

FORTUNE
Hutt Valley - Upper Hutt
Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information
(Weblink HVF Fortune)

Wilfred FORTUNE and Emily Edith Zoe LA TROBE
Family History

Wilfred FORTUNE

B 08 April 1909 Wellington New Zealand

D 04 June 1996 Auckland New Zealand

M 1933 New Zealand

Emily Edith Zoe LA TROBE

B 31 October 1913 Wellington New Zealand

D 26 November 2004 Auckland New Zealand

Children:

1. Private female FORTUNE
2. Private male FORTUNE
3. Private male FORTUNE

[Wilfred FORTUNE Upper Hutt Borough Councillor 1933-1935]

Wilfred FORTUNE was born 08 April 1909 Wellington New Zealand. His parents were Edith Marie nee Burnell and Alfred Fortune who married 1903 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio 2361 website 1909/20145 parents Edith Marie and Alfred Fortune)

Evening Post newspaper 25 February 1931

Mr Wilfred Fortune has been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand by Mr Justice Blair on the motion of Mr R H Boys

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 February 1931)

Edith Zoe LA TROBE was born 31 October 1913 Oriental Bay Wellington New Zealand. Her parents were Ina Mary nee Roberts and William Sanderson La Trobe who married 1909 in New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/29393 parents Ina Mary and William Sanderson La Trobe)

Wilfred FORTUNE married 1933 New Zealand Emily Edith Zoe LA TROBE

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1933 folio 8544 website 193/6987)

Evening Post newspaper 28 January 1933

Legal Notice Hardie Boys, Haldane, and Fortune Barristers and Solicitors Wellington, Lower Hutt, and Petone, have opened a Branch Office in Cotter's Buildings Main road Upper Hutt. Mr W Fortune will be in attendance on Saturdays Court days and by appointment.

Upper Hutt Telephone Office 38 Residence

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 January 1933)

Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1933

Upper Hutt Mayoralty – One required

BLEWMAN James - MCCURDY Angus John - ROBERTSON Peter

Upper Hutt Council East Ward – Five required

BATES George Sterndale - FORTUNE Wilfred

GUTHRIE George Humphrey GREIG William

HAZELWOOD James Thomas HEALD Ralph

KEYS Francis Percy NEIGHBOURS Leonard Alfred

ROBINSON Arthur Edmond TWOHILL James Gace

West Ward – Three required

COTTLE Edward William	GEANGE Kenneth
HOWELL Amos	JOHNSTON John Kirkpatrick
PURVIS John	

Upper Hutt Power Board – One required

GREIG William	MCCURDY Angus John
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(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1933)

Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1933

Upper Hutt Polls - Result of Recount - The following is the result of the official count of votes in the municipal election at Upper Hutt.

Borough Council East Ward

F P Keys	661
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W Greig	615
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G S Bates	553
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W Fortune	515
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G H Guthrie	495
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(The above are elected)

J T Hazelwood	462
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J G Toohill	383
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L A Neighbours	359
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A E Robinson	269
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R Heald	175
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Informal	39
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West Ward

J Purvis	335
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A Howell	299
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E W Cottle	298
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(The above are elected)

J K Johnston	270
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K Geange	153
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Informal	4
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Power Board

W Greig	826
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A J McCurdy	735
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Informal	14
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Mr Greig was elected

Former members

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1933)

Evening Post newspaper 26 January 1935

Public Confession - Councillors and Hosing - Upper Hutt Restriction

A confession was made by three councillors at the meeting of the Upper Hutt Borough Council last evening that they had disobeyed the restriction imposed in respect to hosing. The pressure of water became so low in some parts during the dry spell that all hosing had to be prohibited. Councillor W Fortune was the first to confess. He moved that the hosing restriction be withdrawn between 10 pm and 6 am, on the understanding that during that time the hose be held in the hand. Some people in the district he said derived their livelihood from horticulture. The need was not so great now as before as the dry spell seemed to have ended. He thought there would be ample pressure during the times he suggested. He had tried out the pressure at 6 am he said and found it ample. In supporting Councillor Fortune's motion Councillor J Purvis also admitted using a hose. Councillor A Howell also admitted being one of the culprits but he said that he rose earlier than the others to do his hosing getting up for the purpose at 3.30 am. The Mayor (Mr A J McCurdy) drew attention to what would happen if everyone wanted to water their gardens. While the weather was wet fewer people would want to hose. Councillor W Greig stated that he supported the Medical Officer of Health (Dr W F Findlay) when the restriction was imposed but he supported the proposal for hosing between 10 pm and 6 am when the pressure was ample. Councillor F P Keys said he had been away but had wondered when he returned at

