

**Norman Joseph BENNINGTON and Evelyn May COTTER family**  
Upper Hutt Town Board 1912-1914

**Norman Joseph BENNINGTON**

B 1875 New Zealand

D 29 October 1944 Masterton Wairarapa New Zealand

M 22 December 1906 Lower Hutt New Zealand

**Evelyn May COTTER**

B 1884 Upper Hutt New Zealand

D 08 May 1965 Masterton Wairarapa New Zealand

Children:

1. Ian Campbell BENNINGTON born 22 April 1910 Upper Hutt New Zealand
2. Wenonah BENNINGTON born 23 March 1912 Upper Hutt New Zealand
3. Joan BENNINGTON born August 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Norman Joseph BENNINGTON was born 1875 New Zealand. His parents were Sarah nee Pentecost and John Bennington who married 1881 in New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1875 folio website 1875/420 parents Sarah and John Bennington)*

Evalyn [sic] (Evelyn) May COTTER born 1884 Upper Hutt New Zealand. Her parents were Emma Ann nee Haybittle and Thomas Cotter who married 1879 in New Zealand.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/16548)*

1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON Silverstream journalist
- Evelyn May COTTER Silverstream spinster

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

Norman Joseph BENNINGTON married 22 December 1906 Lower Hutt New Zealand Evelyn May COTTER

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1906 folio website 1906/6393)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 28 December 1906

Marriage – Bennington – Cotter – On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1906 at St James (Anglican) Church Lower Hutt by the Rev Joshua Jones, Norman Joseph Bennington to Evelyn May second daughter of Mrs Thomas Cotter “Te Tawai” Silverstream.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 28 December 1906)*

Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1907

Pioneer Reminiscences (Compiled by N.J.B.) III More Victorian Experiences

[The above newspaper article plus other dates were compiled by N.J.B. – N.J.B. was the journalist Norman Joseph BENNINGTON]

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1907)*

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1908

Land Sale - The Riverbank Property - The Riverbank portion of the Dominion Estate Upper Hutt owned by Mr Jas Brown was submitted to auction by Messrs T Kennedy Macdonald Ltd. on Saturday night. There was a large attendance of the public and bidding was brisk throughout. The sale resulted as follows:

Section 42 N J Bennington £52

Section 43 N J Bennington £44

Section 64 N J Bennington £36

[did not transcribe all the other details]

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1908)*

Norman and Evelyn had a child Ian Campbell BENNINGTON born 22 April 1910 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/12790 parents Evelyn May and Norman Joseph Bennington)*

#### 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON Silverstream journalist
- Evelyn May BENNINGTON Silverstream married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

#### New Zealand Times newspaper 15 April 1911

Justice of the Peace – Norman Joseph Bennington Silverstream (plus others)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 15 April 1911)

Norman and Evelyn had a child Wenonah BENNINGTON born 1912 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/7438 parents Evelyn May and Norman Joseph Bennington)

Norman Joseph BENNINGTON was a Commissioner with the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1912 to 1914

#### Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1912

Notice of Poll – Upper Hutt Town Board

In the matter of the Town Boards Act 1908 and of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1908 - Biennial Election of Seven Town Commissioners

I hereby publicly notify that at a poll taken on Wednesday 18 September 1912 the votes were recorded as under;

BENGE George Isaac	199
<u>BENNINGTON Norman Joseph</u>	<u>152</u>
BROWN William	108
BURRELL William	176
CLIFFORD Theodore Dethier	71
DAVIS Phillip David	128
EDWARDS Thomas	115
GEANGE Jacob	75
GEENWOOD James	72
KEMP Frederick William	241
QUINN Richard	198
ROBERTSON Peter	196
SHAW Herbert	141
WEBB Reginald Herbert	182
WILKIE Francis Howard	97
Informal	15

I therefore declare George Isaac Benge, Norman Joseph Bennington, William Burrell, Frederick William Kemp, Richard Quinn, Peter Robertson and Reginald Herbert Webb duly elected a Commissioner for the Town District of Upper Hutt.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1912 - Angus McCurdy Returning Officer

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 21 September 1912)

#### 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON Silverstream journalist
- Evelyn May BENNINGTON Silverstream married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

#### New Zealand Times newspaper 21 April 1914

The Hutt Seat – Mr Bennington Addresses the Electors – Mr Norman J Bennington a candidate for the Hutt seat in the "Reform" inter addressed a fairly numerous audience at Upper Hutt Town Hall last night. Mr S Kirker occupied the chair. On rising to open his address Mr Bennington was received with applause. He explained that he had chosen Upper Hutt to begin his campaign in as it was the first place that had elected him to public honours.

