

CRIME TIME LINE

By using the records from the Residential Magistrates Court, Stipendiary Magistrates Court, New Zealand Police Gazettes, New Zealand newspaper and records held at Archives New Zealand we are able to record the crimes in the Upper Hutt district.

1863

Table showing the civil cases in which Maori were concerned disposed of in the undermentioned residential Magistrates courts in New Zealand during the year 1863

Upper Hutt No 57

6 in which Europeans were defendants

6 total cases between Maori and Europeans

Sued £7.8s10d in which Europeans were defendants

Recovered £1.11s.0d in which Europeans were defendants

(Reference New Plymouth Pake Ariki Archives Statistics New Zealand volumes)

Note the statistics did not include European civil cases for Upper Hutt.

1864

His Excellency Sir George Grey KCB Governor and Commander Chief in and over the Islands of New Zealand

The Humble Memorial of Robert CLELAND of the Upper Hutt in the Province of Wellington Draper and Grocer.

That your Memorialist was charged before I J Willis Esquire Resident Magistrate Upper Hutt aforesaid with having sold less than two gallons of spirituous liquid on the 5th September Last. That the Memorialist admitted to having sold Two gallons of Gin to Robert DOUGLAS of the Upper Hutt Labourer on the said 5th September and that the said Robert Douglas took away at that time two bottles of Gin part of the said two gallons and the remainder within eight days afterwards. That your Memorialist having permitted the said Robert Douglas to do so was entirely through ignorance and without the slightest intention of your Memorialist infringing the law.

That your Memorialist was fined on the 19th January last in the Penal sum of Fifty Pounds and Costs for months after the alleged offence and contrary to the Summary [section of paper missing so cannot read] Ordinance.

[section of paper missing so cannot read] Memorialists humbly pray [section of paper missing so cannot read] will take a favourable view of the above case and [section of paper missing so cannot read] of Fifty Pounds and cost and [section of paper missing so cannot read] as in duly bound will ever pray [section of paper missing so cannot read]

Dated this 11th day of February 1864 (*Signed Robert M CLELAND*)

And

Wairarapa 19 February 1864

Sir

With reference to, the Memorial in the case of Robert Cleland, which you have sent to me, to give my opinion on. I have the honour to inform you that on the day on which that case was heard, I allowed a second charge against Robert Cleland for the illegal sale of spirits to be withdrawn. Solely in consideration of the heavy fin which I had no discretion but to inflict. I have also reason to believe that Robert Cleland was frequently in the habit of selling spirits contrary to the provision of the Licencing Ordinance.

Taking the above facts into consideration I considered at the time that R Cleland had been most clemently dealt with.

I have the honor to be Sir your most obedient Servant
(*signed John J Willis R.M.*)

To Hon The Superintendent Wellington

And

Wairarapa 1864

Sir

Won the 19th Instant the Mr Cleland of the Upper Hutt Storekeeper was brought before me on a charge of Breach of the Sale of Spirits Ordinance convicted and fined £50. I have the honour to request to be allowed to award some part of the fine say £10 to the informer Constable Lyster of the Wellington Police.

I am induced to ask this as Constable Lyster has always displayed great zeal in the discharge of his duties in which opinion Mr Wardell R.M. had begged me to say that he fully concedes.

I have the honor to be Sir your most obedient Servant

(signed John J Willis R.M.)

