

Taranaki Military Settlers – wives & children arriving via the ‘Wild Duck’

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Letter dated 28 Oct 1865: Lt-Col. Lepper, TMS Office, New Plymouth to Captain Holt, Under Secretary, Colonial Defence Office, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.492/1 dated Wellington 13th October 1865 and to inform you for the information of the Hon the Minister for Colonial Defence that I have made the persons concerned acquainted of the information contained in your letter.

Letter dated 18 Jul 1865: John Morrison, Office of the New Zealand Government Agency, 3 Adelaide Place, King William Street, London to the Colonial Secretary, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of number and date as in margin [No.61 – 06 Apr 1865], transmitting a return of applications for passages from the United Kingdom to Taranaki of a number of wives and families of Military Settlers and instructing me to provide passages for these persons at the expense of the Government of New Zealand. In reply I beg to state that I have communicated with the parties enumerated in the return transmitted, and have made arrangements to forward these parties, as many as consent to proceed, by the ‘Wild Duck’ to Wellington, and thence by steamer to Taranaki New Plymouth, which vessel leaves ... on the 29th August next

William Baird, Elizabeth Baird, Thomas Baird, Christina Baird, George Baird – No.9 Harding St, Every Street, Manchester – have left this address – letter returned

Patrick Monaghan, Sarah Monaghan – County Down, Ireland – Letter returned, insufficient address

William Lyons, Margaret Lyons – 26 Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh – Letter returned, not to be found

James McArthur, John McArthur, Jane McArthur – Glasgow – Not known, insufficient address

The notices sent to the above parties have been returned, for the reasons noted above

Letter dated 10 May 1865: Charles Lewis & Co., Panama New Zealand & Australian Royal Mail Co. Ltd, Melbourne to the Undersecretary, Colonial Defence Office, Wellington

Sir - Official No.3010 – We have the honor to advise you that we have granted passages to the undermentioned Parties, the Warrants will be forwarded by H. Jervis the Company’s Agent at Auckland. N.B.

No.89 Mrs Heaslip and two children equal to two adults for Auckland

No.3016 Mrs Thomas O’Keefe and child equal to 1½ adults for Taranaki

Forwarded by Steamship ‘Auckland’

Letter dated 29 Apr 1865: Captain Harrison, Acting Quartermaster, Militia & Volunteer Office, Auckland to Captain Holt, Under Secretary, Colonial Defence Office, Wellington

Sir, In reply to your letter No. and date as per margin [No.88 – 19 Apr 1865], I have the honor to state, for the information of the Honourable The Defence Minister, that upon the arrival of Mrs Heaslip and family, the necessary steps will be taken, to forward them to the station, where Corp. Heaslip is doing duty.

Letter: Corporal Benjamin Heaslip, No.4 Company, 3 Waikato Militia to Major General Galloway commanding M.V.

Sir, I beg you will excuse me addressing you, but application... made to have my family... from Melbourne to Auckland and having failed in it's object I am left no other resources... I applied through Captain George of 3 Waikato for the passage of my family here in January last and through some means of which I am ignorant it failed. I again applied it having been specified in General Orders that Militia Men desirous of having their family brought here could do so at Government expense. This application was made through Captain Davis... was forwarded... would succeed. I accordingly wrote to my wife at Melbourne and told her to be in readiness to move at short notice and I received a letter in reply stating that she was only waiting for a passage. This was about 3 months back again. Sir, I received a letter (which I enclose) last night from my wife stating that she had been waiting such a length of time and saw no more signs... passage now, than... have tried every means... to have my family... and failed. I am... serving at present as Assistant Prison Keeper Otahuhu

P.S. This is the letter that I sent to General Galloway you will see on the back in read ink what he says and I now that he will send for you the first ship that that goes to Melbourne...

