Hutt Obituaries

William ABBOTT (1807-1890) Evening Post 16 June 1890

The body of William Abbott, an old pensioner from the Imperial Army, was found in the Hutt River yesterday, and the circumstances attending the fatality are to be enquired into by the District Coroner this afternoon. The deceased lived at Alicetown with his son, and was last seen when retiring to rest at about half-past 10 o'clock on Saturday night. It was a regular custom of his to rise early and take a walk either along the river bank or else the public road. It is supposed he took his usual stroll yesterday by way of the river, and being very short-sighted probably got too near the edge and fell in. His absence from home was reported to Constable O'Connell, of the Lower Hutt, at half-past 1 o'clock, and the body was shortly afterwards recovered and removed to the Railway Hotel, where the inquest will be held at half-past 4 o'clock this afternoon. The body bore no marks of violence. The deceased was 75 years old and was very well known all through the Hutt district. His pension was derived from his having been attached to the 65th Regiment.

Henry A'COURT (1856-1916) The Press 02 January 1917

Mr Henry A'Court, whose death occurred on Saturday, was a native of Lower Hutt, Wellington, and was for 36 years secretary of the Kaiapoi Woollen Company. Mr A'Court was much esteemed by all those with whom he came in contact, whether in business or private life. In the early 70's he entered the employ of Messrs Belcher and Fairweather of Kaiapoi, who conducted a very extensive merchants', carrying, shipping and grain business. After the advent of the railway the firm gave up business, and the parties decided to engage in farming pursuits. Upon the incorporation of the Kaiapoi Woollen Company, Mr A'Court was engaged as secretary, a position he held until his death. Mr A'Court was of an unobtrusive disposition, and was one who never cared for the limelight. He was, however, highly respected as a straightforward, honourable business man, and as an exceedingly good mercantile accountant. He was very widely known throughout the Dominion, and he will be very much missed by the business community and more especially by the warehousemen, with whom he had a great deal to do. Mr A'Court was a member of the St. Albans Bowling Club, and a former member of the Concord Masonic Lodge, Papanui. For the past 35 years he took an active and a great interest in the affairs of the St. Albans Methodist Church. Mr A'Court leaves a widow, one son, and four daughters. The funeral took place yesterday at the Linwood Cemetery, in the presence of a great many friends, including the directors and staff of the Kaiapoi Woollen Company. The burial service was conducted by the Revs A. C. Lawry, W. C. Oliver, and W. A. Sinclair. A number of very beautiful wreaths were received.

James A'COURT (1816-1880) Hawera and Normanby Star 24 April 1880

The past five years have greatly thinned the ranks of the old colonists (remarks the Rangitikei Advocate), and added to the number of those who have departed to that "bourne from whence no traveller returns." Mr James A'Court, of Sandon, died on Wednesday morning, after a long and painful illness of nearly twelve months duration, which he bore with exemplary patience. The deceased came out to this colony in the ship 'London', in the year 1842, and landed in Wellington; and from that period until 1873 he resided at the Hutt, where he was deservedly respected. He was one of the earliest members of the Hutt Small Farm Association, and has for the past seven years resided on his own farm at Sandon, where he speedily gained the goodwill and esteem of all those with whom he was brought in contact. Mr A'Court leaves a widow and eight children (with one exception, grown up to manhood and womanhood) to mourn his loss, in addition to several relatives in the South Island. The deceased was, for a number of years prior to his death, a consistent member of the Wesleyan Church, in which he was much respected for his many good qualities. The deceased was father to Mr A'Court, of Hawera.

James A'COURT (1852-1911) Feilding Star 20 December 1911

It is our duty to-day to record the death of Mr James A'Court, of Sandon, which took place this morning. Last Friday Mr A'Court, while on his way to choir practice at the Wesleyan Church, was seized with a paralytic stroke. He was taken to a house nearby, and never recovered consciousness, expiring this morning without being removed to his own home. The death of Mr A'Court will be a very severe loss to the whole Sandon district. He had gone there from the Hutt thirty-eight years ago, with his father, who was one of the first settlers, and had resided there ever since. He was closely connected with school matters, and was a local preacher and choirmaster of the Wesleyan Church for many years. The members of the church will be particularly smitten by his death, as he was a man who was not only a pillar of strength to them, but an example for the whole community, earning ungrudging respect and esteem by his sterling qualities as a man and a Christian, and his willingness to be of use and benefit to his neighbours in season and out of season. He was married to the eldest daughter of the late Mr Harry Hammond, and was connected by that marriage to a large number of Sandon families. Mrs A'Court survives her husband, and there are three sons and three daughters. The sons are: Hammond (married, and residing at Sandon), Stanley (school teacher at Palmerston), and Harry (at home). The daughters are: Mrs Bethune (Oroua Downs), and Helen and Dorothy (at home). A short memorial service will be held at the Wesleyan Church, Sandon, to-morrow, at 12.30 p.m., and the funeral will leave the church at 1 o'clock. Owing to Mr A'Court's death, the annual prize-giving at the Candon school has been indefinitely postponed.

Sylvia Viola ACKROYD *nee* UDY (1901-1929) Hutt News 14 February 1890

A large circle of relatives and friends will regret the death of Mrs Arnold Ackroyd (*nee* Sylvia Udy), which occurred at Penrose Street, on Friday. The late Mrs Ackroyd was the second daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Udy, Britannia Street, Petone. Born at Hukanui (Wairarapa), the deceased passed her girlhood in Petone, and for several years attended Wellington Girls' College. Prior to her marriage six years ago she was well-known as a talented elocutionist, and gave her services freely at school, church, and other entertainments during the war period. Although laid aside through illness for some time, her death at an early age was somewhat unexpected, and has called forth many tributes of sympathy to her husband and two young children, and near relatives. She was laid to rest at Taita on Sunday last in the presence of a large gathering, the funeral service being conducted by the Revs. Lochore (Petone), McCaw and Olds (Lower Hutt).

Charles William ADAMS (1840-1918) Evening Post 30 October 1918

The death occurred yesterday, at his residence, Lower Hutt, of Mr C. W. Adams, who was formerly Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands for Marlborough. The late Mr Adams, who was in his 79th year, was born at Buckland, Campbell Town, Tasmania, on 7th July 1840, and was the son of Rev H. Cay Adams. He became a survey cadet in Victoria in 1859, returning to Tasmania two years later. He settled in New Zealand in 1862, when he entered into partnership with Mr W. H. Pilliet in Dunedin. This partnership was dissolved later, and the late Mr Adams joined the staff of the Survey Department of Otago. Owing to retrenchment, he left again in 1865, and came to Wellington to join the Wellington Survey Office. Returning to Otago in 1867, he became Chief Surveyor of Otago in 1885. He was transferred to Marlborough in 1897 as Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands. From this position he retired fourteen years ago. In addition to his professional activities, the late Mr Adams took a keen and lively interest in scientific matters. He was appointed First Geodesical Surveyor in Wellington in 1879, his work involving a mathematical study of the earth and the determination of the latitude of various places in the Dominion by astronomical observation. He took part in the observation of the transit of Venus and the total eclipse of the sun in 1884. During a long period he was in charge of the Government Observatory, which was situated where Mount Cook Barracks are now. This observatory was established to ascertain the exact latitude of New Zealand, and was in telegraphic communication with Sydney. Mr Adams ascertained the required latitude. Twenty years later the Canadian Government sent an astronomical party to define New Zealand's exact geographical position. It was found that there was an error of only 17ft between their figures and those of Mr Adams and his collaborator. The deep study of astronomy made by Mr Adams is evidenced by the fact that he discovered an error in the position of a star in the Nautical Almanac. This was investigated at the leading observatories of the world and afterwards corrected in the almanac. He was for many years editor of the New Zealand Surveyor, and wrote many articles for its columns. As recently as 2nd October last he addressed the astronomical section of the Wellington Philosophical Society. The late Mr Adams married Miss Eleanor Sarah Gillon, daughter of the late Mr E. T. Gillon, formerly editor of The Post. His wife and six children survive him, as does his sister, Mrs C. P. Powles, of Wellington. The names of his family are: Dr C. E. Adams, Government Astronomer, Wellington; Arthur H. Adams, of the staff of the Daily Telegraph, Sydney; Cecil Francis Adams, actuary, of Goulbourn, N.S.W.; George King Adams, Magistrate in the Indian Civil Service; Mrs J. E. D. Spicer, of Auckland; and O. Gore Adams, who is a Y.M.C.A. secretary in Egypt. The funeral, which will be private, will leave the late Mr Adams's residence, Bellevue-road, Lower Hutt, at 3 p.m. tomorrow for the Taita Cemetery.

