

William MASON and Lucy Ann WHITEHEAD family history

1865 settler Pakuratahi Upper Hutt

William MASON

B 1799 Birmingham Warwickshire England
D 12 November 1866 Wellington New Zealand
M 04 August 1822 Saint Peter Nottingham Nottinghamshire

Lucy Ann WHITEHEAD

B 1796 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England
D 10 September 1856 Wellington New Zealand

Children:

1. Mary Ann MASON born 1823 Radford Nottinghamshire England
2. Lucy Ann MASON born 1825 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England died 1855
3. William Frederick MASON born 1827 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England

William MASON was born 10 November 1799 Bulwell Nottinghamshire England. or perhaps 01 November 1801 Birmingham Warwickshire England). His parents were Ann nee Keep and John Mason.

Lucy Ann WHITEHEAD was born 1796-1801 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England

William MASON married 04 August 1822 Saint Peter Nottingham Nottinghamshire England Lucy Ann WHITEHEAD

(Reference Family Search website LDS FHC film 95040, 95043, 95044)

William and Lucy had a child Mary Ann MASON who was baptised 22 May 1823 Radford Nottinghamshire England. Parents recorded as Lucy Ann and William Mason.

(Reference Family Search website LDS FHC Film 504529, 504530, 504531 Radford Nottinghamshire England)

William and Lucy had a child Lucy Ann MASON born 1825 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England

William and Lucy had a child Ann Lucy MASON baptised 11 October 1825 Saint Mary Nottingham Nottinghamshire England. Parents Lucy and William Mason

(Reference Family Search website LDS FHC Film 504071, 504072, 504073 Nottinghamshire England)

William and Lucy had a child William Frederick MASON born 1827 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England

The ship "London" departed 02 January 1842 from Gravesend England arrived 01 May 1842 Port Nicholson Wellington

- William MASON age 41 years Blacksmith
- Lucy Ann MASON age 41 years
- Lucy Ann MASON age 16 years Sempstress
- William Frederick MASON age 14 years

(Reference Victoria University website New Zealand Electronic Text collection)

On the same ship "London" was Emma and Walter HODDER.

Another researcher located information that an early Surveyor who travelled from the Wairarapa to the Hutt valley (1840-1850s) was provided with a meal from Mr MASON in the Pakuratahi district. Perhaps there is a connection to William Mason.

1844 Jury Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon Flat Blacksmith
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON Magus Te Aro Shoe-maker

- MASON Henry Wellington Terrace Cabinet Maker
- MASON Thomas River Hutt Agriculturalist
(Reference Ancestry website NZ Spectator and Cook's Straits Guardian 1844 Wellington Jurors 1844-1859)

1845 Jury Wellington

- MASON William Willis Street Carter
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON Samuel Willis Street Labourer
- MASON Frederick Thorndon Flats Seaman
- MASON Henry near Burial Ground Cabinet-maker
- MASON Thomas River Hutt Agriculturalist
(Reference Ancestry website NZ Spectator and Cook's Straits Guardian 1845 Wellington Jurors 1844-1859)

1847 Jury List Port Nicholson Wellington

- MASON Magnus Te Aro shoemaker
- MASON Magus junior River Hutt farmer
- ~~MASON James Te Aro Flat Labourer~~
- MASON Robert Te Aro Labourer
(Reference Ancestry website NZ Spectator and Cook's Straits Guardian 1847 Wellington Jurors 1844-1859)

1848 Jury List Port Nicholson Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon Flat smith
- MASON Frederick Murphy Street seaman
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON Samuel Willis Street carter
(Reference Ancestry website 1848 page 46 Port Nicholson Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

1850 Jury List Port Nicholson Wellington

- MASON James River Hutt farmer
- MANSON Robert River Hutt farmer
(Reference Ancestry website 1850 page 12 Port Nicholson Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

1851 Jury List Port Nicholson Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon Flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Thorndon Flat smith
- MASON Frederick Murphy Street labourer
- MASON Sidney Ohiro printer
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
(Reference Ancestry website 1851 page 20 Port Nicholson Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 03 April 1852 Memorial of the Settlers of Wellington and the Neighbouring Districts

William Frederick MASON storekeeper
William MASON land and stockowner
William MASON Landholder
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 03 April 1852)

1852 Jury List Port Nicholson New Munster Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon Flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay iron-monger
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
(Reference Ancestry website 1852 page 36 Port Nicholson Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

1853-1864 Wellington Electoral Roll

- William MASON Thorndon Flats Blacksmith Household Thorndon flat
- William Frederick MASON Lambton Quay Grocer Household Lambton Quay

