

## Guardians of Pupils in Upper Hutt district - 1907-1920

School Pupil records, sometimes record a guardian for the child and not a parent. The children may have been related to the guardian but many had no connection at all. A few records refer to the pupils having a connection to receiving homes.

For one reason or another, children were often put into the care of the State then sent to Receiving Homes and sometimes Industrial Schools.

The Receiving Homes looked after the children but some children were later fostered into private homes with Guardians. I have listed below some of the school pupil's names and the names of their guardians that appear in school records between 1907 and 1920.

### A to Z GUARDIANS

#### **BOYD Thomas (guardian)**

#Thomas Franklin Boyd Upper Hutt blacksmith (Freehold part section 119 Upper Hutt) 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Athol MACKIN 1914-1918 Upper Hutt School (guardian Thomas Boyd)

#Athol Desmond Macken born 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/9377 mother Evaline Frances Beatrice Macken father not recorded

#Olga MACKIN 1917-1919 Upper Hutt School (guardian Thomas Boyd)

#Olga Edna Mackin born 1912 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/13826 parents Eunice and Edgar Mackin

#Victor Noel Mackin born 1914 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/3302 parents Eunice and Edgar Mackin

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#### **CARLSON Henry (Guardian)**

#No trace for Henry Carlson in 1914 and/or 1919 Wellington districts Electoral Rolls

#Vera MORGAN 1915-1919 Upper Hutt School (guardian Henry Carlson)

Perhaps #Ivy Vera Morgan born 1906 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/19800 parents Emma and Samuel Morgan

#James MORGAN 1915-1919 Upper Hutt School (guardian Henry Carlson)

Perhaps #James Morgan born 1911 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio website 1911/23472 parents Emma and Samuel Morgan

#George SMITH 1915-1916 Upper Hutt School (guardian Henry Carlson)

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#### **CUNLIFFE Mrs & Mr Richard (Guardian)**

#Richard Herbert Thompson CUNLIFFE Upper Hutt engineer & Sarah CINLIFFE Henry Street Upper Hutt married 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Eric R STINSON 1918-1920 Upper Hutt School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)

#Erick Ronald STINSON born 1908 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/8760 parents Annie Louisa and Henry James Stinson

#Gordon STANDEN 1915-1918 Upper Hutt School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)

Perhaps #Gordon Harris Standon born 1911 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio 831

Perhaps #Gordon Stanley Standen born 1903 place unknown died 1975 Levin New Zealand

#Eric Vernon JANE 1915-1917 Karapoti School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)

#Eric Vernon Janee born 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/18600 mother Lizzie Maria father not recorded

#John HARRIS 1915-1917 Karapoti School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)

#No trace for John Harris birth registration

#George MCCONNACK 1915-1917 Karapoti School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)

#No trace for George McConnack or McCormack

Leslie T MCGREGOR 1915-1917 Karapoti School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)  
#No trace for Leslie T McGregor birth registration  
Ronald D BRIGGS 1918-1920 Upper Hutt School (guardian Mr & Mrs Cunliffe)  
#No trace for Ronald D Briggs for birth registration

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**DEVINE Thomas John (Guardian)**

#Thomas John DEVINE Martin Street Upper Hutt farmer & Ann Eliza DEVINE Martin Street Upper Hutt married 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll  
Clara E YATES 1915 & 1916-1920 Upper Hutt School [grandchild] (guardian Thomas John Devine)  
#Clara Eileen YATES born 1909 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/20220 parents Mary Ethel and Adam Yates  
Thomas YATES 1918-1920 Upper Hutt School [grandchild] guardian Thomas John Devine)  
#Thomas Adam YATES born 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/20763 parents Mary Ethel and Adam Yates

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**FLETCHER Thomas (Guardian)**

#Thomas Fletcher Queen Street Upper Hutt railway employee 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll  
Leonard WELLS 1913-1914 Upper Hutt School (guardian Thomas Fletcher)  
#No trace Leonards Wells for birth registration

