

Rev John Edward HERRING and Margaret EATON family
1860s 1st Anglican Minister St John's church Trentham Upper Hutt

John Edward HERRING (Rev)

B 26 January 1836 Halton Cheshire England
D 19 November 1896 Hawthorn Victoria Australia
M 20 January 1861 Manchester Lancashire England

Margaret EATON

B 31 October 1838 Salford England
D 16 August 1902 Kyneton Victoria Australia

Children:

1. Edmund Selwyn HERRING born 18 July 1862 Hutt New Zealand
2. Edward Kenneth HERRING born 12 May 1864 Hutt New Zealand
3. Mary Beatrice HERRING born 28 April 1866 Hutt New Zealand
4. Agnes Margaret HERRING born 19 March 1868 Hutt New Zealand
5. Llewellyn Lloyd HERRING born 03 April 1871 Clunes Victoria Australia
6. Millicent Bell HERRING born 27 November 1873 Clunes Victoria Australia
7. Winifred Mary HERRING born 1876 Ballarat Victoria Australia
8. Dorothy Treherne HERRING born 02 May 1878 Ballarat Victoria Australia
9. Maurice Stanley HERRING born 21 September 1879 Kyneton Victoria Australia
10. Geoffrey Weigall HERRING born 05 April 1881 Kyneton Victoria Australia

John Edward HERRING born 26 January 1836 Halton Cheshire England to parents Anne nee Clarke and John Herring.

(Reference Ancestry website Halton Cheshire England Parish register FHL Film 1655827 IT 1)

Margaret EATON was born 31 October 1838 and baptised 28 April 1839 at Chapel St Chapel Salford Lancashire England by James Hill her parents were Dorothy nee Gaskin and Richard Eaton who resided Chapel Street Salford England.

(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1838 December quarter district Salford County Lancashire England volume 20 page 681)

Banns of marriage between John Edward HERRING and Margaret EATON age 22 of Manchester were duly published with the Parish Church of Audlum Manchester England on the 06th, 13th and 20th day of January 1861

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Margaret Herring b 1838 letters MSY-6846)

John Edward HERRING married 22 January 1861 St Mary St Denys and St George Manchester Lancaster England Margaret EATON age 22 years.

(FamilySearch film 438223, 438224, 438225, 438226, 438227, 438228)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper 04 September 1861

Shipping Intelligence arrived 03 September ship *Sir George Pollock* departed London England and arrived 1861 Wellington New Zealand passengers cabin – Rev J E Herring, Mrs Herring [other names not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper 04 September 1861)

Wellington Independent newspaper 13 September 1861

Shipping Intelligence – Sept 12 s.s. *Airedale* from Nelson for Wellington passengers Mr and Mrs Herring [other names not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 September 1861)

John Edward and Margaret had a child Edmund Selwyn HERRING born 18 July 1862 Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1862 folio website 1862/8773 parents Margaret and John Edward Herring)

Wellington Independent newspaper 26 July & 12 August 1862

Births – 18 July at the Hutt the wife of the Rev J E Herring S.A.C. of a son

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 26 July & 12 August 1862)

Wellington Independent newspaper 14 March 1863 (plus other dates)

Tenders for Building a Church at the Upper Hutt will be received until 13th April by the Rev J E Herring Upper Hutt. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Rev F Thatchers Thorndon Parsonage Wellington

(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 March 1863 plus other dates)

St John's church was built in 1863. It is now situated on the corner of Fergusson Drive and Moonshine Road in Trentham Upper Hutt. In the early years the Anglican Church was also referred to as the new Episcopalian Church and later the Church of England. The blessing of the new Catholic Church at Upper Hutt named St Joseph's was held on the 10th April 1864. Tenders to build St Joseph's were advertised in October 1863.

Wellington Independent newspaper Thursday 10th March 1864

On Sunday the 21st Feb the Rev J E Herring was ordained priest and is stationed at the Hutt and Mr Dan Desbois was ordained Deacon and is stationed in the Wairarapa.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper Thursday 10th March 1864)

John Edward and Margaret had a child Edward Kenneth HERRING born 12 May 1864 Lower Hutt New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/9176 parents Margaret and John Edward Herring)

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 May & 11 June 1864

Birth – Herring 12th May the wife of Rev J E Herring St James Parsonage Lower Hutt a son

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 May & 11 June 1864)

John Edward and Margaret had a child Mary Beatrice HERRING born 28 April 1866 Wellington New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14330 parents Margaret and John Edward Herring)

