

## David HART family

1850s settler Pakuratahi & Section No 11, 12, 13, 14 Pakuratahi

### David HART

B 24 March 1830 Birmingham Warwickshire England

D 22 June 1880 Auckland New Zealand

M never married

David HART was born 24 March 1830 Birmingham Warwickshire England to parents Lucy nee Rusher (1791-1883) and John Hart (1794-1875).

David's parents and David's siblings Mary Ann, James Rusher, Seith Mattison and Rose Elizabeth HART, departed England on ship The Lady Lilford on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1839 and settled in South Australia. Thomas HART his other siblings arrived in ship Sir Charles Forbes 07<sup>th</sup> June 1839.

Comment – the above information came from a Hart family tree on Ancestry website. I have not located any primary source documentation to confirm the above information.

David HART was residing in New Zealand by the 1850s

1853-1864 Hutt Electoral Roll

- David HART Lower Hutt Settler Freehold Pakuratahi and Mungaroa
  - George HART Wellington Land Agent Freehold Section 170 Upper Hutt
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

I do not know if David HART is related to George HART.

Wellington Independent newspaper 30 October - 06 November 1858

Valuable Country Land – Messrs Smith & Co will Sell at their next Land Sale at their New Auction Rooms On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1858 by Direction of Mr David HART – 4 Sections Numbers 11, 12, 13, 14 situated in the Pakuratahi District containing 100 Acres each with double frontages to the Wairarapa Road. Owing to the daily increasing traffic to this fertile District the want of a First class Hotel and Stores are much wanted and either of the above eligible Sections having commanding positions afford a rare opportunity for an enterprising settler. The whole of the property can either be sold in one block or subdivided – Title Crown Grant – Wellington 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1858

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 30 October-06 November 1858)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 09 February - 22 March 1859

For Sale Price £200 – That Eligible Freehold Property situated in the Waiwetu Lower Hutt and having a frontage to White's Line of Road consisting of 8¾ acres of land mostly cleared and laid down in grass and partly fenced on which there is a Cottage and shed about 3400 feet of White Pine Boards and Scantling, 200 Black Birch Posts and Rails with Fruit Trees Crops of Wheat, Beet, Oats &c., For further particulars apply to DAVID HART On the Ground Waiwetu 04 February 1859

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09 February - 22 March 1859)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 January - 26 February 1859

Notice – The next Annual Meeting of the Waiwetu District will be held at Mr William Didg's barn on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1859 at 1 o'clock pm

By order of the Board David HART Waiwetu 26 January 1859

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09-26 February 1859)*

1859 Jurors list Wellington - David HART River Hutt Labourer

1859 Hutt Electoral Roll

David HART Pakuratahi freehold Pakuratahi 400 acres land

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 12 February 1861

Crown Grants – Crown Land Office Wellington 25<sup>th</sup> January 1861 – The undermentioned Deeds of Grant having been duly executed are now ready for issue at the above office on payment of the sum of Twenty Shillings on each Grant under the provisions of the “Fee on Crown Grant Ordinance” Session VII No 11. In cases where it is impossible for the party entitled to receive the Grant to attend in person to receive his Deed it will be delivered to the bearer of an authority according to the subjoined Form certified by a Magistrate or by a Solicitor of the Supreme Court Province of Wellington - David Lewis Commissioner of Land Claims

No of Grant 1901 – Grantee David HART

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 12 February 1861)*

Pakuratahi 01<sup>st</sup> May 1865

Dear Sir

Mr W Mason who lately bought from the Government Land adjoining me has in running off his boundary thrown me 4 chains Eighty or ninety Links onto Mr Walter Hoder (Hodder) and has Mr Walter Hoder (Hodder) had his run off by Mr W Corbet and as Mr Mason had Mr McManaway for the same purpose to the Surveyors who have been employed by the Government I should wish you to send some surveyor to at least lay off the boundary on the road frontage as it is there that the dispute is grounded as yet and ask they (the Surveyors) both profess to have taken the view as a guide the difference of 5 chains would indicate the need of caution on my part to avoid litigation that might be memoirs. I should therefore feel it as an obligation if you would help me in this matter at the same time it seems so ludicrous that two professed surveyors should make a difference of five chains in the measuring of twenty five or six chains added by interments that one would think that they mean four but as Mr Mason is improving that taken and Mr Hoders (Hodder) has warned me against improving the land on the other side I am compelled to treat it seriously.

