

The document now produced by Mr. Mahony (Exhibit E) as an agreement dated the 11th April, 1898, between Walter James Hill and Charles Henry Greenhead and initialled twice by the Registrar of the Supreme Court on "5/6/05" and "12/12/04" is not the document that I declared before Mr. Justice Edwards to be a forgery, but I declare it now to be a forgery in respect to my own signature, and I fully believe both signatures are a forgery, because that is not the document we signed. I say it is not my signature because it is not the original agreement. I know that by the terms of it. In the document I signed a space was left for the terms to be filled in. I only disputed the deed of lease as to its date. I wrote to the Judge telling him certain documents were forgeries. [Copy produced (Exhibit F).] Neither document that I allege to be forged is now before Your Worship.

I wish to make a correction. With regard to the deed of lease there was no dispute about it in the Supreme Court further than regarding its date. I never had the slightest suspicion that it was other than a genuine document.

CHARLES HENRY GREENHEAD.

Taken at Auckland, this 18th day of December,
1907, before me,—

HERBERT W. BRABANT,
Stipendiary Magistrate.

2 p.m.

CHARLES HENRY GREENHEAD.

Exhibits D and E: On further examination of Mr. Mahony's file of documents it appears that the duplicate copy of agreement between Walter James Hill and C. H. Greenhead is on that file, and is marked by the Registrar of the Supreme Court as "Ex. B, 12/12/04" and "Ex. H, 5/6/05," and on reference to that document I say that it is one of the documents declared by me before the Supreme Court to be a forgery, also the initials on the stamp, and the date. I did not declare the insurance document to be a forgery. The other document I declare to be a forgery is not among the documents produced. I am quite positive that is not my signature on the document. I am sure that is not my signature because of the body of the document and the date. It is an exact fac-simile of my signature. I admit that the two copies of deeds of lease dated the 11th April, 1898, are signed by myself. The only objection I take to them is that the date has been altered from 16th May to 11th April. If the signatures to the agreement had been produced among a number of other signatures I could not have said which was mine.

I produce a copy of agreement which was attached to statement of claim on first trial, and a copy of the agreement attached to statement of claim at second trial. I would point out that the signature, as copied, differs in each case.

I suggest that in the agreement signed "Chas. Hy. Greenhead" the signature is an exact facsimile of the agreement signed with the policy in 1898. Mr. Griffiths, in giving evidence before His Honour in December, 1904, made mention of the signature. His Honour asked him if he was acquainted with my signature, and he said he was and could swear to it anywhere, but for some unaccountable reason I had signed the agreement different to what I usually did. I do not know what has become of the agreement attached to the policy, but the agreements produced by Mr. Mahony are supposed to be the same. My idea is that the two copies of agreement produced by Mr. Mahony have been substituted for two other copies that are not here. That was not suggested in the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Edwards stopped me examining on the point.

CHARLES HENRY GREENHEAD.

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Policy of insurance with Australian Mutual Provident Society, No. 64173, produced. (Exhibit F F.)—H.W.B.

WILLIAM NICHOLLS.

"I reside at Mauku. I am a farmer."

Deed of lease marked "A" produced to witness, who says that the two signatures, "William Nicholls," on that deed are his, and that he witnessed the signatures "Walter James Hill" and "Charles Henry Greenhead" on that document.

Duplicate of same lease on Mr. Mahony's file produced to witness, who says the signature "William Nicholls" thereon is his, and that he witnessed the signatures of Walter James Hill and Charles Henry Greenhead. "It would be in the beginning of the year that I attested the deeds. At this particular time Mr. Hill was suffering from influenza, and extended his stay beyond the usual time. I am positive it was not in April that I attested the signatures. It was before that. I witnessed Mr. Greenhead's signature to a life policy. I recollect witnessing transfer of Mr. Greenhead's life policy to Mr. Hill. All the papers that I witnessed were witnessed on the same date. I am not aware of any other documents that were signed by Mr. Greenhead and Mr. Hill that I did not witness. I signed several documents, but could not say the number, but it was only on the one occasion.

WILLIAM NICHOLLS.

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1907, before me,—

HERBERT W. BRABANT,
Stipendiary Magistrate.