

Walter John MORRISON (1830-1874)

Baptism Register St Mildred Poultry, City of London

No. 193 Walter John Morrison born 18 May 1830 baptised 16 Jun 1830 son of John & Eleanor Morrison, Cheapside, Draper

Note: This is an extract from the Register of St Stephens Walbrook – Entry No. 170

1841 Census Knight Hill, Norwood, Lambeth

Maria HAWKES	45yrs	Schoolmistress	born in the county
Harriet HAWKES	45yrs	Schoolmistress	born in the county
Eliza BROWN	15yrs	Assistant	born in the county
Maria CUMMINS	25yrs	Independent	not born in the county
Jane COLLINS	45yrs	Female servant	not born in the county
Emily TIPP	15yrs	Female servant	born in the county
Susan SLOCOMBE	17yrs	Female servant	born in the county
Sarah LAVENDER	15yrs	Female servant	born in the county
Kitty EVANS	4yrs		not born in the county
Percy EVANS	6yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
Walter MORRISON	11yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
George MORRISON	10yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
Herbert MORRISON	9yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
William WHITE	10yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
Francis WHITE	8yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
Gordon LLOYD	9yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
Charles FRANCIS	9yrs	Pupil	born in the county
James JOHNSTON	9yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
Charles FREEMAN	8yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
James BROWN	7yrs	Pupil	not born in the county
John TOMKINS	10yrs	Pupil	born in the county
William CHIMNEY	8yrs	Pupil	not born in the county

Taranaki Herald 14 Feb 1855 List of Men in the Province of New Plymouth

Walter Morrison, Courtenay street, clerk

Taranaki Herald 23 Jan 1858

Agents for this Journal:- Bell Block – Mr W. J. Morrison

Taranaki Herald 23 Jan 1858

On Sale, at the Stores of the Undersigned... Union Mill Flour. Bell and Hua Store, W. J. Morrison.

Butler Index Taranaki Museum – 03 Apr 1858 Horse races

Ladies purse 30 pounds; Horses in the race included W. Morrison's sb lk g. Hapupu? aged 5y. Heats; Mile and a half. "In the first heat Black Jack led off at a splitting pace closely followed by Thunderbolt, but gradually slackened it, altho even on the heavy ground the Whanganui horse never approached him. Thunderbolt pushed him hard, coming in a close second. Second heat - Black Jack again led, closely followed by Rubens whom he dropped on the heavy ground and won easily, Hapupu coming in second and Rubens third. The result of this race will convince our Whanganui friends that if they desire to win on our course they must send up their best horses, Roughter having been beaten by our contract butcher's hack horse, one employed six days of the week carrying out the meat, and moreover, dead.

Butler Index Taranaki Museum – 04 Apr 1858 Second day of racing

Hapupu raced in the Tradesman's Cup valued at 25 pounds. He also raced in the Consolation Stakes; a handicap of a guinea each, with 10 pound added. Single event mile and a half. Hapupu carried 9st 7lbs.

Butler Index Taranaki Museum – 07 Aug 1858

Notice is hereby given, that the co-partnership carried on for some time at the Bell Block by Edgar Pearce and Walter John Morrison, under the firm of Edgar Pearce & Co., storekeepers was dissolved by mutual consent.

Butler Index Taranaki Museum 07 Sep 1861 A petition to His Excellency Colonel Thomas Gore-Browne

Sir, We, the undersigned inhabitants of Taranaki, desire upon your Excellency's approaching departure from New Zealand to express our appreciation of your Administration of the Government of this Colony, and more especially of the measures taken by your Excellency in connection with the natives of this district.... New Plymouth 26 Aug 1861. Signatories Henry Charles and Walter John Morrison.

Butler Index Taranaki Museum 19 Apr 1862

Attested the preferred claim of Henry Albert Atkinson to vote at the Election of Members of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of the Town of New Plymouth. Walter also made a claim as a householder for the Company's reserve in Courtenay St and this was attested by H. A. Atkinson.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IA 132/9 Taranaki Relief Commission Claim No. 529 [the writing is difficult to read]