I am Sir Yours Truly  
David Hart Pakuratahia

To William Fitzgerald Esq. Land Commissioner Wellington NZ

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R24436144 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 14/ 1865/149 David Hart Pakuratahi 02 May 1865 subject Requesting surveyor to be sent for lay off frontage to road year 1865)*

Evening Post newspaper 22 September, 02 October 1865

Valuable Property for Sale Consisting of 81 acres of Land Having a frontage of 27 chains to the main road and having on it a Strongly build house 24 x 30 feet and central for the traffic between Wellington and Wairarapa Mostly in grass Apply to David HART Pakuratahi

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 September & 02 October 1865)*

David HART - 1865 Hutt Electoral Roll

[1866] To the Crown Lands Commissioner Wellington

Please to deliver to the trustees of the Wellington Mutual Investment Society the Crown grant or lands when ready for sections Nos. 11, 12 and part 13 on the plan of the Pakuratahi District containing 300 acres or there-about.

Dated 22 January 1866 David Hart

Witness Robt. Hart Justice of the Peace

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R24436516 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 15/ 1866/77 David Hart 10 March 1866 subject Authority of Mutual Investment Society to receive for grant for sections No 11, 12 and part of 13 Pakuratahi District containing 308 acres or there about year 1866)*

[1866] To the Commissioner of Crown Lands Wellington

I David Hart hereby authorize Alfred de Batlie Brandon Esquire to receive the Crown Grant to be in issued my favour for sections 15 and 16 Pakuratahi.

Witness David Hart

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R24436689 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 15/ 1866/265 David Hart 16 June 1866 subject for A de B Brandon to receive grant for section Nos 15 and 16 Pakuratahi District year 1866)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 05-14 August 1869

Monday 16 August 1869 Without Reserve - Mr J H Wallace will sell by public auction at his Land Mart Wellington on Monday 16 August 1869 at 2 o'clock pm, 668 acres valuable land at the Pakuratahi Upper Hutt, 30 miles from Wellington, a few minutes walk from Mr Mason's family hotel (formerly Hodder's) now in the occupation of Mr David Hart together with house and all improvements. Terms liberal. Land and Estate Agency Office 03 August 1869.

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 05 August 1869)*

1870-1871 Hutt Electoral Roll

- David HART Pakuratahi freehold Pakuratahi 400 acres
- George HART York Bay Freehold Upper Hutt section 170

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1875-1876 Hutt Electoral Roll

- David HART Pakuratahi freehold Pakuratahi 400 acres
- George HART York Bay Freehold Upper Hutt section 170

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1875-1876 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory

David Hart Labourer - Pakuratahi district

Other settlers in Pakuratahi district were W Grubb labour & C Harris saw-miller & Walter Hodder & W Mason farmer & Teramikarihi Pape, J Sincox labourer, T Wagg Golden Fleece Hotel

*(Reference Ancestry website Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 13 June 1877

[Mr Edwards missing later found] The constable in his report to the Inspector states that Edwards visited Mr David Harts place now occupied by some foreigners, two miles to the right of the Pakuratahi Hotel and was there refused food.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 13 June 1877)*

1880-1881 Hutt Electoral Roll

David HART freehold Pakuratahi farmer 400 acres Pakuratahi

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

David HART farmer age 50 (born about 1830) died 22 June 1880 Hospital in Auckland New Zealand from Sydney. Cause of death was aneurism of aorta the death was registered by the messenger from hospital James Nash who made his mark X on 23 June 1880.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1880 folio website 1880/464 age 50 born about 1830)*

David HART Settler Pakuratahi died 22 June 1880 Probate date 21 January 1881 Wellington Court – Estate to Puvis RUSSELL of Hawkes Bay.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOM 6029 W3265 box 30 1547 filed date 21 January 1881 Will record missing found the missing Will in the 1884 probate file)*

Particulars of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of the Public Trustee for management during the Month of June 1880

No 5 –Name of Deceased David HART –Colonial Residence Auckland –Supposed British or Foreign Residence [no details] –Date of Rule or Order 01 June 1880 –Value or Estimated Value of Personal Estate Under £50 –Time of Deceased's Death 23 June 1880 – Remarks [no details]

