

**John WILKINS & Sarah HILL & Henrietta MELLIS family history**  
1861 settler Upper Hutt & 1865 owner Highland Hotel & St John's churchyard

**John WILKINS**

B 1827 Inkberrow Worcestershire England  
D 24 August 1922 Hutt New Zealand  
1<sup>st</sup> M 17 September 1856 Inkberrow Worcester England (5 children)  
2<sup>nd</sup> M 1873 New Zealand (no children)

**Sarah HILL**

B 1828 England  
D 1871 New Zealand  
M 17 September 1856 Inkberrow Worcester England (5 children)

**Henrietta MELLIS**

B 1831 perhaps England  
D 23 May 1909 Lower Hutt New Zealand  
M 1873 New Zealand (no children)

Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth WILKINS born 1858 New Zealand
2. Sarah WILKINS born 1860 New Zealand
3. John WILKINS born 1863 New Zealand
4. William WILKINS born 1865 New Zealand
5. Ellen WILKINS born 1868 New Zealand

John WILKINS was born 1827 Inkberrow Worcestershire England. His parents were Elizabeth nee Knowles and John Wilkins.

1841 Census Ridgway Alcester Fectenha Inkberrow Oswaldslow Worcestershire England

- John WILKINS age 50 Sawyer born
- Elizabeth WILKINS age 50 born Worcestershire England
- Sarah WILKINS age 25 born Worcestershire England
- Thomas WILKINS age 20 born Worcestershire England
- Isaac WILKINS age 15 born Worcestershire England
- John WILKINS age 13 born Worcestershire England
- George WILKINS age 6 born Worcestershire England
- Elizabeth WRIGHT age 4 born Worcestershire England

*(Reference Ancestry website 1841 Census Ridgway Alcester Fectenha Inkberrow Oswaldslow Worcestershire England piece 1201 book 13 folio 65 page 13)*

1851 Census Ridgway Alcester Feckenham Inkberrow Worcestershire

- John WILKINS head married age 64 Sawyer born Gloucestershire England'
- Elizabeth WILKINS wife married age 60 needle maker born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- John WILKINS son unmarried age 23 Sawyer born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- George WILKINS son unmarried Age 16 Ag Lab born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- Elizabeth KITE granddaughter age 14 needle maker born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- John KITE grandson age 5 born Penson Worcestershire

*(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census Ridgway Alcester Feckenham Inkberrow Worcestershire ED2a household 41 piece 2075 folio 472 page 9)*

Sarah HILL was born 02 April 1828 Worcester England baptised 05 October 1828 All Saints Worcester England. Her parents were Ann Crisp and Thomas Hill.

*(Reference Ancestry website LDS FHL Film 354328,354329 & 394851)*

John WILKINS married Sarah HILL 17 September 1856 Alcester Warwickshire Inkberrow Worcester England

*(Reference Ancestry website RGO UK marriage registration district Alcester County Warwickshire England volume 6d page 645 & LDS FHL film 0435227, 0435228)*

John and Sarah WILKINS arrived in New Zealand on the ship Oliver Lang in 1856

The ship Oliver Lang departed Liverpool 24 September 1856 arrived 19 December 1856 in Wellington New Zealand. Captain Joseph Mundle was in charge of the 1224 tons ship.

- J WILKINS
- Henry WILKINS
- John WILKINS
- Hy WILKINS
- H WILKINS

John and Sarah had a child Mary Elizabeth WILKINS who was born 1858 New Zealand  
*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1858 folio website 1858/5171 parents Sarah and John Wilkins)*

John and Sarah had a child Sarah WILKINS who was born 1860 New Zealand  
*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6852 parents Sarah and John Wilkins)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 June 1861 (plus other dates)

Upper Hutt – To be let or sold - The Freehold Land Business Premises &c., formerly owned by the late R E Hilliard comprising of 14 acres of Freehold Lad with Store and Private House attached, a Bake house with Requisites complete for carrying on that business a Shed about 30 feet by 16 feet a good garden well fenced and well stocked with Fruit trees and a good grass paddock. The principal part of the land fenced in a portion being bush with good timber for sale &c. The said 14 acres, facing frontage to the main road and 7 chains. There is also a detached Freehold private house now paying a rental of 4s 6d per week. Also two houses on lease for about 11 years at a ground rent of one pound a year, cash. The proprietor will let the premises all together or in part to suit an in-coming tenant.

