Leonard Boor (coroner), H Sergeant (foreman), James Stephen (his X mark), William Watson, Eli Crabb, John Harrison, Peter Wilkie, John Kitchen, George Waterson, Charles Rouse, John Robinson, Samuel Houslan [sic] & Edwin Alexander (his X mark)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

0- William DEW born 1804 England died May 1862 Upper Hut district New Zealand married

#William DEW died 1862 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1862 folio website 1862/1331 age 58 born about 1804

Fatal Accident – We are sorry to have to record the death of Mr Wm Dew senior of Valley End Farm, Hutt under the following painful circumstances. It appears that deceased was riding home from the Upper Hutt lately on Mr Giles timber dray when about half way between Mr Barton's and the Silver Stream he fell off between the fore and hind wheels the latter passing over his body in such a manner as to cause instant death. The deceased (who was one of the earliest settlers) served in the Guards at the battle of Waterloo. He has left a wife and numerous family to deplore his untimely end reference Papers past website Colonist newspaper 16 May 1862

#William DEW Taita Leasehold Taita Hutt Dead - The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained in the List of Voters for the Electoral District of the Hutt reference Wellington Independent newspaper 27 May 1862

1862 - James RIDDLE

12 August 1862

Inquest held at School House Wainuiomata 12 August 1862 for James Riddle

Upon oath of John Wood, Charles Butler (jun), Charles Colles (Jun), Duncan Maclagan, Frederic Crothers, William Prouse, Robert Neil, Nathaniel Grace, William Fitzherbert, Richard Prouse (Jun), George Wood, John Devine, William Wakeham

James Riddle = That the said James Riddle on Monday the eleventh day of August while falling timber in the valley of Wainuiomata received injuries by the falling of a tree on his body of which injuries he then and there died and we the jurors aforesaid do say that James Riddle in the manner and by the means aforesaid accidentally came by his death and not otherwise.

Evidence = Agnes Sinclair – daughter of Hugh Sinclair living Wainuiomata discovered the deceased went home and to Mr Dick & Robert Dick settler in Wainuiomata sister told him that Riddle had been killed went with brother William Dick and recovered the body along with his father David Dick & John Sinclair son of Hugh Sinclair living Wainuiomata – assisted John Woods, George Woods and brother Duncan Sinclair to carry the body to the school house and James Riddle was employed by my father Hugh Sinclair

Witness signed = Leonard DOOR (Coroner), John Wood (Foreman, Charles Collas (Jun), Charles Colles (his X mark), D S Maclagan, Frederick K Crowthier, William Prouse, Robert Neill, Nat Grace, W A Fitzherbert, Richard Prouse (jun), George Wood, John Devine (his X mark) & William Wakeham

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

1862 - Diane POAD

19 November 1862

Inquest held at Whitewoods Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) 19 November 1862 for Diana Poad

Upon oath of Joseph White, William Devereux, Arthur Masters, Joseph Hall, James Townsend, Robert Austin, Alexander Adam, John Bradshaw, John Fagan, Edwin Jackson, Henry Moore, George Hill & Richard Prouse

Diana Poad = That the said Diana Poad on the sixteen day of November in the year aforesaid in the district of the Hutt at the house of Thomas Poad did die that she had no marks of violence appearing on her body and died by the visitation of God from natural causes we are further of opinion that the death of Diana Poad was accelerated by perfect and harsh treatment from her husband (Thomas Poad) while under the influence

Evidence = Charles Death – settler residing Hutt deceased Diana was his sister last saw her at Henry Parkes house and said she had almost died from her intoxicated husband brutal treatment said he would kill her before the week was out and would take a younger wife in her place & Henry Death settler residing in Hutt deceased was his Aunt reported on the state of his Aunt when visiting Henry Parkes house she mentioned having no sleep for 8-9 week due to her husband he put all the children into bed with her then wake her early in the morning & John Clement labourer residing in Hutt saw deceased in her house she was unwell and weak so rested with him and his wife and she did not want to go home but later at the request of Diana husband he took her home and never saw her again & Henry Parker labourer residing Hutt said Isabella Poad came to house told her father was killing her mother (interesting and full details in report including husband keeping crowbar by their bed) he took her to his house for the night & Ellen Parkes wife of Henry Parkes confirmed Isabella Poad coming to their house & Joseph Death servant residing in Hutt Diana said her husband behaves well when sober but treats her like a dog when drunk Catherine Death wife of Charles Death Diana told her about the treatment from her husband and his treats if she told anyone of left him and refused to get a doctor as it would cost five pounds the same as her coffin so after he could take a younger wife & Isabella Poad daughter of Thomas Poad and deceased was her stepmother confirmed going to Mr Parkes house for help as she thought her father was going to kill her stepmother also stated her brother John Poad prevented his father from striking

their stepmother & Phoebe Butler – daughter of Elizabeth & Thomas Butler residing Hutt witnessed some of the details & Elizabeth Butler wife of Thomas Butler residing in the Hutt came to the deceased house and prepare the body and found no mark of violence on her body & Leonard George Boor examined her body and found no evidence of violence

Request by = Charles Death, Mary Death & F L Philip for inquest as they believe there are circumstances of a suspicious nature connected to her death

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (Coroner) Jos Smith (foreman), W C Devereux, A Masters, Joseph Hall, James Townsend, Robert Austin, Alex Adams, Jno Ewd Bradshaw [sic], Stephen [sic] Fagan, Edwin Jackson, Henry Moore, George Hill & Richard Prouse

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

1863 - Aboriginal Native (Tommy)

02 May 1863 [sic]

Inquest held at Albion Inn Taita (Robert Backeridge) 02 May 1863 [sic] for Aboriginal Native (Tommy)

Upon oath of Peter Bruce, William Cleland, Alexander Bruce, Richard Maste [sic], Henry Meager, John Griffin, James Sim, John Sherwin, John Roberts, Alexander Yule, James Mabey, John Box & Job Mabey

Aboriginal native = That the said aboriginal native on the second day of May in the year aforesaid in the district of the Hutt aforesaid was found dead, that he had no marks of violence appearing on his body and that how or by what means he came by his death there is no evidence to shew

Evidence = Tena (Jane) Wakatana [sic] he knew and found the deceased who worked for William Hughey and lived in the Hutt & William Hughey – knew deceased as Tommy & Margaret Macguarie & Job Mabey – confirmed deceased was known as Tommy & James Shannen Constable

Witness signed = Leonard Boor (coroner) Pert Bruce (foreman) Wm Coland, Alex Bruce, Richard Maste, Henry Meager, John Griffin, James Sim, John Sherin (his X mark) John Roberts, Alexander Yule, James Mabey, John Box & Job Mabey (his X mark)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 34/ y 1863/441 Corner Hutt 18 May 1863 With inquisition on five (fire sic) persons deceased Diana Poad, James Riddle, William Dew senior, an aboriginal native (not named), John Robert Butler)

1863 - Edward HANLEY

26 August 1863 (Upper Hutt)

Inquest held at The Criterion Hotel (James Brown) date 26 August 1864 for Edward Hanley Upon oath of Edward Player, James Cruickshank, Francis Whiteman, Isaac Quinning, William Robinson, Henry Hodgson, James Baylis, Henry Ashton, William Harwood, William Gardner, George Copland. Charles Clarke & Robert Clemant

Edward Hanley = That the said Edward Hanley on the 23 day of March in the year aforesaid at the Hutt aforesaid while crossing the river Hutt was accidentally drowned in the river aforesaid of which drowning the said Edward Hanley then and there died and the jurors aforesaid do say that the said Edward Hanley by the means aforesaid accidentally causally and misfortune came to his death and not otherwise.

Evidence = Frederic Willisicroft labourer employed by Mr Cruickshank living Upper Hutt saw the deceased cross the river while looking for a cow he was washed away and he looked for him then sent word to Mr Cruickshank that deceased was lost joined by Charles Blake. Next morning went by canoe with natives but did not locate body. The deceased was a stranger to him and worked with him 21 & 22, deceased said his name was Tim born Dublin been a seaman and came from Port Cooper.

William John Spackman = Farmer living Fern Ground Upper Hutt heard the Maoris shouting they had found a pakeha so went in the canoe with Charles Butler and the native and saw a native holding the body of a man (deceased) placed the body in the canoe.

James Cruickshank = lived at the Fern Ground Saw Mills Upper Hutt he recognised the body of the deceased who was employed by him on 20th but did not know his name only that he came from the West Coast. Saw him last on the 22nd. Sunday after Willisicroft sent word via my son that the man was lost in the river. I went with Henry Ashton & Isaac Allen to the river to search.

Enoch Palling = A road contractor living Lower Hutt and believe that the deceased was the man who worked for him for 3 weeks and left on the 11th. I recognise the boots as I helped to make them and he gave his name as Edward Hanley who came from Canterbury and had formed a prospecting company on the West coast and had friends in Canterbury and a brother in Liverpool and his parents belonged in Dublin

David Lyster = Constable of Upper Hutt district remarked that Mr Cruickshank informed him of the man lost in the river met up with Charles Bushby & William Spackman and told the natives had two canoes but were waiting for the river to go down before looking for the man on the river and would inform the Constable if they found a body. Mr Cruickshank son came to me in the afternoon and said they had found the body of the deceased and conveyed the body to Mr Brown's Inn. The deceased was living with Williscroft and his property were given to the me.

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (coroner), Edward Player (foreman), James Cruickshank, Francis Whiteman (his X mark), Isaac Canning, Williams Robinson, Henry Hodgson (his X mark) James Baylis, Henry Ashton, William Harewood, William Gardner, George Copeland, Charles Blake/Clarke & R W/M Cleland

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 45/f 1864/755 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings Edward Haley deceased)

1863 - John DONELLY

23 June 1863 (Hutt Valley)

Inquest held at Whitewoods Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) date 23 June 1863 for John Donelly Upon oath of Lawson Potts, Edwin Jackson, William Williams, George Biddle, Stephen Fagan, William Eades, Enoch Odling, George White, Charles Kelf, Charles Death, Richard Burt, Charles Halland & George King

John Donelly = That the said John Donelly on the twenty second June one thousand eight hundred and sixty three at the Hutt aforesaid was found drowned in a well that there were no marks of violence on the body and that we the jurors aforesaid have the evidence to show how or by what means the said John Donelly came in the well.

Evidence = Margaret Donelly mother of deceased nearly five years old he did not appear for dinner and thought he had gone to Mr Hunters house her daughter Elizabeth went to fetch him from Hunters house and the neighbours but could not find him. Mother searched and could not find him told her husband and asked him to look in the wells and paddocks.

Patrick Donelly – Saw son John before going to work and he did not greet me upon returning home wife told me that daughter Elizabeth and 2 other sons had been searching and could not find John I searched the well and found the cold body of our son John then handed the body to my wife and sent our daughter for the surgeon

Leonard George Door = Surgeon at the Hutt examined the body and found cause of death by drowning

Margaret Hunter = about 9-10 o' clock saw John Donelly running behind the cart of Henry Lawson did not see John until his father raked the dead body out of the well near the house

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (coroner) Lawson Potts (foreman), Edwin Jackson, William Williams, George Biddle, Stephen Fagan, William Eades, Enoch Colling, George White, Charles Kelf, Charles Death, Richard Burt, Charles Hallard (his X mark) George King

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 45/e 1864/754 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings John Donelly deceased)

1864 - Charles MABEY

16 June 1864 (Upper Hutt)

Inquest held at the house of Harriet Mabey date 16 June 1864 for Charles Mabey Upon oath of James Wrigley, Edward Alexander, Alexander Martin, John Robinson, Joseph Bowyer, Eli Crabb, George Brown, Robert Douglas, James Symons, Elias Jones, Charles Cudby, James Wilson & Charles Rouse

Charles Mabey = That the said Charles Mabey on the fourteen day of June in the year aforesaid at the Hutt aforesaid to wit in a certain place called the Upper Hutt was found dead, that he had no marks of violence appearing on his body and died by the visitation of God in a natural way and not otherwise

Evidence = Harriett Mabey live in Upper Hutt on west side of river Charles was her husband who had tea and later complained of sore stomach. Sons Joseph, Thomas & Mary Harrison

& Ethel stayed the night when husband got up he said he was fine but late went back to bed. Their son Francis came home and we sent for the doctor but he died not long after.

Henry Steele = a labourer lived with deceased detailed information about Charles health who was in good health

Joseph Croon Mabey = son of Charles Mabey lived in same house they worked together and father worked well and no signs of sickness until his brother told him their father was sick

John Robinson = A sawyer lived in Upper Hutt. Saw deceased last in saw mill Upper Hutt

Leonard George Boor – Surgeon of Lower Hutt deceased had complained of stomach problems. Joseph Mabey came to my house asking me to see his father then the other brother came and said his father had died

Witness signed = Leonard Boor (coroner) Thomas Wrigley (foreman), Edward Alexander (his X mark), Alexander Martin, John Robinson, Joseph Bowyer, Eli Crabb, George Brown, Robert Douglas, James Symons, Elias Jones (his X mark), Charles Cudby, James Wilson & Charles Rouse

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258112 ACGS 16211 J1 45/c 1864/752 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings Charles Mabey deceased)

1864 – Edward HANLEY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258115 ACGS 16211 J1 45/f 1864/755 Coroner Hutt 14 July Inquest proceedings Edward Hanley Deceased year 1864)

0- **Edward HANLEY** born 1831 died 1863 New Zealand

#Edward HANLEY died 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1863 folio 123 website 1863/4340 age 32 born about 1831

1864 - Ernest William Thomas LANGLEY

11 May 1864 (Hutt Valley)

Inquest held at Whitewood Hotel (Nathaniel Valentine) date 11 May 1864 for Ernest William Thomas Langley

Upon oath of the names below

Ernest William Thomas Langley = that the said Ernest William Thomas Langley on the ninth day of May in the year aforesaid of Lowry Bay in the district of the Hutt aforesaid whilst riding in a cart drawn by a horse did receive such injuries by the overturning of the cart that he the said Ernest William Thomas Langley did there and then instantly die and we the Jurors aforesaid do say that the said Ernest William Thomas Langley in manners and by the means aforesaid accidentally casually and by misfortune come by his death and not otherwise

Evidence

William Langley Manager of Mr George Master property at Lowry Bay going to Point Howard with him in the cart was his son Ernest and his brother they stopped to turn some sheep back. I sent my eldest son to the point to prevent the sheep going round at same time William Brown of Okiwi & George Noble of the Hutt came up as they passed the sheep and horse scattered ran to the cart next to the child who called my name I carried him to the nearby house but he died on the way. I sent George Hobbs to the Hutt for medical assistance.

George Noble = I was going along with William Noble of Okiwi towards Lowry Bay saw William Langley standing by the cart there was a child in the cart and the horse ran away and cart overturned Mr Langley lifted the child from the ground the child smiled went to Mr Langley's house then sent for medical assistance

Leonard George Boor = Surgeon at the Hutt George Langley came to my house I went to Langley's house and found the boy aged about 4 years dead

Witness signed = Leonard George Boor (coroner) William Taylor (foreman), David West, Robert Detcha, John Ranson, Henry White, Robert Dick, Alfred Herd, Richard Bycroft, Thomas Poad, David Cooley (his X mark), William Gooth (his X mark), Charles Callis junior & Samuel Durrant (his X mark),

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258113 ACGS 16211 J1 45/d 1864/753 Coroner 14 July 1864 Inquest proceedings Ernest William Thomas Langley deceased)

1864 – John DONELLY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258114 ACGS 16211 J1 45/e 1864/754 Coroner Hutt 14 July 1864 Inquest proceeding John Donelly deceased year 1864)

0- John DONELLY born died 1864 New Zealand

1865 – Albert HEESE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258506 ACGS 16211 J1 48/b 1865/205 Coroner Hutt 18 February 1865 Inquest proceedings on Albert Heese deceased year 1865)

0- Albert HEESE born 1813 died 1865 New Zealand

#Albert HEESE died 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1865 folio website 1865/7147 age 52 born about 1813

#Found Dead On Tuesday morning last the body of Mr A A Heese was found in a hole near the road side Upper Hutt into which he is supposed to have fallen on the previous night. Mr Heese arrived in Wellington in 1841 and was landlord of the Freemason's Tavern for a year or two but has resided in the Upper Hutt for some year past reference Wellington Independent newspaper 01 September 1864

1865 – Nopera Hohua

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258505 ACSG 16211 J1 48/a 4865/204 Coroner Hutt 18 February 1865 Inquest proceedings on Nopera Hohua deceased year 1865)

0- **Nopera HOHUA** born died 1865 New Zealand

1865 – Teretiu

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24258507 ACGS 16211 J1 48/c 1865/206 Coroner Hutt 18 February 1865 Inquest proceeding on Teretiu deceased year 1865)

0- **TERETIU** born died 1865 New Zealand

1866 - George GILLARD

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24261263 ACGS 16211 J1 57/bb 1866/1267 Coroner Hutt 11 June 1866 Inquest proceedings on George Gillard year 1866)

0- **George GILLARD** born died 1866 New Zealand

#Fatal Accident On Thursday morning a very sad accident occurred at the Waiwetu by which a little boy of seven years of age lost his life. The name of the deceased George Gillard and the particulars of the accident by which he died are as follows His father Mr Gillard a farmer residing in the district left him in charge of a bullock and cart and had not been away long when the bullock became restive and bolted. The lad tried to stop the animal but in the attempted was knocked over the wheel of the cart passed over his body and it is supposed killed him on the spot for which Mr Gillard returned his son was dead. An inquest has been held on the body and a verdict was returned in accordance with the above facts reference Wellington Independent newspaper 09 June 1866

1866 – William LAWSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24261428 ACGS 16211 J1 59/l 1866/1966 Coroner Hutt 20 August 1866 Inquest proceedings on William Lawson year 1866)

0- **William LAWSON** born died 1866 New Zealand

#Fatal Accident A boy named Lawson was drowned yesterday evening whilst crossing the Hutt River in a canoe to Mr Luxford's farm. Up to 2 o'clock yesterday the body had not been found reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09 August 1866

1866 – Alfred SANSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24261160 ACGS 16211 J1 56 /bf 1866/907 Coroner Hutt 25 April 1866 Inquest proceedings on Alfred Sanson year 1866)

0- Alfred SANSON born 1857 died 1866 New Zealand

#A boy named Sanson met his death by accidental drowning having fallen into the river near the Lower Hutt Stockade on Monday last reference Evening Post newspaper 25 April 1866
#Boy Drowned at the Hutt On Thursday last as several boys were playing on the bank of the Hutt River one of them a fine little fellow eight to nine years of age named Sanson fell into the water which at the place in question near the Bridge is very deep. The other children were unable to help but at once gave the alarm. Mr Valentine and some others proceeded to the spot but before they reached it Mr Williams schoolmaster who happened to be at hand ran forward hastily undressed and dived after the boy who by this time had sunk but could not see him. Again and again he dived but without effect. At length a Maori joined in the effort and ultimately the body was received after an hour's search. Life of course had long been extinct. An inquest was held yesterday and a verdict recorded in accordance with the facts reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 26 April 1866

