

Henry Benjamin Reed 1843-

Alfred Reed, Maidstone, Melbourne – 12 Dec 1881

As I am now certain that my brother, H. B. Reed was not among the killed or wounded in the war of 1863-64 will you please search the register of all deaths and inform me if the name of Henry Reed or Henry Benjamin Reed appears thereon. Enclosed is the required fee for the same. Would you kindly inform me which is the most widely circulated newspaper in the northern part of New Zealand by doing so you would greatly oblige.

Result of enquiry dated 14 Jan 1882: Searched from 1863 to 1880 inclusive. The only entry is of the death of Henry Reid aged 46 who died at Hokitika in September 1869 from paralysis from constant intemperance. Occupation a Butcher. An infant named Benjamin Reed the son of a soldier died at Auckland in 1864. Reply accordingly. I do not know which of the Auckland papers has the widest circulation in the northern portion of the Colony but both the New Zealand Herald and the Southern Cross (offices in Auckland) are extensively circulated.

Archives NZ R15906767 BDM 1882/37 Inward letters to the Registrar General

Baptism Register St Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth, Salop

22 Jan 1816 Henry Reed, son of William and Sarah, Raven Street, Cabinetmaker

Marriage Register Saint Stephen Walbrook

23 Dec 1839 Henry Reed, full age, bachelor, joiner of Walbrook, son of William Reed, joiner and Martha Moulton, 20 years, spinster, daughter of Benjamin Moulton, shipwright. Witnesses: Thomas Gregory and Ann Cox.

Marriage Register Minster

15 Sep 1840 Mary Ann Moulton, of full age, spinster, of Marston?, daughter of Benjamin Moulton, Foreman in Dockyard and Singler David Shrubsole, of full age, widower, farmer of Bell Farm, son of John Shrubsole. Witnesses: B. Moulton, S. A. Shrubsole and W. Shrubsole

Kentish Mercury 19 Sep 1840 Marriage Notice

At Sheerness, on Tuesday last, Mr S. D. Shrubsole, of Bell Farm, Minster, Sheppy, to Miss Mary Ann Moulton, daughter of Mr Benjamin Moulton, late of Sheerness.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Will of Benjamin Moulton of Northfleet, shipwright dated 1 Jun 1841 and witnessed by Ebenezer Moulton. Mentions wife Mary, executrix; Daughter Mary Ann wife of Singler Shrubsole, farmer, Isle of Sheppey; Daughter Martha wife of Henry Reed, carpenter, Northfleet; Son George, tinman and brazier.

Index to UK Death Duty Register 1841

Benjamin Moulton of North Fleet, Kent → Mary Moulton, Minster Sheppy

1841 Census Terrace, Northfleet

Mary Moulton, 50, Independent, born in the county; Mary Sropshire, 20, Independent, born in the county; Jane Calender, 35, Independent, not born in the county; Elizabeth Pearce, 20, female servant, born in the county

General Register Office UK- Birth Index

Rose Henrietta Reed Sep Qt 1841 North Aylesford – mother's maiden name Moulton
Henry Benjamin Reed Sep Qt 1843 North Aylesford – mother's maiden name Montton
Alfred Reed Dec Qt 1846 North Aylesford – mother's maiden name Moulton

Baptism Register Isle of Sheppey, Kent

14 Jul 1843 Henry Benjamin Reed, son of Henry and Martha of Northfleet, Joiner

1851 Census 2 Old Lover Road, Northfleet, Kent

Henry Reed, 54, carpenter, born Bridgenorth, Shropshire; wife Martha, 50, born Sheerness; daughter Rosa, 9, scholar, born Northfleet; son Henry Benjamin, 7, scholar, born Northfleet; son Alfred, 4, scholar, born Northfleet

London Freedom of the City Admission Papers

Application No.14257 dated 21 Oct 1856 by George Moulton, son of Benjamin Moulton late of Northfleet, Kent, shipwright; George, a wharf clerk, was occupying premises at 38 Jewin Street, Cripplegate, London.

