

Hugh or Ewen SINCLAIR (1810-1871)

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... James Coutts Crawford, came to Nelson to buy land... Towards the end of 1839 he sailed thence in the cutter *Success* for Port Nicholson; he disembarked at Mana Island, and walked overland... Mr Arthur Elmslie took Crawford and one Hugh Sinclair across the Strait in his open boat to his home at Onahou.

Evening Post 28 Dec 1878 Death of Mrs Agnes Sinclair

The old settlers and their wives who came to Wellington thirty-eight years ago seem to be gradually passing away. We have to record the departure of another, in the person of Mrs Agnes Sinclair, widow of the late Hugh Sinclair, of Wainuiomata, and mother of J. and D. Sinclair, sawmill proprietors of that place. Those who have been to Wainuiomata, and have known the family, will feel that the hand of death has removed from them one whose kindness and general hospitality was a marked feature in that home. She leaves a family of four children and nine grandchildren. Her children were born in Wellington, the youngest of whom is fully 30 years of age. They have never been separated far or for any length of time, as all four were present to say farewell to their much loved parent, being surrounded by her children and friends. Her end, like her life, was one of peace. The cause of death was a general break-up of the system, caused by being suddenly laid up with a broken leg, which was the result of a fall about eighteen months since. Her late husband was among the first settlers in Wellington, having come over from Sydney along with Mr J. C. Crawford, the ex-magistrate, and Dr Taylor, landing here on 14th November, 1839.