1866 – Fire Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi

27 February 1866

Inquest held at the Criterion Hotel (James Brown) Hutt 24 February 1866 of the Premises known formerly as the Golden Fleece Puauatihi

Upon oath of

James Cruickshank	John Wilkins	John Williams
Peter Wilkins	William Gardner	Edward Morgan
James Bayliss	John Peterson	David Garrick
Henry Millward	George Leach	Charles Wyatt

~~(crossed out was Thomas Charles Butler & Charles Rouse)~~

Fire at the Golden Fleece Pakuratahi originated that the said fire was purely accidental

Evidence = Michael Corcoran not on the premises so was unable to give any evidence mention his wife a man Henry Clarke and servant Ellen Cahill were left in charge also comments on bricks in kitchen chimney & Andrew Johnston a sawyer came from Mr Gillies Wairarapa gave evidence on the progress of the fire & Bridget Corcoran wife of Michael Corcoran who was in the bar a long time before the fire began Mr Johnston assisted her & Mary Leach who lives in Pakuratahi a mile from the Golden Fleece she did not think the kitchen fire was safe

Witness signed = James Kilgan (Coroner)

James Cruickshank (foreman)	John Wilkins	John Williams
Peter Wilkie	William Gardner	Edward Morgan
James Bayliss	I Peterson	Daniel Carrick
Henry Millard	George Leach	Charles Wyeth

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24260953 ACGS 16211 J1 54/cj 1866/446 Coroners Hutt 27 February 1866 inquest proceedings on Fire)

17 March 1880 Coroner's report on fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi Upper Hutt

An Inquest indent taken from our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Walter Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the Eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty before John G F Wilford one of the corners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pukuritahi upon the oath of *Isaac Wilkins foreman, George Hall, James Martin, Alexander Cruickshank, William Corbett, Charles Kippel, William Collins, William Jones, Martin Scully, Samuel Smith,*

William Harrison and James Stevens good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said fire at Golden Fleece Hotel originated do upon their oaths say that *The Golden Fleece Hotel Pukuratahi was destroyed by fire on Tuesday March 2nd 1880 but how the fire originated there is not sufficient evidence to show.*

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day

J G F Wilford coroner - *Isaac Wilkins* foreman – *William Collins* – *George Hall* – *William Jones* – *Jas Martin* – *Martin Scully* – *A Cruickshank* – *Sam Smith* – *William Corbett* – *William Harrison* – *Charles Kippel* – *James Stevens* his X mark - Witnesses – *David Lyster* – *Arthur Warren*

and

The above named deposition of *William Valentine Jackson* - *William Nord Gibraith* – *Edward Morgan* – *John Gibraith* – *James Hamlin Farr* – *Catherine Blanford* – *Louis Marshall* – *George Cooper* written on twelve pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to twelve and by me affixed together were taken and sworn before me at the Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the eleventh day of March 1880 *J G F Wilford* Coroner

And

Information of witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pukaratahi at the dwelling house of *Walter Bishop* known by the name of *The Provincial Hotel* in the Province of *Wellington* in the Colony above mentioned on Thursday the eleventh day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty before *John G F Wilford* one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on fire at the *Golden Fleece Hotel Pukuratahi* as follows to wit.

William Valentine Jackson – I am the owner of the property land & building at the *Pukurartahi* the scene of the late fire. I sold the property to *W H Gilbreith* as atonally for *Peter Gilbreith* the price fixed was ten pounds per acre, the acreage we estimated at 280 more or less a summary was to be made to determine the exact amount, I gave up possession on Saturday February 21st 1880. The money was paid as a deposit but the purchaser agreed to pay 500 on the first of July 1880 and the balance as it suited him during the kind years from the time of his takings possession of the *Hotel & Stables* in case in secured in September 1879 for £1200 previous to that they had been insured for £2000 for the previous shall years. The reduction in the insurance was to save expenses as I was not making much use of the place. There was a clause in my agreement with *Gilbrith* that the building should be kept insured for not less than £1200. According to a clause in my agreement *Gilbrath* can call upon me to except dwellings to the extent of £1200 the amount of the insurance money signed *W V Jackson*.

and

William Wood Gilbrath being sworn saith that I am the lessee of the property at the *Pukeratahi* the scene of the late fire. I as attorney for my father I took possession on the 1st of March I had occupied the house from February 21st. The house was burnt down on the second of March. I had some of my furniture in the house including chairs beds &c., The value kit the furniture burnt in the house I estimate at fifty pounds besides that I lost twenty pounds in money, ball ounces of gold dust and jewellery & clothing all together I consider my cost between two & three hundred pounds, I have no insurance and my goods I had intending insuring that morning. The furniture was in difficult no overs in the house. At the time the fire broke out I was away in the back trying to shoot some rabbits out starting home I saw smoke coming through the shingles I gave my gun to my brother who was with me. I ran up to the house he followed. I got two buckets of water and entering the house I going up the stairs I found the roof over the stair case ceiling well alight I applied the water but it was useless. I then tried to get into my bedroom the handle of the door was quite not stepping back to burst in the door the fire from the roof he fell to fall upon me I flew cleaned out. I could not say from the appearance of the fire whether it had originated inside the house or outside. I think it must have been an hour or an hour and half from the time I went out with the gun to my seeing the fire. Nobody was left in the house when my brother & I left to go to the bush the only fire was in the kitchen which was some distance away from where the fire started. There were stumps

burning at the back of the house about one hundred & fifty yards from the house the wind was shifting sometimes blowing from the burning stumps to the house. Had the fire have been smouldering at the time we left the house we noticed not accessibly have seen it as we were in a different part of the house.

By lecturer Warren I don't recollect which door I left by when I went out with my brother my brother locked the back door when we went out I am not sure whether I locked a door or not I bathed in the river that day I remember Mr Ivan's presenting a bill to me a day or two before the fire I told him I had no change till I went to town I was about half way between the bridge and the house when I met Mr Cooper [sic] had five or six chairs besides a sitting chair & a reclining chair also a sofa these were saved that half of these things in the east part of the house were saved don't know what my brother saved from the rooms. Mr Servants had left a few days before the fire. I was to give £2700 for the property a little more or less according to the arrange testable the value of the land at & per acre I consider the building to be the Hotel part of the house if I could get a hotel license I intending asking a year next I expect Mr Jackson to get the Insurance money and to rebuild the premises. According to my agreement with Mr Jackson I bought to have paid a quarter next in advance but he agreed to give me time. I have been told by several people that the building could be put up -- & myself don't know the value of Colonial Insurance signed Wm W Gilbraith

and

Edward Morgan being sworn saith that I am a builder I know the premises burnt down at the Pakuratahi may back I should value these at from £1800 to £2000 and think it would cost more than that to rebuild them signed Edward Morgan

and

John Gibreth being sworn saith that I was with my brother the day the Hotel was burnt down. We were near the Pukuratahi bridge where we first saw smoke issuing from the roof I ran to the house and at once went up to my bedroom and threw my things out of the window I saw no fire when I went into my bedroom I threw everything out of the window and then got out myself. My bedroom is separated from my brothers by another door before going out I bolted the back door. My brother left the house after me he was not above two minutes in the house after me. I think the front door was left unlocked. We shot no rabbits that day & I think we bathed. We left the house somewhere about nine o'clock signed I Gilbruth

and

James Hamlin Farr being sworn saith that I was in the Gilbreiths employ at the time of the fire I was working in the bush and between two and three o'clock in the afternoon went up to the house to feed some growing parquetted I was rearing I went into the back kitchen I entered by the back door I don't think anybody was in the house at the time I went in I did not go into any other part of the house the brothers Gilbrath I had seen in the bush before I came up to the house I was about twenty minutes away from the bush about ten minutes in the house whilst I was in the house two children of a neighbour (Mr Manbray sic) came in I took them out with me and saw them go home. The wind was not in the shift direction to convey sparks from the stumps running at the back to the house in fact there was little or no wind at all I have not the slightest idea how the fire could have originated. It would take about five minutes to walk from where we were working to the house & about eight to the Bridge I lost a good deal of my things in clothing a watch The furniture I saw consisted of boxes, chairs, table, small sofa, file & c., I could not say the value of the furniture I am not confident [sic] in value buildings signed Jas Hamlin Farr

and

Catherine Blanford being sworn saith that I live at the Pukeritahi near the scene of the late fire. On that afternoon of the fire on going to my door and looking up the road I noticed a large body of smoke coming out of the chimney in the hotel I watched it about a quarter of an hour and then it began to come through the roof and especially near the chimney soon the roof was all alight and I noticed my daughter and the two Gilbraths getting out the furniture. I particularly noticed thick black smoke coming out of the chimney before it broke through the roof signed Catherine Blanford her X mark witnesses David Tyates – Arthur Warren

and

Louisa Marshall being sworn saith that I live at the Pukuratahi my house is on the opposite side of the road to the hotel burnt down. I was in my house about half past four on the

afternoon of the fire where John Gilbrath came over & told me the house was on fire on going out into the road the fire burst out through the roof the lower part of the house apparently not being affected. Mr Gilbrath and his brother were being getting out the furniture I don't know whether everything was got out or not Two of my children came in the house at the time the man Farr came to feed the parquetted he sent them home I was sure they were not over at the house after that I saw nothing about the house after seeing Mr Gilbrath about past two I should think nearly all the furniture was saved signed Louisa Marshall her X mark witnesses David Yates & R Warren

and

George Cooper being sworn saith that I was down at the Pukeritahi bridge on the afternoon of the second I saw the brothers Gilbrath coming from having a bathe between two & three I saw them again about twenty minutes past four coming from the direction of the house when I first saw them they were coming along the side of the stable down to what is called the mill flat I did not speak to them as they did not come near enough to me. I was about four o'clock when I saw them near the stable they might have been coming from the ground signed George Cooper

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 262 av 1880/1148 Coroner Upper Hutt date 17 March 1880 subject inquest proceedings on fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pukeritahi)

1866 – George POOL

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24260954 ACGS 16211 J1 54/ck 1866/447 Coroner Hutt 27 February 1866 Inquest on George Pool year 1866)

0- **George POOL** born died 1866 New Zealand

1866 – Child HUTCHISON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24261731 ACGS 16211 J1 61/m 1866/2778 Coroner Hutt 29 November 1866 Inquest proceedings on child Hutchison year 1866)

0- **Child not named HUTCHISON** born died 1866 New Zealand

1867 – Gustavus JOHNSON & Eliza MUDGWAY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24262803 ACGS 16211 J1 68/bn 1867/2160 Coroner Hutt 16 August 1867 Inquest proceedings on Gustavus Johnson and Eliza Mudgway year 1867)

0- Gustavus JOHNSON born died 1867 New Zealand

#Fatal Accident A sad accident occurred at the Hutt about eight o'clock on Saturday evening by which two persons lost their lives. A young women name Mudgway was looking at the merry-go-round now performing there when her nose suddenly began to bleed and she was led away by her father towards the river in the vicinity of the Stockade. By some accident she fell into the river which is very deep at the spot. The accident was witnesses by a young man named Gustavus Johnson who immediately stripped and plunged in. He was seen to gasp the drowning girl but directly afterward both disappeared. As Johnson was an excellent swimmer it is supposed that the girl must have caught hold of him in such a way as to prevent him striking out. The body of the girl was found the next morning but although a very strict search has been made Johnson's body was not recovered till yesterday afternoon when an inquest was held the particulars of which have not yet reached us. Both parties were well known at the Hutt where much sorrow is felt at their untimely end reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 30 July 1867

0- Eliza MUDGWAY born died 1867 New Zealand

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1867 – Robert SCOTT

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24262730 ACGS 16211 J1 68/c 1867/1839 Coroner Hutt 17 July 1867 Inquest proceedings on Robert Scott deceased year 1867)

0- **Robert SCOTT** born died 1867 New Zealand

#Suicide at the Hutt We learn that an old settler of the name of Robert Scott committed suicide by hanging himself at the Hutt on Thursday evening last reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 18 May 1867

1868-Charles CROFT

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24269672 AACGS 16211 J1 75/cn 1868/1631 Coroner Hutt 13 May 1868 Inquest proceedings Charles Croft year 1868)

0- Charles CROFT born died 1864 or 1868 New Zealand

#The following particulars relative to the unfortunate loss of the above named ship, appeared in the Maryborough Chronicle, of February 15th. Mr Chadwick stated on oath I was chief officer of the brig Fayway, of which vessel Charles Croft was master, on the 1st February, 1864, we left Mayborough with a cargo of timber, bound for Sydney, on the 8th we proceeded to sea, steering a course from the Fairway Buoy to Breaksea Spit, which course we continued until the morning of the 9th, when we sighted Lady Elliott's Island, bearing SSW, distant about eight miles the land was then north-east, and the vessel under single reef topsail and courses, at noon of the same day tacked on an ESE course until ten o'clock at night, when there was a cry of "Breakers ahead," and all hands were called to took. I was then below, it being the captain's watch on deck; all hands rushed on deck, the captain was at the lead, and said four fathoms, the vessel was then put about, and in about five minutes after finding the water shoaling rapidly again tacked; there were then breakers all-round the vessel, in a few minutes she struck heavily, and the sea broke over the deck. At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 10th, finding four feet water in the hold, and no chance of getting the vessel off, prepared to leave in the boats, we were then about three miles north of Sandy Cape, and right in the middle, of the spit, the captain (Charles Croft), the steward (John Green), and two seamen named Daniel Powers and William Croker went into the jolly boat, and myself, William Ryland, George Francis, John White, and Andrew Young got into the long boat, taking with us a few clothes and some provisions, and started with the intention of reaching Maryborough, the wind was then from the northeast, and very squally, about two o'clock in the afternoon, made the outer banks in Hervey's Bay, the captain's boat being in advance, and some of us fifty or sixty yards behind. I saw the leading boat enter some breakers on the banks ahead, and immediately upset and turn bottom upwards. I immediately put my boat about, lowered the sail, and with difficulty succeeded in pulling clear of the breakers, the last time I saw the captain and the men who were with him alive was when his boat upset. A letter has been handed to us, received from Mr J L Walker, by B Tarvis Esq, informing us of the merciful preservation of Wm Croker, one of the three men in the captain's boat when it upset. Croker says the boat, in

going through the breakers, turned over and over several times, but he managed to hold on to it, and stuck to it that night, next day, and the night after, when he was drifted ashore at Damon's Point at daylight. He wandered about the beach on Friday and Saturday, until he fell in with a black-fellow, who conducted him to Miama. Croker saw nothing of the Captain and the two other men after the boat was upset. The brig is fully insured in Mr Metcalfe's office. Captain Croft was well known in the colony, and much respected. He leaves a widow and four children reference Wellington Independent newspaper 31 March 1864

#Rule of Court In the Supreme Court of New Zealand Wellington District The Seventh day of August AD 1868 – Upon reading the affidavits of David LYSTER of the Hutt and of William Robert Edward BROWN a curator of the estate of deceased persons it is ordered that the said William Robert Edward BROWN shall be administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels and credits of CHARLES CROFT deceased and that this rule be published in the Wellington Independent newspaper as The Intestate Estate Act 1865 directs 0 By the Court Alex S Allan Registrar reference Wellington Independent newspaper 22 & 25 August 1868

1868 – John HAYNES

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24276876 ACGS 16211 J1 81/av 1868/3657 Coroner Hutt 18 December 1868 Inquest proceedings on John Haynes year 1868)

1868 – Fire House of Donald KENNEDY

21 February 1868

Inquest held at the Presbyterian School Friday 21 February 1868 for site of Fire dwelling house of Donald Kennedy Farmer Lower Hutt

Upon oath of Joseph White, William C Devereux, Thomas Poad, James Russell, John Robert Rauson, George Gooch, Henry Bryant, William Brooks, Patrick Donnelly, William Hunt, David Hastings, Henry Moore, Edward Dourey and William Swafford

Site of Fire whereby the dwelling house of Donald Kennedy Farmer Lower Hutt was destroyed = house was destroyed that the dwelling house of Donald Kennedy farmer Lower Hutt was accidentally destroyed by fire on Monday 17th February and that the fire was the result of a defective chimney

Evidence = Catherine Kennedy Monday morning I was in the yard came inside to find the chimney on fire there was no one else in the house & Donald Kennedy was working in the paddock notice smoke issuing from the roof of the house ran to the house and found smoke coming out of the window and door and the fire burst out tried to save some effect nobody was at the house the chimney was swept last August the chimney was in the centre of the house & Thomas Burrell helped to get some item out of the house & Thomas Mills

Witness signed = John George Frederick Wilford (Coroner) Jas White (foreman) N C Devereux, Thos Poad, James Russell, John Robert Runsoom, George Gooch, Henry Bryan, William Brooks, Patrk Donnelly, William Hunt, David Hastings, Henry Moore, Edward Downey and William Swafford

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24269410 ACGS 16211 J1 73/bo 1868/720 Coroner Hutt 22 February 1868 Inquest proceedings on Fire at Kennedy's)

1868 – Person UNKNOWN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24269998 ACGS 16211 J1 78/q 1868/2353 Coroner Hutt 25 July 1868 Inquest proceeding on person unknown year 1868)

1868 – Mary GOLDER

ORDER (Reference Archives BZ Wellington R24270192 ACGS 16211 J1 79/ar 1868/2858 Coroner Hutt 25 September 1868 Inquest proceeding on Mary Golder year 1868)

0- Mary GOLDER born 1812 died 1868 New Zealand
#Mary GOLDER died 1868 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1868 folio
website 1868/6013 age 56 born about 1812

1868 – William WILKINS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24269359 ACGS 16211 J1 73/aa 1868/525
Coroner Hutt 04 February 1868 Inquest proceedings on William Wilkins year 1868)

William WILKINS died

1868 – George RUSSELL

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24269914 ACGS 16211 J1 77/bl 1868/2156
Coroner Hutt 09 July 1868 Inquest proceedings on George Russell year 1868)

0- George RUSSELL born died
#George RUSSELL died

1869 – Fires - Mr Deaths stables and Mr Hughey's Store

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24288125 ACGS 16211 J1 83/at 1869/706
Coroner Hutt 11 March 1869 Inquest proceedings in fires Mr Deaths stables and Mr Hughey's
store year 1869)

Evening Post newspaper 05 March 1869

Mr David Hughey's shop, store and dwelling place, Taita Hutt were totally destroyed by fire between two and three o'clock this morning. The fire originated in the stables of the Albion Hotel owned by Mr Samuel Death a little before nine o'clock last night and the supposition is that sparks from thence must have been carried by the wind underneath Mr Hughey's premises in near proximity as it was not till after the fire had been extinguished at the stables and everything quiet that Mr Hughley's store was discovered to be on fire which was speedily and totally destroyed. Estimated loss to Mr Hughey £1000 in the New Zealand Insurance Company. How the fire originated in Deaths has not yet been ascertained, but it is to be regretted that this is the second time a similar calamity has befallen Mr Death.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 March 1869)

0- David HUGHEY born died

#Tenders will be received up to Tuesday the 06th April at noon for erecting a dwelling house, store and shed at the Taita Hutt to replace the buildings recently destroyed by fire occupied by Mr David Hughey. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted – Bethune & Hunter Agents New Zealand Insurance Company Exchange Buildings 29th March 1869