For particulars apply to Mr John Wilkins Upper Hutt 25 May 1861

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 June 1861)*

John and Sarah had a child John WILKINS who was born 1863 New Zealand  
*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10461 parents Sarah and John Wilkins)*

Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1865

Mr J H Wallace's gigantic land sale was well attended yesterday afternoon despite the bad weather there being upwards of 150 persons present. The Highland Home which for the benefit of strangers we announce to be an excellent hostelry at the Upper Hutt was sold at £1000.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1865)*

John and Sarah had a child William WILKINS who was born 1865 New Zealand  
*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/11289 parents Sarah and John Wilkins)*

In 1865 John Wilkins purchased the Highland Home from John McHardie for £1000.

John Wilkins was the owner and proprietor of the Highland Home later renamed the Railway Hotel then Trentham Hotel and finally Quinn's Post Hotel. At one time John's older brother Isaac WILKINS was also a proprietor of the Railway Hotel.

The Upper Hutt - Thirty-eight years ago Mr [John] Wilkin purchased outright the old Highland Home Hotel, which later became the Trentham Hotel, was destroyed by fire a year or two ago, and has now been replaced by an up-to-date hostelry. Mr Wilkin was there for some years before selling out. There was then at the Upper Hutt the Criterion Hotel, which stood about where the new Town Hall is, while later the Provincial Hotel was built by Mr Joseph Ames. The township was a very busy one when the lino over the Rimutaka, was in course of formation, and now with improved means of communication with the city, it is growing very rapidly, and new houses may be seen on all sides. Now we are promised a new township of Trentham. It is interesting to learn that part of an old stockade used in the troubled times with the natives still

exists at the rear of the property known as "Homewood," which was recently sold by auction. Right up the fertile valley the traveller sees signs of progress and prosperity.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 March 1865 (plus other dates)

The annual meeting of the Voters of the Mungaroa Road District will be held at John Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt for the purpose of fixing the amount of rate for the ensuing year and other business on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1865 at 12 o'clock at noon. By order of the Board of Wardens J h Wallace Chairman 22 February 1865

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 March 1865)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 08 April 1865

Eighth Anniversary Dinner and Ball of the Loyal Rose of Sharon Lodge No 4675 IOOFMU  
The Officers and Brothers are respectfully informed that the eighth anniversary of the above Lodge will be celebrated by a Dinner and Ball at host Wilkin's Highland Home Upper Hutt on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April when all who can make it convenient are invited to attend – Dinner on table at 6 o'clock. Dancing to commence at 8. Tickets 6s. W M Lawrence Secretary 07 April 1865

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 08 April 1865 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 April 1865

Resident Magistrates Court – Saturday 22 April - This being the appointed day for the adjourned Annual Licencing Meeting the following application were considered – 1<sup>st</sup> Mr John Wilkins to whom was granted a licence for the Highland Home Upper Hutt [plus others not transcribed]

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 April 1865 page 5)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 23-30 November 01- December 1865

Land Sale Wednesday 20 December 1865 – Section 93 Upper Hutt adjoining Mr Haslam's Saw Mill and opposite Mr Wilkins, Highland Home subdivided into convenient lots of about 10 acres. Each allotment having a road and river frontage

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 23 November 1865 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 March 1866

Mungaroa Road Board - The Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers in the Mungaroa Road District will be held at Mr John Wilkins' the Highland Home Upper Hutt on Thursday 12 April 1866 at 12 o'clock noon for the election of wardens and fixing the rate for the ensuing year, also for the construction maintenance and repairs of the road and other business

J H Wallace Chairman of the Board of Wardens Wellington 15 March 1866

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 March 1866)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866

Trip to the Wairarapa – (various information and details) Passing Highland Home Inn we reached Brown's Criterion Hotel where a change of horses is effected

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866 page 6)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1866

Annual Licencing Meeting – List of Applicants – John Wilkins Upper Hutt The Highland Home

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1866 page 5)*

1867-1868 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt house and land
- George WILKINS Hutt Road Freehold Hutt house and land

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

John and Sarah's son William WILKINS died 18 February 1868 age 2 years. William was buried at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.

