

**Peter ROBERTSON & Hilda B M ENGLAND & Muriel FINLAY family history**  
Upper Hutt Town Board 1912-1919 & Upper Hutt Borough Council Mayor 1927-1939

**Peter ROBERTSON**

B 14 May 1880 Bendigo Victoria Australia  
D 14 May 1939 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
1<sup>st</sup> M 1906 Lower Hutt New Zealand (5 Issue)  
2<sup>nd</sup> M 1932 New Zealand (2 Issue)

**Hilda Beatrice Maude ENGLAND**

B 04 August 1882 Lower Hutt New Zealand  
D 09 October 1930 Wellington Hospital Wellington New Zealand  
M 1906 New Zealand (5 issue)

**Muriel FINLAY**

B 07 January 1899 New Zealand  
D 30 May 1975 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
M 1932 New Zealand (2 Issue)

Children:

1. George ROBERTSON born 10 July 1907 Lower Hutt New Zealand
2. Clement ROBERTSON born 27 March 1909 Lower Hutt New Zealand
3. Rita ROBERTSON born 11 September 1910 Lower Hutt New Zealand
4. David ROBERTSON born 24 September 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand
5. Hilda ROBERTSON born 16 April 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand
6. Peter Graeme ROBERTSON born 1935 Upper Hutt New Zealand
7. Patricia Muriel ROBERTSON born 1937 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Peter ROBERTSON born 14 May 1880 Eaglebank Bendigo Victoria Australia. His parents were Anna Margretta Rita nee WESELOP and Martin ROBERTSON who married 1879 in Victoria Australia.

*(Reference Ancestry website RGO Australia 1880Sandhurst Victoria Australia register number 18471)*

Peter ROBERTSON age about 20 years departed Australia with his brother Donald Martin ROBERTSON in 1900 and settled in Lower Hutt New Zealand

1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON body maker Bridge Street Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Hilda Beatrice Maud ENGLAND was born 04 August 1882 New Zealand. Her parents were Martha nee Russell and George England who married 1869 in New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1882 folio 3378 website 1882/10797 parents Martha and George England)*

Peter ROBERTSON married 1906 Lower Hutt New Zealand Hilda Beatrice Maude ENGLAND

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1906 folio 4478 website 1906/4557)*

Peter and Hilda had a child George ROBERTSON born 10 July 1907 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/16012 parents Hilda Beatrice Maud and Peter Robertson)*

Peter and Hilda had a child Clement ROBERTSON born 27 March 1909 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/17569 parents Hilda Beatrice Maude and Peter Robertson)*

Peter and Hilda had a child Rita ROBERTSON born 11 September 1910 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/13510 parents Hilda Beatrice Maud and Peter Robertson)*

Peter and Hilda ROBERTSON settled in Upper Hutt around June 1911

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911

District News - Mr P Robertson who has been associated with G McIlvride at Lower Hutt has taken over the Dominion Coach Factory and veterinary forge from Mr J T Benge. He also will carry on the business of undertaker. Mr Robertson bears an excellent reputation for workmanship and intends to maintain the high standard of the establishment. Rubber-tyring is one of his specialities.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911

Business Notices - P ROBERTSON Dominion Coach Factory Veterinary Shoeing Forge Upper Hutt – Vehicles of very description built to order or repaired. Mill and Builders' Ironwork done – Rubber Tyres a Speciality – Signwriting and Decorative Painting in all branches Telephone No 7  
P ROBERTSON Undertaker and Funeral Furnisher Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911)*

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON body maker Main Road Upper Hutt
- Hilda Beatrice Maude ROBERTSON married Main Road Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 March 1912

Business Notices - P ROBERTSON Dominion Coach Factory Veterinary Shoeing Forge Upper Hutt – Vehicles of very description built to order or repaired. Mill and Builders' Ironwork done – Rubber Tyres a Speciality – Signwriting and Decorative Painting in all branches – Telephone No 7 - P ROBERTSON Undertaker and Funeral Furnisher Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 March 1912)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 September 1912

Cricket Club Annual Meeting – The annual meeting was held at the Provincial Hotel on Monday last when Mr Comeskey was voted to the chair and eight new members were elected. The balance sheet for the last season was presented and adopted. The election of officers resulting as follows – Committee P Robertson (plus others)