1869 - John BASSETT

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24277220 ACGS 16211 J1 85/ab 1869/1002
Coroner Hutt 14 April 1869 Inquest proceedings on John Bassett year 1869)

0- John BASSETT born 1848 died 1869 Hutt Valley New Zealand (never married)

#John BASSETT died 1869 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1869 folio
website 1869/6009 age 21 born about 1848

#Fatal Accident A son of Mr W Ridler of Petoni and a lad named Bassett were out pig shooting yesterday at the Hutt. It appears that through some accident the gun of Ridler went off and the charge entered the back of Bassett. The shot proved fatal and the unfortunate lad died reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 06 April 1869

#A fatal accident occurred at the Hutt yesterday to a lad named Bassett son of Mr Bassett shoemaker. It appears that he and another lad named Ridley were out pig hunting in the bush near Belmont, Bassett was walking first, carrying a loaded gun, some scrub caught the lock and the gun went off the charge entering the unfortunate lad's back and killing him on the spot. An inquest will be held to-day before Dr Wilford reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 April 1869

1869 – Fire – Waldin's Stables (Thomas WALDIN - Criterion Hotel)

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24277256 ACGS 16211 J1 85/bh 1869/1109 Coroner Hutt 23 April 1869 Inquest proceedings on fire at Waldin's stables year 1869)

0- Thomas WALDIN (proprietor of Criterion Hotel)

#Fire – We hear with regret that the stables adjoining the Criterion Hotel in the Upper Hutt were completely demolished by fire on Wednesday night reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 16 April 1869

1869 – Fire House of John JACKSON

17 June 1869

Inquest held at Presbyterian School House Lower Hutt 15 June 1869 for Fire at the dwelling house of the late John Jackson Esquire destroyed

Upon oath of Edwin James Campion, James Mckenzie, Robert Cleland, James H Hall, William Wiggins, John Cudly, George McIlride, Joseph Rouse, William H Frethey, Charles Grace, Richard Burt, Henry Death, Samuel Pauson and Henry Moore

Site of the Fire whereas the dwelling house the property of the late John Jackson esquire was destroyed on 10 June 1869 = what was the cause & origin of the aforesaid fire that the dwelling house belonging to the late John Jackson was accidentally destroyed by fire on 10th June 1869 at the Lower Hutt

Evidence = Keith Robert Jackson was the only person in the house was in bed at the time of the fire which started in the kitchen came down stairs went to the neighbours Samuel Rivers for assistance & Samuel Rowe was woken

Witness signed = J G F Wilford (Coroner), E J Campion (foreman) Jas McKenzie, Robert Cleland, James H Hall, William Wiggins, John Cudby, George McIlride, Jas Browne, William H Frethey, Charles Grace, Rich Burt, Henry Death, Samuel Hanson & Henry Moore

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 88/m 1869/1548 Coroner Hutt 17 June 1869 Inquest proceedings on fire)

1869 – Edward DOWNEY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24277074 ACGS 16211 J1 83/f 1869/554 Coroner Hutt 26 February 1869 Inquest proceedings on Edward Downey year 1869)

0- Edward DOWNEY born 1825 died 1868 New Zealand

#Edward DOWNEY died 1868 [sic] New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1868 folio website 1868/3601 [sic] age 43 born about 1825 [should be 1869 RGO error]

#Death A Man named Edward Downey was found dead in his bed on Sunday last at the Hutt. His wife was in an adjoining room the worse for liquor. Dr Grace made a post mortem examination of the body yesterday Wellington Independent newspaper 23 February 1869

1869 – James BARRON – William PATTERSON - George HARRISON Edward MCKAY and five bodies Unknown

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24277073 ACGS 16211 J1 83/e 1869/553 Coroner Hutt 26 February 1869 Inquest proceedings on James Barron, George Harrison, Edward McKay and five other bodies names unknown year 1869)

Evening Post newspaper 17 February 1869

Loss of the ship St Vincent – Fortunately it seldom falls to our lot to chronicle so sad a catastrophe as that of which intelligence reached us yesterday evening, the total loss of the ship St Vincent and her crew with the sole exception of two, on the Mokomoko rocks, on Sunday night. On the morning of Saturday last she lay in our harbour a new, strong and noble vessel, well manned, and ably commanded, and destined apparently to battle successfully with the elements for many a year to come and yet in a few short hours her scattered timbers were strewn the storm beaten beach of Palliser Bay. From Mr Stringer, chief officer of the ill-fated ship and one of the two survivors whose lives were saved almost by a miracle, we have learned the following particulars - The ship St Vincent, Captain James Barron, bound for Lyttelton, passed the lighthouse at Wellington Heads on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 4.30 pm, having on board, including the captain and one passenger, twenty-two souls, the wind was moderate from the NW the weather hazy and threatening the breeze lasted till about 7.30 pm, at which time the ship was 17 miles from the lighthouse, when it fell calm with heavy rain at 8.30 the wind came up strong from the southward with increased rain the ship was then put on the starboard tack, standing to the eastward, and continued so till 4 am on Sunday the weather was thick and still raining, and the wind increased to a strong gale the ship was wore on the port tack, and stood to the westward until noon on Sunday, when Cape Campbell was seen distant 4 miles she then wore again to the eastward it was blowing terrifically, with a furious sea, the ship under two topsails the fore and main topmast staysails blew away, and the foresail split in reeling the weather was still thick, and no land was seen after losing sight of Cape Campbell till 4 pm, when land was sighted on the lee-bow uncertainty prevailed as to what land it was until 6 pm, when Cape Palliser Bay was made out, bearing SE, and Taourakira Head W, which placed the vessel in the middle of Palliser Bay she was immediately wore round, and stood to the westward in hopes of weathering the point and making Wellington reefed foresail and mainsail were set, also mizen topsail reefed upper topsails, jib and spanker, the ship making very bail weather, driving bows under, and drifting fast to leeward about 9 pm the wind suddenly dropped, but the furious sea rolling into the bay prevented the vessel being kept to the wind, and she still kept falling off to leeward at 10 pm breakers were discovered close under the lee bow the wind being light, and the ship refusing to steer, she was thrown all aback and both anchors let go, sixty fathoms of chain being run out shortly afterwards she struck heavily abaft all hands were employed at tempting to clear away the life boat, when a furious sea struck the ship, throwing her almost on her beam ends, smashing the life boat, and carrying away the boatswain, who was seen no more about this time the cables apparently parted, and she fell broadside on to the rocks the next sea threw her on her beam ends the next carried away masts, boats, and everything, completely gutting out, and leaving her a total wreck the crew hung on to the main and mizzen chain plates on the port side the night was awfully dark, but all continued to maintain their hold till about 3 am on Monday morning, when the chief officer and the sailmaker were swept away, Mr Stringer does not know how he reached the land he was washed on the beach insensible, and on recovering consciousness about six in the morning he imagined himself the sole survivor. On looking towards the vessel, he observed she was about half a mile from the land her after part was completely smashed, and no signs of any of his shipmates were to be seen. He then made the best of his way to McKenzie's, where he discovered the sailmaker. In the afternoon he rode back to the scene of the wreck, and discovered the bodies of Mr McKay (a passenger), and one of the sailors, washed ashore he carried them 100 yards above high water mark, and laid them on a rock, covering them up with canvass. The beach was covered with wreck for about two miles. Mr Stringer then started on horseback from McKenzie's, and rode to within five miles of the Lighthouse. He walked to Phillips's, where he procured another horse, which he rode to the Hutt, and arrived in town by the coach yesterday evening. Some money and papers found on Mr McKay's body were by him handed over to the police. He desires to express his gratitude to Mr McKenzie, Mr Phillips, and the Lighthouse keeper, for their kindness in attending to his wants. Such is the story of another struggle with the storm in which as usual the elements have proved triumphant, despite the skill and courage of the little band who have gone so suddenly to an untimely doom.

The following are all the names of the crew of the St Vincent which we have been able to collect. The vessel having cleared out coast ways, a correct list of them was not required at

the Custom House, and as a good many of the original crew had left, and others shipped here, a list is difficult to obtain. It does not appear quite certain whether there were twenty or twenty-two, but those whose names we publish were certainly on board

James Barron (captain)	John Stringer (chief officer saved)	George Harrison
William Patterson	Robert Mitchell (carpenter)	Charles Smith
John Sterling	August Kanaski (sailmaker saved)	William Smyth
Charles Richards	Richard Griffiths	Alfred Kennedy
Harry de Costa	Alexander McKee	John Kirkpatrick
William Smart	E McKay (passenger)	

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 February 1869)

- 0- James BARRON born died 1869
- 0- William PATTERSON born died 1869
- 0- George HARRISON born died 1869
- 0- Edward MCKAY born died 1869

1869 – Wikitoria EPUNI

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24276999 ACGS 16211 J1 82/ap 1869/255 Coroner Hutt 29 January 1869 inquests proceedings on Wikitoria Epuni year 1869)

1869 – William EVANS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24277195 ACGS 16211 J1 85/c 1869/904 Coroner Hutt 03 April 1869 Inquest proceedings on William Evans year 1869)

- 0- William EVANS born died 1869 New Zealand
 - #William EVANS died 1869 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1869 folio website 1869/6006 age not recorded
 - #A determined case of suicide occurred at Taita on the 29th. The deceased named William Evans was a painter and he committed the act by shooting himself through snapping the trigger with his toe it is conjectured reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 10 April 1869

1869 - Matilda and James SYMONS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24277500 ACGS 16211 J1 89/r 1869/1988 Coroner Hutt 06 August 1869 Inquest proceeding on Matilda and James Symons year 1869)

- 0- James Morshead SYMOND married Matilda born died 1869
 - #An inquest was held at the Upper Hutt on Friday last by Dr Wilford the Coroner on the bodies of Mrs Symons and her son eight years of age who were unfortunately drowned in the river on Wednesday when a verdict of accidental death was returned reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 August 1869
- 0-1- Matilda Jane SYMONS born 1860 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6981 parents Matilda and James Symons
- 0-2- James Morshead SYMONS born 1861 New Zealand died 1869
 - #James Morsehear [sic] SYMONS born 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7603 parents Matilda and James Symons
- 0-3- Mary Gibson SYMONS born 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10452 parents Matilda and James Symons
- 0-4- Ellen Emily SYMONS born 1864 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/7349 parents Matilda and James Moreshead Symons
- 0-5- Andrew Brown SYMONS born 1864 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/9497 parents Matilda and James Moreshead Symons
- 0-6- Sophia Jane Annie SYMONS born 1867 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/16288 parents Matilda and James Moreshead Symons

1870 - Epanaia

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24282692 ACGS 16211 J1 93/ac 1870/86 Coroner Hutt 10 January 1870 Inquest proceedings on Epanaia year 1870)

1870 – Fire – Bennett

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24283838 ACGS 16211 J1 103/ca 1870/2664 Coroner Hutt 15 October 1870 Inquest proceedings on fire at Bennett's year 1870)

1870 – Nathaniel TRENCH

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 15 January 1870

Fatal Accident – We regret to have to record an accident which occurred at the Pakuratahi on the 16th instant at six pm. It appears that a man of the name of Nathaniel Trench who used to work at the saw mills but who has latterly been employed on the roads fell under a loaded wagon belonging to Mr Haywood which passed over his body crushing him almost literally to death. He died from the internal injuries sustained to about eleven pm. An inquest will be held at Mr Mason's Pakuratahi Hotel on the 15th instant (this day)

(Reference Paper past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 15 January 1870)

15 January 1870

Information's of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of Nathaniel TRENCH at the dwelling house of John Burtley MASON known by the name of The Golden Fleece in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Saturday the fifteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy before John George Frederick WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on a Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of Nathaniel TRENCH then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

William Nathaniel Edward MASON [known as Edward] being sworn saith that on Thursday 13th January 1870 the deceased came to our house at the Pakuratahi about half past four o' clock in the afternoon he was about half drunk he walked pretty steadily. I took him down to his whare which is I should think about a mile and a quarter from our house on his way he called at the Golden Fleece Hotel & had a glass of something I don't know what. I left him in his whare. Haywards waggon was passing at the time and I got upon it. When we got a little way from his home I saw him lying in the road, a few minutes afterwards as I was standing on the shafts I heard somebody by the side of the waggon I looked round & deceased was lying on the ground just in front of the hind wheel the wheel at once passed over him his head was under the waggon & his feet outside. The wheel seemed to pass over him just about his hips, he was on his side I shouted to Hayward to stop the waggon which he did as quick as possible deceased did not seem to us much hurt we picked him up and put him on the top of the waggon he soon spoke complained of being sore and of his arm being broken we carried him from the waggon into Mr Mason's house and laid him on a bed. This would be about six o' clock he would not let us touch him to take his clothes off but wanted us to get a trap and take him to the Hutt I could not get a trap until 4 o'clock the next morning he said he would go down then. I went to milk, when I came back deceased seemed worse in great pain so I got a horse & went as far as the Upper Hutt where I got a person to go for the doctor when I got back he was dead. *(signed) W N E MASON*

Joseph HAYWARD being sworn saith that on Thursday afternoon I was coming along the road with my waggon which had about four & a half tons of goods in at the time as I passed the house occupied by deceased I saw him put out his head, I thought he seemed to be in liquor so I took no further notice of him. When I got a little way down the road narrow [sic] the last witness came up & got upon the shafts, he said the deceased was believed that he was in liquor soon I head Mason shout out I at once pulled up and on looking back I saw deceased lying across the wheel track. We put him on the waggon carried him to Mr Mason's house and put him on the bed. I

then went to attend to the horses when I came back I wanted to undress him but he would not be undresses. I left him again and when returned deceased was asleep. I saw him again about seven o'clock he did not complain much but went to sleep again. I saw him again about ten o'clock he was then on the floor, those who had been with him had found out he was hurt in the private so at their request I lent them a waggon horse to go for the doctor, about half an hour after that he died *(signed) J HAYWARDS*

George Phillips being sworn saith that about half past nine on Thursday night E Mason came to the Golden Fleece Hotel where I am groom and asked me to go and sit up with deceased, I went, deceased seemed to me to be dying so I sent E Mason for the doctor, shortly after Manson left he died. After deceased was dead we undresses him I left as soon as E Mason's father came. *(signed) George PHILLIPS*

John Bentley MASON being sworn saith that I am landlord of the Golden Fleece Hotel. I remember the deceased Nathaniel Trench calling at my house on Thursday afternoon he called for a small glass of brandy which my wife gave him. I could tell that deceased had had a glass but he was not drunk - *(signed) J B MASON*

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24282748 ACGS 16211 J1 93/be 1870/199 Coroner Hutt 17 January inquest proceedings on Nathaniel Trench year 1870)

An Inquisition indented taken for Our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of John Bentley MASON at the Pakuratahi in the Province of Wellington in the said Colony on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy before John George Frederick WILFORD one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of Nathaniel TRENCH then and there lying upon the oath of

<i>John WILKINS foreman</i>	<i>Thomas WALDIN</i>	<i>Robert HOOPER</i>
<i>George HALL</i>	<i>John BERGE</i>	<i>George wise LEACH</i>
<i>Edwin PIKE</i>	<i>William HERCOCK</i>	<i>John HARTLEY</i>
<i>David HART</i>	<i>Arthur BURLING</i>	<i>Thomas DOREEN</i>

Goof and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when, how and by what means the said Nathaniel TRENCH came to his death do upon their oaths say That: - Nathaniel TRENCH was accidentally killed by falling under the wheel of a waggon on Thursday 13th January 1870 at the Pakuratahi and that no blame can be attached to anyone.

In witness whereof as well the said coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seal the day and year first above written J G F WILFORD Coroner

<i>John WILKINS foreman</i>	<i>Thomas WALDIN</i>	<i>William HERCOCK</i>
<i>Robert HOOPER</i>	<i>John HARTLEY</i>	<i>George HALL</i>
<i>David HART</i>	<i>John BERGE</i>	<i>X Arthur BURLING</i>
<i>G W LEACH</i>	<i>X Thomas DOREEN</i>	<i>Edwin PIKE</i>

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24282748 ACGS 16211 J1 93/be 1870/199 Coroner Hutt 17 January inquest proceedings on Nathaniel Trench year 1870)

0- Nathaniel TRENCH born details unknown died 13 January 1870 Pakuratahi Upper Hutt New Zealand (believed never married)

1870 – Peter Laing VALENTINE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24282747 ACGS 16211 J1 93/bd 1870/198 Coroner Hutt 17 January 1870 Inquest proceeding on Peter Laing Valentine year 1870)

0- Nathaniel VALENTINE married Emily (9 Issue)

0-5- Peter William Laing VALENTINE born 1864 New Zealand died 1870 New Zealand

#We are very sorry to learn that there is too much reason to fear that a little boy son of Mr Valentine at the Hutt has been drowned in the river. He left his father's house yesterday morning and not returning a search was made in the afternoon which resulted in discovering his clothes on the bank. Since then the river has been dragged but up to the time of the coach leaving this morning the body had not been found reference Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1870

#We have learned today that the search for the body of Peter Valentine the boy whom we announced yesterday as having been drowned in the Hutt river has proved successful. The body was found about a mile and a half below the spot where the clothes were lying reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 January 1870
#Peter William Laing VALENTINE born 1864 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/8774 parents Emily and Nathaniel Valentine
#Peter Laing VALENTINE died 1870 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1870 folio website 1870/4099 age 6 born about 1864

1870 – Alexander PATTINSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24283663 ACGS 16211 J1 102/bq 1870/2422 Coroner Hutt 19 September 1870 Inquest Proceeding on Alexander Pattinson year 1870)

1870 – Taituha KARUPAI

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24283662 ACGS 16211 J1 102/bp 1870/2421 Coroner Hutt 19 September 1870 Inquest proceedings on Taituha Karupai year 1870)

1870 – John Stonehouse CLARKE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24283588 ACGS 16211 J1 102/d 1870/2250 Coroner Hutt 26 August 1870 Inquest Proceeding on John Stonehouse Clarke year 1870)

1870 – John STACK

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24282769 ACGS 16211 J1 93/bw 1870/327 Coroner Hutt 27 January 1870 Inquest proceedings on John Stack year 1870)

0- John STACK born 1842 died 1870 New Zealand
#John STACK died 1870 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1870 folio website 1870/4105 age 28 born about 1842

1871 – Emily CRUICKSHANK

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24287311 ACGS 16211 J1 110/bx 1871/1109 Coroner Hutt 01 May 1871 Inquest proceeding on Emily Cruickshank's year 1871)

0-0- Emily Sophia CRUICKSHANK born 1866 New Zealand died 1871 New Zealand
#Emily Sophia CRUICKSHANK born 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14891 parents Christina and James Duff Cruickshank
#Emily CRUICKSHANK died 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1871 folio website 1871/5450 age 5 born about 1866
#The inhabitants of the Upper Hutt have been shocked and grieved at a fearful accident which happened to a child of one of the oldest and most esteemed residents. On Wednesday morning some of the children of Mr Cruickshank were amusing themselves by lighting fires, when the flames caught the clothes of Emily one of his daughters and before her cries could be heard and responded to she was dreadfully burned. She lingered till about three o'clock when death put an end to her suffering. The afflicted parents have the earnest sympathy of everyone in the district reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 29 April 1871

1871 – Fire Stephen Fagan's

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24287516 ACGS 16211 J1 112/aa 1871/1518 Coroner Hutt 13 June 1871 Inquest proceedings on fire at Stephen Fagan's year 1871)

#A fire occurred this morning at about two o'clock at Mr Fagan's new house at the Taita. When the alarm was given by Mr Fagan's son the fire had obtained such a hold upon the building that all hopes of extinguishing it were quickly dissipated. The house was totally destroyed and only two years old. The house was partly insured in the Liverpool London and Globe Office for £200a further insurance in another office having only run out a few days. The furniture was partly covered by a policy for £300. The loss is estimated by Mr Fagan at £1000. It is not known how the fire originated reference Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1871

1871 – Hugh SINCLAIR

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24288149 ACGS 16211 J1 118/bb 1871/2895 Coroner Hutt 15 November 1871 Inquest proceedings on Hugh Sinclair yes 1871)

0- Hugh SINCLAIR born died 11 November 1871 Wainuiomata New Zealand

#Death - Sinclair On the 11th November at Wainuiomata Mr Hugh Sinclair settler aged 61 years reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 November 1871

1871 – John HARTLEY

21 September 1871 Thursday

Information of witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of John HARTLEY at the dwelling house of Annie COLLINS known by the Name of The Mungaroa Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Thursday the twenty first day of September One thousand eight hundred and Seventy one before John George Fred. WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of John HARTLEY then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

William LEACH being sworn said that

I have been employed as roadman lately in company with deceased John HARTLEY. On Wednesday September 20th I was working on the road with deceased, I was about six yards from him, he was removing the hill-side getting metal when I heard some earth fall, looking round I witnessed HARTLEY and father who was alongside shouted that HARTLEY might be under the earth that had fallen. We removed the earth & found him lying on his face, deceased never survived or breathed after we got him out.