Joseph Tyndall ADAMS (1842-1912) Evening Post 21 December 1912

Captain Joseph Tyndall Adams, in the earlier days well known in New Zealand shipping circles, died at the Taita this morning. Captain Adams, who was born in London in 1842, went to sea at an early age in the ship 'Norfolk' and after a few years at sea, while still a young man, he reached the position of chief officer of the s.s. 'Soukar' – one of the last vessels to carry passengers Home from India round the Cape of Good Hope. Shortly after the 'Soukar' left India on his first voyage the captain died, and Mr Adams, who was then only about 23 years of age, navigated her to England, and on arrival was given the command. He served in the Indian trade for some years, and when the 'Soukar' was purchased by the Shaw Savill Company Captain Adams came to New Zealand in her. That was in the early '70s. He commanded the 'Soukar' for ten years, and shortly after the New Zealand Shipping Company was formed he transferred his services and was given command of the 'Hurunui', on her second voyage, in 1876. He afterwards commanded the 'Wairoa', in which he made a number of voyages to Wellington, and the 'Wanganui'. When the latter vessel was sold, in 1888, Captain Adams settled down at the Taita, where he has lived quietly ever since. He was married twice. He leaves three sons (the eldest being Mr E. C. Adams, of the Union Company, Wellington), and two daughters by his first wife, and four sons by his second wife, who survives him.

David James ALDERSLEY (1862-1928) Evening Post 25 Aug 1928

Regret is expressed in the annual report of the Hutt Cricket Club at the death of Mr D. J. Aldersley, a vice-president, who was associated with the club for many years.

George ALLEN (1814-1899) New Zealand Times 11 May 1899

An old colonist passed away in Wellington yesterday morning in the person of Mr George Allen. The deceased gentleman, who had attained the ripe old age of 84½ years, died somewhat suddenly. He was apparently in good health on the previous evening, but complained of a pain at the heart early in the morning and passed away quietly in the presence of his two daughters, with whom he had been living, shortly after five o'clock. The late Mr Allen (who occupied the Mayoral chair of the City of Wellington from 9th to 25th May 1879) had an eventful and interesting career. Few men "roughed it" more than he did in the early days of civilisation. Mr Allen was born in 1814 at Deal in Kent, and was brought up to the principal industry of that ancient town – that of boatbuilding. In April 1836, he left England in a brig of 160 tons called the *Emma*, bound for South Australia. The *Emma* took six months to reach Kangaroo Island, at the south of Spencer's Gulf. Here Mr Allen spent a year at his trade and then joined the ship *Solway* bound for Home, as a carpenter. The ship was wrecked in Encounter Bay, and Mr Allen, with others, rescued, after a night in the rigging. Returning to Kangaroo Island, Mr Allen joined the ship *Sarah and Elizabeth*, which was to sail for England, after taking in oil at Kangaroo Island, and filling up with wool from Van Dieman's Land. This vessel, however, was promptly condemned, and the would be ship's carpenter stayed for a short time at Hobart, working at his trade, and earning by piecework about 12s to 15s per day. Securing a Home ship there, he went on to Sydney where after working for a while ashore, he considered himself fortunate in obtaining the carpentership of the *Orontes*, homeward bound, via Torres Strait, Port Essington and the East Indies. This was towards the end of 1838, and though the heat was intense, the young carpenter was in high spirits, as every day brought him nearer to the Old Land where he was sure of a royal welcome from his widowed mother, and from one other of the same town – one who was afterwards the beloved mother of his nine children, and who, after nearly fifty years of married life, was laid to rest in the Sydney street cemetery. The *Orontes*, however, struck upon an unknown rock, and was run aground at the entrance of Port Essington, where for six months the crew were exiled in a tropical country infested with marauding blacks. The middle of 1839 found the shipwrecked crew back in Sydney, and from thence Mr Allen came on to this colony in the brig *Adelaide*. Returning to South Australia, he shipped for England in the *Adelaide* and after an adventurous voyage reached the Old Country four and a half years after setting out. Five months after he married Miss Jane Elizabeth Paul, who, as Mrs George Allen, was afterwards so well known in Wellington. In 1841 the young couple arrived in Wellington in the *Catherine Stuart Forbes* and Mr Allen at once established himself as a boatbuilder. In the quarter century which followed he was able to acquire a competence, and in 1866 retired from business and bought a farm at Waiwetu, Lower Hutt. There he led a farmer's life for the next eight years, when he again came back to this town where he had up to his death resided. Mr Allen devoted a great deal of his time to the public service. As a councillor and a member of different local bodies he proved himself indeed a useful citizen. But it was as provincial councillor that he rendered the most valuable and enduring services. He was elected to represent the City of Wellington on that body in 1856, and served his full term of five years. Mr Allen was one of the committee which decided upon the position of the Queen's wharf. For years he was managing director of the Trust, Loan and Investment Company, a position which he held, indeed, until the day of his death. Flags were flown at half-mast at the Corporation Offices and at a number of public and private premises in the city yesterday, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Helen ALLEN *nee* PRINGLE (1852-1933) Evening Post 05 July 1933

Mrs Thomas P. Allen, who died at her residence, 43 Laing's Road, Lower Hutt, recently, was born at Lower Hutt on Christmas Day, 1852, and shared with her parents many of the hardships of the early days. Her parents were the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Pringle, very early settlers of the Hutt, Mr Pringle arriving in 1840 by the ship 'London'. She was married in 1879 to Mr T. C. Allen, of Walmer Farm, Waiwhetu, where the greater part of her life was spent. During the last twenty-four years Mr and Mrs Allen lived at Bloomfield Crescent; now 43 Laing's Road. Mr Allen is 88 years old. A family of two sons and four daughters survive their mother. They are Mr H. E. Allen (Hurleyville), Mr L. G. Allen (Waitotara), Mrs M. Barr (Takapau), Mrs Arthur Marshall and Mrs Fred Rogers, and Miss Bertha Allen (all of Lower Hutt). There are also ten grandchildren and three brothers – Mr David Pringle (Palmerston North), Mr Graham Pringle (Wellington) and Mr Walter Pringle
(Levin). The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery, a service being held at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. Mrs Allen was one of the first members of Knox Church, but when St Stephen's was formed the family joined there.

