

William Richard KEYS and Lizzie / Elizabeth BLAKE family history

1896 settler Upper Hutt & Commissioner Upper Hutt Town Board

William Richard (Billy) KEYS

B 04 September 1864 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand

D 13 November 1929 New Zealand

M 20 December 1888 New Zealand

Lizzie / Elizabeth BLAKE

B 1867 Westmeath Ireland

D 23 October 1935 Upper Hutt New Zealand

Children:

1. Ethel Grace KEYS born 14 October 1890 New Zealand
2. Hilda Riwah KEYS born 29 June 1898 New Zealand
3. Ida Alice KEYS born 23 December 1902 New Zealand
4. Dorothy Elizabeth KEYS born 23 February 1906 New Zealand

William Richard KEYS was born 04 September 1864 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand. His parents were Jane Susanna nee Welch and Alfred Keys who married 19 February 1857 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/9356 parents Jane Susanna and Alfred Keys)

NOTE – William's ancestors can be found in Keys and Welch Family document in the section "Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies" located on the same website as this document.

Lizzie / Elizabeth BLAKE was born 1867 Mullingar Westmeath Ireland

William Richard KEYS married 20 December 1888 New Zealand Lizzie BLAKE

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1888 folio website 1888/2891)

1890 Palmerston Electoral Roll

- William Richard KEYS residential Palmerston North drover

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William and Elizabeth had a child Ethel Grace born 14 October 1890 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/14160 parents Lizzie and William Richard Keys)

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS Upper Hutt married women residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William and Elizabeth had a child Hilda Riwah born 29 June 1898 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/7764 parents Elizabeth and William Richard Keys)

1900 Otaki Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS married women Upper Hutt residential (1716)
- William Richard KEYS butcher Upper Hutt residential (1720)

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William and Elizabeth had a child Ida Alice born 1903 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/15746 parents Elizabeth and William Richard Keys)

1904 & 1905 Upper Hutt School

- Ethel KEYS birth date 14 October 1890 parents William Keys address Upper Hutt admission date 07 September 1896 last day 09 February 1904 destination Roman Catholic School Lower Hutt register number 447 Upper Hutt School

- Hilda KEYS birth date 29 June 1898 parents William Keys address Upper Hutt admission date 24 January 1905 last day 18 December 1912 destination wellington register number 874 Upper Hutt School

1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS Upper Hutt married
- William Richard KEYS Upper Hutt butcher

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William and Elizabeth had a child Dorothy Elizabeth born 23 February 1906 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/10409 parents Elizabeth and William Richard Keys)

1908 Upper Hutt School

- Ida KEYS birth date 23 December 1902 parents William Keys address Upper Hutt admission date 03 February 1908 last day 16 December 1915 destination Hutt District High register number 1123 Upper Hutt School

William Richard KEYS was a Commissioner for the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1908 to 1910

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 April 1908

Upper Hutt Town District - Election of Seven Town Commissioners - Result of Poll

In the matter of the Local Elections Act, 1904 and the Town Districts Act, 1881

At the Poll which was taken on Thursday 23rd April 1908 the following were the votes polled by the respective candidates

BENGE George Isaac	90
BOYD Thomas Franklin	27
CRAIG John Thomas	79
DAVIS Phillip David	60
HARRISON Job	75
<u>KEYS William Richard</u>	<u>81</u>
MARTIN Alexander Gordon	83
WILKIE Francis Howard	73
WILLIAMS Richard Henry	87

I therefore declare George Isaac Benge, John Thomas Craig, Job Harrison, William Richard Keys, Alexander Gordon Martin, Francis Howard Wilkie and Richard Henry Williams to be duly elected the first Town Commissioners for the Upper Hutt Town District.

Given at Upper Hutt this 23rd day of April 1908 – Angus John McCurdy Returning Officer.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 April 1908)

The first seven Town Commissioners meeting on Friday 24 April 1908 were farmer G I Benge who had a place across the river at Maoribank and later lived in the Town opposite Russell Street, milkman R H Williams whose farm became Henry Street, farmers A Martin and J T Craig whose properties were between Upper Hutt and Quinns Post, butcher W R Keys, builder J Harrison, painter F H Wilkie.

(Reference Upper Hutt the History by J A Kelleher 1991 Upper Hutt City Council chapter VII Town Board Request – Tether Posts page 82)

William Richard KEYS was unsuccessful as a candidate for Commissioner of the Upper Hutt Town Board from 1910 to 1912

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 September 1910

Upper Hutt Town District - In the matter of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1905 - Election of Seven Commissioners - I hereby notify that a Poll taken on Wednesday 21st September 1910, to elect seven persons to fill the vacancies for the office of Town Commissioner the votes were recorded as under;

BENGE George Isaac	149
BENGE John Thomas	153
BROWN William	119

BURRELL William	151
DAVIS Philip David	175
GIBBONS Harry Clifton	153
GIBBS Harold Rodier	114
GREENWOOD Edmund	47
HARRISON Job	137
KEYS William Richard	125
KIRKER Samuel Gilbert	131
KITCHEN Leonard	78
WEBB Reginald Herbert	150
WILKIE Francis Howard	125
Informal	8

I therefore declare George Isaac Bengé, John Thomas Bengé, William Burrell, Philip David Davis, Harry Clifton Gibbons, Job Harrison and Reginald Herbert Webb duly elected Commissioners for the Town District of Upper Hutt.

