

## George Hawkes WHITCOMBE (1854-1917)

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE3 214 E.A. Lingard*

George Hawkes Whitcombe, clerk, full age, bachelor, and Mary Hall, full age, spinster, were married 18 May 1875 at St Luke's Church, Christchurch. Witnesses – E. S. Bawdon, bookseller, Christchurch; Will. Sidney Smith, printer, St Albans; Eleanor Lingard.

*Taranaki Herald 26 May 1875 Marriage*

On the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, at St Luke's Church, Christchurch, by the Rev E. A. Lingard, George Hawkes youngest son of Captain T. Douglas Whitcombe, B.A., K.S.G., of Plonguenast, France, to Marian, second daughter of John Hall, Esq., of London.

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*

G.H. Whitcombe dissolves partnership with H. A. Templeton – NZ Gazette 1877 p333

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SJB2 13 H. C. M. Watson*

Bertie Ernest Hawkes Whitcombe, born 6 Oct 1875, baptised 21 Nov 1877, son of George Hawkes, bookseller, and Mary Whitcombe of Armagh St. Sponsors – George Hawkes Whitcombe and Ellen Hall.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SJB2 13 H. C. M. Watson*

Stanley Lionel Hawkes Whitcombe, born 10 Sep 1876, baptised 21 Nov 1877, son of George Hawkes, bookseller, and Mary Whitcombe of Armagh St. Sponsors – George Hawkes Whitcombe and Ellen Hall.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE2 2094 E. A. Lingard*

Arthur Vere Hawkes Whitcombe, born 24 Jan 1878, baptised 14 Oct 1878, son of George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller & Marian nee Hall of Armagh St East. Private sponsors.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – BSC1 2722 Edward A. Lingard*

Arthur Vere Hawkes Whitcombe, buried 18 Oct 1878 aged 8 months, son of George Hawkes, bookseller, and Mary Whitcombe of Armagh Street East, St Luke's.

*Barbadoes Street Cemetery, Christchurch – Headstone inscription*

641. Area 4 Row Q. In memory of Arthur Vere Hawkes Whitcombe, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of George Hawkes & Mary Whitcombe, born 24 Jan 1878, died 16 Oct 1878.

*1880-1881 Wises Post Office Directory*

George H. Whitcombe (of Crearar & Whitcombe) booksellers, Colombo street south, Christchurch

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*  
Whitcombe & Co. – new buildings in Cashel St. Lyttelton Times 27 Jan 1882.

*Return of Freeholders October 1882*  
G. H. Whitcombe, stationer, Christchurch. Two acres in Selwyn County valued at £1200.

*1883-1884 Wises Post Office Directory*  
George H. Whitcombe, Hereford street, Avonville, Christchurch

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*  
Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd – new Cashel Street premises – Lyttelton Times 21 Jul 1883

*1885-1886 Wises Post Office Directory*  
G. H. Whitcombe, stationer, Avonglade, Richmond, Christchurch

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE2 3073 E.A. Lingard*  
Cecil Clarice Whitcombe, born 26 May 1879, baptised 30 Mar 1887, son of George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller & Mary nee Hall, of Richmond. Sponsors – the parents.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE2 3074 E.A. Lingard*  
Beatrice Alma Whitcombe, born 17 Sep 1880, baptised 30 Mar 1887, dau of George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller & Mary nee Hall, of Richmond. Sponsors – the parents.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE2 3075 E.A. Lingard*  
Louis Douglas Hawkes Whitcombe, born 13 Aug 1882, baptised 30 Mar 1887, son of George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller, and Mary nee Hall of Richmond. Sponsors – the parents.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE2 3076 E.A. Lingard*  
Florence Irene Whitcombe, born 28 Aug 1884, baptised 30 Mar 1887, dau of George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller & Mary nee Hall, of Richmond. Sponsors – the parents.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – SLE2 3077 E.A. Lingard*  
Eric Aubrey Hawkes Whitcombe, born 28 Jan 1886, baptised 30 Mar 1887, son of George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller & Mary nee Hall, of Richmond. Sponsors – the parents.