Thomas Paul ALLEN (1845-1943) Evening Post 26 July 1934

Another link with the past history of Wellington and the Hutt Valley was severed last week by the death of Mr Thomas Paul Allen, whose father, Mr George Allen, arrived in Wellington in 1841 by the 'Catherine Stuart Forbes'. Mr T. P. Allen was born 89 years ago in a house which is still owned by a member of the family and is situated two doors from the N.D.A. building on Thorndon Quay. When Mr T. P. Allen was 19 years old the family removed to Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt, to the property now owned by Mr H. E. Leighton. In 1874 Mr T. P. Allen married Miss Helen Pringle, whose parents had arrived in Wellington in 1840. Mr Allen continued farming at Waiwhetu until 1908, when he retired. Since then he has been residing at 46 Laing's Road, where he died. On February 23, 1891, Lower Hutt was constituted a borough and Mr Allen had the honour of being one of the first councillors, the others being Mr J. R. Ransom (father of the present Minister of Lands), Mr J. Cudby, Mr H. D. Atkinson, Mr F. Cooper and Mr Wilkins. He held office for five years and topped the poll again in 1899. For 31 years Mr Allen had been an elder of the Presbyterian Church, first at Knox and afterwards at St Stephen's, being at the time of his death the senior elder. He was also the oldest member of the I.O.O.F. Royal Rose Lodge, Lower Hutt, of which he was a past grand master. In his early days he was an enthusiastic cricketer and a member of the Lower Hutt Band. He had vivid recollections of Wellington's early days and often spoke of incidents which happened in the severe earthquake of 1855. His wife predeceased him in June of last year. There are two sons, Mr H. Allen, Hurleyville, Mr L. B. Allen, Waitotara and four daughters, Mrs M. Barr, Kopua, Mrs A. Marshall, Mrs F. Rogers and Miss Allen, all of Lower Hutt. There are three grandsons and seven granddaughters, and two brothers, one in Palmerston North and the other in the Wairarapa. The funeral will leave the residence at 2 p.m. on Saturday for St Stephen's Church, thence to the Taita Cemetery.

William Bennett ALLEN (1847-1947) Hawke's Bay Herald 1 March 1947

The death has occurred at Greytown of the oldest resident of the Wairarapa, Mr William Bennett Allen, aged 99. Born in Wellington, Mr Allen first went to the Wairarapa in 1873. After a period in the Hutt from 1879 to 1883, he returned to the Wairarapa and remained there till his death. He was at one time a member of the executive of the Romney Marsh Breeders' Association, of which he was an honorary life member. As a judge of Romneys his services were in demand at many agricultural and pastoral shows. He was also interested in the dairy industry, and for some years was a director of the Taratahi Dairy Factory.

Walter Harry ALZDORF (1841-1909) Manawatu Standard 10 September 1909

The death occurred at Foxton on Wednesday of one of Foxton's oldest and most respected settlers in the person of Mr Walter H. Alzdorf. The deceased gentleman was born at Petone in 1841, and claimed the distinction of having been the first European born at Port Nicholson. He was educated in New Zealand and served his apprenticeship in the Survey Office at Wellington, completing his term in 1861. He was subsequently employed by the Provincial and General Governments as a surveyor, and between the years 1866 and 1869 laid out a portion of the town of Foxton and most of the township of Palmerston. The late Mr Alzdorf has resided in Foxton for upwards of 40 years. His wife predeceased him by about sixteen months, and he leaves a grown-up family of four daughters and one son. The late Mrs Alzdorf was a sister of Mrs G. Trask, of Palmerston North; Mrs W. K. Simpson, of Bunnythorpe; and Mrs D. A. Poole, of Kaponga.

Alexander ANDERSON (1833-1911) Evening Post 07 July 1911

Mr Alexander Anderson, an old resident of Wellington, died at his residence at the Lower Hutt last evening. Mr Anderson was at one time in the employ of Messrs J. Nathan and Co., but resigned to engage in farming pursuits. He purchased land at Eketahuna in the early days, which he successfully worked. About five years ago he retired, and since then has resided at the Lower Hutt. He was seventy eight years old, and was well known and greatly respected throughout the Wellington district. He leaves one son.

James ARCUS (1856-1927) Horowhenua Chronicle 01 Dec 1927

The late Mr James Arcus, whose funeral took place at Karori last week, was the third son of Mr Laurence Arcus, well-known in Oriental Bay, Wellington. He was born in Lerwick, Shetland, in 1856, and came to New Zealand in 1875. He settled 38 years ago in Petone, where he was foreman of works to the Gear Meat Company. He was after that in business on his own account, in partnership with Messrs Bailey and Austin, which business he afterwards purchased and carried on. He was a keen Oddfellow, and for many years was on the Board of Managers of St. David's Presbyterian Church, a prominent member of the Wellington Past Grands' Lodge, a member of the Petone Commercial Club, and a member of the Petone Bowling Club. His wife died sixteen years ago. There are three children – Mr L. H. Arcus (headmaster of the Ohau School), and Misses E. B. and J. D. Arcus, of Petone, three brothers, Laurence (Hamilton), Thomas (Carteron), and Peter (Levin), and two sisters, Mesdames Orr (Johnsonville) and Ward (Oriental Bay).

Mary Ann ARCUS (-1911) *nee* EDGECOMBE Dominion 17 August 1911

Yesterday morning, at Petone, the death took place of Mrs Arcus, the wife of Mr James Arcus, of the firm of Bailey and Arcus, timber merchants. The deceased lady was an old resident of the district and was well-known and highly respected.

Katherine Ann ATKINSON (1858-1935) *nee* EVANS Evening Post 14 August 1935

The death occurred at York Bay last night of Mrs Katherine Ann Atkinson, widow of the late Mr H. D. Atkinson, who died last April. Mrs Atkinson was born in 1858 at Nelson, her father being Mr Henry Evans, a solicitor, and in 1885 she married Mr Atkinson, who was the eldest son of the late Sir Harry Atkinson, a former Premier of New Zealand. Mrs Atkinson leaves no family.

Harry Dunstan ATKINSON (1857-1935) Evening Post 24 April 1935

An old and respected Wellington resident, Mr Harry Dunstan Atkinson, died at his residence, York Bay, yesterday, at the age of 78 years. He was for many years clerk to the Hutt County Council and was the eldest son of the late Sir Harry Atkinson, at one time Premier of New Zealand. Mr Atkinson's fine character and strict probity earned for him the highest respect of all who came in contact with him. Before his retirement, in the various offices he held he gave very valuable service to the community. Of latter years he was an invalid and more recently his health began to fail. The late Mr Atkinson was born at Hurworth, in the Taranaki Province. He was educated at various private schools in New Zealand and in England, after which he took up farming in New Zealand, and later market gardening. In 1892 he was appointed inspector of works and clerk to the Hutt County Council and he held that position until August 1917. Three years later he was elected a county councillor. He was re-elected in 1923 and for some time was chairman. He retired in 1930. Mr Atkinson was also secretary of the New Zealand Counties' Association from its inception in 1894 and was treasurer for a long time as well. Mr Atkinson had an extensive knowledge of county affairs and of the Hutt County. He was closely associated with a number of major works, including the bitumen-surfacing of the Hutt Road. Mr Atkinson is survived by his widow and two brothers, Mr Alfred Atkinson, of York Bay, and Mr H. T. Atkinson. The funeral took place at Karori Cemetery this afternoon, a service being held in the crematorium.

Lucy Mary AUGUST *nee* CLARKE (1829-1913) Evening Post 24 September 1913

The death is recorded of Mrs George August, an old resident of Petone, at the age of 87 years. For 27 years she resided in Petone, going there three years after her husband's death. She leaves a family of eight, 51 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

Mary Ann AUGUST *nee* GIGGER (1861-1931) Hutt News 08 January 1931

It is with regret we record the death of Mrs Mary Ann August which occurred at Taita on December 24. The late Mrs August, who was 70 years of age was well known and highly respected. During her long illness she bore her suffering with great fortitude and always had a cheery word for her friends. The sympathy of all will be extended to the relatives in their sad hour of trial.

