

Sophia Louisa Roberts 1855-1937

From W. Fred Hargrave, Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Napier
- writing from Waikohu, Poverty Bay 26 Jan 1874

A sister-in-law of mine now residing at Gibraltar writes to ask me to obtain for her a copy of the Registration of the Birth of her daughter Louisa who was born while on a visit to me at Mangakuri Hawkes Bay in the latter part of 1855. If the Books are still in your office, I shall feel obliged if you will forward me a copy of the entry and if not please tell me where to apply. If there is any fee for the same let me know and I will send it you by return.

Reply [a] 3 Feb 1874

I am unable to give you the information you require as I find on reference to the Registers in my office the district was only appointed in June 1856. Consequently, anything previous to that date will not appear. You may possibly get some information from the Registrar General's Office in Wellington.

Reply [b] 8 Feb 1874 re Search for the registration of the birth of Louisa Hargrave

No entry appears on the Register of Births for Hawkes Bay prior to 1856-7 when the Ahuriri Registration District, which comprised the whole territory now the Province of Hawkes Bay, was first constituted. Have searched through the original returns without finding the name in them until 1861 where the birth of Ada Constance Hargrave is registered.

[2] W. Fred Hargrave of Poverty Bay writing from Napier 18 Mar 1874
... relative to the birth of Louisa Roberts not Hargrave...

[3] W. Fred Hargrave, Matawhero, Poverty Bay 13 May 1874

In reply to yours of 24th March (which got mislaid or would have been answered before) I beg to state it was the Birth of Sophia Louisa daughter of Edward and Mary Roberts that I was enquiring about which by your letter appears to have taken place on 28 Oct 1855 and registered in Wellington on 24 Nov 1855 and shall feel obliged by your forwarding me a certified copy duly sealed of the same. Enclosed is P.O. order for 10s being 5s still owing for search and 5s for the copy.

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NZ BDM Historical Records – Birth Index Entry

1855/3812	Roberts	Sophia Louisa	Mary Anne	Edward
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Robert Moir (1795-1875)

m 1817 Elizabeth Hawkins *nee* Smith (1796-1865) at Northwood

|--- Mary Ann Moir (1819-c1879 Gibraltar)

| m 1843 Edward Roberts (1820-1896) at Cowes, Isle of Wight

| Nine children; Sophia Louisa m 1874 William Dalton (1838-1891) at Gibraltar

|--- Laura Moir (1827-1913)

| m 1851 William Frederick Hargrave (1825-1879) at Cowes, Isle of Wight

| Four children