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 07 September 1912)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 September 1912

Situations Vacant - Strong Boy wanted for blacksmithing. Peter Robertson Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 September 1912)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 December 1912

Directory – Upper Hutt Town Board – Commissioners – P Robertson (plus others)

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 14 December 1912)*

Peter ROBERTSON was a Commissioner of the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1912 to 1914

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1912

Notice of Poll – Upper Hutt Town Board

In the matter of the Town Boards Act 1908 and of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1908 - Biennial Election of Seven Town Commissioners

I hereby publicly notify that at a poll taken on Wednesday 18 September 1912 the votes were recorded as under;

BENGE George Isaac	199
BENNINGTON Norman Joseph	152
BROWN William	108
BURRELL William	176
CLIFFORD Theodore Dethier	71
DAVIS Phillip David	128
EDWARDS Thomas	115
GEANGE Jacob	75
GEENWOOD James	72
KEMP Frederick William	241

QUINN Richard	198
ROBERTSON Peter	196
SHAW Herbert	141
WEBB Reginald Herbert	182
WILKIE Francis Howard	97
Informal	15

I therefore declare George Isaac Benge, Norman Joseph Bennington, William Burrell, Frederick William Kemp, Richard Quinn, Peter Robertson and Reginald Herbert Webb duly elected a Commissioner for the Town District of Upper Hutt.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1912 - Angus McCurdy Returning Officer  
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1912)

Peter and Hilda had a child David ROBERTSON born 24 April 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/8987 parents Hilda Beatrice Maud and Peter Robertson)

#### 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON body maker Main Road Upper Hutt
- Hilda Beatrice Maude ROBERTSON married Main Road Upper Hutt

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Peter ROBERSTON was a Chairman of the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1914 to 1916

#### Evening Post newspaper 22 September 1914

Upper Hutt Town Board - I hereby give notice that the following numbers were polled by each Candidate at the Election of Seven Commissioners for the Upper Hutt Town Board:

ROBERTSON Peter	241
ELLIOTT Edwin Bernard	238
MCCURDY Angus John	210
GREIG William	203
KITSON Alfred William	203
WEBB Reginald Herbert	201
BROWN James	198
LUCKINS Frank Hero	196
CLOUGH Leonard	192
DAVIS Phillip David	187
LAY George Laban	143
DICK Richard Charles	108
Informal	2

And I further give notice that the following Candidates were duly Elected Commissioners to the Board - Peter Robertson, Edwin Bernard Elliott, Angus John McCurdy, William Greig, Alfred William Kitson, Reginald Herbert Webb, James Brown

J A Webster Returning Officer - Upper Hutt Town Board  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 September 1914)

Peter and Hilda had a child Hilda ROBERTSON born 16 April 1915 New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/20242 parents Hilda Beatrice Maude and Peter Robertson)

From 1915-1939 Peter ROBERTSON was a Member of Wellington Education Board

Peter ROBERSTON was a Chairman of the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1916 to 1918

#### Evening Post newspaper 21 September 1916

At the election at Upper Hutt yesterday of Town Commissioners the retiring Commissioners were re-elected – Messrs Robertson, McCurdy, Clough, Creig, Brown, Kitson and Elliott. The unsuccessful candidates were Messrs Goss, T Boyd and E Greenwood.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 September 1916)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 23 September 1916  
Upper Hutt Town Board Local Elections

Of 313 votes recorded at the present election only 103 can be counted as those of the staffer and stagnation party which strained every nerve to out our editor

Elected

GREIG William	225
<u>ROBERTSON Peter</u>	<u>205</u>
ELLIOTT Edwin Bernard	203
KITSON Alfred William	196
CLOUGH Leonard	195
BROWN James	186
MCCURDY Angus John	167
Unsuccessful	
GOSS William George	160
BOYD Thomas Franklyn	103
GREENWOOD Edmund	59

The votes of the lowest unsuccessful candidate (59) added to those of the lowest successful candidate (167) total 1 more than the votes polled by the candidate who headed the poll

There were 786 electors on the roll. At least another hundred should be on the Electors List.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 23 September 1916)*

Peter ROBERTSON was a Commissioner of the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1918 to 1919

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 Benge, 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)*

Peter ROBERTSON resigned from the Upper Hutt Town Board in July 1919

Peter ROBERTSON resignation in July 1919 and Angus John MCCURDY was appointed to the vacancy of Commissioner of the Upper Hutt Town Board

1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON coach builder Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Dominion newspaper 18 February 1920

P Robertson - Undertaker and Funeral Furnisher – Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 18 February 1920)*

Originally Peter Robertson's hearse used for funerals was a horse drawn affair but in 1927 the upper structure was transferred to the chassis of a small Overland truck. This was the first motor driven hearse in the Upper Hutt district.

