

**DOWNING  
Upper Hutt**

Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information  
(Weblink HVF Downing Friend)

**DOWNING and FRIEND  
Family History**

**John DOWNING**

B 04 May 1846 Cornwall England  
D 25 August 1930 Upper Hutt New Zealand  
M New Zealand

**Louisa Littlejohn (Lucy) FRIEND**

B 21 June 1852 Tavistock Devon England  
D 14 November 1944 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Children:

1. Mabel Louisa DOWNING born 1877 New Zealand
2. Reginald John DOWNING born 1879 New Zealand
3. Lucy DOWNING born 1881 Upper Hutt New Zealand
4. Charity DOWNING born 11 February 1884 Upper Hutt New Zealand
5. Clarence Edward Friend DOWNING born 04 December 1889 Upper Hutt New Zealand
6. Gilbert Edward DOWNING born 1895 New Zealand
7. Godfrey Norman DOWNING born 1896 New Zealand

John DOWNING born 04 May 1846 Cornwall England

Louisa Littlejohn FRIEND born 21 June 1852 Tavistock Devon England

1861 Census Indescombe Tavistock Devon England

- Samuel FRIEND head married age 31 farmer 20 acres employs 1 man born Tavistock Devon
- Elizabeth FRIEND wife married age 30 born Newton Devon
- Louisa FRIEND daughter age 8 Scholar born about 1853 Tavistock Devon England
- Caroline FRIEND daughter age 5 Scholar born Tavistock Devon England
- Ellen Maria FRIEND daughter age 2 born Tavistock Devon England

*(Reference Ancestry website 1861 Census Tavistock Devon England ED6 household 45 piece 1459 folio 88 page 11)*

1871 St Mary Clyst Devonshire England (Shapland family)

- Louisa FRIEND Servant unmarried age 19 General Servant born about 1852 Tavistock Devonshire England

*(Reference Ancestry website 1871 St Mary Clyst Devonshire England ED3 household 32 piece 2051 folio 29 page 7)*

John DOWNING married October 1875 Newton Abbot Devon England Louisa FRIEND

*(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration 1852 December quarter district Newton Abbot County Devon England volume 5b page 271)*

John and Louisa had a child Mabel Louisa DOWNING born 1877 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877 folio website 1877/4096 parents Louisa and John Downing)*

John and Louisa had a child Reginald John DOWNING born 1879 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio website 1879/14913 parents Louisa and John Downing)*

John and Louisa had a child Lucy DOWNING born 1881 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio website 1881/6971 parents Louisa and John Downing)*

1880-1881 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING residential Mungaroa farmer

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

John and Louisa had a child Charity DOWNING born 11 February 1884 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/7440 parents Louisa Littlejohn and John Downing)*

Evening Post newspaper 12 February 1884

Birth - Downing – On the 11<sup>th</sup> February at Mungaroa Valley the wife of John Downing of a daughter

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 February 1884)*

John and Louisa had a child Clarence Edward Friend DOWNING born 04 December 1889 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/2137 parents Louisa and John Downing)*

John and Louisa son Clarence Edward Friend DOWNING died 10 November 1890 Upper Hutt New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1890 folio website 1890/5084 age 11 months born about 1889)*

Clarence was buried under the name of Clarence Rennie at St John's Churchyard Trentham New Zealand

1890 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING residential Mungaroa farmer

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

1893 Otaki Electoral Roll record 690

- John DOWNING Farmer Mungaroa Residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

John and Louisa had a child Gilbert Edward (Gibb) DOWNING born 1895 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895 folio website 1895/11198 parents Louisa and John Downing)*

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll record 686

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

John and Louisa had a child Godfrey Norman DOWNING born 1896 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1896 folio website 1896/9381 parents Louisa and John Downing)*

1900 Otaki Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer
- Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING Wallaceville married
- Reginald John DOWNING Wallaceville rabbitier

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer
- Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING Wallaceville married
- Charity DOWNING Wallaceville spinster
- Reginald John DOWNING Mangaroa Road Trentham rabbitier
- Elsie Alice DOWNING Mangaroa Road Trentham married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 15 June 1912

District news – Mr J Downing of Wallaceville has we are informed acquired a section in Seddon Street on which he intends to build.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 15 June 1912)*

#### Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 November 1912

Mrs Cress has bought Mrs Downing's residence on the Mangaroa road subject to the lease to Mr Garvey

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 November 1912)*

#### 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer
- Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING Wallaceville married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 June 1917

On Sunday old John Downing of Wallaceville went out to shoot hares and took Bryce Barker's two boys with him. Apparently the old man's ability as a marksman was proportionate to his education attainment for instead of hitting one of Bryce Barker's hare he hit Bryce Barkers younger heir – peppering the boy with shot from the groin to the knee. The boy was taken to a doctor and is doing as well as can be expected. Grandpa will take a spell now perhaps till he can tell hare from heir. Keep your hair on John what's left of it.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 June 1917)*