The New Zealand Medal to Colonials by Richard Stowers

1st Waikato Militia Regiment: Henry Reed, Private No.4 Company (joined Melbourne 1 Sep 1863); Also, Imperial Commissariat Transport Corps, Opotiki Rangers, Armed Constabulary (2nd Div) 1 May 1869; 3rd Div 1869; Armed Constabulary Opepe; Te Akeake (Tauranga Campaign), Waimana Feb 1867, Mar 1868, Mar 1869; Born 1842 Gravesend, Kent; Tailor; Arrived aboard *Star of India* ex Melbourne; Gazette 1871 p1898; AD32/3944 (Imp. Issue)

Archives NZ R24415048 P1 (Armed Constabulary)

Letter dated 15 Apr 1872 from Inspector D. Scannell, Taupo forwarding medical certificate accounting for Constable Henry Reed's overstaying his leave.

Daily Southern Cross 31 Aug 1872 Sale of Waste Lands – Township of Gisborne

Lot 57, one rood, purchased for £12 10s by H. B. Reed.

Archives NZ R24417044 P1 (Armed Constabulary)

Letter dated 23 Jan 1873 from Henry Reed, Opepe Station. Application discharge from Constable H. Reed – cancelled.

Archives NZ R24417048 P1 (Armed Constabulary)

Letter dated 28 Jan 1873 from Inspector Scannell, Opepe reporting Constable Henry Reed for disobedience.

Archives NZ R24419040 P1 (Armed Constabulary)

Letter dated 21 Oct 1874 from Henry Reed, Opepe applying for re-enrolment as tailor (not granted)

Evening Post 4 Nov 1876

Tenders for the light-house tower, dwellings &c on Portland Island... McLeod and Reed, Waipukurau £3229 (the highest tender)

Hawke's Bay Herald 5 Apr 1877 (this advertisement last appeared on 30 Jun 1877)

To meet the growing wants of the up-country settlers, I have decided to start a Four-horse Waggon once a week, leaving Takapau railway station every Monday morning, after the arrival of the down train from Napier, and returning to Takapau on each following Friday. To enable settlers to have their goods forwarded with despatch, it will be necessary that advice be sent to me as early as possible before the day appointed for the departure of the wagon. H. Bertie Reed, Railway Hotel, Takapau.

Hawke's Bay Herald 29 Apr 1878 In Bankruptcy
Estate of Henry Bertie Reed of Takapau, Hotelkeeper

Hawke's Bay Herald 17 Jun 1878 Resident Magistrate's Court, Waipawa
On the information of Sergeant McGuire, Henry Bertie Reed was charged with having sold alcoholic liquor, to wit brandy, without a license, at Norsewood... Case dismissed. A second information was laid and this was also dismissed.

Archives NZ R24424201 P1 (Armed Constabulary)
Letter dated 15 Nov 1879 from Henry Reed, Opepe applying for enrolment in the Armed Constabulary Force.

Waipawa Mail 3 Mar 1880 Resident Magistrate's Court
Civil case – McLeod v Crane – the claim for £16 16s was for extra work on a house built by McLeod and Reed during the time they were partners as builders and contractors. Reed sold out, and McLeod took the book debts over, undertaking to discharge all liabilities. The partnership commenced in 1875 and ended in 1876. H. Reed deposed that he built the house for Crane and he left the partnership to take a hotel at Takapau. He was paid off by McLeod in 1877.

National Probate Calendar
The Will with a Codicil of Mary Ann Shrubsole late of 76 High-street Queenborough, Kent, widow who died 16 July 1880. Probate granted to James Bills of Queenborough, farmer, the sole Executor. Personal Estate under £1,500.

The Age (Melbourne) 27 May 1881

Henry B. Reed, of Dunolly, who left Victoria as volunteer under Colonel Pitt 1861-62. Address wanted. Money left. Alfred Reed, Maidstone near Melbourne.