Note overwritten by Captain Holt, Under Secretary on the letter in red – dated 12 Nov 1864: Mr Dear Lyon, Will you kindly inform Corporal Heaslip that a Memo has been made of his application and that his family will be brought over as soon as practicable, at present Government are not bringing over any families.

Letter dated 23 Mar 1865: E. P. Sturt, Police Magistrate, Melbourne to Charles Knight Esq., Comptroller General, Auckland
Sir, The Ladies of the Benevolent Society have requested me to bring the case of Mrs J. Heaslip under the notice of the authorities of New Zealand. It appears that her husband is a Corporal in No.4 Company 3 Waikato Militia, at present Assistant Military Prison Keeper at Otahuhu. His wife and two children have been assisted by the Benevolent Society for some time in daily expectation of an order for her Passage to join her husband. The accompanying letter shows that the matter has come under the notice of General Galloway but Mrs Heaslip finds that others have passages provided for them by the 'Claud Hamilton' steamer but her name has been omitted. May I request you to be so good as to take the matter in hand and enable this family to join their natural protector as others similarly situated have done.

Notes on the back of this letter

[1] Referred to the Minister for Colonial Defence 15 Apr 1865

[2] Mr Carr, Take the usual steps for providing these people with a passage from Melbourne to Auckland 15 Apr 1865

[3] Letter written 19 Apr 1865 N. B. Nos 87,88,89,90

Letter dated 27 Apr 1865: Charles Lewis & Co., Panama New Zealand & Australian Royal Mail Co. Ltd, Melbourne to the Undersecretary, Colonial Defence Office, Wellington

Sir – Official No.3010 – We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 6th inst., enclosing a list of names of Parties to whom we are to grant passages by the Company's Steamers. We find with the exception of Nos.571 and 640 that they are all down in a list forwarded to us from Auckland, on which we have been acting some time, also that you give the same addresses, as in former list of Nos 778, 519, 555, 881 these parties were written to by us at the time and letters returned, not known at places directed.

Letter dated 10 May 1865: Quarter Master General's Department to Captain Holt, Under Secretary, Wellington

Sir, In reply to your letter, number and date as per margin [No.3107 – 29 Apr 1865] I have the honor to acquaint you that upon the arrival of the family named [Mrs Humm and family] steps will be taken to forward them to Taranaki by the first favourable opportunity.

Letter dated 19 Apr 1865: J. F. Stone & Son, Auckland to Minister for Colonial Defence Auckland

Sir, We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter 3006 dated April 5th 1865 and in reply thereto beg to state our willingness to provide passages for the persons named therein on the terms stated in our letter of 10th November 1865 [sic] namely to Auckland. We have no vessels running to Taranaki therefore could not provide passage to that Port.

Letter dated 17 Apr 1865: Lt. Col. Lepper, Military Settlers Orderly Room, New Plymouth to the Honourable The Minister for Colonial Defence, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Captain Holt, No.3044 of the 8th April 1865 and to inform you in reply that I have already notified to the Force under my Command, in accordance with letter No.2971 of the 21st March 1865, that no more applications for passages to this Province will be entertained. I further enclose copy of a letter from the Deputy Assistant General (number & date as per margin [No.2355 – 22 Nov 1864]) authorising an allowance of £9 15s per adult to be paid to Pte Ed. Beattie, on the arrival of his family in this Province, which had already been paid before receiving your letter.

Letter dated 22 Nov 1864: Lt. Col. H. C. Balneavis, Militia & Volunteer Office, Auckland to Lt. Col. Lepper, Commanding Militia, Taranaki

Sir, Adverting to the application from the man named in the margin [Pte E. Beattie] for passages for his wife and family from South Australia. I am directed to acquaint you that, in consequence of there being no Agent in that Country the Government are unable to comply with the application but, should Pte Beattie make his own arrangements for the passages an allowance at the rate of nine pounds 15s per adult will be allowed him on the arrival of his family in this colony.

