William Hedley DRAKE

Born	20 Dec 1843 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland	
Baptised	29 Feb 1844 St Andrew, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	
Married	3 Dec 1888 St Helier's parish church, Jersey	Harriet Helen LOW
Died	2 Jan 1918 Bryn Willow Polsham Park, Paignton, Devonshire	
Father	Francis DRAKE (1816-1861) son of John DRAKE and Elizabeth FREAK (1795-1828)	
Mother	Elizabeth HEDLEY (1817-) dau of Thomas HEDLEY (1786-1858) and Mary BULMER (-1873)	

Harriet Helen LOW	
Born	06 Jul 1847 St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands
Died	27 Jul 1937 St Aubin, Torquay-road, Paignton, Devonshire
Father	Alexander LOW (1789-1879) son of John LOWE (-1831) and Elizabeth VILLENEUVE (1773-1856)
Mother	Henriette ALEXANDRE (1810-1900) dau of Francis ALEXANDRE of the Franc Fief, St Brelade

1841 Census Le Coin, St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands			
Alexander LOW	40yrs	Medical	born in the same island
Henrietta LOW	25yrs		born in the same island
Augusta LOW	7yrs		born in the same island
Alexander LOW	1yr		born in the same island
Mary CARRELL	30yrs	Female servant	born in the same island

1851 Census New St John Road, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands				
Francis DRAKE	Head	34yrs	General Merchant	b England
Elizabeth DRAKE	Wife	34yrs		b England
Frances E. DRAKE	Dau	8yrs		b England
William H. DRAKE	Son	7yrs		b England
Francis DRAKE	Son	2yrs		b St Heliers, Jersey
Mary Ann PRAWL?	Srvt	20yrs	[unmarried]	b St Heliers, Jersey

1861 Census St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands				
Alexander LOW	Head	61yrs	Deputy of Jersey for the parish of St Brelade	b St Brelade, Jersey
Henrietta LOW	Wife	48yrs		b St Brelade, Jersey
Alexander J. LOW	Son	21yrs	Student [unmarried]	b St Brelade, Jersey
Helen LOW	Dau	14yrs	Scholar	b St Brelade, Jersey
Mary CARRELL	Servt	50yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b St Peter, Jersey

1861 Census 19 Duhamel Place, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands				
Francis DRAKE	Head	44yrs	Coal agent	b England
Elizabeth DRAKE	Wife	44yrs		b England
Frances Elizabeth DRAKE	Dau	18yrs	[unmarried]	b England
William H. DRAKE	Son	17yrs	[unmarried]	b England
Mary DRAKE	Dau	9yrs	Scholar	b St Heliers, Jersey
Ellen DRAKE	Dau	4yrs	Scholar	b St Heliers, Jersey
Elizabeth GREEN	Srvt	40yrs	House servant [married]	b England

The Sydney Morning Herald 09 Mar 1867 Shipping Intelligence

March 08 – 'Lady Young', 600 tons, Captain W. A. Curphey, for Brisbane. Passengers: Mrs Spiro and two children, Miss Fullerton, Mrs Muir, Mrs Sinclair, Miss Sinclair, Messrs F. Lacy, Brown, D. Clarke, Christoe, Sinclair, **W. H. Drake**, Rush, H. O. Biscoe, J. D. Clark, A. J. Rae, W. Archer, Carpendale, Rotton, McConnell, Peehy, R. Muir, Potton, G. M. Reed, C. E. Macauley and 20 in the steerage.

Maryborough Chronicle 04 Sep 1867 School of Arts Ball
A Ball will be held in Mr J. Philpott's Store (kindly lent for the occasion), during the Assize Week, in aid of the Piano Fund for the above Institution. Committee and Stewards:- … W. H. Drake, Esq.

Maryborough Chronicle 04 Jul 1868
List of Contributions to the Maryborough Hospital during the months of May and June 1868:- … W. H. Drake…

Maryborough Chronicle 15 Oct 1868 Church of England, Maryborough
The adjourned meeting of the Members will be held on Friday evening, October 16, at half-past 7 p.m., at St. Paul's School Room. W. H. Drake and J. W. Todd, Churchwardens.

Maryborough Chronicle 07 Jan 1869
The Committee of the Maryborough Hospital acknowledge the following subscriptions for 1869 towards the fund of this institution, received up to the 31st December 1868:… W. H. Drake, 21s…

Maryborough Chronicle 21 Jan 1869 The School of Arts
The adjourned annual meeting of the members of this institution was held on Thursday evening… Mr Sheridan then proposed that Mr W. H. Drake be auditor in the place of Mr J. L. Cunningham. Mr Purser proposed Mr Tooth for the office, which was seconded by Mr Noakes. Mr Sheridan said that as Drake was absent, and he was not certain that he would take office, and Mr Tooth having consented to take it he would withdraw Mr Drake's name…

Maryborough Chronicle 02 Feb 1869 Balance Sheet of the Maryborough Hospital for 1868
… Examined and found to correspond with books and vouchers submitted to us. [Signed] E. A. Hyde, Wm. Hedley Drake 31 Dec 1868

New South Wales Unassisted Immigrant Passengers
Cabin passenger: Mr W. H. Drake. Port of Departure: Brisbane; Port of Arrival: Sydney, New South Wales; Voyage arrival date: 13 May 1869. Vessel name: Florence Irving.

Sydney Morning Herald 14 Jan 1871 The Government Gazette
Inverell – His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council has approved of the appointment of the following gentlemen as trustees of the land, being allotments 9 and 10 of section 20, at Inverell, dedicated as the sites for a Church of England church and parsonage, viz:- J. W. A. White, J. H. Hindmarsh and W. Hedley Drake.

1871 Census Le Coin Vingtaine, St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands

Alexander LOW	Head	70yrs	Medical Profession Pract… Member of the faculty of Paris	b St Brelade, Jersey
Henriette LOW	Wife	55yrs		b St Brelade, Jersey
Harriet H. LOW	Dau	22yrs	[unmarried]	b St Brelade, Jersey
Ann LE CAPPELAIN	Servt	24yrs	Domestic servant [unmarried]	b St Peter's, Jersey

1872 Grevilles Post Office Directory, New South Wales
W. H. Drake, manager, Commercial Bank, Inverell

New South Wales Government Gazette 16 Sep 1873 page 2543
Notice is hereby given that William Hedley Drake, of Inverell, gentleman, has this day been appointed by the Council of the Municipal District of Inverell, Treasurer to the same. Dated this 8th day of September, A.D. 1873. [Signed] Jas. H. Hindmarsh, Mayor.

Sydney Morning Herald 12 Aug 1874 Commission of the Peace
The following notification appears in the Government Gazette published yesterday:- His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be Magistrates of the colony, viz:-…William Hedley Drake, Inverell;…

Google Books Snippet View: Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Society of New South Wales: Volume 10 (1877)
William Hedley Drake, Commercial Bank, Inverell.

The Armidale Express and New England Advertiser 02 Jun 1876 Inverell
A meeting of the General Committee of the Inverell Hospital was held, at Mather's Hotel, on Thursday evening. Present… W. H. Drake… Mr Drake announced that his resignation as Treasurer would take place very shortly, as he was about to leave Inverell.

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser 24 Jun 1876 New England
On Sunday last Mr Bone, of Newstead, who is suffering from failing eyesight which compels him to leave the colony, took his departure from Inverell *en route* for England. A number of his friends met to see him off, and expressed great sorrow at his departure. At the same time Mr Drake, the late manager of the Commericial Bank, also left for Sydney.

Evening News (Sydney) 06 Jul 1876 The Royal Society
The monthly meeting of the Royal Society was held yesterday evening, in the Society's Rooms, Elizabeth-street… members elected by ballot… W. H. Drake…

Clarence and Richmond Examiner and New England Advertiser 15 Jul 1876 Richmond River
From the Express July 8. Mr W. H. Brigstoke, who has been acting manager of the Casino branch of the Commercial Bank since the departure of Mr Robey, left Casino for Sydney on Thursday, having been succeeded by Mr W. H. Drake, J.P., from Inverell, where that gentleman was highly respected. We need scarcely add that Mr Brigstoke during his short stay in this district was deservedly respected and carries with him the best wishes of the community.

Northern Star 17 Feb 1877 Directory
Magistrates – John Grime and W. H. Drake, Casino; Bank – Commercial – Manager W. H. Drake, Casino

The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser 26 Jun 1877 New England
Mr Scott, accountant of the Commercial Banking Company, Inverell branch, has been promoted to the position of manager at Bingera. Mr Scott, through his unassuming, gentlemanly, and obliging manner, having won the esteem of all, the public think the promotion well deserved. Mr Drake has resigned his position as manager of the Casino branch, and his shoes will be jumped into by Mr Solling of Bingera.

The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser 29 Jun 1877 Inverell
There are few persons who have made the acquaintance of Mr Scott, the accountant of the Commercial Bank in this town, but will be gratified to hear that he has been promoted to the office of manager at Bingera, vice Mr Solling. Mr Scott's obliging and unobtrusive habits, we are quite certain, will win for him the same amount of respect and esteem amongst the inhabitants of Bingera, which he has so long enjoyed amongst those in Inverell. Our old friend, Mr Solling, we learn, will supercede as manager at Casino. Mr **W. H. Drake**, late manager of the bank in this town, who has left the Commercial to seek a wider field for the scope of his abilities.

Sydney Morning Herald 25 Aug 1877 Department of Mines Notice Sydney 17 Aug 1877
Notice to Applicants for Mineral Leases. Notice is hereby given that unless the lessees execute and take delivery of the undermentioned Mineral Leases within thirty days from this date, they will be declared void. George A. Lloyd. Peel and Uralla Mining District: 1160 and 1161 **W. H. Drake** and E. Huntley; 143 and 103; county of Hardinge, parish of Cope's Creek; 20 a each; February 29

Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser 08 Sep 1877 Shipping Gazette - Departures
Sep 1 Lusitania (s.), Captain Hewison, for London via Melbourne. Passengers for London – Saloon: … W. H. Drake…

Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser 15 Sep 1877 Shipping Gazette - Departures
Sep 8. City of Melbourne (s.), 837 tons, Captain J. W. Brown for Melbourne. Passengers… W. H. Drake…

The Argus (Melbourne) 17 Sep 1877 Shipping Intelligence – Entered Out September 15
Lusitania, s.s., W. F. Hewison, for London. Passengers – saloon:… W. H. Drake…

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide) 18 Sep 1877 Shipping News – Arrived September 17
Lusitania, steamer, W. F. Hewison, from Melbourne… Passengers… W. H. Drake…

New South Wales Unassisted Immigrant Passenger Lists
Saloon passenger: W. H. Drake; Port of Departure: London via Adelaide and Melbourne; Port of Arrival: Sydney, New South Wales; Voyage arrival date: 27 Apr 1878. Vessel name: Garonne.

