

## William Wyman CHAMBERS (1859-1925)

*England & Wales Christening Records (Ancestry) – Baptism Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire*  
William Wyman Chambers baptised 06 Jun 1859, son of William Wyman Chambers and Mary Anne

<i>1861 Census 42 Queen's Road, St Peter, Brighton, Sussex</i>				
William W. CHAMBERS	Head	27yrs	Grocer	b Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Mary CHAMBERS	Wife	28yrs		b Halesworth, Suffolk
Ann GIBBS	Servt	25yrs	[unmarried]	b Wilmington, Sussex
William W. CHAMBERS	Son	2yrs		b Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire

### *Southern Cross 11 Oct 1864 Arrival of the 'Columbus' from London*

The ship Columbus, 1,277 tons, Captain Adie, arrived yesterday evening, and anchored off the North Head. She left the Downs on the 16th June, and took her final departure from Ushant on the 24th June. Experienced light N.E. trades, and crossed the line on the 27th July, in 25o 11' W longitude. The S.E. trades proved moderate, and the meridian of the Cape was made on the 23rd August. From thence strong W. and S.W. winds prevailed. She ran down her easting as far as 59o S, and passing to the south of Tasmania, sighted the North Cape on Saturday last. The barque Guadelette, hence, was spoken on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, in longitude 163o 10' E, latitude 34o S.

The Columbus was despatched by Messrs Green, Robinson and Co. She is a fine large ship, and has good accomodation. Her commander, Captain Adie, has been presented with a testimonial by the passengers, as a token of their appreciation of his abilities as a mariner, and of the manner in which he has performed his duties. Most of the passengers appear to be in good health, and the ship is in a cleanly state. The following is a list of her passengers and cargo:-

Steerage... John, Martha, John and Agnes Chambers... **William, Mary, Ann, William and Henry Chambers**  
Cargo... 5 packages, Chambers... Chambers, 1 package

### Testimonial to Captain Adie

We have great pleasure in publishing the following testimonial to Captain Adie, of the Columbus:- "To Robert Adie, Esq., Captain of the Ship Columbus. "Dear Sir, - We, the undersigned passengers by the ship Columbus, from London to Auckland, having experienced your great kindness, consideration, and gentlemanly behaviour during the passage are desirous of hereby testifying our grateful appreciation of the same; and ere, we part, beg, as a small token of our esteem, to offer you our most sincere and heartfelt thanks. In conclusion, we beg to wish both you and your wife every happiness and all this world's joys. - We remain yours, &c."

The ship 'Columbus' arrived off the North Head last evening from London, with a full cargo of general merchandise and 185 passengers. The following is a list of their trades and occupations:- 13 farm labourers, 28 servants, 14 labourers, 2 ironmongers, 20 farmers, 1 painter, 3 blacksmiths, 1 draper, 4 carpenters, 1 wine merchant, 1 doctor, 1 cook, 1 coal miner. The 'Columbus' has arrived in harbour in good order. The only deaths during the passage were Robert William Blankarn, aged 30, who died on the 29th July, of consumption; and Margaret Paul, aged 2 years, who died on the 27th July, of dysentery.

*New Zealand Herald 11 Oct 1864 Arrival of the ship 'Columbus' from London*

The fine ship Columbus, Captain Robert Adie, arrived off the Heads yesterday evening, after a pleasant passage of 115 days from the Downs. The following are the particulars of her passage: - Passed through the Downs on the 16th June, taking her final departure from Ushant on the 24th. Passed outside the Cape De Verd Islands, experiencing very light N.E. trades; crossed the Equator on the 27th July, in longitude 25o 11'W., and had very moderate S.E. trade winds; crossed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on the 23rd August, running down her easting between the parallels of 40o and 49o; in these latitudes, W. and S.W. winds were encountered with very squally, wet weather. Off Tasmania, had a hard gale from the N.E., which drove her down as far as 50o S.; after that light winds prevailed, and the North Cape was rounded at 11.30am, on Sunday last. The only ship connected with the Colonies spoken during the passage, was the barque Guadalette, five days out from this port, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., in longitude 163o 10' E., latitude 34o S.; wished to be reported. The Columbus brings 189 passengers, all in good health, and the ship has arrived in a clean and creditable condition. There were two deaths on the passage - one a child, and the other a young man named Robert William Blankam, aged 30 years, who died of consumption on the 29th July. There were also two births on the passage. Capt. Adie is well spoken of by the passengers, and seems to have won their highest esteem, as will be seen by the following testimonial, which we have much pleasure in giving publicity to:- "To Captain Robert Adie, Ship Columbus. Dear Sir, We the undersigned passengers by the ship Columbus, from London to Auckland, having experienced your great kindness, consideration, and gentlemanly behaviour during the passage, are desirous of hereby testifying our grateful appreciation of the same, and, ere we part, beg, as a small token of our esteem, to offer you our most sincere and heartfelt thanks. In conclusion we beg to wish both you and your wife every happiness and all this world's joys. Subscribing ourselves, Yours faithfully' (Signed by all the passengers)" The ship will come up harbour this morning.

