HUTCHINSON, William

Born *c*. 00.10.1817, England. Died 30.07.1890, Pietermaritzburg.

Farmer, clerk.

1850.03.24 Arrived at Port Natal on the *Sovereign*. (*NW*COP p.47)(Clark). Described as a farmer. (*NW* 29.03.50). )(Byrne’s list to Moreland in M’s 2nd bound vol.). Aged 33, he was accompanied by his wife Eleanor R. who was also aged 33, and their son Albert aged one year. (Coll.of C’s list). He was the second son of William Hutchinson of Deal, Kent. (*NW* 18.01.56). His wife’s second given name was Rosa. (R. St P. Pmb.). Arrived with his wife, child and servant, Henry Young\*, on the *Sovereign*. He was entitled to Umhloti allotments 22 Block C (45 acres) and 29 Block C (90 acres). Lot 22 was in the name of his servant. (CSO 2246 no. D733). Also on board the *Sovereign* was his wife’s brother Robert [John] Barns\* and his wife Mary Ann. (Clark)

1850.07.22 Wrote to John Moreland\* from Durban stating he understands that emigrants in some instances have been able to change their allotments for others. He asks if he and the servants who came out with him could have this privilege? They were entitled to 225 acres for the five adults (this includes the extra 25 acres given to each of them by government) and the 90 acres he has “given over” to Robert Barns and his wife and 45 acres in the name of Henry Young and the 90 acres due to himself and his wife. He would like to exchange for land on the Illovo river. Robert Barns would like to do the same. If their request is granted he asks if his 90 acres and H. Young’s 45 acres could be surveyed in one lot? He has hired, with the intention of purchase, a 1 000 acres of Pieter Human’s farm through which runs the old road to Pietermaritzburg. The land he has hired is close to the main road. He intends erecting a good substantial house which, he hopes, will also serve as a house of accommodation for travellers proceeding to the Illovo and adjoining country. (Hutch. To Moreland in M’s immigrants’ correspondence book)

1851.04.00 Son Robert John born. (R. St P. Pmb.)

1852.02.00 An agriculturalist of Pmb. (AGO I/4/2 p. 219)

1852 end Clerk to Assurance Co. [Natal Fire Assurance &Trust Co.] 41 Pietermaritz St, Pmb. (DDP 1853)

1853.05.00 Robert John baptized. Father a clerk. (R. St P. Pmb.)

1853.09.19 A son [Walter Jolly] born in Pmb. (*NI* 22.09.53)

1854.00.00 A cashier of the Natal Bank. (ROD p. 189)

1854.03.04 Eldest son Albert died at Pmb. aged 4½. (*NI* 09.03.54)

1854.04.09 Wife died. (*NW* 14.04.54). Wife Eleanor Rosa (born Barns) d. at Pmb. (*NI* 13.04.54)

1854.05.00 Of 44 Pietermaritz St, cashier Natal Bank , Proprietor. (NGG 30.05.54)

1854.08.00 Clerk, 44 Pietermaritz St, landowner. (NGG 08.08.54)

1855.01.15 Listed as a foundation member of the Natal Carbineers. (Stalker pge 26)

1856.01.00 Aged 39, a widower, he took out a licence to marry Louisa Bishop Bishop [born Louisa Bishop Lambert, dau. of Mrs Elizabeth Lambert\*], 30, a widow [of Frederick William Bishop\*]. Both born in London, to be married in Pmb. (CSO 2282)

1856.01.10 ANC made with Louisa Bishop Bishop a widow of Pmb. He was a widower of Pmb. and owner of ½ Erf 44 Pietermaritz St. She owned a mortgage of £200.00 on portions of Erf 10 Church St, 9 Longmarket St, and 11 Church St, owned by James [William] Winter\* [Louisa’s brother-in-law]. (RSC IV/23/1 no. 83).

1856.01.18 Marriage of William, second son of the late Mr William Hutchinson of Deal, Kent, to Louisa, relict of F.W. Bishop Esq., second son of the late John Bishop of Sunbury House, Middlesex. Married by the Rev. Callaway at St Andrews. (*NW18.01*.56)

1856.08.29 A gentleman of Pmb., he and his wife Louisa Bishop Hutchinson were divorced. It was agreed that she would settle all his debts amounting to £51 if he transferred the property Lot 44 Pietermaritz St to her name and removed all his possessions from it. He also agreed to pay £5 on 01.09.56 towards her approaching accouchement and £20 annual alimony. (RSC IV/23/1 no. 103)

1856.12.00 Son George William born. Father a bank clerk. (R.St A. Pmb.)

1857.09.10 Deed of separation between Wm Hutchinson and Louisa Bishop Hutchinson dated 29.08.56 confirmed. She is to have possession of house on Lot 44 Pietermaritz. St and £20 quarterly. (RSC IV/5/49 no. 582)