I have heard deceased speak of having a brother in Australia. He has no relatives in New Zealand (signed) *William LEACH*

George Wise LEACH being sworn corroborated the evidence of the previous witness giving the jury the exact position of deceased when the earth was removed from him (signed) *G W LEACH*

Colony of New Zealand To wit:-

An Inquisition indented taken for of our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Annie COLLINS known by the name of "The Mungaroa Hotel" Mungaroa in the said Colony on the Twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy one before John G F WILFORD one of the coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of John HARTLEY, then and there lying dead upon the oath of

John WILKINS foreman – Thomas BARTON – Charles COLLINS – William T SPACKMAN – George HALL – John EDWARDS – Thomas WALDIN – Phillips DAVIS – John BENGE and, Robert HOOPER – Edward MORGAN – Peter ATKIN

Good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when, how and by, what means the said John HARTLEY came to his death do upon their oaths sat – That

The Deceased John HARTLEY was accidentally killed by the fall of some earth whilst following his usual occupation of road-maker on Wednesday the twentieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and

J G F WILFORD Coroner

John WILKINS foreman – Edward MORGAN – W T SPACKMAN – Charles Collins – Thomas WALDIN – John EDWARDS – Robert HOOPER [sic] – John BENGE – John BARTON – Peter AITKENS – George Hall – Phillip DAVIS

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24287969 ACGS 16211 J1 116 / at 1871/2394 Coroner Hutt 23 September 1871 Inquest proceedings on John Hartley)

1871 – Albert Joseph Bates HALL

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24288009 ACGS 16211 J1 116/bx 1871/2463 Coroner Hutt 30 September 1871 Inquest proceedings on Albert Joseph Bates Hall year 1871)

0- Joseph HALL married

0-1- Albert Joseph Bates HALL born January 1860 died 28 September 1871 Lower Hutt New Zealand

#Death – Hall at the Lower Hutt on 28 September Albert J B Hall son of Mr Joseph Hall wheelwright from injuries received by a kick from a horse on the 23rd September on the occasion of the driving of the first mile of the new Hutt bridge aged 10 years and 8 months reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 September 1871

1871 – Herbert Mooley PROUSE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24287100 ACGS 16211 J1 107/ch 1871/621 Coroner Hutt 06 March 1871 Inquest Proceedings on Hebert Mooley Prouse year 1871)

0- PROUSE married

0-0- Herbert Mooley PROUSE born 1869 New Zealand died 1871 Wainuiomata New Zealand

#Inquest the sudden death we mentioned in our last as having occurred in the Wainuiomata Valley was that of a child named Herbert Morley Prouse about 2 years of age. It appeared that some interest was created among the neighbours from the manner of death the child having passed off while asleep. Dr Grace after making a post mortem examination pronounced the cause of death to be inflammation of the bowels. An inquest was held on the body before Dr Wilford reference Wellington Independent newspaper 16 February 1871

1871 – Alexander GIONI [GRONE?]

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24287528 ACGS 16211 J1 112/al 1871/1536 James Kilgour Coroner Hutt 16 June 1871 Inquest proceedings on Alexander Gioni [Grone?] year 1871)

1872 – David SIM

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24289005 ACGS 16211 J1 128/ao 1872/2191 Coroner Hutt 02 August 1872 Inquest proceedings on David Sim year 1872)

0- **David SIM** born 1837 died 1872 New Zealand

#David SIM died 1872 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1872 folio website 1872/9412 age 35 born about 1837

#Died – SIM At the Hutt by drowning on the 27th July David Sim eldest son of Mr James Sim Johnsonville aged 35 years. Canterbury and Timaru papers please copy reference Wellington Independent newspaper 31 July 1872

1872 – Ernest Arthur ELLERM

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24289559 ACGS 16211 J1 131/cm 1872/3167 Coroner Hutt 22 November 1872 Inquest proceedings on Ernest Arthur Ellerm year 1872)

0- Henry Benjamin ELLERM married May Ann

0-1- **Ernest Arthur ELLERM** born 1871 New Zealand died 05 November 1872 Hutt Valley New Zealand

#Ernest Arthur ELLERM born 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/20902 parents Mary Ann and Henry Benjamin Ellerm

#The friends of H B ELLERM Hutt are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of his son Ernest Arthur which will leave his residence at 2 o'clock pm on Friday 8th instant Joseph Hall Undertaker reference Wellington Independent newspaper 07 November 1872

#Deaths – ELLERM On 05th November at the Hutt Ernest Arthur youngest son of H B Ellerm aged 1 year and 5 months reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 November 1872

1872 – John FRANCES

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24288965 ACGS 16211 J1 128/g 1872/2042 Coroner Hutt 23 July 1872 Inquest proceedings on John Frances year 1872)

1872 - Samuel WESTON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24288964 ACGS 16211 J1 128/f 1872/2041 Coroner Hutt 23 July 1872 Inquest proceedings on Samuel Weston year 1872)

1872- Thomas TINGLE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24289585 ACGS 16211 J1 132/j 1872/3250 Coroner Hutt 29 November 1872 Inquest proceedings on Thomas Tingle year 1872)

1873 – William HUTCHINSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24289585 ACGS 16211 J1 144/bv 1873/2182 Coroner Hutt 16 August 1873 Inquest proceedings on William Hutchinson year 1873)

1874 – Alice MCLAGGAN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24321006 ACGS 16211 J1 153/ap 1874/710 Coroner Hutt 12 March 1874 Inquest proceedings on Alice McLaggan year 1874)

1874 – Oliver PILCHER

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24321007 ACGS 16211 J1 153/aq 1874/711 Coroner Hutt 13 March 1874 Inquest proceedings on Oliver Pilcher year 1874)

1874 – Susannah MENCHEN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24320840 ACGS 16211 J1 151/bj 1874/286 Coroner Hutt 30 January 1874 Inquest Proceedings on Susannah Menchen year 1874)

1874 – Denis RYAN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24321575 ACGS 16211 J1 158/ae Coroner Hutt 30 July 1874 Inquest Proceedings on Denis Ryan year 1874)

1874 – Henrietta NEEDHAM

New Zealand Times newspaper 17 June 1874

A child named Ettie Needham, four years old, has been missing from its parents' residence at the Upper Hutt since Sunday afternoon about four o'clock, when she was seen playing in the paddock behind the house. Upon the matter being reported to Constable Lyster a diligent search, in which about twenty of the inhabitants took part, was made, but though they continued the hunt till twelve o'clock at night no tidings of the missing child were discovered. The search was resumed at daylight next morning, the bush being carefully examined, but the girl had not been discovered up to two o'clock yesterday, although a separate party had dragged the creeks in the neighbourhood. The child has very likely strayed into some portion of the bush which has escaped the vigilance of the search party, who will continue their exertions until her whereabouts is tracked out. The family had only been a short time in the district, having arrived in the Wellington.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 17 June 1874)

New Zealand Times newspaper 18 June 1874

Constable Lyster of the Upper Hutt reported late last evening that no traces had been discovered of the missing child Ettie Needham.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 18 June 1874)

New Zealand Times newspaper 20 June 1874

The missing child, Ettie Needham, who has been missing from her parents' residence at the Upper Hutt since Sunday afternoon, was found between four and five o'clock on Thursday, about a mile from her home, by a girl named Hogan, who was out in search of cows in Hogan's Bush, near Barton. The poor child was alive when found, but was in a very exhausted condition, having been exposed for four days and nights to the bleak weather of the past week without sustenance of any kind, and without clothing such as would afford protection from the wintry blasts. She was promptly conveyed to Mrs Hogan's house, where restoratives were administered by Dr Wilford, but the trial upon the system had been too severe, and she expired between eight and nine o'clock yesterday morning. Dr Wilford's certificate, that the child died from exposure and exhaustion, will obviate the necessity for an inquest.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 June 1874)

The following Subscriptions were received by Mr Phillips Davis, Upper Hutt on behalf of Mr Needham whose child had died from exposure in the bush, and he hereby tenders his thanks. [Includes various names and amounts] Total £14 1s.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 June 1874)

0- Robert Richard NEEDHAM born 1837 died 1903 Wellington married 23 March 1868 St James the Great Bethel Green Tower Hamlets England Henrietta HARMAN born 1847 died 1930 New Zealand

#1871 Census 13 Little Pearl Street Christchurch St Stephen Spitalfields Whitechapel London England ED4 household 214 piece 506 folio 22 page 40

- Robert NEEDHAM head married age 35 Master Butcher born Whitechapel Middlesex
- Henrietta NEEDHAM wife married age 22 born Kenstone Middlesex
- Henry NEEDHAM son age 4 born Bow Middlesex
- Charlotte NEEDHAM daughter age 2 born Mile end Middlesex
- Henrietta NEEDHAM daughter age 11 months born Spitfields Middlesex England

#Protection Order – Henrietta Needham of the Taita applied for a protection order against her husband Robert Needham who did not appear. On answer to questions put by the magistrate she stated she had been married seven year and had four children one of whom had died that he husband had been an habitual drunkard since before Christmas last that on 08th February he had beaten her and cut her face with a pint pot and for these reasons she had applied for a

protection order. On Saturday last he husband took two of the children and vowed that the next she would hear from them and him would be their death. She would like to have all her children and it was not her intention to trouble her husband for any contribution towards their support. Applicant admitted that she had been and was then cohabiting with another man. The application was adjourned till Thursday when Constable Lyster of the Hutt will be examined as to the character of applicant's husband reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 April 1875

#Robert Richard NEEDHAM residential Saunders lane butcher 1890 Wellington Electoral Roll

#Robert Richard NEEDHAM died 1903 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1903 folio website 1903/3574 age 65 born about 1838

#Robert Richard NEEDHAM born 1837 died 1903 buried Karori cemetery Wellington wife Henrietta Needham, children James Isaac, Alfred Charles, Henrietta, Arthur Samuel, Robert Hamilton

#Henrietta NEEDHAM died 1930 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio website 1930/1636 age 83 born about 1847

#In loving memory of Robert Hamilton NEEDHAM died 05 January 1902 in his 27th years – In loving memory of our dear mother Henrietta NEEDHAM died 30 January 1930 in her 83^{rs} year – To Memory ever dear – In loving memory of (mother) Ellen Alice May pass away 11 June 1933 – In loving memory of Thomas George beloved husband of Eliza Gray NEEDHAM died 10 February 1928 in his 55th years buried area 01 block A row 15 plot 0360-4-Karori cemetery Wellington

- 0-1- Henry Johnson NEEDHAM born 1866 Bow Middlesex England died 1946 New Zealand
#Henry Johnson NEEDHAM died 1946 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1946 folio website 1946/29043 age 79 born about 1867
- 0-2- Charlotte NEEDHAM born 1868 Mile End Middlesex England married 1893 New Zealand
Charles Edward HANNAM
#Charlotte Matilda NEEDHAM married 1893 New Zealand Charles Edward HANNAM
reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1893 folio website 1893/3518
- 0-3- **Henrietta Jane (Ettie) NEEDHAM** born 1870 died 21 June 1874 Upper Hutt New Zealand
#Henrietta Jane NEEDHAM born 1870 Whitechapel London reference Ancestry RGO UK
birth registration 1870 June quarter district Whitechapel County London volume 1c page 342
#Henrietta Jane NEEDHAM baptised 07 January 1874 Chelsea St Jude Kensington and
Chelsea England to parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
#Henrietta NEEDHAM died 1874 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1874
folio 505 website 1874/17003 age 4 born about 1870
#Henrietta NEEDHAM born 1870 died 21 June 1874 Upper Hutt New Zealand buried St
John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand.
- 0-4- Robert Hamilton NEEDHAM born 1875 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration
1875 folio website 1875/11380 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
- 0-5- James Frederick NEEDHAM born 1877 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration
1877 folio website 1877/15325 parents Henrietta and Robert Needham
- 0-6- William NEEDHAM born 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio
website 1878/16266 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
- 0-7- Frederick John NEEDHAM born 1880 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration
1880 folio website 1880/12820 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
- 0-8- Alfred Charles NEEDHAM born 1882 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration
1882 folio website 1882/14904 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
- 0-9- Arthur Samuel NEEDHAM born 1884 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration
1884 folio website 1884/7377 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
- 0-10- James Isaac NEEDHAM born 1886 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration
1886 folio website 1886/18953 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham
- 0-11- Ellen Alice NEEDHAM born 1888 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888
folio website 1888/17545 parents Henrietta and Robert Richard Needham

1875 – Edward EVANSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24345896 ABGS 16211 J1 167/x 1875/277
Coroner Hutt 01 February 1875 Inquest Proceedings on Edward Evenson year 1875)

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1875

A man named Edward Eveson a labourer employed in cutting the new line of road from the Upper Hutt to Waikanae was killed by the falling of a tree on Thursday evening. An inquest was to be held at the Criterion Hotel yesterday but up to a late hour the result of the inquiry had not reached town

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1875)

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 February 1875

An inquest was held on Saturday at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on the body of John Evanson who was killed on the previous day on the new line of road to Waikanae by the falling of a tree. The evidence of two witnesses went to show that while they were falling one tree the deceased was falling another twenty yards away. As the tree was about to come down the two men called out to deceased to get out of the way. He did get out of the way of the falling tree but the tree lodged in another one and snapped it off half-way down. This second tree hit the deceased and killed him instantly. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 February 1875)

1875 – James John MCLEOD

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347303 ACGS 16211 J1 180/z 1875/3048
Coroner Hutt 10 November 1875 Inquest proceedings on James John McLeod year 1875)

Evening Post newspaper 05 November 1875

Some further particulars are to hand today in reference to the sudden death which occurred yesterday at the Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi. The deceased was about 40 years of age his name was John McLeod. He has no friends in this colony. He was working for about three months for Mr Oakes the railway contractor.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 November 1875)

1875 - Robert BALL (BALDIN)

12 June 1875 for Robert BALL at Golden Fleece Hotel

An Inquisition indented taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Walter HODDER Golden Fleece Hotel at Pakuratahi Upper Hutt of the said Colony on the third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of Robert Ball there and then lying dead upon the oath of

William OCKENDEN foreman	Henry FARRELL	Andrew SINCLAIR
Henry WIGHTMAN	James WRIGHT	Alexander TAWSE
George COOPER	Thomas GLEDHILL	John THOMAS
William RITCHIE	William SUMMER	

On witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written J G F WILFORD Coroner

W OCKENDEN foreman	Henry FARRELL	Thomas GLEDHILL
Andrew SINCLAIR	John THOMAS	Alex TURSE
W RITCHIE	Henry WIGHTMAN	William SUMMER
George COOPER	James WRIGHT	

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24346524 ACGS 16211 J1 172/bn 1875/1563 Coroner Hutt 12 June 1875 Inquest proceeding on Robert Ball)

Colony of New Zealand to wit - Information's of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of Robert BALL at the dwelling house of Walter HODDER known by the name of Golden Fleece in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Thursday the third day of June one thousand and eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of Robert BALL then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Thomas BARKER being sworn saith that On Thursday the 26th of May I with four others of whose deceased was one of us going home from the house of one of the men it was between eight & nine o'clock in the evening the night was dark & wet our road home was along the back of the Pakuratahi stream just before we reached home we had to cross a stream which goes into the Pakuratahi river. I crossed first the deceased following me when we were all across I called for deceased but could not see him & shortly after I heard the splash in the river, two of us went at once to the river bank, the other two went on to the hut which was only about fifty yards distant to see if he had gone that way we called out and searched the river for some distance down from then till twelve o'clock but without any results. When deceased fell in I was about thirty feet from him the others were further away deceased at the time was perfectly sober. The river was in high flood [by the juror] I don't know what deceased had had anything to drink that day [by a juror] The track was I consider a very dangerous place on a dark night since the occurrence we have fenced it (signed) *Thomas BARKER*

William CURRIE being sworn saith that that I was one of the party going home in the night of the 26th instant before we arrived house we missed the deceased it was just after crossing the creek which cross into the Pakuratahi I was the third crossing the stream we sought deceased for some time but without effect I fell in myself whilst seeking him but was rescued by my comrades [by a juror] We lost no time in looking for him I was in his company all the evening he had three or four glasses of brandy during the day and was quite sober at the time. There were five of us when we left the Sawyers whare we had two Countrymen with us I consider the place dangerous in the dark but not in daylight. (signed) *William CURRIE*

Stephen HARRIS being sworn saith that that I was one of the party going home on the night of the 26th I was the second to cross the creek which runs into the river deceased was ahead of me I carried a lantern after crossing the creek the river turned to the right, deceased instead of turning to the right went straight forward and I saw steps over the bank into the river We all tried to find him in the river but without success deceased was about six feet from me when he stepped over the bank into the river we were all quite sober Mr Cooper advised us not to go home as it was so dark but deceased was anxious to get home (signed) *S HARRIS*

John SUNNEX being sworn saith that that I was out hunting along the river yesterday 02nd June when I discovered the body of deceased jammed under a log about & a mile and half below the place where he fell in I gave the alarm & the body was taken out (signed) *his John X SUNNEX mark witnesses David LYSTER & Andrew SINCLAIR*

