

Francis Hubert Rutland 1874-1955

William Whitehorn, Registrar, Havelock 29 Jan 1875

Sir, I have the honor of reporting to you a case of neglect of Registration in this district, in accordance with clause 35 of the Registrar's instructions. The Mother (Mrs George Rutland) applied to me for registration of their child, but the time for so doing had elapsed. I think it my duty to say I know that the infliction of the penalty would be very distressing to the family, and if you could forego the enforcing of it, I should be glad. Attached is a statement of the particulars in Mrs Rutland's writing.

Havelock, January 22

My dear Mr Whitehorn, We unfortunately forgot to register the birth of our little son Francis Hubert Rutland which took place on the fourth of May 1874. I believe that we have incurred a penalty of 10s. Will you oblige me by registering it that we may not have to pay a heavier fine – signed Jane Rutland.

Archives NZ R15906739 BDM 1875/105 Inward letters to the Registrar General

New Zealand Gazette 5 Apr 1871 p158 Listing of Officers of the Customs Department
Fourth Class: William Whitehorn, Officer in Charge, Havelock – appointed 4 Jun 1864

New Zealand Gazette 8 May 1873 p290 Appointment of Vaccination Inspectors
Province of Marlborough: Pelorus – William Whitehorn

Registration Act 8 Jul 1858 (in force Jan 1875)

Clause XII: A child must be registered within 62 days from the day of birth.

Clause XV: After 62 days it shall not be lawful for any Registrar to register the birth unless a solemn declaration is made providing the required particulars and a fee of 10s 6d is paid.

Clause XVII: It shall not be lawful for any Registrar to register the birth of any child after the expiration of six months following the birth. Consequently, there is no registration for Francis Hubert Rutland.

Clause XXVI: The penalty for neglecting to register a birth is a sum not exceeding £10.

No evidence of a prosecution against George Rutland has been found.
