John William COLLIER (1872-1923)

Press 07 Jul 1894 Deaths
On July 4th, at the residence of Mr D. Graham, Rangiora, Joseph Thompson, aged 94. On July 5th, at the Schoolhouse, Richmond, after an illness of twenty-four hours, Charlotte, the beloved wife of C. S. Howard, and daughter of the above Joseph Thompson.

Press 07 Jul 1894 Notes and Memoranda
General regret was expressed in Richmond on Thursday afternoon, when it became known that Mrs Howard, wife of Mr C. S. Howard, headmaster of the Richmond School, had succumbed to injuries caused through breaking a blood vessel the day before. The deceased lady came to the colony in 1864, and from that time had been a faithful adherent of the Methodist Church. She has lived in Richmond for the last twelve years, where her philanthropic and kindly nature has led her to do a large amount of work among the poor, by whom she will be greatly missed. Her death will also be a severe loss to the East Belt Wesleyan body, for as a member she was ever foremost in the work of the Church, and there is perhaps no lady who has taken a more active interest in the various organisations of the Church. She has been in poor health for some time, but the breaking of a blood vessel while attending a funeral on Wednesday made her end painfully sudden. The Richmond school was closed yesterday as a mark of respect to the deceased. The funeral will take place at the Linwood Cemetery tomorrow. The Wesleyan Church has also lost another of its oldest members by the death of Mr Joseph Thompson, which took place at Rangiora on Wednesday last. He came to the colony twenty-seven years ago, and had reached the advanced age of ninety-four. He had been a local preacher for sixty-six years and had taken an active part in Church work until only a few years back. He was father of Mrs C. S. Howard, whose death is recorded above.

Press 31 Jul 1895 Partnership Notices
We, the Undersigned, John William Collier and Frederick Pratt, both of Christchurch, having acquired the Whole of the Stock and Plant of the Farrow Fountain Aerated Water Company Limited, hereby give notice that we have entered into partnership as manufacturers of aerated waters and cordials, as from the 1st June, 1895, and will carry on the Business at Tuam street, Linwood, under the style of Collier and Co. – Dated this 30th day of July 1895. Witness to signatures – J. Gent, Barbadoes street, Christchurch.

1896 Christchurch Electoral Roll
Amy Collier, domestic duties; Ann Collier, domestic duties; George Collier, publican; Isabella Collier, domestic duties; John William Collier, aerated water manufacturer – all residing at A1 Hotel, Colombo street.

Star 12 Aug 1896 Unregistered Dogs
James Hallan, J. W. Collier, J. A. Watkins, F. Tyree and Mrs H. C. Lanauze were each fined 5s, with costs 7s, for having kept unregistered dogs in Linwood.

Star 30 Oct 1896 Marriage
Oct 22, at Wesley Church, East Belt, by the Rev C. Porter, John William Collier, of Christchurch, to Eva M., third daughter of C. S. Howard, Richmond.