*(Reference New Zealand Memories magazine volume one pages 329 to 392 Upper Hutt City page 353)*

Peter ROBERTSON was a Mayor of the Upper Hutt Borough Council from 1927 to 1929

Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1927

Borough of Upper Hutt Biennial Election of Councillors

I Lionel Francis Grimstone Returning Officer for the Borough of Upper Hutt do hereby declare that at the poll taken on the twenty seventh day of April 1927 for the Election of five Councillors for the East Ward and three Councillors for the West Ward of the said Borough the following candidates secured the number of votes set out below.

East Ward

BLEWMAN James Charles Edward	427
DUFF John Owen	476
GRANT David	276
GREENWOOD James	300
GREIG William	476
GUTHRIE George Humphrey	430
SPEARMAN Charles Lawrence Alexander	427
Informal	10

West Ward

COTTLE James Charles Edward	217
HOWELL Amos	249
JAMESON Thomas Reginald	308
JOHNSTON John Kirkpatrick	253
MORAN Peter Mandival	211
Informal	2

I therefore declare the said James Blewman, John Owen Duff, William Greig, George Humphrey Guthrie and Charles Lawrence Alexander Spearman to be duly Elected for the East Ward and Amos Howell, Thomas Reginald Jameson and John Kirkpatrick Johnston to be duly Elected for the West Ward of the Borough

Dated at Upper Hutt this 02<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1927

L F Grimstone Returning Officer for the Borough of Upper Hutt  
Election of Mayor

MCCURDY Angus John	553
ROBERTSON Peter	593

I therefore declare the said Peter Robertson to be duly elected.

Dated at Upper Hutt this 02<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1927

L F Grimstone Returning Officer

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1927)*

1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON coach builder Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt
- Hilda Beatrice M ROBERTSON married Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Peter ROBERTSON was a Mayor of the Upper Hutt Borough Council from 1929 to 1931

Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1929

Upper Hutt Mr Robertson Re-Elected

Mr Peter Robertson was re-elected as Mayor of Upper Hutt by a fair majority over Mr A J McCurdy. Standing councillors were re-elected by the east ward but two former councillors were defeated in the west ward elections. The first count results were

Mayoralty

ROBERTSON Peter	682
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MCCURDY Angus John	613
Majority for Robertson	69
Borough Council - East Ward	
DUFF John Owen	450
GUTHRIE George Humphrey	416
GREIG William	400
BLEWMAN James	352
SPEARMAN Charles Lawrence Alexander	323
(The above are elected)	
HAZELWOOD James Thomas	319
TURNER William Herbert	318
FRANCIS William	287
SUTHERLAND Frank	287
WALE George Joseph Woods	186
Borough Council - West Ward	
HOOD Malcolm Hopkins	275
HOWELL Amos	231
COTTLE Edwin William	229
(The above are elected)	
JAMESON Thomas Reginald	222
JOHNSTON John Kirkpatrick	185
GRIFFEN Albert Thomas	123
Hutt Valley Power Board	
William Henry Barber is returned unopposed as local representative on the Hutt Valley Power Board	
<i>(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1929)</i>	

Hilda Beatrice Maud ROBERTSON died 09 October 1930 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio website 1930/9813 age 48 born about 1882)*

Evening Post newspaper 09 October 1930  
Deaths – Robertson – On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1930 at Wellington Hospital Hilda Beatrice beloved wife of P Robertson Main Road Upper Hutt aged 48 years  
Funeral Card – The Friends of Mr P Robertson are invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved wife (Hilda Beatrice) which will leave his residence Main Road Upper Hut on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1930 At 2.30pm for the Wallaceville Cemetery – E Morris Junior Funeral Director 60 Taranaki Street and 28 Riddiford Street Telephone 22-159  
*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 October 1930)*