Letter dated 27 Feb 1865: Lt. Col. Lepper, Military Settlers Orderly Room, New Plymouth to the Honourable The Minister for Colonial Defence, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Return of the men of the Taranaki Military Settlers who are desirous of having their wives and families brought to this Province.

Letter dated 03 Mar 1865: Lt. Col. Lepper, Military Settlers Orderly Room, New Plymouth to the Honourable The Minister for Colonial Defence, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Supplementary return of Men of the Taranaki Military Settlers who are desirous of having their wives and families brought to this Province.

Return of men of the Taranaki Military Settlers whose wives and families are to be brought from Victoria to New Plymouth

TMS No.707 No.8 Company – James Alexander

Names of family: Kathrine Alexander (wife), Elizabeth Alexander (dau), Mary Alexander (dau)

Address: 85 Victoria Street, Melbourne

TMS No.778 No.8 Company – James Nicol

Names of family: Julia Nicol (wife)

Address: 91 Rathdown St, Carlton, Melbourne

TMS No.822 No.9 Company – Jeremiah Thomas O'Callaghan

Names of family: Margaret O'Callaghan (wife, 38yrs); Thomas O'Callaghan (son, 20yrs); Margaret O'Callaghan (dau, 15yrs); Gerald O'Callaghan (son, 12yrs); Ellen O'Callaghan (dau, 6yrs); John O'Callaghan (son, 4yrs); J. Thomas O'Callaghan (son, 3yrs)

Address: 99 Flinders St, West Melbourne

TMS No.571 No.6 Company – Thomas O'Keefe

Names of family: Catherine O'Keefe (wife); Bridget O'Keefe (dau, 2yrs)

Address: Miss Nora O'Keefe's 136 Church St, Richmond near Melbourne

TMS No.519 No.6 Company – James Creaney

Names of family: Margaret Creaney (wife); Mary Ann Creaney (dau, 13yrs)

Address: Deaf & Dumb Institute, Commercial Road, Prahran near Melbourne

TMS No.555 No.6 Company – George Lindsay

Names of family: Ann Lindsay (wife); George Lindsay (son, 5yrs), Elizabeth Lindsay (dau, 4yrs); an infant (Christian name not known)

Address: Hoosier Lane off Flinders Lane, Melbourne

TMS No.640 No.7 Company – Charles Hooley

Names of family: Mary Hooley (wife); child

Address: Care of Mrs Dall, Clydesdale Hotel, Castlemaine, Victoria

TMS No.881 No.9 Company – Thomas Neems

Names of family: Clarissa Neems (wife, 44yrs); William Neems (son, 12yrs); James Neems (son, 9yrs); Clara Neems (dau, 4yrs)

Address: Fryers Creek near Castlemaine, Victoria

TMS No.704 No.7 Company – James Williams

Names of family: Margaret Williams (wife)

Address: Care of Mrs Bloomfield, Golden Point Bakery, Ballarat, Victoria

Return of men belonging to the Taranaki Military Settlers who wish their wives and families...

TMS No.355 No.4 Company – Patrick Henry

Names of family: Helen Henry (wife, 30yrs); Johanna Henry (dau, 9yrs); Theresa Henry (dau, 4yrs); Thomas Henry (son, 3yrs); Mary Ann Henry (dau, 14yrs)

Address for Helen, Johanna, Theresa & Thomas: Care of Captain Armstrong, Christchurch, NZ

Address for Mary Ann Henry: Wellington, NZ

Comment: possible date of passage – November 1864

TMS No.730 No.8 Company – Victor Dumas

Names of family: Angell Dunnazell (son, 20yrs)

Address: Port Louis, Mauritius, Isle of France

TMS No.771 No.8 Company – Henry Mayne

Names of family: Anna Maria Mayne (wife, 31yrs); George T. Mayne (son, 10yrs); Clara Mayne (dau, 8yrs); Thomas Henry Mayne (son, 6yrs)