Passenger List... John, Martha, John and Agnes Chambers... **William, Mary Ann, William and Henry Chambers; John Chambers;**

*1871 Census Holton, Suffolk*

Dugald RAMSAY	Head	30yrs	Banker's clerk	b Great Shelford, Cambridgshire
Marianne RAMSAY	Wife	38yrs		b Halesworth, Suffolk
William RAMSAY	Step-son	11yrs		b Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
John RAMSAY	Step-son	7yrs		b Brentford, Middlesex
Stanford RAMSAY	Son	2yrs		b Bloomsbury, Middlesex
James GILBERT	Servt	24yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b Therhall, Suffolk

*1881 Census 2-4 Lester Square, St Anne Soho, London*

Bertha BAILEY	20yrs	Draper's assistant	b St Pancras, Middlesex
...			
Eliza CHAMBERS	37yrs	Draper's assistant [widow]	b Braughing, Hertfordshire
...			
William CAMBERS	21yrs	Draper's assistant [unmarried]	b Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
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*The Daily Telegraph (Sydney) 13 Apr 1893 Dissolution of Partnership*

The Partnership hitherto subsisting between the undersigned, George Wallace Hambridge and William Wyman Chambers, under the style or firm of "Hambridge and Chambers," has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business hitherto carried on by them as Drapers and Clothiers will in future be carried on by George William Hambridge on his separate account, to whom all debts due to the late firm are to be paid, and by whom all liabilities will be discharged. Dated 29 Mar 1893. Witness to signatures: Arthur F. Abbot, Solicitor, Broken-hill.

*Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW) 19 Sep 1894 Public Notice*

I have this day admitted William Wyman Chambers as a Partner in my Business, which will in future be carried on under the name and style of Saunders and Chambers. John Rosier Saunders. September 18, 1894.

*Barrier Miner 20 Sep 1895 A New Firm*

The old-established firm of Messrs Saunders and Co. will in future be carried on under the name of "Saunders and Chambers," Mr Saunders having admitted his former manager, Mr W. W. Chambers, into partnership. Mr Saunders is the pioneer draper of the Barrier, and has probably seen more of the "ups" and "downs" of the field than any other business man. He is nothing if not energetic; and at periods lately he has been startling the riverside people with the cheapness of some of his leading lines. Mr Chambers is a gentleman who has had large experience in business in Sydney. No doubt the new firm will have as successful career as that enjoyed previously by "Saunders and Co."

*Marlborough Express 09 Jan 1897*

On the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, at the residence of her son-in-law, C. D. Stuart, Park Terrace, Blenheim, Eliza Morley, relict of the late W. G. Bell, Bellevue, Richmond, Nelson, aged 72. [Nelson and Wairarapa papers pleasecopy]

*Kalgoorlie Miner (Western Australia) 20 Jan 1898*

The Partnership hitherto carried on by John Rosier Saunders and William Wyman Chambers, trading as Saunders and Chambers, at Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie, has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1898. All accounts due to the Firm must be paid forthwith, and all debts due by the Firm must be rendered at once to the late Firm at Coolgardie. The said John Rosier Saunders will in future carry on business at Kalgoorlie on his account, and the said William Wyman Chambers will in future carry on Business at Coolgardie on his account. Dated 19 Jan 1898. Witness: Arthur G. Jenkins, Solicitor, Coolgardie.

*Wairarapa Standard 14 Jul 1899*

The late Mr Alexander Stewart who died at his residence, Dreyerton, at mid-day on Thursday has for a very long time been settled in this District. He is from Ardamurcon, Argyleshire, Scotland, and came to this colony in the ship 'Oliver Laing' about the year 1869 and first settled at the Hutt. He afterwards entered the employ of Mr J. Cameron at Pahau, where he remained till he took up his land at Dreyerton. He established a home at Dreyerton upwards of twenty years ago and has followed farming pursuits in that locality up to the time of his death. He married Miss P. Bell, whose parents at one time resided in Cole-street, Masterton. There has been eleven children, eight of whom are still living, the oldest being fifteen years of age. The deceased was of a genial disposition and was very popular among all classes of the community. The late Mr Stewart took much interest in the Wairarapa Caledonian Society and the readily rendered assistance he was wont to give at its annual gatherings will be much missed. He was a member of the Dreyerton School Committee and a Trustee of the Dreyerton Public Hall. Besides a wife and eight children the deceased leaves two sisters and a brother, viz: Mrs Jno. Cameron, Mrs Glasgow of Turakina and Mr John Stewart of Dreyerton. The funeral leaves Dreyerton at half-past ten o'clock on Sunday morning, arriving in Masterton at one.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 04 Mar 1903*

At a well attended meeting of the W.F.C.A. enthusiasts, held last evening, Mr E. R. Gee was appointed to the chair. Arrangements were made for properly carrying out cricketing affairs for the remainder of the season, and to put the Club on a good footing for an early start next season, when it is hoped Masterton will have a Thursday Union. Mr Williams was unanimously appointed captain. Only committees were appointed, it being considered too late to appoint a president or other officers. Selection Committee: Messrs J. Berry, S. H. Ralph, and J. F. Williams. General Committee: Messrs E. R. Gee, S. H. Ralph, F. Haughy, **W. W. Chambers**, and J. Berry.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 12 Aug 1903 Masterton Swimming Baths*

The following persons have notified their willingness to subscribe the undermentioned amounts towards the above: H. T. Wood, £5 5s, life membership; Jas. Candy, D. K. Logan, R. W. Carpenter, B. Weller, J. Cochrane, C. Cress, E. H. Waddington, E. P. Brogan, G. Sellar, £1 1s; W. Barlow, Arthur Styles, **W. W. Chambers**, I. Winteringham, C. King, T. Simeon, C. Pulley, F. Miles, J. Harris, E. Groombridge, J. B. Emmett, J. A. Sellar, Cecil C. Cox, S. E. Wright, I. O'Connor, F. O'Connor, J. Prenderville, 10s 6d. The Baths Committee are desirous that those intending to subscribe will hand in their names immediately, as tenders will shortly be called for the work.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 24 Feb 1904 Local and General*