#### 1868-1869 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt house and land
- George WILKINS Hutt Road Freehold Hutt house and land

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

John and Sarah had a child Ellen WILKINS who was born 1868 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/18071 parents Sarah and John Wilkins)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 23 April 1868

Annual Licensing Day – Licenses renewed – John Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 23 April 1868 page 3)*

#### 1869-1870 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt house and land
- George WILKINS Hutt Road Freehold Hutt house and land

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 30 March 1869

Upper Hutt – Our Country friends are determined not to be behind hand in reception matters. A Meeting was held at the Highland Home on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> when the following gentlemen were appointed to carry out the programme agreed to – (various names)

*(Reference Papers Past website Wellington Independent newspaper 30 March 1869 page2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1870

Licensing Bench – renewals granted – J Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1870 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 September 1870

Mungaroa Road Board – The Annual meeting if the ratepayers of Mungaroa Road District will be held on Tuesday 25 October 1870 at 12 o'clock noon at the house of Mr John Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt for the purpose of declaring a rate electing a Board of Wardens and other business – J H Wallace Chairman – Wellington 26 September 1870

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 September 1870 page 1)*

In the publication Old Wellington Hotels it states that “At Upper Hutt the first of the town hotels then in operation, the Railway was built in 1870 with Sam Carlson in charge.”

[Please note I have been unable to locate any records to confirm this statement.]

*(Reference Old Wellington Hotels – Some History Personalities and Anecdotes by Pat Lawlor 1974 page 72)*

#### 1870-1871 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt House and Land
- George WILKINS Hutt Road Freehold Hutt house and land

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Sarah WILKINS died 1871 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1871 folio website 1871/5447 age 43 born about 1828)*

St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

Sarah beloved wife of John WILKINS  
Died 11 May 1871 age 43 years also her sons  
William died 18 February 1868 age 2 years and  
John died 24 June 1887 aged 22 years.

*(Reference St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt burial register and headstone transcription)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1871

Annual Licensing Meeting – Country Houses - Highland Home Upper Hutt John Wilkins

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1871 page 2)*

In 1872 the Highland Home hotel became known as the Railway Hotel.

1872-1873 Directory for Upper Hutt - John Wilkins Highland Hotel

John WILKINS married 1873 New Zealand Henrietta MELLIS

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1873 folio website 1873/10432)*

1875-1876 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt House and Land
- Isaac WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt part of section No 93

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1876-1877 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Upper Hutt (1) Freehold (1) Upper Hutt house and land (2) Ratepayer (2) Section 21
- Isaac WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Upper Hutt part section No 93
- John Thomas WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Whakiti [sic] part section No 3 [sic]
- George Isaac WILKINS Upper Hutt Freehold Whakiti [sic] part section No 3 [sic]

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1880-1881 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS freehold Upper Hutt farmer House and Land on Section 21
- George WILKINS Residential Upper Hutt hotel keeper
- Isaac WILKINS freehold Upper Hutt publican part section 93
- George Isaac WILKINS freehold Upper Hutt farmer part section No 3 Whakiti
- John Thomas WILKINS freehold Upper Hutt publican Part Section No 3 Whakiti

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Hutt farmer Freehold house and land part section 21
- Henrietta WILKINS Lower Hutt domestic duties residential
- Mary E WILKINS Lower Hutt spinster residential
- Ellen WILKINS Lower Hutt spinster residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904

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*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904)*

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904

The Upper Hutt - Mr. John Wilkin, now of the Lower Hutt, where his figure is a familiar one on the local Magisterial Bench, stands, out prominently as an authority on matters pertaining to the growth of Upper Hutt. The timber in the grand forest that once covered the land was of the very best and Mr Wilkin, as a sawyer, can give an expert opinion. The timbers chiefly used were matai, rimu, and totara, and there was probably no better forest in the colony. Many of the trees were 100 feet high, and the totara of which there was plenty, was five and six feet through. But there as low down the valley, the floods did great damage, and carried away much of the richest land. The timber industry was the mainstay of the place for a long time. The price of timber then

