

Thomas CROWTHER (1802-1872)

Baptism Register Huddersfield St Peter, West Yorkshire

Thomas Crowther, baptised 15 Jan 1792, son of Joseph Crowther of Drywood.

British Army Service Record 51st Foot Regiment – National Archives Reference WO97 / 646 / 44

No.40 Thomas Crowther born in the parish of Huddersfield county of York by trade a Clothier. Attested for the 51st Regiment of Foot at Leeds in the County of York on the 18th May 1811 at the age of 19 years. First service after the age of 18 years which he is entitled to reckon up to the 31st July 1832 is twenty three years seventy five days. Rank Private from 18 May 1811 to 31 July 1832. 1st - Served two years in the Peninsula, one year in France and the Netherlands and eleven years in the Ionian Islands. 2nd - at his own request receiving a reduced pension of 10d per diem after twenty one years service. 3rd – The Regimental board is of opinion that his conduct has been very good, trustworthy and sober, an efficient soldier and seldom in Hospital. 4th – He has received all just Demands from his Entry into the Service, up to the 31st July 1832. I Thomas Crowther acknowledge to have been settled with for my Pay, Clothing and allowances and all just demands whatever to the 31st July 1832 signed Thomas Crowther [his mark]. Proceedings of a Regimental Board held in conformity to the Articles of War, for the purpose of verifying and recording the services, conduct, character and cause of discharge of Thomas Crowther Private of the 51st Regiment of Foot, Corfu 2nd July 1832. President: Captain Flamank, Acting Major; Member Captain Tyndale; Member Captain Ainsworth. Thomas Crowther appeared and the Board having personally examined and compared the Regimental Records, the Soldiers Book, and other documents, report to the following effect: Born in the Parish of Huddersfield, in or near the Town of Huddersfield, in the County of York by Trade a Clother; Attested for the 51st Regiment of Foot at Leeds in the County of York on the 18th May 1811 at the age of nineteen; Service which he is entitled to reckon, after making every deduction required by His Majesty's Regulations, up to the 31st July 1832 is twenty three years and seventy five days the details of which, as extracted from the Regimental documents, are stated on the following pages... 51st Regiment, Rank Private from 18 May 1811 to 31 July 1832, 21yrs 75 days and Waterloo 2 years – total 23 yrs 75 days. Conduct and character: The Officers composing the Board, having examined the Defaulter's Book and received parole testimony from Lieutenant and Adjutant Gray are of opinion that his conduct has been very good, trustworthy and sober, an efficient soldier and seldom in Hospital. Pay and Clothing; Thomas Crowther being asked up to what period he has been paid, answered, that his account was balanced up to the end of the present month, being further asked whether he has any other claim on the Regiment for arrears of Pay, Allowances, or Clothing, answered that He has no unsatisfied claim whatever. The Board have verified that his Soldier's Book is correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer commanding his Company, and they further declare, that they have impartially enquired into, and faithfully reported their opinion on all the matters brought before them, in accordance with the Regulations and Instructions issued by His Majesty's Orders. Opinion of the Principal Medical Officer at Chatham 15 Oct 1832 – Thomas Crowther appears to be in good health and he does not make any complaint. Description of Thomas Crowther at the time of his Discharge. He is 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches in height, fair hair, grey eyes and brown complexion. By trade a clothier. When he left the Regiment Color Sergeant Newall was the Pay-Serjeant of his Company.

Waterloo Medal Roll 1815

Private Thos. Crowther, 51st Regiment of Light Infantry, Captain Peter Smellie's Company.

Baptism Register Bradford, St Peter [Bradford Cathedral]
10 Dec 1802 Thomas son of Isaiah Crowther of Bradford, Taylor

Marriage Register St Wilfrid, Calverley, West Yorkshire
No.119 Thomas Crowther of this Parish, Tailor and Judith Kershaw of this parish, spinster were married in this Church by Banns this twenty ninth day of October 1827 by me Samuel Redhead, Vicar in the presence of James Bowers and Rachel Rider.