Star [Christchurch] 27 Dec 1878 Shipping Telegrams
Wellington, Dec. 27. Arrived – Easby, from Sydney, this morning. Passengers for South – Mrs Lambert, Messrs F. E. Jackson, Galloway, Spanes, **W. H. Drake**, F. Lambert, T. Dawson, W. Marsh, J. Carey, H. Edwards, J. Caw; 52 steerage.

New Zealand Times 17 Feb 1879 "Black Mailing" Departure of His Excellency the Governor
His Excellency the Governor held an undress levee at Government House on Saturday at 12.30. No private *entrée* cards were issued. The following gentlemen attended:- … W. H. Drake…

The Standard 21 Apr 1879 Death
April 16, at Le Coin, St Brelades, Jersey, Alexander Low, Esq., M.D., Medical Inspector General R. J. M.

Auckland Star 18 Jun 1879 Levee at Government House
Today there was an undress levee at the Government House. His Excellency the Governor received presentations at noon. There were a considerable number of citizens and also a number of natives, who were presented to His Excellency. The list of gentlemen presented: … W. H. Drake…

Nelson Evening Mail 14 Oct 1879
At a meeting of the members of the Naval Brigade held after parade last evening, Mr W. H. Drake, manager of the Colonial Bank of New Zealand, was unanimously elected captain of the company. The election of Sub-Lieutenant was postponed for a week.

Nelson Evening Mail 6 Nov 1879
The annual meeting of the local members of the New Zealand Rifle Association was held last evening at the Masonic Hall, when the chair was occupied by Major Jones. The Secretary read a circular received from the Executive Committee, recommending the members of the Association to use their united efforts during the coming season in making the next meeting at Brightwater a success. The following gentlemen were elected as the Local Committee for the ensuing year:- Captains **Drake**, Williams and Malcolm, and Lieuts Adams and West. The resignation of Captain Bunny as Secretary was tendered and accepted, the Chairman remarking that it was the pressure of private business only which compelled Capt. Bunny to retire, and commenting in warm terms on the painstaking way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the office. The meeting then unanimously elected Captain Drake as Local Secretary, and adjourned till the 14th instant.

Colonist (Nelson) 6 Dec 1879 Volunteer Demonstration
The exceedingly inclement weather which had been experienced in Nelson during the past few days was the cause of the greatest concern to all who had been taking an active part in preparing for yesterday's fete, and when, on Sunday, Nov. 30, the unprecedented sight at this time of the year of snow lying thick on the Maungatapu and Dun Mountain, and even on Fringe Hill and other hills of a similar elevation, combined with the heavy downpour of rain which took place later, the most sanguine gave up all expectations of the Demonstration being the success they had hoped…. Headed by the Battalion Band, the whole of the Companies marched to the site chosen for the review, and under the command of Major Pitt, Captain Bunny acting as adjutant, the whole force paraded, and then executed numerous manoeuvres… The force, having gone through numerous evolutions, were put through the bayonet exercise by **Captain Drake** of the Navals, and after that a sham fight…

Nelson Evening Mail 15 Dec 1879
The members of the H Battery N.Z. Artillery competed for ordnance prizes on Saturday afternoon last, taking their two 12-pounder and one six-pounder Armstrongs. The target, which had been anchored inside the Boulder Bank consisted of a cask with a red flag on the top. Owing to the nature of the ground, it was not possible to measure the distance, but it was estimated at about 1,450 yards, and the excellent practice made showed that the gunners were not far out in their judgement. **Captain Drake**, of the Naval Brigade, who had been asked to act as umpire, decided in favor of No.3 gun; the six-pounder, although as he stated, had it not been for the splendid shot made by them at the last round, he should have hesitated in deciding between them and No.1 gun.

Nelson Evening Mail 19 Dec 1879 Advertisement for the Naval Brigade
Ordnance Prize Firing Tomorrow (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m. Masters of coasting vessels are warned not to cross the line of fire. W. H. Drake, Captain.

New Zealand Herald 19 Dec 1879 New Zealand Telegrams
Wellington, Thursday. The following Volunteer officers have been appointed… Nelson Naval Brigade W. Hedley Drake to be Captain.

The Colonist [Nelson] 10 Jan 1880
A meeting of the creditors in the estate of J. S. Jones, a bankrupt, was held at the Court House on Thursday afternoon, Mr T. S. Wymond in the chair. Mr Moore appeared for the bankrupt, and Mr Bunny appeared for Messrs J. Nathan & Co., of Wellington, one of the largest creditors. The bankrupt was examined at considerable length, at the conclusion of which the following resolution was proposed by Mr Moss Davis, and seconded by Mr **W. H. Drake**, Manager of the Colonial Bank:- "That this meeting declines to take any action in the matter of the debtor's discharge, but leaves it with the Court to deal with."

Nelson Evening Mail 22 Jan 1880 Advertisement for the New Zealand Rifle Association
Entries for the forthcoming Prize Meeting, to be held at Brightwater, on the 2nd of March and following days, will be received by the undersigned up to Wednesday, the 11th of February, 1880. Forms of Entry to be had on application to W. H. Drake, Local Secretary.

Colonist 22 Jan 1880 Rifle Association
In response to the invitation of his Worship the Mayor, a largely attended meeting was held at the City Council Chamber last night, for the purpose of forming a Reception Committee with a view of giving a suitable welcome to the Volunteers and others who will attend the second meeting of the Rifle Association, which opens on the 2nd March next. His Worship the Mayor occupied the chair, and in addition to General Davidson, Captains Webb, Bunny, and **Drake**, the Revs P. Calder and J. Leighton, a number of influential gentlemen were present. It was resolved to open subscription lists to provide the necessary funds to entertain our visitors in a proper manner, and many of those present volunteered to take charge of lists. Captain Drake temporarily acted as Hon Secretary, but being unable to continue to act in that capacity, Mr A. McKellar Wix was elected Hon. Secretary. A Committee was then formed.… [Captain Drake is not listed]…

Colonist 27 Jan 1880 New Zealand Rifle Association
Tenders will be received by the undersigned until 10th of February 1880 for the supply of four tons of wheaten straw, to be delivered at the Camp, Brightwater, not later than the 26th February. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. H. Drake, Local Secretary.

Colonist 27 Jan 1880 District Court
Colonial Bank v. G. Armstrong. Mr Percy Adams appeared for the plaintiffs who claimed £46 15s 1d due on overdraft. There being no defence, Mr W. H. Drake proved the claim, and judgment went for plaintiff and costs.

Nelson Evening Mail 3 Feb 1880 Advertisement for the New Zealand Rifle Association
Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 10th of February, 1880, for the supply of four tons of wheaten straw, to be delivered at the Camp, Brightwater, not later than the 26th February. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. H. Drake, Local Secretary.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 10th of February, 1880, for catering, &c, at the forthcoming Prize Meeting, to be held at Brightwater, on the 1st March next, and following days. Specification to be had on application to the Local Secretary. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. H. Drake, Local Secretary.

Entries for the forthcoming Prize Meeting, to be held at Brightwater, on the 1st of March and following days, will be received by the undersigned up to Wednesday, the 11th of February, 1880. Forms of entry to be had on application to W. H. Drake, Local Secretary.

Nelson Evening Mail 18 Feb 1880
The half-yearly meeting of the Naval Brigade was held at the Port Public Hall last night. There was a fair attendance of members, Captain Drake in the chair. The Secretary read an elaborate report, giving in detail the operations of the Brigade for the past six months. The accounts, duly audited, were submitted to the meeting, and disclosed the company to be in a healthy financial condition. The receipts for the half year amounted to £44 11s 5d, and the expenditure to £37 18s 9d. General, Range, and Match Committees were appointed for the current year. Seaman T. H. Jones was elected Secretary, and Lieutenants Simpson and Hunter auditors for the ensuing twelve months… It was decided to get a supply of blue serge jumpers, and to call for tenders for that purpose immediately.

Nelson Evening Mail 18 Feb 1880 The Colonial Bank of New Zealand
Paid-up Capital £399,962 15s. Reserve Fund £26,000. The Dividend of 8 per cent per annum for Half-year ended 31st December last is now payable and shareholders on the Nelson portion of the register will receive their Warrants on application. W. H. Drake, Acting Manager. Nelson 13 Feb 1880.

Evening Post 31 Mar 1880
The Wellington Volunteers who took part in the Easter Review at Christchurch returned by the Government steamers this morning. The Naval Brigade, as on the outward journey, had the Stella to themselves. The latter arrived at daylight, having left much earlier than the Hinemoa, which put in an appearance at half-past nine o'clock. On coming alongside, the volunteers have three cheers for Captain Fairchild and his officers. They then disembarked, and having formed fours, marched down the wharf and along Grey-street to the strains of the band of the City Rifles, in the following order:- Nelson Artillery (Major Pitt), Stoke Rifles and Nelson City Rifles (Captain Malcolm), Nelson Navals (Captain Drake), Waimea Rifles (Captain Franklyn), Band of the City Rifles, Wellington Artillery (Captain Moorhouse), City Rifles (Captain Crowe) and Wairarapa Rifles. On arriving at the end of Grey-street, the local volunteers fell out and the band escorted the Nelson contingent back to the steamer, which left later in the day for Nelson. The Wellington Naval Brigade, on landing from the Stella this morning, gave three hearty cheers for Captain McKersie and his officers.