- William MASON Willis Street Labourer Household Willis Street
 - William MASON Lutton Place Carter Household Lutton Place
 - Sidney MASON Mulgrave Street Government Messenger Household Mulgrave Street
- (Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1853 Jury List Port Nicholson New Munster Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon Flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay iron-monger
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON John Willis Street Labourer
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON William junior Manners Street carter

(Reference Ancestry website 1853 page 17 Port Nicholson Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

1854 Jury List Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay ironmonger
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON William (junior) Porirua Road Carter
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON John Willis Street Labourer

(Reference Ancestry website 1854 page 26 Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

William and Lucy's daughter Lucy Ann MASON died 1855 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1855 folio website 1855/893 age 30 born about 1823)

William and Lucy's daughter Lucy Ann MASON was buried in Bolton Street cemetery Wellington

1856 Jury List Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay ironmonger
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON William (junior) Willis Street Labourer
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON John Willis Street Labourer

(Reference Ancestry website 1856 page 23 Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

Lucy Ann MASON died 1856 New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1856 folio website 1856/731 age 61 born about 1795)

Bolton Street cemetery Wellington

Lucy Ann MASON date 10 September 1856 buried Church of England section plot 3902 grid M14 26 of Bolton Street cemetery Wellington

1857 Jury List Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay ironmonger
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON William Lambton Quay Straw bonnet maker
- MASON William (junior) Town Belt carter
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON John Willis Street Labourer

(Reference Ancestry website 1857 page 13 Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 May 1857

Notice – The Undersigned having relinquished Business in favour of his son, requests that all persons having claims against him will present the same for liquidation and those indebted to him

are requested to pay their several Accounts as early as possible as he wishes to close all matters connected with his late business. He would also take this opportunity of thanking his friends and customers for the large share of business he has been favoured with and would solicit that the same amount of patronage may be extended this son who will in future carry on the business

William MASON Wellington 12th May 1857

(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 May 1857)

1858 Jury List Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay ironmonger
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON William Lambton Quay Straw bonnet maker
- MASON William (junior) Town Belt carter
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON John Willis Street Labourer

(Reference Ancestry website 1858 page 34 Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

1859 Jury List Wellington

- MASON William Thorndon flat smith
- MASON William Frederick Lambton Quay ironmonger
- MASON Thomas River Hutt settler
- MASON William Lambton Quay dyer
- MASON William Willis Street Labourer
- MASON John Willis Street Labourer

(Reference Ancestry website 1859 page IX Wellington Jury Lists 1844-1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper 23 April 1863

Accidents – Lately accidents have been more numerous than we have known for a long time past. On Saturday one of a serious character happened to Mr William Mason senior just outside his residence in Molesworth Street. He was mounted on a horse occasionally given to bucking and whether Mr Mason was not in the stirrups or whether he was off his guard it unfortunately happened that he was thrown close to his own gate. Concussion of the brain took place and he was wholly insensible until Tuesday and Dr Johnston has hopes that he will recover much more quickly than his age might have led his friends to have expected.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 23 April 1863)

1864-1865 Wellington Electoral Roll

- William MASON Lambton Quay Leasehold Lambton Quay Leasehold (attested by George Edward)
- John MASON Wingfield Place Wellington Freehold Part of town acre No 535 Wellington (attested by James Cattell)

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cooks Strait Guardian newspaper 23 April 1864)

Pakuratahi 01st May 1865

Dear Sir

Mr W Mason who lately bought from the Government Land adjoining me has in running off his boundary thrown me 4 chains Eighty or ninety Links onto Mr Walter Hoder (Hodder) and has Mr Walter Hoder (Hodder) had his run off by Mr W Corbet and as Mr Mason had Mr McManaway for the same purpose to the Surveyors who have been employed by the Government I should wish you to send some surveyor to at least lay off the boundary on the road frontage as it is there that the dispute is grounded as yet and ask they (the Surveyors) both profess to have taken the view as a guide the difference of 5 chains would indicate the need of caution on my part to avoid litigation that might be memoirs. I should therefore feel it as an obligation if you would help me in this matter at the same time it seems so ludicrous that two professed surveyors should make a difference of five chains in the measuring of twenty five or six chains added by interments that one would think that they mean four but as Mr Mason is improving that taken and Mr Hoders

(Hodder) has warned me against improving the land on the other side I am compelled to treat it seriously.

I am Sir Yours Truly

David Hart Pakuratahia

To William Fitzgerald Esq. Land Commissioner Wellington NZ

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R24436144 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 14/ 1865/149 David Hart Pakuratahi 02 May 1865 subject Requesting surveyor to be sent for lay off frontage to road year 1865)

Wellington Independent newspaper 12 April 1866

Wellington District Court – Tuesday 10 April (Before Mr Justice Ward) The Court opened at 10 am Mason v MacManaway

This case had been adjourned from the previous sitting to amend the declarations. Mr Buckley appeared for the plaintiff and Mr H Brandon for the defence. In this case a claim of £100 was made, on the ground that the plaintiff had been placed on land by the defendant, but that after the plaintiff had been some time in occupation and had made improvements, it was found that the boundaries, as marked by defendant, were wrong, and the plaintiff was therefore obliged to purchase the land and improvements a second time at considerable extra expense.