#### 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer
- Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING Wallaceville Upper Hutt married
- Gilbert Edward DOWNING Trentham Military Camp Soldier
- Godfrey Norman DOWNING Wallaceville Upper Hutt farm labourer
- Reginald John DOWNINH Wallaceville Upper Hutt farm assistant

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- John DOWNING Mungaroa farmer
- Louisa DOWNING Wallaceville married
- Gilbert Edward DOWNING Wallaceville farm hand
- Reginald John DOWNINH Wallaceville farm assistant

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### John DOWNING died 25 August 1930 Upper Hutt New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio website 1930/6873 age 84 years born about 1846)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 25 August 1930

The Friends of the late John Downing are invited to attend his Funeral which will leave his late residence Wallaceville on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1930 at 2.30 pm for the Trentham Churchyard – P Robertson Undertaker Upper Hutt  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 August 1930)

Evening Post newspaper 26 August 1930

PHOTO (S P Andrew photo)

Mr J Downing of Wallaceville a well-known Hutt Valley farmer who died yesterday morning

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 August 1930)

John DOWNING date 25 August 1930 St Johns Church Trentham Upper Hutt Monumental Inscriptions

John DOWNING Farmer Wallaceville court Wellington filed date 10 September 1930 type Will

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6029 record 47275)

1935 & 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Louisa DOWNING Wallaceville married
- Gilbert Edward DOWNING Wallaceville farm hand

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING died 1944 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1944 folio website 1944/29036 age 88 years born about 1856)

Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING buried 14 November 1944 Wallaceville cemetery Upper Hutt Monumental Inscriptions

Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING Widow Wallaceville court Wellington Probate filed date 27 November 1944 type Will

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6030 record 14787)

St John's Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt - Burial records

John DOWNING died 25 August 190 aged 85 years

Louisa Littlejohn DOWNING died 14 November 1944 age 92 years

Clarence Rennie DOWNING died 10 November 1890 age 11 years [actually 11 moths]

St John's Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

In Loving memory of John DOWNING died 25 August 1930 aged 35, Lousa Littlejohn DOWNING died 14 November 1944 aged 92, Clarrie Rennie DOWNING died 10 November 1890 aged 11 years

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## John and Louisa DOWNING their children and descendants

**1- Mabel Louisa DOWNING** born 1877 New Zealand died 1967 New Zealand married 1899 New Zealand **John Moreshead WHITEMAN** born 1876 New Zealand died 1932 New Zealand

#Mabel Louisa DOWNING born 1877 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877 folio website 1877/4096 parents Louisa and John Downing

#John Morsehead WHITEMAN born 1876 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/7687 parents Matilda Hane and John Whiteman

