

John Thomas CRAIG and Mary Philomina CUDBY family

Upper Hutt Town Board 1908-1910 & wife influenza victim 1918

John Thomas CRAIG

B 25 September 1866 Upper Hutt New Zealand

D 01 February 1933 Upper Hutt New Zealand

M 1895 New Zealand

Mary Philomina CUDBY

B 1871 New Zealand

D November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Children:

1. John Archibald CRAIG born 1896 New Zealand
2. Rita Elizabeth CRAIG born 1897 New Zealand
3. Augustus Henry CRAIG born 1899 New Zealand
4. Constance Mary CRAIG born 1900 New Zealand
5. Reginald Charles CRAIG born 1901 New Zealand
6. Edna Frances CRAIG born 1909 New Zealand
7. Clare Philomena CRAIG born 1911 New Zealand
8. Raymond Joseph CRAIG born 1916 New Zealand

John Thomas CRAIG was born 25 September 1866 Upper Hutt New Zealand. His parents were Elizabeth Anne nee Hodgson (1840-1912) and John Craig (1831-1866) who married April 1863 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/33468 parents Elizabeth and John Craig)

Comment - John's ancestors are located in the Craig Hodgson document on the same website as this document.

1890 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG residential Upper Hutt Farmer

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Mary (Mary Philomina) CUDBY was born 1871 New Zealand. Her parents were Elizabeth nee Payne (1835-1885) and Charles Cudby (1835-1914) who married 1857 New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/20839 parents Elizabeth and Charles Cudby)

NOTE – Mary's ancestors are located in the Cudby Payne document of the Upper Hutt and Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies section on the same website as this document.

1893 Otaki Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Upper Hutt Farmer residential
- Mary CUDBY Upper Hutt farmer's daughter residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John Thomas CRAIG married 1895 New Zealand Mary Philomina CUDBY

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1895 folio 3425 website 1895/1981)

John and Mary had a child John Archibald CRAIG born 1896 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1896 folio website 1896/8956 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Upper Hutt Farmer residential
- Mary Philomena CRAIG Upper Hutt married women residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John and Mary had a child Rita Elizabeth CRAIG born 1897 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1897 folio website 1897/16023 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

John and Mary had a child Augustus Henry CRAIG born 1899 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1899 folio website 1899/12615 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

John and Mary had a child Constance Mary CRAIG born 1900 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio website 1900/7251 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

1900 Otaki Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Upper Hutt Farmer residential
- Mary Philomena CRAIG Upper Hutt married women residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John and Mary had a child Reginald Charles CRAIG born 1901 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1901 folio website 1901/17448 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Upper Hutt Farmer
- Mary CRAIG Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John Thomas CRAIG was a Commissioner for the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1908-1910

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 April 1908

Upper Hutt Town District - Election of Seven Town Commissioners - Result of Poll

In the matter of the Local Elections Act, 1904 and the Town Districts Act, 1881

At the Poll which was taken on Thursday 23rd April 1908 the following were the votes polled by the respective candidates

BENGE George Isaac	90
BOYD Thomas Franklin	27
CRAIG John Thomas	79
DAVIS Phillip David	60
HARRISON Job	75
KEYS William Richard	81
MARTIN Alexander Gordon	83
WILKIE Francis Howard	73
WILLIAMS Richard Henry	87

I therefore declare George Isaac Benge, John Thomas Craig, Job Harrison, William Richard Keys, Alexander Gordon Martin, Francis Howard Wilkie and Richard Henry Williams to be duly elected the first Town Commissioners for the Upper Hutt Town District.

Given at Upper Hutt this 23rd day of April 1908 – Angus John McCurdy Returning Officer.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 April 1908)

John and Mary had a child Edna Frances CRAIG born 1909 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/11134 parents Mary Philomene [sic] and John Thomas Craig)

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Upper Hutt Farmer
- Mary CRAIG Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John and Mary had a child Clare Philomena CRAIG born 1911 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio website 1911/10346 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Upper Hutt Farmer
- Mary CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John and Mary had a child Raymond Joseph CRAIG born 1916 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio website 1916/5257 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig)

John and Mary's oldest son Trooper John Archibald Craig 36106 was serving overseas during World War one (1914-1918) and noted on his service personnel file is "*both parents died of influenza*". This statement was not correct.

During the influenza epidemic a newspaper report regarding the Upper Hutt emergency hospital reads "*On 22 November Craig and Potts from Upper Hutt, and Ted Cottle from Heretaunga, were brought in - all bad cases*".

A later newspaper article recorded "*Jack Craig [and others] re-joined their families at Upper Hutt*". The date would have been Saturday 14 December when the emergency hospital was officially closed.