Plaintiff deposed that on the 25th of January 1865, he had arranged with defendant that he should select him a piece of land at Pakuratahi. Had gone with defendant who had pointed out the boundaries of the land on which he was to settle. Paid for the land as pointed out by defendant.

William Mason the son of plaintiff, sworn I went according to instructions from my father up to the Pakuratahi, and saw the land pointed out by defendant. MacManaway recommended my father to buy 60 acres besides the land we originally intended to take, and he did so. About a month after my father had paid for the land at the Land Office, MacManaway came up and chained off the land and pointed us out the boundaries. He stopped at about half-a-chain from Harts whare. Hart then said that he always thought that that was his land. I fenced from the spot pointed out by defendant, as I was told by him that I was safe in doing so. When the Government Surveyor came up he differed about half-a-chain from the boundary pointed out by Mr MacManaway, so that all the improvements and fencing which we had done on what we supposed to be our land proved to be on Hart's land. Those improvements cost us about £130. We had to purchase this land from Mr Hart. The Government Surveyor valued the disputed piece of land at £77. The other items charged for are for necessary expenses that we were put to in getting Mr MacManaway to survey the land and point out boundaries. This concluded the case for the plaintiff. His Honor considered that no case had been shown, and, therefore, he must record a non-suit. Mr Buckley consented.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 12 April 1866)

[1866] To the Commissioner of Crown Lands Wellington

I hereby authorise A de B Brandon of the City of Wellington Esquire to receive the deeds of grants for Sections Nos. 17, 18 and 19 on the plan of the Pakuratahi District to be issued in my favour.

Dated this 21st day of May 1866

W Mason

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference R2443668 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 15/ 1866/264 W Mason Wellington 21 May 1866 subject Authority for A de B Brandon to receive grant in section Nos 17, 18 and 19 Pakuratahi District year 1866)

Evening Post newspaper 20 August 1866

Freehold Land for Sale

An eligible piece of Ground in Molesworth Street divided into plots for Building purpose with a frontage to the main road

Apply to William MASON Molesworth Street

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 20 August 1866)

William MASON died 12 November 1866 Wellington New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1866 folio 255 website 1866/2563 age 67 born about 1799)

Wellington Independent newspaper 13 November 1866

Mr William MASON – We regret to record the sudden death of Mr William Mason a very old and respected settler in this town – an event which occurred yesterday morning at about three o'clock. The deceased arrived in this settlement in the year 1842 in the London and had consequently been here twenty-four years. It may be remembered that he fell from his horse about four years ago and received a severe blow on the head from which he never wholly recovered. He was one of the founders of the Antipodean Lodge of the Order of Odd Fellow's and was perhaps the oldest member of the Order in Wellington. He was attended in his last illness by Dr Boor, the immediate cause of his death which was some-what sudden was apoplexy.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 November 1866)

Wellington Independent newspaper 13 & 15 November 1866

Death - Mason On 12 November at Wellington Mr William Mason senior aged 67 years

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 & 15 November 1866)

Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1866

Death – At Wellington on the 12th instant Mr William Mason senior aged 67 years

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1866)

Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1866

The Funeral Procession of the late Mr William MASON senior will leave his residence Molesworth Street Thorndon Flat for interment To-morrow Wednesday the 14th instant at Half past Three o'clock pm. All friends of the deceased are respectfully invited to attend.

F J Pagon Undertaker Wellington 12 November 1866

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1866)

Evening Post newspaper 19 December 1866

Notice - Any Person having any claim against the Estate of the late William Mason of Molesworth Street Wellington Blacksmith is requested to send particulars thereof to the undersigned. T H Chapman Executor Dated this 18th day of December 1866

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 December 1866 plus various other newspapers)

Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1867

John Campbell v William Mason - action to recover £9, the alleged value of a bullock driven off plaintiff's land by defendant, at the orders of the executors of the estate of Mr Mason, senior. Mr Borlase appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Izard for the defendant. Mr Izard contended that the proper parties to be sued were the executors, and that no action could be taken against his client, who had only been acting under instructions. Mr Borlase objected on the grounds that an illegal act had been committed by defendant. The facts of the case were simply as follows - The late Mr Mason, father of the defendant, had a quantity of cattle depasturing on the lands of the plaintiff, and some years ago drove them off, leaving a sickly calf, unable to travel, on the ground as a present to the plaintiff. Time went on, and the calf grew strong, and was now a valuable bullock. Mr Mason senior was dead, and his son had without notice driven the animal away and taken possession of it, an act for which he was responsible. His Worship ruled that the action should have been brought against the executors of the estate, and entered a non-suit.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1867)

Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1913

"Mason's Steps" – To the Editor Sir - Now that the City Council has made new steps in the above locality, and as many recent arrivals do not know the origin of the steps, a few words in explanation may be useful. "Mason's Steps" were called after Mr William Mason, who had a blacksmith shop at the back of the now occupied by Mr George Mee's chemist shop. Mr Mason arrived in Wellington in 1842 in the "London". He carried on his business there for some years, and later on his son Mr William Frederick Mason, continued the business, and also that of an ironmonger in premises abutting on Lambton-quay.

In those days, and not many years afterwards, "Mason's Steps" were only steps in name, there was nothing more than a rough track through the manuka scrub, which track was used then, as the steps are now, for a short cut from Lambton-quay to Wellington Terrace. On the opposite side of the lane was a draper's shop erected and kept by Mr Cox, and these premises were afterwards occupied by another family named Mason as a dyer's and millinery shop, but this was

a good many years afterwards, and the lane and steps took the name "Mason's Steps" from Mr Mason, as narrated above. Mr William Frederick Mason (who in after years was an inspector for the City Council) and Mr John Astill one of our oldest and respected settlers, and who still resides in Wellington, were brothers-in-law. They married sisters of the late Mr William Salmon.

It is many, many years since I first used "Mason's Steps", and my first remembrances of them was as a steep, slippery, and uneven track. The late Mr George Anderson, when a city councillor, took great pleasure in being the first man to have the steps laid down in concrete, and often that respected old settler used to ask his friends, with glowing pride, "What, do you think of them steps?" Many of the old settlers who used the steps have now "crossed the bar". Peace be to their ashes. I am, etc.,

Early Memories Wellington 22nd January 1913

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1913)

Anglican Burials in the Hutt and Wellington Area

- MASON Lucy Ann died 03 November 1855 age 30 years
- MASON Lucy Ann died 10 September 1856 age 61 years
- MASON William died 12 November 1866 age 67 years apoplexy
- MASON Harriet died 20 March 1854 6 months Porirua Road
- MASON Joseph George William died 18 January 1858 age 1 year 5 months
- MASON Maria died 01 March 1866 8 months effects of dentition
- MASON Mary Anne died 01 September 1848 age 2 years
- MASON Sarah Annie (nee LEES) died 09 April 1865 age 28 years consumption buried at sea on board "Berar" of London wife of John Mason bootmaker Shakespere Road Napier
- MASON Sydney died 20 July 1864 age 37 years Karori messenger Government offices

(Reference Ancestry New Zealand cemetery transcripts)

William & Lucy MASON their children and descendants

1- Mary Ann MASON was born about 1823 Radford Nottinghamshire England died between 1823-1842 in England

#Mary Ann MASON who was baptised 22 May 1823 Radford Nottinghamshire England parents recorded as Lucy Ann and William Mason reference Family Search website LDS FHC Film 504529, 504530, 504531 Radford Nottinghamshire England

2- Lucy Ann MASON born 1826 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England died 03 November 1855 Wellington New Zealand (never married)

#Ann Lucy MASON baptised 11 October 1825 Saint Mary Nottingham Nottinghamshire England. Parents Lucy and William Mason reference Family Search website LDS FHC Film 504071, 504072, 504073 Nottinghamshire England

#The ship London departed 02 January 1842 from Gravesend England arrived 01 May 1842 Port Nicholson Wellington reference Victoria University website New Zealand Electronic Text collection

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#Lucy Ann MASON died 1855 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1855 folio website 1855/893 age 30 born about 1823

#Lucy Ann MASON was buried in Bolton Street cemetery Wellington

3- William Frederick MASON born 1827 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England died 05 May 1901 New Zealand married 07 April 1851 Thorndon Wellington New Zealand **Lydia Sarah SALMON** born 1832 died 27 May 1872 New Zealand

#William Frederick MASON was born 1827 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England. His parents were Lucy Ann nee Whitehead and William Mason

#William and family departed Gravesend 02 January 1842 on ship "London" arrived Port Nicholson Wellington 01 May 1842

#William Frederick MASON married 07 April 1851 St Pauls Presbyterian church Wellington New Zealand Lydia Sarah SALMON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1851 folio 81 website 1853/1304

#William and Lydia MASON departed Wellington and were residing settled in Sydney New South Wales Australia after they married in 1851.

