

## Henry HODGSON & Ann PEARSON & Mary SKINNER family

1857 settler Upper Hutt & 1<sup>st</sup> Blacksmith shop part Section 94 Upper Hutt & St John's churchyard

### Henry HODGSON

B circa 1809 Monk Hesedon Durham England

D 1867 Upper Hutt New Zealand

1<sup>st</sup> M 16 September 1832 Darlington Durham England (2 Issue)

2<sup>nd</sup> M 29 March 1846 Pittington Durham England (1 Issue)

### Ann PEARSON

B born 09 July 1808 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England

D 30 August 1842 Darlington Durham England

M 16 September 1832 St Cuthberts Church Darlington Durham England (2 Issue)

### Mary SKINNER

B circa 1802 Lambton Durham England

D February 1885 Upper Hutt New Zealand

M 29 March 1846 Pittington Durham England (1 Issue)

Children:

1. Henry HODGSON born circa 1837 Darlington Durham England
2. Elizabeth Ann HODGSON born 05 June 1840 Darlington Durham England
3. Thomas / Bolam SKINNER born 1837 Darlington Durham England

Henry HODGSON was born circa 1808 Monk Hesedon Durham England

Ann PEARSON born 09 July 1808 baptised 11 August 1808 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England. Her parents were Ann WILKINSON and Thomas PEARSON  
(Reference LDS FHS FamilySearch website microfilm 1514686)

Henry HODGSON married 16 September 1832 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England Ann PEARSON  
(Reference LDS FHS FamilySearch website microfilm 1894622)

Henry and Ann had a son Henry HODGSON born circa 1837 Durham England and baptised 24 November 1837 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England. His parents were recorded as Ann and Henry Hodgson  
(Reference Ancestry website microfilm 1514535 item 1 page 294)

Henry and Ann had a daughter Elizabeth Ann HODGSON who was born 05 June 1840 Durham England. Her parents were recorded as Ann and Henry HODGSON  
(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1840 June quarter district Darlington County Durham volume 24 p59)

Henry and Ann's daughter Elizabeth Anne HODGSON was baptised 26 June 1840 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England. Her parents were recorded as Anne and Henry Hodgson.  
(Reference Ancestry website microfilm 1514535 item 2 page 93)

1841 census part of the Township of Darlington Durham England

- Henry HODGSON age 30 Smith born in County No
- Ann HODGSON age 30 born in County Yes Durham England
- Henry HODGSON age 4 born in County Yes Durham England
- Elizabeth HODGSON age 1 born in County Yes Durham England

(Reference Ancestry website 1841 census part of the Township of Darlington Durham England piece 303 book 26 folio 31 p15)

Ann HODGSON died 1842 Darlington Durham England

(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK death registration 1842 September quarter district Darlington County Durham England volume 24 page 32)

Ann HODGSON age 22 [sic] buried 01 September 1842 Darlington Durham England

(Reference LDS FHS microfilm 1514539)

Mary SKINNER was born circa 1801-1803 Darlington Durham England

Mary had a son Bolam (Thomas) SKINNER born 1837 Darlington Durham England  
(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1837 December quarter Darlington Durham England volume 24 p38)

Mary's son Bolam/Bolan SKINNER was baptised 01 November 1837 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England. His mother was recorded as Mary Skinner. The father was not recorded.  
(Reference Ancestry website FHL microfilm 1514535 item 1 page 292)

1841 Census Bondgate part of Township of Darlington Durham England

- Mary SKINNER age 40 Shop Keeper born in County Yes Durham England
- Sarah BOLAM age 25 Shop Keeper born in County Yes Durham England
- Bolam SKINNER age 4 born in County Yes Durham England
- Jane EDMONDSON age 15 J.J. born in County Yes Durham England

(Reference Ancestry website 1841 Census Bondgate part of Township of Darlington Durham England piece 303 book 24 folio 25 page 11)

Henry HODGSON married 1846 Durham England Mary SKINNER

(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration 1846 March quarter district Durham County Durham volume 24 page 72)

1851 Census Back Street Easington Monk Hesledon Durham England

- Henry HODGSON head married age 42 blacksmith born Richmond Yorkshire England
- Mary HODGSON wife married age 49 born Lambton Durham England
- Henry HODGSON son age 14 blacksmith born Darlington Durham England
- Rolan HODGSON (Thomas Skinner) son age 13 born blacksmith Darlington Durham England
- Elizabeth HODGSON daughter age 10 born Darlington Durham England

(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census Back Street Easington Monk Hesledon Durham England ED 5 household 215 piece 2392 folio 202 page 53)

Oliver Lang ship departed Liverpool England 24 September 1856 arrived Wellington 19 December 1856 reference webpage

- Henry HODGSON age 46 occupation shoe-smith
- Emma [sic] HODGSON age 55
- Henry HODGSON age 19
- Elizabeth HODGSON age 16
- Thomas SKINNER age 19 occupation Brick-maker

After arriving in New Zealand the Hodgson family were settled in Trentham Upper Hutt by 1857 where Henry worked as a blacksmith in Fortune Lane Wallaceville district.