The employèes of the W.F.C.A., will run a bicycle and a foot race on the Masterton Park Oval, this evening, the following handicaps for which have been declared by Mr W. W. Chambers:- 200 Yards Handicap – E. Dixon, scr; G. Stewart, 10yds; T. Thompson, 20yds; W. T. Smith, 30yds; W. Bannister, 35yds; E. Richards, 40yds. One Mile Bicycle Handicap – W. T. Smith and J. Bittle, scr; G. Stewart, 90yds; I. O'Connor and J. Ingram, 100yds; R. Sederson, 110yds; F. O'Connor and F. Henry, 130yds; C. R. Daniell, 160yds; C. R. Gee, 180yds.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 23 Mar 1905 Local and General*

A meeting of the employèes of the W.F.C.A. was held last evening for the purpose of forming a Morris Tube Club. **Mr W. W. Chambers** occupied the chair. Officers were elected as follow:- President, Mr M. Caselberg; vice-Presidents, Messrs D. Caselberg, J. Caselberg, A. Caselberg, G. Long, S. Ralph W. Sutton, E. Richards and G. Hyde; secretary and treasurer, Mr E. Daniel; delegate to the Association, Mr E. Daniel; Committee, Messrs W. Chambers, E. Daniel, F. O'Connor, H. Whitt and J. Ingram. A trophy was donated by Mr W. Chambers.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 25 Mar 1905 Local and General*

A meeting of the W.F.C.A. Cricket Club was held last evening, to consider the decision of the Masterton Cricket Association to play two rounds. There were about twelve members present, and Mr J. F. Williams presided. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion, moved by **Mr W. W. Chambers**, and seconded by the Chairman, was carried: "That in the opinion of this Club the cricket season is altogether too far advanced to entertain any idea of entering on a second round, consequently our Club will withdraw from any further competition this season, after completing the match with Eketahuna, now in progress."

*1905-1906 Masterton Electoral Roll*

William Wyman Chambers, Sussex Street, Masterton, draper

*Wairarapa Daily Times 11 Jan 1906 Wairarapa Amateur Athletic Club – Meeting of Committee*

The Committee of the Wairarapa Amateur Athletic Association held a meeting last evening, Mr S. A. Noble Campbell occupying the chair. Others present were – Messrs A. K. Johnson, A. C. Kitto, A. E. Wilton, W. W. Chambers, J. Kelliher, F. E. Robertson and J. Bradbury (Secretary). A communication was received from the Wellington Centre requesting that the Association should postpone the time for closing nominations in order to allow the applications for re-instatement of Hodge (Wellington), Steward (Masterton), Goodbehere (Palmerston North), and Louden (Port Nicholson) to be dealt with. It was decided that the Committee could not see their way to grant the request, as there would not then be time to have the sports books published. It was also decided to accept the nomination of the above competitors on condition that their applications are granted by Monday next, 15<sup>th</sup> inst. The Wellington Centre will be written to asking that Mr Larkin (the handicapper) be informed at once of the result of the applications for re-instatement. The following officials were elected to act on the day of the sports:- Referee, Mr S. R. Edwards; Marshal, Mr F. Hun; Starter, Mr J. C. McKillop; Judges, Messrs A. Haughey and S. A. Noble Campbell; Time-keepers, Messrs A. Henderson, **W. W. Chambers** and J. C. Ewington; Marksman, Mr A. C. Kitto; Number Steward, Mr J. Kelliher; Colour Stewards, Messrs A. C. Kitto and S. A. Noble Campbell; Black-board Steward, Mr A. K. Johnston; Stewards, Messrs A. E. Wilton, Fish, D. Hoppy, E. Dixon, Walker, A. Davis and F. E. Robertson; Measure Steward, Mr E. Waite; Messenger, Mr M. Miller; Handicapper, Mr W. F. Larkin (Wellington); Judges of Walking, Messrs S. R. Edwards and H. Goodwin. The Committee decided to hold a 220yds flat race at the sports being held by the Band on Thursday evening. It is confidently expected that, with the nominations received in Wellington by Mr Stewart Robinson, the entries for the 100yds handicap event at the forthcoming sports will total about forty.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 15 Feb 1906 Masterton Hospital*

The Treasurer of the Masterton Hospital acknowledges with thanks the following donations on account of the building fund of the new Hospital, viz:- The Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association, Ltd., £25; Mr M. Caselberg, £5 5s; Messrs A. Caselberg, D. Caselberg, J. Caselberg, Mark Caselberg, James Ewart, George Hyde, George Lond, S. H. Ralph, E. Richards, and F. H. Sutton, £1 1s each; Messrs J. H. Berry and D. Hyde, 10s 6d; Messrs F. Haughey, I. O'Connor, R. Pedersen, R. Ward, A. Welch and W. Welch each 7s 6d; Messrs C. H. Abbott, W. Archer, E. M. Bannister, J. Barnes, Frederick Braddock, **W. W. Chambers**, George Dawson, Miss A. Dixon, E. H. Dixon, A. Edwards, C. D. Fairbrother, A. Gilding, F. Gunn, Henry Hall, H. A. Harding, G. Hutchinson, W. S. Jago, J. E. La Roche, Frank McKenzie, F. O'Connor, D. P. Palmer, A. C. Pragnell, A. P. Ralph, F. T. Redman, R. Roy, C. C. Smith, Miss K. Stempà, G. L. Steward, W. J. Vernon, H. E. Whitt, John F. Williams, each 5s; Misses Brown, M. Infield, and Miss Watson, each 3s; Miss Sophie Dupré, and Messrs Frank R. Henry, R. Welch and P. Wilkie, each 2s 6d, making a total of £52 15s contributed by the Wairarapa Farmers' Association and their Masterton establishment. Mr W. G. Beard has donated £10, Mr W. M. Kebbell £5 5s, Messrs H. and G. Laing £5, Mr Alex. McLeod £3 3s, Mr Uen Gen £2 2s, and Mr Frank White £1.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 17 Mar 1906 Local and General*