ran up to about 12s 6d per 100 feet in Wellington, as it cost nearly as much to get it to town as the price paid at the mill. The best men at the mills got 7s a day, but 5s was the average. Mr Wilkin has earned as much as £10 a week sawing, and he had a contract with two sawmills for seven years, during which he averaged about £1 a day. It cost from 2s to 2s 6d a hundredweight to get goods up from Wellington. Beef was sixpence a pound, mutton eight pence, flour went as high as £2 a cwt, a little Dutch cheese would cost 10s 6d, while 28s was the cost of a very rough pair of boots, locally made. Clothes also were very dear. Among the oldest buildings in the district now are those where once Cruickshank's sawmill ran merrily by water power. These are now much "dilapidated. Mr Cruickshank was sent out by Lord Peteis [sic] to manage the mill. The unoccupied dwelling-house situated on the line site at the back of the old mill has it is strange to learn in this prosaic age the reputation among the superstitious of being haunted. The orchard in the adjoining grounds looks far more as though it has been haunted.

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*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904)*

#### 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

- John WILKINS Hutt farmer freehold part section No 21 Hutt
- Henrietta WILKINS Hutt domestic duties

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

#### Henrietta WILKINS died 1909 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1909 folio website 1909/3009 age 78 born about 1831)*

Henrietta WILKINS nee Mellis born 1830 died 22 May 1909 New Zealand buried St James Churchyard Lower Hutt New Zealand.

#### John WILKINS died 1922 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1922 folio website 1922/81 age 96 born about 1826)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 26 August 1922

The funeral takes place this afternoon Mr John Wilkins, an old resident of the Hutt Valley, who died on Thursday at his home in Bloomfield Crescent, Lower Hutt, was born in the Parish of Inkerrow, County of Worcester, England in 1827. He arrived in New Zealand by the Oliver Lang in 1856, and was in partnership with a Mr Yule in Featherston for some time as a contractor in delivering timber to the sawmills. Subsequently he was engaged in business for a few years at Upper Hutt, and for the last fifty years he resided quietly in Lower Hutt. He served the public faithfully for many as a Justice of the Peace, and with the late Mr John Cudby, JP, frequently officiated at the local Police Court. He was twice married. His first wife died over fifty years ago, and his second fourteen years ago. He is survived by the two daughters of his first wife, who kept house for him and nursed him during the last year. He was connected with the Wellington Racing Club for thirty years, the greater part of the time as steward and clerk of the scales, in which capacity he has weighed out most of the leading horsemen in the Dominion, and no clerk of the scales was better known to riders of the old school. He was also one of the trustees of the Hutt Park Racecourse. Before coming to the Dominion he was a cricketer, and throughout his life he took a great interest in all kinds of sport, winning a foot race at the age of 63.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 August 1922)*

John WILKINS Gentleman Lower Hutt Wellington Court Probate filed date 13 September 1922  
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOM 6029 32725 Will Wellington Court Probate filed date 13 September 1922)

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## Sarah and John WILKINS their children and descendants

