

**COMESKEY**  
**Auckland - Upper Hutt**  
Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information  
(Weblink HVF Comeskey McCready)

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**James COMESKEY and Sarah Jane MCCREADY**  
**Family History**

**James COMESKEY**

B about 1857 England or Ireland  
D 29 March 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
M before 1885 place unknown

**Sarah Jane MCCREADY**

B about 1860 England or Ireland  
D 29 August 1936 Auckland New Zealand

Children:

1. Patrick Bernard COMESKEY born 1885 Auckland New Zealand
2. Mary Josephine COMESKEY born 1886 Auckland New Zealand
3. Hubert Augustine COMESKEY born 1888 Auckland New Zealand
4. Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY born 1889 Auckland New Zealand
5. Peter Leo Cuthbert COMESKEY born 10 November 1892 Auckland New Zealand
6. Una Martha COMESKEY born 1894 Auckland New Zealand
7. James Gerald COMESKEY born 28 March 1895 Auckland New Zealand
8. Daniel Augustine COMESKEY born 03 May 1897 Ashburton New Zealand
9. Kathleen Mary COMESKEY born 1898 Auckland New Zealand

**COMESKEY GENEALOGY**

James COMESKEY was born either about 1857 Castleblaney Ireland or 1856 Newcastle upon Tyne Northumberland England. I have been unable to confirm his birth details.

[1] James COMISKY born 1856 Newcastle upon Tyne England.

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1856 September quarter district Newcastle upon Tyne county Northumberland volume 10b page 80)

[2] James COMESKEY married 1881 Newcastle upon Tyne Northumberland England

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO UK Marriage registration 1881 September quarter district Newcastle upon Tyne County Northumberland volume 10b page 220)

[3] 1871 Census 3 Bells Entry [sic] All Saints Newcastle on Tyne Northumberland England ED 22 household 145 piece 5101 folio 55 page 27

- Cormick CUMESKY Head married age 42 Labourer at Gas works born
- Mary Ann CUMESKY wife married age 40 born
- James CUMESKY son age 14 works at Brass Foundry born Newcastle on Tyne (born about 1857
- Patrick CUMESKY son age 12 Scholar born New castle on Tyne
- John CUMESKY son age 7 Scholar born New Castle on

I located a 1914 Newcastle upon Tyne death registration for James COMESKEY age 57 (born about 1857) who also appeared on a census for the same district

Please note that the details above may not belong to James COMESKEY of Upper Hutt.

[3] James COMESKEY may have been born about 1857 Castleblaney Ireland. His parents could have been Margaret Small and Peter Comeskey. (Reference Ancestry website)

[4] 1881 31 Dalrymple Street Parish Inch Stranraer district County Wigtownshire Scotland

- James COMASKEY age 28 born about 1853 Head occupation Fireman born Ireland
- Jane COMASKEY age 34 born about 1847 born Inch Wigtownshire
- John COMASKEY age 4 born about 1877 born Inch Wigtownshire

(Reference Ancestry website 1881 Census 31 Dalrymple Street Parish Inch Stranraer district County Wigtownshire Scotland registration district 899 ED 2 household 51)

James served with the postal service in United Kingdom for around 12 years which would have been between 1869 and 1881.

James COMESKEY we believe departed England and arrived in New Zealand between 1880 and the end of 1881.

Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914

Mr James Comesky was 55 years of age and joined the Post and Telegraph Department as a telegraphist in Auckland two days before Christmas 1881. Prior to that date he served twelve years in the Postal Service of the United Kingdom.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914 page 7)

Sarah Jane MCCREADY was born about 1860 but the place is unknown. I do not know when she arrived in New Zealand

[1] Sarah Jane MCCREADY was born 12 September 1861 Queensland Australia  
**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website Sarah Jane MCCREADY birth date 12 September 1861 Queensland Australia. Parents Elizabeth O'Neill and James McCready page 9579 registration number Ba00747)

[2] Auckland Star newspaper 26 November 1883

Arrival of the Triumph - List of Immigrants – Sarah McCready

(Reference Papers past website Auckland Star newspaper 26 November 1883 page 2)

[3] Sarah Jane MCCREADY married 1882 New Zealand William CURRIE

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1882 folio website 1882/1548)

Please note all of the above may belongs to different Sarah Jane McCready

James COMESKEY married Sarah Jane MCCREADY somewhere between 1881 and 1885 but I have been unable to locate the date or place.

James and Sarah COMESKEY were residing in Auckland region around 1885

James and Sarah had a son Patrick Bernard COMESKEY who was born 1885 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1885 December quarter Auckland registration district folio 3510 website 1885/14378 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

James and Sarah had a daughter Mary Josephine COMESKEY who was born about October 1886 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1886 folio 3463 folio website 1886/14139 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

James and Sarah's daughter Mary Josephine COMESKEY died 09 January 1887 Auckland New Zealand. Mary was buried At Waitakere cemetery but she has no headstone.

