

George WOOD (1837-1884)

Evening Post 12 Nov 1878

Wellington, Tuesday. A singular case has just come to light. It has been found that a settler named Wood at Wainui, Omata Valley, seven miles from the Hutt, has had his sister, a violent lunatic, under restraint in his own house for over twenty years. Mr Mansford, R.M., was authorised by the Government to ascertain the truth of the information, and on visiting the place he found where the lunatic was usually kept was a little den about six feet square, one side being occupied with a closet, the other with the creature's bunk. Mr Mansford said the case was a sad one. It is reported that the woman has been subjected to ill usage, but upon that point there has been no examination yet. Woods is reported to be a very worthy and industrious settler.

Evening Post 15 Nov 1878

Dr Diver, at the request of Mr Mansford, R.M., yesterday visited the Asylum for the purpose of examining Miss Wood, the Wainui-o-mata lunatic. Dr Diver found the unfortunate woman suffering from idiotic lunacy, which, from appearance, he believes to be congenital. The patient appeared to have been well cared for, but was so violent that it was found impracticable to make a thorough examination. Dr Diver is consequently unable to say whether she has been subjected to ill-usage.

Grey River Argus 21 Nov 1878

A Wellington telegram in an exchange respecting the case of the lunatic kept under restraint at Wainui-o-mata for over twenty years, says a good deal of sympathy is felt for Wood, who it appears, is greatly respected by his fellow settlers. Since he landed in the colony, about twenty five years ago, he has brought up, besides his own family, that of a brother who died immediately after his arrival in New Zealand. It is urged that his only reason for keeping his sister as he did was a sentimental desire to have her under his own eye. Her body showed no marks of violence or ill usage. She has been taken to the Lunatic Asylum, and an inquiry into the case will take place shortly.

1881 Hutt Electoral Roll

George Wood, Farmer, Wainuiomata

1893 Wellington Suburbs Electoral Roll

Elizabeth Ann Wood, widow, Lower Hutt

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll

Elizabeth Ann Wood, widow, Lower Hutt

Evening Post 1 May 1907 Death

On the 30th April, at Bloomfield-road, Lower Hutt, Elizabeth Ann Wood, relict of the late George Wood; aged 59 years. Funeral notice: The friends of the late Elizabeth Ann Wood are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave her late residence, Bloomfield-road, Lower Hutt, on Thursday, 2nd May, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., for Taita Cemetery. G. McIlvride and Sons, Funeral Furnishers, Lower Hutt.

Evening Post 22 Oct 1938 Death

On October 21, 1938, Kate Constance Wood, of Miro Road, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt, beloved daughter of the late Elizabeth Ann and George Wood, late of Wainui-o-mata; aged 60 years.

Evening Post 22 Oct 1938 Funeral Notice

The Friends of the late Kate Constance Wood are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral, leaving Miro Road, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt, Monday, October 24, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the Taita Cemetery. J. R. Croft, Ltd., Funeral Directoris, Hutt and Petone. Tels.: 60-531 and 63-828.