

## Hedley Raynor PEARSON & Clara Elizabeth VON KEISENBERG family history

Upper Hutt Town Board 1918-1920

### Hedley Raynor PEARSON

B 1868 Church Aston Yorkshire England  
D 06 April 1936 Wellington New Zealand  
M 02 April 1907 New Zealand (5 children)

### Clara Elizabeth Ada VON KEISENBERG

B 1882 Wanganui New Zealand  
D 07 June 1966 Hastings New Zealand  
1<sup>st</sup> M 02 April 1907 New Zealand (5 children)  
2<sup>nd</sup> M 1939 New Zealand (No children)

### Edward William VEAR

B 1882 place unknown  
D 27 January 1966 Wanganui  
1<sup>st</sup> M 1906 New Zealand (Elsie Mary Williams 1882-1932 children 2)  
2<sup>nd</sup> M 1939 New Zealand (no children)

#### Children:

1. Esma Millicent Mary PEARSON born 18 November 1907 Wellington New Zealand
2. Mavis Beryl PEARSON born 13 February 1910 Wellington New Zealand
3. Gwendolin Ruth PEARSON born 17 February 1912 Upper Hutt New Zealand
4. Hedley PEARSON born 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand
5. John Raynor PEARSON born 01 February 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Hedley Raynor PEARSON was born 1868 Church Aston Yorkshire England. His parents were Maria / Mary Ann nee Raynor (1841-1911) and Henry Pearson (1846-1873).

*(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1868 September quarter district Workshop County Nottinghamshire volume 7b page 41)*

1871 Census parish Anston County Nottinghamshire England

- Henry PEARSON head married age 25 Policeman born Gateford Nottinghamshire England
- Maria A PEARSON wife married age 30 born Codnor Derbyshire England
- Hedley R PEARSON son age 2 born Aston Yorkshire England

*(Reference Ancestry website 1871 Census parish Anston County Nottinghamshire England ED 2 household 119 piece 3462 folio 31 page 19)*

1881 Census Village Waterloo Basford parish Trowell County Nottinghamshire England

- Israel MARTIN head married age 38 Core miner born Trowell Nottinghamshire
- Mary A MARTIN wife married age 38 born Steely Nottinghamshire England
- Hedley PEARSON step son age 12 Scholar born Anston Yorkshire England
- Harry MARTIN son age 5 born Trowell Nottinghamshire
- Richard MARTIN son age 2 born Trowell Nottinghamshire
- Frank MARTIN son age 1 born Trowell Nottinghamshire

*(Reference Ancestry website 1881 Census Village Waterloo Basford parish Trowell County Nottinghamshire England ED20 piece 3327 folio 150 page 21)*

Hedley Raynor PEARSON departed England and was settled in New Zealand by 1905. A later newspaper article made his date of arrival around 1910 in New Zealand.

1905-1906 Wellington North Electoral Roll

- Hedley Raynor PEARSON Commercial Hotel Lambton Quay wine and spirit merchant
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Clara Elizabeth Von KEISENBERG was born 1882 Wanganui New Zealand. Her parents were Ada Matilda nee Goodman (1859-1911) and William Carl Herman Von Keisenberg (1857-1900).

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1882 folio website 1882/10393 parents Ada Matilda and William Von Keisenberg)*

#### 1905-1906 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Clara Von KEISENBERG 5 Cottleville Terrace spinster  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Hedley Raynor PEARSON married 02 April 1907 New Zealand Clare Elizabeth Von KEISENBERG

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1907 folio 3015 website 1907/2743)

Hedley and Clare has a child Esma Millicent Mary PEARSON born 1907 Wellington New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/22572 parents Clare Elizabeth Ada and Hedley Raynor Pearson)

Hedley and Clare has a child Mavis Beryl PEARSON born 13 February 1910 Wellington New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/11732 parents Clare Elizabeth and Hedley Raynor Pearson)

#### 1911 Hutt North

- Hedley Raynor PEARSON Main Road Upper Hutt news agent
- Clara Elizabeth Ada Rayner PEARSON Upper Hutt married  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Hedley and Clare has a child Gwendoline Ruth PEARSON born 17 February 1912 Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/1867 parents Clare Elizabeth Ada and Hedley Raynor Pearson)