The paper "A" contains a true statement of my losses. I rent a store at the Bell Block. I did so when the war broke out. It belongs to a Native. I pay £40 a year... am liable for the Rent. The landlord owed me hay on the other side of the account. I have a house at the He Nui let to a tenant at £26 per ... In consequence the War the tenant has ... up the occupation. I have lost a 12 months rent. I am ... on ... at the Bell Block. I had ... bill the Natives. I made claim ... to the amount of £200 in... wheat in the ground. It was understood that I was buying ... in advance. The wheat was burnt by the ... not the ... to ... the Natives. In consequence of that I have lost the value. I am liable for the ... of the ... Bell Block. The damage done exceeds the amount I have stated. The house at the He Nui was ... and damaged by the Natives £10 is less than the amount of damage. I will ... the ... of the miscellaneous articles will be the valuation. Walter Morrison. Memo: referring to Miscellaneous losses in the claim of W. J. Morrison 1 best Hogskin Saddle (nearly new) £6 10s; 1 Weymouth bridle (nearly new) £1 15s; 1 maffle bridle (nearly new) 15s; 3 bits 7s 6d; 1 pair plated spurs (nearly new) £1 10s; Curry comb, mare comb... & water brushes span girths £1; 5 bushels old oats £1 10s; 3 bushels Indian corn 15s; 1 kit carpenter's tools consisting of 2 saws, 2 or 3 planes, chisels, hammer, ... gimblets, screw drivers £5; garden tools consisting of rakes, hoes, spades, dung fork £1 10s; total £20 12s 6d; kitchen utensils consisting of 6 or 7 saucepans... £1 10s; 1 enamel saucepan (new) 10s; 1 large boiler 15s; 1 large camp oven 12s; 2 tea kettles 15s; sundry baking tins washing bowls &c £1; a new frying pan £1 2s 6d; 6 new cornish shovels £1 13s; wheelbarrow £1 10s; about 20yds matting £1; American ... & handle 10s; variety of good stored away in roof of House at Bell Block consisting of clothes, tins of sardines, boiled oil, tins of paint and brushes, confectionary, common crockery ware, about half... small bottles ... washing soda, part of cask of vinegar say £20; total £51 9s Statement of losses or injuries sustained in the recent Native Disturbances at Taranaki. Loss on 15 months business at Bell Block estimated @ £2500 estimated loss £375 (crossed out); Loss on sale of goods from store 25 per cent on £164 est. loss £41 (crossed out); Rent of store at Bell Block 15 months @ £40 per annum est. loss £50; loss on rent of House at Henui let at £26 per annum 12 months; est. loss £26; rent of house in Town 10 months @ 24/- per month est. loss £12 (crossed out); 670 bushels of wheat burnt valued at 6/- per bushel; est. loss £201 (crossed out); damage to house at Bell Block £15; damage to house at Henui £10; Expense incurred by sending wife and child to Nelson £20; miscellaneous losses estimated at £50. Total £800. Signed Walter Morrison in the presence of Josiah Flight 22 Jun 1861.

We, the undersigned, do certify that we have examined the claim of W. J. Morrison upon the "Taranaki Relief Fund" and we find that he is entitled to the sum of £15 3s in respect of claims under Classes 1 and 4 dated 20 Jan 1862.

We, the undersigned, do certify that we have examined the claim of W. J. Morrison upon the "Taranaki Relief Fund" and we find that he is entitled to the sum of £18 18s 9d in respect of claims under Classes 1 and 4 dated 7 Mar 1863.

We, the undersigned, do certify that we have examined the claim of W. J. Morrison upon the "Taranaki Relief Fund" and find that under Mr Commissioner Sewell's award there remains due the sum of £55. Interest on £55 from... at 8%:

21 Jun 1863 to 21 Sep 1863 £1 2s paid 22 Sep 1863

21 Sep 1863 to 21 Dec 1863 £1 2s paid 7 Jan 1864

21 Dec 1863 to 21 Mar 1864 £1 2s paid 2 Jun 1864

21 Jun 1864 to 21 Sep 1864 £1 2s paid 12 Nov 1864

We, the undersigned, do certify that we have examined the claims of W. J. Morrison upon the "Taranaki Relief Fund", and we find that he is entitled to the sum of £55 viz., Balance under Mr Commissioner Sewell's award dated 20 Feb 1865.

Taranaki Herald 05 Dec 1863 *Officers of the Taranaki Militia and Rifle Volunteers*
Corrected to 1st December, 1863. Taranaki Militia – Captains. Walter John Morrison 04 Dec 1862.

