

NEW ZEALAND SOURCE BOOK – SNODGRASS FAMILY

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HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY

*Who's Who in New Zealand and the Western Pacific (1925) yes

*Who's Who in New Zealand and the Western Pacific (1938) yes

NEWSPAPER RECORDS

*Australia Newspapers (newspapers.com) yes

*England Newspapers (newspapers.com) yes

**The New Zealand Gazette* (Ancestry) yes

PROBATE RECORDS

England and Wales,

VITAL RECORDS

*New Zealand Birth Index, 1840-1950 (Ancestry) yes

*New Zealand Civil Records Indexes (Family Search) yes

*New Zealand, Death Index, 1848-1966 (Ancestry)

*New Zealand Marriage Index, 1840-1937 (Ancestry) yes

Records

29 Sep 1870 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 29 Sep 1870:

Alphabetical List of Bankruptcies, &c., District of Auckland:

R74, J. Snodgrass, settler, Remuera; provisional trustee, J. M. Mowbray; date of adjudication, 15th Sept. 1868; amount of debts, £1,528 18s. 1d.

8 Jun 1871 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 8 Jun 1871:

District Prizes.

1st set. Ranges, 400, 500, and 600 yards. Five (5) shots at each range.

2nd set. Ranges, 300, 400, and 500 yards. Five (5) shots at each range.

Auckland, 2nd set, 3rd prize, £2 Private J. Snodgrass, No. 3 Company Rifle Volunteers

15 Aug 1871 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 15 Aug 1871:

Report of the Accountant in Bankruptcy, District of Auckland:

John Snodgrass, settler, date of adjudication, 15th sept., 1868; John M. Mowbray, provisional trustee; amount of funds realized, ---; no estate.

21 Aug 1873 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 21 Aug 1873:

Petition for a Municipality at the Thames.

... John Snodgrass ...

20 Apr 1882 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 20 Apr 1882:

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Golden Sign Quartz-Mining Company as a Limited Company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

1. The name of the company is to be the Golden Sign Quartz-Mining Company (Limited).

2. The place of intended operations is at Waimongaroa, County of Buller, Colony of New Zealand.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Lyell, County of Buller.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is twenty-four thousand pounds, in twenty-four thousand shares of one pound each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is twenty-four thousand, being the entire number of shares in the Company.
 6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
 7. The amount considered to be paid up is twelve thousand pounds.
 8. The name of the manager is James Inglis.
 9. The names, addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:--
... J. Snodgrass, Westport, Surveyor, 500 [shares] ...
- Dated this 29th day of March, 1882. James Inglis, Manager.

15 Jun 1882 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 15 Jun 1882:

Notice is hereby given that the several parcels of land herein described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same in each case within one calendar month after date of the Gazette containing this notice.

Part of Sections 59 and 60, Block XXXVI., Town of Dunedin, and part Section 39, Block I., North Harbour and Blueskin District.—Elizabeth MacFarlane, Applicant. Occupied by Douglas Snodgrass, Robert Bolton, and Richard Hawkins. No. 3303.

20 Jul 1882 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 20 Jul 1882:

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Nelson Gold-Mining Company as a Limited Company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

1. The name of the company is to be the Nelson God-Mining Company (Limited).
 2. The place of intended operations is at Waitekauri, in the Provincial District of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.
 3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at the New Zealand Insurance Company's Buildings, Auckland, in the Provincial District of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.
 4. The nominal capital of the Company is twenty-one thousand pounds, in twenty-one thousand shares of one pound each.
 5. The number of shares subscribed for is twenty-one thousand, being the entire number of shares in the Company.
 6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
 7. The amount paid up is nil.
 8. The name of the manager is Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell.
 9. The names, addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:--
... William Snodgrass, Auckland, Settler, 22 [shares] ...
- Dated this 8th day of July, 1882. D. G. MacDonnell, Manager.

3 Aug 1882 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 3 Aug 1882:

Volunteer Officers Resigned.

Carterton Rifle Volunteers.

Captain John Snodgrass. Date of resignation, 21st July 1882.

