

Walter GRACE (1873-)

Evening Post 5 Jun 1894 Accidents & Fatalities

By Telegraph (Our Own Correspondent) Palmerston North, this day. A young man named Walter Grace had the flesh completely stripped off his little finger while working at a moulding machine yesterday.

Feilding Star 1 Oct 1894 Wellington Land Board

The monthly meeting of the Land Board was held on Thursday... The following applications for land were approved:- W. A. Grace, John Rochelle and Walter Grace, sections 977, 679 and 681, Blocks VII and XI, Rewa.

Feilding Star 5 Nov 1896 Local and General News

A concert was given in the Temperance Hall, Rongotea, on November 4th, by Mr Grace and his choir in aid of the Primitive Methodist Building Fund. There was a fair attendance. The Rev Mr Cocker presided. The programme was as follows:- Anthems by the choir; songs by Miss Malcolm, Mr W. Grace, Mr Hunn, Mrs Mowlem, Miss Brogden, Mr Walter Grace, Miss Anderson; cornet solo, Mr Williams; reading, Mr Grace; recitation, Mr Mowlem. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Grace and his choir. Mr Cocker moved a vote of thanks to Mr Mitchell, which was carried for the loan of his organ. This brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Hawke's Bay Herald 25 Mar 1899

Mr Walter Grace, manager for James Grace and Co., who is well known in Napier, accompanied by another gentleman, paid us a visit last week, both coming up on bikes. This is the first time that the bicycle journey has been done to these parts, and the event creates some interest.

Christchurch Star 17 Apr 1900 Marriage

April 16, at the Durham Street Wesleyan Church, Christchurch, Walter, second son of James Grace, Esq., of Palmerston North, to Edith May, youngest and twin daughter of Duncan Sinclair, Esq., of the same place. North Island papers please copy.

Feilding Star 17 Apr 1900

At Christchurch yesterday, Mr Walter Grace, a son of Mr James Grace, of Palmerston North, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Edith May, a daughter of Mr D. Sinclair, engineer to the Pohangina County Council. The wedding was quite a quiet one, only the parents and immediate connections of the contracting parties being present. The happy couple will reside in Christchurch, where Mr Grace has obtained a lucrative appointment.

1902 Christchurch Electoral Roll

Edith May Grace, housewife; Walter Grace, importer; William Arthur Grace, importer; all residing at 199 Colombo street, Sydenham

Christchurch Star 30 Jan 1902 Advertisement

Three-roomed Cottage to Let; tram to the door. 199, Colombo Road south, Sydenham.

Christchurch Star 22 Feb 1902 Advertisement

Two rooms to let; suit aged couple or sisters. 199, Colombo Road South, Sydenham.

Christchurch Star 2 Jul 1902 and 5 Jul 1902 Advertisements

To Bootmakers – For Sale, a Bespoke and Repairing Business; immediate possession, owner leaving Christchurch. Apply on the premises, 174, Gloucester Street, west.

Christchurch Star 8 Dec 1902 Advertisements Column 3 – Grace Bros., Estate Agents, 174, Gloucester Street

To Let, City, 6 rooms, pantry, bath, wash-house, 17s 6d.; 5 rooms and conveniences, 13s. To Let, North Belt, 5 rooms, all conveniences, 12s 6d; 5 rooms, new, all conveniences, 15s 6d; 6 rooms, 13s. To Let, Linwood, 5 rooms, conveniences, 12s 6d; 6 rooms, ditto, 12s 6d; Addington, 4 rooms, scullery, 7s 6d; ditto, 8s. To Let, near Railway Station, 5 rooms, pantry, bathroom, copper, 14s; 5 rooms, conveniences, 13s; 6 rooms, ditto, 13s. To Let, several 8,9,10-roomed houses, City. Office hours, 9 to 5; close Thursdays; open Saturday afternoon and evening.

Christchurch Star 8 Dec 1902 Advertisement Column 4 – Grace Bros., Manufacturers' Agents, 174, Gloucester Street

Washing Machines! Have you seen them? The best on earth. Two weeks' free trial in your own home.

1903 Christchurch Electoral Roll

Clara Lily Grace, domestic duties; Edith May Grace, housewife; Walter Grace, importer; William Arthur Grace, importer, all residing at 199 Colombo street, Sydenham.

