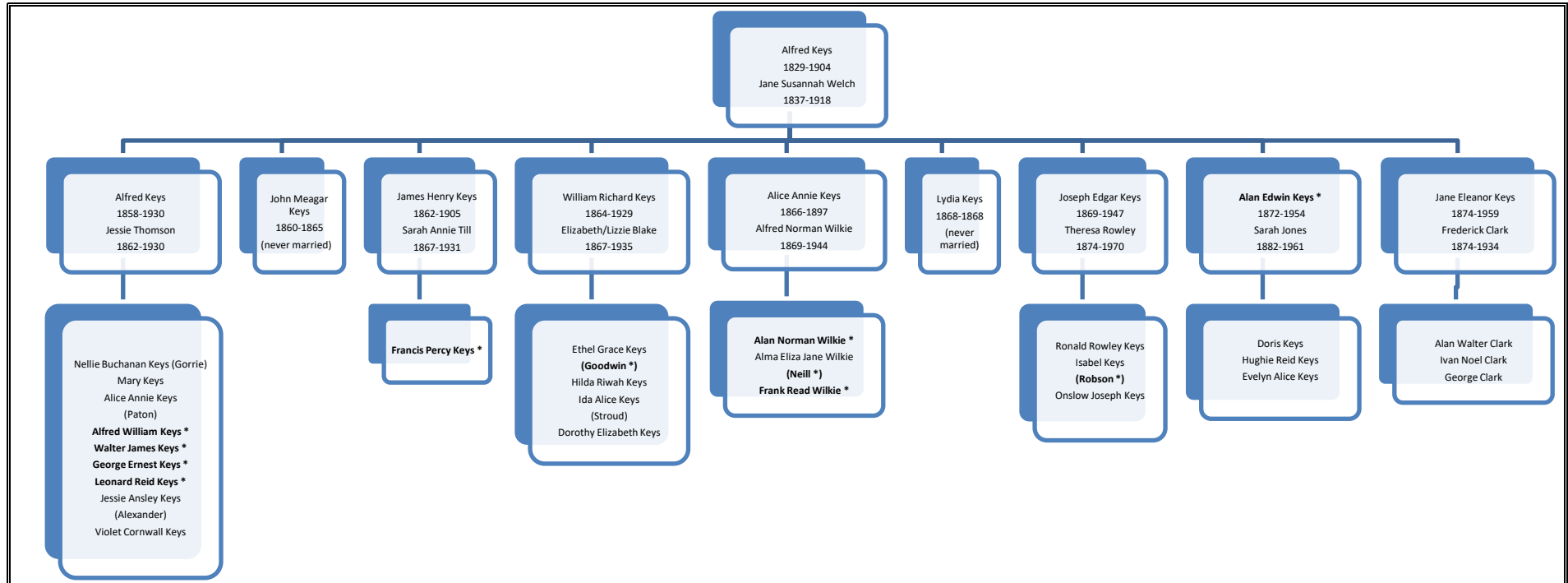


KEYS World War One Service Personnel & KEYS family relationship chart



The relationship chart of Alfred Keys and his descendants with a hash after their name, are those who during World War One enlisted or registered in the First or Second Reserves and includes those who died while serving.

Alan Edwin KEYS Second Reserves

Alan Edwin Keys was born 1872 New Zealand. His parents were Jane Susannah and Alfred Keys. Alan Edwin Keys occupation carpenter address Henry Street Upper Hutt registered in the Second Reserves classification D married with 3 children. He did not serve during World War One. Alfred Edwin Keys age 82 died 04 September 1954 and was buried in Levin cemetery.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1872 folio website 1872/20357 & Second Reserves Government publication & RGO NZ death registration 1954/31882)

Alfred William KEYS L/10192 (UK) Corporal

Alfred William Keys was born 1888 in New Zealand. His parents were Jessie and Alfred Keys. Alfred Keys birth date 29 March 1888 parent Alfred Keys address Upper Hutt admission date 12 March 1894 last 24 September 1903 destination Ebdentown register number 337 Upper Hutt School. Alfred Keys junior butcher Upper Hutt 1914 & 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll.

I was informed that Alfred William Keys was killed in action 1914 Belgium but I have been unable to confirm. The only one I located was A W Keys Corporal service number L/10192 Middlesex Regiment 4th Battalion died 23 August 1914 St Symphorien Military cemetery Belgium. I have been unable to locate a New Zealand death registration for Alfred William Keys so perhaps the above is correct.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888/13779 & Archives NZ Wellington School records & RGO NZ death registration 1930/9819)

Walter James (Wat) KEYS 48221 Private

Walter James Keys born 1890 New Zealand. His parents were Jessie and Alfred Keys of Wilson Street Upper Hutt.