10 Aug 1882 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 10 Aug 1882:

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Christmas Eve Gold-Mining Company as a Limited Company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

1. The name of the company is to be the Christmas Eve Gold-Mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is at Cascade Creek, Buller River.
3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Nelson Street, Westport, in the County of Buller, in the Colony of New Zealand.
4. The nominal capital of the Company is twenty-four thousand pounds, in twenty-four thousand shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is twenty-four thousand, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.

6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount paid up is nil.
8. The name of the manager is Zoffany Claude Horne.
9. The names, addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:--
... John Snodgrass, Westport, Surveyor, 750 [shares] ...

Dated this 10th day of August, 1882. Zoffany C. Horne, Manager.

5 Apr 1883 -- *The New Zealand Gazette* (Wellington, New Zealand), 5 Apr 1883:

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Deep Valley West Quartz-Mining Company as a Limited Company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

1. The name of the company is to be the Deep Valley West Quartz-Mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is at Long Valley, in the County of Vincent, in the Provincial District of Otago, and Colony of New Zealand.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Dunedin.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is twelve thousand pounds, in twelve thousand shares of one pound each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is twelve thousand.

6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.

7. The amount considered as already paid up is six thousand pounds, equal to ten shillings per share.

8. The name of the manager is William Henry Churton.

9. The names, addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:--

... Neil Douglas Snodgrass, Dunedin, Clerk, 500 [shares] ...

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1883. W. H. Churton, Manager.

9 May 1886 — *Liverpool Mercury, etc.* (Liverpool, England), Saturday, 9 May 1886:

Deaths. Snodgrass—March 3, at Nelson, New Zealand, accidentally drowned while bathing in the Madtai river, aged 12 years, George Barker [Snodgrass], the much beloved and youngest son of Robert and Dorothy Snodgrass.

21 Jul 1886 -- *The Ipswich Journal* (Ipswich, England), Wednesday, 21 Jul 1886:

The Volcanic Eruption in New Zealand.

The Melbourne Argus of the 11th of June gives some particulars of the eruption of Mount Tarawera, in New Zealand, which was briefly reported by telegram. The first news of the outbreak was received at Auckland from the telegraphist at Rotorua on the morning of the 10th of June. ... Mr. M'rue, the proprietor of the Rotomahana Hotel and store at Wairoa, had been killed, and his premises destroyed. Mrs. Snodgrass, in the same district, was reported to have been killed. For about six miles north of Te Awanutu the whole of the surrounding country was covered with blue mud three feet deep...

24 Jun 1897 -- *Liverpool Mercury, etc.* (Liverpool, England), Thursday, 24 Jun 1897:

Marriages. Eastabrook—Snodgrass—April 20, at St. John's Wesleyan Church, Nelson, New Zealand, by the Rev. George Bond (of Wanganui), Charles Eastabrook, of Dunedin, to Annie Dorothy, only daughter of Robert Snodgrass (late of Liverpool).

1908 – *New Zealand Police Gazette* for the Year Ending 31st December, 1908:

Return of Persons summarily convicted at Magistrates' Courts, but not sent to Gaol.

Snodgrass, Ivy Irene; tried at Auckland, 14 Jan 1908; theft; sentence, to come up if called on; native of New Zealand; trade, domestic; born 1887; height, 5' 6"; fair complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, medium nose.

1918 – *New Zealand Police Gazette* for the Year Ending 31st December, 1918:

Return of Persons summarily convicted at Magistrates' Courts, but not sent to Gaol.

Thomas Snodgrass; tried at Kaitaia, 5/2/18 [5 Feb 1918]; offence, taking part in illegal horse-race; fined £1; native of New Zealand; trade, jockey; born 1897; height 5' 3"; pale complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, small nose, slight build.