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1887 folio website 1887/6159 age 3 month born about 1886)

1887-1888 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories Auckland

- COMISKY James – Basque road Eden Terrace district – right hand side from Eden Terrace – Dundonald Street intersection – (2<sup>nd</sup> residence)

*(Reference Ancestry website 1887-1888 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

James and Sarah had a son Hubert Augustine COMESKEY who was born 1888 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1888 June quarter Auckland registration district folio 1250 website 1888/5382 parents Sarah Jane and James registered Comesky)

James and Sarah's son Hubert Augustine COMESKEY died 1889 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference ancestry website RGO NZ death registration 1889 March quarter folio 59 registration district Drury Auckland spelling Comesky)

Please note I have been unable to locate a death registration on the BDM Historical website perhaps it is registered under a different spelling.

James and Sarah had a daughter Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY who was born 1889 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889 folio website 1889/763 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

1891 New Zealand Gazette - James COMESKY occupation Registrar BDM place Hokianga

*(Reference 1891 NZ Gazette page 378 appointments)*

1891 New Zealand Gazette - James COMESKY occupation Dep Reg BDM place Onehunga

*(Reference 1891 NZ Gazette page 688 appointments)*

1891 New Zealand Gazette - James COMESKY occupation Marriage Registrar place Ohinemuri

*(Reference 1891 NZ Gazette page 1378 appointments)*

Ohinemuri Gazette 12 March 1892

- Jas Comeskey Acting Postmaster from Paeroa Office

*(Reference Papers past website Ohinemuri Gazette 12 March 1892 page 4)*

James and Sarah had a son Peter Leo Cuthbert COMESKEY who was born 10 November 1892 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1892 March quarter Auckland registration district folio 67)

Please note I have been unable to locate a birth registration on the BDM Historical website perhaps it is registered under a different spelling.

1892-1893 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories Auckland

- COMMISKY James – Ponsonby - New Street – from College Road

*(Reference Ancestry website 1892-1893 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

1893 City of Auckland Electoral Roll

- James COMISKEY Telegraphist Sumner Street residential (2537)
- Sarah Jane COMISKEY home duties Sumner Street residential (2538)

*(Reference NZSG CD combined New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

James and Sarah had a daughter Una Martha COMESKEY who was born 1894 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1894 June quarter Auckland registration district folio 1186 website 1894/1918 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

James and Sarah had a son James Gerald COMESKEY who was born 28 March 1895 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1895 December quarter Auckland registration district folio 3444 website 1895/8941 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

1895 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories Auckland

- COMMISKEY James – Summer Street Ponsonby - right hand side from Ponsonby road (last house)

*(Reference Ancestry website 1895 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

1896 New Zealand Gazette - James COMESKY occupation Deputy Registrar of Marriages place Te Aroha

*(Reference 1896 NZ Gazette page 1315 appointments)*

1896 New Zealand Gazette - James COMESKY occupation Clerk place Auckland Mining Notices

*(Reference 1896 NZ Gazette page 1825 appointments)*

1896 Auckland Electoral Roll

- James COMISKEY telegraphist Sumner Street residential (2914)
- Sarah Jane COMISKEY home duties Sumner Street residential (2915)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

James and Sarah had a son Daniel Augustine COMESKEY who was born 03 May 1897 Ashburton New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1897 September quarter Ashburton registration district folio 2275 website 1897/7908 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

1897 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories Auckland

- COMMISKEY James - Summer Street Ponsonby – right hand side from Ponsonby road

*(Reference Ancestry website 1897 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

James and Sarah had a daughter Kathleen Mary COMESKEY who was born 1898 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1898 December quarter Auckland registration district folio 3441 website 1898/616 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

1898-1899 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories Auckland

- COMESKEY James Summer Street Ponsonby - right had side from Ponsonby Road

*(Reference Ancestry website 1898-1899 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

1900 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories Auckland

- COMISKEY James Summer Street Ponsonby - right had side from Ponsonby Road

*(Reference Ancestry website 1900 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

1900 Auckland Electoral Roll

- James COMISKY Telegraphist Summer Street (2196)
  - Sarah Jane COMISKY home duties Summer Street (2197)
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

In the 1900 Rangitikei Electoral Roll there was a James Comiskey but I was unable to read the full details.

1901 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories

- COMESKEY James - College road Ponsonby - right side from Freeman's Bay – Cascade street intersection

(Reference Ancestry website 1901 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)

Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914

In 1901 he [James Comeskey] was appointed Postmaster at Ohaeawai Bay of Island and in 1909 he became postmaster at Upper Hutt.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914 page 7)

1902 & 1903 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories

- COMESKEY James postmaster - Ohaeawai Auckland

(Reference Ancestry website 1902 & 1903 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories)

1905-1906 Bay of Islands Electoral Roll Northland

- James COMESKEY postmaster Ohaeawai (762)
- Sarah Jane COMESKEY married Ohaeawai (763)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914