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**KEYS James (Guardian)**

Perhaps #Walter James Keys Upper Hutt butcher 1914 Hutt & 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll  
Thomas ALLEN 1907-1914 Upper Hutt School (guardian James Keys)  
#no trace Thomas Allen for birth registration  
Edward EADE 1913-1919 Upper Hutt School (guardian James Keys)  
#Edward EADE born 1899 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1899 folio website 1899/10140 parents Mary and Edward Eade  
Inez TILL 1915 & 1916-1917 Upper Hutt School (guardian James Keys)  
#Inez Pearl TILL born 1903 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/8674 parents Mabel Ethel and James Alfred Till  
Harry J POOLEY 1916-1918 Upper Hutt School (guardian James Keys)  
#Harry John POOLEY born 1908 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/13375 parents Lizzie and James Henry Pooley

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**ROUTLEY William (Guardian)**

#William ROUTLEY Trentham gardener & William Benson ROUTLEY junior Trentham gardener & Annie ROUTLEY Trentham married & Mary Jane ROUTLEY Trentham married & Arthur Kinsman ROUTLEY Trentham gardener & 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll  
Stanley BERRINGTON 1911-1915 Upper Hutt School (guardian William Routley)  
#Richard Stanley BERRINGTON born New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1923 folio website 1923/19185 parents Daisy Ellen and Frederick Stanley Berrington  
Gwendoline SCONSTER 1909-1915 Upper Hutt School  
#No trace for Gwendoline Sconster for birth certificate

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**WILLS Alick John (Guardian)**

#Alick John WILL Main Road Upper Hutt blacksmith & Sarah Jane WILLS Main Road Upper Hutt married 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll  
Constance POCOCK 1915 Upper Hutt School (guardian Alick John Wills)  
#Constance Maronan POCOCK born 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/11849 parents Emma Mabel and Ward Francis Roy Pocock

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**WYETH George (Guardian)**

#George Wyeth Ebdon Town Upper Hutt labourer & Louisa Amelia WYETH Ebdon Town Upper Hutt married 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll  
Eric WILLIAMS 1912-1914 Upper Hutt School (guardian George Wyeth)  
#No trace of Eric Williams for birth registration

David AULD 1916-1918 Upper Hutt School (guardian George Wyeth)  
#No trace of David Auld for birth registration

## RECEIVING HOMES MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Wellington Receiving Home 1904-1907

The Education Department Industrial Schools Wellington reports – The Inspector regularly inspected the Wellington Receiving Home every three (3) months. He reported on the condition of the residence, named the people in charge and recorded the number of Industrial School Inmates. He addressed the Memorandum to The Secretary for Education. At the beginning of the file there is also a newspaper article from the Evening Post dated 16 January 1908 headed “State As Patent - At the Receiving Home” Children of all sorts etc.

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington CWW 1043 26 40/4/8 Inspections Wellington Receiving Home 1904-1907)*

Evening Post newspaper 09 January 1908

State as Parent at the Receiving Home

Children of all Sorts - Good food and kindness as educators.

The white sheets in a cradle on the gently doping bank bore the impress of a tiny body a little chap had been there getting whiffs of fresh air and frolicking with his pink toes and was now in the house absorbing the infant equivalent (humanised milk) of the adult afternoon tea. Somewhere perhaps he had learned to say daddy but the State is his father and mother now. The State became a fond parent to the extent of sixty-one (thirty-thrift girls and twenty-eight boys) last year) all doing well. When a child is committed to the Receiving Home in Tinakori Road the State assumes all the functions of a parent from the preparation of the feeding bottle to saying diddum's.

