

William Henry RAWSON and Mary PRIESTLEY family history

1840s Absentee land owner Upper Hutt who never came to New Zealand

William Henry RAWSON

B 1781 Halifax Yorkshire England
D 05 January 1865 Sowerby Halifax England
M 30 October 1806 Halifax Yorkshire England

Mary PRIESTLEY

B 1780 England
D 18 February 1870 England

Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth RAWSON born 1808 England
2. Ellen Susanna RAWSON born 1809 England
3. Ann Catherine RAWSON born 1810 England died 1893 England
4. Caroline RAWSON born 1812 England
5. William Henry RAWSON born 1812 England
6. John RAWSON born 1813 England died 1857 England
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8. Arthur RAWSON born 1818 England died 1891 England
9. Frederick Edward RAWSON born 1821 England died 1879 England
10. Charles Selwyn RAWSON
11. Henry Ernest RAWSON

William Henry RAWSON was born 1781 Halifax Yorkshire England.

Mary PRIESTLEY was born 1780 England.

St John the Baptist Halifax Yorkshire England parish register

William Henry RAWSON of Sowerby of this Parish Merchant and Mary PRIESTLEY of the same place spinster married in this Church by Licence this thirteenth day of October in the Year One Thousand eight Hundred and Six (13 October 1806) By me (signed hard to read) both couples signed the register in the presence of John Rawson and Wm Walker Sarah spinster
(Reference Ancestry website St John the Baptist Halifax Yorkshire England parish register page 136 No 407)

Baptisms solemnized in the Parish of Chapeby of Sowerby in the County of York in the year 1813 (son) - William Henry RAWSON born 12 August 1812 baptised 15 February 1813 to parents Mary and William (Henry) RAWSON Merchant of Millhouse. Baptised by J Ogden
(Reference Ancestry website Church of England births and baptisms St Peter Sowerby West Yorkshire England year 1913 page 3 No 223)

William Henry RAWSON purchased numerous New Zealand Company Land Orders. The New Zealand Company agents selected various large blocks of Sections in the Upper Hutt District. William Henry RAWSON never came to or settled in New Zealand

1851 Census St Peter Sowerby Halifax Yorkshire England

- William Hy RAWSON junior age 38 born about 1813 Halifax Yorkshire England
- Ellen Louisa RAWSON age 29
- Williams Henry RAWSON age 2
- Constance Ellen RAWSON 5 months
- Jane GARTON age 25
- Mary JOHNSON age 30
- Fanny GRANDY age 25
- Margaret Laking age 19
- Williams Sellers age 27

(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census St Peter Sowerby Halifax Yorkshire England ED 1e household 7 piece 2300 folio 89 page 2)

1861 Census New Haugh End St George Sowerby Yorkshire England

- William Henry RAWSON head married age 79 Woolen Merchant born Halifax Yorkshire
- Mary RAWSON wife married age 79 gentle women born Halifax Yorkshire
- Mary Elizabeth RAWSON daughter unmarried age 52 gentle women born Halifax Yorkshire
- Ellenor RAWSON daughter unmarried age 52 gentle women born Halifax Yorkshire
- Caroline RAWSON daughter unmarried age 49 gentle women born Halifax Yorkshire
- Henrietta RAWSON daughter unmarried age 44 gentle women born Halifax Yorkshire
- Ann HAIGH servant unmarried age 42 domestic duties born Huddersfield Yorkshire
- Jessica DAVIDSON servant unmarried age 44 Ladys' maid born Scotland
- Eliza ORREY servant unmarried age 26 house maid born Seek Lincolnshire
- Sarah HOBSON servant unmarried age 19 house servant born Huddersfield Yorkshire
- Emily SCHOFIELD servant unmarried age 21 kitchen maid born Rastbury Yorkshire
- William HEATH servant unmarried age 18 page born Rippon

(Reference Ancestry website 1861 Census St George Sowerby Yorkshire England ED 11 household 13 piece 3292 folio 74 page 3)

Williams Henry RAWSON (junior) age 3 weeks burial 13 August 1861 St James's Church burial ground Halifax West Yorkshire England

(Reference Ancestry website Removal of graves and tombstones register)

William Henry RAWSON (junior) died September 1861 Halifax Yorkshire West Riding England

(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK death registration 1861 September quarter Halifax Yorkshire West Riding England volume 9a page 315)

William Henry RAWSON (senior) died 05 January 1865 Yorkshire England

William Henry RAWSON (senior) born 1781 died 05 January 1865 buried St Peters Churchyard Sowerby Bridge Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale West Yorkshire England. His wife was Mary Rawson. Their children were Caroline Rawson, Mary Elizabeth Rawson, Henrietta Rawson, William Henry Rawson, Frederick Edward Rawson and Arthur Rawson.

(Reference Ancestry website UK find a Grave index)

William Henry RAWSON Esq. (senior) 05 April 1865 Effects under £200,000 – The Will of William Henry Rawson later of Haugh End in Sowerby in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York Esquire deceased who died 05 January 1865 at Haugh End aforesaid was proved at Wakefield by the oaths of William Henry Rawson of Mill House in Sowerby aforesaid Esquire John Rawson of Brockwell in Sowerby aforesaid Merchant and Frederick Edward Rawson of Thorp in Sowerby aforesaid Merchant the Sons three of the Executors – Re-sworn at the Stamp Office November 1865.

(Reference Ancestry website England & Wales National Probate Calendar Wills 1865 page 156)

12 September 1910 Access to Sections 222 & 223 Block XIV Akatarawa Undersecretary of Lands – In reply to your minute of the 6th instant on your 1910/325 returned herewith I beg to report that Mr Rawson was the owner of land lying between the land in question and a public Road as illustrated by litho sent herewith. M Read's assertion probably refers to Sections 170 & 171 which were never Rawson's – by my own statement refers to Sections 136, 137, 138, 141 which were Rawson's and are bounded by a public road. Rawson died in 1865 before the grant issued to him for Sections 222 and 223 (now under discussion) but the grant was ante-vested and the Executors dealt with the whole Estate. It will be seen that position coloured yellow of Section 110 gave the whole Estate access to yet another Main Coach Road and at the date of acquisition of Sections 222 & 223 by Rawson all the lands coloured were one Estate with access to two roads. For these facts Mr Read can be referred to the titles in the District Land Register's register if he chooses to search signed Chief Surveyor Smith

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24015798 Sections 222 and 223 Block 14 Akatarawa Sections 221, 222, 223 Hutt 26293 LS-W1 date 1909-1910 Department of Lands and Survey District Office ADXS 19483)

William Henry [RAWSON] of Hugh End of Mill House Yorks b. 21 Oct 1781 m 30 Oct 1806 Mary dau of John Priestley of Thorpe near Halifax and d 05 Jan 1865 having be her who d 18 Feb 1870 had issue

(Reference Ancestry website Burke's Family Records Rawson-Rylands pages 497 – 498 – 499)

William Henry and Mary RAWSON their children and descendants

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