Nelson Evening Mail 01 Apr 1880 Christchurch Review
The return from Christchurch of the Nelson Volunteers who had taken part in the Easter Monday Review held at the Southern city, took place last night, and on their arrival in the Government steamer *Hinemoa*, they were welcomed not only by "their sisters, their cousins, and their aunts," but by a very large number of the citizens of Nelson… [of the Nelson officers] Captain Webb was appointed Brigade Major… Major Pitt acted as Senior Major… also Lieut. Adams. Capt. Drake, of the Navals, was also on the general staff, and his good temper, combined with sufficient firmness, made him respected even by the ruffianly Dunedin men…

Nelson Evening Mail 13 Apr 1880 Advertisment for the Naval Brigade
The opening of the new range is postponed until further notice. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Nelson Evening Mail 6 May 1880 Advertisement for the Naval Brigade
The firing for the Company's Cup will take place on Saturday next, May 8, at two p.m. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Nelson Evening Mail 2 Jul 1880 Advertisement for the H.M. Naval Volunteers – Nelson Brigade
Ordnance Prize Firing Saturday, July 3rd. Members to Parade at Drill Shed, at two p.m. Undress, with side arms. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Nelson Evening Mail 9 Jul 1880 Advertisement for the H.M. Naval Volunteers – Nelson Brigade
Ordnance Prize Firing Tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Members will Parade at Drill Shed at Three o'clock sharp. Undress Uniform, with Side Arms. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Colonist 31 Jul 1880 City Council
Letter from the Resident Engineer related to the removal of the Naval Brigade boatshed. Difficulties were pointed out in the matter of having the shed removed, and a hope was expressed that the Council would see its way to allowing the shed to remain. His Worship said he had seen Captain Drake, who informed him that the Brigade had no funds to enable it to remove the shed, but he thought that if the Council would allow a sufficient sum for them to copper their boat they would not require the shed. Cr Trask proposed that they should give them sufficient to copper the boat, but no Cr seconding the proposition, it was agreed on the motion of Cr Everett that the letter lay on the table.

Nelson Evening Mail 7 Aug 1880 Advertisement for the H.M. Naval Volunteers – Nelson Brigade
Parade at Drill Shed, on Monday evening next, August 9, at 7.30. Full attendance requested. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Colonist 12 Aug 1880
The Colonial Bank of New Zealand. Paid up Capital £400,000. Reserve Fund £27,000. The Dividend of eight per cent per annum for Half-Year ended 30th June last is now payable and shareholders on the Nelson portion of the Register will receive their Warrants on application. W. H. Drake, Manager. Nelson, 12th August, 1880.

Nelson Evening Mail 24 Aug 1880
The half-yearly meeting of the Naval Brigade was held at the Port Public Hall last night. There was a good attendance of members, Captain Drake in the chair. The Secretary read a voluminous report, giving in detail the operations of the company for the past six months, and going at length into the question of the reduction of the capitation grant. The accounts, duly audited, were submitted to the meeting, and showed the corps to be in a sound financial condition. After some discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously:- "That this Brigade continue as heretofore." It was agreed to reimpose the monthly subscription of one shilling, and any member who allows his subscription to get more than three months in arrear to be expelled from the company. After the transaction of some routine business the meeting was brought to a close, after passing a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Nelson Evening Mail 04 Oct 1880 Rifle Match
A match was fired at Wakefield on Saturday afternoon between the City, Stoke, and Waimea Rifles. Major Pitt, Captain Drake, and other officers were present, and several ladies visited the ground during the firing.

Colonist 02 Dec 1880 In Bankruptcy
Re E. W. Thomas, A Bankrupt. A meeting of the creditors in the estate of the abovenamed bankrupt was held at the Court House on Tuesday afternoon last…. Mr Drake, the manager of the Colonial Bank, was voted to the chair, and the debtor was examined at considerable length… Mr Drake was appointed Trustee, and the meeting was ultimately adjourned *sine die.* Liabilities… Colonial Bank £67.

Nelson Evening Mail 3 Dec 1880 Advertisement for the H.M. Naval Volunteers – Nelson Brigade
Ordnance Prize Firing tomorrow afternoon at 3.45. Masters of Coasting Vessels and others are warned not to cross the line of fire, which will be seaward from Haulashore Island. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Colonist 04 Dec 1880 City Council
A letter from the Secretary to the Marine Department stated that the Council would be permitted to remove the Pilot Boat Shed, provided they erected a small boat shed in an equally convenient situation and defray all costs. The Mayor said he had had a conversation with the Harbourmaster on the subject, and that he had also seen Captain Drake of the Naval Brigade, who had agreed to meet the Surveyor and Captain Cross in order to see whether some arrangement might not be made by which the Pilot Department might use the shed. He said the Naval Brigade wanted to have their boat coppered that she might be moored out in the stream. His Worship said he had no doubt the Corporation would be able to get the prison labor to remove the Pilot Boat Shed, and he suggested that Mr Lightfoot should be instructed to see Captain Drake and Captain Cross, and report on the matter by next meeting. The suggestion was agreed to.

1881 Supplementary Electoral Roll for the City of Nelson, New Zealand
William Hedley Drake, bank manager, Nelson

Nelson Evening Mail 14 Jan 1881 In Bankruptcy in the Nelson District Court Holden at Nelson
In the matter of The Debtors and Creditors Acts, and of the bankruptcy of Edmund Walter Thomas, a Debtor. A general meeting of the Creditors of the abovenamed Bankrupt will be held at the Court House, Nelson, on Tuesday, the 18th day of January 1881 at three of the clock in the afternoon to consider the Bankrupt's application for his discharge. Dated this 14th day of January 1881. W. H. Drake, Trustee.

Nelson Evening Mail 8 Feb 1881
The Colonial Bank of New Zealand. Paid up Capital £400,000. Reserve Fund £28,000. The Dividend for Half-year ended 31st December 1880 is now payable and shareholders on the Nelson portion of the Register will receive their Warrants on application. W. H. Drake, Manager at Nelson.

Nelson Evening Mail 25 Feb 1881 Advertisement for H.M. Naval Volunteers – Nelson Brigade
Church Parade and Monthly Inspection on Sunday next 27th instant. Members will assemble opposite the Old Post Office, at ten a.m.. Full dress, with Side-arms. W. H. Drake, Captain.

Nelson Evening Mail 10 Mar 1881
The District Court was occupied the whole of the morning and a great portion of the afternoon with the application of Edmund Walter Thomas, a bankrupt, for his discharge. Mr Fell appeared for the bankrupt, and Mr Drake, the trustee, and Mr Percy Adams, for the Colonial Bank, opposed. Judgment was reserved. Weare compelled to hold over our report until to-morrow.

Nelson Evening Mail 11 Mar 1881 District Court – In Bankruptcy before His Honor Judge Broad
Re Edmund Thomas, a Bankrupt. The bankrupt, for whom Mr Fell appeared, had given notice of his intention to apply for his discharge. On the case being called, His Honor, addressing Mr Drake, the creditor's trustee, said: This Report appears to me in parts to exceed the bounds within which a Trustee should confine himself. He should state facts not suspicions. He has full power to summons before him and to examine upon oath any person who in his opinion can give any information respecting the debtor, his dealings or his property, and the examination of every such person is to be committed to writing and is to be signed by such person. He, as the Trustee, says he suspects large sums of money have found their way into third persons' hands. If his suspicion is an honest one, he ought to probe the matter to the bottom by examining the persons he refers to in the way provided by law. But he has no right to put before the Court under cover of a report mere surmises and suspicions reflecting more or less upon third persons in relation to their dealings with the Bankrupt. The Report must be taken off the file and returned to the Trustee for correction. Mr Percy Adams: I have seen the report, and do not take the same view of it as your Honor, and I should like to make a few remarks. His Honor: The Trustee cannot be represented by counsel. Mr Percy Adams: If your Honor rules so I must sit down. Mr Drake: I am not very well up in the Bankruptcy Act of New Zealand and should like –. His Honor: You have contrived to draw up a very clever report in which you have done that which you are not justified in doing, namely, stating suspicions without evidence. It is for you merely to state facts, leaving the Court to do justice, and not to throw out suggestions for it to act upon. Mr Drake: Can I now take evidence? His Honor: Certainly. You have as much power in the matter of calling evidence as I have, so long as the estate remains in your hands. Mr Drake: Then before I prepare a fresh report I still have the power to take evidence. His Honor: Yes. You suggest that certain persons have had large sums of money, or if not that they acted unprofessionally. The evidence in support of this you have the power to obtain from the persons you suspect, but you have not done so… At the conclusion of the proceedings Mr Fell said he had now had an opportunity of reading the Trustee's report and Mr Drake having assured him he had not intended to insult him, he had nothing to say against it… Mr Drake: I can assure the Court I had no such intention, nor can I see that the report does bear that construction. His Honor: I am glad to hear you disclaim any such intention, for I could hardly believe you capable of it, but the report undoubtedly is, without explanation, scarcely open to any other construction. But there are other matters in relation to other persons objectionable which I have already explained to you. A Trustee's report should be a calm business-like statement of the affairs of the Bankrupt, and nothing more.

Nelson Evening Mail 12 Mar 1881
The following gentlemen have been gazetted as Trustees of the Nelson Savings Bank:- Hon. J. C. Richmond, Messrs W. Black, J. Wilson, H. Edwards, J. H. Cock, H. Wilkins, W. H. Drake, and J. T. Catley. Of those who composed the last Board of Trustees no less than four died within a twelve month, namely, Messrs Pollock, W. H. Jones, A. W. Scaife, and A. Jones.