At a meeting of employèes of the Masterton branch of the W.F.C.A., held last evening, it was decided to form a Hockey Club. Officers were elected as follows:- Patron, Mr M. Caselberg; President, Mr D. Caselberg; Vice-Presidents, Messrs A. Caselberg, J. Caselberg, Mark Caselberg, **W. W. Chambers**, W. Pragnell, E. Richards, senr., Jas. Ewart, G. Williams; Secretary, Mr W. J. Vernon; Captain, C. D. Fairbrother; Vice-Captain, J. D. McNeillage; Committee, Captain, Vice-Captain, and Messrs Roy, Fyfe and Richards; Selection Committee, Captain, Vice-Captain and Richards; Delegates, Messrs Daniel and Roy; Auditor, A. C. Pragnell.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 26 Mar 1906 Amateur Athletics*

Saturday's Sports – Gathering spoilt by bad weather. The final events of the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club's meeting, held on the Basin Reserve on Saturday, were decided in a steady downpour of rain. Notwithstanding the unfavourable conditions, a goodly number of people assembled, but the success of the meeting as a whole was greatly retarded by the rain. Considering the sodden state of the ground, it was indeed remarkable that the standard times should have been beaten in one or two cases. In the One Mile Provincial Championship, J. H. Prendeville put up a splendid performance, beating standard time by 6 1-5sec. J. Bradbury, the second man, also ran excellently, and was only defeated by two yards... The officials, who carried out their work promptly and managed the meeting most capably, were as follows:-... Timekeepers, Messrs L. W. Ludwig, **W. W. Chambers**, W. H. Pollock and W. Tucker...

*Wairarapa Daily Times 19 May 1906 Athletics - New Zealand Amateur Association Meeting of Wairarapa Club*

The Wairarapa Amateur Athletic Club held a special committee meeting last evening, to meet Mr A. Davies, Hon. Secretary of the Wellington centre of the N.Z.A.A.A. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the question of reciprocity between the New Zealand Amateur Association and the recently formed New Zealand Athletic Union for control of cash athletics. There were present – Messrs S. A. Noble-Campbell (chair), J. Bradbury, **W. W. Chambers**, A. E. Wilton, A. K. Johnston and G. W. Sellar. Mr Davies, in the course of his address, stated that the professional athletic societies – or, as they preferred to call themselves, the cash athletic societies – had recently formed a Union, with the object of fostering cash athletics and putting a stop to any abuses which had crept into cash athletics in the past. This Union desired the Amateur Association to reciprocate by placing cash events on the amateur programmes. For the amateurs to comply with this request Mr Davies stated would mean the altering of the whole constitution, not only of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, but also of the Australasian and English Amateur Associations, to which the New Zealand body is affiliated. In other words, reciprocity in that form would simply be impossible. Mr Davies then read a motion which had recently been passed by the Wellington Centre of the N.Z.A.A.A., as follows:- “That this Centre is not prepared to entertain any proposal that would lead to the association of amateur athletics with professional sports.” It had been further decided to recommend to the New Zealand Council that the services of a representative well versed in amateur sport should be obtained to travel the colony in the interest of amateur athletics, and that the various centres be asked to contribute to same. It had been decided, if possible, to secure the Basin Reserve, for the purpose of holding a Wellington Provincial Championship meeting, on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1907. During the discussion which followed Mr Davies' address, the opinion was expressed that any form of reciprocity with the New Zealand Athletic Union was out of the question. Mr Wilton moved, and Mr Chambers seconded, “That this Club take no further action in regard to the placing of amateur events on the programmes of professional athletic bodies.” – Carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr Sellar, seconded by Mr Bradbury, it was decided, “That the Wairarapa Amateur Athletic Club is heartily in accord with the Wellington Centre's proposal to send a representative to tour the colony in the interests of amateur sport.” The Otago Centre is also opposed to any arrangement being made by the N.Z.A.A.A. with the New Zealand Athletic Union. At a meeting of that Centre, recently, it was stated that the cash societies only placed amateur events on their programmes because they recognised that this form of sport was attractive to the public, and was to the advantage of the cash societies. It was stated by one member that he thought amateurs were quite strong enough to look after themselves.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 07 Jun 1906 Charge of Theft – Accused sent to Gaol*