Taranaki Herald 17 Feb 1866

"The Foresters - the Taranaki Court of this Ancient Order held their first anniversary last night [16th] at the Odd Fellow's Hall, when about 5? brethren, with their guests, sat down to a substantial and elegant dinner, provided by Brothers Carter and Allen. The chair was occupied by Brother J. C. Sharland, and the vice-chair by Brother J. F. Carter, C.R. Among the guests were his Honor the Superintendent, Charles Brown Esq., W. M. Crompton Esq., Captain Morrison, Mr J. D. Nelson, Mr J. Veale, Mr A. S. Atkinson, and others. The first toast "the Queen", was drunk with the usual honours of the Order. The other numerous toasts, were also well received - those of the "Agricultural" and "Commercial" interests of Taranaki calling forth, perhaps, the most genuine eloquence. The evening was enlivened by appropriate airs on the piano and Mr Flood after the toasts, and by some excellent songs from Mr Daniels, which were very well received. The festivities were kept up till a late hour with great spirit. We must not omit to mention the statement made by the Chief Ranger, showing the present position of the Court. It had been opened a year ago by 15 persons and now it numbered 75, besides some who had left the settlement, and there were seven fresh propositions just made. They had also a balance of 115 pounds to their credit.

Taranaki Herald 29 Sep 1866

Military Settlers:- The Government steam transport St. Kilda arrived from Wellington on Tuesday last, for the purpose of conveying No. 5 Company, T.M.S., to Patea, and she left for that place yesterday afternoon. The following officers and men embarked:- Capt. Morrison, Lieut. Hutchinson, Ensign Morrison, 5 sergeants, and 70 rank and file.

Diary of John Newland 1867 *Entry for Monday 7 Jan 1867*

"William [Newland] came to see us from Patea overland in company with Commissioner of Customs Mr I. C. Richmond, O. Carrington, R. Parris and Capt. Morrison"

Taranaki Herald 23 Mar 1867

Morrison & Co. - assignees of the estate of Wm. McKechney [died 24 Jul 1861 New Plymouth] v James Shaw - Claim 3 pounds 7s 1d. Defendent did not appear. Verdict for amount claimed with costs. Same estate v. Hall. - Claim 19 pounds 19s 8d. Defendent did not appear. Verdict for amount claimed with costs. Same estate v. Webster - Claim 5 pounds 12s 6d. Defendent did not appear. Verdict for amount claimed with costs. [Resident Magistrate's Court - Civil Cases.]

Wanganui Herald 13 Jul 1867 *Shipping Intelligence*

Per s.s. Waipara, from Taranaki – Mr Cummins, Mr and Miss Morrison, Mr Rutherford and child, Dr Charles, Mr Day and 25 in the steerage.

Journal of the House of Representatives 02 Aug 1867

Re Petition of Walter John Morrison, settler of New Plymouth: "I am directed by the Committee to report that they cannot recommend the case of the Petitioner for the favourable consideration of the House, inasmuch as his claim has been disallowed both by Commissioner Sewell and Commissioner Beckham."

Secretary for Crown Lands, General Register Correspondence 1863-1869 - Archives NZ Reference: ABWN 8077 W5272/3 Letter 1870/264

Written 16 Mar 1870; received 22 Mar 1870; Author: W. J. Morrison, Patea; Subject: Applying for lease, with purchasing clause, of Reserve No. 177 in Hawhira Block.

Wanganui Herald 29 Mar 1871 River Bank School, Wanganui

Mrs Morrison's 2nd quarter will commence on Monday the 3rd April.

Wanganui Herald 07 Jul 1873 Education Notices

River Bank School. Board and Education. Mrs Morrison's School will re-open on Monday, the 14th instant. July 7, 1873.

Board and Education: Mrs Macdonald's Establishment for the Education of Young Ladies will be re-opened after Midwinter Holidays, on Wednesday, 16th July, at Ashby House, Church St., late residence of Major Edwards. Ashby House, Wanganui, 7th July.

Wanganui Herald 11 Sep 1873 Advertisement

For Sale, on easy terms. A well finished four-roomed cottage and two sections in Harrison Street. W. J. Morrison. Sept. 11, 1873.

Parliamentary Debates 1873 volume 15 p899 Case of Walter J. Morrison

Major Atkinson asked the Native Minister, If he will take action upon the report of the Public Petitions Committee in the case of Walter John Morrison? This gentleman had served throughout the Taranaki war, and also during part of the Patea war in 1868. Before the war in 1860 broke out, he was in the habit of dealing with the Natives, and, amongst other things, he had taken as security from them several stacks of wheat, which, however, were burned by the Militia. When Mr Beckham sat as Compensation Commissioner in New Plymouth, he was unable to obtain any information as to the ownership of this wheat, because the Natives were in rebellion. The case was therefore left open. The Natives had since come in, and the Committee had obtained his evidence through Mr Parris, who reported that the Natives had stated that the wheat really belonged to the petitioner. The Committee reported as follows:- "I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to such an amount of compensation as he can prove to the satisfaction of the Government he lost by the authorized action of the Militia in destroying his wheat stack during the Taranaki war in 1860." The claim sent in, without reduction, was 196 pounds, but he would not pledge himself to the correctness of that amount. All he asked was, that the Government should make inquiry into the matter. Mr McLean said the Government would cause inquiry into the matter, but he could hold out no hope that such a claim as this would be recognized, because it would only open the door to a number of other claims of a similar nature. It was supposed that all these compensation claims had been settled, and the Government were under the impression that Mr Beckham had reported upon all that could be entertained. Major Atkinson could state, from his own knowledge as one of the Commissioners, that this case came under the notice of Mr Beckham, and the reason why the claim was not settled was because no evidence could be obtained as to the ownership of the wheat. The case came under the Taranaki reinstatement fund voted by this House.