7 Apr 1918 – Certified Copy of Entry of Death in Registrar-General's Office. No. of entry, 12545; William Joseph Snodgrass; usual occupation, Fitter; usual place of abode in New Zealand, Invercargill; male; age 21; born Lake Te Anau; single; L/Cpl. 3rd N.Z. R.B. 42718; father, William Snodgrass; mother, Margaret Snodgrass; maiden surname of mother, ___; rank or profession of father, ___; date of death, 7 April, 1918; place of death, France; place of burial, ___; cause of death, killed in action; proof of death, certificate of Acting Chief Clerk Base Records; name of informant, A. A. Boulton; description of informant, acting Chief Clerk Base Records; residence of informant, Wellington; signature of Registrar-General, W. W. Cook; date of registration, 3 May 1918. I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the records of this Office. Given under my hand at Wellington, this 26th day of March 1920. [signed] W. W. Cook, Registrar-General.

1 Feb 1922 — England & Wales, National Probate Calendar: William Joseph Snodgrass of Invercargill, New Zealand, lance-corporal, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, died 7 Apr 1918 in France or Belgium. Probate Invercargill to Margaret Teresa Snodgrass (wife of William Snodgrass). Effects £1,090 16s. 11d. in the United Kingdom. Sealed London 1 February 1922.

1923 – *New Zealand Police Gazette* for the Year Ending 31st December, 1923: Return of Persons summarily convicted at Magistrates' Courts, but not sent to Gaol. Allan Snodgrass; tried at Waihi, 2/2/23; mischief (breaking windows); sentence, to pay costs; native of New Zealand; trade, battery hand; born 1906; 5' 6" tall; fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, medium nose.

19 May 1923 — England & Wales, National Probate Calendar: Margaret Teresa Snodgrass of Kennington near Invercargill, New Zealand (wife of William Snodgrass) died 3 January 1922. Probate Invercargill to William Snodgrass, dairy farmer, and Frances Te Anan Tither (wife of William Tither). Effects £1,174 16s. 4d. in England. Sealed London 19 May.

1925 -- Who's Who in New Zealand and the Western Pacific (1925)
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Hon. William Wallace Snodgrass, M.L.C., M.B.E., Nelson. B[orn] Liverpool 1870, s. of R. Snodgrass, merchant, Nelson. Ed. Liverpool Methodist and public schs., Nelson; arr. N.Z. 1880; merchant (R. Snodgrass and Son); trustee St. Andrew's Orphanage and Meth. Church, Nelson; sec. and late chm. Patriotic Committee Wounded Soldiers' Fund; 3 yrs. City Cl.; 4 yrs. Mayor; M.B.E. 1919; director Permanent Bldg. Soc.; mem. Nelson Har. Bd.; pres. Chamber of Commerce; M.L.C. 1921.

*1926 – *New Zealand Police Gazette* for the Year Ending 31st December, 1926: Return of Persons summarily convicted at Magistrates' Courts, but not sent to Gaol. Bryan Clayton Snodgrass, tried at Tauranga, 28/6/26; drunk while in charge of a motor-car; fined £10; native of New Zealand; farmer; born 1900; 5' 9½" tall, fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, medium nose; strong build; large scar on right knee.

*1936 – *New Zealand Police Gazette* for the Year Ending 31st December, 1936: Return of Persons summarily convicted at Magistrates' Courts, but not sent to Gaol. Bryan Clayton Snodgrass; tried Tauranga, 25/5/36; intoxicated in charge of motor-car; sentence, fined £15, license cancelled, and prohibited from obtaining another to 31/5/37; native of N. Zealand; farmer; born 1900; height 5' 9½" tall, fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, medium nose; strong build; large scar on right knee.

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Hon. William Wallace Snodgrass, M.L.C., M.B.E., J.P. Prop., R. Snodgrass & Sons, est. 1880, Gen. Merchants, Hardy St., Nelson, N.Z. Appointed Legislative Council 1920; Chairman Dir., Nelson Permanent Building Soc.; Mayor, Nelson City, 1916-20; Pres., Nelson Patriotic Soc. Since 1914; Trustee, St. Andrew's Orphanage; Member Nelson Harbour Board for 10 years. Born: Liverpool, Eng. Son of Robert Snodgrass, of Glasgow, Scotland, who came to N.Z. in 1880 and founded the firm; and of Dorothy (nee Barker) Snodgrass. Educated: Liverpool and Nelson. Married: Sarah Annie, daughter of Walter Frankham, of Auckland, 29th Jan., 1897. Issue: Two sons, Frank, represented N.Z. in the All Blacks; Charles Robert, Bank of N.S.W., Fiji; and three daughters. Member, Nelson Club, Masonic Lodge. Creed: Methodist. Home address: Brougham St., Nelson, N.Z.