George AVERY (1821-1903) Pahiatua Herald 26 October 1903

At the Tai Tai, Hutt district, on the morning of the 8th instant, there passed peacefully away at the ripe age of 82 years, George Avery, soldier and pioneer settler. Deceased as father of Messrs Charles, Thomas, Steven and James Avery and Mesdames F. C. Burt, W. and J. Brown all well known settlers in this district, together with the others who are scattered throughout the colony. Born at Staplehurst, Kent, he accompanied his parents on board the ship *Bolton*, dispatched by the New Zealand Land Company, which arrived at "Port Nick" (Wellington) in 1840.

He assisted his father to erect a hut to accommodate the family who remained aboard meanwhile. The site of the Empire city at that time was covered with scrub and flax. In company with his parents he endured the hardships of early pioneer life. Previous to the outbreak of hostilities with the natives he was familiar with the rebel chief, Rangihaeata – the leader of the party who committed the massacre at Wairau and led the natives against the whites in the Hutt – who on more than one occasion partook of his hospitality.

At a later period, however, they fought against each other. Deceased was in the employ of the late Mr Peter Hume, about 1845, and was on his way to Wellington with a bullock dray on the morning of the massacre at Boulcott's farm (Hutt). It was at that massacre that a bugler boy attached to the Imperial forces was brutally murdered. When he sounded the alarm a native cut his arm off with a tomahawk. Picking up the bugle with his left hand he continued to sound the alarm until that member was severed from the body.

Deceased subsequently saw the boy with his head and arms severed from the trunk. He was ordered to pick up the wounded convey them to Wellington and was accompanied by an escort. The escort was followed by natives, who believing them to be hostile, fled, leaving Mr Avery alone to guard the wounded. He taunted the escort with cowardice. They urged him to accompany them, but he said he would not desert the wounded while his hand was capable of using the bullock whip. Some of the wounded, being alarmed, left the dray and hid in the bush. He arrived safely at the Hutt, and subsequently returned in search of the wounded, two of whom died on the journey to Wellington. It was afterwards elicited that the natives who had caused the alarm were friendly.

At about this time the Hutt militia was called out, of which the deceased was a member. He took part in most of the engagements and assisted to build the stockade at Tai Tai. The stockade was completed in one night, as the party were expecting to be attacked. On one occasion after a brush with the natives, volunteers were called to obtain a doctor to attend to the wounded. Mr Avery offered to go alone. The bush was swarming with natives at the time. He left the Tai Tai during the night and returned with a doctor before daylight.

He was one of the twenty picked men under Major McDonohu, who went to the relief of some soldiers who were attacked by natives, while en route from the Hutt to the Tai Tai. The natives who were attacked from the rear were driven across the Hutt river, and the party was relieved. The hostile natives were subsequently driven from the Hutt Valley and were followed by the Hutt militia over the ranges out to the West Coast.

Various engagements took place and several pahs were captured. It was in one of these engagements that Major Blackburn was shot dead and was carried out of action by deceased under heavy fire. Deceased also rescued, during a subsequent engagement and under a heavy fire, a man-o'-wars-man, who had been landed in company with others to assist the militia. This was a very daring thing to do as the wounded man was exposed in the open. The unfortunate fellow died the same night.

The natives stood in great awe of the militia who were about 62 strong and under the command of Captain Rhodes. They were all young, strong, hardy men used to the bush and when fighting adopted Maori tactics. When fired at by the natives they sought shelter, and crept from cover to cover, never retiring. Their tactics were in marked contrast to the Imperial soldiers, who thought it was cowardly to seek shelter, and were popped off in the open. The militia would make a sudden attack upon the Maoris while engaging the soldiers, from the flank and rear. These attacks had a very demoralising effect upon the natives.

Deceased and his companions suffered great hardships while pursuing the natives to the West Coast. They had to exist on what food came to their hands, and when they ultimately arrived at Waikaenai they were in a sorrowful plight. Their clothes were in rags.

Deceased as a young man, was of splendid physique, and very powerful, fearless, but not foolhardy, quiet and unassuming. His reward for services rendered during the war was the New Zealand war medal. His experiences of the early days would fill many volumes. Deceased came from a fighting stock. Two of his uncles fought at Waterloo, with the Life Guards, and another in the Crimea, receiving two medals for valor. The surviving members of the old Hutt Militia are Messrs Milne (Tai Tai), George Farmer (Manawatu), G. Whiteman (Upper Hutt) and Mr Swanson.

Alfred BAILEY (1859-1936) Evening Post 09 March 1936

An old resident of Petone, Mr Alfred Bailey, died at his residence, Elizabeth Street, yesterday after a long illness. Born at Bendigo, Australia in 1859, he came to New Zealand in 1883, and for many years was an employee of the Gear Meat Preserving and Freezing Company, and was well known throughout the Hutt Valley. He was a life member of the Petone Working Men's Club, and in former years took a keen interest in public affairs. About 1904 Mr Bailey joined the staff of the Railway Workshops, and remained there until his retirement some years ago. He leaves a son, Mr W. A. Bailey, and a daughter, Miss A. Bailey.

Charles Henry BALDWIN (1875-1929) Hutt News 05 September 1929 Hutt District Cricket Club

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr H. Baldwin, a vice-president of the club. The late Mr Baldwin's association with the club was marked by much enthusiasm and practical support. The club's sympathy was suitably conveyed to the relatives.

Henry BALDWIN (1856-1928) Hutt News 08 November 1928

Mr Henry Baldwin, ex-Mayor of Lower Hutt, died at this residence on October 30th, in his 73rd year. Mr Baldwin was one of the outstanding figures in the grain and produce trade in Wellington, but was even better known as a servant of the public in Wellington City and Lower Hutt through his long connection with local bodies, His work for the public was honorary and done with considerable energy and ability, and was taken as seriously as that of his own firm. Among the positions he occupied on local bodies were those of councillor and subsequently Mayor of Lower Hutt, chairman of the Hutt River Board, chairman of the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, also treasurer of that board, member of the Eastern Hutt School Committee, and member of the Board of Governors of the Hutt High School. He was also a founder of the Hutt Fire Brigade. Mr Baldwin was born in Stepney, London, and was proud of being a "Cockney." After some years before the mast, Mr Baldwin took up shore life in New Zealand fifty-two years ago, and was employed in the store of Messrs Plimmer and Reeves. In 1898 or thereabout he went into business for himself in St. Hill street as a grain and produce merchant, and a few years later moved to premises in Old Customhouse street, recently demolished, and there he was for 25 years. Mr Baldwin was married in Wellington, but his wife and son were lost in the wreck of the 'Wairarapa' on Great Barrier Island thirty-four years ago, almost to the day, the wreck taking place on 29th October 1894. His sister, Mrs Harman, Lower Hutt, Mrs T. G. Cos, Roseneath and Mrs E. E. Stoupe, Lower Hutt, daughters, survive him. The funeral took place at Karori Cemetery last Thursday afternoon. In spite of the inclement weather a large number of personal friends also representatives of local and sports bodies, with which the deceased was connected, attended. The Fire Brigade under Capt. Slinn and 12 of his men paid a beautiful last tribute to one of the founders of the brigade. The Brigadesmen acted as pall-bearers at the house. Following the hearse came the fire engine carrying the numerous beautiful floral tributes, and the brigadesmen marched alongside the hearse until the Hutt Bridge was reached. Passing through the town the cortege passed a detachment of boys from the High School, standing at attention, under the command of their master, Mr McNaught. Many were grieved that the boisterous weather prevented them from paying their last respects to one who, during his life time, had done so much to win their love and respect. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Hansell, and for the Masonic Lodge by Wor. Bro. Smith of Lodge Waitangi and Wor. Bro. Martin of Lodge Hinemoa.

