

Charles PAGE and Olive Gertrude WRATTEN
(Weblink Charles Page & Olive Gertrude Wratten)

Charles PAGE

B 25 January 1871 Nelson
D 13 November 1953 Nelson
M 11 July 1939 Richmond Nelson

Olive Gertrude WRATTEN

B born about 1896 Motueka Nelson
D 23 July 1983 Richmond Nelson

Children:

1. No issue

The family history of
Charles PAGE and Olive Gertrude WRATTEN

Charles was born on the 25 January 1871 at Suburban North Nelson. Charles was not only the first son born to William and Caroline PAGE but the first grandson to Johanna and George MANSSSEN. Mary MANNSSSEN his aunt registered his birth on the 03 March 1871.

Charles was educated at Clifton Terrace School. He first appeared on the 1879 attendance roll at the age of 7 years 11 months but it is likely that he started school before that age as in September 1879 he passed standard II and the following year he passed standard III. Charles last day of attendance at Clifton Terrace School was on 08 May 1885. He was 14 years 4 months old when the school register read that his destination upon leaving school was Home Duties.

Charles appeared on the Motueka Electoral Rolls for 1896, 1899, 1902, and 1905 where his residence was stated as Takaka and his occupation Labourer. The Nelson Electoral rolls for 1908 and 1911 showed him as living in Suburban North as a Framer. Charles returned to Takaka in 1914 according to the Takaka roll. He appeared twice on the 1919 Electoral rolls. Spotswood was the residence on the Hurunui Roll and Brightwater on the Nelson Roll.

Charles's two younger brothers were living in Spotswood Cheviot at this time, and Lilian and John BARNES (sister and brother-in-law) had resided there for some time before. Charles remained a Framer. The Nelson Electoral Rolls from 1919 to 1938 had Charles moving between Brightwater, Richmond, Atawhai then finally William Street Richmond. In these areas where the residence of some of Charles's sisters and brother-in-laws, so he may have been assisting them on their farms.

On the 11 July 1939 at the age of 68 years Charles PAGE married Olive Gertrude WRATTEN who was aged 43 years. It is interesting to note that Charles's occupation on his marriage registration was Gardener. The Church of England Minister Rev John William BLOYCE married then at the residence of Mrs G E WRATTEN Lower Queen Street, Richmond. The witnesses at the marriage were Oliver's mother Gertrude Emma WRATTEN and Myrtle WRATTEN both of Appleby. Myrtle WRATTEN could possible have been Olive's sister.

Olive Gertrude was born at Motueka in 1896. Her parents were Edward WRATTEN farmer and Gertrude Emma formerly WINTER.

Olive and Charles lived all of their married life in the William Street home in Richmond. There were no children of this marriage.

On the 13 November 1953 Charles died at the Nelson Public Hospital at the age of 82 years. He was buried on the 16 November at the Richmond cemetery. The Church of England minister the Rev H E ROWE took the service. Olive and Charles had been married for 14 years.

Olive continued living at 38 Williams Street Richmond up until 1966. I lost trace of her on the Electoral rolls after that. On a visit to the Richmond Cemetery to find Charles's grave I found Olive was buried alongside of her husband. The headstone read that Olive had passed away on 23 July 1983 at the grand age of 87 years.

As there were no descendants from this branch I could not gather any photos or personal details, but I have gathered a little information from other relatives. For a few years Charles lived in the home of the late C H MARTIN and there are records of him owing part of section 20. Some relatives say the home was a cottage while others remember a two-story house. Robert KERR remembers Charles living in Wakapuaka. After the death of Charles his widow kept in touch with the CLOSE branch of the family. I am sure more stories will emerge on Charles and his wife Olive PAGE formerly WRATTEN.

WRATTEN miscellaneous information