Nelson Evening Mail 14 Mar 1881
A Cricket match, Bank of New Zealand and Union Bank of Australia v. the other Banks, was played on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the former on the first innings, they making 88 – out of which Jones made 26, Booth 20, Budge 13, and Boddington 11 – against their opponents 57, to which Stedman contributed 15, Blyth 11 and Drake 9. A second innings was commenced, but had to be discontinued after the first two overs owing to the heavy rain which commenced to fall about 5.30. In the evening the two teams dined together at Panama House, the chair being taken by Mr Macdonald, and the vice chair by Mr Drake, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Nelson Evening Mail 21 Mar 1881
A meeting was held at the Drill Shed on Saturday evening to discuss the desirability of holding an Easter encampment this year. There were present:- Captains Webb (in the chair), Bunny, Malcolm, and Drake; Lieuts. West, Ellis, Simpson, Harkness, Topliss, and Crossman; Sergeant-Major Wimsett; Color-Sergeants Gray and Doidge; Sergts. Bird, B. Jackson, Hood, Haase, Jackson, and P. O. Dement. Telegrams having been read from Colonel Reader, and Captain Johnston and Lieut. Bennett of the Wellington Naval Brigade, it was resolved, on the motion of Capt. Bunny, that a Camp be held at Easter. After considerable discussion as to the best site for the Camp it was resolved, on the motion of Lieut. Topliss, that it be held at Richmond, and that Major Pitt, and Captains Webb, Malcolm, Bunny, and Drake be a Committee to arrange for the most suitable site. It was resolved, on the motion of Captain Bunny, that Major Pitt, Captains Webb, Malcolm, Drake and Franklyn, Sergeant-Major Wimsett, Sergeants Gray, Doidge, and Rutherford, P. O. Crowdis, and the mover be a Camp Committee to make all arrangements. It was resolved, on the motion of Sergeant Haase, that a charge of one shilling for the four days be made to each member of the force. A meeting of the Camp Committee was then held, when it was resolved, that, Captain Johnston, of the Wellington Navals, be informed of the meeting held this evening, and that it was decided to hold the Camp here, and that the Wellington corps be invited to join, they paying their own expenses, which will be kept as low as possible. Tenders for catering will be advertised for in the Wellington and Nelson papers. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Captains Webb and Bunny, and Sergeant-Major Wimsett be appointed to carry out all executive work as far as possible. Captain Malcolm agreed to ask Mr Sutton for the use of his ground at Richmond. The Committee then adjourned.

Nelson Evening Mail 25 Mar 1881
A Cricket match will be played tomorrow afternoon at Victory Square between the Merchants and Insurance Companies on one side and the Bankers on the other. The following are the respective teams:- Merchants and Insurance Companies: Messrs G. Hodgson, Lawry, Foote, Clouston, Walker, Askew, Green, Weeding, Scaife, Pollock, and Fraser. Bankers: Messrs Budge, Jones, Steadman, Campbell, Drake, Worsley, Booth, Boddington, F. Hodgson, Blyth, and Black Junr. The wickets will be pitched at 2 o'clock.

Nelson Evening Mail 1 Apr 1881 Dinner to the Stoke Rifles
In response to an invitation from Mr A. S. Collins, MHR, to celebrate the success of Lieut. Paynter at the late meeting of the New Zealand Rifle Association, last evening about sixty members of the Stoke Rifles and a dozen other gentlemen, mostly Volunteer officers from town, sat down to a capital dinner at the Turf Hotel, Stoke, prepared by Host McDonald in good style. The chair was occupied by Mr Collins, supported on the right by the champion, Lieut. Paynter. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The Chairman proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" in eulogistic terms. Captain Webb responded for the Army, Captain Drake for the Navy, and Major Pitt for the Volunteers…

1881 Census [3 Apr] Bel Air No.1, St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands

Harriet LOW	Head	65yrs	Annuitant [widow]	b St Brelades, Jersey
Harriet Helen LOW	Dau	30yrs	Annuitant [unmarried]	b St Brelades, Jersey
Charles Le MAISTRE	Gdson	7yrs	Scholar	b St Brelades, Jersey
Mary Le MAISTRE	Servt	28yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b St Ouens, Jersey
Victoria Jane FONEY	Servt	16yrs	Under servant [unmarried]	b St Brelades, Jersey

Nelson Evening Mail 5 Apr 1881

A meeting of the members of the Naval Brigade was held last night, when the somewhat unusual course was adopted by a majority of thirty-six to two – ten declining to vote – of requesting the Captain – Mr Drake – to resign. It appears that some little time ago Seaman Fathers was elected Sub Lieutenant, but upon some technical point Capt. Drake refused to sign the recommendation of his appointment. Last night Mr Fathers was unanimously elected again, whereupon some discussion followed, which led to a proposition that Captain Drake be asked to resign, upon which he vacated the chair, but the proposal was persevered with, and the result was as stated above. Evidently there is a screw loose somewhere, and the Brigade at present is as a house divided against itself. We all know what results when that happens.

Colonist 05 Apr 1881 Naval Brigade

The meeting of the members of this corps last night appears to have been a somewhat remarkable one. A short time ago the Brigade elected Mr Fathers Sub-Lieutenant, but some difficulty having arisen with respect to their action, a second election was held last night, when Mr Fathers was again, and unanimously elected to the post. Some discussion then ensued, and a proposition that Captain Drake should be asked to resign his command of the Brigade was tabled, whereupon that gentleman vacated the chair. The motion, however, was proceeded with, and the voting thereon showed that thirty-six were in favor of it, only two were against it, and ten were neutral. We presume that under these circumstances Captain Drake will sever his connection with the corps, but we are unacquainted with all the differences which evidently exist.

Colonist [Nelson] 31 May 1881

A meeting of the creditors of Edmund Walter Thomas, a debtor, will be held at the Court House, Nelson, on Friday, the third day of June, 1881 at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to Section 108 of the Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876. W. H. Drake, Creditors' Trustee. Adams & Kingdon, Solicitors for the Creditors' Trustee.

Nelson Evening Mail 8 Aug 1881

The Colonial Bank of New Zealand. Paid up Capital £400,000. Reserve Fund £30,000. The Dividend for Half-Year ended 30th June 1881 is now payable and shareholders on the Nelson portion of the Register will receive their Warrants on application. W. H. Drake, Manager at Nelson. Colonial Bank of New Zealand, Nelson, N.Z., 9th August 1881.

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Nelson Evening Mail 23 Aug 1881
The half-yearly meeting of the Naval Brigade was held in the Volunteer Committee Room after parade last night, when there were forty present, Lieut. Simpson in the chair. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The latter disclosed the company to be in a sound financial condition, notwithstanding that it has paid to the Colonial Bank the sum of £57 14s 5d, being the balance of overdraft on account of the range on the mudflat. The receipts for the past six months amounted to £88 13s 3d, and the expenditure £66 10s 1d, leaving a balance in hand of £22 3s 2d. In answer to a question, the Chairman said that no official reply had been received from the Under Secretary for Defence relative to the **petition to the Government** praying for the removal of Captain Drake from the command of the Brigade. It was decided to supply members with white duck trowsers for wear during the summer months. After the transaction of some routine business the proceedings terminated after a vote of thanks had been passed to the Chairman.

Nelson Evening Mail 7 Sep 1881
There was an unusual scene in the streets last night, when a procession headed by four torch bearers and a fife and drum band paraded the town bearing an effigy representing a man dressed in the uniform of the Naval Brigade and carrying a duck in his arms. After marching through the streets the processionists proceeded to the mudflat, where the image was burned amid hootings and jeers and much laughter. The bystanders were for some time at a loss to understand after whose image the dummy was supposed to be made, but it soon oozed out that it was intended to represent the captain of the Naval Brigade, who has been at loggerheads with his company for some time, and for whose removal from his position a **petition signed by 50 of the members** was recently forwarded to the Under Secretary of Defence on the grounds of incompetency; failing to retain the confidence of his men; and non-attendance at parades. A reply to this was sent to Major Pitt to the effect that the relations between the captain and members did not seem to have assumed such a phase as to justify active interference on the part of the Government, especially as the officer commanding the district stated that he had no reason to doubt that Captain Drake was as well qualified as other officers in command of Naval Brigades in other parts of the colony. So strong, however, does the feeling appear to be that interference of some kind is manifestly called for. Were the Government thoroughly consistent in their actions they would tell the captain to clear out simply because he is in a minority, as it has recently been ruled with their authority that the few are to be dominated over by the many without being allowed to say a word. However, we are not prepared to recommend such a course as this, but matters have now arrived at such a stage that an enquiry is indispensible.

Nelson Evening Mail 8 Sep 1881 The Naval Brigade

To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail'. Sir – In last night's issue of your paper there appeared a letter signed 'Citizen,' the writer of which from the tenor of the letter appears to be an ally of the 'gallant' but unpopular captain of the above corps. He refers to the proceedings on Tuesday night as being disgraceful. Well, I differ from him in that respect. If all I hear is true the members of the Brigade were, in my opinion, perfectly justified in what they did. They had strong reasons for asking Captain Drake to resign, which I have no doubt some member of the corps will make public in due time. 'Citizen' implies that the Naval Brigade is composed in the greater part of larrikins. I can only say in answer to this that if such is the case this element preponderates throughtout the Volunteer force. I have closely watched the movements of the Blue Jackets ever since the difference arose between and their captain, and in deference to them I must state that throughout they have conducted themselves with gentlemanly demeanor, which is more than I can say for Captain Drake. Occasionally, perhaps, some few of them may have forgotten themselves in the excitement of the moment and gone a little too far, but there are always a few black sheep to be found in a crowd. 'Citizen' says that the Naval Brigade was once the 'crack' corps in the colony in its own particular branch. He is perfectly right. But whose fault is it that such is not the case now? None other but Captain Drake's. I observe from a paragraph in your paper that Major Pitt reported to the Government that he had no reason to doubt that Captain Drake was as well qualified to fill the position as the captains of Naval Brigades in other parts of the colony. If such is the case I can only remark that they must be a sorry lot. With you, Mr Editor, I perfectly agree that there should be a Court of Enquiry held, and the whole matter sifted to the bottom. – I am, &c., An Old Volunteer.

Nelson Evening Mail 8 Sep 1881 To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail.'

Sir – Please allow me space in your paper to make a short reply to a letter which appeared in your last evening's publication signed 'Citizen.' He says, "it appears certain members of the Naval Brigade being dissatisfied with their captain," &c. Now Sir, the "certain" members comprise the *whole* of the Brigade (with only one exception) who have been continually asking him to resign for many months past, and once (it was stated at a meeting) he went so far as to say he would if the Company refunded the amount which he had expended in the purchase of his uniform, which they did not do. Again he says, What has their Captain done. As the columns of a paper are scarcely the place for a long string of grievances not interesting to the general public, if 'Citizen' will call on me I will be happy to give them all the particulars of that officer's conduct since he has had command of the Company. Speaking of larrikinisim I will leave those who saw the proceedings to judge whether the affair was conducted in a disorderly manner; what noise was made was caused by a number of small boys. Then he goes on to say, "Which was one of the crack Naval Brigades of the Colony," &c. Perfectly true; when commanded by the late Captain Gully, whom every man respected, there was not a finer or more orderly Brigade in New Zealand, but since the present commander took charge he has brought the company to what it is at present and in conclusion I must say I am only surprised that Captain Drake has so lowered himself as to command a company of men who, as 'Citizen' says, would resort to such an act of blackguardism as was perpetrated last night. – I am, &c., H. Graham, Nelson Naval Brigade.