Wallaceville cemetery Whitemans Valley block A plot 31

Hilda B M ROBERTSON died 09 October 1930 age 48

Evening Post newspaper 09 October 1931  
In Memoriam - Robertson – In loving memory of our dear mother Mrs H B Robertson Upper Hutt who died 09<sup>th</sup> October 1930  
Robertson – In loving memory of our dear mother Hilda Beatrice who passed away on 09<sup>th</sup> October 1930 - Ever remembered – Inserted by her loving son and daughter in law Clem and Iris  
*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 October 1931)*

Muriel FINLAY was born 07 January 1899 New Zealand. Her mother was Isabella Finlay.  
*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1899 folio website 1899/2943 mother Isabella father not recorded)*

Peter ROBERTSON married 1932 New Zealand Muriel FINLAY  
*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1932 folio 5533 website 1932/9947)*

Peter and Muriel had 2 children both born in New Zealand

### 1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON coach builder Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt
- Muriel ROBERTSON married Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

### Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 24 April 1936

21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party – Miss Hilda Robertson second daughter of Mr P Robertson and the late Mrs Robertson of Upper Hutt celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at St Hilda's Hall with a party. Miss Robertson who is a native of the district is very well known and over 40 guests were present. The evening consisted of games, dancing, singing etc., and a very enjoyable supper was provided for the guests. Miss Robertson was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, most of which were on view during the evening. Music was supplied by Miss H Gorrie, Peter Alexander and Mr I Davis. A very enjoyable evening came to a close about midnight.

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

### Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 September 1936

P ROBERTSON - General Carrier and Undertaker Main Road Upper Hutt - Phones City 43-439 Local No 20

*(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 September 1936)*

Peter ROBERSTON was a Mayor of the Upper Hutt Borough Council from 1938 to 14 May 1939

### Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 13 May 1938

Upper Hutt Elections Mr P Robertson Mayor

Three of old council re-elected – Four Labour Members – Mr Purvis gets great vote

#### Mayoralty

ROBERTSON P	800
PURVIS J	518
MCCURDY A J	315
KEYS F P	202

#### Council - East Ward

RENDLE C A	757
BLEWMAN J	606
RICHARDSON A W	593
POLSON H C	565
GREIG W	490
NICHOLAUS E W	461
GUTHRIE G H	375
BIRD C G	374
SPENCER T	353
PRICE C	324
WARING H	324

#### Council - West Ward

LANCASTER H	406
CLYMA T	367
GREIG P	335
HOWELL A	304
JACKSON A F W	156

#### Hospital Board

PURVIS J	1389 (full result 2542)
PRICE C	428 (full result 697)

#### Power Board

ROBERTSON P	847
MCCURDY A J	517
GREIG W	433

*(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt weekly Review 13 May 1938)*

Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1938

Borough of Upper Hutt Triennial Election of Mayor

I hereby give notice that the number of votes received by each candidate for the office of Mayor for the Borough of Upper Hutt is as follows

KEYS Francis Percy	218
MCCURDY Angus John	312
PURVIS John	540
ROBERTSON Peter	848
Informal	17

And I hereby declare the said Peter Robertson to be duly elected to such Office

Dated at Upper Hutt this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1938

B M Wilmshurst Returning Officer

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1938)*

Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1938

Borough of Upper Hutt Election of Councillors

I hereby give notice that the number of votes received by each candidate for the office of Councillor is as follows

East Ward

BIRD Clarence George	406
BLEWMAN James	645
GREIG William	517
GUTHRIE George Humphrey	397
NICHOLAUS Edward William	494
POLSON Harold Charles	588
PRICE Charles	352
RENDLA Charles Arthur	705
RICHARDSON Arthur Wallace	609
SPENCER Thomas	366
WARING Henry	341
Informal	58

West Ward

CLYMA Thomas	396
GRAY Peter	346
HOWELL Amos	321
LANCASTER Herbert	430
JACKSON Albert Frederick William	164
Informal	7

And there being only five vacancies to be filled in the East Ward and three vacancies to be filled in the West Ward. I declare the said James Blewman, William Greig, Harold Charles Polson, Charles Arthur Rendle, Arthur Wallace Richardson (East Ward) and Thomas Clyma, Peter Gray, Herbert Lancaster (West Ward) to be duly elected

Dated at Upper Hutt this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1938 B M Wilmshurst Returning Office

Borough of Upper Hutt Election of One member to the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board

I hereby give notice that the number of votes received by each candidate for the election of one member to the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board is as follows

GREIG William	457
MCCURDY Angus John	536
ROBERTSON Peter	929
Informal	13

And I hereby declare the said Peter Robertson to be duly elected to such Office.