In 1901 he [James Comeskey] was appointed Postmaster at Ohaeawai Bay of Island and in 1909 he became postmaster at Upper Hutt.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914 page 7)

Upper Hutt School records

- Daniel COMESKEY birth date 03 May 1897 parent James Comeskey address Upper Hutt admission date 22 March 1909 last school Ohaeawai Auckland last day 02 December 1910 destination St Patricks register number 1220
- Kathleen M COMESKEY birth date 10 September 1898 parent James Comeskey address Upper Hutt admission date 22 March 1909 last school Ohaeawai Auckland last day 10 November 1911 destination Home ill register number 1221

Evening Post newspaper 16 April 1909

Mr Jas Comeskey is gazettes Registrar of Births and Deaths for the district of Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 April 1909 page 7)

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- James COMESKEY postmaster Upper Hutt (1577)
- Sarah Jane married Upper Hutt (1579)
- Patrick Bernard COMESKEY blacksmith Upper Hutt (1578)
- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY spinster Upper Hutt (1580)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

James and his family resided in a dwelling attached to the Post Office which was situated on the corner of Station and Main Street in Upper Hutt. Not far away in the Main Street was the Bengel and Pratt store.

On the night of the 28 March 1914 a fire broke out in the Benge and Pratt store. Volunteers under the guidance of the local Constable Denis Mahoney began removing goods and equipment from the store while James removed the phone. Being the local Postmaster it was James' responsibility to look after the phones as they were government property. He was removing another phone from a business attached to the back of the store when an explosion took place at the back of the Benge and Pratt store. James COMESKEY was killed instantly on the 29 March 1914.

James COMESKEY died 29 March 1914 at Upper Hutt New Zealand.

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1914 folio website 1914/3215 age 57 born about 1857)

Poverty Bay Herald newspaper 30 March 1914

The dead are Constable Denis Mahoney married with five children, James C Comesky postmaster at Upper Hutt married with grown up family, Taylor railway porter single, John Wesley Vivian grocer's assistant single, Flynn railway guard 35 years married, G Tuohey bush worker single. Those seriously injured are Virgil McGovern dentist Upper Hutt, E Palling blacksmith and boarding house keeper, Joseph Hagan Defence Department employee.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Poverty Bay Herald newspaper 30 March 1914 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914

Mr James Comesky was 55 years of age and joined the Post and Telegraph Department as a telegraphist in Auckland two days before Christmas 1881. Prior to that date he served twelve years in the Postal Service of the United Kingdom. In 1901 he was appointed Postmaster at Ohaeawai Bay of Island and in 1909 he became postmaster at Upper Hutt. Mr Comesky who was a valued officer of the Department was a well-known bowler. He has left a widow and several children, most of whom are grown up

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914 page 7)

Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1914

Ministerial Sympathy - The Postmaster General yesterday wrote to Mrs James Comeskey as follows

Dear Madam

On behalf of myself and the officers of the Post and Telegraph Department, I desire to convey to you our profound sympathy in the deep affliction which has befallen you and your family in the awful disaster at Upper Hutt, whereby your husband so suddenly met his death. "In the demise of the late Mr Comeskey, the Public Service of the Dominion has lost a faithful and efficient servant and his fellow officers a friend whom they held in the highest esteem.

Yours faithfully, R Heaton Rhodes

Postmaster-General

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1914 page 8)

James COMESKEY was buried 31 March 1914 at St Joseph's churchyard Upper Hutt along with some of the other victims of the fire.

Corners Inquests Case files Wellington – Mahoney Denis & Comesky [sic] James & Flynn William & Taylor George William & Vivian John Wesley

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office Coroners Inquests case files Justice Department Agency ACGS series 16231 record group J46 Box 476 record number COR 1914/515 and on microfilm U 5474 Item ID R23719955)

James COMESKEY 1914 Probate files 1914 Wellington High Court filed date 21 August 1914 Intestate (letters of administration)

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAOM series 6029 accession W3265 box 268 record 16733 item ID R22220106)

Deceased Personal Estate – The Public Trust Office of New Zealand – Particulars of the Estates of Deceased Persons placed under the Charge of the Public Trust during the month of September 1918 named of deceased

Number 48  
Name James Comeskey  
Residence Upper Hutt  
Occupation Clerk  
Date of Death 29 July 1918 [sic]  
Remarks Testate

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Notices of Deceased Estates 1880-1950)*

1914 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Sarah Jane COMESKEY married Upper Hutt (1327)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1919 Roskill Electoral Roll Auckland

- Sarah Jane COMESKEY widow 32 Brixton Road Mt Eden (1908)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1928 Eden Electoral Roll Auckland

- Sarah Jane COMESKEY widow 105 Grange Road (2380)
- Kathleen Mary COMESKEY spinster 105 Grange Road (2379)
- Una COMESKEY spinster 105 Grange Road (2381)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Sarah Jane COMESKEY died 29 August 1936 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1936 folio website 1936/19469 age 76 born about 1860)

Auckland Star 31 August 1936

Deaths Comeskey – On 29 August 1936 at a private hospital Auckland Sarah Jane Comeskey of 105 Grange Road Mount Eden widow of the later James Comeskey aged 76 years RIP Interment at Upper Hutt Wellington No flowers by request

*(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Auckland Star 31 August 1936 page 1)*

New Zealand Herald 31 August 1936

Deaths Comeskey – On 29 August 1936 at a private hospital Auckland Sarah Jane Comeskey of 105 Grange Road Mount Eden widow of the later James Comeskey aged 76 years RIP

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Good Shepherd Telford Avenue at 9 am today (Monday). Interment at Upper Hutt Wellington No flowers by request.

