

## William James GOODWIN and Ethel Grace KEYS family

1909 resident Upper Hutt & St John's churchyard & association Haukaretu/Maoribank Maori

### William James GOODWIN

B 04 May 1885 Wellington New Zealand  
D 20 June 1961 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
M 31 January 1912 Upper Hutt New Zealand

### Ethel Grace KEYS

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#### Children:

1. Ida Ethel GOODWIN born 21 February 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand
2. Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN born 15 August 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand
3. Yvonne Patricia GOODWIN born 22 October 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand
4. William Edwin GOODWIN born 03 September 1923 Upper Hutt New Zealand

William James GOODWIN was born 04 May 1885 Wellington New Zealand to parents Esther and Edwin Goodwin.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/6491 parents Esther and Edwin Goodwin)*

William James GOODWIN came to Upper Hutt around 1909

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*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/14160 parents Lizzie and William Richard Keys)*

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*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader volume XXI number 38 date 14 October 1964)*

William James GOODWIN married 31 January 1912 St Hilda's church Upper Hutt New Zealand  
Ethel Grace KEYS

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1912 folio website 1912/1010)*

William James and Ethel Grace GOODWIN had a child Ida Ethel born 21 February 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/8967 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin)*

1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

- James GOODWIN Main Road Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Evening Post newspaper 25 April 1914

William James Goodwin plumber Upper Hutt deposed to putting in the gas generator at Bengel and Pratt about four years ago. He had made the connection outside the building the pipes were already inside the building having been previously used for a supply from Hazelwood's. The pipes were of galvanised iron

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 April 1914)*

William James and Ethel Grace GOODWIN had a child Elizabeth Kathleen born 15 August 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/26256 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin)*

Evening Post newspaper 02 October 1918

Military Service Appeals for leave and exemption - William James Goodwin master plumber Upper Hutt asked for time to enable him to dispose of his business. The case was adjourned till the November sitting of the board.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 October 1918)*

1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

William James and Ethel Grace GOODWIN had a child Yvonne Patricia born 22 October 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1919 folio website 1919/23110 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin)*

William James and Ethel Grace had a child William Edwin GOODWIN born 03 September 1923 Upper Hutt New Zealand.

1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

William James and Ethel Grace's daughter Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1931 aged 17 years

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1931 folio website 1931/7920 age 17 born circa 1914)*

#### 1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married
- Ida Ethel GOODWIN Exchange Street spinster

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1946 Otaki Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married
- William Edwin GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt carpenter
- Olive May GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt plumber
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married
- William Edwin GOODWIN 1 Ventura Avenue Upper Hutt shopkeeper
- Olive May GOODWIN 1 Ventura Avenue Upper Hutt Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- William James GOODWIN 28 Exchange Street Upper Hutt retired
- Ethel Grace GOODWIN 28 Exchange Street Upper Hutt married
- William Edwin GOODWIN 1 Ventura Avenue Upper Hutt shopkeeper
- Olive May GOODWIN 1 Ventura Avenue Upper Hutt Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

William James GOODWIN died 20 June 1961 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1961 folio website 1961/29761 age 76 born circa 1885)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 06 July 1961

Obituary Mr William James Goodwin - The death occurred recently of Mr William James (Jim) Goodwin one of Upper Hutt's older residents who was widely known and well respected throughout the district. He was 76 years of age. Born in Wellington in 1885 Mr Goodwin came to Upper Hutt in 1909 and for many years was established in business as a plumber. In 1912 he married Miss Ethel Keys daughter of a prominent local businessman, the marriage being solemnized in the present St. Hilda's Church. A lover of the outdoor life he was a keen sportsman and an expert angler having fished every stream and upper reaches of the district often recalled the days when a limit bag of beautiful trout taken between sunrise and breakfast time during the summer months was a regular occurrence. An ardent Rugby supporter Mr Goodwin in his younger days played football for Upper Hutt and for several seasons captained the team. He also played for the famed Melrose Seniors and on retiring from the field owing to a

severe leg injury he gave his services as a referee. A prominent bowler he was a foundation member and later a Life Member of the Upper Hutt Bowling Club and in its earlier years he gave a great deal of his time and personal effort working for the improvement of the Club. He played in many Dominion Tournaments and as a successful bowler had the distinction of having to his credit 36 Club Championships and two Wellington Centre Honours. Of kind-hearted and generous disposition Jim Goodwin endeared himself to a great number of people during his lifetime and his passing will be felt by many both young and old this was evident by the large gathering of people who were present to pay their last respects at the funeral service held in St Hilda's Church. Mr Goodwin is survived by his wife two daughters and one son. Another daughter the late beloved Kathleen predeceased him in 1931.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader volume XVIII number 25 06 July 1961)

Ethel Grace GOODWIN nee Keys died 28 October 1963 Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1963 folio website 1963/33192 age 73 born circa 1890)

St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand

In loving memory of  
Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1931 aged 17 years  
William James GOODWIN died 20<sup>th</sup> June 1961 aged 76 years  
Ethel Grace GOODWIN died 28<sup>th</sup> June 1963 aged 73 years  
In loving memory of  
William (Bill) Edwin GOODWIN died 09<sup>th</sup> January 2008 aged 84  
Yvonne Patricia MCKAIN (nee Goodwin)  
Died 22 August 2014 aged 94 years  
And loving wife of Edward Joseph Hall

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### William James and Ethel Grace GOODWIN their children and descendants

- 1- **Ida Ethel GOODWIN** born 21 February 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 14 July 1979 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1945 Upper Hutt New Zealand **Robert Grey CALVERT** born 16 February 1916 New Zealand died 2000 New Zealand  
#Ida Ethel GOODWIN born 21 February 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/8967 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin  
#Robert Grey CALVERT born 1916 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio website 1916/7399 parents Violet and Gordon Calvert  
#Ida Ethel CALVERT died 1979 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1979 folio website 1979/43855 born 21 February 1913  
#Robert Grey CALVERT died 2000 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2000 folio website 2000/24509 born 16 February 1916
- 2- **Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN** born 15 August 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 16 August 1931 Upper Hutt New Zealand (never married)  
#Elizabeth Kathleen born 15 August 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/26256 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin  
#Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1931 aged 17 years reference RGO NZ death registration 1931 folio website 1931/7920 age 17 born circa 1914
- 3- **Yvonne Patricia GOODWIN** born 22 October 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 22 August 2014 Upper Hutt New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married **Edward Joseph HALL** 2<sup>nd</sup> married **Mr MCKAIN**  
#Yvonne Patricia born 22 October 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1919 folio website 1919/23110 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin  
#Yvonne Patricia MCKAIN died 22 August 2014 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2014 folio website 2014/21375 born 22 October 1919
- 4- **William Edwin GOODWIN** born 03 September 1923 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 2008 New Zealand married **Olive Mary KELL** born 21 December 1921 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 18 February 2019 Tauranga New Zealand

#William Edwin GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt carpenter & Olive May GOODWIN Exchange Street Upper Hutt married 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll  
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#Olive May GOODWIN died 2019 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2019 folio website 2019/4531 born 21 December 1921

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### **Story about Ethel Grace KEYS before her marriage to William James GOODWIN**

Upper Hutt Leader 14 October 1964

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