1903 Stones Directory of Canterbury

Walter Grace, 199 Colombo Street. William Arthur Grace, Fisher St, Beckenham, Christchurch. Walter and William Arthur owned a business called Grace Brothers – land, estate and manufacturers' agents and indentors, of 174 Gloucester St, Christchurch and 199 Colombo St, Sydenham, Christchurch.

Christchurch Star 16 Jan 1903

Wanted immediately, Another Good Fancy Ironer, Collar Ironer, Shirt Ironer and Polisher; also Competent Machinist for sewing on new neckbands, cuffs and fronts. Top wages paid, but only first-class hands need apply. New Central Laundry, next Rink Stables, Armagh Street.

Christchurch Star 17 Feb 1903 Late Advertisement – Grace Bros., 174, Gloucester Street

Bargain. Bargain. To Private Boarding-Housekeepers, Heads of Large Families, Speculators. City – Large 2-storey 10-roomed house, all large, lofty rooms, concrete foundations, bathroom, wash-house, copper, etc., large shed, high section, hot water to bath; £475 only. Easiest of terms, £25 deposit, balance at 18s weekly.

Christchurch Star 5 May 1903 Advertisement – Grace Bros., 174, Gloucester Street

£420 Cashel Street, Linwood – 6-roomed house and conveniences, Fol. 72. £220 Tuam Street, Linwood – 4-roomed cottage, high section, Fol. 75. £300 City, near Railway – House 4 rooms Venetians, etc., concrete foundations; £20 down, balance 11s weekly, Fol. 60. £125 City, central $\frac{3}{4}$ acre and 8-roomed house; balance at 5 per cent, Fol.15. £150 Ferry Road, just off – Nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ acre, 3-roomed house of kauri; £10 down, 8s weekly, Fol.161. £230 Linwood, off Ferry Road – 6-roomed house, detached wash-house, Fol.160. £525 Sydenham – $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, modern house, 6 rooms and conveniences, two frontages, large orchard, Fol.153. £350 Sydenham – New house, 5 rooms and conveniences, good property; £20 down, Fol.115.

Christchurch Star 9 Jul 1903

Wanted, more shirt and collar Ironers, also apprentices. Apply Forewoman, New Central Laundry.

Transcript of Official Assignee's Bankruptcy File by Ian Grace – Archives NZ Christchurch Reference CAMO accession CH214 Box 15/395

For Walter Grace, 228 Oxford Terrace, Laundryman – filed 28 July 1903 by C. Hill. Walter Grace on his oath saith "I am at present a Laundryman - I filed my declaration of Insolvency about a quarter to 3. I live at 228 Oxford Terrace as a boarder - my wife and child live there too - I file owing to pressure of creditors - The landlord has put in a distraint for rent. I suspect that Mr Allan Hopkins has instructed the Bailiff to sell for him also, as he holds a Registered Bill of Sale given 28th July 1903. That Bill of Sale covers some old Bad Debts, horse, tandem and single bicycle, some penny in the slot machines, and some furniture in the Laundry. I had a private meeting of Creditors at Mr Malley's office on Thursday afternoon last, and they requested me to file, there were about twenty creditors there. I have been in the Laundry business for a little over 6 months. I have no capital except what was owing to me from my previous business which was that of Importer of washing machines, and after that as a land and estate agent - the debts owing then and now were on time payments for washing machines and pianos. On these debts and any furniture I borrowed £180 from Mr Allan Hopkins, now reduced to £73.15.0 The loan was made as above 28th July 1902, and was for paying off what I owed on washing machines. The laundry business is not paying, firstly for want of a little capital. My receipts are shown in a Cash Book which I produce - Also my expenditure. There are Book debts owing to me about £179, almost all good. The automatic penny-in-the-slot machines are 5 of which 4 are at the laundry. They are all paid for - They pay good interest on the money they cost - I owed £6.16.6 for wages up to last Saturday week, and I now owe for last week, and a portion of this - The work is still going on with about 15 hands, but the matter is disorganised owing to my filing so that they are not working to advantage. I think the business could be sold as a going concern. The forewoman at the laundry is a Mrs Harding and the head clerk Miss Warburton, and I think they might purchase it if terms can be arranged - Mr Allan Hopkins has not given me any notice that he has seized any property under his Bill of Sale - He told me he had Mr McAlpine's Bailiff into his bailiff guaranteeing McAlpine his rent, to prevent the creditors seizing his things. There is still owing to me £179.0.0 of which about £80 are specified in the Schedule of the Bill of Sale, and the balance is owing for articles in the Schedule of Bill of Sale as Stock. The furniture is now, I believe in Maleame [hard to read] & Co's sale room.