*(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website New Zealand Herald 31 August 1936 page 1)*

Sarah Jane COMESKEY was buried 1936 at St Joseph's Roman Catholic churchyard in Upper Hutt with her late husband James COMESKEY.

Sarah Jane COMESKEY widow Auckland from Upper Hutt

**ORDER** (Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington probate files date filed 22 October 1936 type Will Wellington High Court agency AAOM series 6029 box 874 record 59513)

Auckland Star newspaper 10 October 1936

Deceased Estates – Public Trust Office - Estates – Comeskey Sarah Jane late of Auckland Widow died 29/8/36

(Reference Papers past website Auckland Star newspaper 10 October 1936 page 5)

Comeskey Grove in Upper Hutt was named after one of the Comeskey family but which one. Some say it after the caretaker of St Joseph's Orphanage & Convent in Gibbons Street Upper Hutt. Comeskey Grove is situated on the former farm land of the St Joseph's Convent.

Sarah and Jane COMESKEY lost 2 sons during World War One and 1 grandson in World War Two. In 2014 these three Comeskey Service Personnel were recorded on the War Memorial plaque outside the Upper Hutt City Council chambers on Fergusson Drive in Upper Hutt.

Next to this War Memorial plaque is another plaque recording the names of the eight men who lost their lives in the Benge and Pratt fire and explosion of 1914. Recorded on this plaque is James COMESKEY.

The 2 memorial plaques outside the Upper Hutt City Council chambers record the names of three generations of the COMESKEY families of Upper Hutt.

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### **Sarah and James COMESKEY their children and descendants**

**1- Patrick Bernard COMESKEY** born 1885 New Zealand died 1943 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1919 New Zealand **Gladys Elizabeth CUDBY** born 26 March 1896 Wellington New Zealand died 1979 New Zealand

1-1- Bernard John COMESKEY born 23 June 1922 New Zealand died 19 August 2003 New Zealand married 1948 New Zealand Shirley Margaret MURDOCH born unknown  
#Bernard John COMESKEY Builder 6 Elm Street 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll page 18 line 083

#Bernard John COMESKEY was a former WWII Service Personnel

#Bernard John COMESKEY married 1948 Shirley Margaret MURDOCH reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1948 folio 13058

#Bernard John COMESKEY died 2003 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2003 folio website 2003/18482 born 23 June 1922

#Bernard John COMESKEY age 81 years died 19 August 2003 interment 22 August 2003 occupation Retired Builder buried Akatarawa cemetery grave 240 monumental 4 Roman Catholic Funeral director Gee & Hickton Clergy Father Warren Fowler

1-2- Donald McCready COMESKEY born 11 February 1925 New Zealand died 09 December 2007 New Zealand

#Donald McCready COMESKEY died 2007 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2007 folio website 2007/30612 born 11 February 1925

#Donald McCready COMESKEY Retired Akatarawa Road 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll page 18 line 087

#Donald McC COMESKEY RNZAF AC1 WWII service number perhaps 452136hard to read

#Donald John McCready COMESKEY age 82 years died 09 December 2007 interment 14 December 2007 occupation builder buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt grave 107 RSA 3 Roman Catholic funeral director Gee & Hickton clergy Father Ron Bennett