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Notices of Deceased Estates 1880-1950)*

David HART died 1880 his "Will" and first probate actioned 1881 in the Wellington Court is missing at Archives NZ in Wellington. The 1881 Will was found amongst the 1884 Napier Court probate of David HART and now held at Archives New Zealand in Wellington under the years 1877-1884.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R22205824 AAOM 6029 W3265 box 30 file date 21 January 1881 "missing" and R23215921 AAOW W3846 323 Will Napier Court also on FamilySearch website)*

David HART original Will signed and dated 22 May 1877 bequeathed his estate in the Colony of New Zealand and in the Colony of South Australia to Purvis RUSSELL in the Hawkes Bay. Papers attached to his 1884 probate state that David was at the time of his decease entitled to certain property (under the will of his father who predeceased him). Purvis Russell was legally identified as Thomas Purvis RUSSELL of Woburn Waipukarau Hawkes Bay New Zealand Sheep farmer but at present residing at Warroch near Milnathort Kinross Scotland and also recorded as London England. The Wellington solicitor stated that the property consisted of a piece of land in Wellington district of six hundred and sixty three acres (663) more or less and a small village section in South Australia

Evening Post newspaper 22 March 1881

Thursday 31 March at 2.30 pm Valuable Freehold Land

Lot 2 - Also all that parcel of Land containing by admeasurements three hundred and sixty two acres more or less situated in the Pakuratahi District aforesaid and being the whole of the land comprised in the application of David HART dated the eighteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty six and numbers 3285 in the Register of Application in the Crown Lands Office in Wellington and at present in the occupation of Peter Hansen – For further particulars apply to The Auctioneer or to Messrs Brandon & Son Solicitors Wellington

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 22 March 1881)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 08 August 1884

Legal Gazette Supreme Court of New Zealand -Re David HART deceased – Administration

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 08 August 1884)

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### Miscellaneous information

David Hart's estate was left to Thomas Purvis RUSSELL of Woburn Waipukurau Hawkes Bay who later departed Hawkes Bay New Zealand and resided in Warroch near Midnathurt Kinross Scotland. Who was Thomas Purvis Russell and how was he connected to David Hart? Thomas Purvis RUSSELL was born in Dunfermline Fife Scotland and was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child born to parents Elizabeth nee Purvis and Robert Russell.

0- **Robert RUSSELL** (1786-1837) married 27 November 1813 Dunfermline Fife Scotland  
**Elizabeth Burns (Betsy) PURVIS** (1788-1872)

0-1- Ann Purvis RUSSELL born 29 September 1814 Dunfermline Fife Scotland

#Ann Purvis RUSSELL born 29 September 1814 baptised 27 October 1814 Dunfermline Fife Scotland to parents Elizabeth nee Purvis and Robert Russell reference Family Search website parish register

0-2- Henry Robert RUSSELL born 13 January 1817 Dunfermline Fife Scotland died 30 April 1891 married Susanna Cobham HERBERT born 1819-1820 died September 1910

#Henry RUSSELL born 13 January 1817 baptised 11 February 1817 Dunfermline Fife Scotland to parents Elizabeth nee Purvis and Robert Russell reference Family Search website parish register

#News has been received by cable of the death at Bath England of Mr Thomas Purvis Russell, in his eighty seventh year. Deceased with his brothers Henry, John and Robert, was among the oldest settlers in Hawke's Bay. He first took up land in the Wairarapa afterwards going to Hawke's Bay where he at one time owned the Woburn estate now known as the Hatuma settlement. Mr Russell ceased to reside in New Zealand a good many years ago making his home at Warroch Kinross-shire Scotland reference Papers past website Star newspaper 06 February 1906

0-3- **Thomas Purvis RUSSELL** born 02 July 1818 Dunfermline Fife Scotland died 30 January 1906 Bath Somerset England married 1859 Bath Somerset England **Mary Glass SAINSBURY** born died 06 December 1919 Bath Somerset England

#Thomas RUSSELL born 02 July 1818 baptised 24 July 1818 Dunfermline Fife Scotland to parents Elizabeth nee Purvis and Robert Russell reference Family Search website parish registers