- 1- **Mary Elizabeth WILKINS** born 1858 New Zealand died 1949 Hutt New Zealand (never married)
  - #Child not named [Mary Elizabeth] WILKINS born 1858 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1858 folio website 1858/5171 parents Sarah and John Wilkins
  - #Mary WILKINS Hutt spinster 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll
  - #Mary Elizabeth WILKINS Hutt spinster 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll
  - #Mary Elizabeth WILKINS 10 Bloomfield Terrace Lower Hutt spinster 1928 Hutt Electoral Roll
  - #Mary Elizabeth WILKINS 10 Bloomfield Terrace Lower Hutt spinster 1938 Hutt Electoral Roll
  - #Mary Elizabeth WILKINS died 1949 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1949 folio website 1949/20932 age 91 born about 1858
  - #Mary Elizabeth WILKINS Spinster Lower Hutt Wellington Court probate filed date 02 August 1949 reference Archives BZ Wellington AAOM 6031 1665/1949 Will
- 2- **Sarah WILKINS** born 1860 New Zealand died 1911 New Zealand married 1886 New Zealand
  - James Henry SHERWIN** born 1858 place unknown died 1947 New Zealand
  - #Sarah WILKINS born 1860 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6852 parents Sarah and John Wilkins
  - #Sarah WILKINS married 1886 New Zealand James Henry SHERWIN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1886 folio website 1886/3370
  - #Sarah SHERWIN died 1911 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1911 folio website 1911/8112 age 52 born about 1859
  - #The Friends of Mr J H Sherwin late of Petone are respectfully invited to attend the interment of his loved wife which will take place at St James' churchyard Lower Hutt today (Tuesday) 05<sup>th</sup> December 1911 at 3 o'clock G A McIlvridge Undertaker Lower Hutt reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1911
  - #James Henry SHERWIN died 1947 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1947 folio website 1947/28553 age 89 born about 1858
- 2-1- Florence Beatrice SHERWIN born 20 February 1887 New Zealand died 1972 New Zealand (never married)
  - #Florence Beatrice SHERWIN born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/17238 parents Sarah and James Henry Sherwin
  - #Beatrice Florence SHERWIN died 1972 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1972 folio website 1972/31562 born 20 February 1887
- 2-2- Irene Olive Gertrude SHERWIN born 1889 New Zealand died 14 January 1965 Truro Cornwall England (never married)
  - #Irene Olive Gertrude SHERWIN born 1889 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889 folio website 1889/4887 parents Sarah and James Henry Sherwin
  - #Irine O G SHERWIN age 75 born about 1890 died 1965 reference RGO UK death registration 1965 March quarter district Truro County Cornwall England volume 7a page 257
  - #SHERWIN Irene Olive Gertrude of Leo Beach St Feock Truro died 14 January 1965 Administration Bodmin 04 March to Nellie Clarabel Graham married woman £410 reference Ancestry website National Probate Calendar England
- 2-3- Nellie Claribelo SHERWIN born 14 September 1892 Petone New Zealand died 1976 Cornwall England married 1929 Kensington Middlesex England Frederick Henry GRAHAM born 1904 Essex England died 1969 Cornwall England
  - #Nellie Claribelo SHERWIN born 1892 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1892 folio website 1892/12536 parents Sarah and James Henry Sherwin
- 3- **John WILKINS** born 1863 New Zealand died 24 June 1887 New Zealand (never married)
  - #John WILKINS born 1863 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10461 parents Sarah and John Wilkins
  - #John WILKINS died 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1887 folio website 1887/2472 age 24 born about 1863

#Funeral Notices – The Friends of Mr J Wilkins are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his son John Wilkins. The Funeral Procession will leave Mr Isaac Wilkin's Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1887 at half past two o'clock in the afternoon Joseph Hall Undertaker Lower Hutt 25<sup>th</sup> June 1887 reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 28 June 1887

#St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt Headstone - Sarah beloved wife of John WILKINS died 11 May 1871 age 43 years also her sons William died 18 February 1868 age 2 years and John died 24 June 1887 aged 22 years.

**4- William WILKINS** born 1865 New Zealand died 18 February 1868 New Zealand (died young never married)

#William WILKINS born 1865 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/11289 parents Sarah and John Wilkins

#St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt Headstone - Sarah beloved wife of John WILKINS died 11 May 1871 age 43 years also her sons William died 18 February 1868 age 2 years and John died 24 June 1887 aged 22 years

**5- Ellen WILKINS** born 1868 New Zealand died 07 February 1942 New Zealand (never married)

#Ellen WILKINS born 1868 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1868 folio website 1868/18071 parents Sarah and John Wilkins

#Ellen WILKINS Hutt spinster 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Ellen WILKINS Hutt spinster 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Ellen WILKINS 10 Bloomfield Terrace Lower Hutt spinster 1928 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Ellen WILKINS 10 Bloomfield Terrace Lower Hutt spinster 1938 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Ellen WILKINS died 1942 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1942 folio website 1942/18076 age 73 born about 1869

#Death – Wilkins – On 07 February 1942 at Wellington Ellen Wilkins of 10 Bloomfield Terrace Lower Hutt youngest daughter of the late John Wilkins and loving sister of Mary Wilkins No Flowers Private internment reference Papers past website Hutt News 11 February 1942

#Ellen WILKINS Spinster Lower Hutt Wellington Court probate filed date 17 February 1942 reference Archives BZ Wellington AAOM 6030 5459 Will

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### John WILKINS his parents and their descendants

