

**BOWLER**  
**Hutt Valley - Upper Hutt**  
Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information  
(Weblink HVF Bowler)

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**William BOWLER and May Jane LAVER**  
**Family History**

**William BOWLER**

B 23 February 1804 Fenny Bentley Derbyshire England  
D 06 May 1863 Hawkestone Street Wellington New Zealand  
M 12 March 1826 Saint Giles Cripplegate London England

**Mary Jane LAVER**

B 27 August 1805 Woodford Derbyshire England  
D 24 July 1877 16 Monthelier Road Brighton Sussex England

Children:

1. Louisa BOWLER born 1827 London Middlesex England
2. William BOWLER born 1830 London Middlesex England
3. Harriet Eliza BOWLER born 1831 London England
4. Matilda BOWLER born 12 February 1834 London Middlesex England
5. Jane BOWLER born 06 December 1837 London Middlesex England
6. Henry BOWLER born 1840 London Middlesex England
7. Alexander BOWLER born 26 October 1843 London Middlesex England

*(Pakuratahi Section No 5 and Section No 6)*

William BOWLER was born 23 February 1804 baptised 22 November 1804 Fenny Bentley Derbyshire England. His parents were Ann and Abraham Bowler.  
*(Reference Ancestry website Parish register 1804 Fenny Bentley Derbyshire England)*

Mary Jane LAVER was born 27 August baptised 15 September 1805 Woodford St Mary the Virgin Essex England. His parents were Frances and Thomas Laver.  
*(Reference Ancestry website Parish register 1805 Woodford St Mary the Virgin Essex England)*

William BOWLER married 12 March 1826 Saint Giles Cripplegate London England Mary Jane LAVER

William and Mary Jane had a child William BOWLER born 1830 London Middlesex England

William and Mary Jane had a child Harriet Eliza BOWLER born baptised 20 November 1831 St Botolph Bishopsgate London England. Parents Mary Jane and William Bowler occupation servant, address 9 Broad Street Buildings.  
*(Reference Ancestry website St Botolph Bishopsgate London England parish register 1831 No 1064 page 133)*

William and Mary Jane had a child Matilda BOWLER born 12 February 1834 London Middlesex England

William and Mary Jane had a child Jane BOWLER born 06 December 1837 London Middlesex England  
*(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1838 March quarter district East London County London England volume 2 page 68)*

William and Mary Jane had a child Henry BOWLER born 1840 London Middlesex England  
*(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1840 March quarter district East London County London England volume 2 page 196)*

William and Mary Jane had a child Alexander BOWLER born 26 October 1843 London Middlesex England and baptised 17 December 1843 City of London Middlesex England  
*(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1843 December quarter district East London County London England volume 2 page 202)*

1851 Census 9 Broad Street St Botolph Bishopsgate East London Middlesex England

- William BOWLER head married age 45 Farmer born about 1806 London Middlesex England
- Mary J BOWLER wife married age 41 born London Middlesex
- Louisa BOWLER daughter unmarried age 21 born London Middlesex
- Matilda BOWLER daughter unmarried age 16 born London Middlesex
- Henry BOWLER son age 10 born London Middlesex
- Alexander BOWLER son age 7 born London Middlesex
- Ann PRAISEY servant unmarried age 25 household servant born London Middlesex

*(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census 9 Broad Street St Botolph Bishopsgate East London Middlesex England ED 2a household 155 piece 1524 folio 366 page 35-36)*

Ship *Stag* departed 04 January 1852 London docks England and arrived 17 May 1852 Lyttleton New Zealand – passengers

Mr BOWLER - Mrs BOWLER - Child BOWLER - Child Bowler - Miss BOWLER - Miss BOWLER  
*(Reference Canterbury Association Passengers website)*

Lyttleton Times newspaper 22 May 1852

Shipping News arrived 17 May ship “*Stag*” from London 04<sup>th</sup> January passengers Mr and Mrs Bowler and 2 children, Miss Bowlers (2) [other families not transcribed]

*(Reference Papers past website Lyttleton Times newspaper 22 May 1852)*

Daily Southern Cross newspaper 01 June 1852

The *Stag* arrived at Lyttleton on Monday last after a passage of 133 days. She brings 150 passengers including among these Mr Bowler and Dr Evans the latter of whom it will be remembered was one of the founders of the settlement. Mr Bowler we believe will open at Wellington a branch establishment of the house of Messrs Cookson, Bowler & Co.

