

Peter Thomas BRANIGAN and Clara PETFORD
Chart 20-21

Peter Thomas BRANIGAN

B 06 June 1825 (or 1829) Louth Dublin Ireland
D 17 March 1875 Dunedin New Zealand
M 1st 13 October 1862 Wellington New Zealand (7 children)

Clara PETFORD

B about 1842 Islington Middlesex England
D 14 November 1910 Wellington New Zealand
M 1st 13 October 1862 Wellington New Zealand (7 children)
M 2nd 1878 Wellington New Zealand (no children)

Erick NIELSEN

B about 1850-1852 perhaps Denmark
D 11 February 1895 Wellington New Zealand
M 1878 Wellington New Zealand (no children)

Children:

1. John Michael BRANIGAN born 07 October 1863 Wellington New Zealand
2. Peter Nicholas BRANIGAN born 1865 Wellington New Zealand
3. William John BRANIGAN born 1867 Wellington New Zealand
4. Ellen Antonio (Nelly / Emily) BRANIGAN born 1869 Wellington New Zealand
5. Ernest BRANIGAN born 1870 Wellington New Zealand
6. Clara BRANIGAN born 1871 New Zealand
7. Mary Eliza BRANIGAN born October 1873 Wellington New Zealand

Peter Thomas BRANIGAN was born 06 June 1825 and baptized 30 June 1825 Louth Dublin Ireland to parents Margaret nee Heeley / Keeley (1804-1898) and Thomas Branigan (1806-)

Peter Thomas BRANIGAN came to New Zealand about 1857. I have been unable to locate any shipping records of his arrival.

Clara PETFORD was born about 1841-1842 St Lukes Islington Middlesex England. Her parents were Merina Antene formerly CASSERA and John PETFORD.

1851 Census 35 Ironmonger Road St Luke Findlay Middlesex England

- John PETFORD head married age 35 (born about 1816) occupation Brass Finisher born Birmingham England
- Marian Hannah PETFORD wife married age 27 (born about 1824) born Clerkenwell Middlesex
- Clara PETFORD daughter age 9 born Middlesex Islington
- Priscilla PETFORD daughter age 7 born Middlesex Islington
- Caroline PETFORD daughter age 5 born Middlesex St Lukes
- Mary Ann PETFORD daughter age 2 born Middlesex St Lukes

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1851 Census St Lukes Old Street city road ed 19 household 93 Middlesex England)

Clara PETFORD and her family came to New Zealand about 1857 and settled in Wellington. Shipping ship "Gleaner" departed England 07th August arrived Wellington 18th December 1857. John PETFORD July 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815

(Reference Archives of NZ Wellington Reference IM-W314 1811-1815 Repro 1613 pages 107-114)

Intention to marry application 13 October 1862 Wellington district
Peter BRANIGAN condition bachelor calling or profession Mariner aged 28 years dwelling
place Wellington length of residence 5 years and Clara PETFORD spinster age 21 years
dwelling place Wellington 5 years. Intention to Marry in St Peter's Church in Willis Street by
the Rev Arthur Stock and others

(Reference Archives of NZ Wellington Intention to marry Agency BDM Series 20 Item 7 1862 page 180/70)

Peter BRANIGAN of full age bachelor occupation Mariner and Clara PETFORD of full age
spinster married 13 October 1862 at St Peters Church Wellington New Zealand. The
Officiating Minister was Arthur STOCK. Both couples signed the register. The witnesses
were Henry THOMPSON a Mariner of Wellington who made his X mark and Mary HOURLE
of Wellington.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage 1862 folio 0417 Wellington district record 9 website 1862/4369)

Wellington Independent 14 October 1862

Married - At St Peter's Church Te Aro on the 13th inst. By the Rev Mr Stock, CLARA, eldest
daughter of Mr PETFORD, to Mr Peter BRANIGAN – all of Wellington

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Wellington Independent 14 October 1862 volume XVII issue 1778 page 3)