Colony of New Zealand to wit: The above named Depositions of Thomas BARKER, Stephen HARRIS, William CURRIE and John SUNNEX written on four pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to four and by me affixed together were taken sworn before me at The Pukuratahi in the said Colony on the third day of June 1875 (signed) *J G F WILFORD Coroner*
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24346524 ACGS 16211 J1 172/bn 1875/1563 Coroner Hutt 12 June 1875 Inquest proceeding on Robert Ball)

New Zealand Times newspaper 07 June 1875

An inquest was held at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Pakuratahi, on Friday last, on the body of Robert Baldin, who was drowned a few days previously. Four witnesses were examined, the only evidence possessed of any interest being that of John Sunnex, who discovered the body whilst pigeon shooting in the neighbourhood of the river bank, his attention having been drawn to it by his dog. According to the evidence of Sunnex the dog made a sudden "stand," and upon his going to see what was the matter he found the body in about 5 feet of water, jammed under a tree. Assistance being speedily procured, the body was removed to the Golden Fleece Hotel, and information conveyed to the police. The men in the employ of Messrs Farrell, Barker, Cooper, and Whiteman immediately subscribed an amount sufficient to bury the body, and indeed these men throughout, together with their employers, have acted

in a manner that reflects the highest credit upon them. At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 June 1875 Page 4)

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 July 1875

An inquest was held at the Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi, on Friday June 4th, on the body of Robert Baldin, who was drowned a few days previously. Four witnesses were examined, the only evidence possessed of any interest being that of John Sunnex, who discovered the body whilst pigeon shooting in the neighbourhood of the river bank, his attention having been drawn to it by his dog. According to the evidence of Sunnex the dog made a sudden stand, and upon his going to see what was the matter he found the body in about 5 feet of water, jammed under a tree. Assistance being speedily procured, the body was removed to the Golden Fleece Hotel, and information conveyed to the police. The men in the employ of Messrs Farrell, Barker, Cooper, and Whiteman immediately subscribed an amount sufficient to bury the body, and indeed these men throughout, together with their employers, have acted in a manner that reflects the highest credit upon them. At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 July 1875 page 2)

0- **Robert BALL** / BALDIN born died July 1875 Pakuratahi New Zealand

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Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 June 1875

1875 – Andrew TAWSE (JAMES)

12 August 1875 Andrew TAWSE (JAMES) house of James McHattie Kaitoke Pakuratahi

An Inquisition indented taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of James McHattie at Kaitoke Pakuratahi of the said Colony on the twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of Andrew TAWSE there and then lying dead upon the oath of"

Walter OCKENDEN foreman	Henry WIGHTMAN	Robert TIPPET
John MARTIN	Mark LEAMAN	James MCHATTIE
George MCHATTIE	Alexander DOWNIE	Evan AVERY
Samuel FOSTER	Walter AUSTIN	William MCCREADY

Good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said Andrew TAWSE came to his death do upon their oaths say that Andrew TAWSE was accidentally killed by a fall of earth whilst working on the Pakuratahi section of the Wellington – Masterton Railway near the Kaitoke on Wednesday the eleventh day of August 1875

On witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written J G F WILFORD Coroner

W OCLENDEN foreman	Alex DOWNIE	H WIGHTMAN
Esan AVERY	Robert TIPPET	Samuel FOSTER
John MARTIN	Walter AUSTIN	Mark LEAMAN
William MCCREDY his X mark	witnesses David Lyster & W Ockenden	
James MCHATTIE	George MCHATTIE	

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24346932 ACGS 16211 J1 176/be 1875/2336 Corner Hutt 17 August 1875 Inquest proceedings on Andrew Tawse)

Colony of New Zealand to wit - Information's of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of Andrew TAWSE at the dwelling house of James MCHATTIE known by the name of [blank] in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Thursday the twelfth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition

then and there taken on view of the body of Andrew TAWSE then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Peter REDWOOD being sworn saith that I was working with deceased on Wednesday 11th August at the cutting on the Pakuratahi Section of the Wellington – Masterton Railway near the Kaitoke We had under mined a certain portion of earth in the usual way leaving what is called a leg at each end I was picking away the back of one of the legs deceased was doing the same with the other when all at once without giving any notice the body of earth all slipped down particularly burying deceased with the help of the other men working in the cutting I got deceased from under the earth he was not dead was sensible but seemed much crushed across the loins and the lower part of his body he died about an hour and a half after being crushed I work for McHattie & Co deceased was one of the Company he had the un disadvantage of that part of the work. I have had five years, experience of such and I consider the work was carried on in a safe a manner as is possible. [by the juror] Notably I was above the fall at the time. The fall was only eight feet high. We have been working the same stuff for the last fortnight and always found considerable trouble in getting desire [sic] a fall after the legs once taken out (signed) Peter REDMOND

Johnathan FOSTER/FORTER being sworn saith that gave Sinclair evidence to the previous witness and was of opinion that the work was properly down and every procedure taken against accident (not signed)

Colony of New Zealand to wit: The above named Depositions of Peter REDWOOD & Johnathan FOSTER/FORTER written on three paged of paper numbered consecutively from one to three and by me affixed together were taken sworn before me at The Kaitoke Pakuratahi in the said Colony on the twelfth day of August 1875 (signed) J G F WILFORD Coroner

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24346932 ACGS 16211 J1 176/be 1875/2336 Corner Hutt 17 August 1875 Inquest proceedings on Andrew Tawse)

Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1875

Information has been received that a man named Andrew JAMES was killed by a fall of earth yesterday in the Mungaroa railway cutting. An inquest is to be held

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1875)

0- **Andrew TAWSE / JAMES** born died 11 August 1875 Kaitoke Upper Hutt New Zealand

1875 – Louis SLADE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24346933 ACGS 16211 J1 176/bf 1875/2337 Coroner Hutt 17 August 1875 Inquest proceedings on Toni [Tomi?] [sic] Slade year 1875)

New Zealand Times newspaper 18 August 1875

The Late Coach Accident

An inquest was held on Monday at the Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi, on the body of the child Louis Slade, who came by his death owing to the late coach accident. Dr Wilford (the coroner) explained the nature of the inquiry, and told the jury that if they found there had been any gross carelessness in the driving, or faultiness in the equipment of the coach, it would be their duty to return a verdict of manslaughter against the party whose negligence should be proved, supposing there had been negligence.

The jury having elected Mr Hockington foreman, proceeded to view the body. On their return. Alexander James was sworn and said - I was a passenger by the coach on Saturday night. All the way coming up we were rendered afraid of accident because the driver was driving very recklessly. He was driving very fast, and from one side of the road to the other. Coming up a rise, near the Kaitoki Hill, just beyond which the accident occurred, he was whipping the horses, and the coach was swerving. He stopped at the top of the hill, and I asked him whether he was going to drive on he then started away at such a pace that I and others were ready to jump out, being afraid the coach would run into the bank. After we had proceeded a short distance further, the wheels on the left side of the coach struck the bank, three men, the deceased and its mother, being thrown out. The driver was one of the three men thrown out. The horses went on for a distance further, and the body of the coach was thrown off the frame. The body of the coach was smashed, and the horses ran away with the pole. I picked

the child up, and it died in a few minutes. Blood was running from its head. I helped to carry the mother of the child to Mr Dicken's house which was just by. She soon came to her senses. I got on the coach at Mr Harris's. When I got on the coach I gave the driver twelve shillings fare for myself and others. The driver took it, but seemed to have great difficulty in counting the money. It was my impression that he was either very stupid or very drunk. I have ridden a good deal in stage coaches, and, in my opinion, the driving was very dangerous. I cautioned the driver. After the accident the driver seemed to be drunk. In plain words, I say I considered him drunk. As far as I know, the coach was well found and equipped. It is possible that the leading horse may have shied, but I did not see it. My impression is that the horse did not shy, though I was sitting at the back and could not see well. The wheels were in the water table for a distance of half a chain before the spot at which the accident occurred was reached. The people were thrown off owing to the sudden jolt caused by the coach-wheel coming from the water table on to the road. If the horse had merely shied there would have been time for a sober driver to get the horses on to the road before the accident had occurred.

To Jurymen - At the top of the hill he stopped, and wished a passenger to get inside, because there would be too much weight on the front of the coach. The passenger declined to go, but offered to put his luggage back to relieve the weight. The driver refused to go on until we asked him to say what he intended to do. We said if he would not take us we would get out and walk. He then started off at a furious rate. I don't think he had the break on, but he may have had. When I cautioned him he took no notice of me.

Louis Evans deposed - I was a passenger in the coach on Saturday night from the Upper Hutt, but got down before the accident occurred. I believe the coachman was the worse for drink, because he was driving at a great pace and all over the road. I spoke to him and told him he was going too quick, but he took no notice of me. I was sitting alongside of him part of the time.

To Jurymen - At Kaitoki I told last witness to look out going down the hill.

John Prentice deposed - I was a passenger on the coach on Saturday night. I rode from Cruickshank's to the Mungaroo on the outside, and I then got inside. At Mungaroo the coachman, who had been driving fast, told me to get inside, and I did so. At this time I heard a man say to the driver, "If you don't mind you'll have an upset." The driver replied "I don't care if I do." The driver was drunk. When we started from the Mungaroo there was a man and a woman inside who were talking, and the driver looked inside, and told the woman not to talk so loud. I thought from his manner he was drunk. At the Kaitoki the coach stopped, and some luggage was shifted back at the request of the driver. He would not then go on till some passengers said, "Are you going to take us on or not; if not we will walk." He then started off at a great pace hallooing and hooting. Directly afterwards I looked out of the coach and saw a man upon the ground. I sang out and said, "Stop the coach." It did not stop, and immediately afterwards I found the coach upset and myself under it, two children being under me. The night was bright moonlight. I am quite satisfied in my own mind that the man was drunk. In the afternoon I asked the driver to take me up in a coach he was driving. He said he could not because there was no room. There were no angry words between us.

To Jurymen - I did not see the driver get drunk. The wheel was never in the ditch till the time of the accident. He drove steadily up to the Kaitoki, and then drove very fast. It was a passenger who cautioned the coach, man.

Charles Jeffrey, also a passenger, gave corroborative evidence. The coach was driven very carelessly all the way, but till the time of the accident the pace was not fast, and the coach did not go into the ditch. I was looking at the horses just before the coach turned over. I looked out because it struck the bank. I saw three persons on the road. Horses shying might have been the cause of the coach running into the bank. On the roof of the coach were two boxes, a bag, and other things. Believed the man was drunk. Had never seen, the man before. A passenger told the coachman he would have an upset owing to the weight on the top of the coach.

James McCarthy, a passenger, who had alighted before the accident, considered the driver had driven wildly, believed the man was drunk, and had thought there would be an accident. The man could walk and talk, but could not handle the reins properly. When a woman got on the box the driver used improper language to her.

William Blake, who was on the box at the time of the accident, deposed, Furious driving caused the coach to go into the bank. The horses did not take fright, but the driver whipped them severely, swearing at the same time. Up to the time of the accident the coach was driven steadily. The coachman was not drunk and not sober. On the road he had three drinks. I was a little fresh. I had had five drinks during the day. I was thrown off owing to the near side wheel suddenly going into the rut. A wheel passed over my foot. The coachman was quite capable of controlling the horses. I think the woman should give her evidence, because when I got upon the box the coachman ordered me down again as there were enough people on the outside and there would be too much weight on. The woman who sat on the box pulled me by the coat, giving me the notion that she wished me to stop, and I would not get down. I pushed some boxes back and told him to drive on, and he then commenced driving furiously. It having been explained that the woman was too ill to leave her room, and there was not accommodation for the jury in her bedroom, the coroner was requested to visit her, and ascertain whether her evidence was sufficiently important to necessitate an adjournment of the inquest. On his return, the coroner read notes of what the woman said, showing that her evidence was confirmatory of what had been given before, excepting that she stated the horses had shied across the road into the ditch. The man was not drunk. When he asked her for the fare he used indecent language to her.

Charles Nelson the coachman deposed On the night of the accident I had an unusually heavy load. I was coming along steadily, but the leader slipped and put us in a rut. The sudden jerk carried the footboard away, and brought us down. I was driving slowly. I never go fast down hill. The wheel was in the gutter for about five yards, and then caught a piece of timber. I was stunned by the fall, and know nothing more about the matter. There were three horses in the coach. I was not drunk. I had had two or three drinks during the day. No one cautioned me as to the way in which I was driving, and no passenger expressed any fear of danger. I have had fifteen or sixteen years experience of coaching in Sydney, Melbourne, and Christchurch.

To Jurymen I am not usually the driver of the coach, but the regular driver employed me because he did not feel well I call four miles an hour a steady pace. I did not go faster than usual.

The coroner summed up, and said if the jury were satisfied that the accident was caused solely by the recklessness of the driver, they must find a verdict of manslaughter against the driver, but they must be certain that the accident was owing simply to that negligence. If the shying of the horses had caused the accident, the driver was not liable. It would be seen that of those witnesses who said there had been no shying, one was at the back of the coach, and admitted that he could not see well, and the other, who was on the box, did not know what shying was. They all knew the nature of the road, and must be aware that a little swerve would put the coach in the ditch and if, as the coachman said, the footboard had given way and no one could say it had not the least shying would put the horses out of his power. The evidence proved that the man had driven satisfactorily till reaching the top of the hill, but owing to an altercation with a passenger, got into a rage, and drove down the hill rather faster than usual. If the jury had any doubt upon the subject they must give the man the benefit of the doubt.

The jury at 4.80 proceeded to consider their verdict. At half-past five they sent for the coroner, and the foreman explained that ten of the jury were in favour of a verdict of manslaughter, but the other two, although of opinion that there had been recklessness on the part of the driver, were not prepared to send him for trial, believing that the shying of the horses had something to do with the accident. The ten jurymen held that even if the horses had shied, the driver, had he been sober and going at a steady pace, would have been able to pull them up in the distance between the spot where the shying was alleged to have occurred and the scene of the accident. After some conversation,

The coroner placed three issues before them - Was negligence the sole cause of the accident? Presuming there was evidence of some negligence, was the shying the immediate cause of the accident? Was the driver careful, and the occurrence simply an accident. If they found in the affirmative to the first issue, there must be a verdict of manslaughter. In the second, a verdict of accidental death, with a rider censuring the driver; to the third, merely accidental death. The jury must agree upon one of these points. At half-past seven the jury

returned the following verdict - We find that Louis Slade was accidentally killed by being thrown from a coach near the Kaitoki hill, on the Pakuratahi Road, on Saturday August 14, 1875, that at the time of the accident the coach was being driven with some recklessness, that the evidence is not sufficient to justify the jury in giving a verdict that the accident was the immediate result of such recklessness ; that the jury are of opinion that the driver is not a fit and proper person to have charge of a coach.

The coroner at the conclusion of the inquiry called Nelson in and informed him of the narrow escape he had had, and added that he trusted it would be a warning to him to be more careful in future

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 18 August 1875)

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 August 1875

Resident Magistrates Court – Monday 23 August - Manslaughter

Charles Nelson was brought up on remand charged with the manslaughter of Louis Slade, by the negligent driving of a coach on Saturday the 14th of August. Mr Buckley appeared for the defence. Alex Tawse overseer for Oakes the contractor, was a passenger by the coach on the night of the accident. Prisoner was driving the coach. Witness got up at the Hutt. Before the coach got to Collins's the driver drove faster than usual, according to his idea. He stopped at the Kaitoki hill to allow three passengers to alight. After some delay he started, going down the hill at a furious pace, the coach being sometimes near the side of the road. After this the driver slackened the pace. The coach ran along the side of the water-table more than a chain before it struck the bank. He jumped off. Saw three men, a woman, and a child in the water-table. Went to a house and called for assistance. Went back and picked up the child, a boy Louis Slade. Blood was running from the child's head. Carried the child to Mrs Dickins. The child trembled but did not speak. Returned to the coach and helped to carry the woman in. The woman was insensible. Her name was Slade. We washed her head and gave what assistance we could, and went back to the scene of the accident. Saw the two men, who were not much hurt. Mr Black was one of them. The coach and horses had gone on. Saw the coach afterwards at the bottom of the incline, smashed to pieces. The horses had gone on. He got in at the Upper Hutt, and paid the fare to the driver. The driver appeared to be confused while counting the money, and counted it two or three times over. The driver appeared to be under the influence of drink. At the foot of the Mungaroa witness said to defendant he thought he was driving recklessly. The defendant said the coach was all right, it wouldn't break down. Witness told the men on the top to get inside the coach. The driver was still under the influence of drink. Witness had often travelled on that road. Never saw a coach driven at the same pace as the prisoner drove his. The reason he jumped off was because he saw it was dangerous to remain on the coach.

John Prentice labourer deposed Was a passenger on the coach driven by defendant at the time of the accident. Had a seat on the top. Was going to Kaitoki. Rode as far as the Mungaroa Hotel. He saw the driver go in and come out of the hotel. He came to him and asked for the fare. Did not notice what state he was in. Heard a man say to the driver, who was standing by the coach. "If you don't mind you will have an upset. The driver said, I do not care if I do. Witness believed him not to be sober. Thought if he were sober he would not make use of such an expression. A passenger asked him and his mate to get inside. The coach went off at any easy pace. The next stoppage was at the foot of the hill. He got out and walked up to the top, where he caught up to the coach. A woman and a child were sitting on the top. We got up again. About a mile further on a passenger got from the inside on to the box. The passenger would not get inside. The driver said there was too much weight on the horses' backs. There were two big boxes on the top. Two passengers sitting behind asked the driver to drive on. The driver used the whip and swore at the horses, and set the horses galloping. Witness was inside at the time of the accident. He looked behind and saw a man lying on the road. He hallooed at the coachman to stop. The coach struck the bank. The next thing he remembered was that he was lying under the top of the coach. It was a bright moonlight night. It was about 7.30 pm when he got on the coach at Cruickshank's. William Blake blacksmith was on the coach on Saturday week, the 14th instant. He got on the coach driven by the defendant at Taita. There were three horses in the coach. It was in the evening, about dusk. He got inside. The coach stopped at the next public-house. Went into the house and had a drink. Did not see the driver go in and have a drink. He kept his seat.

At the Mungaroa got out and walked up the hill. We stopped at three public-houses after leaving Taita. Witness saw the defendant have three drinks, one of which witness gave him. Walked going down the hill, and got up again outside. The driver asked him to get inside, as there was too much weight on the top of the coach. He was in the act of shifting his seat, when the woman pulled his coat as a hint not to shift. He did not shift his seat. He pushed the boxes farther back on the top of the coach. The coach was stopped. He sat down, and told the driver to drive on, which he did, as fast as the horses would go, the defendant whipping and urging the horses on. Witness thought the driver was driving very recklessly. He made no remark about it to the defendant. This pace continued until the accident took place, when the coach took a lurch into a rut, and witness was shot off on to his feet, his back resting against a bank, the hind wheel of the coach going over his right foot. When we got to the Mungaroa the defendant appeared to me just a little fresh.