- 1-3- Gerald Patrick COMESKEY born 14 November 1923 New Zealand died 24 July 2000 New Zealand  
#Gerald Patrick COMESKEY Male occupation Clerk Henry Street Upper Hutt New Zealand number 619115 reference Ancestry website World War Two Ballot list 1940-1945 publication date 20 January 1942  
#Former Service Personnel WWII  
#Gerald Patrick COMESKEY died 2000 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2000 folio website 2000/15528 born 14 November 1923  
#Gerald COMESKEY age 76 years died 24 July 2000 interment 27 July 2000 occupation Retired Public Servant Funeral Director Guardian Funeral Home Makara cemetery section Roman Catholic 2 plot 27/E
- 1-4- Leo James COMESKEY born 25 June 1920 New Zealand died 05 October 1944 South Pacific  
#Leo James COMESKEY Flight Sergeant service number 428082 Royal New Zealand Air Force died 05 October 1944 Pacific age 24 (born about 1920) son of Patrick Bernard and Gladys Elisabeth Comeskey of Upper Hutt Wellington New Zealand buried Panel 6 Bourail New Zealand War Memorial New Caledonia reference Commonwealth War Grave website  
#Leo James COMESKEY Male occupation Clerk Government Life Insurance Department address P O Box 88 Whangarei New Zealand number 373257 reference Ancestry website World War Two Ballot list 1940-1945 publication date 02 October 1940  
#Leo James COMESKEY Male occupation Clerk Government Life Insurance Department address P O Box 88 Whangarei New Zealand number 373257 reference Ancestry website World War Two Ballot list 1940-1945 publication date 06 August 1941
- 1-5- Female living COMESKEY married Surname unknown
- 1-6- John Walter COMESKEY born 19 November 1926 New Zealand died 17 August 2002 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1951 New Zealand Thecla Constance STRICKLAND born 23 March 1926 died 01 August 200? Upper Hutt New Zealand  
#Former Service Personnel WWII  
#John Walter COMESKEY married 1951 New Zealand Thecla Constance STRICKLAND reference RGO NZ Marriage registration 1951 folio 13357  
#John Walter COMESKEY died 2002 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2002 folio website 2002/19332 born 19 November 1926  
#John Walter COMESKEY Male occupation Clerk Henry Street Upper Hutt New Zealand number 660678 reference Ancestry website World War Two Ballot list 1940-1945 publication date 23 May 1945  
#John Walter COMESKEY service number 660678 Rank Private World War Two Infantry Corps single Wellington district occupation Clerk address Henry Street Upper Hutt next of kin mother Mrs G Comeskey Henry Street Upper Hutt reference WWII Nominal roll volume 16 01 January 1946 – 30 June 1948 Sixteenth Roll  
#John Walter COMESKEY Assurance Manager Akatarawa Road 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll page 18 line 090  
#John Walter COMESKEY died 17 August 2002 age 75 years (born 19 November 1926) interment 21 August 2002 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt occupation Insurance Agent Roman Catholic grave plot 479 plaque 2 Funeral director Gee & Hickton Clergy Father Ron Bennett  
#Thecla Constance COMESKEY nee STRICKLAND died 01 August 2003 (born 23 August 1926) interment 05 August 2003 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt occupation Housewife Roman Catholic grave 479 plaque 2 Funeral director Gee & Hickton Clergy Father Ron Bennett
- 1-7- James Francis COMESKEY born 1928 New Zealand died 1986 New Zealand

#James Francis COMESKEY Gardener 16 Henry Street 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll page 18 line 089

#James Francis COMESKEY died 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/51458 born 26 February 1928

Patrick Bernard COMESKEY born 1885 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/14378 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Patrick Bernard COMESKEY blacksmith Upper Hutt (1578)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1914 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Patrick Bernard COMESKEY blacksmith Upper Hutt (1326)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Patrick Bernard COMESKEY occupation Coalman for New Zealand Railways address Clevedon 1<sup>st</sup> Division Auckland Recruiting district WWI Reserve Rolls

(Reference WWI First Reserves government publication page 19)

Patrick Bernard COMESKEY Private service number 60073 occupation blacksmith Auckland Infantry Regiment A Company next of kin Mrs J Comeskey (mother) Brixton Road Mount Eden Auckland

(Reference WWI Nominal Roll volume 3 roll 72 page 4)

1919 Roskill Electoral Roll Auckland

- Patrick Bernard COMESKEY blacksmith 32 Brixton Road Mt Eden (1907)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Gladys Elizabeth CUDLY [sic] born 1896 New Zealand. Her parents were Mary Martin and John Walter Cudby.

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1896 folio website 1896/16903 parents Mary and John Walter Cudly)

Elizabeth Gladys CUDLEY [sic] born 1896 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference Ancestry website RGO NZ birth registration 1896 June quarter folio 1663 Wellington district)

Gladys CUDBY birth date 26 March 1896 parent John Cudby address Upper Hutt School Upper Hutt admission date 17 February 1903 last day 16 December 1909 register number 789 comment Home duties

Patrick Bernard COMESKEY married 1919 New Zealand Gladys Elizabeth CUDBY

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio 4688)

Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1919

Marrriages – Comeskey Cudby – On the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1919 at St Joseph's Church Upper Hutt by Rev Father Daly, Patrick Bernard eldest son of the late James Comeskey to Gladys Elizabeth third daughter of Mr J W Cudby both of Upper Hutt

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1919 page 1)

1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll Auckland

- Patrick Bernard COMESKEY blacksmith Henry Street Upper Hutt (1634)

- Gladys Elizabeth COMESKEY married Henry Street Upper Hutt (1633)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Patrick Bernard COMESKEY died 1943 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1943 folio website 1943/17258 age 57 born about 1886)

Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1943

Death – Comeskey – On 02 March 1943 at his residence Henry Street Upper Hutt Patrick Bernard beloved husband of Gladys Comeskey aged 57 years RIP

Funeral Notice – Comeskey – The interment of the late Patrick Bernard Comeskey will take place in St Joseph's Churchyard Upper Hutt on Thursday 04 March 1943 at 2.30 pm Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 am. J E Taylor and Sons Ltd Funeral Directors 22 Vivian Street and Karori

