Robert John KNOX (1830-1902)

Evening Post 14 Jun 1866
The Wanganui Chronicle says that his Excellency the Governor having accepted the services of the Turakina Rifle Volunteers, under the new Volunteer Act, a meeting was called by Mr J. H. Hurst, Chairman of Committee, for forming the Turakina Rifle Volunteers, at the Ben Nevis Hotel, on Wednesday, 30th May, for the purpose of appointing two officers – a captain and a lieutenant. The meeting was well attended, nearly 50 of the members being present. The following gentlemen were proposed, and there being no opposition, they were elected: Mr John Hunt Hurst, Captain; Mr Robert John Knox, Lieutenant.

Wellington Independent 16 Jun 1866 Turakina Volunteers
The following appointments are gazetted:- John Hunt Hurst to be Captain. Date of commission, 1st June, 1866. Robert John Knox to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 1st June, 1866.

Wanganui Herald 27 Dec 1879
The following gentlemen have been gazetted Commissioners for the Lethbridge (Turakina) Local Board District:- George Franklyn, Emmanuel Deas, Robert John Knox, William Augustus Davis, and James Gleeson.

Feilding Star 14 Jul 1896 Local and General News
A five year-old son of Mr Robt. Knox, of Turakina, died at Feilding on Monday morning from an epileptic fit. The little fellow rode to Feilding in company with his parents on Friday last to see his uncle, Mr F. J. Knox, and appeared to be quite well, but he took ill shortly after arrival here with the result as is stated.

Wanganui Herald 15 Apr 1902 Supreme Court
On April 8th, in re Robert John Knox, of Turakina, deceased. Mr Esam moved that probate of the will herein be granted to Maria Knox, the executrix in the will named. Order granted upon the usual terms.

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Mr Robert John Knox, Secretary and Valuator to the Lethbridge Town Board, was born in Edinburgh, and came to New Zealand in 1840, per ship "Martha Ridgway", being one of the old Port Nicholson settlers. Mr Knox remained in Wellington until 1846, when he went to Wanganui, residing there for about eighteen months, and subsequently returning for a short time to Wellington. He settled in Turakina in 1866, accepting the management of the Hon. W. B. Rhode's station. Mr Knox retained this position for about three years when he took up land in conjunction with the late Mr James Hogg, about five miles from Turakina. He was engaged in the farming line for about eighteen years, and after the dissolution of the firm he continued on his own account, purchasing an area of 320 acres in Turakina. In addition to the freehold Mr Knox has a lease of 749 acres. His farm carries about 900 sheep, and fifty head of cattle. Mr Knox was in March 1875 elected a member of the Town Board and many years ago was appointed secretary and treasurer to the Lethbridge Town Board, a position which he holds at the present time. For about eight years Mr Knox was chairman of the Turakina School Committee.