By Mr Buckley he had five nips during the day between Taita and Mungaroa. They were all sixpenny drinks.

Mrs. Slade wife of Fred Slade, deposed I live at the Pakuratahi. Was a passenger with her son Louis Slade aged 13, by the Pakuratahi coach, on Saturday August 14. Was an inside passenger. When the coach was going uphill, gentlemen got out, and witness took an outside seat by the side of the coachman. Detained a gentleman by pulling his coat, and asked him to shift the boxes. The coachman began to whip the horses and drive them as fast as he could. The two hind horses commenced kicking. All witness remembered after was that the coach was driven across the road. Her son Louis was sitting beside her. The marks on witness's face were the result of the accident.

By Mr Bell witness had her baby at her breast at the time of the accident. The driver was holding the reins carelessly. One rein was hanging loose. The driver was using the whip and swearing at the horses at the time. Became unconscious.

By Mr Buckley : Do not know what room there was in the coach. She detained the gentleman while she took an outside seat because she felt faint. It was a pleasant night.

Constable Lyster deposed From information received, went to scene of accident. Found the coach upset, the top part detached. This was towards the bottom of the hill, at the turn in the road. There was sufficient room there for two coaches to pass each other. Went to the Golden Fleece at Pakuratahi. Saw a child, Louis Slade dead. The left side of the head was covered with blood. He was accompanied by Constable Stewart. The wound on the top of the head was about half-an-inch round. An inquest was held on the Monday following.

By Mr Buckley The verdict of the jury was that the child was that the child was killed by a coach accident, and that the driver had driven the coach recklessly, and that the coachman was not fit to have charge of a coach. The defendant was present. The coroner told him he had had a narrow escape. Witness considered the driver to be a pretty steady driver. Had seen him frequently pass his station. Considered the coach to be in pretty good order. Saw defendant pass Wilkins's public-house on the 14th. Did not think him to be drunk. The Bench committed the prisoner to take his trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 August 1875)

1875 – Ellen LAWRENCE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24345995 ACGS 16211 J1 167/cs 1875/497
Coroner Hutt 24 February 1875 Inquest proceedings on Ellen Lawrence year 1875)

1875 – Susannah SCHOLES

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347123 ACGS 16211 J1 178/af 1875/2679
Coroner Hutt 27 September 1875 Inquest proceedings on Susannah Scholes year 1875)

1875 – Fire at house of P I MUSTAGH

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24359132 ACGS 16211 J1 221/u 1878/654
Coroner Hutt 28 February 1878 Inquest proceedings on fire at house of P I Mustagh year 1875)

1875 -

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 28 December 1875

Mr McKirdy's camp near Mungaroa was the scene of an awful tragedy on Sunday night last. About 11 pm a strong robust Scandinavian known as Phillipo attacked five men with an axe inflicting scalp wounds of a more or less serious character on all and hacking one in a fearful manner about the body. Reports differ as to whether the attack was made in the heat of a quarrel or whether it was a premeditated one but there is no doubt but it will prove fatal to three out of the unfortunate five. Two we hear died on the road to the hospital and the third is not expected to recover. Early on Monday morning search parties went out in all directions to arrest the murder and soon after midday a party of Maoris recognised him and handed him over to the authorities. The same afternoon he was removed to ton closely guarded with an ominous halter tied round his neck. Two out of five men attacked were countrymen of his own.

(Reference Paper past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 28 December 1875 page 2)

1875 - Richard Waygood HAWKINS

Colony of New Zealand wit.

Informations of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Land the Queen touching the death of Richard Waygood HAWKINS at the dwelling House of Isaac WILKINS known by the name of The Railway Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Monday the eighteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of Richard Waygood HAWKINS then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Thomas ROWLAND being sworn saith that I am a lodger at Wilkins Hotel deceased was employed about the hotel as general Servant. I have known deceased a fortnight, I sleep in the same bedroom with him. I never noticed anything peculiar about him, until last Wednesday night when he loaded his gun & went out into the garden about ten o'clock, I followed him & kept alongside him wondering what he was going to do, he walked around the garden and then returned to the house, placing his gun in the corner of the store house leaded, he then went to bed. On Friday night after we went to bed he began telling me how he was going to shoot Mr Brown if ever he saw him do something, or other again, he did not explain himself, this was the last time I saw deceased alive. I was much surprised to hear him talk so wildly. I have often noticed him gloomy & low spirited. On Saturday morning before I was out of bed I heard a report in the room below the bed room and after the report a grown & the smell of smoke, I came quickly down stairs & found deceased lying flat on his back on the floor, the gun lying also on the floor in front of him with a piece of rope round the trigger I noticed a bullet wound in the pit of his stomach, deceased was quite dead when I first saw him - *(signed) William Rowland*

Isaac WILKINS being sworn saith that I am landlord of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt deceased was my servant, has been with me about six months, two years ago he was in my service about four months, deceased was a god Servant but very excitable when anything annoyed him he was apt to do many wild things I considered when excited he was not master of his actions. Two or three times on Tuesday I had to check him when having altercations with people, On Saturday morning I got up about six o'clock on coming down I saw deceased he was going to feed a horse, I went with him to the paddock to catch the horse, he took the horse into the stable a few minutes after as I was standing in front of the house, I heard a report & on going inside the saw the Servant Ellen open the door & said Dick had shot himself. I went through into the Storeroom and as I went in, I saw a narrow gap through the body & he was dead. I noticed nothing particular about him when we went to the paddock to catch the horse, he seemed to be as usual, deceased was a really quite man when nothing put him out but very clearly excited and when excited deceased to loose all command of himself, deceased was very fond of a girl. I never notices that deceased was fond of the girl Ellen - *(signed) Isaac Wilkins*

Charlotte WILKINS being sworn saith that I am landlady of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt I never noticed the deceased shown any signs of being fond of the girl Ellen He might have been but I never noticed it Deceased was very strange in his manner at times, & when any trifle upset him

he succumbed to loose all commanded of himself. I don't think deceased was always accountable for his actions. Deceased had had a quarrel with Mr Brown because Mr Brown wanted breakfast to early in the morning (*her X mark*) *Charlotte Wilkins - witnesses by William Burt & David Lyster*

Ellen GEANGE being sworn saith that I am general servant at Wilkins Hotel have known deceased four or five months, during the last two or three months deceased was a te totaler, for some time I have thought him rather queer, about three weeks ago he shot his dog in a rage, never noticed him lowly or low spirited, never knew deceased pay her Addacpes [sic] to her or any other girl. About half past six I was starting cooking breakfast in the kitchen deceased came to one & asked me did I like him? I answered Yes I liked everybody that liked me. Then deceased went into the next room, I shouted to him had he feed the fowls, he answered 'Not yet', from the other room and immediately after I heard a report I ran then to Mr Wilkins. When deceased came to me in the kitchen he put his arm round me & kissed me I have never been out with him on any evening (signed) *Ellen Geange*

Ellen GEANGE being sworn back saith that deceased quarrelled with Mr Brown about the breakfast, Mr Brown wanted breakfast at six o'clock in the morning, on Friday last. Mr Brown gave me a Kiss when I laid his breakfast. I foolishly told the deceased – (signed) *Ellen Geange*
Colony of New Zealand wit – The above maned Depositions of Thomas BOWLANDS – Isaac WILKINS – Charlotte WILKINS – Ellen GEANGE written on six pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to six and by me together were taken and sworn before me at Wilkins Railway Hotel in the said Colony on the eighteenth day of October 1876 (signed) *J G F Wilford*
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347273 ACGS 16211 J1 179 bw 1875/2999 Corner Hutt 05 November 1875 Inquest proceedings on Richard Waygood Hawkins years 1875)

18 October 1875

An Inquisition indented taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Isaac Wilkins at Railway Hotel Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of Richard Waygood HAWKINS then and there lying dead upon oath of William BURT foreman, Felix P Jones, George WYETH, John WHITEMAN, Swift HALL, George FRANCES, George PERKINS. James STEVENS, James BEVEN, John BUTCHER, Richard GEANGE and Charles ROUSE good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said Richard Waygood HAWKINS came to his death so upon their oaths say that – Richard Waygood HAWKINS whilst labouring under a fir of temporary insanity shot himself at the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday the sixteenth of October 1875.

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said aforesaid have set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written (signatures)

I G F WILFORD Coroner *William BURT foreman*

James STEVENS (his X mark) - James BEVEN (his mark) - John BUTCHER (his mark)
John WHITEMAN - Richard GEANGE (his mark) - Charles Rouse (his mark) - George PERKINS
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347273 ACGS 16211 J1 179 bw 1875/2999 Corner Hutt 05 November 1875 Inquest proceedings on Richard Waygood Hawkins years 1875)

1875 – John MCLEOD

Evening Post newspaper 05 November 1875

Some further particulars are to hand today in reference to the sudden death which occurred yesterday at the Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi. The deceased was about 40 years of age his name was John McLeod. He has no friends in the colony. He was working for about three months for Mr Oakes the railway contractor.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 November 1875 page 2)

1876 – Fire at house Ann McKee Horokiwi Road

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24348082 ACGS 16211 J1 186/e 1876/1115
Coroner Hutt 11 April 1876 Inquest proceedings on fire at the house of Ann McKee Horokiwi road
year 1876)

1876 – Carl KNITTER

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24348787 ACGS 16211 J1 192/ci 1876/2689
Coroner Hutt 11 September 1876 Inquest proceedings on Carl Knitter year 1876)

1876 – Henry HODGSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24348191 ACGS 16211 J1 187/as 1876/1533
Coroner Hutt 17 May 1876 with inquest proceeding on Henry Hodgson year 1876)

Wednesday 10 May 1876

Information's of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign
Lady the Queen touching the death of Henry Hodgson at the dwelling-house of James R
Young known by the name of The Mungaroa Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony
above-mentioned on Wednesday the 10th day of May One thousand eight hundred seventy
six before one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on
view of the body of then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Robert Edward being sworn said that I was coming from the Mungaroa Hotel on Monday 08th
May when I noticed the deceased lying in the ditch foam was coming out of his nose. I saw
him breathe three times, on seeing him I ran towards the Hotel and called out the inmates &
drew their attention to deceased, we turned deceased over and as we turned him he breathed
his last – This was about one o'clock pm I had seen deceased about seven o'clock in the
morning, he had a flask of brandy in his pocket which I opened for him, deceased was quite
sober at the time, deceased told me he had been on the place for five weeks but he did not
complain of ill health at all, I saw deceased the day previous, he walked down the road with
me and as we walked he was taken with a giddiness in the head & fell down, I assisted him &
he soon was all right again, deceased divided his time between the Upper Hutt, Mungaroa &
Pakuratahi & about a fortnight he spent in Wairarapa
(signed) Robert Edwards

George M Kirk being sworn saith that I was coming along the Mungaroa Road on Monday
08th May when I came upon deceased lying at the side of the road, I accompanied him and
some of those cronies from the Hotel tried to get a spoon full of brandy down his throat,
deceased was alive when I came up but died within two or three minutes, deceased was a
very quiet made that much advice to drink, I noticed a bruise on the crown of his head, his
knee not broken but discoloured, I also noticed two or three old bruises about his face, foam
was coming from his nostrils, deceased was lying on his left side near a pool of water not in
the water.
George M Wick

John Pegrau being sworn saith that I was coming out from Benge's Mill on Monday about one
o'clock just as I came on the road near deceased coming up the road, I spoke to him and he
said he was going up to the public house to get some beer, about an hour & a half afterwards
I heard deceased was dead, deceased was in his usual state when one the space really
nervous and shaky, he made no complaint of any kind, deceased lived in the same house
with me when at work but the last five weeks being in the space he had not been at house.
Never knew deceased take any drugs to pat him night after a heavy drunk.
Don't know where deceased slept the night previous to his death. It could not have been
many minutes after I saw him that he met his death.
John Pegrau made X if mark witness David Lyster & Horace Amies

John C Young being sworn saith that the last time I saw deceased alive was on Sunday
morning about 8 o'clock, he came into the bar & had a pint of beer, he took away with him a

flask of brandy, deceased was sober but very shaky, he has been a good deal at the house during the last month deceased has been in the habit of sleeping in the stable at the Mungaroa Hotel

(Signature) John C Young

Alfred Kingcome [sic] Newman been sworn saith I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner resident in Wellington I have made a post mortem examination of deceased Henry Hodgson & find that the cause of death was rupture of blood on the brain I examined the stomach, heart, liver and other internal organs, I found them notably not healthy, specially so to allow deceased to live, the arteries of the brain I found in such a circulation that they were found to burst presser or later any extra exciter would be likely to precipitate miss [sic].

(signature) Alfred K Newman MB

The above named Depositions of

Robert Edwards - George M Wick - John Pegrauc [sic] - John C Young Alfred K Newman
Written on five pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to five and by me affixed together were taken and sworn before me at Mungaroa Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the tenth day of May 1876

(signed) J G F Wilford

(Reference Archives NZ R24348191 ACGS 16211 J1 187 as 1876/1533 Coroner Hutt 17 May 1876 with inquest proceedings on Henry Hodgson year 1876)

1876 – Patrick Hector SCRIMSHAW

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347699 ACGS 16211 J1 183/b 1876/302
Coroner Hutt 27 January 1876 Inquest proceedings on Patrick Hector Scrimshaw year 1876)

1876 – Edward CRAWFORD

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24348683 ACGS 16211 J1 192/ae 1876/2590
Coroner Hutt 30 August 1876 Inquest proceedings on Edward Crawford year 1876)

1876 – Martin MAHER

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 March 1876

In another column will be found, the evidence taken at the inquest held upon the body of Martin MAHER, who was killed while working in the Mungaroa tunnel a few days ago. To a verdict of accidental death that in the absence of timbering the Mungaroa tunnel was unsafe to work in. [other details]

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 March 1876 page 13)

Other newspaper articles give name as Daniel MAHER

1877 – Fire at McKenzie's Bookshop

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24352263 ACGS 16211 J1 216/p 1877/4601
Coroner Hutt 10 December 1877 Inquest proceedings on fire at McKenzie's Bookshop year 1877)

1877 – Fanny MASON and Daniel COOLEY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24352005 ACGS 16211 J1 216/l 1877/3976
Coroner Hutt 12 October 1877 Inquest proceedings on Fanny Mason and Daniel Cooley year 1877)

1877 – Robert JOHNSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24351301 ACGS 16211 J1 206/s 1877/2372
Coroner Hutt 16 June 1877 with inquest proceedings on Robert Johnson year 1877)

1877 – John DOODY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24351090 ACGS 16211 J1 204/ag 1877/1772
Coroner Hutt 02 May 1877 Inquest proceedings on John Doody year 1877)

1877 – William MAIDMENT

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24350529 ACGS 16211 J1 199/cn 1877/388
Coroner Hutt 25 January 1877 Inquest proceedings on William Maidment year 1877)

1878 - Charles ROUSE

06 February 1878

Death of Charles ROUSE dwelling house of John CHANEY of Criterion Hotel held on Saturday 02 February 1878 before John G F Wilford upon body of Charles Rouse Witnesses [1] John JOHANSON on Friday 1st February deceased was attempting to cross the Hutt River in a canoe in the company of myself and three others crossing near Mr Cruickshank's house in a canoe kept by him for the purpose as soon as the canoe with the whole of us on board left the bank and got into deep water the canoe sank the weight being too much at one end, (full details of accident) [2] Alfred LUCAS said that he was one of the five men who attempted to cross the Hutt river near Mr Cruickshank, as soon as we got into deep water the canoe went down, I struck out for the shore, I saw the deceased was struggling in the water Johansen was near him then suddenly leaving him saying the canoe rope was about his legs (Johnanson), he could not swim a stroke [3] Henry FREEMAN said I was one of the occupants of the canoe, the accident was due to there being too much weight to take five men across the river

NOTE there is no name of the fifth person in the canoe.

Inquest held in house of John CHANEY Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on 02nd February 1878 before John G F Wilford Coroner on the body of Charles ROUSE upon oath of James A Mackie foreman, Horace Ames, Alexander Cruickshank, Edwin Butler, Isaac Wilkins, James Golder, James Brown, George C Palmer, George Brown, Timothy Twouney, William Bowyer and John V W Pelroi said that CHARLES ROUSE was accidentally drowned in the Hutt River , near Mr Cruickshank's Upper Hutt on Friday 01st February 1878 by the upsetting of a punt, the punt at the time being overloaded signed by J G F WILFORD Coroner, James MACKIE foreman, Horace AMES, G C PALMER, Alex CRUICKSHANK, George BROWN, E BUTLER, Timothy TWOUNEY, Isaac WILKINS, William BOWYER, James GOLDER, John V W PELVOI [sic], James BROWN

(Reference Archived NZ Wellington R2435902 J1 220/a 1878/430 Coroner Upper Hutt 06 February 1878 Inquest proceedings on Charles Rouse)

0- Charles ROUSE born died 02 February 1878 Upper Hutt New Zealand married

#The Inspector of Police received a telegram from Constable Lyster yesterday intimating that Mr Charles Rouse and old settler at the Upper Hutt was drowned about 8 o'clock in the morning while crossing the river near Mr Cruickshank's. We are informed that deceased was crossing the river with four others in a punt on his way to Mr Cruickshank farm where he was to be employed cutting oats. The punt which was only intended to hold two swamped and Mr Rouse sank before assistance could be rendered him the others having a very narrow escape. Deceased leaves a wife and family. An inquest will be held on the body at the Criterion Hotel reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 February 1878

0-1- family ROUSE

1878 - Patrick MORIARTY

03 May 1878

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(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24359431 J1 224 am 1878/1376 Coroner Upper Hutt 06 May 1878 inquest proceedings on Patrick Moriarty)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1878

The Late Fatal Accident at the Rimutaka Tunnel Coroner's Inquest

An inquest was held at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, yesterday, before Dr Wilford, coroner, and a jury, of whom Mr Michael Fitzgerald was foreman, touching the death of Patrick Moriarty who was killed at the Rimutaka tunnel on Thursday last. The jury having viewed the body of the deceased the following evidence was taken.

Thomas Barton I am working at the Rimutaka tunnel, and was so on Thursday last. The deceased was working with me. Shortly before 7 o'clock that morning I was engaged in taking away the supports from the lining of the tunnel. The deceased and the other man who was hurt were also at work on the staging above where I was. I cannot say for how long a time the supports had been there nor for how long the lining had been put up. All at once the concrete blocks and the laggings, and everything else, came down. It was the roof of the tunnel that gave way and brought down the timbering. The man who was hurt, but not killed, is now in the Wellington Hospital. Both of those men were buried beneath the stuff that came down. The lining of the tunnel was composed of concrete blocks fixed with sand and cement. I would not say whether the blocks were damp when they came down. I assisted to dig the body of deceased out of the mass of stuff which fell upon him. He was quite dead. I have been working there for two months. I cannot say whether the proper time for removing the supports had arrived, nor whether or not they were removed earlier than usual. So far as I know there was no particular difference in this piece of lining from any other that I've been at work on, and I can't assign any reason for its falling.

By a Juryman I can't say when the centre was taken away.