*1940 – *New Zealand Police Gazette* for the Year Ending 31st December, 1940:

Return of Persons Reported as Discharged from Gaols During the Week Ending 6th January, 1940.

Auckland—Bryan Clayton Snodgrass; tried Tauranga M.C., 23/12/39; intoxicated in charge of motor-car; sentence, 14 days and disqualified from driving to 23/12/41; native of N. Zealand; farmer; born 1900; height 5' 9½" tall, fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, medium nose; 3 previous convictions; strong build; large scar on right knee. Discharged on remission.

16 Jun 1944 — England & Wales, National Probate Calendar: William Snodgrass of Kennington, New Zealand, died 15 December 1942. Administration (with Will) (limited) Llandudno 16 June to William Thomas James and Herbert Victor James, solicitors, attorneys of Alexander John Carden Snodgrass. Effects £27 17s. 6d. in England.

14 Jul 1949 — *The Sydney Morning Herald* (Sydney, Australia), Thursday, 14 Jul 1949: Deaths. Pratt, Ernest J.—July 8, 1949, at Auckland, New Zealand, dearly beloved husband of Louisa and father of Peggy Snodgrass, 42 Epsom Avenue, Epsom, in his 70th year. Cremated at Auckland, New Zealand, on July 11, 1949.

7 Oct 1956 – Deaths Registered in the Office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Dunedin during the Quarter Ending the 31st of December 1956.

No. 984. Died 7 Oct 1956, Public Hospital, Dunedin, from 24 Stoneclaw Terrace, Dunedin; Hector Muir Dawson Wilson, Industrial Chemist; male; age 50; Bronchopneumonia, Carcinoma bladder with Secondary deposits in spine, ribs and liver; certified by A. J. Logan, who last saw deceased on 6 October 1956; father, James Hamilton Wilson, Journalist; mother, Mary Pollok Wilson, maiden surname Hamilton; cremated 9 October 1956, at Anderson's Bay; Minister, J. M. McKewzie, Presbyterian; born Glasgow, Scotland; 7 years in New Zealand; married Glasgow, Scotland, age 30; wife, Agnes Snodgrass, Grieve, Abercrombie, age 50; issue, female, age 12; informant, H. G_les, Funeral Director, Dunedin; registered 10 Oct 1956, R.A. Aitken, Registrar.

8 Sep 1962 – *The Ottawa Citizen* (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) (Newspapers.com), Saturday, 8 Sep 1962:

Young girls from New Zealand are looking for Canadian penpals. They are interested in our country. ...

Here are the names of your future penpals from New Zealand:

Kay Snodgrass, 44 Matua Rd., Otumoetou, Tauranga, N.Z. Age 13. Kay lives in a pretty holiday resort only 200 yards from the sea, in the North Island of New Zealand, which is noted for its subtropical climate, deep sea fishing, and surf bathing. Kay goes to a girls' college, and she takes Latin, French, Mathematics, English, Art, General science, and Physical Education. Her father grows citrus fruit and gooseberries. Her pet cat is called cuddles, and she has a blue budgie called Bluey (and her handwriting is beautiful, Uncle Ray noticed).

Findagrave

Waikaraka Cemetery, Onehunga, Auckland Council, Auckland, New Zealand:
Eric William Snodgrass, died 1 Apr 1914, age 19.

Waikaraka Cemetery, Onehunga, Auckland Council, Auckland, New Zealand:
Thomas Snodgrass, died 17 Aug 1919, age 20.

Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, Nelson City, Nelson, New Zealand:
In Loving Memory of / Sarah Ann Snodgrass / who passed away May 23, 1941. / To depart
and to be with Christ, / Which is far better.

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