#William and Lydia had a child William N E MASON born 1852 Sydney New South Wales (William N E MASON born 1852 Sydney New South Wales parents Lydia S and William F Mason reference Ancestry website Australian birth volume number V1852389)

#William and Lydia MASON departed Sydney New South Wales Australia and returned to Wellington New Zealand after the birth of their son William in 1852.

#William and Lydia had a child Lydia Ann MASON born 1854 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1854 folio website 1854/3707 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#William and Lydia had a child not named MASON born 1856 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1856 folio website 1856/4215 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#William and Lydia had a child Mary Augusta Sophia MASON born 1858 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1858 folio website 1858/5723 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#William and Lydia had a child Henry John William MASON born 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7303 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#William and Lydia had a child Robert William MASON born 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10804 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#William and Lydia had a child not named MASON born 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/11838 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#William Frederick Mason's father William Mason died 1866 and his will stated that he had house and land in Pakuratahi. William senior left his estate to his six grandchildren all issue from his only son William Frederick Mason.

#Wellington Independent newspaper 21 December 1867 Report of an Expedition made by Messrs Baird and C O'Neill from Pakuratahi to Greytown - Engineer's Office Wellington 16th December 1867 - We entered the bush at a point nearly opposite Mr Mason's house going down Hart's pack track. About half a mile from the road we crossed the Rimutaka stream easily bridged one and a half miles from the road we crossed a large creek which seemed to flow from the low saddle to be seen from Hodder's in the Rimutaka range and which is supposed to be the lowest point. (various other details before the section of the newspaper article and after but I have only transcribed information regarding Mason and Hodder) We took bearing to Mason's house which could be distinctly seen it bore 2378 and the valley leading down to what we supposed to be Tauherenikau 458 [sic]. (various other details) - J D Baird District Engineer reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 December 1867

#Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1868 David R Lewis is gazetted Postmaster for Rangitikei, F J Carrington for Taratahi, W F Mason for Pakuratahi, William Smith for Featherston and George Hedges for Taita reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1868

#Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1868 The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained on the list of voters for the Electoral District of Wellington - William Frederick MASON Lambton Quay Household left the District reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1868

#Evening Post newspaper 17 April 1868 Debt Cases – W F Mason v W Hodder – Claim £9 3s 9d adjourned until tomorrow reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 17 April 1868

#William and Lydia had a child Frederick William MASON born 1868 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/18368 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#Wairarapa Standard 09 February 1870 Pakuratahu – Our reader will hear with regret that this Inn which has so long been so creditably kept by Mr and Mrs Mason will shortly pass into other hands. Travellers have always expressed themselves as so well satisfied with the comfort and attendance they have here experienced that we can only hope the future landlord may give as much satisfaction as the department hosts have reference Paper past Wairarapa Standard 09 February 1870

#Wairarapa Standard newspaper 30 March 1870

Flax Preparation - We notice by an advertisement in a Canterbury paper, that Mr Mason of the Pakuratahi Inn has turned his attention, from hotel keeping to flax preparing. The notice says That application has been made to His Excellency the Governor by and on behalf of William Frederick Mason, of Pakuratahi, in the Province of Wellington, blacksmith, for the grant to him of Letters Patent, pursuant to the provisions of the "Patents Act 1850," for the exclusive use within the colony of New Zealand, of an Invention for the purpose of dressing flax, Phormium Tenax, cabbage tree leaf, nekau leaf, or any other fibre, also for the purpose of dressing the bark of the cabbage tree, or any other indigenous plant, and for the purpose of extracting the gum from the same, and for the purpose of cleaning the same reference Paper past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 30 March 1870

#New Zealand Gazette 1870 page 395 – Colonial Secretary Office Wellington 10th August 1870 William Frederick MASON Pakuratahi

#Lydia Sarah MASON died 1872 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1872 folio 293 website 1872/7471 age 40 born about 1832

#Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1872 Notice – The Funeral procession of Lydia Sarah the wife of Mr W F Mason (of Pakuratahi) will take place tomorrow. PS Time and place will be in the morning Independent – W Nicholson Undertaker reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1872

#Wellington Independent newspaper 27 April 1872 Notice The funeral procession of Lydia Sarah the wife of Mr W F Mason (of Pakuratahi) will leave his residence Tinakori Road the day at half past two o' clock pm. Friends are respectfully invited – W Nicholson Undertaker reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 April 1872

#Lydia Sarah MASON nee SALMON born 1832 died 27 May 1872 buried Bolton Street cemetery Wellington father Nathaniel SALMON