#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL arrived in New Zealand January 1843 and his brothers followed him to New Zealand not long after  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1858 Sheep farmer Waipukurau reference Electoral Roll NZ Gazette 1858 page 183  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL married 1859 September quarter Bath Somerset England to Mary Glass SAINSBURY reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration volume 5c page 1055  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1860 Justice of the Peace Waipukurau reference Appointment NZ Gazette 1860 page 113  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1861 Justice of the Peace Waipukurau reference NZ Gazette 1861 page 177  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1863 Justice of the Peace Waipukurau reference Appointments NZ Gazette 1863 page 426  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1865 Hawkes Bay Electoral Rolls  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1865 Porirua Electoral Rolls  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1866 Clive Electoral Rolls  
#Napier Militia - The following promotions have been gazetted Thomas Purvis RUSSELL to be captain, John David Canning to be lieutenant, Henry Twigg and William Speedy to be ensigns reference Papers past website Hawkes Bay Times newspaper 04 January 1869  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1889 Owners of 5000 acre blocks and upwards reference AJHR 1889 Section H25 page 4  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1890 Owners of 5000 acre blocks and upwards reference AJHR 1890 Section H22A page 2  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL 1890 Owners of 2000 acre blocks and 10,000 pounds in value owned by absentees reference AJHR 1890 Section H22  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL age 87 born about 1819 died 1906 March quarter Bath Somerset England reference Ancestry website RGO UK death registration volume 5c page 386  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL place Warrock Kinross Scotland Probate Napier Court reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOW W3846 1439 filed date 09 July 1906 Will  
#The T P Russell Estate by Telegraph Press Association Copyright London 25 April – The late Mr Thomas Purvis Russell of Hawkes Bay New Zealand left personality amounting to £257,677 reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 27 April 1906  
#A Big Estate London 26 April – Mr Thomas Purvis Russell a New Zealander left £257,677 reference Papers past website Hawera & Normanby Star newspaper 26 April 1906  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL of Warroch Kinross-shire died 30 January 1906 at Bath testate. Eik to Confirmation granted at Kinross 22 September to Henry James Purvis Russell Montgomery of Hamilton (formerly known as Henry James Montgomery), Mary Glass Russell his widow, Mary Maud Purvis Russell Montgomery his daughter, wife of said Henry James Purvis Russell Montgomery and John Ransay Smith, Writer, Pebbles Executors nominated in Will or Deed dated 09 January 1894 and Codicils dated 06 December 1894, 06 May 1895, 16 January 1904 and 16 February 1905 and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Kinross, 10 April 1906 and Deed of Assumption dated 01, 24 and 25 May 1906 and recorded in said Court Books 10 March 1908 Value of additional Estate £647 9s – Original Confirmation granted 12 April 1906 reference Ancestry website Scotland National Probate Calendar  
#Thomas Purvis RUSSELL of Warroch County of Kinross died 30 January 1906 at Bath testate. Confirmation granted at Kinross 12 April to Henry James Montgomery of Hattonburn Kinross-shire, Mary Glass Russell his widow, Thomas Purvis Russell, Mary Maud Montgomery wife of the said Henry James Montgomery his daughter and Herbert Elpinston Montgomery, C E., Darlinton Durham Executors nominated in Will or Deed dated 09 August 1894 and Codicils dated 06 December 1894, 06 May 1895, 16 January 1904 and 16 February 1905 and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Kinross 10 April 1906. Value of Estate £137,677 18s 8d – Grated 22 September 1908 reference Ancestry website Scotland Probate Calendar