Address: Westgate Hill near Bradford, Yorkshire, England

TMS No.762 No.8 Company – John Johnston

Names of family: James Johnston (son, 20yrs)

Address: Carrickfergus, Antrim, Ireland (in the Constabulary)

TMS No.808 No.8 Company – Edward Beattie

Names of family: Anastasia Beattie (wife); Frederick Beattie (son); Henry E. Beattie (son), Rebecca Beattie (dau)

Address: Thabarton near Adelaide, South Australia

Comment: Possible date of passage – June 1864

TMS No.884 No.9 Company – Francis Thomas Perry

Names of family: Elizabeth Perry (wife, 23yrs); Albert Perry (son, 3yrs)

Address: Peacock Inn, Holland St, Blackfriars, London

TMS No.796 No.10 Company – James Spencer

Names of family: Elizabeth Spencer (wife, 33yrs); Jane Maria Spencer (dau, 14yrs); Alice Spencer (dau, 11yrs); Arthur Spencer (son, 9yrs); Susannah Spencer (dau, 5yrs)

Address: Adelaide, South Australia

TMS No. 387 No.4 Company – William Neilson Syme – joined as a substitute

Names of family: Catherine Syme (wife, 34yrs); Helena B. Syme (dau, 8yrs); Theresa Kate Syme (dau, 3yrs); Margaret Syme (dau, 2yrs); William Syme (son, 2yrs)

Address: Hagbows by Pollock Shields, Glasgow, Scotland

Comment: A previous application made in August 1864

TMS No.334 No.4 Company – Henry Coglin

Names of family: John Coglin (son, 14yrs)

Address: Newtown, Mount Kennedy, Wicklow, Ireland

TMS No. 367 No.4 Company – William Lyons

Names of family: Margaret Lyons (wife, 24yrs)

Address: 26 Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh, Scotland

TMS No.509 No.6 Company – William Baird

Names of family: Elizabeth Baird (wife); Thomas Baird (son, 16yrs); Christina Baird (dau, 15yrs); George Baird (son, 13yrs)

Address: No.9 Harding Street, Every Street, Manchester, England

TMS No.554 No.6 Company – William Keith

Names of family: Jane Keith (wife); James Keith (son, 14yrs); William Keith (son, 12yrs); Jane Keith (dau, 11yrs)

Address: Mortlach, Banffshire, Scotland

TMS No.754 No.8 Company – Archibald Dykes

Names of family: Agnes Dykes (wife); Mary Dykes (child)

TMS No.654 No.7 Company – John Dunn – joined as a substitute
Names of family: wife and three children
Address: At Port Dunns, Ballybrattow, Queen's Coy, Ireland

Supplementary Return of men of Taranaki Military Settlers... wives & children brought to the Province of Taranaki

TMS No. 127 Private Henry Humm
Names of family: Margaret Humm (28yrs); Ruth Emily Humm (dau, 12yrs); William Henry Humm (son, 9yrs); Margaret Humm (dau, 6yrs)
Address: Care of Mr Rice, Arumdal, Macquarrie Plains, Tasmania
Date of previous application: October 1864

TMS No.144 Private James McArthur
Names of family: wife (dead); John McArthur (son, 21yrs); Jane McArthur (dau, 19yrs)
Address: Glasgow (no further address known by Private McArthur)
Date of previous application: October 1864

TMS No.149 Private Patrick Monaghan
Names of family: wife (dead); Sarah Monaghan (dau, 14yrs)
Address: County Down
Date of previous application: February 1865
Comment: Already sent for through Provincial Government – passage money already paid to Provincial Treasurer

TMS No.271 Private William Orr – joined as a substitute
Names of family: Mary (wife, 32yrs); Mary Ann Orr (dau, 12yrs); John William Orr (son, 8yrs); Thomas Orr (son, 4yrs)
Address: Ballygruinay, Richhill, County Armagh, Ireland
