Walter DRAKE (1845-1911)

New Zealand Police Gazette 09 Jan 1884
Stolen on the 1st instant, from off a horse at Ohau, Wellington, two stirrup-leathers, "Walter Drake" written in ink on one of them near the buckle; two solid Virginia silver stirrup-irons, bar pattern; and a small bridle rein with square buckles; the property of Walter Drake; value £1 5s. Identifiable.

New Zealand Police Gazette 06 Feb 1884
The stirrup-leathers and stirrup-irons stolen from off the horse of Walter Drake, at Ohau, have been recovered. They were stolen by Horowhenua Natives.

1887 Foxton Electoral Roll
Francis Drake, farmer, Waikawa; Walter Drake, sheepfarmer, Waikawa; Arthur Drake, sheepfarmer, Waikawa

Evening Post 28 Jun 1887
Notice is hereby given that the Partnership lately subsisting between us, the undersigned Walter Drake, Arthur Drake, and Francis Drake, carrying on business as Sheepfarmers at Waikawa, under the style or firm of "Drake Brothers," has been dissolved by mutual consent so far as regards the said Walter Drake, who retires from the firm as from the 1st day of January 1887. The business will be continued as from that date by the said Arthur Drake and Francis Drake under the style or firm of "A. and F. Drake." As witness our hands this 25th day of June, 1887. Kirk & Atkinson, Solicitors for the Parties.

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll
Walter Drake, Farmer, Johnsonville; Selina Drake, Widow, Johnsonville

Evening Post 29 Oct 1896 Local and General
Cabinet has decided to purchase Mr Walter Drake's farm at Johnsonville for a workmen's village settlement. The property, which consists of 331 acres, is situated within a few hundred yards of the railway station.

New Zealand Mail 03 Mar 1898
The Paparangi estate, which has been acquired by the Government by purchase from Mr Drake in order to provide village and small-farm holdings for working men, artisans and others, comprises about 320 acres, and is situated on the northern boundary of the Johnsonville town district, fronting on to the Porirua road. The estate comprises flat, undulating and hilly land, intersected by a deep gully and its branches, the soil varying in quality from good to medium, and consisting of a loamy clay resting on a stiff clay and sandstone formation. Open grass land is the character of the country, with patches of mixed forest and scrub in the main gully and some of the hollows, which will provide abundance of good firewood for many of the sections, and building and fencing material for others. There are a few rows of macrocarpa and pine trees. The land is well watered by numerous small streams and springs. The settlement has been subdivided into 39 sections, ranging from about one acre to 55 acres, the majority being from four to six acres in extent.

Bowen Independent 22 Apr 1911 Death at the Hospital
A man named Walter Drake, employed at Merinda, died at the Kennedy Hospital on Thursday afternoon. Deceased was 61 years of age, and a native of New Zealand. He was unmarried. A little while ago he was admitted to the Kennedy Hospital and left the institution on Good Friday. He was brought into the hospital again on Wednesday where he died as stated.

Northern Miner 20 Jun 1911 Intestate Estates
Orders to administer the following estates were granted today to the local Deputy Curator of Intestate Estates (Mr C. S. Norris)… Walter Drake, late of Merinda, near Bowen, labourer.

Queensland Historical Records – Death
Walter Drake died 20 Apr 1911 – Parents: Thomas John Drake/Selina Walters – Reference 1911/C/202