- #Thomas Purvis RUSSELL age 87 born about 1819 died 30 January 1906 buried 02 February 1906 Walcot St Swithin Somerset England or Orwell churchyard Milnathort Perth and Kinross Scotland
- #Mary Glass RUSSELL of 10 Gay Street Bath formerly of Warroch Kinross-shire afterwards of 14 Brock Street Bath widow died 06 December 1919 at 10 Gray Street aforesaid testate. Certificate endorsed by Commissary Clerk of Edinburgh 04 May on Probate of the Will and Codicil granted at Bristol 30 April 1920 to Mrs Mary Maud Purvis Russell Montgomery the daughter the sole Executrix. Value of Estate £3210 16s 6b reference Ancestry website Scotland Probate Calendar
- 0-3-2- Male RUSSELL born 1861 New Zealand died 1861 New Zealand (died young)
- #Child not named RUSSELL born 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/6989 parents Mary Glass and Thomas Purvis Russell
- #Child nor named RUSSELL died 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1861 folio website 1861/2844 age 1 hour born about 1861
- 0-3-1- Mary Maud Purvis RUSSELL born 1862 New Zealand died 1947 married Henry James MONTGOMERY
- #Mary Maud RUSSELL born 1862 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1862 folio website 1862/8074 parents Mary Glass and Thomas Purvis Russell
- #Marriage – MONTGOMERY – RUSSELL At St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh on the 06<sup>th</sup> September by the Very Rev the Dean of Edinburgh assisted by the Rev R Mitchell Innes, Henry J Montgomery of Hattonburn Kinross-shire to Mary Maud only child of Thomas Purvis Russell of Warroch Kinross-shire and of Woburn Waipukurau New Zealand reference Papers past website Hawkes Bay Herald newspaper 21 October 1882
- 0-4- Robert RUSSELL born 26 November 1819 Dunfermline Fife Scotland
- #Robert RUSSELL born 26 November 1819 baptised 1819 Dunfermline Fife Scotland to parents Elizabeth nee Purvis and Robert Russell reference Family Search website parish registers
- #News has been received by cable of the death at Bath England of Mr Thomas Purvis Russell, in his eighty seventh year. Deceased with his brothers Henry, John and Robert, was among the oldest settlers in Hawke's Bay. He first took up land in the Wairarapa afterwards going to Hawke's Bay where he at one time owned the Woburn estate now known as the Hatuma settlement. Mr Russell ceased to reside in New Zealand a good many years ago making his home at Warroch Kinross-shire Scotland reference Papers past website Star newspaper 06 February 1906
- #Death of an Old Settler - In another column is announced the death of Mr Robert Russell at the Isle of Wight on the 9th of December last. The late Mr Robert Russell was one of the pioneer settlers not only of the Wairarapa but also of New Zealand. He arrived at Wellington (says the Wairarapa Daily Times) in the ship Theresa in the year 1842 leaving the sea which he had adopted as a profession to join his eldest brother Ms Thomas Purvis Russell who was the (fifty five years ago) engaged in sheep farming at Wanga Moana. He remained in the Lower Valley till the year 1872 when he sold out his interest in the Wanga Moana property to his brother the present proprietor Mr John P Russell and retired to England where he has subsequently resided. Many old settlers in this district will recall Mr Robert Russell, who, for some thirty years, did his duty as a Wairarapa colonist. A new generation perhaps hardly realises the debt the district owes to the pioneers who first settled the lands and made it habitable for the smaller settlers who succeeded them
- Reference Papers past website Fielding Star newspaper 03 February 1897
- 0-5- John Purvis RUSSELL born 31 March 1829 Dunfermline Fife Scotland died 01 March 1906 Wellington New Zealand
- #John Purvis RUSSELL born 31 March 1829 Dunfermline Fife Scotland to parents Elizabeth nee Purvis and Robert Russell reference Family Search website parish register
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#John Purvis RUSSELL died 1906 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1906 folio website 1906/1907 age 76 born about 1830

#Mr John Purvis Russell - The death occurred at his residence Wellington yesterday evening of Mr John Purvis Russell brother to Mr Thomas Purvis Russell formerly of Hawke's Bay who died in the Old Country about four weeks ago. The deceased was very well known in South Wairarapa where he resided for about half a century. He started life as a bank clerk in Scotland but came to New Zealand when a youth in 1852 soon afterwards settling at Wangaimoana South Wairarapa where he carried on sheep farming for a couple of generations. For some years he was president of the Wairarapa Racing Club (though he never made a bet in his life) and he always took a keen interest in the general welfare and the public affairs of his district even during the last seven years when he was more or less an invalid. Mr Russell was of a kindly nature and it has been said of him that he never sent a "swagger" away hungry despite the fact that the sheep-farming class is frequently imposed upon by undeserving mendicants. In the troublous times with the Maoris he had hardly any disagreements with them being accorded a popularity which stood him in good stead. The deceased was about seventy-six years of age reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 02 March 1906

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