The pall-bearers were Messrs W. T. Strand and P. Robertson (Mayors of Lower and Upper Hutt respectively), A. McBain (Hutt Borough Council), H. G. Teagle and H. P. Kidson (Hutt Valley High School), W. V. Dyer (chairman Eastern Hutt School Committee). Mr H. G. Teagle also attended as Provincial Grand Master of Masonic Lodges. Among others present were Messrs A. J. Hobbs, W. Meldrum and the Town Clerk (Hutt Borough Council), W. H. Smith and A. J. Gearing (Hutt River Board), Mr R. Y. Lees, Messrs Callender, Stonehouse, London Millard and the Prefects from the High School; Mr G. L. Stewart (Secretary Board of Education), Mr R. N. Wall (Hutt Valley Horticultural Society), Mr J. M. Power (Lower Hutt Business Men's Association), Mr J. Dunnett (District Chief A.O.F.), and Mr A. W. Travers (District Secretary, A.O.F.); Mr H. Flux, Mr E. E. Stoup, Mr H. Harman, Mr Mackenzie, Hutt Boy Scouts, Mr T. G. Cos, Mr J. E. Ellis (Lodge Waiwetu).

William BALDWIN (1834-1917) Dominion 21 August 1917

A veteran pioneer colonist of New Zealand and a citizen for many years' standing in Western Australia, in the person of Captain William Baldwin, died suddenly in Perth on Monday, July 30, it is understood from heart failure, at the age of 83 years. Captain Baldwin, who held a commission in the Imperial Army as a young man, arrived in New Zealand somewhere about 1860. The best years of his life were spent in the Dominion. He went to Western Australia in the early nineties on a visit only, but was so attracted by the climate of the country that he elected to spend there his closing years. Though he took no active part in public affairs, he was one of the best-known figures in Perth. In New Zealand he was in the hurly-burly of parliamentary and commercial life. He was engaged in mining and squatting pursuits, held many important appointments under the Crown, and was twice a member of the House of Representatives. During his long residence in New Zealand Captain Baldwin was interested in more than one newspaper venture. He was manager of the "Otago Guardian" and later became proprietor of the "New Zealand Times," Wellington. Captain Baldwin leaves a large family of sons and daughters, who are scattered over the world. One son, Major Baldwin, is seving at the front; another is a barrister serving in the Defence Department, New Zealand and another is a medical practitioner in Victoria.

When Proprietor of the NZ Times, Captain Baldwin briefly owned Tredenham House, Lower Hutt 1890-1891

Winifred BARBERY *nee* SOLOMON (1905-1932) Hutt News 24 August 1932

The death of Mrs A. Barbery of Taita which took place at her late residence last week after a long and painful illness, caused widespread regret among her many friends. The late Mrs Barbery, who was only 27 years of age, was a native of Cornwall and came to this country eight years ago, and is survived by her husband and two daughters. The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery, and although the weather was inclement, a large number of friends attended to pay their last respects. Among the mourners were the husband and sister (Mrs J. Harris), Mr J. Harris and Mr J. Barbery (brothers-in-laws), Mr Gustofsen, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, Mr Early, Mr Stephenson, Mr Keal, Mr Loveridge, Mr J. Gordon, Mr K. Knight, Mr Day, Mr Pember. There were many beautiful tributes.

Charles Thomas BARGH (1858-1942) Evening Post 07 May 1942

The death occurred last night at Wellington of Mr Charles Thomas Bargh. Born in 1858, at Wray, Lancaster, Mr Bargh served his apprenticeship at the Phoenix Foundry, Lancaster. He came to New Zealand in the City of Dunedin in 1878, landing at Lyttelton, and followed various occupations until 1880, when he joined the New Zealand Railways staff at Addington, subsequently transferring to Dunedin. In June, 1893, he took up a position as works manager with the Wellington-Manawatu Railway Company, and remained there until that line was acquired by the Government in 1908. He then occupied the position of locomotive inspector at A. and G. Price and Co., Thames, who were building the A class locomotives. In 1912 he was appointed workshop manager of the Petone shops, and in 1920 workshop manager at East Town. He retired in June 1921. While at Thames and Petone he was prominent in bowling circles, and in Dunedin was well known in the Volunteer movement, shooting circles, and the friendly society movement. In 1883 he married Miss Harriet Agnes Hack, a daughter of the late Mr Edward Hack, Riccarton, who pre-deceased him. Mr Bargh is survived by four sons and four daughters – Messrs Charles Edward, of Morecambe, England; Albert J. and Frederick R., of Petone; Kenneth S., Wellington; Mrs Ethel M. Lark, Wellington; Mrs Violet M. Neil, Petone; Mrs Evelyn I. McClare, Epsom, Auckland; and Mrs Myra C. Welborn, Otahuhu. There are 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Harriet Agnes BARGH *nee* HACK (1863-1919) Dominion 06 December 1919

The many friends of Mr C. T. Bargh, manager of the locomotive department, Railway Workshops, Petone, will regret to hear of the death of his wife at her residence, Richmond Street, Petone, last night. The deceased lady had been ill for about a fortnight, and had recently been under an operation.

Alice Katherine BARKER *nee* JOHNSON (1864-1944) Evening Post 18 August 1944

The death occurred recently of Mrs Alice Catherine Barker, an early resident of Wellington. Mrs Barker was in her 81st year. She was born in 1864 and arrived at Wellington from England with her parents by the sailing ship ‘Wild Duck’ in 1866. She was married in 1885 to the late Mr T. L. Barker, of the Government Life Insurance Department, and had resided in Lower Hutt for the past 35 years. Possessing a bright and happy personality, Mrs Barker had a large circle of friends. Of a family of ten, seven are still living.

Thomas Lugg Mankey BARKER (1860-1942) Evening Post 16 May 1942

Mr T. L. M. Barker, who passed away at the Otaki Hospital on Monday last in his 83rd year, was a well-known figure for many years in surveying and horticultural circles in Wellington and Canterbury. Born at Geelong, Victoria, he came to New Zealand in 1879 with a party of surveyors engaged by the New Zealand Government to make a resurvey of the Province of Canterbury. He was employed for a time in the Christchurch Survey Office, and was then transferred to the head office in Wellington, where he was appointed assistant to the late Mr C. W. Adams, who was in charge of the survey observatory erected over the trig station on Mount Cook. This point, it is interesting to note, is now permanently marked in the paved entrance to the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum in the form of the cardinal points of the compass. Mr Barker took part in the observation of the total eclipse of the sun from a station on Mount Otahuao, near Masterton, and later on, still with Mr Adams, he visited several parts of both islands from Mangonui to Anama, South Canterbury, in connection with the major triangulation of the Dominion. As a result of a severe scheme of retrenchment he joined the Property Tax Department, and later transferred to the Government Life Insurance Department where he remained until his retirement in 1924. In the early eighties Mr Barker was one of Wellington's most successful athletes, and particularly in the half-mile was always to be reckoned with. He was a member of the Wellington Football Club, and of the Baseball Club, which latter, however, failed to become popular. In later life he removed to Lower Hutt, and was for some year's secretary to the horticultural society there. He was a keen gardener, his speciality being daffodils. He was also an enthusiastic raiser of poultry, his fancy being Malay game. He was for several years secretary of the Wellington Poultry Association, whose shows were at that time one of the events of the year. He is survived by his widow and seven children, Mrs L. Renshaw and Miss G. C. Barker (Lower Hutt), Miss D. N. Barker (Paraparaumu), Mrs Allan Bull (Hunterville), Mrs H. L. Fenn (Cave), Mr T. L. Barker (Karori) and Mr B. A. Barker (Wellington).