1858.03.00 Acting manager of Natal Bank. (*NM* 25.03.58)

1858.06.00 Cashier at Natal Bank. (*NW* 00.06.58)

1858.12.00 In a deposition made by him, he states that he is a cashier at Natal Bank and that he has been employed by the Insurance company and the Bank between six and seven years. (AGO 1/4/2 p. 686)

1859.04.00 Evidence given in a case relating to Daniel McGregor\* says that the Hutchinsons were living in Pietermaritz St and that Hutchinson worked at the Natal Bank. (RSC I/8/8 no.20)

1859.11.00 A Mrs Hutchinson left on the *Waldensian* for Cape Town with three children. (EI 74)

1859.11.00 Wife Louisa Bishop left for Cape Town on the steamer. She had decided to move to Cape Town “…to establish herself in some business for the support of herself and three infant children”. [Probably her Bishop dau. (aged about 12), her son by E.S. Greening\* (aged about 6) and her son to Hutchinson (aged about 3). (SO’BS)]. In leaving she had difficulty with a debt to Bishop’s sister. [Mrs Thomas Nisbet of Canterbury, England. (SO’BS)] and a writ of arrest was brought to Dbn by D.D. Buchanan\*. Although she had property in Pmb. to cover this debt she had to hand Buchanan £150 in order to sail. (RSC I/8/1 no. 58)

1859.11.22 Arthur Walker\* as her attorney brought an application for the cancellation of the writ and the return of the £150. Buchanan in evidence said that some time before he had been negotiating to buy a house and learned Mrs Hutchinson had bought it. He had thus concluded that she had again separated from her husband and was moving into a new house. (RSC I/8/1 no. 58)

1860.01.00 Late cashier Natal Bank, now general commission agent, Church St, Pmb. (*NW* 27.01.60)(*NM* 02.02.60)

1860.12.15 Of Pmb., lately cashier of Natal Bank, deposed that on 10.12.58 he bought from his wife, Louisa Bishop Hutchinson, now living in the Cape Colony near Mowbray, part of Erf 44 Pietermaritz St with buildings on it for £50. They were married after ANC dated 10.01.56. Application made for appointment of J.W. Winter to act as curator for transfer of this property to Natal Fire Assurance & Trust Co. who have her P/A. Granted. (RSC I/8/3 no. 58)

1861.05.08 Land and general commission agent, has moved to Henrietta St, Pmb. (*NCPA* 08.05.61)

1861.12.04 His office is in Henrietta St. (*NCPA* 04/12/61)

1862 end Formerly cashier Natal Bank, now general commission agent and share broker, Henrietta St. (DNA 1863)

1863.06.06 Pmb. doctor C.M. Aldridge\* accepted £5 in payment of an account for £18 “unless in a position to pay in full”. [This was during the depression in Natal and elsewhere. (SO’BS)]. (Dr Aldridge’s Ledger p. 517)

1862.06.16 Dr Aldridge treated his son Charles [*sic*], the account going to Hutchinson. (Dr Aldridge’s Ledger p. 517)

1863.07.09 From 09.07.63 for two years, P.B. Shortt\*, E. Tomlinson\*, J.Raw\* and Wm. Hutchinson each stood surety for £500 for Hutchinson as cashier of Natal Bank. (RSC IV/2/69 no 618)

1863.12.02 Louisa’s brother-in-law J.W. Winter made his will – stated that should his wife Georgina Julia die intestate his estate to be divided equally between the children of his brother F.S Winter and Louisa’s children Charles Bishop and George Hutchinson. (RSC IV/23/2 no.235)

1871 end Still cashier, Natal Bank, and living at 44 Pietermaritz. St. (DNA 1872 p. 228)

1874.01.08 Eldest surviving son Robert John married Mary Emily Willson [dau. of Alfred Willson\*] at Pmb. (*NM* 24.01.74)

1876.03.10 In an affidavit he is shown as a clerk of Pmb and owner of Lot 133a Townlands, Pmb. in extent 12 acres , 2 roods and 19 perches. Title deed lost. Copy authorized. (RSC I/8/65 no 5993)

1878.06.00 Son Walter Jolly took out licence to marry Emma Boocock [ dau of Wm Boocock\*]. (CSO 2286)

1880.09.02 Was it his son William who married Margaret Annie Pearce. [dau. of John Pearce\*] ? Robert Hutchinson was a witness. (R. Cong. Dbn)(*NM* 12.10.80)

1880.10.00 Son Walter Jolly, a widower, took out licence to marry Etherelda Jane Fyshe. (CSO 2287)

1881.07.00 Son Robert John divorced. (CSO 2287)

1881 end Clerk, Market Square, Pmb. (DNA 1882)