#Stones directory 1892 William Frederick MASON at Kaitoke

#To provide a stopping place for travellers before they tackled the crossing of the Pakuratahi River and the climb of the Rimutaka Ranges, a hotel or accommodation house named the Golden Fleece was opened somewhere near the Kaitoke Post Office. A post office under the name of Pakuratahi was opened in the home of William F MASON on 01 January 1868 with mails handled by the Wellington-Masterton mail coach service. The coach stopped for a change of horses at the Golden Fleece Hotel reference Archives NZ Wellington R21726989AAMF W3327 909 box 109 a 30/449 Historical files regarding Post Offices Upper Hutt 1909-1987

#William Frederick MASON age 74 died 1901 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1901 folio website 1901/2415 age 74 born about 1827

#Rotorua cemetery Old Section - William F MASON died 06 May 1902 [sic 1901] aged 75 years also Robert MASON son of the late William died 05 May 1946 aged 82 years reference Ancestry website New Zealand cemetery transcripts

3-1- William Nathaniel Edward MASON born 1852 Australia died 1928 New Zealand married 1875 New Zealand Belinda Catherine BERRIMAN born 26 September 1848 Grouville Jersey England died 1941 New Zealand

#William N E MASON born 1852 Sydney New South Wales parents Lydia S and William F Mason reference Ancestry website Australian birth volume number V1852389

#Belinda Catherine BERRIMAN born 26 September 1848 baptised 08 October 1848 Grouville Jersey England parents Sarah nee Henson and Thomas Berriman reference Ancestry website parish records

#William Nathaniel Edward MASON married 1875 New Zealand Bellinda Catherine BERRIMAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1875 folio website 1875/1834

#William Nathaniel Edward MASON died 1928 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1928 folio website 1928/2083 age 75 born about 1853

#Belinda Catherine MASON died 1941 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1941 folio website 1941/24267 age 92 born about 1849

#In loving memory of Mary Ebsworth MASON 1878-1955 William Edward MASON 1876-1960 In loving memory of William Nathaniel Edward MASON 1853-1928 Belinda Catherine MASON 1849-1941 Alfred Hope MASON died 18 June 1974 age 62 years In loving memory of Agnes Mary MASON died 06 August 1975 age 73 years all buried Karori cemetery Wellington

#In Mr William Nathaniel Edward ("Ted") Mason, who passed away last Thursday, there died one whose family has been connected with Wellington since its earliest days. The late Mr Mason's father and grandfather arrived in 1842, and though Mr Mason was born in Sydney in 1852 his family returned to Wellington the same year, and he spent his life here. In the early days this family lived in probably the first two-storeyed house in Wellington, situated on the site of Mr Mee's chemist shop in Lambton quay, and behind the house Mr Mason carried on business as a blacksmith. His father had an ironmonger's shop in the front of the house, and his grandfather a foundry on The Terrace, just above. "Mason's Steps" were first built to give access between the foundry and the home. Mr Mason had the contract for the ironwork and safes in the Government Buildings, and the old Wellington Hospital. Mr Mason later worked for a number of years in the Petone Government Workshops, leaving during the big strike. He later joined the City Tramways, in the old horse-car days, and was with the electric trams since their inception until he retired some four years ago. The funeral on Saturday was attended by a large number of the members of the tramway service. Mr Mason, leaves a widow and two sons, Messrs W E Mason and Mr A J Mason, both of Wellington. He is also survived by three brothers and a sister reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1928

3-1-1- William Edward MASON born 1876 New Zealand died 1960 New Zealand

#William Edward MASON born 1876 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/16329 parents Belinda Catherine and William Nathaniel Edward Mason

#William Edward MASON died 1960 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio website 1960/35704 age 84 born about 1876

3-1-2- Archibald Joseph MASON born 1880 New Zealand died 1949 New Zealand

#Archibald Joseph MASON born 1880 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio website 1880/1322 parents Catherine Belinda and William Nathaniel Edward Mason

#Archibald Joseph MASON died 1949 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1949 folio website 1949/16897 age 70 born about 1879

3-2- Lydia Ann MASON born 1854 New Zealand died 1921 New Zealand married 31 July 1873 St Paul's Cathedral Wellington New Zealand Frederick Walker HODDER born 1846 New Zealand died 1922 New Zealand

#Lydia Ann MASON born 1854 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1854 folio website 1854/3707 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#Lydia Ann MASON married 1873 New Zealand Frederick Walker HOLDER [sic Hodder] reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1873 folio website 1873/10216

#Marriages – Hodder – Mason – On July 31st at St Paul's Cathedral. Frederick Walter third son of Mr Walter Hodder Featherston Wairarapa to Lydia Ann eldest daughter of Mr W F Mason Wellington reference National Library of NZ papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 08 August 1873 page 2

#Lydia Ann HODDER died 1921 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1921 folio website 1921/9871 age 67 born about 1854

#Frederick Walter HODDER died 1922 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1922 folio website 1922/2569 age 75 born about 1847

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#NOTE for full details regarding Lydia Ann MASON and Frederick Walker HODDER please refer to Hodder Gooding family tree in section Hunt-Hunn genealogies on the website recorded at the top left side of this page

3-3- Child not named MASON born 1856 New Zealand

#Child not named MASON born 1856 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1856 folio website 1856/4215 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

NOTE perhaps the unnamed child was John Bentley MASON details below 9?

