

**James Joseph MAHER and Bessie Elliot BERGE family history**  
1949-1960 Member of Parliament Otaki Electoral district

**James Joseph MAHER (O.B.E.)**

B 1887 Palmerston North  
D 28 July 1964 New Zealand  
M 1906 New Zealand

**Bessie Elliot BERGE**

B 29 November 1887 New Zealand  
D 04 June 1985 New Zealand

Children:

1. Flora Isabell MAHER born 12 April 1907 New Zealand
2. Stanley James MAHER born 1910 New Zealand
3. Grace Lorraine MAHER born 15 April 1920 New Zealand
4. Ngaire Ellen MAHER born 1924 New Zealand

James Joseph MAHER was born 1888 Palmerston North. James's father died when he was 12 years old.

*(Reference Wikipedia website about James Joseph Maher)*

Perhaps James Joseph MAHER was born 1887 New Zealand. His parents were Mary and John Maher.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/14849 parents Mary and John Maher)*

Bessie Elliott MAHER was born 29 November 1885 New Zealand. Her parents were Flora nee Macdonald and Samuel William Benge.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1886 folio website 1886/2190 parents Flora and Samuel William Benge)*

James Joseph MAHER married 1906 New Zealand Bessie Elliot BERGE

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1906 folio 4468 website 1906/4402)*

James and Bessie had a child Flora Isabell MAHER born 1907 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/801 parents Bessie Elliot and James Joseph Maher)*

James and Bessie had a child Stanley James MAHER born 1910 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/13583 parents Bessie and James Maher)*

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Kaitoke farmer
- Bessie Elliot MAHER Kaitoke married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1914 & 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Upper Hutt farmer
- Bessie Elliot MAHER Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Upper Hutt farmer
- Bessie Elliot MAHER Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

James and Bessie had a child Grace Lorraine MAHER born 15 April 1920 New Zealand

James and Bessie had a child Ngaire Ellen MAHER born 1924 New Zealand

#### 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Mangaroa farmer
  - Bessie Elliot NAHER Mangaroa married
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Mangaroa farmer
  - Bessie Elliot NAHER Mangaroa married
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

James was the president of the Town Milk Suppliers Board from 1943.

James was a Member of Parliament for Otaki Electorate in the 28<sup>th</sup> term from 1946 to 1949.

#### 1946 & 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Mangaroa farmer
  - Bessie Elliot MAHER Mangaroa married
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

James was a Member of Parliament for Otaki Electorate in the 29<sup>th</sup> term from 1949 to 1951.  
James was a Member of Parliament for Otaki Electorate in the 30<sup>th</sup> term from 1951 to 1954.  
James was a Member of Parliament for Otaki Electorate in the 31<sup>th</sup> term from 1954 to 1957.

#### 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- James Joseph MAHER Main Road Trentham farmer
  - Bessie Elliot NAHER Main Road Trentham married
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

James was a Member of Parliament for Otaki Electorate in the 31<sup>th</sup> term from 1957 to 1960.

In 1962 James was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for service to the community.

James Joseph MAHER died 28 July 1964 buried 30 July 1964 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1964 folio website 1964/39404 age 77 born about 1887)*

James Joseph MAHER Farmer place Upper Hutt court Wellington filed date 14 August 1964 type Will.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6031 record 1055/1964)*

Bessie Elliot MAHER died 04 June 1985 buried 07 June 1985 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio website 1985/37858 born 29 November 1885)*

#### Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt block C

James Joseph MAHER OBE husband of Bessie  
died 28 July 1964 and his dearly loved wife  
Bessie Elliot died 04 June 1985

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## James and Bessie MAHER their children and descendants