Wellington Independent & Evening Post newspaper 01 May 1866

Births – Herring On 28 April at the Parsonage Hutt the wife of the Rev J E Herring of a daughter

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent & Evening Post newspaper 01 May 1866)

Wellington Independent newspaper 02 August 1866 (plus other dates)

Strayed or stolen a Bay Pony marked on the forehead with a blaze which runs into one eye and white hind feet. Whoever will bring him to the owner will be rewarded. J E Herring the Parsonage Hutt 30th July

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 August 1866)

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 January 1867 (plus other dates)

Wanted about the end of January a General Servant who can milk Apply to Mrs Herring The Parsonage Hutt 22 January 1867

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 January 1867)

John Edward and Margaret had a child Agnes Margaret HERRING born 19 March 1868 Hutt Wellington New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/17840 parents Margaret and John Edward Herring)

Wellington Independent & Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1868 (plus other dates)

Births – Herring At the Parsonage Lower Hutt the wife of the Rev J E Herring of a daughter

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent & Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1868)

Wellington Independent newspaper 02 April 1868 (plus other dates)

Wanted an Organist for St James's Church the Hutt. Apply to the Rev J E Herring the Parsonage

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 April 1868)

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 July 1868

Church Meeting at the Hutt – A general meeting of parishioners of St James and Christ Church was held in the church schoolhouse on Wednesday evening 15th July The Rev J E Herring in the chair.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 July 1868)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 15 January 1869

Notice of Divine Service - On Sunday next the 17th instant the Rev J E Herring will hold Divine Service and administer the Holy Communion at Greytown and Masterton

In the morning at Greytown 10.30 am - In the evening at Masterton 3.30 pm

Rev A Knell Curate 12 January 1869

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 15 January 1869)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 12 February 1870

The Rev Mr Herring clergyman of the Hutt will shortly leave for Melbourne and it is stated Mr Faucourt from Porirua will take his place.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 12 February 1870)

Wellington Independent newspaper 24 March 1870

Christ Church Taita - The children of the Sunday School in connection with this church collected among themselves sufficient money to purchase a few presents to express their gratitude to their deeply respected pastor and his family. On Sunday last after the usual afternoon service, the Superintendent of the School Mr Rayner on behalf of the children offered to the Rev J E Herring this simple tribute of regard and in a few words assured him of their grief at his removal and of their earnest wishes for the future welfare of him and his. The unpretending ceremony was joined in by the congregation with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain - pleasure at the spontaneous act of the children and pain at their approaching loss of those to whom all have become so warmly attached.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 24 March 1870)

Evening Post newspaper 14 April 1870 (plus other dates)

Wednesday 20th April Sale of Furniture &c., At St James' Parsonage Lower Hutt – Messrs Vennell Mills & Co have received instructions from the Rev J E Herring to sell by public auction at St James Parsonage Lower Hutt on the above date – Without Reserve – Sundry Household Furniture and Effects &c., comprising – Chairs, tables, chest of drawers, Washstands, bedsteads, sofa, Clock, lamps, fenders, glass, Crockery and kitchen utensils, Garden tools. Milk pans, churn &c., &c., Also about 100 volumes of books, including Encyclopaedia Britannica – Sale at 12 o'clock – Term Cash

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 April 1870)

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1870 (plus other dates)

Presentation to the Rev Mr Herring - A very large and cordial gathering of church members took place on Tuesday evening from the associated parishes of the Lower Hutt and Taita with the object of taking leave of their respected pastor the Rev J E Herring who is about to transfer himself and family to the colony of Victoria. Tea was served in the spacious room of the Masonic Hall after which staminal together with a purse containing £70 subscribed by the parishioners was presented to Mr Herring in a few eloquent and appropriate words by the Hon W Fitzherbert who acted as spokesman on the occasion expressing the warm and grateful feelings of those who have for six years enjoyed the benefit of the reverend gentleman's zealous ministrations and friendship and it may be truly said that their hearty desire for his future welfare is the only mitigation of their deep regret at his departure. The evening was rendered further interesting by an impromptu concert got up in compliment to Mrs Herring who will be much missed and regretted. Her genial and kindly nature will ever be regretted by her many friends and particularly the interest she has always taken in contributing by her musical taste to the encouragement and cultivation of their social pleasure. On the present occasion it is gratifying to allude to some most graceful contributions to the musical display of the evening by ladies and gentlemen from the city of Wellington who kindly volunteered their very able performances vocally and instrumentally. A