Nelson Evening Mail 9 Sep 1881 The Naval Brigade – To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail.'
Sir – As perhaps a number of the public do not know the causes which led to the unfortunate difference between the captain of the Naval Brigade and his men I will, with your permission, as briefly as possible give them. They date as far back as the Easter Encampment held at Christchurch last year, when Captain Drake neglected his men altogether by clearing our as soon as the steamer arrived alongside the wharf on the Friday night. They did not see anything of him until Sunday night, when he came into camp about 12 o'clock, and left a few minutes afterwards. The next time they saw him was at the review on Monday afternoon, when he was mounted on a horse. He subsequently gave as a reason for this that he had been placed on the staff by Colonel Packe, and that the Brigade should think it an honor that he, the junior Naval captain, should fill such an exalted position. Various other little incidents occurred between this time and October last to make his company lose confidence in him. Early in that month the famous trip of the Aurora to Motueka with Major Pitt and several of the H Battery on board took place, when Captain Drake, who when he joined the Brigade said he had some experience in nautical matters, so completely lost himself that the boat was nine hours coming from Motueka to Nelson, while the discipline on board was exceedingly loose. So disgusted were his crew that they said they never would sail with him again, and they kept their word. Following closely upon this Captain Drake made a sad mistake in persisting in putting his company at the rear of the Cadet Corps at inspection parades, which he said was their proper place. This so aroused the ire of some of the members that a special meeting was called to consider the matter, and although the meeting was held after parade, at which Captain Drake was present, he declined to come, but sent an "immense" effusion on discipline to be read to the meeting. A vote of no-confidence in him was proposed but not carried, some of the members thinking that it went a little too far. Things went on in a loose style until April, when a no-confidence in him was tabled and carried by an overwhelming majority. He declined to take any notice of it, and from that time until last week he has only attended two parades. At the end of July a requisition asking him to resign was sent to him signed by 49 members, but he declined to reply to it, and a month later a petition was sent to the Under Secretary for Defence praying that he be removed from the command of the Brigade. A reply was received last week stating that the Government declined to interfere in the matter. At the time he took charge, the Brigade had the reputation of being one of the best corps in the colony and mustered strongly, but it gradually dwindled away until the passing of the no-confidence motion when the average attendance at the monthly inspection parades was about 20. Since then, however, it has picked up wonderfully, and at the last two parades there were over 50 present on each occasion. I may also state that at the time Captain Drake joined the Brigade he distinctly said that if at any time he did not possess the confidence of the corps he would resign. Has he kept his word? Apologising for trespassing so much on your space. I beg to subscribe myself A Naval.

Nelson Evening Mail 9 Sep 1881 To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail.'
Sir – 'Citizen' is not satisfied with calling the members of the Nelson Naval Brigade larrikins, but he must start and call Captain Bunny to account for addressing the Volunteers, and suggesting that the Government had two courses to pursue, one of which was to grant an enquiry, which 'Citizen' knows would seal the fate of his bosom friend the gallant Captain. He also speaks of discipline. When Captain Drake was asked if he was agreeable to undergo an examination with a Royal Navy Officer, his answer was, "No, certainly not, why should I?" The reason why he would not was because he was well aware he would fail. I think Captain Bunny was perfectly justified in the remarks he made on Wednesday night. In conclusion, I hope the Government will grant an enquiry, and perhaps 'Citizen' will be engaged to defend Captain Drake. – I am, &c., Fairy Play.

Nelson Evening Mail 9 Sep 1881 Preserve me from my friends – To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail.'
Sir – If not taking too great a liberty with that now somewhat distinguished Naval officer, Captain Drake, I would suggest to him through the medium of your esteemed paper the desirability of restraining his injudicious friend 'Citizen' from continuing in the line of advocacy adopted in his letters anent the effigy burning. A writer whose *law* abiding proclivities are so sensitively constituted that he must needs denounce a harmless joke, well conceived and admirably executed, as 'an act of utter blackguardism,' and a 'scene which for larrikinism is unparalleled in the annals of Nelson,' will inevitably be exposed to the danger of losing his discretion in the excess of his valour. To every right minded person Captain Drake's cause will appear quite bad enough; and there is no occasion for it to be made worse by 'Citizen's' ill-advised interference. As to finding a parallel to the effigy scene I venture to remind 'Citizen' that it was immeasurably eclipsed by a proceeding enacted in Trafalgar-street near "The Club" some eighteen months ago in broad daylight. Should 'Citizen' not be cognizant of the details of the scene in Trafalgar-street referred to, his friend, the unfortunate captain, can post him up. – I am, &c., Another Citizen.

Nelson Evening Mail 12 Sep 1881 To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail.'
Sir – In reference to a letter signed by "A Naval" which appeared in your last night's issue I see mentioned the 'famous trip of the Aurora to Motueka,' in which Captain Drake is said to have 'so completely lost himself that the boat was nine hours coming from Motueka to Nelson.' "A Naval" should remember that the coxswain was really the man responsible for the sailing of the boat, and as to the boat's long passage it was the fault of the weather (though in Nelson blowing a strong breeze), still where the boat was, light variable winds and calms were experienced, and as to Capt Drake's inexperience in nautical matters *most* of the members of the Nelson Naval Brigade had better look at home first, for if "A Naval" knew much about the winds and tides or boating he would never have mentioned such an absurd thing as it will appear to old sailors. I beg leave to subscribe myself One Acquainted with Boats. Nelson, Sept 10, 1881. [This correspondence is now closed – Ed. N.E.M.]

Nelson Evening Mail 15 Sep 1881 The Naval Brigade and their Captain
The following correspondence has been handed to us for publication:- Major Pitt to the Under Secretary for Defence. Volunteer Office, Nelson, Sept.12, 1881. Sir – I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister that circumstances have come to my knowledge which in my opinion render it highly desirable that an enquiry may be ordered to be held as to the relations existing between the members of the Nelson Naval Brigade Volunteer Corps, and their Captain (Captain Drake). The circumstances to which I refer are that certain persons in Nelson lately burned an effigy there, presumed to represent Captain Drake, and the persons burning it are alleged to be members of the Nelson Naval Brigade, though I understand they were in plain clothes at the time. The result of what happened has been a very lengthy and somewhat acriminous correspondence in the Nelson Press, which in my opinion is highly undesirable, and not at all calculated to be of service to the Volunteer Force. I have the honor, therefore, to recommend that an enquiry may be ordered in the direction I have indicated, and as I have reason to think that local feeling and prejudice have something to do with the turn matters have taken in connection with this Corps, I respectfully suggest that someone wholly unconnected with Nelson should be appointed to make such enquiry. I have, &c., Albert Pitt, Major, Commanding Nelson District.

The Under Secretary to Major Pitt. Defence Office, Wellington, 12th September, 1881. Sir – I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date reporting certain circumstances in connection with differences existing between the Captain and members of the Nelson Naval Brigade. In reply I am instructed to inform you that Lieut.-Colonel Lyon has been directed to proceed to Nelson to inquire into and report upon the matters referred to by you – I have, &c., H. E. Reader, Lieut.-Col., Under Secretary for Defence.

Nelson Evening Mail 22 Sep 1881
Lieut.-Colonel Lyon arrived by the 'Wanaka' this morning, and will hold an enquiry into the disagreement between Capt. Drake and the Naval Brigade in the Committee room at the Drill Shed, commencing at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, and continuing, if necessary, during the evening. A meeting of the members of the Naval Brigade in connection with the matter is called for this evening at seven o'clock.

Nelson Evening Mail 14 Oct 1881 Advertisement for H.M. Volunteers – Nelson Brigade
The 'Aurora' is not to be taken out for a Cruise by any member of the Brigade without my written authority. W. H. Drake, Captain Commanding.

Nelson Evening Mail 15 Oct 1881 To the Editor of the 'Evening Mail.'
Sir – The members of the Naval Brigade must have had a hearty laugh at the expense of their gallant captain in issuing such an order as appeared in last night's Mail (perhaps he has obtained legal advice.) On inquiry I find that his knowledge of boats is limited, and that he is somewhat timid when in the boat, and this is probably the cause of the ludicrous order being issued. Sir, it is a pity to see such a fine boat as the Aurora locked up in the boat-shed when she ought to be afloat. I am informed that since Captain Drake has had command of the Brigade there has only been boat drill on two or three occasions, which, I think, is a great shame, seeing the facilities which this harbour affords for boating. – I am, &c., John McLeary.

Archives NZ Reference AD1 157 M&V 1881/1371 (R24272530)
Telegraph: W. H. Drake to Col. Reader, Wellington 21 Oct 1881 – 2.32 p.m.
Report of disbandment of Nelson Naval brigade has been received why am I not exonerated as no single accusation has been proved against me. Kindly give this matter your attentive reply.

Telegraph: W. H. Drake to Col. Reader, Wellington 21 Oct 1881 – 7.17 p.m.
Thanks for…may make use of it. I presume those officers and men who sign petition will not be allowed to form themselves into a new corps.

Archives NZ Reference AD1 157 M&V 1881/1434 (R24272547)
Telegraph: Acton Adams, Nelson to Colonel Reader, Wellington 27 Oct 1881
Can you give Drake Commission similar rank either as combatant or non-combatant. He can leave and is anxious to go. It would establish his credit after enquiry. Report did not specially exempt him.

Telegraph: Col. Reader to Acton Adams, Nelson 27 Oct 1881
Have no power myself have forwarded name to Defence Minister with others offering services and will let you know if there is any opening for Drake.