Baptism Register Bradford St Peter (Bradford Cathedral)
No.828 John Crowther, baptised 10 Aug 1831, son of Thomas and Judith Crowther of Bradford, Tailor
No.714 Frederic Kershaw Crowther, baptised 04 Aug 1833, son of Thomas and Judith Crowther of Bradford, Tailor

Passenger List of the Slains Castle – sailed from Deal 18 Sep 1840 and arrived Port Nicholson 25 Jan 1841.
Our Stuff – Denise & Peter <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ourstuff/SlainsCastle.htm>
Thomas Crowther (31yrs), Judith Crowther (30), John Crowther (9), Frederick C. Crowther (8), Emma Crowther (7), Anna Crowther (4)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 8 Feb 1845 – List of persons qualified to be Jurors
Thomas Crowther, Willis street, Tailor; Samuel Crowther, Tinakori road, labourer

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 15 Mar 1845 Correspondence
Wellington, February 28, 1845. We, the undersigned Magistrates, hereby authorize Major Baker, Major Hornbrook, and Capt. Sharpe, to drill and train to the use of arms the persons whose names are contained in the list, and according to the regulations furnished us by the Committee, on the 24th instant. Charles Clifford JP; W. Wakefield, JP; William Swainson, FRS JP; Henry W. Petre, JP; Edward Chetham, JP; Edward Daniell, JP. The Volunteers are desired to turn out, for the first time, on Tuesday evening next, at six o'clock. The Te Aro Division, consisting of the inhabitants residing on the Te Aro side of the South Sea Hotel, will meet on Te Aro Flat, near Mr Bevan's rope walk; and the Thorndon Division, consisting of the inhabitants residing on the Pipitea side of the South Sea Hotel, will meet on Thorndon Flat, opposite the residence of Mr Mocatta. Mr Thomas Crowther will be the principal drill sergeant for the Te Aro Division, assisted by Mr Masters. Mr W. Neal will be drill sergeant for the Thorndon Division. By order of the Volunteer Corps Committee.

Wellington Independent 24 May 1845
On Tuesday morning, the Te Aro Volunteers practised, for the first time, with blank cartridge. Sergeant Dumper, of the 96th regiment, and Mr Thomas Crowther, deserve great praise for their very efficient services, and the Volunteers themselves went through the exercise in a highly creditable manner.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 11 Feb 1846 – List of persons qualified to be Jurors
Thomas Crowther, Willis street, Tailor; Samuel Crowther, Tinakori road, labourer

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 14 Nov 1846
List of subscriptions in aid of the Settlers on the Waiwetu and in the valley of the Hutt who have been plundered and driven from their dwellings by the insurgent natives in March, 1846 – Mr Thomas Crowther, 5s.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 10 Feb 1847 – List of persons qualified to be Jurors
Thomas Crowther, Willis street, Tailor; Samuel Crowther, Tinakori road, labourer

New Zealand and Cook's Strait Guardian 29 Jul 1848 The Old Established Tailoring Business!!!
Thomas Crowther, Willis Street. Thomas Crowther begs to return thanks to his Friends and the Public of Port Nicholson generally, for the liberal support which he has received since he commenced business in the Tailoring Line, now *seven years since*. He has lately made considerable additions to his Establishment, and has always the assistance of efficient workmen. Thomas Crowther can confidently recommend his Stock of material, which cannot fail of meeting the approval of the most prejudiced. He has also entered into arrangements for obtaining a constant supply of the very best materials for Clothing, and the Prices asked are such as to defy competition. It is said that new brooms sweep clean; but it is also said that old shoes are, in many instances, better adapted for the wearer than new ones. And the Prices at this Establishment will be found so regulated as to meet the means of the poorest resident in the place. Gentlemen are invited to inspect the following:- Black, Blue, and Invisible Green Cloths, Blue Beaver, Blue Pilot Cloth, Blue Doeskin superior, Black Cassimere superior, English and Colonial Tweed, Drab Cassimere, Black, Collar and Waistcoat Velvet, Black Satin, Lunett and Toilinet Vestings, Variety of Valencias, Buff and White Cassimeres &c &c &c, Ladies' Habits made up after the most approved style and fashion. ARMY and NAVY TAILOR! Thomas Crowther having had considerable experience in the above line, whilst employed in Her Majesty's Army, begs to inform Officers in both Services, that he is prepared to execute orders for Uniforms in a style which has already procured for him abundance of patronage, and second to no other establishment in this part of the world. Remember the old established shop, Thomas Crowther, Willis-Street, Wellington, July 29, 1848.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 25 Oct 1848 Advertisement
Thomas Crowther, Tailor, Habit-maker, &c., begs to inform his friends and the public of Port Nicholson in general, that for the present he intends carrying on business in the shop lately occupied by Mr W. Neal, jun., watchmaker, next door to Mr Bannister's public-house, Lambton-quay. N.B. Orders, as heretofore, punctually attended to. Wellington, October 25, 1848.