Wellington Independent 13 November 1862

Marriages - BRANIGAN-PETFORD – At St Peter's Church Te Aro on the 13th October by the
Rev Mr Stock Mr Peter Branigan to Clara eldest daughter of Mr Petford – all of Wellington

(Reference National Library NZ Papers past Wellington Independent 13 November 1862 volume XVI issue 1791 page 2)

Peter and Clara had a child John Michael BRANIGAN born 1863 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10903 parents Clara and
Peter Branigan)

Peter and Clara had a child Peter Nicholas BRANIGAN born 1865 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/11445 parents Clara and Peter Branigan)

Peter and Clara had a child William John BRANIGAN born 1867 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/34036 parents Clara and Peter Branigan)

Peter and Clara had a child Ellen Antonio BRANIGAN born 1869 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/18919 parents Clara and Peter Brannigan)

Peter and Clara had a child Ernest BRANIGAN born 1870 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1870 folio website 1870/15750 parents Clara and Peter Branigan)

Peter and Clara had a child Clara BRANNIGAN born 1871 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/16871 parents Clara and Peter Brannigan)

Peter and Clara had a child Mary Eliza BRANNIGAN born 1873 Wellington New Zealand
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1873 folio website 1873/36534 parents Clara and Peter Brannigan)

Return of Masters and Mates to whom Certificates of Service have been granted under "The
Merchant Ships Officers" examination Act Amendment Act 1871 up to the 30th June 1873.
Name = Peter BRANIGAN, Rank for which Certificate has been Granted = Mate, Class of
Certificate = Home Trade, Date of Issue of Certificate = 4 April 1873, No of Certificate =
2,204

(Reference Archives of NZ Wellington Marine Department Report 1873 AJHR 1873 Section H19A page 9)

Peter BRANIGAN died 1875 age 45 years (born about 1830)

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1875 folio and website 1875/2952)

Evening Post 19 March 1875

Death - On the 17th inst. At Dunedin, Peter Branigan, late chief officer s.s. Sampson and late of Wellington.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Evening Post 19 March 1875 volume XL issue 17 page 2)

Peter BRANNIGAN age 45 years buried Southern cemetery Block 15 Lot 9 on 19 March 1875 Dunedin.

Intention to marry application 12 May 1878 Wellington district

Clara BRANIGAN formerly PETFORD widow occupation Dressmaker aged 34 years dwelling Wellington for 3 years and Erick NIELSEN bachelor occupation Farmer aged 28 years dwelled Wellington 3 days. They intend to marry at St Peter Church Willis Street Wellington by Revble. Archd. STOCK.

(Reference Archives of NZ Wellington Intention to Marry Agency BDM Series 20 Item 23 page 1057? Wellington District)

Clara MANIGAN [sic] BRANIGAN nee PETFORD married 1878 Wellington New Zealand Erick NIELSEN

(Reference RGO NZ marriage 1878 folio 1057 Wellington district website 1878/1039 transcribed as Manigan)

The daughters of Peter and Clara Branigan used their step father's surname of NEILSON when attending Newtown School.

Newtown School registers

- Nelly NEILSON birth date 1869 parents Erik Neilson Newtown School admission date 27 January 1880 last day 18 June 1880 number 271
- Clara NEILSON birth date 1872 parents Erik Neilson Newtown School admission date 27 January 1880 last day 09 May 1884 number 273
- Mary NEILSON birth date 1874 parents Erik Neilson Newtown School admission date 27 January 1880 last day 09 May 1884 number 272

1893 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Clara NEILSON Haining Street married women residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1894-1895 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory

Haining Street – left hand side from Taranaki Street – (12th dwelling) – Eric NEILSON

(Reference Ancestry website 1894-1895 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory page 722 scanned image 394 of 905)

Eric NEILSON died Monday 11 February 1895 Wellington New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1895 folio website 1895/199 age 43 born about 1852)

Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1895

The Coroner will hold an inquest at the Hospital at half-past 2 o'clock to-morrow as to the death of a labourer named Eric Neilsen. The deceased who was employed on the sea-wall contract at Clyde-quay went to work on Saturday morning apparently in good health. On going to receive his pay he fell in a fit and he died in the Hospital the same afternoon having in the meantime had severe seizures of diarrhoea and abdominal pains. A post mortem examination has been ordered to be made prior to the inquest. Neilsen has a family living in Haining-street and he had been in Wellington for about 20 years.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1895 page 2)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 15 February 1895

Mr Ashcroft, coroner, held an inquest at the Hospital on Tuesday on the body of Eric Neil senior who died suddenly on Saturday afternoon. Dr Ewart said that having been present at

a post-mortem examination of the body, he was satisfied that the cause of death was an aneurism of the aorta. Dr Tripe, who had made the post-mortem examination gave a similar opinion. Joseph Saunders contractor said deceased was working for him on the sea-wall at Clyde quay. He was a very sober hard-working man but he did not know of his having done anything to cause rupture of the aorta. Clara Neilsen wife of the deceased said he was not complaining of being ill when he left home on Saturday morning. The jury of which Mr E Player was foreman returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 15 February 1895 page 16)

Erik NEILSEN age 43 years was born about 1852 - interment 1895 Karori cemetery Wellington New Zealand

1896 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Clara NEILSON Haining Street married women residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1905-1906 Wellington East Electoral Roll

- Clara NEILSON 7 North Street widow

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Clara NEILSEN (ex BRANIGAN nee PETFORD) died 14 November 1910 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1910 folio website 1910/7369 age 68 born about 1842)

Evening Post 19 November 1910

Deaths - Branigan – On the 14 November, at Linwood Christchurch suddenly, Clara, relict of the late Captain Peter Thomas Branigan and beloved mother of P.N. Branigan, 22 Waterloo Avenue Newtown aged 68 years. Interred Linwood Cemetery 16th November. Her end was peace. Auckland papers please copy.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past Evening Post 19 November 1910 volume LXXX issue 122 page 1)

Peter & Clara BRANIGAN their children and descendants

1- John Michael BRANIGAN born 07 October 1863 Wellington New Zealand died 1865 Wellington New Zealand (died young never married)

#John Michael BRANIGAN born 1863 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10903 parents Clara and Peter Branigan

#John Michael BRANIGAN died 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1865 folio website 1865/7558 age 2 born about 1863

2- Peter Nicholas / Thomas BRANIGAN born 1865 Wellington New Zealand died 26 July 1937 Wellington New Zealand married 11 October 1889 Wellington New Zealand **Eliza Ann RITSON** born 21 September 1868 Wellington New Zealand died 13 November 1957 Wellington New Zealand **refer chart 10-11**

#Peter Nicholas BRANIGAN born 1865 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/11445 parents Clara and Peter Branigan

3- William John (Billie) BRANIGAN born 1867 Wellington New Zealand died January 1927 Wellington New Zealand married 1892 New Zealand **Annie WATSON** born 1867 New Zealand died 1934 New Zealand

#William John BRANIGAN born 1867 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/34036 parents Clara and Peter Branigan

#Annie WATSON born 1867 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/16823 parents Maria and William Watson

#William John BRANIGAN married 1892 New Zealand Annie WATSON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1892 folio website 1892/415