Dated at Upper Hutt this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1938 B M Wilmshurst Returning Officer

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1938)*

1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Peter ROBERTSON coach builder Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt
- Muriel ROBERTSON married Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*



New Zealand Herald newspaper 16 May 1939

Mayor of Upper Hutt - Mr P Robertson's Death Labour Branch President [by Telegraph Press Association] Wellington Monday - The death has occurred of Mr Peter Robertson, Mayor of Upper Hutt, on his 59th birthday. Mr Robertson was born at Eaglehawk, Bendigo, Australia, and arrived in New Zealand in 1900, residing in Lower Hutt. In 1911 he commenced business at Upper Hutt as a coachbuilder and undertaker. From then on he took an active interest in local body affairs. From 1914 to 1918 he was chairman of the old Town Board at Upper Hutt, and for 13 years he was a member of the Wellington Education Board. Since its inception, he was president of the New Zealand Labour Party's branch at Upper Hutt. This was Mr. Robertson's third term as Mayor, he having held the position previously from 1927 to 1931. He was also a member of several other Wellington public bodies. He is survived by his wife and two children of his second marriage, and three sons and two daughters of his first marriage. He will be accorded a civic funeral to-morrow.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 16 May 1939)*

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*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 16 May 1939)*

From 1938 to 14 May 1939 Peter ROBERTSON was the Mayor of Upper Hutt Borough Council. Following the death of the Mayor Peter Robertson, J Purvis was appointed Mayor.

Peter ROBERTSON died 14 May 1939 Wellington Hospital New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1939 folio website 1939/14456 age 59 born about 1880)*

Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1939

Obituary Mr. Peter Robertson Mayor Of Upper Hutt - Mr Peter Robertson, Mayor of Upper Hutt died in the Wellington Hospital yesterday morning, aged 59. Yesterday was Mr Robertson's birthday, he having been born on May 14, 1880. Born at Eaglebank, Bendigo, Australia, Mr Robertson arrived in the Dominion in 1900, taking up his residence at Lower Hutt. In 1911 he commenced business at Upper Hutt as a coachbuilder and undertaker. From then on he took an active interest in local body affairs. His public life was a very full one. From 1914 to 1918 he was chairman of the old Town Board at Upper Hutt. For thirteen years he was a member of the Wellington Education Board. Since its inception he had been president of the Upper Hutt branch of the New Zealand Labour Party. At one time he was the district's representative on the City and Suburban Highways Board. This was his third term as Mayor of the borough, he having previously held the position from 1927 to 1931. At the time of his death he was also the borough's representative on the Hutt Valley Power Board, a member of the Wellington Water Board, the district's representative on the Wellington Education Board, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Hutt Valley High School. Mr Robertson leaves a widow and two children of his second marriage, and three sons and two daughters of his first marriage. He is to receive the honour of a civic funeral, which will take place tomorrow afternoon. The procession is to assemble in Rosenberg Street at 2 pm, and will proceed to St John's Church, Main Road Trentham. It will be headed by the Upper Hutt Municipal Band, followed by the fire brigades. The hearse will be attended by representatives of the Labour Party. Following will be the relatives, Government representatives, representatives of Government Departments, councillors

and ex-councillors, members of local bodies, members of the Labour Party, the council staff, business people, the Returned Soldiers' Association, the Physical Welfare Committee, the Ratepayers' and Citizens' Association, the combined sports bodies, the women's organisations, and the general public. The service will be conducted by the Rev N E Winhall.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 May 1939)*

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*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 16 May 1939)*

Peter Robertson' funeral procession was led by a brass band followed by his own hearse and the Upper Hutt and Silverstream fire engines which carried all the floral tributes.