The Bank Debts in Schedule, and for the Sale of Stock are all shown in the Ledger in hands of Messrs Stringer & Cresswell, and with insignificant exceptions they are all good. Walter Grace.

Minutes of the first Meeting of Creditors held at the Office of the Official Assignee at Christchurch at 11 am on 4th August 1903. Present: The Debtor and Mr Graham, Solr. [creditors] Bilcliffe £6 10s 11d; West £6 14s 7d; Hodges £3; Strange & Co per McGee £2 9s; Spencer W W £12 1s 9d; ... & Co F £71 12s 6d ; Ln Times per Mr Washer £19 12s 9d; Smith A Sellars £6 5s 4d; ... & Son £12 6s; Treleaven & Co £3 7s; [to?] Mr Walker, "I have been in business in Christchurch since April 1902 - I had about £108 but owed against that about as much at that date - I used the money borrowed from Hopkins to pa what I owed for washing machines and the liabilities. I produce account of expenditure and receipts (marked A) in Connection with the laundry. I have been in Christchurch about 16 months. I did not state to Mr Neale that I would pay him the next Saturday - I said I thought I could pay £1. [to?] Mr Weeks, I did not state in your shop the day before the private meeting of creditors that your account (Mr Weeks) would be paid the following Saturday. I have recd. no private money since I started the laundry - I have paid private debts for board &c. I was about £200 to the bad when I started the laundry - the loss is on capital account chiefly. I was assured that there was a good profit up to ... per cent to be made, and thinking so I went into the business with confidence. I honestly thought I could work myself clear. I paid my Ashburton creditors - I did not fit there, I did not leave Palmerston North in Debt - I left Auckland but not in debt I had £35 - A friend with whom I worked was in debt and I paid some of them. My brother was not in business with me at Sydenham - I intended that he would join me if the business admitted. I have obtained goodes from persons to whom I have paid nothing. I admit that I ought to have consulted my creditors before starting the laundry. Walter Grace. Mr Bush moved, "That the estate be left in the Mr Weeks" secd. hands of the Assignee to realise ... There was a strong expression of opinion that the Debtor should not have gone into debt as he has done at the risk of those who trusted him, without laying the true state of his affairs before them, and that his not doing so amounts to reckless trading.

Christchurch Star 1 Aug 1903

In Bankruptcy - Estate of Walter Grace, Laundryman. Tenders are invited, until noon Monday, 3rd August, for the Goodwill and Plant of "The New Central Laundry." Full particulars at office of G. L. Greenwood, Official Assignee. Christchurch, 1st August, 1903.

Christchurch Star 3 Aug 1903

Meetings of creditors will be held in the estate of Walter Grace, at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Christchurch Star 21 Oct 1903

Wanted. A good Collar Polisher, at once. New Central Laundry, Armagh Street, next Rink Stables.

Christchurch Star 26 Oct 1903 Presentations

At the anniversary meeting of the Sydenham Methodist Sunday School, on Wednesday last, Mr W. A. Hulbert, who had held the position of superintendent for a number of years, was presented with a handsome silver teapot and fruit stand, in recognition of his services. Mr W. A. Grace, who conducted the singing, was presented with a silver-mounted baton.

Christchurch Star 2 Jan 1904

Wanted, good Collar Ironer and Polisher. Apply New Central Laundry.

Christchurch Star 4 Jul 1904 Advertisement

Wanted, a Boy for the boot trade. Apply McFedries' Boot Store, 199, Colombo Road, Sydenham.

Christchurch Star 11 Aug 1904

Wanted. Shirt and Collar Hand, immediately; permanent. New Central Laundry.