- #William John BRANIGAN died 1927 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1927 folio website 1927/1485 age 56 born about 1861
- #Annie BRANIGAN died 1934 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1934 folio website 1934/3942 age 67 born about 1867
- 4- **Ellen Antonio (Nelly / Emily) BRANIGAN** born 1869 Wellington New Zealand died 19 January 1913 Christchurch New Zealand 1st married 1887 New Zealand **Henry William CAUDWELL** born died 2nd married 1894 New Zealand **Charles MACK** born died
- #Ellen Antonio BRANIGAN born 1869 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/18919 parents Clara and Peter Branigan
- #Newtown School records Nelly NEILSON birth date 1869 parents Erik Neilson Newtown School admission date 27 January 1880 last day 18 June 1880 number 271
- #Nellie BRANIGAN married 1887 Henry William CAUDWELL reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1887 folio 2276 website
- #Henry William CAUDWELL occupation Publican place of Residence Victorian Hotel residential 1893 Christchurch Electoral Roll number 1931
- #Henry William CAUDWELL occupation Publican place of Residence Caladonian Hotel St Albans residential 1896 Christchurch Electoral Roll number 2371
- #Ellen Antonio CAUDWELL married 1894 New Zealand Charles MACK reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1894 folio website 1894/2809
- #Ellen Antonia MACK died 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1913 folio website 1913/1354 age 42 born about 1871 buried Sydenham cemetery Christchurch
- 5- **Ernest BRANIGAN** born 1870 Wellington New Zealand died 1870 New Zealand (died young never married)
- #Ernest BRANIGAN born 1870 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1870 folio website 1870/15750 parents Clara and Peter Branigan
- #Ernest BRANIGAN died 1870 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1870 folio website 1870/9327 age 7 days born about 1870
- 6- **Clara BRANNIGAN** born 02 October 1870 Wellington New Zealand died 1919 New Zealand married 1891 New Zealand **John DOYLE** born died New Zealand
- #Clara BRANNIGAN born 02 October 1870 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ 1870 birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/16871 parents Clara and Peter Brannigan
- #Newtown School records Clara NEILSON birth date 02 October 1870 Newtown School admission date 11 September 1879 last school Convent last day 10 December 1879 number 156
- #Newtown School records Clara NEILSON birth date 1872 parents Erik Neilson Newtown School admission date 27 January 1880 last day 09 May 1884 number 273
- #Newtown School records Clara NEILSON birth date 1872 Newtown School admission date 02 June 1884 last day 31 October 1884 number 1404
- #Clara BRANIGAN married 1891 New Zealand John DOYLE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1891/2794 (divorced 1901)
- #Clare BRANIGAN (Clara DOYLE) died 15 September 1919 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1919 folio website 1919/8424 age 49 born about 1870 buried Sydenham cemetery Christchurch
- 7- **Mary Eliza BRANIGAN / NEILSON** born 17 September 1873 Wellington New Zealand died 14 April 1948 Wellington New Zealand
- #Mary Eliza BRANNIGAN [sic] born 17 September 1873 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1873 folio website 1873/36534 parents Clara and Peter Brannigan
- #Newtown School records Mary NEILSON birth date 17 September 1873 Newtown School admission date 10 September 1879 last school Convent last day 10 December 1879 number 155

#Newtown School records Mary NEILSON birth date 1874 parents Erik Neilson Newtown School admission date 27 January 1880 last day 09 May 1884 number 272

#Newtown School records Mary NEILSON Newtown School admission date 11 August 1884 last day 31 October 1884 number 1429

#Mt Cook School records Mary NEILSON date of birth 13 years 11 months address Frederick Street admission date 29 August 1877 last school Newtown number 2891

#Mary BRANIGAN 22 Waterloo Avenue spinster (living with brother & his wife) Peter Nicholson BRANIGAN 22 Waterloo Avenue waiter & Eliza Ann BRANIGAN 22 Waterloo Avenue married 1911 Wellington South Electoral Roll

#Mary BRANIGAN Ohiro Home Ohiro Road spinster 1935 Wellington North Electoral Roll

#Mary BRANIGAN Central Park Hospital spinster (WW) 1946 Brooklyn Electoral Roll

#Mary BRANIGAN died 1948 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1948 folio website 1948/27005 age 70 born about 1878

BRANIGAN & PETFORD miscellaneous information

0- Peter BRANIGAN married Jane LAMB (Cumnock Ayrshire)

0-0- Robert BRANIGAN

0-0-0- Peter Alexander BRANIGAN born 1873 Wyndham died during WWI (under Alexander Branigan)

P BRANIGAN date of Arrival 1879 Number 5093 Age 39 years (about 1840) Male Married Occupation Miner Country Ireland Accommodation STG Ship "Rotorua" Port of Departure Melbourne Australia Sate of Departure 31 December 1879 Port of Arrival Wellington

(Reference PROV VPRS 948 LDS Film 0352112)