Walter James Keys Butcher Upper Hutt First Reserves. Walter James Keys Private 48221 occupation Butcher next of kin wife Mrs R A Keys Wallaceville Upper Hutt. The Hutt Valley Independent newspaper articles read "*Our Boys Charlie Collett, A P Davies and W J Davies (brother of Jim Davies) Perce Keys and Wat Keys drew sections in France in the third ballot & Our Boys Wat Keys and Henry Alexander were given a send-off in the Public Hall Wallaceville and each received a little stack of presents Wat's included a diary, fountain pen leather waistcoat and wristlet watch while Henry got a similar selection except that he received an electric torch instead of a fountain pen & Our Boys Wat Keys is laid up in the military hospital pleurisy & Our Boys Greetings to Upper Hutt dated 14th September have been received from France by the Independent from Wat Keys, Jobie Mabie and Billie McCrossin who were all together and well at that date Mac has since been wounded & Our Boys It was George Keys who sent greetings to us in Upper Hutt not Wat Keys. Dear old growling Gundie the first man to start work on the building of the Record Hall. The first man to start work on the building of the Record Hall. There are a lot of us who miss him & Our Boys Wat Keys was still in England when the mail left. An outbreak of measles in his hut sent him and his hut mates into quarantine quick and lively*".

Walter's name is recorded on Mangaroa and District WWI Memorial board at Mangaroa School in Whitemans Valley. Walter James Keys age 58 died 1948 New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890/614 & WW1 nominal roll volume 3 roll 66 page 17 & Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 January 1917 & 19 May 1917 & 02 June 1917 & 01 December 1917 & 08 December 1917 & RGO NZ death registration 1948/23496)

George Ernest (Gundie) KEYS 41822 Private †

George Ernest Keys was born 05 June 1892 in Upper Hutt. His parents were Jessie and Alfred Keys.

George was age 23 years and employed as a carpenter by Joe Harrison Upper Hutt when on 09 October 1916 he had a medical examination at Petone. His physical description was 5 feet 9 inches, weight 175 lbs, chest between 36 – 39 inches, fair complexion, blue eyes, brown hair and scar on chin. When George signed the World War One attestation form he stated that he had been medically examined previously on 11 April 1916 in Wellington and belonged to the D Coy 5th Wellington Regiment. His parents were Jessie (born London England) and Alfred Keys (born Taita New Zealand) who dwelled at Wilson Street Upper Hutt. George enlisted on 09 October 1916 and was posted to B Coy. 24 or 23 Reinforcement at Trentham on 03 January 1917. On 20 February 1917 he was posted to the 4 Reserve Battalion Wellington Regiment. He embarked on the (HMNZT 79) vessel Ruapehu at Wellington on 14 March 1917 for overseas service and disembarked at Devonport England on 21 May 1917 and marched to Sling Camp England. George left for France on 21 June 1917 and was attached to strength in Etaples on 22/23 June 1917 and joined his battalion in the fields. He was posted to 7th Coy. 3rd Battalion Wellington Regiment on 09 July 1917. George's British War Medal and Victory Medal were posted to his father Mr A Keys (butcher) Wilson Street Upper Hutt. The Memorial Plaque and Scroll were also posted to his father.

Private George Ernest Keys was killed in action on 4th October 1917 in the field of Ypres Belgium. At the time he was serving with the 7th Company 3rd Battalion Wellington Infantry Regiment of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. George's name is listed on the Panel 6 Tyne Cot memorial Tyne Cot cemetery Zonnebeke West Vlaanderen Belgium.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper articles "*Kia Kaha Our Boys Registered for Service Keys George & Our Boys George Keys who enlisted some time ago took the oath last week & Our Boys Understood Mo Gorrie and George Keys go into camp next month & Our Boys The local boys going into the camp this week are – (various names) George Keys, Good Luck to em & Our Boys George Keys, (plus others) have been transferred from the 24th to the 23rd Reinforcements and are now on final leave & Our Boys It was George Keys who sent greetings to us and Upper Hutt not Wat Keys. Dear old growling Gundie the first man to start work on the building of the Record Hall. There are a lot of us who miss him & Our Boys Imperishably Honoured (Killed in Action) Keys George (Gundie) son of Alfred (Fred) Keys".*

Pte G E Keys of Upper Hutt killed in action son of Mrs and Mrs Alfred Keys of Wilson Street Upper Hutt Wellington New Zealand. There is a photograph of Pte G E Keys in the 1917 Auckland Weekly News.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1892/10126 & Archives NZ Wellington WWI Service records & Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 May 1916 & 21 October 1916 & 04 November 1916 & 06 January 1917 & 10 February 1917 & 08 December 1917 & 20 October 1917 & Commonwealth War Graves website, Auckland War memorial Museum cenotaph database, RGO NZ WWI death registration 1918/64968 & Nominal roll volume 3 roll 57 page 9 & National Library of New Zealand The Great War 1914-1918 New Zealand Expeditionary Force Roll of Honour page 159 Wellington Government Printer 1924 publication)

Leonard Reid KEYS (failed the medical)