- 1- **Flora Isabell MAHER** born 12 April 1907 New Zealand married 1935 New Zealand **Alfred Edward SCHOLES** born 22 August 1904 died 188 New Zealand  
#Flora Isabell MAHER born 12 April 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/801 parents Bessie Elliot and James Joseph Maher  
#Flora Isabel MAHER married 1935 New Zealand Alfred Edward SCHOLES reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1935 folio website 1935/10759  
#Flora Isobel SCHOLES died 1979 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1979 folio website 1979/38451 born 12 April 1907  
#Alfred Edward SCHOLES died 1988 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1988 folio website 1988/41010 born 22 August 1904
- 2- **Stanley James (Stan) MAHER** born 1910 New Zealand died 13 January 1965 New Zealand married 1928 New Zealand **Eva Mary (Dorrie) GOODMAN** born 29 March 1909 New Zealand died 1973 New Zealand  
#Stanley James MAHER born 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/13583 parents Bessie and James Maher  
#Eva Mary GOODMAN born 29 March 1909 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1922 folio website 1922/25962 parents Minnie Elizabeth and Albert  
#Stanley James MAHER married 1928 New Zealand Mary Eva GOODMAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio 00366 website site 1928/652  
#Stanley James MAHER died 1965 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio website 1965/31169 age 57 born about 1908  
#Stanley James MAHER died 13 January 1965 buried 15 January 1965 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt Monumental Inscription  
#Stanley James MAHER Farmer Upper Hutt Probate Court Wellington filed date 20 January 1965 type Will reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6031 record 0018/1965  
#Mary Eva MAHER died 1973 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1973 folio website 1973/37718 born 29 March 1909  
#Mary Eva MAHER died 22 December 1973 buried 24 December 1973 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt Monumental Inscription  
#Mary Eva MAHER Widow Upper Hutt Probate Court Wellington filed date 14 January 1974 type Will reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6031 record 0009/1974
- 2-1- Raymond / Ramon Stanley MAHER born 02 July 1928 New Zealand died 1992 New Zealand  
#Ramon Stanley died 1992 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1992 folio website 1992/52009 born 02 July 1928
- 2-2- Keith Phillip MAHER born 04 September 1931 New Zealand died 1995 New Zealand married 1956 Janet Louise MCGRATH born 128 February 1933 New Zealand died 2010 New Zealand  
#Keith Phillip MAHER died 1995 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1995 folio website 1995/41580 born 04 September 1931  
#Janet Louise MAHER died 2010 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2010 folio website 2010/26542 born 28 February 1933
- 3- **Grace Lorraine MAHER** born 15 April 1920 New Zealand died 2013 New Zealand married 1942 New Zealand **Allan MCCREADY** born 01 September 1916 New Zealand died 2003 New Zealand  
#Allan MCCREADY died 2003 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2003 folio website 2003/18138 born 01 September 1916

#Grace Lorraine MCCREADY died 2013 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2013 folio website 2013/1986 born 15 April 1920

4- **Ngairie Ellen MAHER** born 1924 New Zealand died 26 December 1969 New Zealand married 1945 **Frederick John BOULT** born 14 January 1913 New Zealand died 18 August 1980 New Zealand

#Ngairie Ellen BOULT died 1969 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1969 folio website 1969/43002 age 45 born about 1924

#Frederick John BOULT died 1980 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1980 folio website 1980/54217 born 14 January 1913

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### MAHER miscellaneous Information

0- Patrick MAHER (MEAGHERS) born about 1816 died 30 November 1859 married about 1835 Mary Surname unknown born about 1815 died 04 October 1905 New Zealand  
#MAHER family left Melbourne Australia 11 March 1858 arrived 1858 Port of Wellington NZ on 'Marchioness reference LDS FHC microfilm 02844480 PROV VPRS948

- Patrick MAHER age 42 (born about 1816)
- Mary MAHER age 43 (born about 1815)
- Richard MAHER age 22 (born about 1836)
- Mary MAHER age 20 (born about 1838)
- Thomas MAHER age 16 (born about 1842)
- Michael MAHER age 11 (born about 1847)
- Catherine MAHER age 10 (born about 1848)
- James MAHER age 9 (born about 1849)
- John MAHER age 7 (born about 1851)
- Judith MAHER age 6 (born about 1852)

#In loving memory of Patrick MAHER who departed this life 30 November 1859 age 44 also his son John MAHER died 18 February 1872 age 23 Mary MAHER wife of the above who died on the 04 October 1905 age 98. Noel COONEY died 12 December 1934 aged 19 years RIP buried Catholic cemetery Wellington