Christchurch Star 10 Dec 1904

Don't wait ere Xmas week, but get your Dresses done now at The New Central Laundry, 205, Armagh Street (next Rink Stables). All Handwork. No Machinery Whatever. Dresses and Fancy Work a speciality. For shirts and collars we can beat anything in New Zealand.

Star 20 Apr 1905 Express Passenger List

Passengers for the south by the first express today:- ... Mr and Mrs Walter Grace and child...

Christchurch Star 29 Nov 1905

Wanted. Boy for parcels, light work, 1s 6d a day. New Central Laundry, 205, Armagh Street.

1905 Wises Post Office Directory

Wm. A. Grace, carpenter, Fisher st, Heathcote, Christchurch

David Webster McFedries, bootmaker, 199 Colombo street, Sydenham

Walter Forsyth, laundry, 205 Armagh street, Christchurch

(1905-1906 Christchurch North Electoral Roll – Walter Forsyth, launderer; Ada Forsyth, married – both residing at 205 Armagh Street)

1905-1906 Lyttelton Electoral Roll

Clara Lilly Grace, married; William Arthur Grace, builder; both residing at Fisher street, Beckenham.

Christchurch Star 5 Jan 1906

Wanted. Laundresses, Shirt and Collar Hands, and Starcher. New Central Laundry, Victoria Square.

Christchurch Star 10 Mar 1906

Wanted New Central Laundry Patrons note - Removed to larger premises, 136, St Asaph Street.

Otago Witness 10 Oct 1906 Cycling and Motor Notes

In a letter to Mr S. R. Stedman, Mr Walter Grace records the fact that he has had the distinction of taking his 9 h.p. De Dion car over the Skippers road, the only car which has so far negotiated this track, which has the doubtful reputation of being one of the most dangerous in New Zealand. Mr Grace's car is also the first motor to put in an appearance in the Wanaka district. Which all goes to show the utility and reliability of the motor car of the present day.

Otago Witness 31 Oct 1906 Cycling and Motor Notes

Mr Walter Grace arrived back in Dunedin on Wednesday last with his 8 horse-power De Dion car. Since Mr Grace left town, some eight months back, his car has travelled 13,100 miles, most of the roads being in the back-blocks, where motor cars are very seldom seen. This was the first motor car to ever attempt the zig-zag at Skippers, although Mr Glidden, the American tourist, was wrongly reported to have negotiated this dangerous road. Those people who know the Queenstown and Arrowtown districts will acknowledge that Mr Grace's performance was a remarkable one, as the road is very dangerous even to horse traffic. The car at present is in as good running order as ever. Mr Grace went on to Christchurch last Friday, where he intends to remain for the opening of the Exhibition, prior to touring the North Island.

Otago Witness 30 Jan 1907

The much travelled Mr Grace has just driven his 9 h.p. De Dion through from Romahapa to Invercargill.

Christchurch Star 16 Mar 1907 Advertisements – Ranger's Cyclery, 174, Gloucester St

Wanted Known – The Best Place to Leave Your Bike. Wanted, Beat Bike Stand, Christchurch, Attendance day and night. Wanted, Best Bike Stand, Christchurch.

Christchurch Star 17 Jun 1907 Advertisement "Our Boys" Butchery, 174, Gloucester St

Wanted, a Smart Boy for Butchering; good wages; only live boys need apply. Apply Green and Hickson.

Grey River Argus 28 Sep 1907 A Motor Car Journey

Gisborne, Sept 27. Mr Walter Grace left Gisborne this afternoon for Wairoa by motor, Mrs Grace accompanying him. As the road at present is impassable for a motor with the usual equipment, Mr Grace has adopted a device which he feels certain will enable him to overcome the difficulties to be encountered. He has had attached to the car on either side a pair of planks hinged together. They are doubled up in a "V" shape and ordinarily serve the purpose as well as mud guards, but when a bad bit of road has to be encountered the guards are unshipped and used as a bridge for the motor car wheels to run on. All attempts to dissuade Mr Grace from making the journey at present have failed, although he has been informed that beyond Waerengaokuri there is one length of "porridgy" road extending for 2½ miles and another length further on extending for 1½ miles, making four miles of sticky mud that cannot be avoided. The destination tonight is Waerengaokuri. On the way to Wairoa Mr and Mrs Grace intend visiting the Marumaru caves. Mr Grace has toured over nearly the whole of New Zealand. Ten years ago he cycled through from Gisborne to Wairoa. He says that he got the first motor car to Lake Wakatipu negotiating sandy patches with the use of cocoanut matting, Mrs Grace assisting him in getting the car over the bad places.

