

Richard PROUSE (1829-1894)

Evening Post 01 Mar 1879

To Let on Lease, a Ten-Acre Clearing with House, Dairy, and Stockyard (and 100 acres of level bush land, if required), situate close to Prouse's Saw Mill, Whiteman's Valley, four miles from the Silver Stream Railway Station. Also, 20 acres sown with English grasses, with or without 200 acres of level bush land, adjoining the above, suitable for dairy farms. Terms very easy. Apply to H. Underwood, James's Furniture Warehouse.

New Zealand Times 11 Sep 1878 Hutt County Council

An application was read from Mr R. Prouse asking to be allowed to lease a road reserve on the east side of the railway at Silverstream belonging to the Board, and alleged to be not in use for a term of ten or twelve years. The consideration of the matter was ordered to stand over until next meeting.

Evening Post 24 May 1880 Fatal Accident at Silverstream

A shocking accident occurred on Saturday night at the Silverstream station of the Wellington railway, by which a man named William Kemp was killed instantaneously... On arrival of the train at Upper Hutt, the deplorable mishap was duly reported to the police, who ascertained that the unfortunate man was a carpenter, employed at Mr Prouse's sawmills, Whiteman's Valley. He was a widower, and leaves two orphans to mourn their dreadful bereavement...

Evening Post 11 Jun 1888 Death

On 11th June 1888 at Cuba-street, Wellington, Emma, fourth daughter of Richard and Jane Prouse, aged 22 years.

Evening Post 12 Mar 1894

Mr Richard Prouse, another of Wellington's pioneer settlers, died last evening in the Hospital, where he had sought relief from an infection of the throat. Symptoms of the complaint only developed themselves within the last week or so, and on the advice of several doctors an operation was performed on him yesterday morning. Although he rallied at first, he was unable to withstand the effects of the operation, and he passed quietly away during the evening. Mr Prouse was only ten years of age when he arrived in the colony by the ship 'Duke of Roxburgh' in 1840. Having undergone the usual vicissitudes of pioneer life, he settled upon land at Wainui-o-mata, and took a great interest in advancing the interests of the place, where he established a sawmill. He afterwards started another mill at Whiteman's Valley, Silverstream. Eight or ten years ago he retired from business life, and has since lived in Wellington. In his younger days he was an enthusiastic Volunteer, as a lieutenant of the Wainui-o-mata corps, and was a fine shot. His interest in this sport induced him to pay a visit to the recent meeting of the Rifle Association at Christchurch, where he handled a rifle. He leaves a widow and a family of three sons and three daughters. Two of the sons have established themselves at Levin as sawmillers, and the other is Mr John Prouse, the well-known baritone singer. Two of the daughters are married – Mrs Burdan and Mrs James Wood, of Wainui-o-mata. The remains of the deceased will be interred at Wainui-o-mata to-morrow.

Evening Post 01 May 1899 Death

On 26th April, at Wainui-o-mata, the widow of the late Richard Prouse, in her 68th year.