John Thomas Craig was also known as Jack was admitted to the emergency hospital on the 22 November the same day his beloved wife died of influenza at their residence Main Road Upper Hutt.

Mary Philomena CRAIG died November 1918 Upper Hutt (Influenza Epidemic) New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12992 age 47 born circa 1871)

Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1918

"Deaths – Craig – On Friday 22nd November 1918 at her late residence Main Road Upper Hutt Mary Philomena Craig beloved wife of John Craig aged 46 years R.I.P."

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1918)

Mary Philomena CRAIG was buried at St Joseph's churchyard in Upper Hutt.

John was now a widower with 8 children John Archibald aged 22, Rita Elizabeth age 21, Augustus Henry age 19, Constance Mary age 18, Reginald Charles age 17, Edna Frances age 9 years, Clare Philomena age 7 years and the youngest Raymond Joseph age 2 years old. The two older daughters Rita and Clare never married so I believe they both looked after the household and younger children for their father.

1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt Farmer

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- John Thomas CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt farmer
- Constance Mary CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt spinster
- Rita Elizabeth CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt spinster
- Augustus Henry CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt farmer
- Alice Bruce CRAIG Main Road Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

John Thomas CRAIG died 01 February 1933 Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio website 1933/6271 age 66 born circa 1867)

Evening Post newspaper 01 March 1933

Bereavement Notice Thanks – The family of the late Mr John Thomas Craig of Upper Hutt desire to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 March 1933)

Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1933

The death of Mr J Craig of Upper Hutt was referred to by the Mayor (Mr A J McCurdy) at the meeting of the Upper Hutt Borough Council last night. Mr McCurdy said that the late Mr Craig was one of the members of the first Upper Hutt Town Board and that the district was under an

obligation to him for his keen work for its welfare. On the motion of the Mayor the council decided to place on record its appreciation of the work of Mr Craig and to forward to his relatives its expression of sympathy.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1933)

Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1933

Trotting followers in Wellington will also extend their sympathy to the family of the late Mr J T Craig, who was one of the foundation stewards of the Wellington Trotting Club, and whose death occurred at the Upper Hutt last week. Mr Craig was still a steward of the club at the time of his death. Like Mr Short, he was one of those engaged in fostering the sport in its earliest days in the Wellington district, and trained and drove his own horses when meetings were promoted at the Quinn's Post course and at Johnsonville in the early days. Mention of Mr J T Craig's connection with trotting will remind old racegoers of an incident many years back at a meeting of the Wairarapa Trotting Club on the old military course at Greytown, when the deceased gentleman drove his horse Tally Ho home a winner, and it was found that not a single ticket had been invested on his chance on the machine, and all investments were returned to speculators. Later in the day he started Tally Ho again, and duly won, but this time he was sent out a staunch favourite. Another trotter raced by Mr Craig some years back was Leda, from whom he bred Miss Leda, who is raced by a member of the family.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1933)

John Thomas CRAIG farmer Upper Hutt probate records

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOM 6029 768/ 52302)

John Thomas CRAIG was buried 1933 at St Joseph's churchyard Upper Hutt plot 29 next to wife Mary Philomena CRAIG in plot 28

John Thomas Craig died 01 February 1933 in Upper Hutt and he was buried with his late wife Mary Philomena at St Joseph's churchyard plot 29 in Upper Hutt. Many years later the headstones in the churchyard were removed when the old church was demolished and new church built on the same site. The names of those buried in the churchyard are recorded on the back wall of the church.

John and Mary CRAIG their children and descendants

- 1- John Archibald CRAIG** born 01 November 1896 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 26 October 1981 New Zealand married 1930 New Zealand **Muriel Myrtle HEIFORD** born 15 September 1902 died 1982 New Zealand
 - #John Archibald CRAIG born 1896 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1896 folio website 1896/8956 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig
 - #Trooper John Archibald Craig 36106 served overseas in World War One (1914-1918)
 - #John Archibald CRAIG married 1930 New Zealand Muriel Myrtle HEIFORD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1930 folio 05221
 - #John Archibald CRAIG died 1981 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1981 folio website 1981/48460 born 01 November 1896 age 84
 - #Muriel Myrtle CRAIG died 1982 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio website 1982/31365 born 15 September 1902 age 79
- 2- Rita Elizabeth CRAIG** born 02 November 1897 New Zealand died 1981 New Zealand (never married)
 - #Rita Elizabeth CRAIG born 1897 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1897 folio website 1897/16023 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig
 - #Rita CRAIG birth date 02 November 1897 parent John Craig address Upper Hutt admission date 02 November 1903 last day 08 October 1912 destination Upper Hutt register number 807 Upper Hutt School
 - #There were 3 marriages for a Rita Elizabeth CRAIG [1] 1930 Harold Percival BOONE [2] 1940 (Rita ex Rosewarne) Joseph Charles STAPLEFORTH [3] 1946 (Rita ex Stapleforth) Percival Edward WALTON but our Rita did not marry