*(Reference Papers past website Daily Southern Cross newspaper 01 June 1852)*

Wellington 15 November 1861

William Fitzherbert Esq. Commissioner Wellington

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your favour of 11<sup>th</sup> Ins. Addressed to my father and in his absence beg to say that I will take an early opportunity of calling at the Land Office to complete the purchase of Sections No 5 & 6 in the Pakuratahi District = 86 acres

I remain Sir Your Most. Obed. Serv. - Wm Bowler Junior

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R24434729 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 10/ 1861/406 William Bowler Junior Wellington 16 November 1861 subject Acknowledging receipt of letter to his father and will call at Commissioners office and complete purchase of Sections 5 and 6 Pakuratahi year 1861)*

[1862] To The Commissioner of Crown Lands Wellington

I hereby authorise Mr A de B Brandon an order on behalf of the New Zealand Bank to receive the Crown Grants of Town acres No 326 581 Sections 62 & 63 Rural Land Wanganui Recth [sic] Bank Sections 5 and 6 District of Pakuratahi 325 acres Wairarapa (Rect No 29) 275 acres Wairarapa (Rect 30) 175 acres Wairarapa (Rect 31) 150 acres Wairarapa 300 acres Wairarapa (Rect 15) and 100 acres Wairarapa (Rect 99) when issued from the Crown.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1862 0- Wm Bowler - Witness C M Borlase

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R24435135 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 11/ 1862/417 William Bowler Wellington 19 December 1862 subject Authorising for A de B Brandon on behalf of Bank of New Zealand for certain land in Wanganui, Pakuratahi and Wairarapa year 1862)*

Wellington 27 November 1862

Sir

Referring to your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> January 1861 No 61/407 I have the honour to inform you that Mr William Bowler to whom your letter was addressed has assigned to me his interest in Sections

No 5 and 6 Pakuratahi. I enclose cheque for Forty Three Pounds (£43) being the amount due to the Government as balance of purchase money of these Sections.

The Bank of New Zealand has a lien on this land, the Crown Grant will therefore I presume be delivered to them when issued.

I have the honour to be Sir

Your most obedient Servant - Edward Pearce

PS Be good enough to acknowledge & receipt of this EP

To William Fitzherbert Esq. Commissioner Crown Lands Wellington

*(Reference Archives New Zealand reference R24435108 ADXS 19480 LS-W211/1862/379 [LS-W2] Edward Pearce Wellington 27 November 1861 subject Notice of transfer of Sections No 5 and 6 Pakuratahi from Bowler and forwarding balance of the purchase money by cheque year 1862)*

William BOWLER died 06 May 1863 Hawkestone Street Wellington New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1863 folio 115 website 1863/4223 age 60 born about 1803)*

Mary Jane BOWLER departed New Zealand January 1877 from Wellington on a trip to England where she died.

Mary Jane BOWLER nee LAVER age 69 years died 24 July 1877 16 Monthelie Road Brighton Sussex England. Widow of William Bowler Merchant. Cause of death Albuminuria 1 year dropsy 5 months as certified by William Kebbell M D. Informant Louisa Kebbell daughter present at death 16 Montpelier Road Brighton Sussex England on 27 July 1877. Buried in the Parish of Brighton Sussex England.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington death registration and burial certificate amongst probate records)*

Mary Jane BOWLER Wellington widow probate date filed 12 October 1877 Wellington Court

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOM 6029 W3265 box 23 1098 filed date 12 October 1877 Will)*

William BOWLER date 05 May 1863 religion Church of England plot 4202 grid F12 13 registered Appendix No 011 Bolton street cemetery Wellington Reinstated Monument – Reinstated Memorial following disinterment for the urban motorway (remains are in a common grave)

Bolton cemetery Wellington Headstone

Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM BOWLER  
who departed this life 06 May 1863 age 60 also  
to the memory of MARY JANE widow of the above  
who died at Brighton England 24 July 1877 age 9 also  
to the memory of WILLIAM son of the above  
who died at Hutt Wellington 14 April 1879 age 49 also  
to the memory of ALEXANDER youngest son of the above  
who died at Gisborne Poverty Bay 20 November 1878

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### William and Mary Jane BOWLER their children and descendants

1- **Louisa BOWLER** born 1827 London Middlesex England died 11 November 1879 Marylebone London England married 1858 Wellington New Zealand **Dr Mark KEBBLE** born 1826 Essex England died 03 February 1865 Wellington New Zealand

#Louisa BOWLER born April 1827 London Middlesex England baptised 24 April 1827 St Botolph without Bishopsgate England

#Louisa BOWLER married 1858 Wellington New Zealand Mark KEBBLE / KEBBELL reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1858 folio 0255 website 1858/2419

#Louisa BOWLER date 13 October 1858 event Settlement note (Marriage Settlement) reference 34/122 place Wellington spouse Kebble

#Mark KEBBELL [sic] died 03 February 1865 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1865 folio website 1865/7174 age 38 born about 1827