New Zealander 22 Nov 1848 Return of Principal Houses injured – Willis Street
Mr Crowther, tailor – brick, front down, and back down, side walls much injured. Mr Wilkinson – clay house, severely shattered and gables down. Several smaller houses equally injured.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 13 Dec 1848

Subscriptions received on behalf of the Widow and Children of the late Barrack Sergeant James Lovel: - T. Crowther, £1.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 10 Jan 1849 Advertisement

T. Crowther, Tailor, Habit-Maker, &c., Willis Street, begs to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has removed from Lambton Quay to his old established shop, Willis-street, where he trusts, by attention to business, and the superiour quality of the articles on hand, to receive a continuance of that support which he has hitherto received. The following Goods, just arrived ex *Susan*, from London direct, can be confidently recommended: Black, Blue, Claret, and Invisible Green Cloths, Superior Cassimere, for Waistcoatings, Tweeds of all descriptions also, a variety of superiour articles suitable for summer wear. Wellington, Jan 10, 1849.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 14 Jul 1849 Mechanic's Institute

In the list of subscriptions for the new building published in the *Spectator*, the following names were accidentally omitted – Mr W. Donald £2 2s, Mr T. Crowther £1 1s.

Wellington Independent 24 Oct 1849 Advertisement

J. P. Collins, Naval and Military Boot Maker, Willis-street, begs to acquaint his friends and the Public generally, that he has removed to those premises formerly occupied by Mr C. Vincent, opposite Mr Crowther's, Army Clothier, where he trusts, by civility and attention to business, to merit a continuance of the favours hitherto bestowed upon him. Wellington, Sept 4, 1849.

Wellington Land Deed Register No.2 – Archives NZ Wellington Reference AFIH 22396 W5691 Item 101

Deed No.255 (folio 37) Conveyance dated 26 January 1850. Deed Registered 12 May 1851. Deeds Index Volume 1a folio 37 and Volume 2a folio 1153. Part of Wellington Town Section 199 [Willis Street]. John Stott of Greetland near Halifax in the County of York, England, Esquire to Thomas Crowther of Wellington, Tailor. "Whereas by a land order under the hands of three Directors of the New Zealand Company" dated 01 August 1839 "and numbered 52 it was declared that Jonathan Crowther of Halifax aforesaid Esquire had a section of land consisting of one Town Acre and one hundred Country acres in the said Company's first and principal settlement with a right of selection as therein provided and the town acre numbered 199 on the said Company's plan of the Town of Wellington aforesaid hath been duly selected pursuant to the said Land Order. And Whereas the said Jonathan Crowther hath duly transferred all his Estate and Interest in the said Town acre unto the said John Stott notice whereof has been received and acknowledged by the said Company as appears by a Certificate" dated 18 December 1845 "and numbered 738." Signed by John Stott in the presence of Thomas Parkinson of Halifax, Yorkshire, sharebroker and Harry Hughlings of Halifax, sharebroker.

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Deed No.256 (folio 39) Mortgage dated 09 May 1851. Deed Registered 12 May 1851. Deeds Index Volume 2a folio 1153. Part of Wellington Town Acre 199 [Willis Street]. Thomas Crowther of Wellington, Tailor to Frederick William Plank of Wellington, Master Mariner. "... *Frederick William Plank at the request of Thomas Crowther hath agreed to advance and lend him the sum of eighty pounds on the security of*" Town acre 199 and "*bounded on the north by Mrs Houghton, on the East by Town acre 201, on the south by land in the occupation of John Brown and on the west by Willis Street.*" Signed by Thomas Crowther in the presence of Patt Moran of Wellington, waiter and Robert S. Cheesman of Wellington, Solicitor.

