New Zealand Company Records
Surname: Biggs

[1] W. R. Bigg, Cheapside 13 Jun 1840
[2] Henry Biggs, Llangarron 28 Dec 1841
[3] William Biggs, Bigpark near Ballantrae, Ayrshire 31 Oct 1842

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General Letter 1840/726 (CO 208/6): https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2169804909/view
13 Jun 1840: Myself and a friend aged 20 are very desirous of procuring an engagement with persons about to proceed to the above colony in any confidential situation. We are engaged at present in one of the largest commercial houses in the city and can give respectable references. Thinking that no plan appeared more feasible than writing to you I have done so in the hope that you might know somebody about to proceed there who would be glad of assistance. If you do not know of anyone will be so good in your answer to inform me the best plan of succeeding as we thought (should this fail) of advertising. I shall be much obliged by your answering this letter and directing it care of Messrs Johnson & Co., Jutter Lane, Cheapside as early as convenient.

[2] Henry Biggs, Llangarron

General Letter 1841/7327 (CO 208/23): https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2196354368/view
28 Dec 1841: Wishing to emigrate to New Zealand I should be much obliged if you would let me have what information you can as regards going out wither. I can obtain a free passage for myself, wife and child and if you do engage with young men for a term of years and in what way they would be employed when there. I am the son of a respectable farmer of the county of Hereford and have always been accustomed to the farming business and understand it perfectly together with the management of stock in general. As to character you can if you please refer to the Clergyman, Churchwarden and Overseer of the Parish where I reside, Rev W. Marston, Mr Thomas Mayos, Mr Thomas Carrier, Llangawen near Witchurch Herefordshire. By you favouring me with all particulars you think necessary you will greatly oblige. I have a brother as would be glad to go out with me. He has been apprenticed to a Butcher but is single but would get married if we where to go out for you. My age is 23 years, brother 21 years, wife 22 years and child 7 months. Please direct to Henry Biggs, Llangarron at the Red Streak Tree Inn, Monmouth.

[3] William Biggs, Bigpark near Ballantrae, Ayrshire

General Letter 1842/6332 (CO 208/36): https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2199087306/view
31 Oct 1842: I understand that the New Zealand Company has chartered a Ship to sail from London on the 15th November next for New Zealand and as I have had a notion for these last twelve months to emigrate either to New South Wales or New Zealand I have come to the determination to proceed to the latter place. May I beg to know whether the Company would grant me a passage per the ship which sails on the 15th November by me becoming bound to them in London to enter on their service when I arrive in New Zealand for three or four months for the purpose of paying my passage. The reason I ask this is because my finance are low, in fact to be plain I could not take more than £50 with me, after fitting myself out with clothes, bedding &c. Another reason is that it would give me employment almost immediately after I arrived there. For their security of my fulfilling the engagement I would sign over the little pittance I have to them so as they could be no losers. I may mention that I understand Farming in all its branches having been brought up to it from a child. I also understand accounts and would make myself generally useful. I also understand Land measuring. I am unmarried and my age is 28 years past in June last. I can procure testimonials of good conduct and I would wish to save the little cash I have until I saw what could be done there, and if any good could be done my relations would advance some cash to me in that case. Should the Company not agree to this may I beg to know the terms on which I could go by the ship.

Outwards Letter 1842/3733 (CO 208/174): https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217018410/view
03 Nov 1842: In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo I am to acquaint you that the Company cannot make any Engagement with you to employ you in New Zealand. I enclose you the particulars of the ship *Phoebe* which will sail from Gravesend on the 15th instant and in which you can have a Chief Cabin Passage for £31 10s or a fore Cabin Passage for £20 provided your application be received here before the 10th instant accompanied by a Deposit.

General Letter 1842/6484 (CO 208/36): https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2199208913/view
09 Nov 1842: I took the liberty to write you about eight days ago regarding information about a passage &c to New Zealand and since that time I have been expecting a reply but as yet I have not been favoured with it. I may mention however that a boy having been sent from this place to the Post Office (about a mile distant) on Tuesday last received a letter addressed to me, but unfortunately it had slipped out of his pocket somehow and was lost. Whither it had come from you or not I am at a loss to know. May I therefore beg you will have the kindness to cause the information I sought in my last to be given me and you will oblige.

Outwards Letter 1842/3831 (CO 208/174): https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217021741/view
A letter was sent you on the 3rd instant informing you that the Company cannot engage to employ you in New Zealand. A ship the *Mary* is to sail to Wellington and Nelson in New Zealand on the 15 January next the brokers for which are Messrs Phillips & Tiplady, George Yard Lombard Street who on application will give you any information relative to it thay you may require.