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1943 page 1)*

Auckland Star newspaper 04 March 1943

Deaths – Comeskey – On 02 March 1943 at Upper Hutt Patrick Bernard beloved husband of Gladys and eldest son of the late James and Sarah Comeskey of Auckland RIP

*(Reference Papers past website Auckland Star newspaper 04 March 1943 page 1)*

Auckland Star newspaper 04 March 1943

Deaths – Comeskey – On 02 March 1943 at Upper Hutt Patrick Bernard beloved husband of Gladys and eldest son of the late James and Sarah Comeskey of Auckland RIP

*(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Auckland Star newspaper 04 March 1943 page 1)*

Gladys Elizabeth COMESKEY died 1979 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1979 folio website 1979/49951 born 26 March 1896)

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**2- Mary Josephine COMESKEY** born about October 1886 Auckland New Zealand died 09 January 1887 Auckland New Zealand (died young never married)

Mary Josephine COMESKEY born 1886 Auckland New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1886 folio website 1886/14139 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

Mary Josephine COMESKEY died 1887 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1887 folio website 1887/6159 age 3 months born about 1886 & Ancestry website RGO NZ death registration 1887 March quarter folio 7 Auckland registration district)

Mary Josephine COMESKEY age 3 months died 09 January 1887 buried 10 January 1887 Roman Catholic division A row 1 plot 12 Waikumete cemetery Auckland. Mary does not have a headstone.

*(Reference Auckland City Council website Waikumete cemetery database)*

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**3- Hubert Augustine COMESKEY** born 1888 New Zealand died 1889 Auckland New Zealand (died young never married)

Hubert Augustine COMESKY [sic] born 1888 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio website 1888/5382 parents Sarah Jane and James Comesky)

Hubert Augustine COMESKY [sic] died 1889 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference ancestry website RGO NZ death registration 1889 March quarter folio 59 registration district Drury Auckland)

Please note I have been unable to locate a death registration on the BDM Historical website perhaps it is registered under a different spelling.

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#### **4- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY** born 1889 New Zealand died details unknown

Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY born 1889 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889 folio website 1889/763 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

W V M COMESKEY Post & Telegraph reference 1911 NZ Gazette page 3229

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY spinster Upper Hutt (1580)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1914 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY spinster Upper Hutt (1328)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

New Zealand Herald newspaper 18 October 1926

Examination Results Teachers certificates Auckland District Winifred Comeskey  
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 18 October 1926 page 14)

1928 Waitomo Electoral Roll Waikato

- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY spinster St Joseph's Convent Te Kuiti (8497)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Searched but could not locate a New Zealand marriage registration for Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY

Auckland Star newspaper 22 October 1931

Auckland Teachers August Examination list II Winifred Comeskey (Pukekohe)  
(Reference Papers past website Auckland Star newspaper 22 October 1931 page 10)

New Zealand Herald newspaper 22 October 1931

Auckland Teachers August Examination list III Winifred Comeskey (Pukekohe)  
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 22 October 1931 page 12)

1933 New Zealand Gazette

- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY Teacher  
(Reference 1933 NZ Gazette page 634)

1935 Bay of Plenty Electoral Roll

- Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY spinster St Joseph's Convent Whakatane (1447)  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1940 New Zealand Gazette Teachers register  
Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY Teacher

(Reference 1940 NZ Gazette volume 1 page 509 Teachers register)

1946 Electoral Roll Auckland

- Winifred COMESKEY spinster 2 St Benedicts Street (2075) Arch Hill

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Searched but could not locate a New Zealand death registration for Winifred Vera Margaret COMESKEY. I believe she became a Nun and was known and registered under a different name.

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**5- Peter Leo Cuthbert COMESKEY** born 10 November 1892 Auckland New Zealand died 16 September 1916 Somme France (never married)

Searched but could not locate a NZ birth registration for Peter Leo Cuthbert Comeskey but in his WWI service records it records birth date 10 November 1892 Auckland.

1914 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Peter Leo COMESKEY telegraph linesman Martinborough (1021)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Peter Leo Cuthbert COMESKEY private service number service number 10/2894 seventh reinforcement draft Wellington Infantry Battalion single last residence Post Office Martinborough Military district Wellington next of kin Mrs J Comeskey (mother) Upper Hutt, (Reference NZEF (WWI) Nominal Roll Volume 1 page 73)

Peter Le Cuthbert COMESKEY died 16 September 1916 France

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ WWI death registration 1918 folio website 1918/55380 age 23 born about 1895)

Peter Leo Cuthbert COMESKEY Private service number 10/2894 died 16 September 1916 age 23 (born about 1893) Wellington Regiment NZEF Ruahine Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion son of James and Sarah Comeskey of 105 Grange Road Dominion Road Auckland native of Wellington Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial France

(Reference Commonwealth War Grave website)