At the Masterton S.M., Court, to-day, before Mr W. P. James, S.M., Peter Jackson was charged with the theft of ten flannel shirts, valued at £2, the property of the W.F.C.A. **William W. Chambers**, in charge of the drapery department at the W.F.C.A., identified the shirts (produced) as having been displayed outside the W.F.C.A. premises. He missed the goods, which had not been sold to anyone, at six o'clock. Frederick Cooper, licensee of the Central Hotel, deposed to seeing accused with a bundle of flannel shirts tucked under his arm about five o'clock last evening, going along the alley way at the side of the Central Hotel. Constable Egan gave evidence to finding the goods at the rear of Messrs Hartmann, Hoar and Permain's premises. Accused said he admitted having been drunk (with which he was also charged), but had no recollection of stealing the goods mentioned in the charge-sheet. Sergeant O'Malley stated it was the first offence of theft brought against accused. A sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed on the charge of theft, and a fine of 5s, in default 24 hours', was imposed on the charge of drunkenness.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 06 Aug 1906 Personal Matters*

Mr W. W. Chambers, who has, for five years past, been employed in the drapery department of the W.F.C.A., was, on Saturday night, made the recipient of a silver-mounted oak liqueur stand, engraved, from his fellow-employés, to mark the occasion of his departure to take up a position at Picton. Mr D. Caselberg made the presentation in a felicitous speech, and Mr Chambers suitably acknowledged the gift.

*Marlborough Express 28 Feb 1907 Local and General News*

The first of the series of races for the trophies presented to the Picton Rowing Club by Mr W. W. Chambers, was decided on Tuesday evening, when F. Carrick and N. Godfrey defeated W. Godfrey and C. Smith by nearly two lengths. At a meeting of the Committee of the Club, the Secretary submitted a balance-sheet, which showed there was a credit balance at the bank of over £34.

*Marlborough Express 27 Sep 1907*

For some time past the talk of the town in Picton has been the forthcoming performance by the "All Black" Entertainers, in aid of Holy Trinity Church and school. The company, consisting of about twenty men, have been in enthusiastic rehearsal for several weeks, and on Tuesday night, in spite of the weather, performed before a house such as Fay's Hall has seldom held.... All the members of the company did remarkably well for a first appearance, but a special word of praise is due to Mr Bush, conductor, who has worked up a really fine orchestra, the cornermen (Messrs Love, Fredericks, Clinch and Jennings); to Miss E. Chambers, the talented young pianiste; and last, but not least, to **Mr W. W. Chambers**, the hard-working and enthusiastic manager...

*Marlborough Express 01 Oct 1907*

The "All Blacks" should be much gratified with the financial success of their first entertainment yesterday. Mr W. W. Chambers, their manager, had the pleasure of handing to the treasurer of Holy Trinity Church the sum of £20 odd, proceeds of Wednesday's performance.



*Marlborough Express 08 Nov 1907*

Two interesting heats in the competitions for Mr W. W. Chambers's trophy and Mr H. Western's medals were rowed off this evening. In the A class, for Mr Chambers's prize, A. Perano and Jensen beat Carrick and Brendt; and for the medals Madsen and Burns beat Young and Smith. Mr C. Philpotts's new launch "Larola" acted as starter's boat, and conveyed a number of interested spectators to the starting point.

*Marlborough Express 16 Nov 1907*

A meeting was held in the Foresters' Hall this evening to elect committees and make preliminary arrangements for the New Year's Day regatta. Mr G. A. Smith was voted to the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:- Commodores, the Mayors of Picton and Blenheim, Hon. C. H. Mills and Mr John Duncan; President, Mr W. W. Chambers; Vice-president, Mr Seymour; Judges, Messrs Riddell, Clinch, Madsen; Umpires, Messrs G. A. Smith, L. Perano, and Nicol; Time-keeper, Mr Chambers; Treasurer, Mr F. A. Oxley; Secretary, Mr H. McCormick; Stewards for novel events, Messrs T. Parfitt, Jennings and J. Godfrey; Committee, officers ex-officio, and Messrs D. Godfrey, Stuart, Storey, Martin, D. Perano, C. Perano, Carroll, Tasker, and Miles. Messrs C. Fredericks, McCormick and G. A. Smith were appointed to draw up a draft programme and submit it at next meeting. It was unanimously resolved to grant the energetic secretary, Mr H. A. McCormick, an honorarium of five pounds. The matter of appointing a canvasser and handicappers for the launch races was left in the hands of the Committee.

*Marlborough Express 14 Dec 1907 Picton School Cadets*

The Picton Cadets fired the first competition for the South Island Shield on Thursday afternoon. Mr W. W. Chambers, an old Volunteer, late Col. Sergt. Middlesex Rifles, supervised the shooting. The conditions were seven shots and a sighter and a possible at each range 28. The scores were:- ...

*Marlborough Express 11 Sep 1908*

Local bowlers are actively prepared for the coming season. At a committee meeting held on Monday evening Messrs G. A. Smith, W. W. Chambers and J. F. Esson were elected a ground committee. The green is in capital order, save for a few weeds, the result of the winter flood. Still it is expected that with the top-dressing that the ground had and the splendid sward of grass now showing, a successful season should be the result.

*Marlborough Express 12 Sep 1908 Picton Rowing Club*

Election of Officers... President: Mr W. W. Chambers... Mr Chambers in returning thanks to the Club upon his election as President, said it was not his intention to be a mere figurehead. He took a live interest in the Club, and it was his intention to attend all meetings he possibly could, and to help the Club forward to the best of his ability. (Applause)...