the nice gardens of some of the councillors. Councillor G H Guthrie thought that provided people held the hose in the hand there was no harm in allowing hosing. Councillor Fortune's motion was carried unanimously. Some jocular remarks were passed as to the consequences of councillor's admissions. Councillor Purvis said he hoped that if he was brought up before Councillor Greig who is a Justice of the Peace he would be allowed off with costs. Councillor W Fortune who is a solicitor jocularly suggested that summonses should be issued but the councillors also in jocular mood would not agree. "You're looking for work" they remarked to Councillor Fortune.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 January 1935)

In 1935 Wilfred FORTUNE stood again as Councillor for the Upper Hutt Borough.

Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1935

Upper Hutt Council - The following members of the Upper Hutt Borough Council have announced their intention of standing again. Messrs A Howell, J Purvis, W Greig, W Fortune, and G H Guthrie. Messrs J Blewman and F P Keys are not yet announced their intentions. Mr E W Cottle will not stand again. Mr A P Godber has announced that he will be a candidate for the west ward of the Upper Hutt Borough Council. Mr Godber who is a retired civil servant is prominent church worker and instructor to the Silverstream Fire Brigade

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1935)

Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1935

Upper Hutt Borough - Polling was good at Upper Hutt and exceeded that of the last municipal elections. The Mayoral position went to Mr A J McCurdy by the narrow margin of 12 votes. The polling resulted as follows:

Mayoralty

A J McCurdy 692 (the above is elected) - P Robertson 680 - W McArley 247

Borough Council East Ward

F P Keys 776, W Greig 666, J Blewman 646, A Sutherland 621, G H Guthrie 493

The above are elected

W Fortune 490, T Clyma 467, R Heald 421, Informal 22

West Ward

J Purvis 434, A Howell 285, J S Baskett 211

The above are elected

A P Godber 205, W C Wooffindin 202, Informal 7

Hutt Valley Electric Power Board

A J McCurdy 588

The above is elected

W Greig 487, J Blewman 301, W McArley 200 Informal 54

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1935)

Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1935

Upper Hutt Mayoralty - The recount has been completed for the Upper Hutt Mayoralty and as a result Mr A J McCurdy has had his lead reduced from 12 to 9. The final figures are - A J McCurdy 694 (elected), P Robertson 685, W McArley 248 Informal 21.

The recount is proceeding for the Borough Council and interest is added by the fact that Mr G H Guthrie the lowest on the list of elected candidates in the east ward, is only three votes ahead of Mr W Fortune.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1935)

Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1935

Recounts Upper Hutt Votes - The recount has been completed the Upper Hutt borough. There is no change in the personnel of the new council has announced on Wednesday night. The Mayoral recount has already been announced Mr A J McCurdy having a majority of 9 votes. The final figures are as follows:

Borough Council East ward

F P Keys 778, W Greig 668, J Blewman 647, A Sutherland 625, G H Guthrie 493 (elected), W Fortune 487, T Clyma 468, R Heald 424, informal 25

West ward

J Purvis 435, A Howell 286, J S Baskett 211 (elected), A P Godber 206, W C Wooffinden 202, informal 11

Hutt Valley Electric Power Board

A J McCurdy 588 (elected), W Greig 495, J Blewman 305, informal 62

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1935)

1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Wilfred FORTUNE Whakatiki Street Upper Hutt solicitor
- Alfred FORTUNE Alexander Street Upper Hutt builder
- Edith Marie FORTUNE Alexander Street Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 March 1936