- #Rita Elizabeth CRAIG died 1981 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1981 folio website 1981/28866 born 20 September 1898 age 82 buried St Joseph's church cemetery Upper Hutt (never married)
- 3- Augustus Henry CRAIG** born 24 December 1899 New Zealand died 1977 New Zealand married 1923 New Zealand **Alice Bruce STOUT** born 1899 place unknown died 1971 New Zealand
- #Augustus Henry CRAIG born 1899 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1899 folio website 1899/12615 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig
- #Augustus Henry CRAIG married 1923 New Zealand Alice Bruce STOUT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1923 folio 05399
- #Alice Bruce CRAIG died 1971 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1971 folio website 1971/26895 age 72 born circa 1899
- #Augustus Henry CRAIG died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/38663 born 24 December 1899 age 77
- #In Loving memory of Mary Alice CRAIG passed away 14 May 1971 aged 45 Years & Alice Bruce CRAIG passed away 16 March 1971 aged 72 years internment 19 March 1971 & Augustus Henry CRAIG passed away 18 April [sic] 1977 aged 77 years all buried plot 15 & 16 row 21 area monumental 2 denomination Roman Catholic Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
- 4- Constance Mary CRAIG** born 23 April 1900 New Zealand died 1986 New Zealand (never married)
- #Constance Mary CRAIG born 1900 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio website 1900/7251 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig
- #Constance Mary CRAIG died 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/45466 born 23 April 1900 age 86
- 5- Reginald Charles CRAIG** born 19 August 1901 New Zealand died 1981 New Zealand 1st married 1926 New Zealand **Edith May THORBY** born circa 1901 died 1942 New Zealand 2nd married 1947 New Zealand **Eileen Constance MILLIGAN** born 27 May 1911 died 1977 New Zealand
- #Reginald Charles CRAIG born 1901 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1901 folio website 1901/17448 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig
- #Reginald Charles CRAIG married 1926 New Zealand Edith May THORBY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1926 folio 03556
- #Edith May CRAIG died 1942 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1942 folio website 1942/17497 age 41 born circa 1901
- #Reginald Charles CRAIG married 1947 New Zealand Eileen Constance MILLIGAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1947 folio 11437
- #Eileen Constance CRAIG died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/35470 born 27 May 1911 age 65
- #Reginald Charles CRAIG died 1981 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1981 folio website 1981/38185 born 19 August 1901 age 79
- 6- Edna Frances CRAIG** born 10 February 1909 New Zealand died 1985 New Zealand married 1937 New Zealand **Sidney Paxton STEWART** born 27 February 1898 died 1985 New Zealand New Zealand
- #Edna Frances CRAIG born 1909 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/11134 parents Mary Philomene [sic] and John Thomas Craig
- #Edna Frances CRAIG married 1937 New Zealand Sidney Paxton STEWART reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio 08358
- #Sidney Paxton STEWART died 1985 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio website 1985/30938 born 27 February 1898 age 87
- #Edna Frances STEWART died 1985 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio website 1985/37849 born 10 February 1909 age 76
- 7- Clare Philomena CRAIG** born 24 March 1911 New Zealand died married 1936 New Zealand **John Silva DE SIMAS** born 1905 New Zealand
- #Clare Philomena CRAIG born 1911 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio website 1911/10346 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig
- #John Selva [sic] DE SIMAS born 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/4255 parents Esther Anna and Joseph De Simas

#John Silva DESIMAS 82 Kings Crescent Lower Hutt gardener 1935 Hutt Electoral Roll reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#Clare Philomena CRAIG married 1936 New Zealand John Silva DE SIMAS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1936 folio 07917

8- Raymond Joseph CRAIG born 16 June 1916 New Zealand died 1991 New Zealand married 1947 New Zealand **Catherine MARK** born 12 December 1918 place unknown died 1994 New Zealand

#Raymond Joseph CRAIG born 1916 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio website 1916/5257 parents Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig

#Raymond Joseph CRAIG married 1947 New Zealand Catherine MARK reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1947 folio 07052

#Raymond Joseph CRAIG died 1991 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1991 folio website 1991/45731 born 16 June 1916

#Raymond J CRAIG was buried 1991 at St Joseph's churchyard Upper Hutt
Catherine

#Catherine CRAIG died 1994 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1994 folio website 1994/51175 born 12 December 1918