Agnes BARR nee? (1848-1921) Wairarapa Daily Times 27 Jan 1921

The death is reported of Mrs John Barr, of Havelock North, Hawke's Bay. The deceased was the mother of Mrs Mutch, of Carterton.

John BARR (1845-1913)

Lyttelton Times 02 Dec 1913
A private telegram received in Wellington on Saturday announced the death at Havelock North, Hawke's Bay, of Mr John Barr, at one time Mayor of Eastbourne, Wellington. The deceased, who was born near Glasgow sixty-eight years ago, arrived in Wellington by the old steamer Arawa in 1885, and entered the service of the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company soon after he landed. He was a decorative artist of considerable ability, and before coming to New Zealand had been managing one of the largest house decorating firms in New York, and had superintended the carrying out of the internal work in the Vanderbilt and Astor mansions. A few years ago he removed to Havelock North, where he became a fruit grower.

Evening Post 02 Dec 1913
The mortal remains of the late Mr John Barr, at one time Mayor of Eastbourne, and for many years one of the Manawatu Railway Company's departmental heads, were brought to Wellington on Saturday from Havelock North, where the death occurred, and were interred in the Karori Cemetery this afternoon. Amongst those who attended the funeral were the Mayor of Eastbourne (Mr W. J. Organ) and his predecessor in office (Mr H. W. Shortt), and members of the Borough Council, as well as representatives of the Presbyterian community in Wellington, and several gentlemen who were on the staff of the Manawatu Railway Company. The chief mourners were Messrs M. Barr (son), Alex. Campbell, W. E. Tomlinson, A. S. Judd, and W. Robert (sons-in-law), and Masters Dugald Campbell and Harold Tomlinson (grandsons). The burial service was conducted by the Rev W. Shirer.

Sidney Clarke BARRAUD (1853-1912)

Evening Post 17 June 1912
The death occurred at Wellington today of Mr S. C. Barraud, and old and respected resident. Deceased, who was a son of the late Mr C. D. Barraud, was born in Wellington in 1853. At the age of fifteen he joined the Telegraph Department, but left the service five years later to take a position on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand. Subsequently he was on the staff of the bank on the West Coast, at Hokitika, Ross, Stafford, and other places, and was appointed manager of the bank at Lower Hutt in 1879. While there Mr Barraud was closely identified with the remarkable progress which the district made in later years. He extended the operations of the bank to Petone, and some few years ago retired, after a long and honourable career. Always an active man, he shortly afterward started a land agency business in Wellington, and conducted it for some time, until he finally decided to retire from active business life. He was a leading member of the Oddfellows' Society, and passed through all the chairs in the Rose of the Valley Lodge, Lower Hutt. The late Mr Barraud was also a prominent member of the Church of England, and for a long period of years was a vestryman. He was twice married, and he is survived by his second wife, a daughter of Mr W. Mowbray, of the Hutt, and seven children – three by his first wife.

George Elliott BARTON (1829-1903) Evening Post 03 Jun 1903

There passed away at Nice on Sunday last one who played no unimportant part in the early history of the colonies. George Elliott Barton was the son of an Irish barrister. He was descended from the Bartons of Grove, Tipperary, and graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1849, and was called to the English Bar in the same year. Leaving Ireland for Victoria, he arrived there towards the end of 1853, and was associated with Wilson Gray, the leader of the democratic party in that colony. Gray, Barton, Don, and Walsh were the leaders of the Radical Party in Victoria, and fought strenuously for the preservation of the lands for proper settlement. One of their watchwords was “free selection,” also the prohibition of any person obtaining, except under lease for pastoral purposes, more than 640 acres for a freehold farm. At first the “corner,” as they were termed, consisted only of three or four members, but they gradually rose to seven, and after a while they were able to dictate to the Ministry the conditions on which Liberal land legislation should be based. When the diggings broke out in Otago in 1861 Mr Barton came to Dunedin, and soon obtained a foremost place at the Bar. One of his great triumphs was the defence of a man charged with murder – known as “Yorkey’s Murder.” The prisoner was properly acquitted, having proved a proper alibi, and the miners were so struck with the ability and strenuousness with which Mr Barton defended the case that after the Court adjouned they insisted upon carrying him shoulder-high. It is interesting, also, to note that the first appearance made by the present Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout) in the Supreme Court was a junior to Mr Barton, in 1871, in the famous Reichelt case, in which Mr Barton, with great generosity, allowed his junior to address the jury on behalf of the prisoner. Mr Barton practised at the bar in Dunedin with great success for many years, ultimately joining the late Mr James Howorth, who was Crown Prosecutor and one of the leading barristers in the colony. The firm was Howorth, Barton, and Howorth, Mr Henry Howorth, now in the Land Transfer Department, being the junior partner. After a visit to England Mr Barton came back to Dunedin and started the firm of Barton and Saunders, and ultimately came to Wellington, where he conducted the office for some years, living at Petone. Whilst in Wellington he fell under the displeasure of the Judges in reference to an appeal case, and was committed for contempt. Whilst in gaol he was elected as member for Wellington, mainly through the brilliant advocacy of his son, Mr Elliott Barton, now practising at Hawera, who was then a youth. After being in the House of Representatives during 1878 and 1879 he visited England and America, and sometime after his return was appointed Judge of the Validation Court at Gisborne, and performed his duties with great ability. His judgments were remarkable for their clearness, precision, and mastery of detail – in fact, it was said of him by the present Chief Justice, who was afterwards Attorney-General, that they read like the judgments of an able Irish Vice-Chancellor. After he ceased to be Judge of the Validation Court he stayed a short time in the colony, but his wife and daughter dying, and being seized with a slight paralytic stroke, he was led to travel, and last year went to Nice, where he died on Sunday last. He was a brilliant and skilful advocate, and an able lawyer, but beyond that he was a man of great culture and learning. He had also the artistic taste, and was a good musician. He was well-read, especially in historical subjects, but philosophical and other works were well known to him. He was of a quick and impulsive temperament, very sensitive, and his good-heartedness was patent to everyone. He had the most generous impulses, and the whole of his political career was never tainted with the slightest selfishness, his whole desire being for the good of the people. He was offered office on many occasions, but always declined, and never obtained power or place from any of his political allies. He leaves two sons – one the well-known barrister at Hawera, and the other an electrical engineer in Brisbane.

Hannah BARTON *nee* BUTLER (1817-1892) Marlborough Express 28 August 1894

Another old identity has passed away in the person of Mrs Barton, sen., of Alicetown, Lower Hutt. The deceased lady, who had attained the age of 78, arrived in the colony 77 years ago, with her father, the Rev Mr Butler, Church of England Missionary. For some years she resided in the Bay of Islands, passing through the troublous times of the Maori wars, and in the early forties she took up her abode at Trentham, Upper Hutt, where she lived until two years since. She leaves two sons – Mr John Barton of Nelson, and Mr Wm. Barton, now in England. Her husband died 25 years ago.

John BARTON (1850-1923) Evening Post 03 January 1923

The death is announced of Mr John Barton, a well-known resident of the Hutt Valley, who was one of the few remaining links with the pioneering days of New Zealand. Mr Barton was the first white child born in the Upper Hutt district, his birthday being the 8th October, 1850. He was the son of Mr Richard Barton, of Isle of Wight, who came out in the Oriental in 1840, and his mother was a daughter of the Rev John Butler, the first resident clergyman in New Zealand – from 1819 to 1824 – who returned to the colony in 1840 as an agent of the New Zealand Land Company.