similar evidence of the general esteem and popularity in which Mr and Mrs Herring are held was shewn by the presence in the crowded assembly of members from other Christian congregations as well as many former parishioners who had come from considerable distances to mark their respect on the occasion. Nearly all his brother clergymen from the adjoining parishes were in attendance. Mr Herring's ability as a preacher has long been recognised and his friends and admirers augur a bright future for him. Immediately after the presentation of the farewell address the concert was to have taken place but unavoidably it was postponed from seven o'clock until eight o'clock during which time the Hutt Band under the able guidance of their bandmaster Mr Valentine played some very choice selections which to judge from the hearty applause were well received by the crowded audience. Then followed songs and duets, which were well rendered by the amateurs. Among the concerted pieces was a duet by Miss and Mr Valentine for piano and clarinet which deserves special attention. Also a violin solo by Mr Kelly which gained a well merited reception. We may notice in reference to the instrumental pieces that a sonata of Romberg's for two violins, flute and piano was played with more than ordinary skill considering the performers had no opportunity of having a private rehearsal meeting as they did for the first time on the stage. The song "Jessie's Dream" here obtained an encore which however was not responded to on account of the length of the programme. Altogether it was one of the most successful entertainments which have for a considerable time taken place at the Hall. The following is a copy of the address presented to Mr Herring "To the Rev J E Herring - Reverend and Dear Sir, Regarding with much sorrow the separation now about to take place between your parishioners and yourself and feeling that we not only lose an able spiritual pastor but a most estimable friend we desire to testify in this imperfect expression of our feelings the high opinion we entertain of your worth and of the personal esteem in which you have been held by us in both of these responsible relations of life. Ministering most earnestly to our spiritual wants an affectionate pastor and a faithful preacher of God's Holy Word visiting and comforting the sick and the dying your large-hearted benevolence has been extended to all alike without distinction of creed or calling. It has also been our pleasure to recognise in you the faithful friend and amiable participator in all our innocent pleasures and amusements. Now that we are about to part we feel that you have filled a greater space in our affections than we were aware of, and we desire that this imperfect testimony to your worth shall relieve our consciences and do you justice. And with our hearty wishes for the welfare of yourself Mrs Herring and family praying that God will preserve you all in peace and righteousness we bid you God-speed to the scene of your future labours. We beg your acceptance of the accompanying testimonial from your affectionate parishioners - Jas Kelham JP, William Fitzherbert, William Beetham, Nominators George Allen, Arthur Braithwaite, Churchwardens and signed by fifty-two parishioners.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1870)

Evening Post newspaper 29 April 1870 (plus other dates and newspapers)

Port of Wellington departures – Passenger lists Per *Omeo* Cabin Mr and Mrs Fitzherbert, Mr Fitzherbert junior, Rev Mr Herring and family (4), 1 steerage

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 29 April 1870)

Evening Post newspaper 23 May 1870

Melbourne 14th May – The Rev J Herring recently from New Zealand has been appointed by Bishop Perry to officiate at Trinity Church East Melbourne.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 May 1870)

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John Edward and Margaret had a child Dorothy Treherne HERRING born 02 May 1878 Ballarat Victoria Australia

John Edward and Margaret had a child Maurice Stanley HERRING born 21 September 1879 Kyneton Victoria Australia

John Edward and Margaret had a child Geoffrey Weigall HERRING born 05 April 1881 Kyneton Victoria Australia

John Edward HERRING died 19 November 1896 Hawthorn Victoria Australia

Margaret HERRING died 16 August 1902 Kyneton Victoria Australia

NOTE Margaret Herring nee Eaton was the grandmother of Sir Edmund Herring born 02 September 1892 Maryborough Australia died 05 January 1982 Camberwell Australia. Lieutenant General Sir Edmund Francis Herring KCMG, KBE, DSO, MC, KStJ, ED, KC, was senior Australian Army officer VX15 during the Second World War, Lieutenant Governor of Victoria and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria Australia

Boroondara General Cemetery Kew Boroondara City Victoria Australia

In loving memory of John Edward HERRING Archdeacon of Beechworth
died 19 November 1896 age 60 years also his wife
Margaret died 16 August 1902 age 62 years