1883 end Clerk, Market Square, Pmb. (DNA 1884)

1890.07.00 Died aged 73. (Tomb CRC)

1890.07.00 Accountant, died aged 73. (PGRD)

1890.07.30 Pensioner of the Natal Bank and teller there for a number of years. Died 30.07.90 aged 73 years 10 months. (*NW*  31.07.90)

1891.00.00 Widow Louisa Bishop Hutchinson living in Kimberley. She was the dau. of Mrs Elizabeth Lambert. (MSC 80/1894)

1891.07.03 Georgina Winter’s will made. She leaves Louisa and her other surviving sibling George Vincent Lambert , annuities of £100 each for life. (Tvl. estate 0/12556)

1894.08.00 Louisa living in Johannesburg when her sister Georgina Julia died. (*NW* 00.08.94)

1898.06.26 Louisa Bishop Hutchinson died at Nigel gold fields, Transvaal, aged 75 years 7 months. Child of second marriage, George William, filled in the death notice. (Tvl. Estate 0/14 853)

CHILDREN

First marriage

**Albert** (*c*. 1849, England – 04.03.1854 Pmb.)

1849*c*. Born, England.

1850.03.24 Arrived on the *Sovereign* with parents. (Coll of C’s lists)

1854.03.04 Eldest son Albert d. at Pmb. aged 4½. (*NI* 09.03.54)

1854.03.04 Arthur [*sic*] buried aged 4½. (R. St P. Pmb.)

**Robert John** (00.04.1851, Pmb. – 29.04.1918, Vunyane, Vryheid District)

1851.04.00 Born, Pmb. (R. St P. Pmb.)

1853.05.00 Baptised, Pmb. (R. St P. Pmb.)

1874.00.00 A hotelkeeper of Pmb. (R. St J. G.)

1874.01.00 Aged 22, b. Pmb., trader, took out licence to marry Emily Mary Willson, 21yrs 4 mths, b. in Birmingham. (CSO 2286). Married in Maritzburg.(R.Wes. Pmb.)

1874.01.08 Eldest surviving son of Wm Hutchinson m. Mary Emily Willson at Pmb. (*NM*. 24.01.74)

1875.00.00 Ferryman of Mooi River. ((LGR). Ferryman Mooi River, County Umvoti. Govt security for his duties £50. Wm Hutchinson and Alfred Witton are sureties at £25 each. (NBB 1875)

1876.09.25 Henry Rock appointed ferryman, Mooi River, in place of R.J Hutchinson who had resigned.(GN 271/1876)

1877.04.00 Living in Greytown, employed on the public roads under the Colonial Engineer’s dept as overseer of the Umsinga Division. Brother-in-law of Theo. Samuel Watson. (AGO I/4/18 p. 427)

1878.10.05 J. [*sic*] Hutchinson, overseer, work party, Umsinga Division. (Umsinga RM’s letters despatched)

1880.06.00 Hotelkeeper of the Masonic Hotel, Greytown. (RSC I/5/97 no.1906)

1880.08.16 Deserted wife. (RSC I/5/97 no. 1906)

1881.02.01 Mary Emily Hutchinson born Willson applied for leave to sue her husband Robert John Hutchinson for restitution of conjugal rights *in forma pauperis*. Referred to E.M. Wiltshire. (RSC I/8/87 no. 8174)

1881.02.08 Leave granted to Mary Emily H. to sue her husband *in forma pauperis*. Her brother Albert Willson, transport rider, appointed *curator ad litem.* (RSC I/8/87 no. 8179)

1881.02.22 E.H Wiltshire appointed Mary Emily’s attorney. Had made a statement five days previously that he believed Robert John was at Zadeni Bush, Zululand. (RSC I/8/87 no. 8189)

1881.02.24 Robert John Hutchinson was sued for divorce by his wife Mary Emily b. Willson. Robert John had been hotelkeeper of the Masonic Hotel in Greytown in June 1880. He deserted his wife on 16.08.80 and now lives west of Isandhlwana with a native woman Intombi ga Infanwandhlela who he calls his wife. The Hutchinsons were married on 08.06.74 in her father’s house by the Wesleyan minister J. Cameron. Her father is Albert [*sic*] Willson. Her brother, Charles Henry Willson, wagon maker of Church St, testified that Hutchinson had told him years ago that he had had a child by his servant girl Anna, also, while in Greytown, he had contracted VD from a refugee girl who worked in the kitchen. (RSC I/5/97 no. 1906)

1881.04.00 Hutchinson wrote from Rorke’s Drift saying he did not have the means to come to Pmb. for the case. (RSC I/5/97 no. 1906)

1881.06.20 Mary Emily applied for evidence to be taken *de bene esse* from her brother C.H. Willson who is about to leave for up country and is a material witness in her divorce action. Hearing set down for 01.07.1881. (RSC I/8/89 no. 8353)