Mr John Barton was educated as a lad at Mr Toomath's School at the Hutt; and at Nelson College. He left college in 1866, upon the death of his father, and in the following year went to England to study civil engineering, specialising in drainage and waterworks. He returned to New Zealand in the early 'seventies, and joined the Provincial Government under Mr Brogden, who had come from England to carry out the public works policy of Sir Julius Vogel. After several years' surveying work in the Forty-Mile Bush and other localities he became district engineer for the Wairarapa. In that capacity he supervised the erection of the Waingawa, Taueru, and Ruamahanga bridges. He was then transferred to the Rangitikei district as district engineer, and remained there until 1879, when he became assistant city engineer for Wellington, assisting with the Wainui waterworks and other contracts. He resigned his position on the death of his brother, Mr Richard Barton, and assumed the management of the White Rock and Trentham properties. He was relieved of the latter run in 1883 by his brother, Mr W. Barton, of Featherston. For some years he acted as adviser for several concerns in engineering matters, and in 1896 he bought the Mataikona run, which he held until his sons took over in 1908. Mr Barton was a former member of the Hutt County Council, and for a short period occupied a seat on the Castlepoint County Council.

He leaves a widow and four sons – Richard and Edward Barton, of Masterton; Roy Barton, of Featherston; and Wilfred Barton, of Trentham. Messrs John Roy, of New Plymouth, and Richard Roy, of the Hutt, are nephews. Mrs Dalziell, of Masterton, is a niece, and Mr W. Barton, of Featherston is a brother. His half-sister, Mrs W. Strachan, of Hataitai, died a few weeks ago at the advanced age of 89 years.

Thomas BASSETT (1840-1927) Evening Post 09 August 1927

The death occurred at Palmerston North yesterday of Mr Thomas Bassett, at the age of 87 years. Deceased, who arrived in Wellington in 1840, at the age of three weeks, was for many years in the employ of the Hutt County Council. He resided in Petone for twenty-five years, and was prominent in the volunteer movement, also joining the cavalry during the troublesome periods of the early days. About fourteen years ago Mr and Mrs Bassett took up their residence in Palmerston North. The deceased was the eldest of a family of eleven, all of whom he survived. He leaves a widow and six children – Messrs Thomas, William and John (Pongaroa), Charles Henry (Wellington), Frank (Australia), Mrs J. Andrews (Kilbirnie), Mrs J. D. Ashdown (Te Horo). The funeral will take place tom-morrow.

William BASSETT (1801-1889) Evening Post 28 January 1889

An old settler named William Bassett, a native of Devonshire, and 88 years of age, breathed his last at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, his constitution having completely broken up. The deceased had been a strong and energetic man, and in the early days of the colony he achieved some prowess as a wrestler. He arrived in the colony in 1840, in, it is believed, the 'Duke of Roxburgh' (one of the first six ships which landed passengers on the Petone beach), and during the whole of his time has resided in the Wellington Provincial District. He was a bootmaker by trade, but had not followed his vocation for years, having by dint of thrift and business tact acquired sufficient property to live on. He was twice married, his two sons and six daughters (all of whom are married and settled in various parts of the colony) being the issue of the first marriage. The deceased is well-known throughout the district to both Europeans and natives, and very much respected. Being a Maori linguist, he interpreted for one of the early Governors on several occasions.

Annie Eva BATTERSBY *nee* LONGMATE (1853-1942) Evening Post 11 April 1942

The death occurred on Monday at her home in Belmont of Mrs Annie Eva Battersby. Mrs Battersby was born in Berkshire, England, in 1853, and at the time of her death was in her ninetieth year. She was a very early resident of Petone, living there and at Belmont practically all her life. She came to New Zealand in the sailing vessel 'Rakaia' to join Mr Edmund Battersby, who had come to New Zealand four years previously. She arrived in Wellington on October 9, 1878 and was married to Mr Battersby three days later. She leaves two sons, Messrs Edmund Battersby (Belmont) and Vincent Battersby (Petone) and three daughters, Mesdames R. G. Aplin (Birkdale, Auckland); S. J. Shutter (Petone), W. T. Bird (Fernhill, Hastings), and a sister, Mrs S. White (Bay Street, Petone). There are fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband.

Edmund BATTERSBY (1853-1934) Evening Post 16 July 1934

The death occurred on Thursday at the Wellington Hospital of Mr Edmund Battersby, a well-known resident of Petone for the past sixty years. He was in his eighty-first year. The late Mr Battersby studied art at the Royal Academy, London. He left for New Zealand in 1874 by the sailing ship 'Zealandia', his fiancée followed him four years later, and they were married in Wellington on her arrival. In 1875 he founded the painting and decorating business now carried on by his sons in Jackson Street, Petone. He had considerable property interests in Petone and Wellington in the earlier days. Mr Battersby led a very active life, taking a prominent part in the old Petone Town Board, the Naval Brigade, the Wellington Guards, various clubs, etc., being the last but one left of the chartered foundation members of the Petone Working Men's Club. He built the first Working Men's Club in 1886 in Jackson Street, Petone, the building being known as Peel's Building. He is survived by his widow, two sons (Edmund Battersby, Belmont and Vincent Battersby, Petone) and three daughters (Mrs G. R. Aplin, Birkinghead, Mrs S. J. Stutter, Petone and Mrs W. T. Bird, Douglas). There are fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr James Battersby, of Eastbourne, is his younger brother. His brother in England, Mr Thomas Battersby, is well known in art circles, and is president of the Blackpool Art Gallery.

Esther Ann BATTERSBY *nee* BLAKE (1865-1942) Evening Post 23 July 1942

With the death of Mrs Esther Ann Battersby at the age of 77 another pioneer of the Hutt Valley has passed on and her passing will be regretted by a large circle of friends. Mrs Battersby, as Miss Esther Ann Blake, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Blake, came to New Zealand in the sailing ship 'Barar' in January 1875, after an eventful voyage of 100 days. There were 20 deaths among passengers on the way out, and the rest of the travellers spent a month in quarantine on Somes Island. The late Mrs Battersby went to live in Petone in 1878, when there were only about ten houses there. She married Mr James Battersby at St Paul's Pro Cathedral in 1885. Her many interests included the W.C.T.U., Y.M.C.A., and League of Mothers (Eastbourne), and she was a pioneer of the Church of Christ, Petone. She is survived by her husband, four sons, Messrs J. F., E. N., and T. L. Battersby, of Eastbourne, and R. J. Battersby, of Lower Hutt, two daughters, Mesdames R. Verity (Melbourne) and E. G. Reesby (Eastbourne), 18 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

James BATTERSBY (1860-1945) Evening Post 18 April 1945

The death has occurred of Mr James Battersby, of Eastbourne. Mr Battersby was born in Lancashire in 1860 and came to New Zealand in 1876 on the barque 'Hudson', settling in Petone. He was in business as a master painter in Petone for many years, and took a prominent part in the affairs of the community, being a foundation member of the Petone Rugby Football Club and of the Petone Naval Artillery Volunteers, and a member of the Ulster Lodge, Petone. Mr Battersby went to reside at Eastbourne 25 years ago and here interested himself in the various activities of the borough. He was a member of the Eastbourne Bowling Club and of the East Harbour Horticultural Society, and was a foundation member of the Eastbourne Lodge. Mr Battersby is survived by four sons, two daughters and eleven grandchildren.