*Marlborough Express 19 Sep 1908*

A representative meeting of trades-people met at the Foresters' Hall last evening for the purpose of forming a Retailers' Association. Mr C. D. Stuart occupied the chair, and it was decided that an association be formed and that the Mayor be notified to that effect and asked that in future the Association be consulted in reference to holidays. The following officers were elected: President, C. D. Stuart; Vice-President, **W. W. Chambers**; Secretary and Treasurer, J. L. Harwood; Auditor, H. A. McCormick; Executive Committee, Messrs C. D. Stuart, J. L. Harwood, G. Wilkins, G. Blizzard, W. E. Miles, A. Clinch and C. Philpotts. In the course of a general discussion it was decided that Dominion Day be not observed as a holiday, and that the Association meetings be held on the second Thursday in each month.

*Marlborough Express 30 Sep 1908 Picton Horticultural Society*

Last evening the annual general meeting of the Picton Horticultural Society was held at the Literary Institute. Miss E. Dart (president) was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, and showed that the affairs of the Society were in a flourishing condition. Two shows were held during the past year, and after meeting all liabilities the Treasurer, Mr C. D. Stuart, was able to announce a credit balance of £17. The following officers were elected:- President, Miss E. Dart; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Riddell, Rev. T. J. Smith, and Mr W. W. Chambers; Committee, Mesdames Madsen, Smith, Miss Macalister, Dr Redman, Messrs Riddell, Miles, Madsen, Cragg and Bush. All donors of special prizes were elected patrons of the Society. Hon. Secretary, Mrs S. J. Macalister; Treasurer, Mr C. D. Stuart. It was decided to hold the Spring and Rose Show on Wednesday, November 25.

*Marlborough Express 19 Feb 1909*

His Worship the Mayor, Mr G. Maitland, with characteristic energy, has organised a strong committee, whose object is to raise funds for the relief of the distressed widow, Mrs Hannam. A subscription list has been opened at Mr Maitland's office, and Mr W. W. Chambers is secretary of the committee, which has organised what promises to be a successful concert for to-morrow night (Friday). On that account Lieut-Col. Joyce, Officer commanding the district, has postponed the inspection parade of the Waitohi Rifles to a later date.

*Marlborough Express 25 Feb 1909*

Last week, on the suggestion of Mr A. Bush, a committee, consisting of his Worship the Mayor (Mr G. Maitland), Rev. T. J. Smith, Mr A. Bush, and **Mr W. W. Chambers**, undertook to organise a benefit concert to Mrs Hannam. The committee soon got to work, and within four days an excellent programme was rendered. The public of Pictou responded splendidly, and Fay's Hall was full to overflowing with an enthusiastic audience that encored each item of the programme. On occasions like these the Picton Orchestral Society, under the able conductorship of Mr A. J. Bush, can always be relied upon to contribute several bright and sparkling items, and Friday evening was no exception to the rule. Songs were sung by Miss Nielson, Miss Watson, Mrs Nicol and Messrs H. A. Simmonds, J. McIntosh, Andrews, Watson, Haugley, and D. McCormick. Captain Burgess recited, and Miss L. Fuller and Miss Chambers played the accompaniments. All these items were well received. At the interval his Worship the Mayor briefly thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the entertainment, and announced that the concert would realise about £45. As hon. secretary, Mr W. W. Chambers, as usual, proved to be the right man in the right place, and on this occasion, thanks to the generosity of the public, the concert was entirely free from expenses.

*Marlborough Express 29 Apr 1909*

The annual meeting of the Picton Golf Club was held in the Foresters' Hall last evening, Mr G. J. Riddell (captain) being in the chair. The following ladies and gentlemen were the winners of the club's trophies for the past season:- Mrs Riddell, Misses Macalister (2) and Chambers, Messrs Wicks, Ibbetson, Riddell and Madsen. The prizes were donated by Mrs Riddell, Messrs H. Western, Vickers, Madsen, Riddell, and Dr Redman. The club will open the season with a credit balance of £3 16s 7d. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr Redman; vice-presidents, Messrs H. and W. Western and H. Harris; captain, Mr G. J. Riddell; secretary, Mr B. Crompton Smith; General Committee, Messrs Philpotts and Seymour, Mrs Riddell, and Messrs W. Martin, **W. W. Chambers**, and H. C. Madsen; handicappers, Messrs Riddell and Ibbetson; selectors, the captain and secretary.

*Marlborough Express 27 May 1909*

The Picton Brass Band are bestirring themselves in preparation for the Jubilee Band Contest to take place in November next. An endeavour is being made to raise sufficient funds to provide the band with a uniform. With this end in view a strong committee of townsmen has been formed, with Mr W. W. Chambers as hon. secretary, and the band's annual social was such a pronounced success that a profit of £20 was made. The "All Black" combination is practising assiduously, and will give a concert similar to that of last year for the benefit of the band's funds.

*Marlborough Express 12 Jun 1909*

Yesterday evening at Fay's Hall a benefit social was given in aid of Mrs Wakefield and, as is usual in Picton when there is a case in need, the public, at the call of Messrs W. W. Chambers and R. G. Dawkins (secretaries) responded splendidly, with the result that the building was taxed to its limits, and owing to the generosity of the public the expenses were nil. The room was tastefully decorated, and a bountiful supper, presided over by Mesdames Perano, Godfrey, Gillies, Jennings and Miss Dunn, was provided. The music was supplied by the Picton Orchestra, conducted by Mr A. Bush. At the supper interval his Worship the Mayor, Mr H. McCormick, in behalf of Mrs Wakefield, thanked the Committee for their kind efforts and at the same time congratulated the promoters on the financial success of the gathering.