Telegraph: Acton Adams, Nelson to Col. Reader, Wellington 29 Oct 1881
Thanks for telegram pray wire Drakes appointment it is absolutely necessary establish his credit after late proceedings. Colonel Packe will recommend him as efficient Staff Officer accustomed bush life good horseman

Nelson Evening Mail 17 Dec 1881 Supreme Court
Before His Honor Chief Justice Prendergast. The Court met at 10 o'clock this morning, when the following gentlemen were sworn in on the Grand Jury:- Messrs Sclaners (foreman), J. Marsden, S. B. White, J. Mabin, H. Edwards, W. H. Drake, G. Hodgson, C. Hunter Brown, P.Donald, G. Walker, A. Stedman, J. Sharp, J. C. Richmond, W. Rout, R.Weller, J. P. Cock, G. Talbot, A. H. Johnson, R. J. Malcolm, T. Cawthron, and R. Kelling….

North Otago Times 27 Jan 1882
Wellington, January 26. A meeting of the creditors of Captain McIntyre was held today for the purpose of assenting to a deed of arrangement, whereby the Colonial Bank took over all the property and agreed to pay to the unsecured creditors 2s 7d in the £1. Prior to the meeting several of the creditors expressed the greatest sympathy with the debtor, and a suggestion that they should return the divident to him was unanimously approved. The deed was assented to, after which a resolution was proposed to the effect that the bank be requested to hand over its dividend to the debtor. Mr Brandon said the better way would be to draw up an order to the bank to that effect signed by the creditors. This was done at once, all present signing the document, and Mr Brandon, on behalf of the bank said they would pay on all the debts provable on the 7th of January. Mr Levin said that he and others would endeavour to get other creditors to sign the document, and on the part of the creditors present asked Mr Drake as representing the bank to use his influence with the directors to get something returned by them. Captain McIntyre had handed over everything he possessed to them, and was beginning life again at an advanced age, after an honourable career of 20 years. Mr Drake said he would convey the wishes of the creditors to his directors, and use his influence to give effect to them.

Nelson Evening Mail 15 Mar 1882
We understand that Mr William Young has been appointed manager of the Colonial Bank in Nelson in the place of Mr Drake who has been removed elsewhere. Mr Young was *interim* Secretary for the Bank when that institution first started and subsequently acted as accountant in the London office. He has since then been acting as visiting officer for the Bank of New Zealand.

Hawke's Bay Herald 7 Oct 1882 Fancy Dress Ball
A very successful fancy dress ball was held last evening in Messrs Banner and Liddle's new store, at the Spit. Fully three hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, and must have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as the floor was in excellent condition, and the arrangements were most complete and convenient. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and foliage, and brilliantly lighted with a great number of chandeliers… The proceeds of the ball are to be devoted to the establishment of a children's ward in the Napier Hospital, and that worthy object should be materially assisted by last evening's entertainment… We append a list of those present taken from the admission cards. The characters are given as stated on the cards… Mr Drake, naval uniform.

Archives NZ Reference AD1 165 M&V 1883/797 (R24280485)
William Hedley Drake, late Captain of New Zealand Naval Volunteers, Napier to the Officer Commanding District Napier 14 Feb 1883
Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and in reply beg to inform you that I shall be happy to accept a seat at the Board now about to be formed for the examination of Officers and other for commissions &c in the Volunteers under the new Regulations.

Major Routledge, Spit, Napier to the Under Secretary for Defence, Wellington 15 Feb 1883
Sir, I have the honour to inform you that H. H. Drake Esq., late Captain of New Zealand Naval Volunteers has consented to act as an Officer on the Board, for permission and Promotion of Officer under the New Regulations for Volunteers. I beg to enclose his reply to my request.

Memorandum from Under Secretary for Defence, Wellington to Major Routledge, Napier 27 Feb 1883
Major Routledge, You have overlooked the fact that the board is to be composed of Officers and I am not aware that Mr Drake holds a commission in any of the Colonial Forces and such being the case it would be impossible for him to be a member of the board.

Memorandum from Under Secretary for Defence, Wellington to Major Routledge, Napier 26 Mar 1883
That Captain Preece, R.M. has consented to act on the Board of Examination for Promotions &c

Hawke's Bay Herald 18 May 1883
Mr Drake, who for more than a year past has been the local manager of the Colonial Bank, is about to leave Napier, Mr Withers, a son of Major Withers, taking his place. During his stay here Mr Drake has made many friends, both in business and private life, who will sincerely regret his departure, while hoping that it will involve substantial promotion.

Nelson Evening Mail 19 May 1883
Napier, Saturday. The shareholders of the Colonial Bank are very much incensed at the continual changes made of managers of the local branch. The Bank has been established here eight years, during which time there have been seven managers. The shareholders see no necessity for those changes, and are convinced that the interests of the Bank has suffered in consequence of the removal of Mr Drake, who left to-day. Strong representations will be made to the Directory.

Hawke's Bay Herald 29 Nov 1883 Telegraphic Shipping
Dunedin, Wednesday. Sailed – 'Tarawera' for North. Passengers for Napier – Mr and Mrs Atkinson and Mr W. H. Drake.

Nelson Evening Mail 7 Apr 1885 Shipping – Arrived
April 7, steamer Rotorua, 576, Neville, from Wellington, Taranaki and Manukau. Passengers: Messrs W. H. Drake, Chambers, McKane, Buttle and one in steerage.

Archives NZ Reference AD1 178 M&V 1885/1050 (R24282544)
Telegraph: W. H. Drake, Onehunga to Col. Reader, Wellington 15 Apr 1885
Just returned from England. Kindly recommend me for a commission in case of emergency. Going Nelson Sunday.

Archives NZ Reference AD1 226 M&V 1889/2081 (R24326428)
W. H. Drake, Nelson to the Under Secretary for Defence, Wellington 27 Apr 1885
Sir, I have the honour to apply to be appointed to a Commission in the New Zealand Militia. I may mention that I was for two years Captain Commanding the Nelson Naval Brigade (date of commission 13 Oct 1879).

Evening Post 4 Sep 1886 Advertisement for Wellington Meat Export Company (Limited) – Notice to Shareholders
Dividend Warrants can be obtained on application at the offices of the Company, Waterloo-quay, on and after this date. W. H. Drake, Secretary.

Evening Post 30 May 1887 Wellington Athenaeum – Annual Report
The annual meeting of subscribers to the Wellington Athenaeum and Mechanic's Institute will be held tomorrow evening when the following report will be presented by the committee… The second mortgage of £500 to the Colonial Bank has long since matured, and the Bank intimated during the past year that it must be paid forthwith… The following nominations have been made for the new committee:- President, Messrs George Allen and C. Rous Marten; Vice-Presidends, Messrs George Allen, F. de J. Clere, J. R. George, H. P. Rawson, and C. F. Richmond; committee, G. Didsbury, W. H. Drake, F. W. Flanagan, A. Gilbert, D. Gray, J. Kew Harty, R. S. Lodger, H. P. Rawson, C. F. Richmond and C. T. Richardson; Hon. Treasurer, George Allan; Hon. Secretary, H. Easton Taylor.

Evening Post 1 Jun 1887 Wellington Athenaeum – The Annual Meeting
The annual meeting of the subscribers to the above institution took place in the Athenaeum Buildings last evening, the Hon. G. R. Johnson, President, being in the chair. There was a fair attendance…The election of committee-men resulted as follows:- J. Kew Harty, 36; D. Gray, 36; A. Gilbert, 34; F. W. Flanagan, 34; G. Didsbury, 33; W. H. Drake, 33; C. T. Richardson, 32; R. S. Ledger, 23. All the gentlemen with the exception of Mr Ledger were declared elected…

Evening Post 21 Jun 1887 The Jubilee of Her Majesty – Celebration of the Event – The Levee
His Excellency the Governor held a levee at noon at Government House, which was largely attended… The following gentlemen were also presented: … W. H. Drake….

Evening Post 3 Dec 1887
A special meeting of the Athenaeum Committee was held yesterday, Mr C. Rous Marten, President, being in the chair. The resignations of Messrs C. F. Richmond and H. Rawson (Vice-Presidents), H. Easton Taylor (Secretary) and D. Gray, F. W. Flanagan, **W. H. Drake**, A. Gilbert and J. Kew Harty, were accepted with regret, and the following gentlemen were elected to the vacancies:- Messrs G. Allen, A. Young, J. M. Richardson, G. Robertson, W. McLean and James Burns. Mr T. Kennedy Macdonald was requested to act as secretary for the present, and it was decided that the election of Vice-Presidents should not take place until the new committee had met. The President stated that he would tender his resignation in a few days. This was all the business.

Evening Post 27 Feb 1888 Shipping Port of Wellington
Arrival February 26 – Te Anau, ss, 1029 tons, McIntosh, from Sydney via East Coast and Auckland. Passengers: Cabin – Misses Mills, Langley, Potter and Morrison, Mesdames Hennings, Devery, Hanson, Mills, Potter, Blundon, Osborne and child, Judge Macdonald, Revs A. Meagher and H. Potter, Messrs Smith, Finlay, Thompson, Sutherland and Blake; 12 steerage.

Departure February 27 – Te Anau, ss, 1028 tons, McIntosh, for Melbourne via South. Passengers: Cabin – Misses Bannister, Abbott, Ferguson, Child, Drake, Drummond, Manning and Kearns, Mesdames Notman, Drummond, Cockburn, Le Garsion, Kearns, Smith, Drake, Meredith, McGregor, Gamble and Archbishop Redwood, Dr McGregor, Rev J. C. Andrews, Messrs Notman, Drummond, Cockburn, Pavitt, Hinge, Hamer, Peart (2), Kearns, Cooper, Wilson, Blower, Ledger, Cave, Todhunter, Smith and boy, Von Hhast [Haast], Acland, Young, Menelaus, Dumock, Wood, **Drake** and boy [sic]; 30 steerage.

Otago Daily Times 1 Mar 1888 Shipping – Arrivals
Te Anau, s.s., 1028 tons, McIntosh, from Sydney, via Auckland and East Coast ports. J. Mills, agent. Passengers: Mesdames Slater, C. Smith and son, Misses Jack, Furgeson, Ross, Slater, Dowden, Messrs G. Wilson, J. W. Eason, Menclaus, Dymock, Kearnes and family (4), J. R. Gray, A. Gray, Andrews, Haw, William; and 12 in steerage.