Leonard Reid Keys was born 07 May 1894. His parents were Jessie and Alfred Keys. Leonard Keys birth date 07 May 1894 parents Alfred Keys address Upper Hutt was admission date 24 January 1900 last day 04 December 1895 destination Ohau register number 608 Upper Hutt School & Ohau School guardian William Gorrie. Leonard Reid Keys Butcher Wilson Street Upper Hutt on the 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll. Leonard's parents Jessie and Alfred Keys were resident in Wilson Street Upper Hutt.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper "*Kia Kaha Failed to pass medical Keys Leonard & Our Boys Len Keys previously rejected has had another go. Has to be examined again by the medical board & Our Boys Jose Burrell balloted and Len Keys enlisted were turned down unfit & Our Boys The following Upper Hutt County and Cross creek boys were drawn in the Tenth Ballot Town District of Upper Hutt L R Keys Wilson Street & Our Boys Re-examined Len Keys unfit. Bill Fawcett and Walter Wood C1*".

Leonard Reid Keys age 43 died 1937 in New Zealand and was buried 23 September 1937 at Wallaceville cemetery Upper Hutt.

(Reference [no birth registration] Upper Hutt School records & Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls & Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 January 1915 & 23 December 1916 & 17 February 1917 & 08 September 1917 & 13 October 1917 & RGO NZ death registration 1937/27611)

Francis Percy KEYS First Reserves (failed to pass the medical)

Francis Percy Keys was born 1894 in New Zealand. His parents were Sarah Annie and James Henry Keys.

Francis Percy Keys Clerk with New Zealand Railways, Main Road Upper Hutt First Reserves. The Hutt Valley Independent newspaper articles recorded details about local men including Francis "*Kia Kaha Our Boys Failed to pass medical & Badge issued Keys Percival*" & "*Our Boys Charlie Collett, A P Davies and W J Davies (brother of Jim Davies) Perce Keys and Wat Keys drew sections in France in the third ballot*" & "*Our Boys Perce Keys for whom the Railway Department appealed when he was drawn in the ballot has obtained permission to go before the Medical Board to find out if he is fit or not*" & "*Our Boys Perce Keys failed to pass medical test again. When he collided with J Hazelwood's bike some years ago he sustained a broken leg which was so badly set that the muscles which should be at the back are at the side and won't stand a continual walking strain. He has leave on Home Service until called on*" & "*Our Boys On the appeal of the Railway Department F P Keys and F L Burrell (both drawn in the ballot) were exempted sine die*".

Francis Percy Keys occupation clerk railways address Main Road Upper Hutt 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll. Francis Percy Keys age 74 died 1969 in New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 19894/12601 & Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 22 April 1916 & 13 January 1917 & 14 April 1917 & 21 April 1917 & 17 February 1917 & Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls & RGO NZ death registration 1969/24897)

William James GOODWIN Second Reserves

William James Goodwin was born 1885 in New Zealand. His parents were Esther and Edwin Goodwin. William James Goodwin Plumber Exchange Street Upper Hutt Second Reserves classification C married with 2 children. William James Goodwin age 76 died 1961 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885/6491 & Government Publication Reserves List & RGO NZ death registration 1961/29761)

Alan Norman WILKIE 32765 Private

Alan Norman Wilkie was born 1889 in New Zealand. His parents were Alice Annie and Alfred Norman Wilkie. Alan Norman Wilkie Private 32765 labourer next of kin sister Miss A Wilkie 190 Hutt Road Petone Wellington. Alan Norman Wilkie age 68 died 1957 in New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889/12667 & Nominal Roll Volume 2 Roll 45 page 16 & RGO NZ death registration 1957/26130)

William Rupert NEILL Second Reserves

William Rupert Neil was born 1886 in New Zealand. His parents were Elizabeth and William Neil. William Rupert Neill Carpenter NZR 190 Hutt Road Petone Second Reserves classification C married with 2 children. William Rupert Neill age 63 died 1949 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1886/15674 & Government publication Reserve list & RGO NZ death registration 1949/28380)

Frank Reid WILKIE 71081 Private

Frank Reid/Read Wilkie was born 11 March 1895 in New Zealand. His parents were Alice Annie and Alfred Norman Wilkie. Frank Reid Motor Attendant Wrights Bush Southland First Reserves. Frank Reid Wilkie Private 71081 Labourer next of kin mother Mrs L Wilkie Wrights Bush Southland. Frank Reid Wilkie died 1973 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895/11621 & Government Publication Reserve list & Nominal Roll volume 4 roll 80 page 11 & RGO NZ death registration 1973/39544)

Allan Bailey ROBSON 44870 Private

Allan Bailey Robson was born 1890 in New Zealand. His parents were Margaret and James McGimpsey Robson. Allan Bailey Robson Private 44870 Clark next of kin mother Mrs Margaret J Robson Te Aroha Road Paeroa. Allan Bailey ROBSON age 71 died 1961 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890/1723 & Nominal Roll volume 3 roll 59 page 15 & RGO NZ death registration 1961/38219)