A Sunny House - When he went through the gate a representative of The Post had just a suspicion that he would see ladies of stern aspect frowning upon him through horn rimmed spectacles. To the average mind the words Receiving Homes somehow suggests very thin porridge and bread with a scrape of butter or thoughts of that kind. Anybody with these old world notions will be pleasantly surprised by a visit to No 117 Tinakori Road. It is a roomy house plainly but very brightly furnished. It is actually a home not a barn. The hand of sympathetic woman is everywhere apparent and the touch is soothing to the eye and nerves of even a casual invader. The dining room the kitchen the bedrooms the bathrooms the hospital (there is a cosy room for such minor operations as the removal of adenoids, tonsils and such trifles) the sewing room and all other places combined with the cheerful faces of the manager (Mrs Dick) and her staff convinced the journalist that the little ones would be all happy here; they would have no grudge against their new parent.

From near and far - The children range from babies in arms to girls and boys old enough to go out to service. They come from places as wide apart as Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Marlborough and Nelson. By train and by steamer the children of the State are brought to their comfortable home here. Of course the home is not a permanent abode. The arrivals are kept only till they can be boarded out with people on whom reliance can be placed. The home is just a half-way house. The children are domiciled here till they are in a fit state for transplanting and clothes are made for them. The home is never empty. There are always infants and toddlers and older boys and girls awaiting berths abroad. Over three hundred are outside and are under surveillance now and the State parent (the Education Department represented by Mrs Dick) keeps a watchful eye on their welfare. This supervision added to the work required on newcomers gives the staff plenty of work. The actual occupants of the home have totalled seventeen on one day and they all needed special attention.

At Play - Three little girls and a boy had their eyes glistening around a table adorned with a doll or two and bright robes for the effigies. The boy's face was no doubt brightened with the prospect of upsetting the plans of his feminine playmates but for the moment he was decorous and was content to allow his happy companions to do the dressing without molestation. A large dolls house was beside them and there was other apparatus to help them to think that the State was a very nice parent. They were well nourished. It was plain that they would not ask in vain

for more at meal times. They had been unfortunate earlier in life but they were on their feet now and were as happy as any of their contemporaries in regulation homes. In the nursery two or three infants were sleeping. Their natural parents were far away possibly the little ones would never see them, again but they had no reason to be unhappy about it at present. They were in very kind hands.

A Pet – A nurse came in with an armful of blue eyed chubby baby boy a good -tempered youngster of twelve months or so. A little while ago he was a wreck given up by all the doctors as the patent medicine testimonials say. He had been racked by whooping cough and then pneumonia had seized upon him. He had indeed drifted into a bad plight and it was only a shadow that the State was asked to mother. By careful feeding by patient nursing the little fellow was won back to healthfulness and he prattles gaily about it now. He gets as many kisses as the luckiest of his brethren in other home and is much better off- than most of them as far as feeding goes. Here it is recognised that a baby is a baby and not a young ostrich.

Conquered by Kindness - Speaking broadly it is not the children's naughtiness but their goodness that surprises me said Mrs Dick. They might enter as savages but in a few days they are generally docile. It is the kindness that changes them and their bright surroundings. They have been accustomed to squalor and harsh words and when they are brought into contact with cleanliness and gentleness their manners are speedily amended. For most of them it us their first experience of a comfortable home the State is the only kind parent within their memory and they are grateful for the sunshine that has come to them. They do not look forward to parting with the house in Tinakori Road. It is not found necessary to inflict much punishment in order to insure good behaviour among the ones who have inherited a rather wilful spirit. The visitor glanced at the punishment book and noticed that the list was not very black. The usual penalty is early dismissal to bed and occasionally a dash of 'whipping but this castigation is not so dreadful as it sounds it is merely the application of the matron's palm to a suitable area.

Like Indian Famine Children - Some of the children come in a pitiable state of emaciation. They have been starved negated in all ways thoroughly ruined in health and the State has been given the task of fashioning presentable citizens out of very unpromising materials. Mere apparitions of babies have come to the institution and they have been converted into the typical Conglomeration of dimples and rolls which figure at baby shows. Under the amendment of the Infant Life Protection Act the Education Department takes the place of the police and the Receiving Home will get additional visitors, but in these cases the State will not be the parent. It will compel the parents proper to do their duty. The work in Tinakori Road will be increased and to assist the present staff a special nurse will be employed,

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 January 1908 page 3)*

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