- #Mabel Louise DOWNING married 1899 John Moreshead WHITEMAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1899 folio 1958 website 1899/1979  
#John Morsehead WHITEMAN died 1932 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1932 folio website 1932/5370 age 56 born about 1876  
#Mabel Louise WHITEMAN died 1967 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1967 folio website 1967/25810
- 1-1- Neville George Friend WHITEMAN born 1902 New Zealand died 1966 New Zealand married 1939 New Zealand Margaret Miller INNES born 17 April 1916 died 2006 New Zealand  
#Neville George Friend WHITEMAN born 1902 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1902 folio website 1902/8942 parents Mabel Louise and John Morsehead Whiteman  
#Neville George Friend WHITEMAN married 1939 New Zealand Margaret Miller INNES reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio 03362  
#Neville George Friend WHITEMAN died 1966 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1966 folio website 1966/32047 age 64 born about 1902  
#Margaret Miller WHITEMAN died 2006 New Zealand reference RGO NZ marriage registration 2006 folio website 2006/6924 born 17 April 1916
- 1-2- Ivan Jack WHITEMAN born 28 June 1909 New Zealand died 1993 New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1937 New Zealand Florrie MULDERs born 27 October 1917 New Zealand died 2014 New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1963 New Zealand Helen CARTWRIGHT born 24 June 1920 New Zealand died 2001 New Zealand  
#Ivan Jack WHITEMAN born 1909 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/25007 parents Mabel Louise and John Morsehead Whiteman  
#Florrie MULDERs born 1917 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio website 1917/26777 parents Gwladys Louisa and Frank Mulders  
#Ivan Jack WHITEMAN 1<sup>st</sup> married 1937 New Zealand Florrie MULDERs reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio 11493  
#Ivan Jack WHITEMAN 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1963 New Zealand Helen CARTWRIGHT  
#Florrie WHITEMAN 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1961 New Zealand William Bernard ORILEY  
#Ivan Jack WHITEMAN died 1993 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1993 folio website 1993/40508 born 28 June 1909  
#Helen WHITEMAN died 2001 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2001 folio website 2001/7779 born 24 June 1920
- 1-2-1- Female living WHITEMAN and Male living ELLIS  
1-2-2- Female living WHITEMAN and Male living BAKER  
1-2-3- Female living WHITEMAN and Male living CARSON  
1-2-4- Male living WHITEMAN and Female living WALLER
- 1-3- Valerie Mabel WHITEMAN born 27 October 1912 New Zealand died 1994 New Zealand married 1942 New Zealand Eric Eugene MCCARTHY born 04 July 1906 New Zealand died 1983 New Zealand  
#Valerie Mabel WHITEMAN born 1912 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/18812 parents Mabel Louise and John Morshead Whiteman  
#Eric Eugene MCCARTHY born 1906 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/3821 parents Alice and Hugh Donald McCarthy  
#Valerie Mabel WHITEMAN married 1942 New Zealand Eric Eugene MCCARTHY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1942 folio 06126  
#Eric Eugene Daniel MCCARTHY died 1983 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1983 folio website 1983/43042 born 04 July 1906  
#Valerie Mabel MCCARTHY died 1994 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1994 folio website 1994/51137 born 27 October 1912
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- 2- Reginald John DOWNING** born 1879 New Zealand died 1970 New Zealand married 1908 New Zealand **Elsie Alice JENSEN** born 1888 New Zealand died 1970 New Zealand  
#Reginald John DOWNING born 1879 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio website 1879/14913 parents Louisa & John Downing  
#Elsie Alice JENSEN born 1888 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio website 1888/2514 parents Henrietta and Vilhelm Jensen  
#Reginald John DOWNING married 1908 Elsie Alice JENSEN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1908 folio website 1908/6626  
#Reginald John DOWNING died 1970 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1970 folio website 1970/33636 age 91 born about 1879  
#Elsie Alice DOWNING died 1970 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1970 folio website 1970/33636 age 82 born about 1888
- 2-1- Christina Joyce DOWNING born 02 August 1909 New Zealand died 2004 New Zealand married date and place unknown Gerrit Carel GEEL born 09 June 1905 died 1977 New Zealand  
#Christina Joyce DOWNING born 1909 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/6285 parents Elsie Alice & Reginald John Downing  
#Gerrit Carel GEEL died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/35644 born 09 June 1905  
#Christina Joyce GEEL died 2004 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2004 folio website 2004/10978 born 02 August 1909
- 2-2- Irene DOWNING born 1910 New Zealand died date and place unknown married 1938 New Zealand Harold Foster TOMLINSON born 24 November 1911 place unknown died 1986 New Zealand  
#Irene DOWNING born 1910 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/22730 parents Elsie Alice & Reginald John Downing  
#Irene DOWNING married 1938 New Zealand Harold Foster TOMLINSON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1938 folio website 1938/1911  
#Harold Foster TOMLINSON died 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/49369 born 24 November 1911
- 2-3- Dorothy DOWNING born 16 September 1917 New Zealand died 2004 New Zealand  
#Dorothy DOWNING born 1917 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio website 1917/6101 parents Elsie Alice and Reginald John Downing  
#Dorothy DOWNING died 2004 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2004 folio website 2004/21620 born 16 September 1917

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- 3- Lucy DOWNING** born 1881 New Zealand died 1944 New Zealand married 1904 New Zealand **Bryce Alexander BARKER** born 1874 New Zealand died 1937 New Zealand  
#Lucy DOWNING born 1881 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio website 1881/697 parents Louisa and John Downing  
#Lucy DOWNING married 1904 New Zealand Bryce Alexander BARKER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1904 folio website 1904/3257  
#Bryce Alexander BARKER died 1937 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1937 folio website 1937/20058 age 63 born about 1874  
#Lucy BARKER died 1944 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1944 folio website 1944/24446 age 62 born about 1882
- 3-1- Lucy Downing BARKER born 04 October 1905 New Zealand died 1990 New Zealand (never married)  
#Lucy Downing BARKER born 1905 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/17995 parents Lucy & Bryce Alexander Barker  
#Lucy Downing BARKER died 1990 New Zealand reference RGO death registration 1990 folio website 1990/45855 born 04 October 1905