29 June 1858 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Henry HODGSON Upper Hutt Blacksmith leasehold Upper Hutt

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Wellington Independent newspaper 11 December 1858

Resident Magistrates Court – Hutt Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> December 1858 – Henry Hodgson charged with drunkenness and furious driving in the public streets by Corporal Fisucane A.P. Fined 20s and costs 6s 6d.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 11 December 1858 page 3)

Henry's daughter Elizabeth Ann HODGSON married April 1863 New Zealand to John CRAIG

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1863 folio website 1863/7847)

Wellington Independent newspaper 02, 04, 06, 09, 11 February 1864

Wellington and Hutt 28 January 1864 – Voters of the Mungaroo District – Henry Hodgson

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 February 1864 page 2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 02 February 1864  
Provincial Government v Henry Hodgson Debt £95  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 February 1864 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 January 1865  
Resident Magistrates Court Hutt – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1865 – Henry Hodgson was charged with a breach of Highway Act. – Fined 2s  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 January 1865 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 28 January 1865  
Resident Magistrates Court Hutt – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1865 – Henry Hodgson v James Brown – The defendant was charged with a Breach of Entire Animal Ordinance – Fined 20s and costs 9s  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 28 January 1865 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 22 March 1866  
Upper Hutt – Yesterday – Henry Hodgson senior for drunkenness, was fined 10s or 48 hours imprisonment.  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 March 1866 page 2)

In 1866 Henry's step son and son-in-law Thomas SKINNER and John CRAIG both got caught in a snow storm where they both died and were buried in Otago.

Henry's widowed daughter Elizabeth Ann CRAIG was living with her father and step mother at the time.

Henry HODGSON died 1867 New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1867 folio website 1867/5338 age 57 born circa 1810)

Henry HODGSON was buried in St John's churchyard cemetery Trentham

I have been unable to locate any information about any children born to Mary and Henry.

After the death of Henry his widow Mary and her widowed step daughter Elizabeth and her 2 children continued to live together. It was not until 1869 when Elizabeth married John KELLY that the step daughter Elizabeth left Mary Hodgson.

In 1883 Mary's step daughter Elizabeth's husband John KELLY died.

Mary HODGSON died 1885 New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1885 folio website 1885/1141 age 82 born circa 1803)

Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1885  
Death – Hodgson – On the 30<sup>th</sup> January, at Upper Hutt Mary Hodgson, aged 82 years  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 January 1885 page 2)

Mary's step-daughter Elizabeth KELLY nee HODGSON died 1912 in Upper Hutt.

Dominion newspaper 31 October 1912  
Passing of a Pioneer - Old Identity in writing of the late Mrs Kelly, whose death took place recently at the Upper Hutt, states that she arrived in Wellington when about sixteen years of age, with her parents and brother, by the Oliver Lang, then making her first trip from England to New Zealand. It was on her second voyage that this vessel came to grief on the Kaiwarra beach during a south-east gale. Shortly after their arrival the family settled at Trentham, Mrs Kelly's father opening the first blacksmith's shop in that district, near where the Trentham Hotel now is. For several years he carried on his business, and upon his death was buried in the Church of England burying-ground at Trentham. His wife and daughter lived there for several years, until the former died and was buried beside her husband.  
(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 31 October 1912)

Comment – I am sure that the Hodgson's blacksmith shop was not in Fortune Lane but on the Main Road on part Section No 94.

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## Henry and Ann HODGSON their children and descendants

**1- Henry HODGSON** born circa 1837 Darlington Durham England died 08 May 1876 Mungaroa Upper Hutt New Zealand (do not know if he married)

#Henry HODGSON was born circa 1837 and baptised 24 November 1837 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England parents Ann and Henry Hodgson reference Ancestry website microfilm 1514535 item 1 page 294

#Not sure if Henry married = Henry HODGSON married 1867 New Zealand Annie BYRON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1867 folio website 1867/7321

#1870-1871 Hutt Electoral Roll Henry HODGSON Upper Hutt leasehold Upper Hutt house and land

#At the Hutt Police Court yesterday Henry Hodgson was fined 20s and James Kenny 5 s for drunkenness reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 30 April 1874 page 2