*1887-1888 Wises Post Office Directory*

George H. Whitcombe (Whitcombe Tombs Co.), Avon glade, Richmond, Christchurch

*Witnesses who gave evidence to Commissions & Committees 1858-1935*

George H. Whitcombe, Christchurch, AJHR 1890 H5 p46

*Christchurch Public Library Newspaper Index Canterbury Times 1890-1900*

Trade unionism – Whitcombe & Tombs v. Typographical Association 6 Mar 1890 p26a, 14 Aug 1890 p25-27. Meeting in Dunedin 21 Aug 1890 p26. Some books published by Whitcombe & Tombs 28 Aug 1890 p29

*Christchurch Public Library Newspaper Index Press 1890-1894*

Whitcombe & Tombs – see also Typographical Association. Advertisement of Christmas cards in stock 14 Nov 1890 p6c; 14 Dec 1891p3g; 2 Dec 1892 p8g; Presentation from employees to Mr A. Whitelaw, stereotyper 25 Mar 1893 p7b; employees on a picnic 23 Feb 1894 p6c.

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*

Sir Robert Stout's opinion concerning the boycotting of goods delivered by this firm – Lyttelton Times 18 Aug 1890 p3.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – HTA2 1237 W. A. Pascoe*

Hugh Somerset Hawkes Whitcombe, born 26 Nov 1889, baptised 24 Mar 1891, son of George Hawkes, publisher, and Mary Whitcombe of Avonside. Sponsors – Henry Somerset Whitcombe, Bertie Ernest Whitcombe, Julia Whitcombe.

*1890-1891 Wises Post Office Directory*

George H. Whitcombe (Whitcombe & Tombs), Avon glade, Richmond, Christchurch

Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers, publishers & stationers, engravers & printers, 202 Cashel Street, Christchurch

*1892-1893 Wises Post Office Directory*

George H. Whitcombe (Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, Hawford road, Christchurch & Avon glade, Richmond, Christchurch

Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, stationers, 202 Cashel st., Christchurch & booksellers, 46 Princess st., Dunedin

*1893 Christchurch Electoral Roll*

George Hawkes WHITCOMBE, Stationer, Freehold Part Rural Section 41, Richmond

*1893 Lyttelton Electoral Roll*

George Hawkes Whitcombe, Bookseller &c, Fifield, Opawa, Lyttelton

Marian Whitcombe, Fifield, Opawa, Lyttelton

*1894-1895 Wises Post Office Directory*  
George H. Whitcombe, Hawford road, Opawa, Christchurch

*Witnesses who gave evidence to Commissions & Committees 1858-1935*  
Geo. H. Whitcombe, Christchurch AJHR 1895 H2 p275

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – HTA2 1578 W. A. Pascoe*  
Gerald Herbert Hawkes Whitcombe, born 5 Apr 1892, baptised 27 May 1897, son of George Hawkes, Publisher and Mary Whitcombe of Avonside. Sponsors – the parents.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – HTA2 1579 W. A. Pascoe*  
Gwendoline Elizabeth Whitcombe, born 2 Mar 1894, baptised 27 May 1897, son of George Hawkes, Publisher and Mary Whitcombe of Avonside. Sponsors – the parents.

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – HTA2 1580 W. A. Pascoe*  
Alec Noel Hawkes Whitcombe, born 30 Aug 1895, baptised 27 May 1897, son of George Hawkes, Publisher and Mary Whitcombe of Avonside. Sponsors – the parents.

*1896-1897 Wises Post Office Directory*  
George H. Whitcombe, (W. & Tombs), 35 Lambton Quay, Wellington  
Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers, 202 Cashel street, Christchurch; Princes Street, Dunedin and Lambton Quay, Wellington

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – HTA2 1632 W. A. Pascoe*  
Basil Cuthbert Hawkes Whitcombe, born 9 Nov 1898, baptised 26 Nov 1898, son of George Hawkes, publisher, and Mary Whitcombe of Marshland. Sponsors – the parents and Emily Rose Cuthbert

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*  
Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd – Have opened a cardboard box factory – Lyttelton Times 8 Jun 1898 p5b

*1898-1899 Wises Post Office Directory*  
George H. Whitcombe (W. & Tombs), 35 Lambton Quay, Wellington

*1900 Wises Post Office Directory*  
B. E. H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Queen st, Dunedin

George H. Whitcombe (W & T), 35 Lambton Quay, Wellington  
William Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Brwd, Christchurch  
Whitcombe & Tombs, booksellers & stationers, Cashel st, Christchurch; Lambton Quay, Wellington; George St, Dunedin and 253 Queen st., Auckland