Southland Times 3 Mar 1888 Bluff Harbour
Arrived March 2 – Te Anau, s.s., 1020 tons, McIntosh, from Dunedin. Union Steam Ship Company, agents. Passengers – Misses Fraser, Woolf, Henderson, Mrs Heckshaw, Mr Lamb and two steerage.
Sailed March 2 – Te Anau, s.s., 1020 tons, McIntosh, for Melbourne. Unions Steam Ship Company, agents. Passengers – Mrs Gunn, Misses Gunn (2), Stringer, Eyres, Messrs Lombard, Ebsworth, Gunn, Rutherford, Stringer, Linton, Rentoul, Robertson, McKenzie, and 12 steerage.

Victoria, Australia – Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists
Ship 'Te Anau' departed Wellington 7 March 1888.
Saloon - Port of Embarkation: Wellington; Name of Passenger: W. H. Drake, 40yrs

The Argus (Melbourne) 8 Mar 1888 Shipping – Arrived 7 March
Te Anau, Union Co.'s s.s., 1,652 tons, John McIntosh, from New Zealand 2nd inst. Passengers – saloon: Mr and Mrs Banner, Mr and Mrs Drummond and two children, Mr and Mrs Notman, Mr and Mrs Shaw and five children, Mr and Mrs Rowney, Mr and Mrs K. Gunn, Mrs Liddle and three children, Mrs Kilgour and two children, Mrs Halley and three children, Mrs Griffiths, Misses E. Jones, Kilgour, Gunn (two), Eyres, Stringer, and Lombard, Rev. Professor Rentoul, Rev. S. Robinson, Messrs R. A. Ballantyne, E. C. Thomson, A. Blower, **W. H. Drake**, T. J. Jordan, H. Brook, Turnbull, Byrne, Low, G. A. Petrie, Fisher, Platts, Haskell, G. W. Linton, A. Stringer, J. Lombard, A. Mackenzie, Ebsworth (two), A. Rutherford, J. McCrae; and 80 in the steerage. Robert Guy, purser. Thomas Oliver, agent Union S.S. Co.

The Argus (Melbourne) 23 Mar 1888 Shipping
Cleared out: March 9, Victoria R.M.S.S. 6,268, G. F. Cates, London, &c. – George Withers
Passengers by and since the departure of the last mail: March 9. Victoria, for London, &c. – Saloon: For Bombay – Dr. and Mrs Lyons, Master Lyons, Mrs Bachman and child, Mr A. W. Pope. For London – Hon. W. I. and Mrs Winter, Misses Winter (two), Master Winter, seven children, nurse and servant, Mr and Mrs J. W. Anderson, Mr and Mrs Wilson, two children, nurse and maid, Mr and Mrs A. Catford, Mr and Mrs M. McVicar, Mr and Mrs James Bolton and two children, Mr and Mrs G. Wilson and two children, Mr and Mrs McCrabbe, Mr and Mrs J. W. Wood and child, Mr and Mrs Martin, Mr and Mrs J. S. Court, Mr and Mrs Nettleton, Mr and Mrs E. N. Jones, Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Niven, Mr and Mrs A.T. Wakley, three children, and nurse, Mr and Mrs Ince, Mr and Mrs G. H. Atkinson, four children, and servant, Mr and Mrs Baumer and three children, Mr and Mrs W. Hood, Mr and Mrs T. Field, Mr and Mrs Cowles, Mesdames McCutcheon, Bell, McGill, Thackeray and child, Hussey, S. Gillett, Mackay, J. Simpson, Daly, Bee, W. Morley, Shanks, Ferguson and child, Grant, McCleery, Longbottom, McCallam, McDougall, Misses McCutcheon, Bell, Couchman, Robinson, Stockdale, Culley, L. Winter, R. Lang, McKenzie, J. Sherrin, Baumer, A. Talbot, Robson, Prosser, Johnson, A. Junis, Niven, Quinlan, Daly, Ince, Martineau, Carpenter, Ferguson, Cameron, Grant, E. Grant, Dickson, Johnston, Haughey, Longmore, J. Marshall, and Field, Messrs J. Gill, Hick, Byrne, W. Riddell, G. Lugg, Robinson, R. S. Sanderson, Stockdale, J. Crowther, A. B. Kent and children (two), T. W. Mason and daughters (two), C. Stewart, C. Wood, W. A. Murton, Thompson, W. C. Moore, W. Collier, W. R. Challoner, J. B. Challoner, J. Challoner, J. Talbot, Gill, Russell, J. Elphinstone, T. E. Slack, T. B. Fawcett, W. Urie, J. Yeaman, W. H. Smalley, W. H. Hunt, Quinlan, Daly, Wilson, A. M. Burgoyne, F. Collier, C. D. O'Halloran, A. L. Disher, R. W. Ballantyne, A. Brown, W. Brown, E. Brown, J. Longstaff, E. Towe, W. Capua, J. A. Ferguson, J. S. Parker, E. Hart, A. Cameron, E. Pridham, E. Murphy, J. Kennedy, Dickson, R. and C. Walch, H. W. Guthrie, J. Cook, W. P. Buchanan, Felton, F. N. Wiseman, J. N. Morton, **W. H. Drake**, Scott, A. H. Bower, G. Watson, A. F. Scott, and Rev. W. Mason.

The Morning Post 7 Dec 1888 Marriage
On the 3rd inst., at St Helier's parish church, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Jersey, William Hedley Drake, of St. Lawrence, Jersey, to Harriet Helen, youngest daughter of the late Alexander Low, M.D., of Maison de Coin, St. Brelades, Jersey.

Nouvelle Chronique de Jersey 16 Jan 1889 Separations quant aux biens
M. l'Avocat Le Gallais obtient l'enregistrement d'un acte de meme nature, instance de M. William Hedley Drake et Harriet Ethel Lowe, son epouse

London Gazette 13 Mar 1891 p2
7th Battalion, the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), William Hedley Drake, Esq., late Captain, Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, to be Captain. Dated 14th March, 1891.

1891 Census Le Coin Road Petit Coin No.1, St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands

Henriette LOW	Head	80yrs	Living on her own means	b St Brelade, Jersey
Charles De La Cour LE MAISTRE	Gdson	17yrs	Scholar	b St Brelade, Jersey
Frances May JESSEY	Servt	15yrs	Maid [single]	b England
William Hedley DRAKE	Head	47yrs	Captain 7th Battalion Rifle Regiment	b Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Harriet Helen DRAKE	Wife	44yrs		b St Brelade, Jersey
Thomas William JESSEY	Servt	49yrs	Butler [married]	b England
Mary JESSEY	Servt	51yrs	Cook [married]	b England
Mary Louisa JESSEY	Servt	12yrs	Maid [single]	b England

Hart's Army List 1894
The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) 7th Battalion – Captains – William Hedley Drake 14 Mar 1891

Google Books Snippet View: Hart's Annual Army List, Militia List and Imperial Yeomanry List (1899)
… William Hedley Drake, *p.o.*, 14 Mar 91…

Jersey Independent and Daily Telegraph 01 Apr 1899 Funeral of Mr P. H. De Gruchy
… wreath from… Captain and Mrs W. Hedley Drake…

1901 Census No.17 Clarendon Road, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands

William Hedley DRAKE	Head	57yrs	Army Captain	b England
Harriet Helen DRAKE	Wife	54yrs		b St Brelade, Jersey
Mary JESSEY	Servt	61yrs	Domestic Cook [widow]	b England
Mary Louisa JESSEY	Servt	21yrs	Domestic Housemaid [single]	b England
Florence Maud GODRICH	Servt	17yrs	Domestic Maid [single]	b St Heliers, Jersey

Jersey Independent and Daily Telegraph 28 Jul 1900 Another Drowning Case
From the "Jersey Times" of Saturday. An inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Pte George William Wellard, 2nd Devons, was this afternoon held at the Military Hospital (Pier road) by Mr R. R. Lempriere (Viscount)… Captain Wm. Hedley Drake (commanding the details of the Devonshire Regiment) said deceased was 19 years, three months and nine days old, and born at Dartford (Kent). He was a very good man and they regretted his loss.

London Gazette 24 Mar 1903 p16
William Hedley Drake, Esq., formerly Captain 5th Battalion Rifle Brigade, to be Major on the Retired List. Dated 18th October, 1902.

Google Books No Preview: Proceedings of the Royal Society of London: Containing papers of a Biographical character, Volume 80 (1908)
Contains a reference to 'William Hedley Drake'

Totnes Weekly Times 25 Jul 1908 Paignton
It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs Wilkins, wife of Dr Wilkins, of Conway House, Roundham, Paignton, on Thursday, at the age of 45 years. The interment took place on Tuesday, the remains being conveyed to a place near Yeovil. Floral tributes were sent by… in affectionate remembrance from Mr and Mrs Hedley Drake…