#1875-1876 Hutt Electoral Roll Henry HODGSON Upper Hutt leasehold Upper Hutt house and land

#1876 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory Henry HODGSON blacksmith Hutt (Upper)

#Henry HODGSON died 1876 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1876 folio website 1876/1725 age 39 born circa 1837

#The following telegram has been received today by Inspector Atcheson – Henry Hodgson fell down dead at 1 pm yesterday near the Mungaroa Hotel. An inquest will be held to-morrow, at 10 o'clock am reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1876 page 2

#An inquest was held at Mungaroa this afternoon on the body of Henry Hodgson who fell down dead suddenly at the Mungaroa Hotel on Monday. Dr Newman went out from town this morning to perform the post mortem examination. The particulars had not reached town when we went to press, but there appears to be little doubt that death resulted from ordinary natural causes reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1876 page 2

#At the inquest held yesterday on the body of the man Henry Hodgson, who dropped dead near the Mungaroa Hotel on Monday last, the jury found that death was caused by apoplexy. Deceased had been drinking heavily for five weeks previously reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 May 1876 page 2

#A man named Henry Hodgson dropped down dead near the Mungaroa Hotel, Upper Hutt, on Monday, and the jury found that death resulted from apoplexy. He had been always in the habit for drinking but was an excellent blacksmith when he could be induced to work reference Papers past website Wanganui Herald newspaper 13 May 1876 page 2

#Inquest held at Mungaroa Hotel (James R Young) 10 May 1876 for Henry HODGSON - Upon oath of James Cruickshank foreman, David Brown, David W Rayer, Horace Ames, George Brown, William Burt, Peter Wilkie, Alfred H Wylids, John Wingate, Charles Harris, Philip Davis and Alexander Cornfoot [sic] before John G F Wilford. Henry Hodgson = Henry Hodgson met his death by a fit of apoplexy brought on through excessive drunkenness on Thursday May 08<sup>th</sup> 1876 near the Mungaroa Hotel. Evidence = Robert Edwards found the deceased who was breathing at the time and went for assistance - George M Wink [sic] was walking down Mungaroa Road and came across the deceased & John Pegrass [sic] stated that Henry lived in the same house as him but he had not seen Henry for a few days & John C Young saw him last purchasing a tank of brandy and stated that Henry had been sleeping in the stables of the Hotel & Alfred K Newman MB examined the body - Witness signed = James Cruickshank foreman, Alfred H Wylids, David Brown, John Wingate, David W Rayer, Charles Harris, Horace Ames, Philip Davis, George Brown, Alexander Cornfoot [sic], William Burt & Peter Wilkie. Forward to Justice Department 17 May 1876 reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGS 16211 J1 187/as 1876/1533 Coroner Hutt 17 May 1876 with inquest proceedings on Henry Hodgson

**2- Elizabeth Ann HODGSON** born 05 June 1840 Darlington Durham England died November 1912 Upper Hutt New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married April 1863 New Zealand John CRAIG born circa 1831 Scotland died August/September 1866 Nokomai Otago New Zealand (2 issue) 2<sup>nd</sup>

married 1869 New Zealand John KELLY circa 1829 died 14 August 1883 New Zealand (10 issue)

#Obituary – Elizabeth Kelly - On Sunday last at 3.30 am there passed away at Upper Hutt Mrs Elizabeth Kelly at the age of 72 years. The deceased lady was born at Durham England on 05 June 1840 and came out to New Zealand on the first trip of the "Oliver Lang" in 1855 with her father, Mr Henry Hodgson, her mother and her brother - she herself being 15 years of age at the time. It may be here mentioned that the second trip of the "Oliver Lang" ended in her going ashore at Kaiwharawhara in a sou'easter of similar violence to that of Saturday last. Shortly after their arrival the Hodgson family settled at Trentham where Mr Hodgson who was a blacksmith by trade established the first smithy at Trentham close to where the Trentham [Quinn's Post] Hotel now stands. He continued in business for several years until his death when he was buried at St John's Trentham. His widow and her daughter (the late Mrs Kelly) lived together for a number of years until the former died and was laid to rest alongside her husband. In 1863 Miss Hodgson was married to John Craig of Wellington by whom she had issue a son John T. Craig who married Mary fifth daughter of Charles Cudby, and a daughter Mary who married William second son of the late Alexander Martin senior. Some three or four years after his marriage Mr Craig went to the Otago Goldfields with his wife's brother (Mr Hodgson). In 1867 the two mates left the diggings for Dunedin and were caught in a violent snowstorm and were missing for some time. When the bodies were discovered it was found the two men had camped out and perished in the snow. Their remains were interred in Otago. Mrs Craig and her children lived with her parents until 1869 when she married the late John Kelly a steady industrious man employed by the Barton family. Mr Kelly saved sufficient money to purchase fifty acres of land extending from the main road to the Hutt river, on which he and his wife carried on dairy operations until his death. Mr Kelly fell heavily on a big tree he was passing over at Akatarawa sustaining serious injuries to his side. A few months later in 1883 he succumbed and was buried at St Joseph's Upper Hutt. Mrs Kelly continued to work the farm until 1892 when she rented it to her son Mr J T Craig and retired into private life. The holding is valued at £4,800. Mrs Kelly and her two cronies who have predeceased her, Mrs G Brown senior and Mrs Greenwood senior, were familiar figures in the central portion of the township. On fine days the "three young maids" as they were affectionately termed by younger matrons (probably because their combined ages totalled some 225 years) might be seen, clad in ample skirts and with heads ensconced in cotton sun-bonnets with deep curtains, discussing the newest baby of one or other of their numerous marriage connections, or calling to mind pleasant or thrilling incidents of the old times when they and the Upper Hutt settlement were young together. For some sixteen years past the deceased lady has not been in the best of health and her death is ascribed to heart failure. The funeral which was largely attended by friends and relatives from far and near took place at St Joseph's Upper Hutt on Wednesday morning, Father L J Daly conducting the service. Deceased was laid to rest alongside the late John Kelly reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 November 1912 page 3