Angus J McCurdy, Returning Officer 21st September 1910

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 September 1910)

1911 Upper Hutt School

- Dorothy KEYS birth date 23 February 1906 parents William Keys address Upper Hutt admission date 09 March 1911 last day 16 December 1919 destination Hutt District High register number 1421 Upper Hutt School

1911 & 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS Upper Hutt married
- William Richard KEYS Upper Hutt butcher

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1919 Otaki Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS Upper Hutt married
- William Richard KEYS Upper Hutt butcher

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS Main Road Upper Hutt married
- William Richard KEYS Main Road Upper Hutt butcher

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

William Richard KEYS died 1929 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1929 folio website 1929/10935 age 65 born about 1864)

1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll Wellington

- Lizzie KEYS Main Road Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Lizzie also appeared on the 1938 Roll but she died in 1935.

Elizabeth KEYS died 1935 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1935 folio website 1935/24609 age 68 born about 1867)

St John's cemetery area A row 7 Trentham Upper Hutt

Remembrance in Loving Memory of
William Richard beloved husband of Elizabeth KEYS died 13 November 1929 age 65
Thy will be done also
Elizabeth beloved wife of William R KEYS died 23 October 1935 age 68 their daughter
Hilda died 09 April 1934 age 35 also Dorothy died 07 June 1958 age 52

Elizabeth and William KEYS their children and descendants

- 1- Ethel Grace KEYS born 1890 New Zealand died 1963 New Zealand married 1912 New Zealand William James (Bill) GOODWIN born 1885 New Zealand died 1961 New Zealand
#Ethel Grace KEYS born 1890 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/14160 parents Lizzie and William Richard Keys
#William James GOODWIN born 1885 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/6491 parents Esther and Edwin Keys
#Ethel Grace KEYS married 1912 New Zealand William James GOODWIN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1912 folio website 1912/1010
#William James GOODWIN Plumber Exchange Street Upper Hutt Second Reserves C Classification (married 2 children) World War One 1914-1918
#William James GOODWIN died 1961 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1961 folio website 1961/29761 age 76 born about 1885
#Edith Grace GOODWIN died 1963 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1963 folio website 1963/33192 age 73 born about 1890
 - 1-1- Ida Ethel GOODWIN born 1913 New Zealand
#Ida Ethel GOODWIN born 1913 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/8967 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin
 - 1-2- Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN born 1914 New Zealand died 1931 New Zealand (never married)
#Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN born 1914 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/26256 parents Ethel Grace and William James Goodwin
#Elizabeth Kathleen GOODWIN died 1931 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1931 folio website 1931/7920 age 17 born about 1914
 - 2- Hilda Riwah KEYS born 1898 New Zealand died 09 April 1934 Upper Hutt New Zealand (never married)
#Hilda Riwah KEYS born 1898 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/7764 parents Elizabeth and William Richard Keys
#Hilda Rinah KEYS died 1934 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1934 folio website 1934/3699 age 35 born about 1899
 - 3- Ida Alice KEYS born 23 December 1902 New Zealand died 2002 New Zealand married 1928 New Zealand Lionel Herbert STROUD born 10 May 1903 Alverstoke Hampshire England died 1997 New Zealand
#Ida Alice KEYS born 23 December 1902 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/15746 parents Elizabeth and William Richard Keys
#Lionel Herbert STROUD born 10 May 1903 England reference Ancestry website RGO UK birth registration 1903 June quarter district Alverstoke County Hampshire England volume 2b page 559
#Ida Alice KEYS married 1928 New Zealand Lionel Herbert STROUD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio 02942 website 1928/2164
#Lionel Herbert STROUD died 1997 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1997 folio website 1997/36709 born 10 May 1903
#Ida Alice KEYS died 2002 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2002 folio website 2002/2744 born 23 December 1902
 - 4- Dorothy Elizabeth KEYS born 1906 New Zealand died 07 June 1958 New Zealand (never married)
#Dorothy Elizabeth KEYS born 1906 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/10409 parents Elizabeth and William Richard Keys
#Miss Dorothy Keys ran Dorothy Bookshop in Main Road in front of the home of W Keys (her father) reference Upper Hutt The History by J A Kelleher 1991 Upper Hutt City Council chapter XIV Reading about it – Library, the Newspapers page 260
#Dorothy Elizabeth KEYS died 1958 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1958 folio website 1958/34014 age 52 born about 1906
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