3-4- Mary Augusta Sophia MASON born 1858 New Zealand died 1933 New Zealand (never married)

#Mary Augusta Sophia MASON born 1858 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1858 folio website 1858/5723 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#Mary Augusta Sophie MASON died 1933 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio website 1933/15709 age 74 born about 1859

3-5- Henry John William MASON born 1861 New Zealand died 1943 New Zealand married 1882 New Zealand Margaret FRASER

#Henry John William MASON born 1861 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7303 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#Henry John William MASON married 1882 New Zealand Margaret FRASER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1882 folio website 1882/407

#Henry John William MASON died 1943 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1943 folio website 1943/16932

6- Robert William MASON born 1863 New Zealand died 1946 New Zealand

#Robert William MASON born 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10804 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#Robert William MASON died 1946 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1946 folio website 1946/20191 age 82 born about 1864

#Robert MASON son of the late William died 05 May 1946 aged 82 years & William F MASON died 06 May 1902 aged 75 years also both buried Rotorua cemetery New Zealand

7- Child not named MASON born 1865 New Zealand died 1865 New Zealand

#Child not named MASON born 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/11838 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

Perhaps #Child not named MASON died 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1865 folio website 1865/7698 age 17 hours born about 1865

8- Frederick William MASON born 1868 New Zealand died 1933 Wellington New Zealand married 1898 New Zealand Evelyn Maud DIXON born 1871 New Zealand died 09 January 1953

#Frederick William MASON born 1868 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/18368 parents Lydia Sarah and William Frederick Mason

#In the matter of the Bankruptcy of Frederick Williams MASON, William Nathaniel Edward MASON and Frederick Walter HODDER – Notice is hereby given that all proofs of claims must be sent to me at once. All sums of money due to the Estate must be paid to me on or before the 25th July instant A Dimant Creditors Trustee reference Papers past website Manawatu Herald newspaper 12 July 1881

#Evelyn Maud DIXON born 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/21322 parents Agnes and William Dixon

#Frederick William MASON married 1898 New Zealand Evelyn Maud DIXON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1898 folio 351 website 1898/325

#Frederick William MASON died 1933 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio 2521 website 1933/937 age 65 born about 1868

#The Friends of the late Frederick William MASON are invited to attend his Funeral which will leave the Chapel of E Morris junior Ltd 60 Taranaki Street on Wednesday 05 July 1933 at 10.30 am for the Cemetery Karori E Morris Junior Ltd Funeral Directors Telephone 52-159 reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 July 1933

#Evelyn Maud MASON died 1953 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1953 folio website 1953/32137 age 80 born 1873

#In loving memory of Frederick William MASON died 03 July 1933 age 61 years At Rest Also his beloved wife Evelyn Maud died 09 January 1953 age 81 years Abide with me buried Karori cemetery area 10 block B row 06 plot 007

8-1- Rex Clive MASON born 1900 New Zealand died 1970 New Zealand

#Rex Clive MASON born 1900 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio website 1900/11299 parents Evelyn Maud and Frederick Williams Mason

Rex Clive MASON died 1970 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1970 folio website 1970/45197 age 70 born about 1900

9?- John Bentley MASON born unknown died unknown married unknown

#John Bentley MASON was proprietor of Golden Fleece Hotel in Pakuratahi 1868-1870

#Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi - J B MASON having taken the above hotel begs to inform the inhabitants of Wellington and surrounding district, that it is now replete with every convenience and comfort for visitors, and trust by paying every attention to the wants of those who may favour him with a visit to gain a fair share of public patronage. For travellers and families wishing to spend a few days in the country, this hotel will be found peculiarly adapted, as the conveniences of an hotel will be found combined with the comfort of a home. Wines and Spirits of the best quality also good stabling, and paddocks for horses reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 28 January 1869

#Coroner's Inquest upon the death of Nathaniel TRENCH at the dwelling house of John Bentley / Burtley MASON known by the name of the "The Golden Fleece". Includes evidence taken from witnesses William Nathaniel Edward MASON and John Bentley MASON being sworn saith that I am landlord of the Golden Fleece Hotel. I remember the deceased Nathaniel Trench calling at my house on Thursday afternoon he called for a small glass of brandy which my wife gave him. I could tell that deceased had had a glass but he was not drunk - (signed) J B MASON reference Archives NZ Wellington R24282748 ACGS 16211 J1 93/be 1870/199 Coroner Hutt 17 January 1870 Inquest proceedings on Nathaniel Trench