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 April 1914)

Norman and Evelyn had a child Joan BENNINGTON born 1915 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/25113 parents Evelyn May and Norman Joseph Bennington)

Norman and Evelyn's daughter Joan BENNINGTON died 24 June 1916 Silverstream Upper Hutt and was buried at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1916 folio website 1916/10238 age 10 months born about 1915)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 01 July 1916

We have to record the death at Silverstream on Thursday of last week, of Joan the youngest daughter of Norman J Bennington JP (proprietor of the Camp Courier) at the age of ten months. Death was the result of an attack of pneumonia. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at St John's Trentham the Rev A D Stratford MA vicar, conducting the burial service.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 01 July 1916)*

Norman Joseph BENNINGTON Justice of Peace Hutt 1917 New Zealand Gazette page 2487

1919 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON Silverstream journalist
- Evelyn May BENNINGTON Silverstream married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

1928 Hutt Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON 26 Cornwall Street Lower Hutt journalist
- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 26 Cornwall Street Lower Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

1935 Masterton Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON 17 Hogg Crescent Masterton journalist
- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 17 Hogg Crescent Masterton married
- Ian Campbell BENNINGTON 17 Hogg Crescent Masterton Journalist
- Wenonah BENNINGTON 17 Hogg Crescent Masterton spinster

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

1938 Masterton Electoral Roll

- Norman Joseph BENNINGTON 44 Cornwall Street Masterton journalist
- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 44 Cornwall Street Masterton married
- Ian Campbell BENNINGTON 44 Cornwall Street Masterton Journalist
- Marjorie BENNINGTON 44 Cornwall Street Masterton married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

Norman Joseph Campbell BENNINGTON died 29 October 1944 Masterton Wairarapa New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1944 folio 4189 website 1944/29094 age 69 born about 1875)*

Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1944

Deaths – Bennington – On 29 October 1944 at his late residence 44 Cornwall Street Masterton, Joseph dearly beloved husband of Evelyn May Bennington in his 70<sup>th</sup> year

Funeral Notice – Bennington – The Friends of the late Mr Joseph Bennington are invited to attend his funeral will leave St Matthews church tomorrow (Tuesday) 31 October 1944 following the Service at 2pm for the Masterton cemetery Hydes Funeral Service Ltd (H W Lindsay Director)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1944)*

1946 & 1949 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 44 Cornwall Street Masterton married
- Marjorie BENNINGTON 54 Workshop Road widow

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### 1954 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 153 Cole Street married
  - Marjorie BENNINGTON 54 Workshop Road widow
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

#### 1957 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 153 Cole Street widow
  - Marjorie BENNINGTON 54 Workshop Road widow
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

#### 1963 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

- Evelyn May BENNINGTON 153 Cole Street widow
  - Marjorie BENNINGTON 53 Bannister Street widow
- (Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

Evelyn May BENNINGTON died 08 May 1965 Wairarapa New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio website 1965/30165 age 80 born about 1885)

#### Masterton Pioneer cemetery Wairarapa

In loving memory of Sarah C CHITTENDEN died 13 June 1889 aged 68  
Also her late husband Christopher BENNINGTON died 29 September 1858 aged 38  
Also John William BENNINGTON their son died 23 November 1868 aged 23  
Rest in peace  
Christopher BENNINGTON died 16 December 1932 aged 92  
Norman Joseph BENNINGTON died 29 October 1944 aged 65

#### Masterton cemetery block D row 5

In loving memory of Evelyn May BENNINGTON died 08 May 1965 aged 80 years

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### Norman and Evelyn BENNINGTON their children and descendants

- 1- Ian Campbell BENNINGTON** born 22 April 1910 New Zealand died 1945 England married 1937 New Zealand **Marjorie FANTHORPE** born 16 August 1911 New Zealand died 1994 New Zealand  
#Ian Campbell BENNINGTON born 22 April 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/12790 parents Evelyn May and Norman Joseph Bennington  
#Marjorie FANTHORPE born 1911 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1911 folio website 1911/16496 parents Agnes and Alfred Edward Fanthorpe  
#Ian Campbell BENNINGTON married 1937 New Zealand Marjorie FANTHORPE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio 6593 website 1937/6615 (registered as Fauthorpe)  
#Ian Campbell BENNINGTON died England reference RGO NZ WW2 death registration 1945 folio website 1945/56164 age 34 born about 1911  
#Marjorie BENNINGTON died 1994 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1994 folio website 1994/45391 born 16 August 1911
- 2- Wenonah BENNINGTON** born 23 March 1912 New Zealand died 1981 New Zealand married 1937 New Zealand **William George Anthony DOWNES** born 01 April 1906 Redditch Worcestershire England died 1978 New Zealand  
#Wenonah BENNINGTON born 23 March 1912 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/7438 parents Evelyn May and Norman Joseph Bennington  
#Wenonah BENNINGTON married 1937 New Zealand William George Anthony DOWNES reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio website 1937/13207  
#William George Anthony DOWNES died 1978 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1978 folio website 1978/31936 born 01 April 1906

#Wenonah DOWNES died 1981 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1981 folio website 1981/31031 born 23 March 1912

**3- Joan BENNINGTON** born August 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 24 June 1916 Silverstream Upper Hutt New Zealand (died young never married)

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