*(Reference New Zealand Memories magazine volume one pages 329 to 392 Upper Hutt City page 353)*

There are various images of the funeral procession on the Upper Hutt City Library recollect website.

Peter ROBERTSON was buried on 16 May 1939 at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 15 September 1939

Estate of Peter Robertson late of Upper Hut General Carrier Coachbuilder and Undertaker deceased – All creditors and other persons having claims against the abovenamed Estate are requests to send full written particulars (certificate as owing at date of death viz 14 May 1939) to the Administrator C/- Webb Richmond Swan and Bryan Solicitors Bank of New Zealand Buildings Lambton Quay Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 September 1939)*

Peter ROBERTSON Upper Hutt General carrier etc. 1939 Probate

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23121968 AAOM 6029 969/ 66055)*

Evening Post newspaper 13 May 1942

In Memoriam – Robertson – In loving memory of our dear husband and Daddy, Peter Robertson (Mayor of Upper Hutt) who died 13 May 1939 – Inserted by his loving wife Muriel and children Peter and Patricia.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 May 1942)*

1946 & 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Muriel ROBERTSON married Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- Muriel ROBERTSON married Rosenberg Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- Muriel ROBERTSON widow Wakefield Street Upper Hutt
- Patricia Muriel ROBERTSON typist Wakefield Street Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Muriel ROBERTSON died 30 May 1975 New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1975 folio website 1975/36203 born 07 January 1899)

St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

In loving memory of Peter ROBERTSON beloved husband of Muriel ROBERTSON born at Bendigo 14 May 1880 died in Mayoral Office 14 May 1939. Beloved by all.  
1912-1914, 1918-1919 Member of the Town Board  
1915-1939 Member of Wellington Education Board  
1914-1918 Chairman of Town Board  
1927-1931, 1938-1939 Mayor of Upper Hutt  
1938-1939 Member of Hutt Valley Electric Power Board  
Also Muriel beloved wife of Peter died 30 May 1975 age 76

### Peter and Hilda ROBERTSON their children and descendants

- 1- George ROBERTSON** born 10 July 1907 New Zealand died 23 December 1989 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1933 New Zealand **Bessie Davis WILKIE** born 04 November 1905 New Zealand died 116 November 994 New Zealand  
#George ROBERTSON born 10 July 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/16012 parents Hilda Beatrice Maud and Peter Robertson  
#George ROBERTSON birth date 10 July 1907 parent Peter Robertson address Upper Hutt admission date 09 September 1912 last day 16 December 1919 destination Petone District High register number 1583 Upper Hutt School  
#Bessie Davis WILKIE born 04 November 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/21094 parents Selina and William Joseph Wilkie  
#George ROBERTSON married 1933 New Zealand Bessie Davis WILKIE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1933 folio website 1933/2126  
#George ROBERTSON clerk & Bessie Davis ROBERTSON married 22 Main Road Upper Hutt 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#George ROBERTSON retired & Bessie Davis ROBERTSON married 32 Logan Street Upper Hutt 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#George ROBERTSON died 23 December 1989 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1990 folio website 1990/38787 born 10 July 1907 (buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt)  
#Bessie Davis ROBERTSON died 1994 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1994 folio website 1994/57536 born 04 November 1905  
#In Loving memory of George Robertson born 10<sup>th</sup> July 1907 died 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1989 & In loving memory of Bessie Davis Robertson born 04<sup>th</sup> November 1905 died 16<sup>th</sup> November 1994 buried and headstone Akatarawa cemetery
- 2- Clement ROBERTSON** born 27 March 1909 Lower Hutt New Zealand died 03 May 1988 Wanganui New Zealand married 1930 New Zealand **Iris May OLSEN** born 09 March 1909 New Zealand died 05 September 1989 Wanganui New Zealand  
#Clement ROBERTSON born 27 March 1909 Lower Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/17569 parents Hilda Beatrice Maude and Peter Robertson  
#Cement ROBERTSON birth date 27 March 1909 parent Peter Robertson address Upper Hutt admission date 03 February 1914 last day 20 December 1921 destination Hutt District High register number 1743 Upper Hutt School  
#Iris May OLSEN born 09 March 1909 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/18434 parents Mabel Bland and Sigurd August Olsen  
#Clement ROBERTSON married 1930 New Zealand Iris May OLSEN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1930 folio website 1930/4584  
#Clement ROBERTSON civil servant & Iris May ROBERTSON married 291 The Terrace 1935 Wellington North Electoral Roll