Peter Leo Cuthbert COMESKEY Linesman Martinborough 1918 Probate files Wellington Hugh Court

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAOM series 6029 box 336 record 22501)

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**6- Una Martha COMESKEY** born 1894 New Zealand died 1968 New Zealand (never married)

Una Martha COMESKEY born 1894 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/1918 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

1922 New Zealand Gazette Una Martha COMESKEY Nurse

(Reference 1922 NZ Gazette page 327)

1928 Eden Electoral Roll Auckland

- Una COMESKEY spinster 105 Grange Road (2381)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Una Martha COMESKEY died 1968 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1968 folio website 1968/25403 age 75 born about 1893)

Una COMESKEY date 02 January 1968 age 75 residence Mt Eden undertaker David Funeral Services cemetery Upper Hutt & buried 1968 St Joseph's Roman Catholic Churchyard Upper Hutt reference 275

Una Martha COMESKEY spinster place Auckland Court Auckland filed date 02 February 1968 type Will

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Auckland agency BBAE series 1570 record 226/1968)

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**7- James Gerald COMESKEY** born 28 March 1895 Auckland New Zealand died 29 July 1918 France (never married)

James Gerald COMESKEY born 1895 New Zealand.

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895 folio website 1895/8941 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

James COMESKEY private service number 10/3221 draft seventh Wellington Infantry Battalion single last residence Upper Hutt Military district Wellington next of kin Mrs S J Comeskey (mother) Upper Hutt

*(Reference NZEF WWI Nominal Roll Volume 1 page 73)*

James COMESKEY Corporal service number 10/3221 died 29 July 1918 age 23 (born about 1895) Wellington Regiment NZEF 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion son of James and Sarah Comeskey of Wellington New Zealand buried Gommecourt Wood New Cemetery Foncquevillers

*(Reference Commonwealth War Grave website)*

James COMESKEY died 29 July 1918 France

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ WWI death registration 1918 folio website 1918/85393 age 22 born about 1896)

James COMESKEY Corporal killed accidentally bullet wound in head killed instantaneously 29 July 1918 in the Field Rouen France son of James and Sarah Comeskey of Wellington New Zealand buried Gommecourt Wood New Cemetery Foncquevillers

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AABK series 18805 accession W5530 box 89 record 0027319)

James Ferald [sic Gerald] COMESKEY probate files Wellington high court filed date 16 May 1919

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAOM series 6029 accession W3265 box 388 record 26521)

Deceased Persona Estate – The Public Trust Office of New Zealand – Particulars of the Estates of Deceased Persons placed under the Charge of the Public Trust during the month of September 1918 named of deceased

Number	48
Name	James Comeskey
Residence	Upper Hutt
Occupation	Clerk
Date of Death	29 July 1918 [sic]

Remarks      Testate

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Notices of Deceased Estates 1880-1950)*

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**8- Daniel Augustine COMESKEY** born 03 May 1897 New Zealand died 1975 Auckland New Zealand (never married)

Daniel Augustine COMESKEY born 1897 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1897 folio website 1897/7908 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

Daniel COMESKEY birth date 03 May 1897 parents James Comeskey address Upper Hutt School Upper Hutt admission date 22 March 1909 last school Ohaeawai Auckland last day 02 December 1910 destination St Patricks register number 1220

1919 Roskill Electoral Roll Auckland

- Daniel COMESKEY clerk 32 Brixton Road Mt Eden (1906)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1928 Wellington North Electoral Roll Wellington

- Daniel Augustine COMESKEY 10 Terrace Gardens (1851)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

World War Two Ballot list 1940-1945

Daniel Augustine COMESKEY Male occupation shipping clerk address 105 Grange Road Auckland New Zealand number 427509

*(Reference Ancestry website World War Two Ballot list 1940-1945 publication date 06 November 1940)*

Daniel Augustine COMESKEY died 1975 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1975 folio website 1975/43673 born 03 May 1897)

Daniel Augustine COMESKEY place Auckland Court Auckland filed date 17 September 1975 type Will

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAOM series 6031 record 1198/1975)

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**9- Kathleen Mary COMESKEY** born 10 September 1898 New Zealand died 1951 Auckland New Zealand (never married)

Kathleen Mary COMESKEY born 1898 New Zealand

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/616 parents Sarah Jane and James Comeskey)

Kathleen Mary COMESKEY birth date 10 September 1898 parents James Comeskey address Upper Hutt School Upper Hutt admission date 22 March 1909 last school Ohaeawai Auckland last day 11 November 1911 destination Home ill register number 1221

1922 New Zealand Gazette

Miss K M COMESKEY Post & Telephone department

*(Reference 1922 NZ Gazette page 1129)*

1928 Eden Electoral Roll Auckland

- Kathleen Mary COMESKEY spinster 105 Grange Road (2379)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Kathleen Mary COMESKEY died 1951 New Zealand  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1951 folio website 1951/24541 age 51 born about 1900)

Kathleen M COMESKEY date 19 July 1951 age 51 place of residence Mt Eden undertaker Davis Funeral Services cemetery Upper Hutt Catholic & buried 1951 St Joseph's Churchyard Upper Hutt reference 216

Kathleen Mary COMESKEY occupation Telephonist place Mt Eden Court Auckland filed date 15 October 1951 type Will  
**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Auckland agency BBAE series 1570 box 1040 record 1863/1951)

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### COMESKEY Miscellaneous Information

When research the surname COMESKEY I have located various spelling - CAMMISKY - COMESKY - COMISKEY - COMISKY - COMUSKEY - CUMISKEY – CUMMUSKEY  
The information below is additional material I located when researching the Upper Hutt family. Hope the details are of interest to another family historian.