Frederick Thomas deposed I was working alongside the deceased when the roof of the tunnel fell in. I was engaged in packing on another centre. I saw the men removing the supports a few yards away. Before all the supports were removed the roof fell in, burying the deceased and another man. Helped to dig out Moriarty. He was quite dead. The men began about seven o'clock on Wednesday morning to put the arch up, and finished it at noon the same day. It was not up twenty four hours before the supports were removed. I have been working for the last six weeks on the tunnel. It has been usual to remove the supports twenty four

hours after they have been put up. This was removed before that time. Sometimes they stand for a week. I don't know by whose orders the supports were removed on this occasion. There was no stated time that I know of for removing the supports. I generally take my orders from Mr. Kendall

By Mr Mason (engineer) They were prizing the laggings out with an iron bar. The laggings are boards on which the arch is built.

By a Juror I don't know whether the wedges were removed or not. I don't understand what the proper method is of removing supports. So far as I know there was no fixed time for removing the supports.

Patrick Bradley deposed I was at work at the tunnel on Thursday morning. I was close to deceased at the time of the accident. I don't know when this arch was commenced or finished. I don't know whether there was any fixed time for removing the supports. It depended on the nature of the ground. If the ground was dangerous a longer period was allowed. I don't know by whose authority the supports were removed. I know that a short time ago, when a centre man wanted to remove the supports, Mr Kendall prevented him. When they moved the wedges I said, Good Heavens what are they removing the supports so soon for and hammering so. I felt afraid of an accident, and being in a dangerous position myself, moved away just before the accident.

By Mr Mason I know something of how supports ought to be removed. They took the wedges out first but I thought they did not exercise sufficient care and precaution in the work. The man who was hurt and is in the Hospital was apt to be somewhat reckless. I think if the wedges had been removed more gently had they been carefully eased warning would have been given that the arch was not safe.

By a Juror I saw the men removing the wedges. They were drawing them on one side. There was a heavyweight of packing on the top, which was rather wet. I do not know who was responsible for the removal of the supports on this occasion. Some of the ribs were loosened from the centre before the roof fell.

William Paul Kendall deposed I am employed as overseer at the Rimutaka tunnel. The deceased was working under my orders. The last block was put in nineteen and a half hours before the supports were removed. I had given Matheson, the man in the Hospital, orders to remove the support before noon on Thursday, leaving it to his discretion when he should do it, so long as it was done before that time. He was a ganger under me. It is usual for me to give instructions to the men on the shifts as they go on. I gave these instructions to Matheson at midnight on Wednesday. He was an experienced man at the work. On several previous occasions supports were removed within as short a time as those. There was no fixed time. It varied from twelve hours to five days. I did not myself inspect the arch to see if it were time to remove the supports. I left it to Matheson, who was I believed, competent to decide. I did not see the supports removed, and cannot say whether they were removed carelessly or not. There is a proper way of removing supports, and the arch ought to be tested to see if the cement is set. I think the incline in the tunnel had something to do with the accident but if the supports had been removed carefully and properly, I believe the arch would not have come down if it was coming down they would have perceived it by removing the supports gradually. This arch was commenced at half past five o'clock on Wednesday morning.

By a Juror I did not tell the masons to put in any kind of block into the arch. Mr Brookes, the inspector, has cautioned the men to be careful in removing the supports from the arches.

William Mason deposed I am engineer on the Rimutaka tunnel. It is not a contract it is being done by the Government. I only know of the accident by hearsay. I have not inspected the scene of the accident since it occurred. From what I have heard and know of the matter I should attribute the cause of the accident to the workmen striking out the wedges too suddenly. If the men had taken proper precaution by testing with a hammer, and relieving the arch, they would have discovered that the arch was not ready to support itself.

The Coroner briefly summed up, saying the case was a very simple one so far as the cause of the accident was concerned, and it was seldom that so straight forward a story was laid before a jury so far as that was concerned. He should leave it to the jury to say whether or not there was blame attributable to anyone. The jury retired to consider their verdict, and after a short deliberation returned a verdict of accidental death.

The body of the deceased was brought into town by the evening train, to await burial today, and a considerable number of his fellow workmen also came in so as to attend the funeral.
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1878)

1879 – Fire at Robert MACDONALDS house

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24367355 ACGS 16211 J1 247/an 1879/2450 Coroner Hutt 21 July 1879 Inquest proceedings on fire Robert Macdonald's House year 1879)

1879 – Ellen Jane GOWER

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24367902 ACGS 16211 J1 253/ac 1879/3826 Coroner Hutt 05 November 1879 Inquest proceedings on Ellen Jane Gower year 1879)

1880 – Isabella SMITH

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24384858 ACGS 16211 J1 260/ak 1880/707 Coroner Hutt 16 February 1880 Inquest on Isabella Smith year 1880)

1880-Fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pukeritahi [Pakuratahi]

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24385042 ACGS 16211 J1 262/av 1880/1148 Coroner Upper Hutt 17 March 1880 Inquest proceedings on fire at Golden Fleece Hotel Pukeritahi [Pakuaratahu] year 1880)

Full report is transcribed in the “Golden Fleece Hotel” document in website

1880 - James GILCHRIST

24 May 1880

At the dwelling house of Henry Brown (Border) Criterion Hotel district Wellington on 25 May 1880 before Mr J D Cruickshank JP on body of James Gilchrist to wit Walter Edward Hacon of the Royal College of Physicians London on Monday 24 May I was sent for to the Upper Hutt I came as soon as possible arriving about 3pm Constable Seaton met me and informed me that the poor patient was dead on my arrival. I went and examined the body and found more than 30 shot holes over the region of the heart and in the abdomen – others in the neck and also in the left and wrist. I am of the opinion that the deceased died from internal haemorrhage to and others being caused by the shot signed Walter Edward Hacon

Samuel Raymond Johnson being sworn that on my arrival at the Mungaroa bridge on Monday 24 May I met my friend the deceased James Gilchrist we shook hands and said how do you do – He said that he had been shooting that morning along the river bank but had got nothing. He said will you be busy and I answered I think not. He said would you like to take some birds home with me – Will you go out shooting with me. I said all right come into the office I said will you have a drop of brandy so he has a drink while I got ready to go out shooting with hum. We left the office a little after 10 am we both had guns and went down to the canoe at the Mungaroa River I gave him my gun he stood up holding both of them while I ferried him across we got out and went along the road towards the Wakat _ [Wakatiki sic] Road. We had not got more than half way between the two rivers when I shot a Kaka. We waited there some little time to see if any more would come about. I then proposed to go over the other river. He said all right we both started along the road the deceased following me until we arrived at the scene of the accident. We sat down smoked our pipes after a little I got up and looked up in the tree close by where we sat seeing a bird there the deceased also rose and walked behind me looking up also. While I was looking up I saw a pigeon fly over the top and settle in a dead tree close to. I passed between deceased and the tree to get a better shot at it telling him not to shot at the Kaka at which we had been looking as the pigeon was better game. I was walking away from him looking at the pigeon I rose the gun to shoot the pigeon when he fired disturbing it – He called out come here “Ray” her is a better shot – I took my

gun from shoulder bringing it down to my hip easing the hammer down to half – cock at the same time he called “here you are come on” I turned towards him and the gun went off flew out my hand I was holding it by the barrel in front of the hammers. He called out “My Lord Ray How did you manage that” I said “What is it Jimmy” he said “ I am done for” I ran towards him and caught him as he fell – I stayed with him until I saw he was dead – he had his hands to his left breast staffering [sic]. I then ran for assistance and got 5 or 6 men from the bridge works to carry him and we brought him to this house – Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

In answer to the coroner – I have not the slightest idea how it occurred my gun is a breech loader He was dead in less than 5 minutes

In answer to the Jury – The gun went off in my right hand. It is only the 2nd time I have used this gun. I only used the Rifle Barrel. The Gun was examined by the jury and it was found that the rifle hand trigger would go off at half-cock the left on was all right and would not go off at half-cock – Raymond Johnson stated that he was not aware of this signed Samuel Ray Johnson

John Johnson being sworn saith that on Monday 24 May I was called by Mr Brown and told to go over the river and assist a man out of the bush. We hastened over – Mr R Johnson showing us the way and found the body of deceased lying on his back on the ground to all appearance dead. Mr Brown sent for a doctor immediately the alarm was given. We carried the deceased out of the bush and brought him down to the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt in a cart – John Johnson

The above named Deposition of Walter Edward Hacon & Samuel Raymond Johnson & John Johnson written five pages together sworn before me at Upper Hutt on 25 May 1880 J D Cruickshank Justice of Peace in Upper Hutt

In the house of Henry Border Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt province of Wellington on 25 May 1880 before James Duff Cruickshank JP on view of the body of James Gilchrist upon the oath of William John Spackman. George Wyeth, Thomas Webb, George Wilkins, Charles T Heppel, Edwin Butler, G McHattie, Alexander Martin, Joseph Hodgetts, George Findlay, William Henry Smith and Thomas Shepperd all said James Gilchrist came to his death “the deceased James Gilchrist was accidentally shot while out shooting on Monday 24 May 1880 with Raymond Johnson in the Mungaroa bush Upper Hutt unanimously of opinion that it was the result of an accident signed James Duff Cruickshank William John Spackman, George Wyeth, Thomas Webb (his x mark). George Wilkins, Charles T Heppel, Edwin Butler, S McHattie, Alexander Martin, Joseph Hodgetts, George Findlay, William Henry Smith and Thomas Shepperd

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

New Zealand Times newspaper 25 May 1880

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(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 25 May 1880)

New Zealand Times newspaper 29 May 1880

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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.

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1880 – Henry Albert Frederick MCINTOSH

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24385638 ACGS 16211 J1 269/u 1880/2582 W E Hacon for Coroner Hutt 08 June 1880 Inquest proceedings on Henry Albert Ferderinand MCINTOSH year 1880)

1880 – 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)

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1881 – Gibbs Walker JORDAN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24425848 ACGS 16211 J1 284/v 1881/91 Coroner Hutt 10 January 1881 Inquest proceedings on Gibbs Walker Jordan year 1881)

1881 – Man UNKNOWN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24427098 ACGS 16211 J1 297/au 1881/2096 Coroner Hutt 10 November 1881 Inquest Proceedings on man unknown year 1881)

1881 – John Hugh SINCLAIR

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24427068 ACGS 16211 J1 297/y 1881/2020 Coroner Hutt 24 October 1881 Inquest proceedings on John Hugh Sinclair year 1881)

1881 – John JOHNSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24425917 ACGS 16211 J1 285/g 1881/293 Coroner Hutt 05 February 1881 Inquest Proceedings on John Johnson year 1881)

1881 – Joseph James GREEN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24426855 ACGS 16211 J1 295/y 1881/1745
Coroner Hutt 05 September 1881 Inquest proceedings on Joseph James Green year 1881)

1881 – Leonard Bertram BERGE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24426240 ACGS 16211 J1 288/o 1881/735
Coroner Hutt 06 April 1881 Inquest Proceedings on Leonard Bertram Benge year 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 06 April 1881

Dr G F Wilford held an inquest at Mungaroo Valley on the 2nd instant on the body of an infant named Edward Bertram Benge aged 11 months. It appears that about 7 pm on the previous day Mrs Benge was in the act of undressing the child in front of the fire when it sprang out in her arms and while failing caught hold of the kettle of boiling water that was standing on the hob. The kettle and its contents fell over the child who died at 6 am on the 2nd instant from the effects of scalding. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 April 1881)

Evening Post newspaper 09 April 1881

Deaths Benge – On the 03rd April at his residence Mungaroo, Leonard Bertram the beloved son of John and Annie Benge age 1 year

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 April 1881)

0- Leonard Bertram BERGE born 1880 Mungaroo New Zealand died 03 April 1881 Mungaroo New Zealand

#Leonard Bertram BERGE born 1880 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio website 1880/5144 parents Rose Annie and John Benge

#Leonard Bertram BERGE died 1881 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1881 folio website 1881/2399 age 11 months born about 1880

1881 – Charles UPTON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24426361 ACGS 16211 J1 289/x 1881/902
Coroner Lower Hutt 29 April 1881 Inquest proceedings on Charles Upton year 1881)

1882 - George COLE

15 June 1882 infant child of George COLE at Provincial Hotel

An Inquisition indented taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Charles Edward SHORT at Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt of the said Colony on the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of the infant male child of George COLE there and then lying dead upon the oath of"

Charles W SHORT foreman	Henry SMITH	H Ernest RAWSON
Charles S RAWSON	Robert PLIMPTON [sic]	Charles CHARD
Thomas JONES	William BULLARD	George FINDLAY
Timothy TWONEY	George TURNER	Henry TOWN

Good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said infant child of George COLE came to his death do upon their oaths say that the infant male child of George COLE died on Tuesday 13th June one thousand eight hundred and eighty two at Ebdentown Upper Hutt from natural causes – To wit – Congenital debility

On witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written J G F WILFORD Coroner

Charles E SHORT foreman	W BULLARD	Henry SMITH
G FINDLAY	H Ernest RAWSON	Timothy TWONEY

Charles S RAWSON T JONES
George TURNER his X mark R H PLUMPTON his X mark Charles CHARD his X mark
Witnesses Charles E SHORT & J S MACKAY

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24441933 ACGS 16211 J1 308/c 1882/1254 Coroner Upper Hutt 22 June 1882 Inquest proceedings on infant male child of George Cole year 1882)

Colony of New Zealand to wit - Informations of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of infant child of George COLE at the dwelling house of Charles Edward SHORT known by the name of Provincial Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Thursday the fifteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty two before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of infant child of George COLE then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Janes Susannah KEYS being sworn saith that the last time I saw the child of George Cole alive was one Monday evening 12th June between eight and nine o'clock I nursed it about half an hour during which time it was seemly uneasy and I remarked that the child was very [sic] ill. I thought it was in pain Miss Cole asked if it wanted feeding she said I said I though the child was very thin thinner than when it was born it appeared to me out to have thrived as it ought to have done I had seen the child two days previously I did not hen notice it particularly but on arriving home on the Monday evening I told my husband I thought the baby was really ill. I was surprised when I heard the child was dead on Tuesday – I have known Mrs Cole about two years she is a really delicate woman and particularly fond of and careful with her children she was another child who has been laid up a long time with a severe burn and the deceased quite dangerous [sic] with it, she was to go into town on Thursday morning with the invalid child to the hospital and was being getting its thing ready. Mrs Cole is a women that I have a thorough respect for *(signed) Jane S KEYS*

Mary Ann COLE being sworn saith that Jane mother of the deceased it would have been four weeks old had it lived another day. The child never been strong since its birth, the first sixteen hours of its life new would _ilecurly and did not seem to have strength enough to say, it was always very short of breath, I thought it was the wind and occasionally I gave it a little pine [sic] & peppermint and when the nurse gave it a little brandy it never had any other kind of medicine it repeatedly had these attaches of shortage of breath and would keep up a waning noise but it did not cry like all the other child. The nurse and others remarked that the child got thinner instead of stronger I am not very strong and I used to feed the child twice daily. I did not apprehend any danger thinking it was only the wind. Mrs Keys nursed the child for a time the night before it died, she remarked that it became ill that I thought it was only the wind, I have been weak and delicate ever since the child was born, I have had to attend to another child who has been laid up for the last five months with a serve burn. I was going into Wellington with the current child on the morning of Tuesday when the child died I gave the child food (soaked biscuit) about nine o'clock on Monday night and laid him on the bed about an hour after I went to bed after giving him the breast I lay him on my right arm between me & the wall he went to sleep in that portion I did the same I slept till nearly seven o'clock when my husband woke me saying I had had a good night and I had better get u and prepare for my journey I thought at first the baby was still asleep but on putting my hand on his forehead I found it was cold I then felt his hands & feet and I remarked to my husband that he was cold he took him up & then we found out he was dead. Mr husband then called my next door neighbour Mrs Page – The childs face was turned towards me when I woke and he looked as though asleep *(signed) Mary Ann COLE*

George COLE being sworn saith that that I am father of the deceased the child is a month old I have seen very little of it since it was born as I am from Monday till Saturday night at Featherston I have notices that it always seemed to have something matter with its breathing seeming to be short of breath when it went to the breast, on the night before its death I thought it was rather better than usual I never noticed how the child was thriving I knew the child had something wrong with it but I could not tell what it was and I never appreciated any danger I retired to bed between nine & ten o'clock the child lay upon Mrs Cole's right arm between her and the wall it went to sleep at once. I woke once or twice during the night and attended to the invalided girl who slept in the same room once I put my hand over and felt the baby it seemed unusually cold and I put a little extra clothing over it I called Mrs Cole just before seven o'clock telling her to rise and get ready for town she said she must first give baby the breast on turning to do so she found the

child was dead. The child never had anything to my knowledge in the way of medicine but a little gin [sic] and peppermint for the wind (signed) George Cole

Mary Jane JONES being sworn saith that I was in Mrs Coles house on the Monday morning before the child death. I nursed it about a quarter of an hour I noticed that the baby looked ill I told the mother so she said she thought it was the wind I have seen the child several times since its birth it did not seem to thrive at all and was continually groaning I thought something was wrong with it from the first. Mrs Cole gave it food in my presence. The child seemed very short of breath at times I told the mother so I have known Mrs Cole about two year I consider her a very respectable woman she is always particularly careful with her children I went over about eleven on Tuesday morning Mrs Cole was very much affected at the loss of the child (signed) Mary Jane COLE

Mary Ann PAGE being sworn corroborated the previous witnesses evidence as to the child being ailing from its birth and never having thrived as it ought to do especially as to the shortness of the breath

The above mentioned Depositions of

Jane Susannah KEYS Mary Ann COLE

George COLE Mary Jane JONES

Written on six pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to six and by me affixed together were taken and sworn before me at Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the fifteenth day of June 1882 (signed) J G F WILFORD

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24441933 ACGS 16211 J1 308/c 1882/1254 Coroner Upper Hutt 22 June 1882 Inquest proceedings on infant male child of George Cole year 1882)

0- George COLE born died married Jane Susannah UNKNOWN

0-1- Female child

0-1- **Male child unnamed (George) COLE** born died 13 June 1882 Ebdentown Upper Hutt New Zealand

1882 – Ellen Ann DAWKINS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24441895 ACGS 16211 J1 307/af 1882/1191 Coroner Hutt 13 June 1882 Inquest proceedings on Ellen Ann Dawkins year 1882)

1882 – William Edward and John Henry Francis RIDYARD

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24442726 ACGS 16211 J1 318/w 1882/2554 Coroner Hutt 16 December 1882 Inquest proceedings on William Edward and John Henry Francis Ridyard year 1882)

1882 – Alfred Oakley COLSON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24442751 ACGS 16211 J1 318/av 1882/2590 Coroner Hutt 20 December 1882 Inquest proceedings on Alfred Oakley Colson year 1882)

1882 – Elizabeth FOSTER

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24441558 ACGS 16211 J1 303/ao 1882/595 Coroner Hutt 20 March 1882 Inquest proceedings on Elizabeth Foster year 1882)

1882 – Richard BURT

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24442640 ACGS 16211 J1 317/n 1882/2430 Coroner Hutt 06 December 1882 Inquest proceedings on Richard Burt year 1882)

1883 – Gordon BAILLIE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24443114 ACGS 16211 J1 323/g 1883/309
Coroner Hutt 10 February 1883 Inquest proceedings on Gordon Baillie year 1883)

1883 – Alice GORRIE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24444581 ACGS 16211 J1 342/ak 1883/2064
Coroner Hutt 03 November 1883 Inquest proceedings on Alice Gorrie year 1883)

1884 – Thomas James BERGE

ORDER (Reference Papers past website R24475356 ACGS 16211 J1 349/br 1884/365 Coroner
Hutt 23 February 1884 Inquest proceedings on Thomas James Benge year 1884)

1884 – William Stanley COTTER (Colter?)