*1901 Wises Post Office Directory*  
B. E. H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Dunedin  
George H. Whitcombe (W & T), 35 Lambton Quay, Wellington  
William Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Brwd, Christchurch

*Witnesses who gave evidence to Commissions & Committees 1858-1935*  
George H. Whitcombe, Christchurch AJHR 1901 A4 p232

*1902 Wises Post Office Directory*  
B. E. H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Dunedin  
George H. Whitcombe (W & T), Mile Rd, Avonside, Christchurch

*1903 Wises Post Office Directory*  
B. E. H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Dunedin  
George H. Whitcombe (W & T), Mile Rd, Avonside, Christchurch

*1904 Wises Post Office Directory*  
Bertie E. H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Queens Drive, St Kilda, Dunedin  
George H. Whitcombe (W & T), Mile Rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Whitcombe & Tombs, booksellers & stationers, Cashel & 240 High sts, Christchurch; Lambton Quay, Wellington; George St, Dunedin

*Archives NZ Wellington Reference Railways Department Inwards Correspondence Register – Letter Rw... 1904/2085*  
Letter written by B. Est. Whitcombe of Christchurch, dated 18 Jun 1904 re cheque No. 935 £3 15s issued to his father, amount withdrawn. How can be obtain payment of amount.

*1905 Wises Post Office Directory*  
Bertie Ernest Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Queens Drive, St Kilda, Dunedin  
George H. Whitcombe (W & T), Mile Rd, Avonside, Christchurch

*1905 Wises Post Office Directory*

Bertie Ernest Whitcombe (W & Tombs), Queens Drive, St Kilda, Dunedin  
George H. Whitcombe (W & T), Mile Rd, Avonside, Christchurch

*1905 Police Gazette page 365 – Property stolen*

Christchurch – 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, from the shop of George H. Whitcombe, bookseller, Cashel Street, a gentleman's 14-carat gold open-faced watch, "Adit" stamped on dial; two gentleman's silver hunting-watches; a gentleman's white metal hunting-watch; two ladies' silver open faced watches; a ladies' silver demi-hunting watch; two silver pencil-cases; three silver sovereign cases, and sixteen ladies' oblong purses in Morocco, Russian leather, crocodile, and lizard skins, silver mounted and silver clasps; total value, £23 12s. Identifiable. Breaking and entering.

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*

George Hawkes Whitcombe – Our locally produced educational books are better done than foreign books – in Australia we are selling more than in New Zealand. Press 3 Jul 1905 p41. – All goods manufactured in New Zealand should be stamped – Governor's speech.

*1906 Wises Post Office Directory*

George H. Whitcombe (W & T), Mile Rd, Avonside, Christchurch

*1907 Wises Post Office Directory*

B. E. Whitcombe, accountant Bank of New South Wales, Dannevirke  
George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers & stationers, Cashel & Colombo sts, Christchurch; temporary office 133 Lambton Quay, Wellington; George St, Dunedin

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*

Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd – annual picnic – Lyttelton Times 5 Feb 1907 p6

*1908 Wises Post Office Directory*

B. E. Whitcombe, accountant Bank of New South Wales, Dannevirke  
George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Louis Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), 2 Onslow terrace, Wellington  
Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers & stationers, 202 Cashel & Colombo sts, Christchurch; 97 George St, Dunedin

*1909 Wises Post Office Directory*

B. E. Whitcombe, accountant Bank of New South Wales, Dannevirke  
George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Herbert Whitcombe (W & Tombs), 27 Golders Hill, Wellington  
Louis Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), 2 Onslow terrace, Wellington  
Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers & stationers, 202 Cashel & Colombo sts, Christchurch; 97 George St, Dunedin & 312-316 Lambton Quay, Wellington

*Christchurch Public Library Church Register Index – Marriage WCCDSS 69 Rev Nicholas Turner*

Marriage at the Parsonage, 44 Durham Street South, Christchurch on 8 Apr 1910. Stanley Lionel Hawkes Whitcombe, aged 31yrs, gardener, bachelor, born Christchurch, son of George Hawkes Whitcombe, stationer and Marian nee Hall. Present and usual residence: Christchurch. Anna Letitia Stothers, aged 23yrs, domestic, spinster, born Christchurch, dau of Henry Stothers, carter and Elizabeth nee Gregor. Present and usual residence: Christchurch. Witnesses: E. E. White, Clive St, Linwood. Thomas Robinson, storeman, Hay St, Linwood.