#Mark KEBBELL died 03 February 1865 was buried Bolton Street cemetery Wellington

#I mentioned some time since the prevalence of scarlatina from which many little ones have died. The town was deeply grieved to hear yesterday of the death of its principal medical man Dr Mark Kebble having caught the disease virulently about a fortnight ago. He had not reached the prime of life was very clever and has a large and lucrative practice reference Papers past website Otago Witness newspaper 11 February 1865

#News has been received at Wellington of the death in England of Mrs Kebble widow of Dr Kebble and daughter of the late William Bowler Esq reference Wairarapa Standard newspaper 25 November 1879

**2- William BOWLER** junior born 1830 London Middlesex England died 14 April 1879 Hutt Valley New Zealand (never married)

#William BOWLER junior born 1830 at Broad Street Building Bishopsgate London England baptised 14 April 1830 St Botolph Bishopsgate London England

#William BOWLER died 14 April 1879 Hutt Valley New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1879 folio website 1879/406 age 53 born about 1826

#Mr William Bowler and old and well known resident of Wellington died at Valentines Hotel Lower Hutt yesterday & Hutt 14<sup>th</sup> April – Mr William Bowler died at a quarter past 1 o' clock yesterday. His death was very sudden. His age was 53 reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 April 1879

#Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Mr William BOWLER Are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral which will leave Valentines Railway Hotel Lower Hutt on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> instant at 12.30 pm and leave the Princess Hotel Thorndon Wellington at 2.30 pm Gascoine & Parsons Undertakers reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15-16 April 1879

#William BOWLER born about 1830 died 13 April 1879 buried Bolton Street cemetery Wellington parents Mary Jane and William Bowler

#We find by the Gazette that Mr W T L Travers as devisee under a will of the late Mr Edward Jerningham Wakefield is entitled to receive Government scrip to the value of £200 in satisfaction of a land order and the same gentleman as agent for the representatives of the late Mr William Bowler is also entitled to receive Government scrip to the value of £200 in satisfaction of a land order lodged with the Commissioner reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 November & New Zealand Mail newspaper 29 November 1879

**3- Harriet Eliza BOWLER** born 1831 London England died 12 April 1833 St Botolph Bishopsgate London England (died young never married)

#Harriet Eliza BOWLER born 1831 Broad Street buildings Bishopsgate London England baptised 20 November 1831 St Botolph Bishopsgate London England

#Harriet Eliza BOWLER died 12 April 1833 St Botolph Bishopsgate London England

**4- Matilda BOWLER** born 22 February 1834 London Middlesex England died August 1864 at Sea married 12 August 1856 St Pauls Wellington New Zealand **John Richard HAYS** (Master Mariner) 28 April 1830 Regent Street London England died unknown

#Matilda BOWLER born 22 February 1834 London Middlesex England baptised 23 March 1834 St Botolph without Bishopsgate England

#John Richard HAYS born 28 April 1830 Regent Street London England baptised 24 May 1830 St George Hanover Square Westminster England. His parents were Sarah and Henry Hays of Regent Street London England

#Matilda BOWLER married 12 August 1856 St Pauls Wellington New Zealand John Richard HAYS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1856 folio 0156 website 1856/1319

#On Tuesday morning last we received the melancholy intelligence that Mr Askews yacht the Waterwitch had been capsized at the Croixelles and that Mrs Hays wife of Captain William H Hays of the brigantine Black Diamond and infant aged thirteen months, Mrs Hayes brother aged twenty three years and a servant girl aged fifteen years had all been drowned and the boat sunk. The brigantine was lying at tile Croixelles for the purpose of being caulked and Captain Hays hearing that Mrs Rankin at Mr Askew's run was not in good health he and Mrs Hays determined on visiting her and with this object had borrowed Mr Askew yacht and set sail between ten and eleven o'clock on the morning of Friday last. After they had proceeded about one mile from the shore the boat in which they were in was struck by willy waugh (a sudden squall of wind to which the neighbourhood is liable) which at once capsized her and she sank by the stern. Captain Hays immediately seized his wife and child and with one on