Daily Telegraph (Napier) 10 Apr 1886 Second Edition
Mr H. B. Reed is the successful tenderer for the large hall to be erected for Messrs Conroy and Cohen in Dickens-street.

Daily Telegraph 4 May 1886
Mr H. B. Reed, the contractor for Messrs Conroy and Cohen's new Assembly Hall, Dickens-street, has commenced operations.

Daily Telegraph 6 Jul 1886
Messrs Conroy and Cohen's Hall in Dickens-street is rapidly nearing completion... Mr H. B. Reed, the contractor, has a large number of hands employed, and intends to get the building completely finished for the Volunteer Ball...

Archives NZ R24272751 AD1 M&V 1881/1001 (Militia and Volunteers, Colonial Defence Office)
Letter dated 10 Aug 1881 from William Swift, Sydney asking for information relative to Henry Reed, who joined under Colonel Pitt in Melbourne in 1861/62. With M&V 1881/1800.

Daily Telegraph 24 Sep 1886
The directors of the Napier Gas Company accepted the tenders of Mr Tong, of Hastings, for some of the works, and Mr H. B. Reed, of Napier, for others of the buildings.

Daily Telegraph 2 Oct 1886 Waipawa Hospital Board
Opening of tenders for the new wing at the Hospital... McInnery, Napier £747 10s; Holder, Napier, £768 (no deposit); John Adams, Waipawa £815; John Hunter, £829; R. Phillips, Waipawa £834; E. Coles, Onga £844; E. Goode, Waipawa £867; **H. B. Reed**, £875 (no deposit); G. Follett, £942; J. H. Maynard, Ormondville, £959 2s; J. McConochie, Waipawa £987; J. L. Fleming, £1015; J. Sharpin, Waipukurau, £1091 5s 3d. The lowest tender was accepted.

Daily Telegraph 5 Oct 1886
Mr H. B. Reed has obtained the contract for erecting a front to the Gaiety Theatre in Dickens-street...

Daily Telegraph 6 Oct 1886

Mr H. B. Reed, of Napier, is the successful tenderer for the erection of the Wairoa cottage hospital. The contract price is £359.

Daily Telegraph 15 Jan 1887 For Sale

The yacht *Comet* in good sailing trim, having just been overhauled and recently re-fitted. For particulars apply to H. B. Reed, contractor, Napier.

Daily Telegraph 18 Jan 1887 £1 Reward

Will be paid to any person giving information that will lead to the discovery of the parties who broke the windows at the Gaiety Theatre. H. B. Reed, Contractor.

Daily Telegraph 23 Feb 1887

Mr H. B. Reed has just about completed his contract for the erection of a front to the Gaiety Theatre, and the erection of a gallery... Mr Reed has now received instructions to enlarge the stage...

Daily Telegraph 3 Aug 1887

Tenders will be received up to the 5th August for shifting a Cottage on Beach-road... Particulars can be obtained on application to H. B. Reed, Herald Buildings, Tennyson-street.

Hawke's Bay Herald 4 Oct 1887 The New "Herald" Offices

Yesterday the large block of new offices in brick and Oamaru stone built to accommodate the HERALD establishment, was taken over by the proprietary from the contractor, Mr H. B. Reed... who has done the work with great credit to himself and all under him...

Hawke's Bay Herald 16 Feb 1888 Napier Borough Council

... From Mr H. B. Reed, asking permission to use weather-boarding instead of iron for the walls of four cottages in Wellesley-road. The inspector thought wood would be preferable to iron. Agreed to...

Daily Telegraph 3 Aug 1888 Creditor's Meeting re H. B. Reed

... The debtor deposed he had been in Hawke's Bay for about sixteen years. Had been in partnership with Mr McLeod in contracting, which lasted for about three years, after which it was mutually dissolved. Took about £600 out of the partnership, which were mostly profits.