#### 1912 Upper Hutt School

- Mavis PEARSON birth date 18 November 1907 parents H R Pearson address Upper Hutt admission date 29 January 1912 last day 04 August 1920 destination Fielding register number 1518 Upper Hutt School

Hedley and Clare has a child Hedley PEARSON born 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/18975 parents Clara Elizabeth and Hedley Raynor)

#### 1914 Hutt North

- Hedley Raynor PEARSON Main Road Upper Hutt news agent
- Clara Elizabeth PEARSON Main Road Upper Hutt married  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 March 1914

How shall I vote - On Wednesday next the electors of Upper Hutt will called upon to elect one of the three candidates to the vacancy caused by the resignation of N J Bennington. None of the candidates can boast of any experience in local government matters. Only one of them has realised that it is the duty of a candidate to place his views before the electors at a public meeting. The others apparently content themselves with the kerbstone politicians methods, namely, buttonholing lectors and promising to do this that or anything to secure an individual's vote. The candidate who faces a public meeting is not afraid to make known his view to all and does not hesitate to submit himself to the questioning of the electors. Those who shirk the ordeal of facing the electors at a meeting either have no policy or prefer to solicit votes by promising all sorts of things they have neither power, inclination, or ability to carry out.

#### The Candidates

Taking the candidates in the order of their nomination we find that the nominations were lodged in the following order -

Virgil McGovern nominated by J W Cudby, J Brown (NZR), J Harrison and H Shaw. Nominated paper lodged on Monday evening 16 March

Hedley Raynor PEARSON nominated by G I Benge and W H Edwards. Nomination paper lodged on Wednesday morning 18 March

William Greig nominated by J Greenwood and E C Gornall. Nominated paper lodged on Wednesday morning

### VIRGIL MCGOVERN

Virgil McGovern is a Young New Zealander born at Kaitangata (Otago), a quarter of a century ago. He was educated primarily at Kaitangata and Taita State Schools and afterwards attended a three years course at St Patrick's College. He has considerable interests at stake in the township, the McGovern properties being valued at over £5,000 for rating purposes. This candidate has taken a keen interest in local politics and sports for the past ten years. At the Biennial Election of 1912 he withdrew his nomination on the Advance Upper Hutt policy side so as to avoid splitting votes. On March 4th while travelling to Wellington W Greig suggested to V McGovern that if McGovern would stand for election, would not be a candidate. Seeing that at the close of last Monday's, town board meeting no one had been nominated. McGovern decided to become a candidate lodged a nomination. He is in favour of carefully thought out progressive measures and is averse to increasing the present rates on properties. He is announced to address a public meeting in the town hall on Tuesday next at 8 pm. It is only a few weeks since articles appeared in city papers deploring that young New Zealanders took such little interest in local politics. The present election affords an opportunity to the electors to give an active aspirant to town board honours a chance between now and next September's Biennial Election, to prove his fitness for the position and to show their confidence in this Young New Zealander was not misplaced.

### HEDLEY R PEARSON

Hedley Raynor Pearson is a native of the North of England and came to this district some four years ago when he acquired Bickerton's news agency and hair dressing saloon. He dropped the latter business after a time but added that of Fruiterer and tea rooms in Robinson's Buildings. Selling out all but the news agency to Mrs Hagan he continued the news business at his residence until recently when he re-opened as fruiterer and news vender in Boyd's building. At the last Biennial Election he retired in favour of H W Shaw. He is interested in two allotments and bungalow at the corner of Royal Street and the Main Road valued for Unimproved Rating at less than £200. He has not publicly expounded any policy and has only attended about half a dozen meetings of the local town board. He has twice made application for the position of Town clerk but on both occasions his application was not considered.