each arm and assisted by two oars struck out for the shore. The little child Captain Hays kept on his right shoulder for some time until feeling assured that it was dying he said to his wife Rosy Rosy sissy's gone but meeting with no response he placed the child's face against that of its mother in order that she might give it a last kiss. A short time after feeling assured that it was quite dead, he let go of it in order to render greater assistance to his wife whose head had now begun to droop beneath the water. He placed his wife partially upon his back and still struggled towards the shore but soon to become too painfully aware that death had visited her also. He still exerted what remained of his strength to get her to the shore but all his efforts were unavailing and, feeling that he was becoming powerless and would himself be drowned if he longer attempted to support his wife's now lifeless body he let it go from him (this was after having been in the water nearly two hours) and eventually reached some rocks and scrambled up them. Here it is presumed he slept for a short time. Captain Hays then appears to have wandered about in an unconscious state though he had an indistinct remembrance of having climbed an eminence to get some flax to tie his coat together he having when first thrown into the water torn it up the back in order if possible to divest himself of it. He then walked along and was eventually seen from the deck of his vessel holding up his arms and seemed as though imploring assistance. Those on board knew not who it was but immediately despatched a boat only to learn that it was their captain the only survivor of those who had so recently left them. As showing what frightful exertions Captain Hays must have made we are informed that large lumps had swollen upon his legs which appeared perfectly black. The servant girl sank alongside the *Waterwitch* and was never again seen Mrs Hays' brother attempted to reach the shore by swimming but he also was not again seen. The body of the child and the hat of Mrs Hays were picked up on the Boulder Bank on the following day. On the news reaching Nelson the Superintendent despatched a constable to the Croixelles for the purpose of rendering assistance in the recovery of the bodies reference Papers past website Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper 25 August 1864

#Matilda BOWLER married 1857 John Richard HAYS Master Mariner. One child lived Sydney & Nelson in 1861 went to Callao South America in "*The Waterwitch*" bound for New York ship lost at sea statement by her mother Mary Jane Bowler Wellington 22 December 1871 reference Lands & Deeds Declarations

- 5- **Jane BOWLER** born 06 December 1837 London Middlesex England died 1838 London Middlesex England (died young never married)

#Jane BOWLER born 06 December 1837 baptised 07 January 1838 St Botolph Bishopsgate London England parents Mary Jane and William Bowler reference FHL micro film 380145 & 380146

#Jane BOWLER died 16 December 1838 London Middlesex England reference FHL micro film 380145 & 380146

- 6- **Henry William (Harry) BOWLER** born 1840 East London Middlesex England died 1892 New Zealand married 1865 New Zealand **Elizabeth Sarah HUME** born 1840 New Zealand died date and place unknown

#H BOWLER born 1840 East London Middlesex England baptised 29 March 1840 City of London Middlesex England

#Elizabeth Sarah HUME born 1840 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1840 folio 26 website 1840/677 parents Sarah and Peter Hume

#Harry BOWLER date 27 October 1862 event Deed Note (Family Trust) reference 12/736 place Porirua Wellington reference Lands & Deeds certificates

#Harry BOWLER married 1865 New Zealand Elizabeth Sarah HUME reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1865 folio 0751 website 1865/6305

#Henry William (also known as Harry) BOWLER died 1892 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1892 folio website 1892/1621 age 50 born about 1842

- 6-1- Marion Leny BOWLER born 1866 New Zealand died 16 January 1925 Hackney London England married 1889 New Zealand John Francis MCCLEAN

#Marion Leny BOWLER born 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14672 parents Elizabeth Sarah and Harry Bowler

#Marion Lonny BOWLER married 1889 New Zealand John Francis MCCLEAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1889 folio website 1889/2830

#Marion Lenney BOWLER died 16 January 1925 Hackney London England

7- **Alexander BOWLER** born 26 October 1843 London Middlesex England died 16 November 1878 Gisborne Poverty Bay New Zealand married **Edith Florence CHALDICOT / COLDICUTT / COLDICOTT** born 1845-1855 place unknown died 24 November 1878 Gisborne New Zealand

#Alexander BOWLER born baptised 17 December 1843 City of London Middlesex England

#Alexander BOWLER married 1877 New Zealand Edith Florence CHALDICOT / COLDICUTT / COLDICOTT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1877 folio website 1877/2359

#Alexander BOWLER died 16 November 1878 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1878 folio website 1878/4282 age not recorded

#Gisborne 16 November – Alexander Bowler who kept the Tui Tui Hotel at Tologa Bay died suddenly yesterday at Wilson’s Hotel Gisborne. An inquest was held today reference Papers past website Hakes Bay Herald newspaper 18 November 1878

#Deaths – BOWLER on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant at Gisborne Poverty Bay Alexander third son of the late William Bowler of Wellington reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 November 1878

#Alexander BOWLER buried date 20 November 1878 religion Church of England plot 4202 grid F12 13 Bolton Street cemetery Wellington Reinstated monument Reinstated memorial following disinterment for the urban motorway (remains are in a common grave)

#Edith Florence BOWLER died 24 November 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1878 folio website 1878/4303 age 23 born about 1855

#It was recently mentioned in our telegrams that Mr Alexander Bowler died suddenly in Gisborne. We observe from the Poverty Bay Herald of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant that Mrs Bowler the widow of the deceased died on Saturday evening. Mrs Bowler had been a sufferer for some time and on Saturday she succumbed to the painful malady by which she was prostrated reference Hawkes Bay Herald newspaper 30 November 1878

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