Wanganui Chronicle 11 Apr 1874 Board and Education

River Bank School, Wanganui. Mrs Morrison will resume School on Monday, 13th inst. April 9.

Wanganui Chronicle & Patea & Rangitikei Advertiser 24 Sep 1874

Death Notice: "On the 23rd inst., at his late residence, River Bank, Wanganui, Walter John Morrison Esq., (late Captain Taranaki Militia) aged 44 years. Friends are informed that the funeral will leave his late residence on Saturday 26th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m."

Wanganui Chronicle & Patea & Rangitikei Advertiser 24 Sep 1874 Obituary for Walter John Morrison

This gentleman died yesterday morning, after a brief illness of three days, from inflammation of the lungs. Mr Morrison was an old Taranaki settler, and held a captain's commission in the Taranaki Militia when it was called out for active service in 1860-61. He served on the West Coast during the whole period of the native troubles which ensued, and, like many other Taranaki settlers, had seen a good deal of adventure. Subsequently Mr Morrison took up his residence in Wanganui, and became agent for the National Insurance Company. He was, however, a draughtsman by profession, and in his early days we believe was employed in the Ordnance Office at home. His death was quite expected, and the announcement of it will be read with regret by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was 44 years of age when he died.

Taranaki Herald September 1874 Obituary for Walter John Morrison

It was but the other day we had to announce the death of an old settler who had left the Province, we have now the same painful task in recording the demise, at Wanganui, of Mr Walter John Morrison, who died on Wednesday morning last, of inflammation of the lungs. Mr Morrison was well known in this Province, and before the native outbreak held an office in the Provincial Survey Department. On the war breaking out in 1860, he was appointed a captain of the militia, and when the military settlers were raised, had a company given him in that force. On his term of service expiring he settled on his land at Patea, where he remained till the Tito Kowaru outbreak took place in 1868, when, after serving for a short time in a military capacity, he took up his residence at Wanganui, where he was engaged in business to the time of his last illness. Mr Morrison had many friends here, who will read with regret this announcement of his death.

Wanganui Chronicle & Patea & Rangitikei Advertiser 26 Sep 1874

The funeral of the late Mr W. J. Morrison took place on Saturday afternoon, when a large assemblage of mourners followed the remains to the English Cemetery where they were interred. The Rev. T. L. Tudor, incumbent of Christ Church, read the burial service.

NZ Society of Genealogists Cemetery Transcriptions K01.05 Wanganui Cemetery Heads Road (Old Public)

Headstones entry No. 425 and burial register. "Sacred to the beloved memory of Walter John Morrison late Captain of the Taranaki Military Settlers, he died 23rd September 1874 aged 44 years; also of Mary his wife, died 1 November 1883 aged 58 years." The burial register also lists an Ann Morrison who was buried the same day as Walter?

Wanganui Chronicle 15 Jan 1875 Board and Education
River-Bank School, Wanganui. Mrs Morrison will Re-open School on Monday, 25th instant. Jan 13.

Wanganui Herald 13 Dec 1875 Death
On Saturday, December 11th, at his residence, Dowling Street, Dunedin, Mr John Weston, in his forty-fifth year, eldest son of Mrs J. J. Weston, New Plymouth, and brother-in-law to Mrs W. J. Morrison, of Wanganui.

Wanganui Herald 17 Jan 1876 Boarding and Day School River Bank, Wanganui
Mrs and Miss Morrison will re-open School, on Wednesday, January 26th, 1876

Wanganui Herald 21 Mar 1876
Wanted, a good General Servant. Apply to Mrs Morrison, Ashby House, Church Place, Wanganui.

Wanganui Herald 06 Jul 1876 Board and Education
Ashby House, Church Place, Wanganui. Mrs Morrison will re-open School on Wednesday, 12th July 1876.