Then took an hotel in the Seventy-mile Bush in 1877, near Takapau, and was there for eighteen months. Lost all he had by that undertaking, and was bankrupt then; that would be about 1879. Got his discharge in 1880. Only one creditor proved in the estate, Mr Gilbert, and no dividend was paid in the estate.

Again started business in 1886. Had some good and bad jobs at contracting. Had taken for contracts, approximately £11,468 but the wages amounted to £2400, material £8500, and household expenses £400. First found himself in difficulty last Christmas, through the trade being cut up so much, ill-health, and losing on two bad jobs, the Wairoa Hospital, and Mr Knowles's house.

Had had three meetings of his creditors. The first meeting was adjourned to see whether he could compromise, and found that by borrowing more money on the house that he would not be in a better position than before, not being able to pay a substantial dividend. The second meeting lapsed for want of a quorum. Had a third meeting of creditors, and the principal creditor offered to take the estate by paying 3s in the pound. There were only six creditors present at that meeting, and the proposition was over-ruled, so he was advised to file, in consequence of the pressure by the Bank.

Mr T. Sidey thought the bankrupt should have prepared a statement of how the money had been lost during the last two years. The debtor, in reply to a creditor, stated that he lost about £800 on the two bad jobs. Mr Sidey said it would be satisfactory to the creditors if Mr Reed prepared a statement showing the money he made on contracts, and what he had lost and then the creditors could talk the thing over. As far as he heard, since Mr Reed had started on the contracts, he had made profits on several jobs. Mr Reed, as far as he understood, had made profits on the Gaiety Theatre, the Herald office, and Mr J. Sidey's house. If such a statement were handed in then they could see what to do.

Debtor continued: Was insured in the Government Life Insurance office for £300. A resolution was carried that the debtor be asked to prepare a statement showing in detail receipts and expenditure on contracts since he started business for himself in 1886...

Daily Telegraph 14 Aug 1888

Banner & Liddle have received instructions from the Deputy Assignee in Bankruptcy to sell on the premises of Mr H. B. Reed, Marine Parade, Napier the whole of the household furniture and effects...

Daily Telegraph 23 Aug 1888

H. P. Cohen will sell timber and building material in estate of H. B. Reed... Banner and Liddle will sell at Norsewood property...

Hawke's Bay Herald 10 Sep 1888

Mr H. P. Cohen will sell on the premises, Beach-road, the whole of the furniture and effects in the estate of H. B. Reed; also house and section 290 Beach-road.

Daily Telegraph 20 Sep 1888 Miscellaneous

First and final dividend of 2s in the £ is now payable in estate of H. B. Reed.

Daily Telegraph 29 Sep 1888 Bankruptcy Court

Cases declared closed – Henry Bertie Reed, of Napier, contractor

Hawke's Bay Herald 6 Nov 1888

If Henry Benjamin Reed, late of Petane, Napier, New Zealand, will communicate with John Copland, Solicitor, Sheerness, England, he will hear of matters greatly to his advantage. If he be dead, then communication is invited on behalf of his Widow or Children (if any). The expenses of remitting any information as to his decease will be paid on application as above.

Archives NZ R24688004 IA1 1889/1495 (Inwards correspondence to the Colonial Secretary)

Letter dated 20 Apr 1889 from Francis Dillon Bell, Agent General, London regarding an enquiry for a missing friend by the name of Henry Benjamin Reed.

New Zealand Police Gazette 28 Aug 1889 page 165 Missing Friends

Information is requested respecting Henry Benjamin Reed, a tailor by trade, but has been employed as a road-contractor and at the erection of bridges &c., forty-four years of age, about 5ft 9in high, strong stout build, full eyes, heavy whiskers, &c. He joined the Militia, in Melbourne in 1868, for service in this colony during the Maori war. He left Nelson about three years ago, saying that he was going to the Buller District. Mrs R. H. Grey, Emily Street, Marrickville, Sydney, is his sister. He may be employed at the railway-works, Manawatu Gorge. He is inquired for at the instance of Mr John C. Copland, solicitor, Sheerness.