To Hon The Attorney General Auckland

(Reference R24257946 ACGS 16211 J1 43/br 1864/248 Robert M Cleland Upper Hutt 11 February 1864 for remission of a penalty of £50 breach of the sale of Spirits Ordinance)

1865

Table showing the criminal cases and convictions in which Europeans were defendants in the undermentioned Resident magistrates and Magistrates courts in New Zealand during year 1865
Upper Hutt No 52

Assault 8 cases 2 convictions European

Drunkenness 6 cases 6 convicted

Other cases 23 cases 19 convictions

Total cases 37 total convictions 27

Upper Hutt No 58

54 civil cases & 37 criminal cases & 91 total cases (European)

(Reference New Plymouth Pake Ariki Archives Statistics New Zealand volumes)

1866 = Table showing the civil case in which Maori were concerned disposed of in the undermentioned residential Magistrates courts in New Zealand during the year 1866

Upper Hutt No 57

Number of cases between Maori and Europeans

3 in which Europeans were Defendants

3 total cases between Maori and Europeans

Upper Hutt No 59

Courts = 71 civil and 49 criminal 120 total cases disposed of

(Reference New Plymouth Pake Ariki Archives Statistics New Zealand volumes)

1871

Trentham Parsonage Upper Hutt 09 November 1871

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 06th instant stating that no appointment of Justice of the Peace is certain planned at the Upper Hutt

I have no personal feeling or interest in the matter but I respect that no steps are intended to be taken as I feel convinced that some such appointment is very much required and it has the approval of Mr Crawford the present R.M.

I have the honour to be Sir your obedient Servant

(signed A H S Nicholls)

R.C. Foundation Eyr. Pro. Asst. Law Officer Wellington.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24288139 ACGS 16211 J1 118/ar 1871/2868 CHS Nicholls Upper Hutt 11 November 1871 regrets that no Justice of Peace is to be appointed at Upper Hutt 30 October 1871 recommending appointment of Justice Peace at Upper Hutt and offering his service)

Trentham Upper Hutt 28 October 1871

Sir

I enclose a copy of a letter which I forwarded to you on the 28th August instant. As I have received no reply, I suppose it must have miscarried, or have been overlooked in the term of business.

I am dear Sir Yours faithfully

(signed C H S Nicholls)

The Hon W Fox wellington

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Upper Hutt 28 August 1871

Sir

The one policeman stationed in this isolated place has often mentioned to me the advantage of having at least one magistrate here, often information has to be taken or a summons issued a long journey is necessary and in many ways the presence of a J.P. would be a benefit should you deem it advisable to appoint one and should no one else be found suitable for the office I should have no objection to act. I do not desire the appointment nor do I ask for it but I am willing to undertake the duties of assigned. In cases of little importance a J.P. could act and leave the R.M. a long journey and perform the necessary work satisfactory.

I have the honour to be your obedant servant

(signed C H S Nicholls)

The Hon W Fox Wellington

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1879

New Zealand Constabulary correspondence & records

10 April 1879 = Constable Lyster report on Stockade Upper Hutt

Police Station
Upper Hutt
07th April 1879

Constable Lyster Report for the Information by the Superintendent that between Saturday night and Sunday morning last that the South east Wall of the Government Stockade at the Upper Hutt was blown down on examination the studs where completely rotten resting on the frame work near the Ground the Police have the Keys of this place and in charge of it.

David Lyster
Constable

W H James Esq
Supt of Police
Wellington

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACIS 17627 P1 91 1879/956 Superintendent Shearman Wellington 10 April 1879 Forwards report from Constable Lyster stating that the Government Stockade Upper Hutt was blown down on Saturday night 5th instant)
Notes written on cover of the above correspondence state "It has not been used by the Police".

03 December 1880 = William O'NEILL Upper Hutt making application for employment in forces

The Officer in Charge
Police Department
Wellington

Sir

I made application for appointment to the Police on the 9th June last.
I submitted characters from Victorian & Queensland Police for about four years' service and now as I see no chance of appointment here for some time to come I am anxious to get back to Australia but although I have been working hard since my arrival I have not yet sufficient money for that purpose.
In case an Escort is required to any of the Colonies I would be willing to give my services free providing my passage be paid, I believe it is probable there still be one to Sydney shortly as there is at present a man named Robinson in custody in Wellington for an offence committed in Sydney N.S.W.
I may also mention that I intend making application for an appointment to the New South Wales Police and perhaps Escorting a prisoner from this colony might in a small degree assist in my purpose.
Hoping you will consider my application favourable and thereby confer a great benefit upon me I will conclude