*Marlborough Express 12 Jul 1909*

For the past month our local minstrel company, organised by W. W. Chambers, have been practising assiduously for a concert in aid of the Band's uniform fund, and the promised performance eventuated last evening, when Fay's Hall was crowded with an enthusiastic audience...

*Marlborough Express 24 Jul 1909 Havelock*

"Rain, hail, or shine, Picton keeps faith with Havelock," was the promise made by the All Black entertainers, who arrived by special launch soon after 5 p.m. last night...Mr W. W. Chambers travelled with the company as manager, Miss L. E. Chambers, pianiste...

*Marlborough Express 16 Aug 1909*

At the annual meeting of the Picton Traders' Association on Thursday evening the following officials were elected:- President, Mr W. W. Chambers; Vice-President, Mr G. Maitland; Executive, Messrs C. D. Stuart, W. E. Miles, J. W. Perano, and W. Burrough; Secretary, Mr J. L. Harwood. A vote of thanks to retiring officers was recorded.

*Wairarapa Daily Times 18 Aug 1909 Local and General*

The following unclaimed letters await delivery at the Masterton Post Office:- [to] W. W. Chambers [from] New South Wales...

*Marlborough Express 30 Aug 1909*

On Wednesday evening a meeting of those interested in forming a Picton Poultry Association was held in the Literary Institute. The movement was set afoot by Messrs D. France and W. W. Chambers, the former conducting a vigorous canvass, which resulted in his obtaining over thirty members willing to join an Association. At the meeting Mr G. Maitland occupied the chair, and there were present to assist the President, Mr J. L. Lord, Vice-President, Mr W. A. Sowman, and secretary, Mr Jas. Brown, of the Blenheim Association. These gentlemen expressed pleasure at being able to assist the movement, and promised the use of the Blenheim Association's cages, etc. It was decided to form an Association, and the following officers were elected:- Patron, Mr J. Duncan, M.P.; President, Mr G. Maitland; Vice-Presidents, Messrs W. W. Chambers, H. A. McCormick, J. W. Jones, D. France, W. Lucena, J. L. Lord and W. A. Sowman; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr H. A. Rowe; Auditor, Mr W. W. Chambers; Committee, Messrs W. Fitch, T. Bright, G. Wilkins, J. Burt, J. Carnahan, A. Perano, D. Godfrey, H. C. Madsen and Dr Redman.

*Marlborough Express 13 Oct 1909 Personal*

Mr W. W. Chambers, of Picton, has been elected president of the Marlborough Rowing Association, and Mr Seymour Fell auditor.

*Marlborough Express 15 Oct 1909*

Mr W. W. Chambers has gone to Dunedin on business.

*Marlborough Express 25 Oct 1909 Picton*

Mr W. W. Chambers, the popular president of the Rowing Club, intends resigning from his position at an early date. A good many, will hear this with regret, as Mr Chambers has done a considerable quantity of work for the Club, assisting it in every possible way. The debt due to him cannot be lightly estimated.

*Marlborough Express 29 Oct 1909 Picton*

This afternoon, under perfect weather conditions, the Picton Bowling Club opened its season. About twenty bowlers from Blenheim, representing the Blenheim and Riversdale clubs, were present, and there was also a large and representative gathering of local people, including many ladies who graced the green with their presence. The President of the Club, Mr W. W. Chambers, in a brief and happy speech, welcomed the visitors to the green. He said that it was unnecessary for him to dwell on the merits of the game, which had stood the test of more than three hundred years, and was to-day more popular than ever. Mrs Chambers then threw the jack, and the green was formally declared open for the season. Mixed rinks were then chosen from the members of the three clubs present, and play was carried on until about 5.30, when the visitors mustered at the pavilion and Mr R. McCallum, vice-president of the Blenheim Club, thanked the members of the Picton Club in behalf of its guests for the pleasant afternoon's sport. He congratulated the club on the improvements made to the green and its surroundings, and wished the club a prosperous season. Cheers were then exchanged, and the guests departed by the 6.15 p.m. train.

*1911 and 1914 Marlborough Electoral Rolls*

William Wyman Chambers, Nelson Square, Picton, draper; Annie Dean Chambers – same address

*1919 Marlborough Electoral Rolls*

William Wyman Chambers, Nelson Square, Picton, draper; Annie Dean Chambers, married and Lilian Edith Chambers, spinster – same address

*Evening Post 21 May 1921 Women in Print*

The marriage took place at the Holy Trinity Church, Picton, on Thursday of Miss Lilian Edith (Ede) Chambers, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. W. Chambers, to Mr James Amos Brayley, second son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Brayley, Devonshire, England, the Rev. Canon Quintrell officiating. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a beautiful gown of ivory crepe-de-chine and georgette, trimmed with lace and beadwork. Caught at the shoulders with clusters of orange blossoms, was a lovely train lined with shirred pale blue georgette, trimmed with lace and finished with beadwork, and a large true-lover's knot of satin ribbon. Her tulle veil was worn with a wreath of orange blossoms, and her shower bouquet was of white chrysanthemums, carnations, and maidenhair fern. Miss Alexa Stewart (of Masterton) was the bridesmaid, wearing a pretty amber dress, the bodice of crepe-de-chine and the skirt of accordeon-pleated georgette. Sprays of peacock-blue berries and ribbon streamers trimmed the dress, and a circlet of amber leaves was worn with her tulle veil. She also carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums, autumn leaves, and maidenhair fern. The train-bearer, Miss Marjory Dawkins, was in a dress of white georgette, with tiny frills. Mr A. M. Thomson, of Blenheim, was best man. As the bridal couple were leaving the church a silver horse-shoe tied with ribbon and orange blossom was presented to them by young Master John Townshend. After the ceremony the guests were entertained by the bride's parents to wedding breakfast at the Terminus Hotel. Mr and Mrs Brayley left later on a motor trip to the South, the bride wearing a smart fawn gabardine costume and skunk cape stole (the gift of the bridegroom). Her toque, to match, was trimmed with coloured flowers.