Wellington Independent 23 Aug 1851 Advertisement

Remember the old established tailoring business removed to Lambton Quay. Thomas Crowther, Lambton Quay. Thomas Crowther begs to return thanks to his Friends and the Public of Port Nicholson generally, for the liberal support which he has received since he commenced business in the Tailoring Line, now *nine years since*. He has lately made considerable additions to his Establishment, and has always the assistance of efficient workmen; and begs to intimate that he has removed his business to Lambton Quay, next door to Mr C. Mills, Builder and Undertaker. Thomas Crowther can confidently recommend his Stock of Material, which cannot fail of meeting the approval of the most prejudiced. He has also entered into arrangements for obtaining a constant supply of the very best materials for Clothing, and the Prices asked are such as to defy competition. Military and Naval Uniforms. Ladies' Riding Habits, latest Fashions.

Wellington Independent 29 Oct 1851 Advertisement

For Sale, Price £120. A house and shop on Lambton Quay, next door to Mr C. Mills. The Lease has an unexpired term of 12 years to run, at £8 per annum, with the right of Purchase within 5 years. The Premises are in first rate condition, and are at present let to Mr T. Crowther, at a Rent of 12s per week. For further particulars, apply to Jabez Dean, Thorndon Flat. Wellington, October 28, 1851.

Wellington Independent 17 Jan 1852

Mr Crowther, finding it impossible to attend to his business to the satisfaction of his numerous customers, and at the same time collect his outstanding accounts, has put the same into the hands of Mr George Edwards, and trusts that his customers will attend to that Gentleman when he calls on them. Lambton Quay, January 13, 1852.

Wellington Land Deed Register No.2 – Archives NZ Wellington Reference AFIH 22396 W5691 Item 101

Deed No.277 (folio 88) Reconveyance dated 14 February 1852. Deed registered 14 February 1852. Deeds Index Volume 2a folio 1153. Part of Wellington Town Acre 199 [Willis Street]. Robert Rodger Strang of Wellington, Official Administrator of Intestate Estates and Thomas Crowther."Whereas the within named Frederick William Plank died on the twenty third day of July last and letter of Administration of his Personal Estate and effects were on the twenty third day of August last granted to the said Robert Rodger Strang by and out of the Supreme Court of New Zealand now this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of ninety two pounds and six shillings by the said Thomas Crowther to the said Robert Rodger Strang paid at or before the execution of these presents being in full the principal money and interest within expressed to be secured he the said Robert Rodger Strang doth hereby convey and assure and release unto the said Thomas Crowther his heirs and assigns all that the within described piece or parcel of land and hereditaments together with the appurtenances..." Signed by Robert Rodger Strang in the presence of Henry B. Sealy of Wellington, Clerk to the Registrar General and Robert S. Cheesman of Wellington, solicitor.

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 23 Mar 1853 Remember the Old Established Shop

Mr Thomas Crowther desires most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Wellington and neighbourhood, that he has recently added to the Tailoring and Drapery Business, the Hosiery and Ready Made Clothing Departments, which will be conducted by his Son, Mr Frederick K. Crowther. The goods have been supplied by one of the first Houses in London, and one call will be sufficient to satisfy intending Purchasers of their superior quality. Terms cash. Wellington, March 23, 1853.

Archives NZ Reference ADXS 19523 LS-W32/1/1 – Land Claim No.225

Letter to William Fitzherbert, Commissioner of Crown Lands from Thomas Crowther of York Bay dated 01 May 1860

Sir, Having seen an advertisement in the Wellington newspapers stating that persons discharged from Her Majesty's services in the Army shall have a grant of land upon producing their discharge I have the misfortune to lose mine. I was discharged from Her Majesty's 51st in January 1827 at Fort Pitt, Chatham and if it is required I think I could get a copy of my discharge by writing to Horse Guards. Yours respectfully [signed] Thomas Crowther.