0-1- Richard MAHER born about 1836-1837 died July 1897 New Zealand

#Richard MAHER died 1897 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1897 folio website 1897/4290 age 60 born about 1837

#Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Richard Maher are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral which will leave the residence of his brother in law Mr M Bohan 120 Cuba Street Tomorrow Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> instant at 2.30 pm for the Catholic Cemetery Wellington Terrace – P Hoskins Undertaker reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 July 1897

0-0- Margaret MAHER born 1842 died 1918 New Zealand married 1869 New Zealand Michael BOHAN born 1834 died 1921 New Zealand

#Margaret MAHER married 1869 New Zealand Michael BOHAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1869 folio website 1869/6687

#Margaret BOHAN 120 Cuba Street married women residential & Michael BOAHN Cuba Street Coachbuilder residential 1896 Wellington Electoral Roll

#Margaret BOHAN died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/17347 age 76 born about 1842

#Michael BOHAN died 1921 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1921 folio website 1921/4342 age 87 born about 1834

0-2- Mary MAHER born about 1838

0-3- Thomas MAHER born about 1841-1842 Tipperary Ireland died 1913 New Zealand

#Thomas MAHER died 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1913 folio website 1913/7008 age 72 born about 1841

- 0-4- Michael MAHER born about 1842 Tipperary Ireland died 1921 Wellington New Zealand married Margaret DELAHUNTY born about 1835 died 29 March 1906 Wellington New Zealand  
#Michael MAHER married 1874 New Zealand DELAHUNTY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1874 folio 0645 website 1874/search  
SEARCH The Cyclopedia of New Zealand #Michael MAHER was a Post Master in Upper Hutt  
#Michael MAHER Upper Hutt station-master residential & Margaret MAHER Upper Hutt Married women residential 1896 Otaki Electoral Roll  
#Margaret MAHER died 29 March 1906 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1906 folio website 1906/2927 age 71 born about 1835  
#Michael MAHER Gibbons Road Upper Hutt poultry farmer 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll  
#Michael MAHER Queens Street Upper Hutt poultry farmer 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll  
#Michael MAHER died 1921 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1921 folio website 1921/4316 age 88 born about 1833  
#An Old resident in the person of Mr Michael Maher died at the residence of Mr Healey Thorndon quay last week at the age of 87 years. Mr Maher's parents were amongst the very early settlers and experienced all the hardships and vicissitudes incidental to early colonial life. Mr Maher in the early days was in the service of the late Hon W B Rhodes at Wadestown. Afterwards he was in the railway service and was station-master at Eketahuna and Upper Hutt. The funeral which was a private one by desire took place at the Basilica last week reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 August 1921  
#MAHER Oycpftso Margaret dearly beloved wife of M Maher died 29 March 1906 aged 71 years Also of Michael beloved husband of the above wife died 03 August 1921 aged 88 years May their souls rest in peace RIP both buried Karori cemetery Wellington New Zealand
- 0-5- Catherine MAHER born about 1845 died 1895 New Zealand married 1866 New Zealand John CASEY born died  
Catherine MAHER married 1866 New Zealand John CASEY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1866 folio website 1866/6526  
#Catherine CASEY nee MAHER died 1895 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1895 folio website 1895/6118  
Different person #Catherine MAHER married 1862 New Zealand Thomas GRUNDY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1862 folio website 1862/5289  
Different person #Catherine GRUNDY died 1908 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1908 folio website 1908/349 age 59 born about 1849
- 0-6- James MAHER born about 1849  
0-7- John MAHER born about 1851 died 18 February 1872 Wellington New Zealand  
0-8- Judith MAHER born about 1852

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0-1 John MAHER and Mary UNKNOWN  
#John MAHER Gibbons Road Upper Hutt labourer & Mary MAHER Gibbons Road Upper Hutt married 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

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0- Thomas MAHER born Waterford Ireland died about 1892 NZ married Female details unknown born Waterford Ireland (6 issue) dwelled Palmerston North & Pahiatua

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