Upper Hutt Rugby Football Club 17th Annual Meeting - The 17th Annual Meeting of the Upper Hutt Rugby Football Club was held on Friday evening last in the Majestic Theatre by the courtesy of Mr R Heald. Mr W Fortune presided over a very small attendance of the older fraternity.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 March 1936)

Evening Post newspaper 17 July 1936

Mr Wilfred Fortune was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court today by the Acting Chief Justice (Sir John Reed) on the motion of Mr R Hardie Boys

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 July 1936)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 September 1936

Departure of Mr W FORTUNE – Mr W Fortune a member of the legal firm Hardie Boys and Fortune who has resided in the district for a considerable time will be leaving shortly for Auckland in connection with his business. Mr Fortune was a member of Borough Council for a term and was narrowly defeated at the last election.

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

Evening Post newspaper 12 September 1936

Mr Wilfred Fortune will leave Wellington next week to take up residence in Auckland where he has accepted an appointment on the staff of the legal branch of the Public Trust Office. He will be accompanied by Mrs Fortune and their small daughter

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 September 1936)

New Zealand Herald newspaper 22 March 1937

Fortune On 19 March 1937 at 100 Benson Road Remuera to Zoe wife of Wilfred Fortune a son

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 22 March 1937)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 03 December 1937

The Mayor pointed out that of the defeated candidate's last election Mr W Fortune was the next on the list but he having left the district was not titled to the position. Mr Heald the other candidate was leaving the district. [Mr Thomas Clyma due to resignation of A Sutherland]

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 03 December 1937)

1938 Thames Electoral Roll

- Wilfred FORTUNE Thames barrister and solicitor
- Emily Edith Zoe FORTUNE Fenton Street Thames married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Wilfred's father Alfred FORTUNE died 01 August 1944 in Thames

Death – FORTUNE – On 01 August 1944 at Thames Hospital, Alfred dearly loved husband of Edith Marie formerly of Wellington and father of Wilfred (Auckland) and grand-father of Wendy and Terrence. Service at St George's Church Thames 2 pm Wednesday, Funeral leaving immediately after for Totara cemetery.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1944 folio website 1944/24085 age 67 born about 1877 & newspaper)

New Zealand Herald newspaper 19 May 1945

Fortune - On 18 May 1945 at Nurse Miller's to Zoe wife of Wilfred Fortune 65 Campbell Road a son

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 19 May 1945)

1946 & 1949 Remuera Electoral Roll Auckland

- Wilfred FORTUNE 18 Entrican Avenue SE2 solicitor
- Emily Edith Zoe FORTUNE 18 Entrican Avenue SE2 married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1954 Otahuhu Electoral Roll Auckland

- Wilfred FORTUNE 76 Mellons Bay Road Howick Solicitor
- Emily Edith Zoe FORTUNE 76 Mellons Bay Road Howick married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1957 Otahuhu Electoral Roll Auckland

- Wilfred FORTUNE Bleakhouse Road Howick Solicitor
- Emily Edith Zoe FORTUNE Bleakhouse Road Howick married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Wilfred's mother Edith Marie FORTUNE died 08 August 1961 and was buried with her husband Alfred at the Totara Memorial Park cemetery Thames.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1961 folio website 1961/29875 age 80 born about 1881)

1963 Remuera Electoral Roll Auckland

- Wilfred FORTUNE 16 Te Kowhai Place SE2 Solicitor
- Emily Edith Zoe FORTUNE 16 Te Kowhai Place SE2 married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1969 Remuera Electoral Roll Auckland

- Wilfred FORTUNE 266A Victoria Avenue Solicitor
- Emily E Z FORTUNE 266a Victoria Avenue married
- Warwick FORTUNE 226A Victoria Avenue Geologist
- Anthony M FORTUNE 226A Victoria Avenue Law Clerk

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1972 & 1978 & 1981 Remuera Electoral Roll Auckland

- Wilfred FORTUNE 266A Victoria Avenue Solicitor
- Emily E Z FORTUNE 266a Victoria Avenue married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Wilfred FORTUNE died 04 June 1996 Auckland New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1996 folio website 1996/36808 born 08 April 1909)

Emily Edith Zoe FORTUNE died 26 November 2004 Auckland New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 2004 folio website 2004/30139 born 31 October 1913)