Comment - Additional information about Elizabeth Ann HODGSON is located in the family trees section under [1] Craig and Hodgson family [2] Kelly and Hodgson family.

**3- Thomas / Bolam SKINNER / HODGSON** born 1837 Darlington Durham England died 1866 Otago New Zealand

#Bolam SKINNER born 1837 Darlington Durham England reference Ancestry website 1837 December quarter district Darlington County Durham England volume 24 page 38 line 9

#Bolam SKINNER was baptised 01 November 1837 St Cuthberts Darlington Durham England. His mother was recorded as Mary Skinner residence Darlington Durham England reference LDS FHCFamilySearch website microfilm 1514535

#1841 Census Bondgate part of Township of Darlington Durham England - Mary SKINNER age 40 Shop Keeper born in County Yes Durham England & Sarah BOLAM age 25 Shop Keeper born in County Yes Durham England & Bolam SKINNER age 4 born in County Yes Durham England reference Ancestry website 1841 Census Bondgate part of Township of Darlington Durham England piece 303 book 24 folio 25 page 11

#In 1846 Bolan's (later known as Thomas) mother Mary SKINNER married the widower Henry HODGSON in Durham England.

#1851 Census Back Street Easington Monk Hesledon Durham England - Henry HODGSON head married age 42 blacksmith born Richmond Yorkshire England & Mary HODGSON wife married age 49 born Lambton Durham England & Henry HODGSON son age 14 blacksmith born Darlington Durham England & Bolan [sic] HODGSON son age 13 born blacksmith Darlington Durham England & Elizabeth HODGSON daughter age 10 born Darlington Durham England reference Ancestry website 1851 Census Back Street Easington Monk Hesledon Durham England ED 5 household 215 piece 2392 folio 202 page 53

#Oliver Lang ship departed Liverpool England 24 September 1856 arrived Wellington 19 December 1856 - Henry HODGSON age 46 occupation shoe-smith & Emma [sic] HODGSON age 55 & Henry HODGSON age 19 & Elizabeth HODGSON age 16 & Thomas SKINNER age 19 occupation Brick-maker reference Website shipping to Wellington New Zealand

#Thomas settled in Upper Hutt with his family.

#Thomas later went gold mining in Otago when he got caught in a snow storm and perished along with his brother-in-law John CRAIG.

#Thomas SKINNER died 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1866 folio website 1866/4875 age 45 born circa 1821 sic

#Three Men Frozen to Death - We learn from the Invercargill Daily News that three miners who left Switzer's on Monday, the 20th ult., to return to their homes in the Nokomai, had perished in the snow. The bodies were found by a search party. Our contemporary, in speaking of the men, says Mr Durant - who was by far the strongest man seems to have struggled on after his mates had given up. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. He was an Englishman but had been a long time a resident of these colonies, and for some time, a resident of Invercargill. Wm. [sic] Craig was a Scotchman by birth, but called Wellington his home. He leaves a wife (who is near her confinement) and one child. Thomas Skinner was a Scotchman, but called Wellington his home. He was single, and a brother of Mrs Craig. Great sympathy is felt for the wives and children of these unfortunate men reference Papers past website Taranaki Herald newspaper 06 October 1866 page 3

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