Wanganui Chronicle 22 Sep 1876 Boarding and Day School
Ashby House, Wanganui. Mrs Morrison will Re-open, after Michaelmas, on Thursday, 5th October.

Wanganui Chronicle 05 Oct 1876 Local and General
Educational – Mrs Morrison's young ladies' seminary, known as Ashby House, will re-open to-day, the Michaelmas vacation having terminated.

Wanganui Almanack and Directory for 1877 published by A. D. Willis
Mrs Morrison, ladies school, Church Place

Wanganui Herald 08 Jul 1876 Board and Education
Ashby House, Church Place, Wanganui. Mrs Morrison will re-open School on Wednesday, 12th July, 1876.

Wanganui Herald 06 Jul 1881 Ashby House
Mrs Morrison will Re-open School and Miss Morrison resume her Music Pupils, on Monday, July 11th, 1881.

Wanganui Herald 15 Jun 1882 Board and Education
Ashby House, Church Place, Wanganui. Mrs Morrison is willing to receive as Boarders young ladies wishing to attend the High School.

Wanganui Herald 03 Nov 1885 Death

On November 1st, at Wicksteed Street, Wanganui, Mary, wife of the late Walter John Morrison, of Taranaki and Wanganui, aged 58 years. Friends are informed that the funeral will leave her late residence, Wicksteed Street, this (Tuesday) afternoon, the 4th instant, at 6.30 o'clock. W. J. Wild, Undertaker.

Wanganui Chronicle 03 Nov 1885

As we feared would be the case, Mrs Morrison has succumbed to the painful affection from which she had suffered greatly during the last twelve months, ever since about this time last year when she had an operation performed. The deceased lady, who was the widow of the late Captain Morrison, of Taranaki, had been resident in Wanganui for a considerable number of years, having after the death of her husband conducted a select and successful boarding-school for young ladies. Mrs Morrison was a lady of a high and noble character, who was most esteemed and appreciated by those who knew her best, and she will be much missed by those who leaned upon her for advice and counsel. Her daughter, and her sister (Mrs Weston) will receive the genuine sympathy of the public in the great loss which they have sustained.

Auckland Star 17 Dec 1889 Hospital and Charitable Aid Board

Nurses' Examination – Dr Mackellar, for the Visiting Staff, reported that the following probationary nurses had satisfied the examiners:- Helen Margetts, Ada Morrison, J. Smyth, Eleanor Pulham, M. Miller, Mary T. Fernandez. The Lady Superintendent reported that these young ladies were most cheerful, thorough, and efficient in their work during the year. It was resolved to issue the necessary certificates, and to thank the examiners through Dr Bell.

Auckland Star 08 Oct 1897 The Waikato Hospital

(By Telegraph – Own Correspondent) Hamilton, this day. At the Hospital Board meeting yesterday the following applications were received for the appointment on the nursing staff of the Waikato institution:- Head nurse: Misses E. M. Rothwell (Hamilton), Ada Morrison (Thames) and Mrs Jane Rogerson (Coromandel). Miss Rothwell was appointed.

New Zealand Herald 10 Jan 1938 Miss Ada MORRISON; Long Nursing Service; Maori War Memories

The death has occurred at Remuera of Miss Ada Morrison, formerly a well-known member of the nursing profession in Auckland, and for 20 years matron of Woodside Private Hospital in Burleigh Street. Born at Bell Block, New Plymouth, in 1858, Miss Morrison was a daughter of Captain Walter John Morrison, one of the earliest settlers in Taranaki, and Mrs Morrison. Captain Morrison took part in the Maori War of 1868, when the women and children, including Mrs Morrison and her daughter, were taken under military escort to Patea until the trouble passed. During the time the family was away from home some of their prized possessions, including silverware and cutglass, were taken care of by friendly natives, and Miss Morrison never lost her high regard for the Maori people. Following the death of her father, Miss Morrison assisted her mother to conduct a private school in Wanganui. In 1888, after her mother died, Miss Morrison came to Auckland, to begin a long service in the nursing profession. After a 12 months' probationary term at the Auckland Hospital she took a course of nursing at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, then going to Edinburgh for further studies. After returning to New Zealand Miss Morrison was engaged in nursing privately for a time, until in 1900 she opened Woodside Private Hospital, which was for about 20 years the leading private hospital in Auckland for both surgical and medical cases. Miss Morrison was one of the foundation members of the Victoria League, the first meetings of which were held in her dining room at Woodside Hospital. After her retirement from nursing she continued as an active member until failing health prevented her carrying on her work. She was also a member of the League of Nations Union, and at one time an active member of the National Council of Women.