

## Oliver Laing ROBINSON (1857-1926)

*Evening Post 28 Jul 1877*

(From our correspondent, Featherston 28 July) A man named Charles Smith, a waggoner, was killed this afternoon at Windy Point, Rimutaka. He fell under the waggon wheel, which passed over his head. He was picked up by the coach quite dead.

*Evening Post 27 Oct 1879 Marriage*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October, at Featherston, by the Rev. D. Dutton, Oliver Robinson, to Lucy Smith (widow of the late Charles Smith, Featherston); both of Featherston.

*1881 Egmont Electoral Roll*

Oliver Robinson, bushman, Manaia

*Settler Kaponga 1881-1914 A Frontier Fragment of the Western World by – Appendix 2 Kaponga Population March 1886*

Folk not connected with land purchases. Alfred Muir; Harry Robinson, wife & two children; Oliver L. Robinson, wife & three children.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 3 Apr 1894 Kaponga*

From our correspondent. Death has again been in our midst, and taken one of our much respected neighbors, viz., Mrs O. L. Robinson. This lady had only a few days previous given birth to her seventh child. All appeared to have gone well for a little time, but vomiting and pains set in. Dr Pairman was sent for, and attended for some days, but the patient seemed to get worse. Mr Robinson then sent for Dr Paget to Stratford, who, upon examining the patient, stated that an operation was necessary. He at once got the doctors from Eltham and Inglewood and made the operation – cancer about the stomach, I am informed, was the trouble – but Mrs Robinson did not survive long after the operation. Much sympathy is felt for Mr Robinson in his very sad bereavement. He has lost a good partner; the district has lost a good neighbor; but the children – the oldest only 12 years – have suffered a loss they little know of. He that gave has taken, and all we can do must be done, leaving the rest for a higher power.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 12 May 1894 Eltham-Kaponga Express Line – James Hawke, Proprietor*

Wishes to inform the travelling public and those sending goods from Eltham to Kaponga and vice versa, that he has purchased the plant of Mr Oliver Robinson, Kaponga, and will run a coach between the above places every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and that on Wednesday he will catch the train for Hawera at 10.45 a.m., and return after the arrival of the train from that place at 2.30 p.m., carrying passengers luggage, and goods at moderate charges. Coaches will sometimes run on Tuesdays and Fridays also.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 14 Jul 1894 Kaponga*

From our own correspondent. On Saturday last a chopping contest took place here between Mr Badcock of Tasmania and Mr O. L. Robinson of Kaponga. This contest was the outcome of a previous match between Messrs Kelly and Keogh, and Badcock Bros when the latter won easily, but our local Oliver put the much vaunted Tasmanian completely in the shade. The tree chosen was a three foot rimu; to be felled, and then cut through. Axes were to be the tools used. Oliver felled his tree in an artistic manner, and finished his horizontal cut first, thus winning, to the dismay and disgust of the friends and backers of Messrs Kelly and Co. in the former contest. The match afforded much fun for the onlookers and for a knowing or wise few, but a considerable number who did not think of Oliver's prowess and skill with the axe were much taken aback, although loud at the start with long odds against Oliver.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 17 Jul 1894 Kaponga*

We are to have another chopping contest for £10 a side on Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., at the hotel yard here, between O. L. Robinson and Mr Badcock (a Tasmanian). The work to be done is to fell a tree not less than three feet in diameter, and chop it through again when on the ground. Each party seems confident of a victory, which at best can only fall to one. I, for my choice, shall pick the local man, all being well.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 31 Aug 1900 Ballot for Crown Lands*

The following is the result of the ballot for twelve sections in the Omona Survey District, which took place at New Plymouth yesterday. The News said there were 345 applications. Application 7: Section 4 Block 11 872 acres, O. L. Robinson

*Hawera and Normanby Star 25 Jun 1902 Meeting at Mangamingi – Eltham resident agent*

A meeting of Omona settlers was held at Mr S. W. King's residence, Mangamingi, yesterday, to consider the question of getting the country in the back cut up into one country, instead of, as at present, part being in Stratford and part in Patea counties...Mr McWilliam moved "That steps be taken to approach the Government for a subsidy of £ for £, the settlers pledging themselves to borrow under the Loans to Local Bodies Act an equal amount, to metal the Rawhitiroa road from the end of the present metal, a distance of 17½ miles; the work to be spread over a period of four years. Seconded by Mr W. O. L. Robinson, and carried.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 24 Nov 1904 Omona*

It is stated that Mr Robinson, of Omona, is about to inaugurate a coach and express service between Eltham and Omona. To begin with the service is to be tri-weekly.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 30 Mar 1905 General Telegrams*

On and after April 1 a weekly service of mails is to be run to Omona, and a tri-weekly service to Rawhitiroa and Mangamingi, from Eltham. Mr O. Robinson, of Omona, has secured the carrying contract.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 17 May 1906 Mangamingi*

Mr O. Robinson has sold his carrying business to Messrs Bunbury and Sangster, and Messrs Taylor and Scrivener have sold their business to Mr Fisher, of Awatuna.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 20 Jun 1907 Land Ballot*

A land ballot for forfeited sections of Crown land was held in the Land Office this morning. The successful applicants were:- Section 7, block 15, Omona, 1041 acres, 16 applicants – O. F. Robinson.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 16 Oct 1907 Land Board*

Transfers were dealt with as follows:- O. L. Robinson to W. G. and R. J. Robinson, sec. 4, block 11, Omona... O. L. Robinson to W. G. and R. J. Robinson, on ranger's report as to improvements.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 20 Jan 1909 Land Board – Schedule of Defaulters*

A schedule of selectors who had not complied with improvement and residence conditions was considered, and action decided on as follows:- O. F. Robinson, section 7, block 15, Omona, defective improvements (six months' extension granted).

*Hawera and Normanby Star 24 May 1909 Taranaki Land Board*

Three months further extension of time for the completion of improvements in section 7, block 15, Omona, was granted to O. F. Robinson.

*Hawera and Normanby Star 16 Aug 1909 Eltham County Council*

W. Robinson, Omoana, wrote complaining about the lack of attention on the part of the Council to a portion of Mataiwhetu road. – Cr King said all the back roads were in the same state. Nothing much could be done until the summer, though the culverts could be attended to. – Decided to send the letter to the riding foreman.

*Nominal Roll Volume 2 New Zealand Expeditionary Force*

Ernest Alfred Ford, 26/341 Rifleman, sheet-metal worker. Next of kin: Mrs F. Robinson, PO Omoana, Taranaki

*1<sup>st</sup> Division Roll of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force – September 1916*

William George Robinson, farmer, Omoana Eltham

*2<sup>nd</sup> Division Roll of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force – August to October 1917*

Oliver Frederick Eli Robinson, sheep-farmer, Omoana Eltham, Class "D" (3 children)

Alexander Peter Christensen, mill-hand, Ruatiti Waimarino, Class "C" (2 children)

Arthur Kershaw Rigley, piano and music agent, Marama St Frankton Junction, Class "D" (3 children)

Percival John Laurie, sharemilker, Punui Rd Te Awamutu, Class "D" (3 children)