*Evening Post 09 Jun 1930 Marriage*

A wedding solemnised at the Basilica, Hill street, recently was that of Iris, only daughter of Mrs Williams and the late Mr G. A. Williams, of Hobson street, to Vincent Mullins, son of Mr John Roache and the late Mrs Roache, of Brunswick, Wanganui. The Rev. Father Smyth officiated, and the wedding music was supplied by Miss Putnam. The singing of Gounod's "Ave Maria" by Mrs Tracey Amies (a friend of the bride), was a feature of the occasion. The bride, who was escorted by her brother, Dr J. U. Williams, wore a charming medieval gown of ivory moire velvet; a mantilla of lace, held by a coronet of orange blossom, was worn effectively over her long tulle veil. She carried a sheaf of roses and gladioli, and on leaving the church was presented with a horseshoe of unique design by Miss Myers, of Invercargill. The bridesmaids were Misses Eileen Fraser (Invercargill), and Florence Mullins (Wanganui). They were daintily gowned in frocks of pink and blue floral taffetas with puff sleeves and hem of silk net, and wore wide felt hats to tone. Both carried bouquets of chrysanthemums and roses. Little Moira Whyborn (Masterton) was the bride's attendant. Her frock, in early Victorian design, was of ivory taffeta, and she held a posy of sweetpeas. Mr W. B. Gamble was best man and Mr Albert Williams groomsman. After the ceremony a reception was held at Kirkcaldie and Stains, where Mrs Williams and the bridegroom's sister received the guests. The former wore a frock of black mairiette relieved with biege georgette and a black hat with paradise plume, also a stonemarten sole, and carried a bouquet of autumn-tinted chrysanthemums. The latter wore an ensemble of bottle green with a hat to match; her bouquet was of chrysanthemums and carnations of petunia shade. After the wedding breakfast musical items were given by Mrs Tracey Amies, Misses E. Roache and V. Boesley, and Mr G. H. Gray. Mr and Mrs Roache received many telegrams of good wishes, including one from the bride's brother, Mr G. E. Williams, who is a member of the Royal Air Force in England. Among the visiting guests were: **Mrs W. W. Chambers**, Mrs J. Cunliffe, Miss Brown, and Miss O'Leary (Marlborough). Miss D. Fraser, Mrs Myers and daughter (Invercargill), Miss M. Mullins (Wanganui), Mr and Mrs Whyborn (Masterton), Misses B. and N. Wilson, and Mr H. Young (Masterton), Dr Joan Williams, Mrs Kroupa, Sister Gray, Mr and Mrs Tills, Lieut-Colonel and Mrs J. G. Roache, Mr Brian Roache, Mrs Chambers (Muritai), Mr and Mrs W. Fraser, Miss Strange, Mr and Mrs Golding, Miss Nelson. Mr and Mrs Roache left later for a tour, the latter wearing a frock of wine moire silk under a musquash coat, with a hat to match.

*Evening Post 19 Oct 1934 Personal Notes*

Mrs W. W. Chambers, Picton, who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has returned to her home.

*Evening Post 05 Apr 1943 Engagements*

The engagement is announced between Phyllis Joan, elder daughter of Mrs V. Chambers and the late W. W. Chambers, 56 Central Terrace, Wellington, and P.F.C. Theodor Robert Daniel, only son of Mr and Mrs K. F. Daniel, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

*Evening Post 04 Oct 1943 Marriage*

On September 29, 1943, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Kelburn, by the Rev. J. F. Mayo, Phyllis Joan, elder daughter of Mrs Ulva Chambers and the late W. W. Chambers, 56 Central Tce., Wellington, to P.F.C. Theodor Robert Daniel, U.S.M.C., only son of Mr and Mrs K. F. Daniel, U.S.A.

*The Marlborough Express 3 Sep 1953 Obituary – Annie Dean Chambers*

The death occurred last night of Mrs Annie Dean Chambers, one of Picton's most esteemed residents. She was in her 95th year and had retained all her faculties until a fortnight ago. Born at Auckland, her parents were the late Mr and Mrs John Upham Williams. She was married in Australia and later returned to New Zealand with her husband, Mr W. W. Chambers, who died in 1925. Mr and Mrs Chambers arrived in Picton over 40 years ago, and Mr Chambers was manager of the former branch of Girlings' Ltd., at Picton. Mrs Chambers was a foundation member of the Picton Croquet Club, in which she was recognised as the Club's 'mother'. She was also one of three foundation members of the Picton Navy League. In addition to taking an active interest in the affairs of the Picton Plunket Society, of which she was patroness for many years, Mrs Chambers was a keen worker in patriotic and Red Cross activities during the First World War. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs J. A. Breayley, Wellington Street, Picton. There are seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The funeral will leave the Holy Trinity Church, Picton, for the Picton cemetery tomorrow afternoon.