#Shipping RMS Gothic list of passengers booked 15 October 1897 Third Class - Mrs M Comeskey, Miss Comeskey, Mr P Comeskey, Mr J Comeskey reference Papers past website Press 27 November 1897 page 9

#Peter COMISKY / COMISKEY age 52 years died 1882 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1182 folio website 1182/925 & ancestry website RGO NZ death registration 1882 March quarter folio 26 registration district Auckland New Zealand

#Patrick COMISKEY died 1883 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1883 June quarter folio 575 registration district Auckland New Zealand

#Catherine COMISKY age 20 years died 1886 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1886 folio website 1886/2836 & ancestry website RGO NZ death registration 1886 June quarter folio 768 registration district Wellington Auckland New Zealand

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0- James COMISKY born died New Zealand

#James COMISKY labourer Gisborne residential (718) 1896 Waiapu Electoral Roll East Coast reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#James COMISKEY James Brickmaker Dannevirke Hawkes Bay 1898-1899 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories reference Ancestry website 1898-1899 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directories

#James COMISKY labourer Wainui road Kaiti (1199) 1905-1906 Waiapu Electoral Roll East Coast reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#James COMISKEY labourer Wainui Road (162) 1911 Gisborne Supplementary Electoral Roll East Coast reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#James COMISKEY labourer Wainui Road Kaiti (1376) 1911 Gisborne Electoral Roll East Coast reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#James COMMISKEY labourer Workmen's Home Lorne Street (6744) 1914 Auckland East Electoral Roll Auckland reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#James COMMISKEY labourer 64 Shortland Street (1885) 1919 Auckland East Electoral Roll Auckland reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls



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0- Margaret COMESKEY born about 1842 died 1903 perhaps Auckland New Zealand  
#Margaret COMESKEY spinster 71 Lorne Street (1565) 1911 Auckland Electoral Roll  
reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls  
#Margaret COMESKEY died 1903 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration  
1903 folio website 1903/2415 age 61 born about 1842

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0- Patrick COMESKEY born about 1867 died 1939 perhaps Auckland New Zealand married  
1898 New Zealand Annie Louisa SCHRODER born died  
#Patrick COMESKEY labourer Lorne Street (979) 1905-1906 Auckland East Electoral  
Roll reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls  
#Patrick COMESKEY labourer Lorne Street (1566) 1911 Auckland Electoral Roll  
reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls  
#Patrick COMISKEY married 1898 New Zealand Annie Louisa SCHRODER reference  
RGO NZ marriage registration 1898 folio website 1898/2176  
#Patrick Bernard COMESKEY died 1939 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death  
registration 1939 folio website 1939/277221 age 72 born about 1867

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0- Mary Ann Elizabeth COMISKY born died married 1870 New Zealand Hugh Henry  
BROWN born died  
#Mary Ann Elizabeth COMISKY married 1870 New Zealand Hugh Henry BROWN  
reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1870 folio website 1870/5058

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0- Susan COMISKEY born died married 1885 New Zealand Patrick WALSH born died  
#Susan COMESKEY emigration 26 November 1883 to New Zealand  
#Susan COMISKEY married 1885 New Zealand Patrick WALSH reference RGO NZ  
marriage registration 1885 folio website 1885/1053

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0- Kathleen Rose COMISKEY born died married 1928 New Zealand Charles Horace  
JOHNSTON born died  
#Kathleen Rose COMISKEY married 1928 New Zealand Charles Horace JOHNSTON  
reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio website 1928/9688

0-0- Emma Arnott Grainger JOHNSTON born died married 1927 New Zealand George  
Henry COMISKY born died  
#Emma Arnott Grainger JOHNSTON married 1927 New Zealand George Henry  
COMISKY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1927 folio website 1927/6824

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0- Thomas Patrick COMISKEY born died married 1928 New Zealand Gertrude  
RUTHERFORD born died  
#Thomas Patrick COMISKEY married 1928 New Zealand Gertrude RUTHERFORD  
reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio website 1928/9694

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0- Charles Stafford COMISKEY born died married 1927 New Zealand Christina STEWART  
born died  
#Charles Stafford COMISKEY married 1927 New Zealand Christina STEWART reference  
RGO NZ marriage registration 1927 folio website 1927/9222

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