**0- John WILKINS** born 1791 Inkberrow Worcestershire England died 1871 Warwickshire England married 19 May 1812 Inkberrow Worcestershire England **Elizabeth KNOWLES** born 1791 Inkberrow Worcestershire England died 1881 Portsmouth England

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(Reference Ancestry website 1841 Census Ridgway Alcester Fectenha Inkberrow Oswaldslow Worcestershire England piece 1201 book 13 folio 65 page 13)

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- John WILKINS head married age 66 Sawyer born Gloucestershire England
- Elizabeth WILKINS wife married age 60 needle maker born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- John WILKINS son unmarried age 23 Sawyer born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- George WILKINS son unmarried Age 16 Ag Lab born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- Elizabeth KITE granddaughter age 14 needle maker born Inkberrow Worcestershire
- John KITE grandson age 5 born Penson Worcestershire

(Reference Ancestry website 1851 Census Ridgway Alcester Feckenham Inkberrow Worcestershire ED2a household 41 piece 2075 folio 472 page 9)

**1- Sarah WILKINS** born 1815 Inkberrow Worcestershire England

#1841 Census Ridgway Alcester Fectenha Inkberrow Oswaldslow Worcestershire England



- Sarah WILKINS age 25 born Worcestershire England
- 2- Thomas WILKINS born 1821 Worcestershire England
  - #1841 Census Ridgway Alcester Fectenha Inkberrow Oswaldslow Worcestershire England
  - Thomas WILKINS age 20 born Worcestershire England
  - #Thomas WILKINS married 1858 New Zealand Fanny MACLELLAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1858 folio website 1858/1127
- 3- **Isaac WILKINS** born 1825 Inkberrow Worcestershire England died 10 June 1888 Cheltenham Gloucestershire England 1<sup>st</sup> married 1850 Worcestershire England **Charlotte TOWNSEND** (nee PERKS) born 1820 died 29 January 1877 Upper Hutt New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 08 May 1883 Wellington **Sarah MORRALL** (nee VERNER) born 1831 Snowhill Gloucestershire England died 13 December 1896 Cheltenham Gloucestershire England  
Comment - refer to the Wilkins document on the same website as this document
- 4- **John WILKINS** born 1827 Inkberrow Worcestershire England died 24 August 1922 Hutt New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 17 September 1856 Inkberrow Worcester England **Sarah HILL** born 1828 England died 1871 New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1873 New Zealand **Henietta MELLIS** born 1831 England died 23 May 1909 Lower Hutt New Zealand
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  - John WILKINS age 13 born Worcestershire England
  - #1851 Census Ridgway Alcester Feckenham Inkberrow Worcestershire
  - John WILKINS son unmarried age 23 Sawyer born Inkberrow WorcestershireComment - refer to the family tree at the beginning of this document
- 5- George WILKINS born 1835 Inkberrow Worcestershire England
  - #1841 Census Ridgway Alcester Fectenha Inkberrow Oswaldslow Worcestershire England
  - George WILKINS age 6 born Worcestershire England
  - #1851 Census Ridgway Alcester Feckenham Inkberrow Worcestershire
  - George WILKINS son unmarried Age 16 Ag Lab born Inkberrow Worcestershire
  - #George WILKINS married 1859 New Zealand Louisa SIGNAL reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1859 folio website 1859/2679

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### WILKINS miscellaneous information

- 0- George Isaac WILKINS born 1840 died 1916 New Zealand married 1880 New Zealand Maria BRIANT
    - #George Isaac WILKINS died 1916 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1916 folio website 1916/5080 age 76 born about 1840
    - #Isaac George WILKINS married 1880 New Zealand Maria BRIANT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1880 folio website 1880/2630
    - #Maria WILKINS died 1917 New Zealand reference RGO NZ
  - 0-1- Emma Jane WILKINS born 1879 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio website 1879/9760 parents Maria and Isaac Wilkins
  - 0-2- George Henry WILKINS born 1881 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio website 1881/8876 parents Maria and Isaac George Wilkins
  - 0-3- Minnie WILKINS (twin) born 1883 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1883 folio website 1883/8646 parents Maria and Isaac Wilkins
  - 0-4- Lilly WILKINS (twin) born 1883 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1883 folio website 1883/8647 parents Maria and Isaac Wilkins
  - 0-5- John Gore WILKINS born 1885 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/16226 parents Maria and Isaac George Wilkins
  - 0-6- Robert WILKINS born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/3694 parents Maria and Isaac George Wilkins
  - 0-7- Mary Ann WILKINS born 1890 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/16109 parents Maria and Isaac George Wilkins
  - 0-8- Arthur Edwin WILKINS born 1895 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1895 folio website 1895/18289 parents Maria and Isaac George Wilkins
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- 0- Henry WILKINS born 1831 England died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche) married Mary Anne Surname Unknown born 1831 England died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)