*1910 Wises Post Office Directory*

George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Herbert Whitcombe (W & Tombs), 27 Golders Hill, Wellington  
Louis Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), 2 Onslow terrace, Wellington  
Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers & stationers, 202 Cashel & 29 Colombo sts, Christchurch; 97 George St, Dunedin & 312-316 Lambton Quay, Wellington

*1911 Wises Post Office Directory*

Bertrand Edward Whitcombe, accountant, Albert st, Dannevirke  
George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, booksellers & stationers, 111 Cashel & 549-61 Colombo sts, Christchurch; 133 George St, Dunedin & 312-316 Lambton Quay, Wellington

*1912 Wises Post Office Directory*

Bertrand Edward Whitcombe, accountant, Albert st, Dannevirke  
George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), 105 Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Herbert Whitcombe (Cornwall & W), Old Carrington rd, New Plymouth  
Miss Nellie Whitcombe, Private school, Burns st, Dannevirke

*1913 Wises Post Office Directory*

Bertrand Whitcombe, bank accountant, 105 Harris st, Gisborne  
George H. Whitcombe (W & Tombs, Ld), 105 Mile rd, Avonside, Christchurch  
Miss Nellie Whitcombe, Private school, Burns st, Dannevirke

*Christchurch Public Library Index to Weekly Press Illustrations 1900-1928*

G. H. Whitcombe's residence 'Woodham' – 1 Jan 1913 page 30

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*

Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd – employee sues firm successfully for £50 damages for wrongful dismissal – Sun 26 Mar 1914 p14

*Canadian Passenger Lists, Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia and Pacific Ports May 1917 Ship 'Makura'*

Ship: R.M.S. Makura. Master: J. D. S. Phillips. Tonnage: 4921. Port of embarkation: Sydney. Date of sailing: 12 Apr 1917 bound for Vancouver. Passengers: George H. Whitcombe, 63yrs, born France; Marion Whitcombe, 63yrs, born England; Florence Whitcombe, 33yrs, born New Zealand. Intended occupation in Canada: Tourist. Destination: Christchurch, New Zealand

*Christchurch Public Library Miscellaneous Index*

George Hawkes Whitcombe – Funeral – Lyttelton Times 17 Aug 1917 p3. Obituary – Sun 14 Aug 1917 p4.

*Bromley Cemetery Headstone Inscriptions No. 8461*

Block 29 Row B Stanley Lionel Hawkes Whitcombe, d 17 Jul 1919 a 41 and his wife Annie Letitia, d 10 Aug 1972, and dau Leahnora Marion Whitcombe, d 9 Jan 1978.

*Witnesses who gave evidence to Commissions & Committees 1858-1935*

Bertie E. H. Whitcombe, Christchurch, managing director – AJHR 1924 B5 p123

*Christchurch Public Library Index to Portraits*

Louis Whitcombe (1882-), Director of Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd, Wellington. Son of George Hawkes Whitcombe. Portrait in: International pr. Who's Who New Zealand 1933 page 207.

*Christchurch Public Library Newspaper Index Press 1936-1945*

Whitcombes & Tombs photo 5 Feb 1936 p3

*Evening Post 16 Jul 1942 Obituary – Mr Louis Whitcombe*

The death occurred in Wellington yesterday of Mr Louis Douglas Hawkes Whitcombe in his 60<sup>th</sup> year. He was born in Christchurch in 1882, and was educated at Christ's College. He began his commercial career with the firm of Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd, of which he later became a director. For a considerable time he was manager of the Wellington branch. Mr Whitcombe was an executive member of the Wellington Master Printers' Association and of the New Zealand Booksellers' Association. He was also a member of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce. He had a wide range of interests and was a keen tennis and golf enthusiast in his younger days. He belonged to the Wellesley Club, the Wellington Commercial Travellers' Club, the Wellington Racing Club, the Wellington Automobile Association, and the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts. He leaves a widow, and two sons and one daughter. The funeral took place this afternoon at Karori.