Western Times 20 Mar 1913 Late Mr Henry Drake – Funeral at Crediton Churchyard Yesterday Afternoon
The funeral took place at Crediton yesterday of Mr Henry Drake. The deceased was well known in the Crediton district, and his demise will rob the town of a generous benefactor. His death took place at his London residence on Saturday last. The body was conveyed from London yesterday afternoon, and taken straight to the Churchyard. The members of the Wenswood Institute (Boys' Club) lined up on either side of the central entrance, in charge of Mr S. Kerslake. The Vicar, Rev. W. M. Smith-Dorrian, officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. Halford and the Rev. H. D. Oldfield, curates. The coffin bore the inscription: "Henry Drake, born 8th January, 1835; died 15th March, 1913." The mourners included the widow, Mr Bernard Drake (son), the Misses Drake (2) (daughters), and three servants. The service was fully choral, the full choir being in attendance. Mr N. F. Byng Johnson, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ, and as the mourners entered the church played appropriate music, and at the close the Dead March in "Saul." The hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Jesu, Lover of my soul," were also sung. The 90th Psalm was chanted, and the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was sung at the graveside. Amongst those also present were: Rev. G. T. Llewellyn (Vicar of Sandford), Rev A. M. McCarthy (Zeal Monachorum), Messrs R. Brown, J. Mortimer, W. Tremlett, W. Pope (members of the Church Governors), Mr J. Symes (clerk), Mr and Mrs Flood, Messrs T. Harmon, Shellabeer, F. J. and J. Bulley, W. Woolacott, T. Laver (representing Messrs Wilson, Son and Coombes, Exeter), W. Gush, R. Kemp, S. Sloman, J. C. Perkins, L. Perkins, Mr and Mrs H. Alford, the Misses Bible, Capt. Mortimer, Col. Montague, Dr Moiser, Messrs G. A. Mock, F. A. Mills, Willcocks, W. Backwell, S. P. Pope, W. H. Jackson, E. B. Frances, T. Jones, W. Harris, C. Lapthorne, J. Banks, W. H. Gillard, W. Grove, T. Mills, etc. Floral tokens were sent by the widow (a large and beautiful cross), Bernard, daughters, Mr and Mrs John Graham and the Misses Jean and Madge Graham (Kensington), Mr and Mrs J. Rowland (Hopgood), M. and F. Powell, Dick and Margaret Langworthy, the manager and staff at 24, Rood-lane, London, staff at Belvedere works, Manning and Gertrude, Miss Sanderson, Mrs Langworthy (Kensington), Mrs Frank Fletcher (Charterhouse, Godalming), C. Walling, Mr and Mrs Herdman Ash (London), Mr and Mrs Seymour, F. Pope (Crediton), Mr and Miss Canziani (London), Mr and Mrs William Pope (Oakfield, Crediton), **Major and Mrs William Hedley Drake (Polsham Park)**, Mr and Mrs Jas. O. Callender (Woking), Mr and Mrs Symes and Miss Doris Symes (Crediton), Miss Billeter (Dunsfold, near Godalming), Mrs Tremayne Buller (Downes, Crediton), Mr and Mrs T. Peterson (Wimbledon), Mr E. Mackintosh, Messrs Willcocks, Smith and Gush (his tenants), "S.," Mrs and Miss Parker (London), Mr and Mrs Bayne (Brockhill), Mr and Mrs T. O. Cellender (Abbey Wood), Mary, Bessie, and Bell, Mrs Jesop (Crediton), Will and Rosamond Powel, Rev W. M. Smith-Dorrien and Miss Smith-Dorrien (Crediton), Sir Fortescue Flannery, the directors and staff of Cellender's Cable and Construction Company, Mr and Mrs Dyke (Bournemouth), gardener and his wife, Mrs Drake (Crediton), Mr and Mrs Arthur Clayfield Ireland (Dowrich House), Mabel and May Bible, Committee and members of the Mothers' Meeting, Dean-street Boys' Club.

Western Times 31 Mar 1915 Funeral at Paignton
The Late Captain Henry Talbot Price, R.N., laid to rest… Flowers were sent by… Maj. And Mrs Hedley Drake…

The Times 7 Jan 1918 Death
On the 2nd Jan., William Hedley Drake, late Captain, 5th Battalion Rifle Brigade, and late Major, 6th Provisional Battalion.

The Times 10 Jan 1918 Death
On the 2nd Jan., at Bryn Willow, Paignton, William Hedley Drake, late Captain, 5th Battalion Rifle Brigade, and late Major, 6th Provisional Battalion, aged 74.

National Probate Calendar 1918
William Hedley Drake of Bryn Willow Polsham Park Paignton Devonshire major in the Army (retired) died 2 January 1918 Probate Exeter 26 January to Harriet Helen Drake widow. Effects £271 13s 9d.

The Inverell Times 01 Mar 1918 Society's Early History
Although all the earlier records of the Association appear to have been mislaid, we are enabled to reproduce, thanks to the acting-manager of the Commercial Bank, an exact copy of the first years' transactions as entered in the bank's old ledger. From this it will be gathered that "The Pastoral and Agricultural Association of Central New England" was founded in July, 1868… The treasurer, Mr W. F. Sinclair, was manager of the Commercial Bank, and conducted its financial operations in one of the front rooms of a four-roomed cottage in Campbell-street, about where Mr Morrow's smith now stands. He was a most popular gentleman, but met his death in a tragic manner at Bukkulla through a fall from his horse on Boxing Day 1869. A modest headstone in the eastern corner of the local cemetery marks the scene of his grave. He was succeeded by Mr **W. H. Drake**, who also became treasurer of the Association…

Google Books Snippet View: Report and Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature and Art (1918)
Major William Hedley Drake. Major Drake, who was born on the 20th December 1843, was the son of Francis Drake by his wife Elizabeth Hedley. He served as Captain in the New Zealand Naval Volunteers from 1879-1883; as Captain in the 7th Battalion…

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette 18 Jun 1921 The Withycombe Fire
Contributors to the Fire Relief Fund… Mrs Hedley Drake, Paignton 10s…

The Inverell Times 06 Oct 1922 Early Chronicles of Inverell - The Municipality Emerges
On June 23rd, 1871 a petition was presented to the Earl of Belmore, then Governor of New South Wales, asking the constitution of Inverell as a municipality. Signatures to the petition were: … W. H. Drake, Manager Commercial Bank…

The Inverell Times 02 Jan 1923 Early Stations in Review – Inverell in the Seventies
From the Glen Innes "Examiner" of 24 Feb 1875. Office bearers: Mr J. J. R. Gibson (President), Messrs F. B. Mulligan (President), D. A. Campbell and John Fraser (Vice-Presidents), Mr W. H. Drake (Treasurer), Mr G. T. T. Butler (Hon. Secretary), Messrs C. Legh, James Clark, C. Ross, C. A. Fraser, A. Codrington, J. Sinclair, P. W. Anderson, Colin Fletcher, W. Swanson, T. J. Walsh, J. Campbell and J. Martin…

The Inverell Times 26 Oct 1936 The Commercial Bank – An Institution closely identified with Inverell's progress
… Many of Inverell's oldest residents, if they do not remember the establishment of Inverell branch of the Commercial Bank, will know well the names of those who managed its interests – Mr Edward A. Ashdown, the first manager, who was succeeded in 1866 by Mr W. P. Sinclair. In 1870 Mr W. H. Drake then Mr W. F. Robey 1876-1883…

The Times 30 Jul 1937 Death
On July 27, 1937, at "St. Aubin", 127 Torquay Road, Paignton, Harriet Helen, widow of Major William Hedley Drake and daughter of Dr Alexander Low of Maison de Coin, St. Aubins, Jersey, in her 91st year. Service at Christ Church, Paignton, at 11 o'clock to-day (Friday). Interment at Collaton.

National Probate Calendar 1937
Harriet Helen Drake otherwise Harriett Helen of St. Aubin Torquay-road Paignton Devonshire widow died 27 July 1937 Probate London 14 September to George Harry Le Maistre of no occupation and Frank Harold Jenkins solicitor. Effects £5415 5s 3d.

The Channel Islands Family History Journal No.22 Spring 1984 page 134 Low, Villeneuve: Amendments and Additions
Major R. G. A. Le Maistre has supplied the following information to add to previously published material. See The De Villeneuve Family (Part 2) by A. S. Pipon (Journal No.11 page 124) and Low-Villeneuve by A. S. Pipon (Journal No.12 page 137).

John Gregory (b. 1795) was Governor of the Bahamas, retiring in 1848. His elder son was a member of Lincoln's Inn, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge and Conveyancer to the Crown. James Low was formerly of Ann Field and his son **John** was Medical Officer of Leaden Urquhart in the Parish of Strathmiglo, Fifeshire. This John came to the island as Medical Officer of a British Regiment. He settled in St Brelade and bought Maison du Coin on 28th July 1810 from the heirs of the Francis Milne family. John's son, Alexander M.D. and Paris Diploma was surgeon to 5th Regiment R. J. Militia, Medical Inspector-General to the Militia, and was elected the first Deputy to the States for the Parish of St Brelade.

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|----- **Alexander LOW**
b 26 Jul 1789, d 12 Apr 1879
m 20 Dec 1832 Henriette ALEXANDRE (1810-1900) dau of Francis Alexandre of the Franc Fief, St Brelade
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|----- Augusta LOW
| b 1833, d May 1916
| m 11 Dec 1857 George John Le MAISTRE, M.A. (Incumbent of St Aubin) – (b 1829, d 24 Dec 1908)
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| |----- George Harry Le MAISTRE
| b 1858
| m Mabel Harriet NASH (1868-1956) dau of Rev. William NASH (1831-1905) & Louisa Arthur GREGORY
| Louisa: dau of **John GREGORY** (1795-1853) & Harriet Eliz. VILLENEUVE (1805-1834)
|
|----- Alexander James LOW
| b 24 Feb 1840, d 05 Jan 1871
|
|----- Helen Harriet LOW
b 06 Jul 1847, d 27 Jul 1937
m **William Hedley DRAKE** (b 1846, d 02 Jan 1918)

The Channel Islands Family History Journal No.12 Autumn 1981 pages 137-138
LOW-VILLENUEVE by A. S. Pipon. This article continues the line of descent from the VILLENEUVE family. John Low was the son of James Low of Leaden Urquhart and Orchevie, in Fifeshire, Scotland. John, a surgeon, of Leaden, Urquhart probably came to the Island as a Medical Officer to one of the regiments on Garrison duty and settled in St Brelade. He was Surgeon to the Vth Regiment, Medical Inspector-General, Royal Jersey Militia, and sat in the States as a Deputy for St Brelade. Through his marriage into the Villeneuve family he adopted the arms of Villeneuve and Pipon into his own…

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|----- Elizabeth Janet LOW b 09 Oct 1800, died young
|----- Jean LOW b 11 Nov 1801
|----- Elizabeth Janet LOW b 03 Mar 1803, d 21 Oct 1845
|----- Helene LOW b 06 Mar 1804, died young
|----- James LOW b 30 Sep 1805
|----- William LOW b 07 Sep 1806
|----- Henry LOW b 15 Dec 1807
|----- David LOW b 16 Dec 1808
|----- Helene LOW b 24 Dec 1809
|----- Philippe LOW b 25 Mar 1811
|----- Villeneuve LOW b 29 Jul 1812
|----- George LOW b 23 Jan 1815, d 09 Aug 1844