- #Henry, Mary and daughter Mary departed England and arrived in New Zealand between 1852 and 1857
- #Henry WILKINS Wanganui Leasehold ½ acre dwelling house and shop 1870-1871 Wanganui Electoral Roll
- #Henry WILKINS Ridgway Street storekeeper reference Wanganui Herald newspaper 05 December 1871
- #Henry WILKINS Wanganui Freehold ½ acre dwelling house and shop Ridgway Street 1875-1876 Wanganui Electoral Roll
- #London 12 September - On Tuesday night the Avalanche, bound for Wellington, when off Portland, struck against by the American, ship Forest, and sank in three minutes. Sixty three passengers, chiefly returning colonists were all drowned. Of thirty four seaman, three were saved, including the third officer. Of the crew twenty one of the Forest, nine were saved. The bodies being washed ashore. Among the list are whole families, eight Wilkins, six Lees, and four Chamberlains reference papers past website Inangahua Times 17 September 1877
- #The returning colonists lost in the Avalanche were – To wellington Mrs and Miss Cooper, Cecil Walker, J C Cooper and Neil Pearce eldest son of Edward Pearce M.H.R. To Wanganui Henry Wilkins and family, Mrs M Watt, Miss Taylor, Mrs Shield, Mrs Wychododil, J M Richard and Miss Foote (signed) Vogel reference Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 17 September 1877
- #Full Particulars of the Avalanche Disaster – The following is the full list of passengers – cabin Henry Wilkins, Mary Ann Wilkins, Marie J Wilkins, Helen Wilkins, Alfred H Wilkins, W Wilkins, Emily Wilkins, Albert Wilkins (plus other people) reference Papers past website Evening Star newspaper 06 November 1877
- #Avalanche official number 70632 date of arrival collision 11 September 1877 date of death 11 September 1877 all drowned passengers Henry WILKINS age 46 Mary A WILKINS age 46, Mary M WILKINS age 24, Helen WILKINS age 18, Alfred WILKINS age 11, William WILKINS age 9, Emily WILKINS age 7, Albert WILKINS age 4 reference UK Deaths at Sea registration
- 0-0- Mary Maria WILKINS born 1852 Shoreditch London England died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)  
#Mary Maria WILKINS born 1852 June quarter district Shoreditch County London England volume 1c page 160
- 0-1- Henry Joseph WILKINS born 1857 New Zealand remained in New Zealand only survivor of the family  
#Henry Joseph WILKINS born 1857 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1857 folio website 1857/4565 parents Mary and Henry Wilkins
- 0-2- Sarah Ellen (Helen) WILKINS born 03 May 1859 Wellington died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)  
#Sarah Ellen (Helen) WILKINS born 03 May 1859 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1859 folio website 1859/6039 parents Mary and Henry Wilkins
- 0-3- Alfred George WILKINS born 1864 New Zealand died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)  
#Alfred George WILKINS born 1864 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1864 folio website 1864/10862 parents Mary and Henry Wilkins
- 0-4- William Walter WILKINS born 1867 New Zealand died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)  
#William Walter WILKINS born 1867 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/19445 parents Mary and Henry Wilkins
- 0-5- Emily Maude WILKINS born 1869 New Zealand died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)  
#Emily Maude WILKINS born 1869 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/17908 parents Mary Anne and Henry Wilkins
- 0-6- Albert Arthur WILKINS born 1873 Whangaroa New Zealand died 11 September 1877 (drowned on the Avalanche)  
#Albert Arthur WILKINS born 1873 Whangaroa New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1873 folio website 1873/14993 parents Mary and Henry Wilkins
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