*Christchurch Public Library Index to Portraits*

Bertie Ernest Hawkes Whitcombe 1875-, Chairman & managing director of Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd. Son of George Hawkes Whitcombe. Portrait in: Printing in Canterbury by A. A. Smith... Christchurch Club of Printing, 1953 Front.

*Alexander Turnbull Library Biographies Index*

Bertie Ernest Hawkes Whitcombe, (1875-1963). Evening Post 17 Jun 1963 p15.

E. H. Whitcombe, of the firm of Whitcombe and Tombs; NZ Free Lance 31 Dec 1910 p4a

George Hawkes Whitcombe (1854-1917), Publisher. Foundation partner of Whitcombe & Tombs, Father of seven sons. Bertie Ernest Hawkes Whitcombe; G. Whitcombe; Eric A. H. Whitcombe; Hugh Whitcombe; Gerald Whitcombe; A. N. H. Whitcombe; Basil Whitcombe. Birth date from Register Births, Deaths, Marriages. Died Christchurch 13 Aug 1917 aged 63yrs. Born France. In NZ 57 years. NZ Free Lance 18 Feb 1911 p4b.

*Christchurch Star 17 Jun 1963 Worked for firm from age of 14; Portrait*

A well-known figure in the bookselling and publishing world, Mr Bertie Ernest Hawkes Whitcombe, a former chairman of directors of Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd., died in Wellington yesterday. He was 88. Mr Whitcombe was born in Christchurch in 1875 and began work at the age of 14, only seven years after the firm was founded. After serving his five years apprenticeship as a printer, he went overseas and

worked with the company's London shipping agents and with Alex Cowan and Sons, Ltd. At Auckland Branch. He returned to New Zealand between 1894 and 1912 and then returned to London for four years as the representative of his company. On his return to New Zealand in 1916, Mr Whitcombe took charge of the new Auckland branch, and the following year, on the death of his father, Mr G. H. Whitcombe, he was appointed managing director, a position which he held until 1958. He was appointed chairman of directors in 1943, and retired from his position only last year, after seventy-three years with the firm. He was a man of action with a flair for the unusual. It was during his term as managing director that branches were established at Invercargill, Timaru, Lower Hutt, Hamilton, Sydney, Perth and Geelong. He did much to foster the manufacturing and publishing activities of the firm. He was a life member of the Christchurch Golf Club, and a foundation member of the Christchurch Rotary Club. Mr Whitcombe leaves his widow and one daughter, Mrs J. Maclean, of Wellington.

*Auckland Star 19 Jun 1963 Publisher's Death*

The Northern Club flew its flag at half-mast yesterday in memory of a member, Mr B. E. H. Whitcombe, aged 88, who died in Wellington recently. He was a former managing director and at the time of his death chairman of Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd, and was resident in Christchurch. He never lived in Auckland but joined the club through business connections. I knew Bertie Whitcombe well and had a strong respect for him as a shrewd businessman. But he hid his qualities behind a veneer with the result that many made mistakes about him often to their disadvantage. But if he thought a person was genuine, he could be very generous as some authors, whose works he published, can testify.

*Alexander Turnbull Library New Zealand Biographies 1975 volume 3 page 12*

Noted Figure in NZ Book Trade Retires. A former joint managing director of Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd, Mr B. C. H. Whitcombe, has announced his retirement from the firm after 58 years' service. Mr Whitcombe, who is 74, was born in Christchurch in 1898 and educated at three schools in Christchurch and two in England. He left Christ's College, Christchurch, at the age of 15 to join the staff of Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd a firm which his father had helped form in 1882. Two years later he was appointed printing works manager at Wellington and a year or two later he moved back to Christchurch to work with his father in head office. When his father died in 1917, Mr Whitcombe was appointed manager at the Dunedin branch and in 1919 he was made manager at Christchurch. He remained in that position until 1938, when he was transferred again to Wellington – this time as manager. Mr Whitcombe has remained in Wellington ever since, being appointed to the board of directors in 1948 and to joint managing directorship in 1958. He retired as joint managing director only a few years ago and from the board in December last year. Mr Whitcombe's interests over the years have included golf, shooting and gardening and he intends spending much of his retirement in the garden on his home in Belmont, where he lives with his wife.

*Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies Index*

10043 George Hawkes Whitcombe, bookseller, introduced first duplicating device – 386