### WILLIAM GREIG

This candidate is in the employ of the Government Railway Department as an engine driver and requires the permission of the head of that department under Amended Regulations issued in December last, before contesting a local election. He has shown, little or no interest in local matters save as a member of the School Committee. His attendance at town board meetings has practically been confined to those occasions on which word had been passed round by a certain coterie, to Roll up and see McCurdy get hell. He was an unsuccessful candidate at last by election, on which occasion he had five town commissioners and a number of No-License and Bible-in-State

Upper Hutt Town Board – Extraordinary Vacancy

I hereby give notice that the following candidates for the office of Commissioner to the Upper Hutt Town Board have been duly nominated

GREIG William - MCGOVERN Virgil - PEARSON Hedley Raynor

As the number of candidates exceeds the office to be filled I hereby also give notice that a poll will be taken as between the said candidates on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1914 at the office of the Upper Hutt Town Board Polling house are between 9am & 7pm

J A Webster Returning Officer

The Polling Booth is situated at the Town Board Officer corner of Russell; street and Main Road Upper Hutt - Upper Hutt 18-2-14

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 March 1914)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 March 1914

I hereby give notice that the following numbers were polled by each candidate at the election of a commissioner for the Upper Hutt Town Board

MCGOVERN Virgil	172
GREIG William	132
PEARSON Hedley Raynor	20
Informal	1

And I further give notice that Virgil McGovern having polled the highest number of votes was duly elected a commissioner of the above Board

J A Webster Returning Office Upper Hutt 26/3/14

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 March 1914)

Hedley Raynor PEARSON was unsuccessful in the elections to replace Commissioner Norman Joseph BENNINGTON when he resigned in March 1914. The successful Commissioner was Virgil MCGOVERN.

Hedley and Clare's child Hedley PEARSON died 18 June 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1915 folio website 1915/3493 age 1 years born about 1914)

1915 Upper Hutt School

- Mavis PEARSON birth date 17 November 1910 parents Hadley Pearson address Upper Hutt admission date 02 February 1915 last day 04 August 1920 destination Fielding register number 1883 Upper Hutt School

1917 Upper Hutt School

- Gwendoline PEARSON birth date 17 November 1912 parents Hadley R Pearson address Upper Hutt admission date 26 February 1917 last day 04 August 1920 destination Fielding register number 2237 Upper Hutt School

Hedley Raynor PEARSON was a Commissioner for the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1918 to 1920.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 & 21 September 1918

Upper Hutt Town Board Biennial Election

I hereby give notice that the following candidates for the officer of Commissioner to the Upper Hutt Town Board have been duly nominated

BENGE Job Mabey

BROWN James

CAMPBELL George Archibald

CLOUGH Leonard

DICK Robert Charles

EDWARDS William Henry

ELLIOTT Edwin Bernard

GREIG William

GUTHRIE George Humphrey

HARRISON Job

KITSON Alfred William

MCCURDY Angus John

PEARSON Hedley Raynor

ROBERTSON Peter

As the number of Candidates exceeds the office to be filled, I hereby also give notice that a poll will be taken as between the said candidates on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1918 at the Office of the Upper Hutt Town Board.

Polling house are between 9am to 7pm

H W Chapman Returning Officer Upper Hutt 11 September 1918

The Polling Booth is situated at the Town Board Office corner Russell Street and Main Road Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 & 21 September 1918)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1918

Upper Hutt Town Board Biennial Election

I hereby give notice that the following numbers were polled by the several candidates for the office of Commissioner to the Upper Hutt Town District on Wednesday 18 September 1918

BENGE Job Mabey 184

BROWN James 138

CAMPBELL George Archibald	276
CLOUGH Leonard	141
DICK Robert Charles	78
EDWARDS William Henry	203
ELLIOTT Edwin Bernard	97
GREIG William	145
GUTHRIE George Humphrey	79
HARRISON Job	183
KITSON Alfred William	106
MCCURDY Angus John	124
PEARSON Hedley Raynor	114
ROBERTSON Peter	173
Informal	3

I therefore declare Job Mabey Bengé, George Archibald Campbell, William Henry Edwards, William Greig, Job Harrison, Hedley Raynor Pearson and Peter Robertson duly elected Commissioners for the Town District of Upper Hutt.