John Edward and Margaret HERRING their children and descendants

- 1- **Edmund Selwyn HERRING** born 18 July 1862 Wellington New Zealand died 01 November 1925 Maryborough Victoria Australia married 11 April 1888 Neballa Victoria Australia
Gertrude Stella FETHERSTONHAUGH born 1864 died 1949
#Edmund Selwyn HERRING born 18 July 1862 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1862 folio website 1862/8773 parents Margaret and John Edward
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- 2- **Edward Kenneth HERRING** born 12 May 1864 Lower Hutt New Zealand died 27 June 1922 Double Bay Sydney New South Wales Australia
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#Birth – Herring 12th May the wife of Rev J E Herring St James Parsonage Lower Hutt a son reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 May & 11 June 1864
- 3- **Mary Beatrice HERRING** born 1866 Wellington New Zealand died 15 July 1949 Ringwood Victoria Australia
#Mary Beatrice HERRING born 28 April 1866 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14330 parents Margaret and John Edward Herring
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- 4- **Agnes Margaret HERRING** born 19 March 1868 Hutt Valley Wellington New Zealand died 21 July 1928 Edinburgh Scotland
#Agnes Margaret HERRING born 19 March 1868 Hutt Valley Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/17840 parents Margaret and John Edward Herring
#Births – Herring At the Parsonage Lower Hutt the wife of the Rev J E Herring of a daughter reference Papers past website Wellington Independent & Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1868
- 5- **Llewellyn Lloyd HERRING** born 03 April 1871 Clunes Victoria Australia died 05 August 1922 Freemantle Western Australia
- 6- **Millicent Bell HERRING** born 27 November 1873 Clunes Victoria Australia died 25 December 1960 Box Hill Victoria Australia

- 7- **Winifred Mary HERRING** born 1876 Ballarat Victoria Australia died 03 June 1965 Box Hill Victoria Australia
- 8- **Dorothy Treherne HERRING** born 02 May 1878 Ballarat Victoria Australia died 27 July 1968 Cooparoo Queensland Australia
- 9- **Maurice Stanley HERRING** born 21 September 1879 Kyneton Victoria Australia died 24 June 1962 Brisbane Queensland Australia
- 10- **Geoffrey Weigall HERRING** born 05 April 1881 Kyneton Victoria Australia died 09 June 1967 Brisbane Queensland Australia

Miscellaneous information – Alexander Turnbull Library New Zealand

Letters written by Mrs HERRING from Wellington and later Upper Hutt 1861

To give you an idea of our locality and work I must tell you that the Hutt Valley is divided into 2 districts the Upper and Lower Hutt – Mr Barton the Magistrate of the district and sort of squire in the neighborhood has volunteered us a four roomed house rent free – On Saturday in this week we are going up to the Hutt to spend a day or two with Mr & Mrs Barton and have a look at our future parish. Examine our house (so that we may be able to buy some furniture to fit its capacities & altogether to get a clearer idea on things) – Hutt Valley Sunday night 10.30 pm 16th October – reaching Mr Barton's about 9 o'clock – I do not think it would be fair to the Upper Hutt to describe it from our first impressions which I must confess are not favourable. We have seen it only under rain which would make any place look forbidding. But as it is to my mind it feels like a road through a dense wood with a few houses dotted along. Wood, Wood Wood on each side with hills behind, life here will be a real bush life as far as society is concerned though there are 500 people somewhere but I cannot see at present houses for more than 100 and there are families of men employed at the sawmills in the neighbourhood. However the people are somewhere among the trees and if it is fine tomorrow we may see more of them and the neighbourhood. Ed [Rev Herring] trudged down to the Maori chapel in the lower road this morning and saw some of his future flock and this afternoon he took service (in a store lent for the purpose) which the Bishop had been expected to take. There were about 20 people there and we had a really hearty sort of service though we did sit on planks in a shop and our parson stood behind the counter. It feels a queer one would fancy it hundreds of miles away from fashionable Wellington but indeed I must not say more about it until I have seen more. Mr & Mrs Barton are very kind and hospitable, possessed of great wealth. (Mr B owns nearly all the Upper Hutt has a large sheep station on the East Coast. They are both well-educated Mr B a man of 73 formerly the Duke of Sutherlands agent and Mrs B a woman of 45 his 2nd wife daughter of the first church missionary who came here who relates some strange experiences of her Mother among the savages 44 years ago.

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(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington Herring Margaret b 1938 Letters transcribed MS Papers 6902 & copies of originals MSY-6846 photocopies sent in 1968 from The State Library of Victoria Melbourne Australia to ATL)