Poverty Bay Herald 2 Oct 1907

This morning Mr J. H. Ormond received the following telegram from Mr Walter Grace, who left Gisborne on Friday for Wairoa in a motor car, his wife accompanying him: "Arrived at 7.30 last night, after plenty of hard graft and perspiration. The planks were our salvation. We spent two nights in the tussocks. The car stood the frightful ordeal grandly. She's a pet. Will send photographs later. We are both well, but dead weary."

Christchurch Star 24 Oct 1907

Wanted, Plain and Fancy Ironers, good wages. P. Hamilton, New Central Laundry, St Asaph Street.

Christchurch Star 24 Oct 1908

Wanted. Experienced Fancy Ironers; constant employment; good wages. Hamilton and Homes, New Central Laundry, 136, Asaph Street

1910 Wises Post Office Directory

Wltr. Grace, commerical traveller, 31 Bourke st., Palmerston North

1915 Wises Post Office Directory

Walter Grace, traveller, 162 Main St E, Palmerston North

Second Reserves New Zealand Expeditionary Force Aug-Oct 1917

Walter Grace, Compiler and Editor, 162 Main St, Palmerston North – Classification B (1 child)

New Zealand Gazette 1918 p1183 Military Callup

Walter Grace, Compiler and Editor, Palmerston North

Seattle Passenger and Crew Lists – S.S. Niagara sailed from Sydney, Australia 21 Jan 1919

Passengers who left Auckland 30 Jan 1919 – Walter Grace, 45yrs, married, salesman – last permanent residence: Auckland. Name and address of nearest relative – his wife Mrs Edith M. Grace, 17 Marrison Str. Wellington. Final destination: ~~Auckland N.Z.~~ N. Y.

Honolulu, Hawaii Passenger Lists – S.S. Niagara sailed from Sydney Australia 21 Jan 1919 arrived Honolulu 9 Feb 1919

Walter Grace, 45 years, married, salesman - last permanent residence Auckland. Name and address of nearest relative: his wife Edith M. Grace, 17 Marrison St, Wellington, New Zealand. Final destination Auckland, New Zealand. Paid his own passage and in possession of \$50. First visit to the United States. Intends to return to New Zealand. Length of time to be spent in the United States – six months. Condition of health, mental and physical – Good. Height 5 feet 7 inches. Grey hair. Blue eyes. Place of birth: Bilston, England. Went on to...

1919 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

Edith May Grace, 27 Marion Street, married

1922 Wellington East Electoral Roll

Edith May Grace, 4 Queen's Drive, married

1925 Wellington North Electoral Roll

Edith May Grace, married; Gordon Lancelot Ewington Grace, salesman – both at 11 Macdonald Crescent

1928 Wellington North Electoral Roll

Carl August Bierre, mercer; Edith May Bierre, married; Gordon Lancelot Errington Grace, salesman – all at 11 Macdonald Crescent

1930 Wises Post Office Directory

Carl Bierre, Mercer, 38 The Parade, Wellington

1931 Wellington North Electoral Roll

Gordon Lancelot Errington Grace, salesman, 11 Macdonald Crescent

1931 Wellington South Electoral Roll

Carl August Bierre, mercer; Edith May Bierre, married – both at 38 The Parade

1935 Palmerston Electoral Roll

Carl August Bierre, company manager; Edith May Bierre, married – both at 58 Waldegrave Street

1936 Wises Post Office Directory

Carl A. Bierre, mgr, 58 Wldgrve St, Pal N.

1941 Palmerston North Electoral Roll

Carl August Bierre, company manager; Edith May Bierre, married – both at 25 Stanley Avenue

1943 Palmerston North Electoral Roll

Edith May Bierre, married, 25 Stanley Avenue