H W Chapman Returning Officer Upper Hutt 19 September 1918

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1918)*

#### 1919 Otaki North

- Hedley Raynor PEARSON Main Road Upper Hutt news agent
- Clara Elizabeth Raynor PEARSON Main Road Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Hedley and Clara had a child John Raynor PEARSON born 01 February 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand

#### 1921 Upper Hutt School

- Mavis PEARSON birth date 13 February 1910 parents Hedley Pearson address Upper Hutt admission date 05 April 1921 last school Fielding District High last day 21 December 1921 destination Terrace School Wellington register number 2936 former 1883 Upper Hutt School
- Gwendoline PEARSON birth date 17 February 1908 parents Hedley Pearson address Upper Hutt admission date 05 April 1921 last school Fielding District High last day 20 December 1921 destination Terrace School Wellington register number 2937 former 2237 Upper Hutt School

#### 1922 Wadestown School

- Mavis PEARSON birth date 13 February 1910 parents Hedley Pearson address Pitt Street admission date 07 February 1922 last school Upper Hutt last day 15 December 1922 destination Wellington Girls College register number 1914 Wadestown School
- Gwendoline PEARSON birth date 17 February 1912 parents Hedley Pearson address Pitt Street admission date 07 February 1922 last school Upper Hutt register number 1914 Wadestown School

#### 1928 Wellington Suburbs North

- Hedley Raynor PEARSON 72 Pitt Street caterer
- Clare Elizabeth Ada Raynor PEARSON 72 Pitt Street married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### New Zealand Herald newspaper 16 June 1928

The engagement is announced of Esma eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hedley Raynor Pearson of Wadestown Wellington to Norman William second son of the late C E Fordham and Mrs Fordham of Central Terrace Kelburn Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 16 June 1928)*

#### 1935 wellington Suburbs North

- Hedley Raynor PEARSON 72 Pitt Street caterer
- Clare Elizabeth Ada Raynor PEARSON 72 Pitt Street married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### Hedley Raynor PEARSON died 06 April 1936 Wellington New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1936 folio 1566 website 1936/17438 under Raynor-Pearson age 67 born about 1869)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 07 April 1936

The Funeral of the late Hedley Raynor Pearson will leave the Chapel of E Morris junior Ltd 25 Kent Terrace Tomorrow (Wednesday) 08 April 1936 at 10.30 am for the Cemetery Karori (Private Interment) E Morris Junior Ltd Funeral Directors

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 April 1936)*

#### Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 24 April 1936

Lodge Meeting U.A.O.D. - The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to the relatives of Brother H R Pearson whose death after a long illness was keenly felt by the Brothers especially those who knew Brother Pearson while he resided in Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 24 April 1936)*

#### Hedley Rayner PEARSON Wellington Caterer Wellington Court 1936 Probate

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOM 6029 58389 filed date 29 April 1936 Will)*

#### 1938 Wellington North Electoral Roll

- Edward Williams VEAR 16 Arthur Street clerk
- Elsie Mary VEAR 16 Arthur Street married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### Edward's wife Elsie Mary VEAR (nee Williams) died 1938 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1938 folio website 1938/26375 age 56 born about 1882)*

#### Clare Elizabeth Ada RAYNOR-PEARSON (widow) married 1939 New Zealand Edward William VEAR (widower)

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio website 1939/10853)*

#### 1946 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Clare Elizabeth Ada VEAR 26 Rodney Street married
- Edward Williams VEAR 26 Rodney Street retired

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### 1949 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Clare Elizabeth A VEAR 26 Rodney Street married
- Edward Williams VEAR 26 Rodney Street retired

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### 1954 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Clare Elizabeth A VEAR 26 Rodney Street married
- Edward Williams VEAR 26 Rodney Street retired

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### 1957 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Clare Elizabeth A VEAR Main Bay Road Pukerua Bay married
- Edward Williams VEAR Main Bay Road Pukerua Bay retired

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### 1963 Wanganui Electoral Roll

- Clare Elizabeth Ada VEAR 36 Kawatiri Avenue married
- Edward Williams VEAR 36 Kawatiri Avenue retired

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

Edward (Edward William) VEAR died 27 January 1966 Wanganui  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1966 folio website 1966/32517 age 84 born about 1882)