Wellington Almanack 1866

T. Crowther, farmer, Wainuiomata

Wellington Independent 13 Jun 1867 Death

On June 11, at Wainui-o-mata of epilepsy, Hannah, second daughter of Mr Thomas Crowther, settler, Wainui-o-mata Valley.

Evening Post 5 Mar 1872 Death

On the 4th inst., at Wainuiomata, Thomas Crowther, aged 69.

Wellington Independent 6 Mar 1872 Local and General News

We notice in our obituary to-day the name of Mr Thomas Crowther, who died on Monday last, at his residence in the Wainuiomata, at the age of 69 years. Mr Crowther was one of the early settlers, having arrived in the ship Slains Castle in 1841, and carried on business as a tailor for many years in Willis street and on Lambton Quay. Having been in her Majesty's service up the Mediterranean, he was enabled to render valuable assistance at the Maori outbreak, and took an active part in drilling the first militia embodied here. He was at the Hutt during the Maori war, and did duty at the several outposts. His generous good nature secured him many friends, who will regret to hear of his death.

Wellington Independent 12 Mar 1872 Local and General News

A Masterton correspondent writes to us as follows:- It is with feelings of sincere regret that I read in your journal of the 6th of March the death of an esteemed friend, Mr Thomas Crowther, Wainuiomata. An early settler and an excellent man, one who, at the commencement of the colony (to use a colonial phrase), had to "rough it," but who always cheerfully bore the burden. He was one of our first volunteers to protect Wellington from the threatened attack of Wharepore, and afterwards Sergeant-Major of the Militia, under the command of Captain Russell, now Colonel Russell, M.L.C. In early life Mr Crowther served in the **51st Second York West Riding Light Infantry**, of which county he was a native. He was with his regiment up the **Mediterranean**. His uniform temper and cheerfulness endeared him to all who knew him.

Wellington Independent 16 Mar 1872 Social

Mr Thomas Crowther recently died at his residence in the Wainuiomata, at the age of 69 years. Mr Crowther was one of the earliest settlers, having arrived in the ship Slains Castle in 1841. Having been in her Majesty's service up the Mediterranean, he rendered valuable assistance at the Maori outbreak, and took an active part in drilling the first militia embodied here.

Wanganui Herald 29 May 1878 Colonial Telegram

Foxton, May 28. Mrs Crowther, mother of Mr F. K. Crowther, storekeeper, of this town, dropped dead in the house of her son-in-law at noon today. Aged 75. Supposed cause apoplexy.

Manawatu Times 01 Jun 1878

The remains of Mrs Crowther, mother of Mr F. K. Crowther, storekeeper of Foxton, whose sudden death we chronicled in our last issue, were consigned to their last resting place, in the Foxton Cemetery, on Thursday. The deceased lady was amongst the oldest colonists in the Provincial District, having settled in Wellington thirty-six years ago, or two years after New Zealand was proclaimed a British colony. She was a resident of the Capital when the then township was all but destroyed by fire, and, with others who suffered by the calamity, was compelled to take to the bush for safety, with nothing better than ferns for a bed. Although Mrs Crowther had long passed the allotted span of three-score years and ten, the hand of time did not appear to press heavily upon her, and it was not until very lately that its effects were felt, or that she would acknowledge its power. Blessed with a splendid frame and constitution, up to the very hour at which she was called away she was always ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed it, and for years her only care was to minister to the ease and comfort of an invalid daughter, from whom, even when the latter married, she would not be separated. On last Sunday she was driven from Sandon to Palmerston by the Rev. Mr Dewsbury, where she stayed all night with a friend, and then, for the first time, was she heard to admit that she did not feel as strong as in times gone by. On Monday she returned to her son's house in Foxton and on Tuesday was making preparations to rejoin her daughter, Mrs McCulloch, when death seized upon her, and she passed away at the hale old age of seventy-five. On the day of the funeral the greatest respect was shown to her memory – by not only the number who followed her to the grave, but by the closing of the places of business in Foxton, the meeting of the County Council being adjourned for the same reason.