#Clement ROBERTSON died 1988 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1988 folio website 1988/41203 born 27 March 1909

#Clement ROBERTSON 83 Smithfield Road retired clerk age 79 years died 03 May 1988 cremated Wanganui lawn cemetery C/F/51

#In loving memory of Clement ROBERTSON dearly love husband of Iris died 03 May 1988 aged 79 years loved parents of Veda and Jean headstone Aramoho cemetery Wanganui

#Iris May ROBERTSON died 05 September 1989 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1989 folio website 1989/47310 born 09 March 1909 (buried 08 September 1989 Aramoho cemetery Wanganui)

**3- Rita ROBERTSON** born 11 September 1910 Hutt New Zealand

#Rita ROBERTSON born 1910 Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/13510 parents Hilda Beatrice Maud and Peter Robertson

#Rita ROBERTSON birth 11 September 1910 parents Peter Robertson address Upper Hutt admission 14 September 1915 last day 20 December 1921 destination Lower Hutt register number 1994 Upper Hutt School

#Rita ROBERTSON birth 11 September 1910 parents Peter Robertson address Upper Hutt admission 03 April 1922 last school Hutt district High last day 12 December 1925 comment home register number 3099 former number 1994 Upper Hutt School

**4- David ROBERTSON** born 24 April 1913 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 1989 Lower Hutt New Zealand married date and place unknown **Winifred Mary UNKNOWN** born 30 January 1921 place unknown died 2003 New Zealand

#David ROBERTSON born 24 April 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/8987 parents Hilda Beatrice Maud and Peter Robertson

#David ROBERTSON birth 14 April 1913 parents Peter Robertson address Upper Hutt admission 09 April 1918 last day 17 December 1926 destination Hutt High School register number 2431 Upper Hutt School

#David ROBERTSON coppersmith & Winifred Mary ROBERTSON married 61 Bell Road Lower Hutt 1946 & 1949 & 1954 & 1957 & 1963 Petone Electoral Roll

#David ROBERTSON foreman coppersmith & Winifred Mary ROBERTSON married 61 Bell Road Lower Hutt 1969 Petone Electoral Roll

#David ROBERTSON retired & Winifred Mary ROBERTSON married 6/95 Epuni Street 1978 & 1981 Western Hutt Electoral Roll

#David ROBERTSON died 1989 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1989 folio website 1989/44471 born 24 April 1913

#Winifred ROBERTSON died 2003 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2003 folio website 2003/12961 born 30 January 1921

**5- Hilda ROBERTSON** born 16 April 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 1984 New Zealand married 1937 New Zealand **Hillier Ernest THOMAS** born 13 May 1911 New Zealand died 1980 New Zealand

#Hilda ROBERTSON born 16 April 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/20242 parents Hilda Beatrice Maude and Peter Robertson

#21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party – Miss Hilda Robertson second daughter of Mr P Robertson and the late Mrs Robertson of Upper Hutt celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at St Hilda's Hall with a party. Miss Robertson who is a native of the district is very well known and over 40 guests were present. The evening consisted of games, dancing, singing etc., and a very enjoyable supper was provided for the guests. Miss Robertson was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, most of which were on view during the evening. Music was supplied by Miss H Gorrie, Peter Alexander and Mr I Davis. A very enjoyable evening came to a close about midnight reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 24 April 1936

#Ernest Hillier THOMAS born 13 May 1911 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio website 1911/10449 parents Edith Annie and Hamlin Thomas

#Hilda ROBERTSON married 1937 New Zealand Hillier Ernest THOMAS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio website 1937/6464

#Ernest Hillier THOMAS died 1980 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1980 folio website 1980/28614 born 13 May 1911

#Hilda THOMAS died 1984 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1984 folio website 1984/41481 born 16 April 1915

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**Peter and Muriel ROBERTSON their children and descendants**

**6- Peter Graeme ROBERTSON** born 1935 Upper Hutt New Zealand (private)

**7- Patricia Muriel ROBERTSON** born 1937 Upper Hutt New Zealand (private)

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