Clare Elizabeth Ada VEAR (ex Pearson nee Von Keisenberg) died 07 June 1966 Hastings New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1966 folio website 1966/31257 age 84 born about 1882)

Clara Eliz Ada VEAR cremated 09 June 1966 Hawkes Bay register funeral director Tong & Peryer

Clara Elizabeth Ada VEAR widow Hastings Napier Court 1966 Probate  
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOW W3846 4313/1966 filed date 16 June 1966 Intestate letters of administration)

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## Hedley and Clare PEARSON their children and descendants

- 1- Esma Millicent Mary PEARSON** born 18 November 1907 Wellington New Zealand died 16 June 1986 Wellington New Zealand married 1932 New Zealand **Norman William FORDHAM** born 1906 New Zealand died 1957 New Zealand  
#Esma Millicent Mary PEARSON born 18 November 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/22572 parents Clare Elizabeth Ada and Hedley Raynor Pearson  
#Norman William FORDHAM died 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1905 folio website 1905/7123 parents Alexa Margaret and Charles Edward Fordham  
#Esma Millicent Mary Raynor PEARSON married 1932 New Zealand Norman William FORDHAM reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1932 folio website 1932/638  
#Norman William FORDHAM died 1957 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1957 folio website 1957/33204 age 51 born about 1906  
#Esme Millicent Mary FORDHAM died 16 June 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/37341 born 18 November 1907
- 2- Mavis Beryl PEARSON** born 13 February 1910 Wellington New Zealand died 16 September 1999 Havelock North Hakes Bay New Zealand married 1933 New Zealand **John Apostlas UPTON** born 16 December 1907 New Zealand died 2000 New Zealand  
#Mavis Beryl PEARSON born 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/11732 parents Clare Elizabeth and Hedley Raynor Pearson  
#Apostlas UPTON born 16 December 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/6039 parents Kathleen and Oswald Henry Upton  
#Mavis Beryl PEARSON married 1933 New Zealand John Apostlas UPTON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1933 folio 08470 website 1933/6914  
#Upton – Pearson – At her home 72 Pitt Street Wellington the marriage took place recently of Mavis Beryl second daughter of Mr And Mrs Hedley R Pearson to John P Upton third son of Mr and Mrs O J Upton Waipawa. The officiating clergyman was Rev Father D Milligan reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 November 1933  
#Mavis Beryl UPTON died 16 September 1999 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1999 folio website 1999/20656 born 13 February 1910  
#John Apostlas UPTON died 2000 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2000 folio website 2000/13746 born 16 December 1907
- 3- Gwendolyn Ruth Raynor PEARSON** born 17 February 1912 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 1998 Wellington New Zealand married 16 October 1934 New Zealand **Marcus James CLAPHAM** born 10 July 1905 New Zealand died 1985 New Zealand  
#Gwendolin Ruth PEARSON born 1912 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/1867 parents Clare Elizabeth Ada and Hedley Raynor Pearson  
#Marcus James CLAPHAM born 10 July 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/22606 parents Mary Anne and Thomas William Clapham  
#Gwendolyn Ruth Raynor PEARSON married 1934 New Zealand Marcus James CLAPHAM reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1934 folio 08971 website 1934/7200  
#Marcus James CLAPHAM died 1985 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio website 1985/29228 born 10 July 1905

#Gwendoline Ruth CLAPHAM died 1998 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1998 folio website 1998/13115 born 17 February 1912

**4- Hedley Raynor PEARSON** born 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 18 June 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand (died young never married)

#Hedley PEARSON born 1914 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/18975 parents Clara Elizabeth and Hedley Raynor

#Hedley Raynor PEARSON died 18 June 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1915 folio website 1915/3493 age 1 years born about 1914

**5- Jack / John Raynor PEARSON** born 01 February 1919 New Zealand died 18 July 2007 Auckland New Zealand

#Jack RAYNOR died 18 July 2007 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2007 folio website 2007/17992 born 01 February 1919

#Jack Raynor PEARSON died 18 July 2007 newspaper 20 July 2007 Auckland

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