1881.07.02 Wife granted a divorce. (CSO 2287). Wife granted a divorce and custody of their children – Ellen Rose b. 14.10.74, Herbert William b. 21.11.1875 and Guy b. 03.06.1877. (RSC I/5/97 no. 1906)

1881.07.12 Robert John’s wife Mary Emily, 28, b. Birmingham, divorced, got licence to marry Peter Vaubel, aged 30 yrs 9 mths, b. in Germany. (CSO 2287)

1913.09.10 Robert John signed will at Nkandhla. Leaves everything to Deligeli kaSidada Zungu. Should she pre-decease him, to his sons William James and Albert Hutchinson. (MSCE 56/82)

1915.04.29 Storeman, died at Vunyane Store, Vunyane, Vryheid District, aged 64 years exactly. Born in Pmb. Parents were William and Rosa Hutchinson of Pmb. Married Emily about 1874 in Pmb but separated many years. Not known if she is alive. Lived at Cwezi Hill, in the ward of Chief Tatiyana. Believed not to have had children by his marriage. Has half-caste children, uncertain whether he was married to their mother, Delefile. (MSCE 56/82)

1915.08.06 Death notice signed at Nkandhla by his and Delifile’s son Albert. Signed with an X. (MSCE 56/82)

**Walter Jolly** (19.09.1853, Pmb. – 15.11.1892, Pmb)

1853.09.19 Born, Pmb. (*NI* 22.09.53)

1853.10.00 Baptized. (R. St P. Pmb)

1878.06.00 Aged 24, b. Pmb. took out a licence to marry Emma Boocock, 25, b. Pmb.CSO 2286)

1879.01.08 Emma died. (SO’BS)

1880.10.00 A widower, aged 27, he took out a licence to marry Etherelda Jane Fyshe, aged 25, b. Norfolk. (CSO 2287)

1881 end W.J. Hutchinson, storekeeper, Market Square, Pmb. (DNA 1882)

1883.04.10 Lent £500 by R.J. Barns late of Natal now of England. Security given for loan was stock in store on Lots J & H of Erf 30 Church St which belonged to Gertrude Smuts and Rem. of Lot C of Erf 31 Church St which belonged to William Muir. (RSC IV/3/11 no. 66)

1883 end W.J. Hutchinson, storekeeper, Market Square and Commercial Rd. (DNA 1884)

1887 end W.J. Hutchinson, storekeeper, 31 Church St. (DNA 1888)

1891 William [*sic*] Jolly Hutchinson is the nephew of R.J. Barns. (MSC 8/1891)

1892.11.00 Died at Pmb. aged 39. (Tomb CRC). Died aged 39, a storeman. (PGRD)

1892.11.15 Died in Pmb. aged 39, a storeman. (MSC 116/1892)

1892.11.16 Buried. (*NW* 16.11.92)

1894 end Mrs Hutchinson, storekeeper, 309 Church St. (DNA 1895)

1947.11.00 Widow Etherelda Jane died aged 98. (Tomb CRC)

1947.11.18 Widow Ethelreda [*sic*] Jane Hutchinson, born Fyshe, died at Pmb aged 98 years. Born in England. Lived at 337 Bulwer St, Pmb., which she owned. Eight children. Son Herbert William signed the death notice. (MSCE 2298/47)

1947.11.20 Widow Etherelda Jane buried aged 98. (C of E Com. Rd burials)

Second marriage

**George William** (00.12.1856, Pmb. – 16.07.1903, Illovo)

1856.12.00 Born. (R. St A. Pmb.)

1857.02.00 Baptized. (R. St A. Pmb.)

1859.11.00 Together with his half-siblings left Natal with their mother on the *Waldensian* for Cape Town. (EI 74)

1880.09.02 Is he the William Hutchinson, 23, of the Illovo who m. in Dbn Margaret Annie Pearce of Dbn.? (*NM* 12.10.80) A witness was Robert Hutchinson. (R. Cong. Dbn)

1902.06.00 Is he the William Hutchinson who made a will? (MSC 280/1903)

1903.07.16 Is he the William Hutchinson of Lower Illovo, Dbn County, husband of Margaret Annie. who d. at Illovo? (MSC 280/1903)

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AGO – Attorney-General’s Office.

CSO – Colonial Secretary’s Office.

EI – European Immigration.

GN – Government Notice.

LGR – Ladysmith Government Register

MSC – Master of the Supreme Court. Wills.

MSCE – Master of the Supreme Court. Deceased Estates.

NBB – Natal Blue Books.

NGG – Natal Government Gazette.

PGRD – Pietermaritzburg Government Register. Deaths.

RSC – Registrar of the Supreme Court.

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