#To let or sell with immediate possession the well-known hotel Golden Fleece Pakuratahi doing a good and profitable business the present occupants being compelled to leave for England. For particulars apply to J B Mason on the premises or to W Hodder Featherstone reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 26 March 1870 page 7

#Notice – All Persons having Claims against the undersigned are requested to forward them for Payment on or before the 7th of May as I am leaving the colony – J B Mason Golden Fleece Pakuratahi reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 May 1870 page 7

#To let or sell with immediate possession the well-known hotel Golden Fleece Pakuratahi doing a good and profitable business the present occupants being compelled to leave for England. For particulars apply to J B Mason on the premises or to W Hodder Featherstone reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 24, 26 March 1870 page 7

#Flax Preparation - We notice by an advertisement in a Canterbury paper, that Mr Mason of the Pakuratahi Inn has turned his attention, from hotel keeping to flax preparing. The notice says That application has been made to His Excellency the Governor by and on behalf of William Frederick Mason, of Pakuratahi, in the Province of Wellington, blacksmith, for the grant to him of Letters Patent, pursuant to the provisions of the "Patents Act 1850," for the exclusive use within the colony of New Zealand, of an Invention for the purpose of dressing flax, Phormium Tenax, cabbage tree leaf, nekau leaf, or any other fibre, also for the purpose of dressing the bark of the cabbage tree, or any other indigenous plant, and for the purpose of extracting the gum from the same, and for the purpose of cleaning the same reference Paper past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 30 March 1870

#John Bentley Mason proprietor of Barrett's Hotel said that about half past six yesterday evening prisoner came into the bar demanded liquor witness refused to give him any without payment whereupon prisoner endeavoured to help himself he tried to prevent him doing so when prisoner seized him by the beard and struck him severely in the face [various other details] reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 April 1873

#Wanted to Buy Shares in the National and Colonial Banks Apply to J B Mason Barrett's Hotel reference Papers past website 28 September 1875

#Notice All claims against the undersigned are requested to be sent in on or before 11th instant and all persons indebted to me will oblige by settling them by same date as I am leaving for England J B MASON Barrett's Hotel Wellington 06th April reference Papers past website 06 -10 April 1876

#Found about the 1st April a silver watch. The owner can have it by applying at Barrett's Hotel J B Mason reference Papers past 18 April 1876

#Licensing Court Tuesday 06 June Licenses granted – Licenses were granted to the following the police offering no objections Charles F Lansdon Barrett's Hotel 12 o' clock (plus others) reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 10 June 1876

NOTE John Bentley MASON was recorded as residing in Pakuratahi around the same time as William Frederick MASON so perhaps they are related

SALMON miscellaneous information

- 0- Nathaniel (Williams) SALMON born 1816 Kent England died 30 January 1868 Pipitea Point Wellington New Zealand married 25 October 1830 Devon Kent England Ann Murray NORRIS born 21 October 1809 Dover Kent England died 20 September 1892 Wanganui New Zealand #Mr William Frederick Mason (who in after years was an inspector for the City Council) and Mr John Astill one of our oldest and respected settlers, and who still resides in Wellington, were brothers-in-law. They married sisters of the late Mr William Salmon reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1913
- 0-1- Lydia Sarah SALMON** born 23 March 1832 Dover Kent England died (25 April) 27 May 1872 Wellington New Zealand married 07 April 1851 Thorndon Wellington New Zealand **William Frederick MASON** born 1827 Nottingham Nottinghamshire England died 05 May 1902 New Zealand
- 0-2- Edward Murray SALMON born 01 August 1834 Dover Kent England died 07 February 1859 Sydney New South Wales Australia
- 0-3- Louisa Caroline SALMON born 10 February 1837 Dover Kent England died 1837
- 0-4- Sophia Norris SALMON born 24 April 1838 Dover Kent England died 1873
- 0-5- Augusta Ann SALMON born 15 March 1841 Dover Kent England died 1901 New Zealand married 1860 New Zealand John ASTILL
#Augusta Ann SALMON married 1860 New Zealand John ASTILL reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1860 folio website 1860/2743
- 0-6- William Joseph SALMON born 29 May 1846 Sydney New South Wales Australia died 1907
- 0-7- James Alexander Nathaniel SALMON born 08 January 1848 Sydney New South Wales Australia died 1903
- 0-8- Isaac John SALMON born 16 November 1851 Sydney New south Wales Australia died 1932
- 0-9- Stephen Edwin SALMON born 10 July 1854 Sydney New South Wales Australia died 25 February 1867 New Zealand
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