And have the honor to be Sir
Your Most obedient Servant
William O'NEILL

Trentham Upper Hutt

25th November 1880

PS My Testimonials are still in your office at the depot (WON)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACIS 17627 P1 127 1880/3507 William O'Neill Upper Hutt 03 December 1880 makes further application for employment in forces)

1881-1891

July 1881 to July 1890

Record Book – Civil Cases – Residents Magistrates Court - Lower Hutt

Left page = Date year – No of Plaintiff – Plaintiff – Defendant – Amount of Claim £ s d

Right page = Judgment for Whom and Amount – Costs

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(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R25937625 AGVV W3874 27417 box 94 Record Book Civil Cases July 1881 to July 1890 Lower Hutt years 1881-1890)

1891-1911

20 June 1891 to 13 September 1911

Court criminal cases reports & Justice of the Peace reports & James Brown Upper Hutt offering sections for sale for site of Courthouse at Upper Hutt

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(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24673409 ACGS 16211 J1 838/w 1891/594 P Davis JP additional archives R24673406 ACGS 16211 J1 838/w 1911/1284 James Brown Upper Hutt 13 September 1911 offering sections for sale for site for Courthouse at Upper Hutt)

1892

In 1892 the Constable of Police in Upper Hutt was W H McKENNEDY [McKinnon]

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R11836384 AAMK W3074 869 box 184 d 6/57 2 Maori Reserve Land – Pakuratahi years 1884-1907 1909)

1893-1894

03rd September 1894 Department of Justice Wellington

Memorandum for the Treasury and Audit

Please note that Constable William Hector McKinnon has been appointed to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court Upper Hutt. This is a new Court

Signed C J A Haselden Under Secretary

[other references on document J94/676 - Stamp received in 04 September 1894 The Treasury & Received 05 September 1894 for Audit – J93/1753 – 1641 -

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington T1 90 1893/1313-1800 Inwards correspondence 1893 for Treasury department Image saved as IMG_2594.jpg)

1900

Evening Post newspaper 28 February 1901

Messrs E Rawson v Jensen and G Brown Justices presided at a sitting of the Upper Hutt Magistrate's Court yesterday. John Thompson for indecency was sentenced to 24 hours imprisonment. F Chandler for cutting firewood etc., on the property of Mr C Rawson without authority was fined 20s and costs 7s. P Kearney for insulting and threatening language to Constable Thompson and another was fined 5s and costs 14s. The punishment would have been heavier only that accused had apologised for his behaviour and the constable did not press the charge. Three young boys pleaded Guilty of the theft of £11 worth of goods from the dwelling of Mr John Barton Silver stream and expressed regret for their offence. The Bench placed them upon probation for 12 months mulcted them in costs of Court (9s) and ordered them to come up for sentence when called upon.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 February 1901 page 6)

New Zealand Police Gazettes

1906 New Zealand Police Gazette

One Constable stationed in Upper Hutt

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R12621326 AAXZ W4888 box 7 NZ Police Gazette 1906-1906)

Further information to be transcribed using Papers past website

Criminal Record Books and Civil Record Books

Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages Upper Hutt

The reference at Archives NZ Wellington Agency ABYI covers all the registers for Births, Deaths and Marriages for Upper Hutt. There are no Court records in Agency ABYI or Upper Hutt

Record of Proceeding in Civil Cases in the Magistrates Court at Lower Hutt

Full details in register not transcribed as I was looking for Upper Hutt not Lower Hutt register.

The register covers the details below

Left page = Date – No of Plaint – Plaintiff – Defendant – Amount of Claim

Right page = "Judgment" - For Whom – Amount – Court Costs – Witnesses Expenses –

Solicitors Fees

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R25937532 AGVV W3874 27417 box 1 1 Civil Record Book No 1 29 October 1905 to 07 November 1906 years 1902-1906)