Star 19 Mar 1897 The Licensing Laws – Alleged Breaches
At the Magistrate's Court this morning, before Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M.… John William Collier, licensee of the A1 Hotel, was charged with having, on Sunday, March 14, sold beer to one Charles August Amundsen, who was not a *bonâ fide* traveller of lodger. Mr Byrne appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Amundsen stated that he went to the A1 Hotel about 1 o'clock on Sunday last with Reece and McVicar. Witness had beer and lemonade, and the other two had beer, and witness paid with a £5 note. They were served by an elderly woman, who remarked that it was not often they saw £5 notes so early on Sundays. When they were at the Court last Tuesday morning, in connection with Reece's case, the defendant, J. W. Collier, said his lawyer wished to see them, and they went across to Mr Byrne's office. Mr Byrne asked McVicar what statement he had made to the police. McVicar said he had told the police that they had cashed a £5 note there. The lawyer said that if he could say that he was not sure of the hotel, and that the police had taken him there and pointed out the hotel, that would clear the publican. Collier afterwards invited witness and McVicar along to the hotel for dinner and tea, saying that it would not cost them anything, and that after the case was over he would pay their passage money if they wished to get away to any particular place. James McVicar stated that he remembered going to a hotel on Sunday last with Amundsen. He thought it was in Colombo Street. He had been in the A1 Hotel since and, judging by the appearance, should say that was the hotel. They were served by a woman whom he had since seen at the A1. They went to Mr Byrne's office, and Mr Byrne asked witness about the statement he had made to the police. When witness told Collier that they had not much money, he told them to come along to the hotel for meals, &c., and that they could repay him when they got work again. He also offered to help them to go to any place they might wish to. To Mr Byrne: He did not recollect saying that the police had taken him to the hotel. Constable McKenzie stated that on Monday morning last he was with McVicar who, when passing the A1 hotel, said he thought that was the hotel they were in. Mr Byrne said he would not offer any evidence. The defendant was fined £10 and costs 7s, an endorsement of the license to follow.

Press 05 May 1897 Notice of Application for Transfer of License
I, George Collier, of Christchurch, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Christchurch and known as the A1 Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Christchurch, on the second day of June 1897, apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to John William Collier, my appointee. Dated the 17th day of February 1897. I, John William Collier, of Christchurch, Hotelkeeper, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Christchurch, on the second day of June 1897, apply for a Certificate authorizing the issue of a Publican's License for a house situate at Christchurch and known as the A1 Hotel, containing thirty-five rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated the 29th day of April, 1897. Acton-Adams and Kippenberger, Solicitors, Christchurch.

Star 28 Jul 1898 Magisterial
John Warren was charged with having, on July 16, while a prohibited person, been found in the A1 Hotel, and also with having purchased beer from John William Collier. The defendant admitted having been in the hotel, but denied having had any beer. Constable Hobson stated that the defendant had been prohibited on Sept. 9, 1896, and a minute of the order had been served on him on Sept. 11. Constable Fahey stated that in consequence of a complaint from the defendant's son-in-law he went to the A1 Hotel on Friday last and found Warren in the bar. He was not perfectly sober. Henry Blackmore said that when he went into the bar he saw the defendant with a glass to his lips. There was some liquor spilt on his whiskers and vest, and witness could smell that it was beer. John William Collier, licensee of the hotel, said that he was in charge of the bar when the defendant was there. Warren said he had no money, and asked witness to give him some beer, but witness refused. His Worship treated the two offences as one and fined the defendant 20s and costs.

Press 03 Feb 1898 Notice of Application for Transfer of License
I, John William Collier, of Christchurch, hotelkeeper, being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situate at Christchurch, and known as the A1 Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Christchurch, on the second day of March 1898, apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to John Carl, of Christchurch, my appointee. Dated the 14th day of December 1897.

Star 18 Jul 1898 Birth
July 15, at Christchurch, the wife of J. W. Collier, of a son.

Star 11 Sep 1900 Birth
Sept 9, at the Schoolhouse, Richmond, the wife of J. W. Collier, of a daughter.

1905-1906 Christchurch East Electoral Roll
Ann Jane Collier, housewife; George Collier, house agent; Isabelle Collier, domestic duties; John William Collier, tea merchant; Venus Collier, domestic duties – all residing at 52 Lichfield street

1914 Christchurch North Electoral Roll
Fanny Louisa Collier, married; John William Collier, violin teacher – both residing at the corner of Warrington and Flockton streets

New Zealand Army WWI Nominal Rolls Volume 4 Jan 1918-31 Mar 1919
82149 Raymond William Collier, Farm Hand. Next of Kin: Mrs E. M. Collier (mother), 509 Gloucester Street, Christchurch

1949 Fendalton Electoral Roll
Eva Maria Collier, widow; Raymond William Collier, factory worker – both residing at 116 Rugby Street