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24475355 ACGS 16211 J1 349/bq 1884/364
Coroner Hutt 23 February 1884 Inquest proceedings on William Stanley Cotter [Colter?] year
1884)

1884 – Jane PIKE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24475767 ACGS 16211 J1 355/ba 1884/988
Coroner Hutt 24 May 1884 Inquest proceedings on Jane Pike year 1884)

1884 – Clara Pritchard

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24475899 ACGS 16211 J1 357/ad 1884/1203
Coroner Hutt 26 June 1884 Inquest proceedings on Clara Pritchard year 1884)

1884 or 1886 – George ANTISS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24529214 ACGS 16211 J1 393/c 1886/162
Coroner Hutt 27 January 1886 Inquest proceedings on George Anstiss year 1884) [sic]

1885 – E MCCANN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24525062 ACGS 16211 J1 378/r 1885/845
Coroner Hutt 13 May 1885 Inquest proceedings on E McCann year 1885)

1885 – Frederick John Thomas BROOKS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24525055 ACGS 16211 J1 378/k 1885/836
Coroner Hutt 13 May 1885 Inquest proceedings on Frederick John Thomas Brooks year 1885)

1885 – Alice Pritchard

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24525815 ACGS 16211 J1 386/b 1885/1651
Coroner Hutt 29 September 1885 Inquest proceedings on Alice Pritchard year 1885)

1886 – Fire at Wainuiomata

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24530742 ACGS 16211 J1 410/ah 1886/1887
Coroner Hutt 23 October 1886 Inquest proceedings on fire at Wainuiomata year 1886)

1886 – Alma B FLEET

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24529231 ACGS 16211 J1 393/r 1886/183
Coroner Hutt 28 January 1886 Inquest proceedings Alma B Fleet year 1886)

1886 – Edgar Charles TREVITHICK

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24529810 ACGS 16211 J1 398/o 1886/779
Coroner the Lower Hutt 21 April 1886 Inquest proceedings on Edgar Trevithick year 1886)

1886 - John HERRICK

28 August 1886 for John HERRICK at Railway Hotel

Inquest into the death of John HERRICK held at the dwelling place of William MCCOSSAN known by the name of "The Railway Hotel" on Saturday 28 August 1886 before Alexander JOHNSTON Coroner from Wellington.

Report for Coroner - Died between 5pm on 25th and 4pm on the 26th August 1886, report to police 26th August 1886 8 pm, reported by J Bunsworth Upper Hutt, cause suicide, last seen alive John Downing Mungaroa Valley, body not examined throat cut, (not married) known to John Downing bushman & others, deceased was found by the bread-man at 4 pm on the 26th overhanging side at his stretcher with his throat cut & the knife with which the wound placed close by the stretcher

Report Inspector of Police - At the house of William McCrossan commonly known as "The Railway Hotel" on Saturday the 28 August 1886 at 12 o'clock touching upon the death of John Herrick

Witnesses [1] George WOODMASS apprentice baker living Upper Hutt know deceased a fire wood cutter living whare Mungaroa Valley where he worked and lived alone, witness drove John who was drunk from hotel to his whare at Mungaroa Valley, John had a bottle of ale with him, left whare about 4 o'clock I afternoon 22 August, this was the last time I saw him deceased alive, 26th August called at the decease to see if he wanted any bread, door locked looked through window and saw him lying on bunk with knife on floor went to find John Downing, we entered the whare, Mr W Whiteman went down to Mr Downing.

[2] John DOWNING a settler living at Mungaroa Valley knew deceased who lived alone around 200 yards from my house, who worked a wood cutting or any other labourer, known him for 2 years, he was given to drink heavily at times, saw him last Wednesday 25th about 5 pm caring firewood, deceased when sober was a hard working honest man always cheerful, when drinking noisy but never low spirits or violent, believe he came from Canterbury, know nothing about his family or how long in the colony, George Woodmass came by house and told me the he believed John Herrick had killed himself, he found the door of the whare shut and fastened on the inside and looking through the window had seen Herrick lying apparently dead upon his bunk, and could see the knife on the floor of the whare with blood upon it, we went to the house and found the same, witness confirmed he saw (drunk) deceased in the bakers cart towards Mungaroa Valley with George Woodmass on 22nd then saw deceased again on Sunday and he was sober and cheerful.

[3] Patrick HARNETT police Constable stationed in the Hutt received a telegraph informing him that deceased John Herrick committed suicide by cutting his throat in his whare in Mungaroa.

An Inquest (large official document) held house of William McCOSSAN commonly known as the Railway Hotel at the Upper Hutt held 26 August 1886 on body of John HERRICK on oath

William P BARKER foreman Rowland BUTLER William G HAYBITTLE
Frank PAUL Michael MANTELL William MACKIRDY

The said John HERRICK came to his death, the said John Herrick not being of sound and but lunatic and distracted, between the hours of 5 o'clock pm on the 25th of August and 4 o'clock pm on the 26th August in the year aforesaid with a certain knife did give intention self in and upon his throat, one mortal wound, of which said mortal wound he the said John Herrick then and there did die, and so the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said John Herrick, not being of sound mind, but lunatic and distracted in the manner and by the means aforesaid did kill himself signed by the Coroner Alexander Johnston, and jurors

W BARKER Rowland BUTLER W HAYBITTLE

Franck PAUL Michael MANTILL making his X mark William MACKIRDY
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24536512 ACGS 16211 J1 407/v 1886/1596 Coroner Upper Hutt 01 September 1886
Inquest proceedings on John Herrick)

1886 – Agnes Catherine RICHMOND – Silverstream

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24531101 ACGS 16211 J1 415/ah 1886/2269
Coroner Silverstream 29 December 1886 Inquest proceedings on Agnes Catherine Richmond
year 1886)

1887 – William TANNAHILL – Silverstream Upper Hutt

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24536238 ACGS 16211 J1 416/l 1887/18 Coroner
Hutt 04 January 1887 Inquest proceedings on William Tannahill year 1887)

0- James TANNAHILL

0-0- William TANNAHILL born 1879 died January 1887 Silverstream Upper Hutt New Zealand
#William TANNAHILL died 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1887
folio 765 [no trace on website different spelling]

#A boy named William Tannahill met with his death at Silverstream last Thursday. The
boy was riding upon a load of fire wood while his father led the horse by the head. Mr
Tannahill stumbled and the jerk which was thus caused on the reins seems to have
dragged the child off the dray the fall to the ground breaking his neck. The jury found a
verdict forth that the cause of death was accidental reference Papers past website
Wairarapa Standard newspaper 05 January 1887

#The sad accident by which the boy William Tannahill son of Mr James Tannahill of
Silverstream met his death on Thursday last was the subject of an inquest held by Dr
Johnston on Saturday morning. The evidence showed that the child was riding upon a
load of firewood while his father led the horse by the head. Mr Tannahill stumbled and the
jerk which was thus caused on the reins seems to have dragged the child off the dray the
fall to the ground breaking his neck. The jury found a verdict setting forth that the cause of
death was accidental reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 03 January
1887

#A fatal accident happened at Whiteman's Valley in the Hutt District on Thursday by which
a lad aged eight years son of Mr J Tannahill of Silverstream lost his life. The deceased
who was riding on a load of fire wood accidently slipped off on to the road and received
such serious injuries by the fall that he died soon after from the effects. The body was
subsequently examined by Dr Wilford who is of the opinion that the lad's neck was broken
reference Paper past website New Zealand Times 27 January 1887

1895 – William HOBBS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23833528 ACGS 16231 J46 117/ 1895/315
Coroner Inquests case files Upper Hutt William Hobbs year 1885 = use copy MICRO U 5404)

1896 – Mary GAMBRAZZI – Hutt River

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 553/ba 1896/407 Coroner
Wellington 28 March 1896 Rider of Jury at inquest on Mary Gambrazzi that a Morgue be
provided at Lower Hutt year 1896)

0- John GAMBIRAZZI married Elizabeth

0-1- **Mary GAMBIRAZZI** born 1877 New Zealand died January 1896 Hutt River New Zealand
#Mary GAMBIRAZZI born 1877 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877
folio website 1877/10945 parents Elizabeth and John Gambirazzi

#Mary GAMBIRAZZI died 1896 Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration
1896 folio 245 [no trace on RGO website]

#Wellington today – The search for the girl Gambrazzi who left a letter stating that she intended to drown herself in the Hutt River has been unsuccessful reference Papers past website Poverty Bay Herald 04 February 1896

#A much decomposed body was this morning found entangled in the willows growing along the banks of the Hutt River near the school house. It is supposed to be that of a domestic servant girl Mary Gambirazzi who has been missing since January 21 reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 March 1896

1909 – W BURT

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23733011 ACGS 16231 J46 364/ COR1909/37 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt W Burt year 1909 = use copy MICRO U 5450)

1910 - Harold KITCHEN

07 June 1910 for Harold KITCHEN

No Coroner's inquest available to research at Archives New Zealand in Wellington.

Sad fatality young man drowned in Hutt River - On Saturday afternoon two Silverstream youths named Flutey and Harold Kitchen, spent the afternoon pig hinting on the Government reserve near the Silverstream railway bridge, on Hayward's side of the Hutt River. Towards evening they had traversed some very rough and in crossing the river about a mile above the bridge, one of them Kitchen was drowned under distressing circumstances. His companion preceded him a little, and getting into a deep scour, had to struggle for the opposite bank as best he could being carried down some distance before he could effect a landing. By this time deceased turned round to retrace his steps, and it is surmised that, in doing so his rifle (strapped to his shoulders) tripped him up, as Flutey could neither see nor hear him afterwards. Some fifteen neighbours who later assisted in the search were unable to locate the body or hear anything to suggest his safe deliverance. The search has been renewed again vigorously, but so far without result. Deceased, who was nearly twenty one years of age, worked on the Shipping staff of Messrs Johnston and Co., Featherston Street. He was a member of the Wellington College Rifles. His parents reside in Carterton, where he attended school before coming to Wellington College. The sad news follows very closely upon the death of an only daughter. Deceased lived with Mr Charles Seagar, and had relatives in Silverstream.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 June 1910)

1912 – Renwick James HARVEY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23707091 ACGS 16231 J46 432/ COR1912/491 Coroners Inquests Case files Wellington Harvey Renwick James [use copy MICRO U 5464] year 1912)

0- George Martin HARVEY married Jane Orr UNKNOWN

0-1- Eliza Jane HARVEY born 1881 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio website 1881/4911 parents Jane Orr and George Harvey

0-2- William John McCullough HARVEY born 1883 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1883 folio website 1883/4206 parents Jane Orr and George Martin Harvey

0-3- George HARVEY born 1885 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/7705 parents Jane Orr and George Harvey

0-4- **Renwick James HARVEY** born 1887 New Zealand died 17 May 1912 Akatarawa Upper Hutt New Zealand

#James Renwick HARVEY born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/11785 parents Jane Orr and George Harvey

#Renwick James HARVEY died 17 May 1912 Akatarawa Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1912 folio website 1912/4619 age 24 born about 1888

#Accident – R J Harvey killed - Yesterday morning while Renwick James Harvey and his brother were falling a large rata in Baigent's Akatarawa bush, the tree, which was connected by a large number of vines to trees higher up the hill side, in falling brought down trees, soil, and roots, on top of Renwick Harvey. The accident occurred at 10.30, but it was an hour before Leonard Baigent and the victim's brother succeeded in uncovering the body, life being then extinct. Deceased who was only 24 years of age, was a single man. His parents reside at Hawera. Harvey had only been working a week in Baigent's bush. Mr Riddell, SM will hold an inquest at 2.30 pm today at the courthouse reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 18 May 1912

- 0-5- Eliza Jane HARVEY born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/11786 parents Jane Orr and George Harvey
- 0-6- Thomas Dick HARVEY born 1889 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889 folio website 1889/9804 parents Jane Orr and George Harvey
- 0-7- David Martin HARVEY born 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/8799 parents Jane Orr and George Martin Harvey
- 0-8- Mary HARVEY born 1897 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1897 folio website 1897/1578 parents Jane Orr and George Martin Harvey
- 0-9- Matilda Eleanor HARVEY born 1898 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/13309 parents Jane Orr and George Martin Harvey
- 0-10- Robert Arthur HARVEY born 1903 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/15483 parents Jane Orr and George Martin Harvey
- 0-11- Benjamin Wallace HARVEY born 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/3728 parents Jane Orr and George Martin Harvey

1914 – Fire and Explosion Benge & Pratt Store – 8 deaths

James COMESKEY	William Daniel FLYNN	Denis MAHONET
Virgil Francis MCGOVERN	Evard Edward Henry PELLING	George Wesley TAYLOR
Michael John TOOHEY	John Wesley VIVIAN	

5 Victims = Denis Mahoney, James Comeskey, William Flynn, George William Taylor and John Wesley Vivian

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23719955 ACGS 16231 J46 476/ COR1914/515 Coroners Inquests Case Files Denis Mahoney, James Comeskey, William Flynn, George William Taylor and John Wesley Vivian = Use MICRO U 5474)

1 Victim = Michael Toohey

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23719956 ACGS 16231 J46 477/ COR1914/516 Coroners Inquests Case files Wellington Toohey Michael year 1914 = Use MICRO U 5474)

1 Victim = Edward Henry Pelling

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23719957 ACGS 16231 J46 477/ COR1914/517 Coroners Inquests Case files Wellington Evard Edward Henry year 1914 = Use MICRO U 5474)

1 Victim = Virgil McGovern

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23719958 ACGS 16231 J46 477/ COR1914/518 Coroners Inquests Case files Wellington McGovern Virgil year 1914 = Use MICRO U 5474)

For full details on the fire & explosion and the victims please ref to the website (top left corner) under section "*Upper Hutt Miscellaneous & Historical events & disasters*", click on the document titled "*1914 Explosion Benge & Pratt Store Upper Hutt*".

1915 – Infant child of Matilda NEWTON

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23797424 ACGS 16231 J46 510/ COR1915/1085 Coroner inquest case files Infant child of Matilda Newton year 1915 = use copy MICRO U 5481)

1929 – Paul BLEWMAN

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23842957 ACGS 16231 J46 837/ COR1929/748
Coroner inquest case files Upper Hutt Paul Blewman year 1929 = use MICRO U 5542)

1932 - William COLLINS

19 December 1932 for William Albert COLLINS

No Coroner's inquest available to research at Archives New Zealand in Wellington.

Fatal Injuries - Man struck by log - Fatal injuries were received by William Collins, a wood cutting contractor, when he was struck by a log at Akatarawa on Saturday afternoon. The deceased had his right shoulder and rib crushed. He was taken away in the ambulance, but died before arriving at the hospital. The deceased was a single man, 45 years of age, and lived at 19, Murphy street Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 December 1932 page 7)

Accidental Death - A-verdict of accidental death was returned by the Coroner (Mr E Gilbertson JP) at an inquest today into the death of William Albert Collins, aged 45, who received fatal injuries at Akatarawa on Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a falling log. It was shown in evidence that the deceased was engaged with a man named Muir in splitting firewood. They were using a wire 280 yards long to slide pieces of timber from the hilltop to the river bed. The method was to staple, the logs to the wire and then slide them down. A trap was fixed to the wire about 30 feet from the lower end, to rip out the staples. The logs then shot forward on to the bank. Apparently the deceased did not see the log on its way down, and was struck in the back as it shot from the wire.

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(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 December 1932 page 7)

0- **William Albert COLLINS** born 1887 place unknown died December 1932 Upper Hutt New Zealand (never married)

1945 – Henry BENGE

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23869304 ACGS 16231 J46 1210/ COR1945/568
Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Henry Benge year 1945)

1956 – Robyn Gay & Allan James GLOVER

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849578 ACGS 16231 J46 1473/ COR1956/917
Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Robyn Gay Glover and Allan James Glover year 1956)

1956 – Bhanumati GOVIND

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849929 ACGS 16231 J46 1478/
COR1956/1267 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Bhanumati Govind year 1956)

1956 – Vasanti GOVIND

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849579 ACGS 16231 J46 1473/ COR1956/918 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Vasanti Govind year 1956)

1956 – William INGRAM

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849928 ACGS 16231 J46 1478/ COR1956/1266 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt William Ingram year 1956)

1956 – Herbert Oswald JONES

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849581 ACGS 16231 J46 1473/ COR1956/920 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Herbert Oswald Jones year 1956)

1956 – Dennis Herbert Lloyd KNAPP

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849075 ACGS 16231 J46 1464/ COR1956/404 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Dennis Herbert Lloyd Knapp year 1956)

1956 – Betty Elizabeth MCKAY

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849734 ACGS 16231 J46 1475/ COR1956/1073 Coroner inquest case files Upper Hutt Betty Elizabeth McKay year 1956)

1956 – Patricia Ann MEARS

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23849079 ACGS 16231 J46 1464/ COR1956/408 Coroner inquests case files Upper Hutt Patricia Ann Mears year 1956)

1956 – Wilfred MELLARS

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1956 – John Francis MILLAN

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1956 – Colin Garry ROUGHTON

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1956 – Eric John TRESSIDER

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1956 – Armand WOLFSOHN

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1957 – Eric Donald MCCARTHY

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1959 – Catherine Maud/Maude PERRY

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1959 – Charles Edward RYAN

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1959 – Steven TAWA

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1961 – Allan Thomas PERHAM

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1962 – Giovanni BUSATO

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1968 – Mary MORTON

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1969 – William Hector Agnew STONELY

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Miscellaneous

Draft copy of Coroner Inquest records - Date Name Place

An Inquisition indented taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of ___ at ___ of the said Colony on the ___ day of ___ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy --- before ___ one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of ___ there and then lying dead upon the oath of"

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Good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said ___ came to his death do upon their oaths say that ----

On witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written ____ Coroner

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(Reference Archives NZ Wellington)

Colony of New Zealand to wit - Informations of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of ____ at the dwelling house of ____ known by the name of ____ in the Province of ____ in the Colony above mentioned on ____ the ____ day of ____ one thousand eight hundred and seventy ____ before ____ one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of ____ then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

____ being sworn saith that ____

____ being sworn saith that ____

____ being sworn saith that ____

Colony of New Zealand to wit: The above named Depositions of ____ written on ____ pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to ____ and by me affixed together were taken and ____ before me at ____ in the said Colony on the ____ day of ____ 18__

(signed) ____ Coroner

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington)