- 3-2- Beatrice Downing BARKER born 02 May 1906 New Zealand died 1993 New Zealand married 1938 New Zealand Thomas Frederick Grattan HARRISON born 10 January 1910 place unknown died 1983 New Zealand  
#Beatrice Downing BARKER born 1906 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/19341 parents Lucy & Bryce Alexander Barker  
#Beatrice Downing BARKER married 1938 New Zealand Thomas Frederick Grattan HARRISON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1938 folio website 1938/4531  
#Thomas Frederick Grattan HARRISON died 1983 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1983 folio website 1983/43816 born 10 January 1910  
#Beatrice Downing HARRISON died 1993 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1993 folio website 1993/4467 born 02 May 1906
- 3-3- Bryce Otto BARKER born 18 January 1908 New Zealand died 1976 New Zealand  
#Bryce Otto BARKER born 1908 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/5905 parents Lucy & Bryce Alexander Barker  
#Bryce Otto BARKER died 1976 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1976 folio website 1976/33882 born 18 January 1908
- 3-4- Russell Edward BARKER born 27 August 1910 New Zealand died 1990 New Zealand  
#Russell Edward BARKER born 1910 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/21919 parents Lucy & Bryce Alexander Barker  
#Russel Edward BARKER died 1990 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1990 folio website 1990/32915 born 27 August 1910

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- 4- Charity DOWNING** born 11 February 1884 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 13 August 1956 New Zealand married 12 August 1914 Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand **Maurice RASMUSSEN** born 10 December 1877 Marton New Zealand died 13 February 1957 Palmerston North New Zealand  
#Charity DOWNING born 11 February 1884 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/7440 parents Louisa Littlejohn and John Downing  
#Charity DOWNING married 1914 New Zealand Maurice RASMUSSEN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio website 1914/2175  
#Marriages – Rasmussen – Downing – On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> August at St John's Church Trentham by Rev J Sykes, Maurice eldest son of P Rasmussen, Stanway to Charity youngest daughter of John Downing "Parkfield" Wallaceville. Fielding Star please copy reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 August 1914  
#Charity RASMUSSEN died 1956 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1956 folio website 1956/23840 age 72 born about 1884  
#Maurice RASMUSSEN died 1957 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1957 folio website 1957/22011 age 80 born about 1877
- 4-1- Susan Charity RASMUSSEN born 1915 New Zealand died 1999 New Zealand married George Clifford HARPER born 19 April 1906 New Zealand died 17 September 1964 New Zealand  
#Susan Charity RASMUSSEN born 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/1310 parents Charity and Maurice Rasmussen
- 4-2- Anthony Maurice RASMUSSEN born 01 June 1917 New Zealand died 13 August 1996 New Zealand  
#Anthony Maurice RASMUSSEN born 1917 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio website 1917/3466 parents Charity and Maurice Rasmussen  
#Anthony Maurice RASMUSSEN died 1996 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1996 folio website 1996/45900 born 01 June 1917

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- 5- Clarence Edward Friend DOWNING** born 04 December 1889 New Zealand died 10 November 1890 Mungaroa Upper Hutt New Zealand (died young never married)

#Clarence Edward Friend DOWNING born 04 December 1889 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/2137 parents Louisa and John Downing

#Clarence Edward Friend DOWNING died 10 November 1890 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1890 folio website 1890/5084 age 11 months born about 1889

#Deaths – Downing – On the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1890 at Park Field Mungaroa Clarence Edward Fren [sic] youngest and dearly beloved son of John and Louisa Downing aged 11 months reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 11 November 1890

#Clarence Rennie [sic] DOWNING buried November 1890 St John's Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand

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- 6- Gilbert Edward (Gibb) DOWNING** born 19 August 1895 New Zealand died 1983 New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1923 New Zealand **Linnea Ellen Louise ENGSTROM** born 09 January 1907 New Zealand died 1993 New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1933 New Zealand **Daisy Victoria RENSHAW** born 20 October 1910 New Zealand died 1995 New Zealand  
#Gilbert Edward DOWNING born 1895 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895 folio website 1895/11198 parents Louisa and John Downing  
#Linnea Ellen Louise ENGSTROM born 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/3526 parents Ellen Mabel and Carl Gothuk Engstrom  
#Gilbert Edward DOWNING married 1923 New Zealand Linnea Ellen Louise ENGSTROM reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1923 folio website 1923/9785  
#Linnea Ellen Louise GOODING died 1993 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1993 folio website 1993/38312 born 09 January 1907 (married 1936 Victor Edward Gooding)  
#Daisy Victoria COLE born 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/24170 parents Lilian and Walter Horace Stuart Renshaw Cole  
#Gilbert Edward DOWNING married 1933 New Zealand Daisy Victoria COLE cka RENSHAW reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1933 folio website 1933/7693  
#Gilbert Edward DOWNING died 1983 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1983 folio website 1983/32396 born 19 August 1895  
#Daisy Victoria DOWNING died 1995 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1995 folio website 1995/55144 born 20 October 1910

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- 7- Godfrey Norman DOWNING** born 1896 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 1959 New Zealand (never married)  
#Godfrey Norman DOWNING born 1896 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1896 folio website 1896/9381 parents Louisa and John Downing  
#Godfrey Norman DOWNING died 1959 reference RGO NZ death registration 1959 folio website 1959/39366 age 60 born about 1899
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