John PECK (1845-1922)

Evening Post 8 June 1922
Mr John Peck, who died yesterday at Lower Hutt at the age of 77 years, was one of the oldest settlers in the Hutt Valley, having been born at Petone. He leaves a widow, aged 73 years, but no family. He had been a member of the Oddfellows' Lodge for fifty years. Years ago he was gardener to the late Dr Wilford, father of Mr T. M. Wilford, M.P., and later a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council staff. Mr J. M. Churchouse, lately councillor on the Petone Borough Council, and now of Carterton, is his nephew. The funeral took place today.

New Zealand Times 9 June 1922
The death was recorded at Lower Hutt early last Tuesday morning, at the age of 77 years, of the late Mr John Peck, second son of the late Mr and Mrs Daniel Peck, of Kent, England. Deceased was born at Petone in 1845, and proceeded to Nai Nai, Lower Hutt, with his late parents, when he was about five years of age, to reside, after which they left the Nai Nai district for the Main road, Lower Hutt, where he resided for the past 73 years, up to the time of his death. In the early days of the borough many trying times were encountered and he saw the growth of the district up to the present time. The late Mr Peck took up his pursuit as a market gardener, and at the age of 26 he married Miss Brown, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Brown of County Mayo, Ireland. He lost his late father at the age of 77 years and his mother at 63 years. He was a member of the Old Volunteer Forces. Mr Peck was a staunch supporter of the Liberal party. He took a keen interest in the Oddfellow's Lodge, and was a member of it for the past 59 years. He leaves behind him to mourn his loss his wife, two brothers (Messrs George and Samuel Peck), the former in Lower Hutt, the latter at Woodville, and a sister, Mrs Minogue, of Nai Nai, and a large circle of relatives. The funeral of the late Mr Peck took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by friends and relatives. The burial service at Nai Nai was read by the Rev Mr Hunsell.

Douglas Shelley BEDINGFIELD (1868-1930) Hutt News 09 October 1930

A gloom was cast over the Hutt Valley last week when it became known Mr D. S. Bedingfield had passed away after a short illness. The late Mr Bedingfield, who was 62 years of age, had up to a short time before his death, been closely associated with the education of Petone children and the large number of pupils who have passed through his hands will sincerely mourn the passing of one who was loved and respected by all. This was exemplified recently when Mr Bedinfield, who was to have been one of the chief speakers at the Petone West School 21st anniversery was unable to be present as he became suddenly ill with a heart attack during the afternoon. The expressions of sympathy expressed by the hundreds of old and present pupils on that occasion bore testimony to the respect and esteem in which he was held. For over a quarter of a century Mr Bedingfield has been prominently associated with education in Petone, commencing his Petone career as first assistant at the Petone Central School, then the Petone District High School. In 1909, when the Petone West School opened, he was appointed its first headmaster, and in 1921, when the position of headmaster of the Petone Central School became vacant, Mr Bedingfield was appointed to the position which he has ably filled ever since. He was due to retire next year. At a critical period in the history of the Petone Technical School he came to its assistance and held office as director for several years, placing the school on a sound foundation and taking a prominent part in having it elevated to a Technical High School. Mr Bedingfield entered energetically into the life of the community, and for four years, until his voluntary retirement, he was a member of the Petone Borough Council, topping the polls at the elections in 1919 and 1921. In general politics Mr Bedingfield was a Liberal, and was a prominent member of Sir Thomas Wilford's election committee. A staunch supporter of the secular system of education, he strenuously fought against any encroachment on the liberties of teachers in this respect. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Wellington Teachers' Association, and was an advocate of many of the reforms asked for by the teachers' profession. As a mark of respect the Petone Central School was closed for two days and at the Petone West School, Mr J. C. Burns, the headmaster made sympathetic reference to his late colleague. The late Mr Bedingfield who resided at Melling, is survived by his widow, a daughter, Miss Bedingfield, who is following the teaching profession, and a son Mr D. L. Bedingfield, B.A., LL.B., who is practising law in Petone. The interment was private, but besides the Rev. Archdeacon Hansell, who read the burial service, there were present Mr D. McKenzie (Mayor), and Mr W. F. Sturman (town clerk), representing the Petone Borough Council; Mr W. Hopkirk, Mr B. Kean, Mr B. Anderson, representing the Wellington Headmasters' Association; Mr W. Dyer and Mr J. Stonehouse, representing the Wellington Education Board; the Rev J. C. Loan, representing the commissioners of the Petone Central School; Mr J. C. Burns, headmaster of Petone West School, and for many years a colleague of the late Mr Bedingfield; and Mr Thompson, first assistant at the Petone Central School.

Charles Edward BEETHAM (1843-1932)

Evening Post 06 February 1932
The death occurred yesterday, at his residence, “Ardsley,” Opaki road, Masterton, of Mr Charles Edward Beetham, the last surviving member of the Beetham brothers, who were among the pioneers of the Wellington Province. Mr Beetham, who was the fifth son of Mr William Beetham, was born in Lincolnshire, England on 17th May 1843. As a boy of twelve he came out to New Zealand with his parents, living at first at Te Kamo in the Hutt Valley. He later shifted to the Wairarapa district, where his father, in 1856, bought 21,000 acres of the Brancepath Estate. Mr T. C. Williams, who had a large adjoining holding, entered into partnership with Mr Beetham, sen., the partners’ joint estate embracing about 50,000 acres. Mr Charles Beetham was here for only two years for, at the end of that period, he commenced farming on his own account at Himatangi, Foxton. In the Maori War, of 1868, he was a lieutenant in command of a troop of Lady Bowen’s Horse. In 1877 he joined his brothers, George, Joseph, and Norman, and took up the Te Apiti Block in Hawkes Bay. While in Hawkes Bay, Mr Beetham was connected with various local bodies. In 1892 he purchased a property at Clifton, Pahiatua, where he bred stud sheep for several years. In 1911 he went into retirement at “Ardsley” and has lived there since. The late Mr Beetham who remained a bachelor throughout his life, is survived by one of his three sisters, Mrs C. Fitzroy, of Havelock, Hawkes Bay.

Auckland Star 10 February 1932
One of the pioneers of the Wairarapa, Mr Charles Edward Beetham, died in Masterton on Friday. He was the only surviving member of the Beetham brothers, sons of Mr William Beetham, of Brancebeth. Mr William Beetham’s father purchased the first portion of 21,000 acres of the estate in 1856. Mr T. C. Williams, having a large holding adjoining, entered into partnership, and the whole property contained something like 50,000 acres. For several years as many as 500 men were employed on the property in bushfelling, fencing and building. This and similar works did much to assist settlement in the early days, as valuable employment was given to settlers of little capital who were dependent upon such work to finance their smallholdings. Until 1870 the partners stocked the station with Merino sheep, but finding the country would carry longwools they imported some of the best English strains, and bred an excellent strain for colonial conditions. Mr Charles Beetham remained on this property for only two years, going from there to Himitangi, Foxton, where he engaged in farming. At the time of the Maori War of 1868 he was a lieutenant commanding a troop of Lady Bowen’s Horse. In 1877 he joined his brothers, George, Joseph and Norman Beetham, and took up the Te Apiti block in Hawke’s Bay. This block was farmed for a number of years and finally taken over by the late Mr Joseph Williams.

Mary BEETHAM *nee* HORSLEY (1813-1899) Evening Post 12 May 1899

Death has been busy recently among the ranks of the first settlers of our colony and a gap has now been caused in one of our well-known families by the passing away of Mrs William Beetham, who died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs T. C. Williams. Mrs Beetham, who was predeceased by her husband 11 years, came out to the colony with her family of seven boys and three girls in the ship *William and Jane*, landing in Port Nicholson on 1st December 1855. Mr Beetham settled in the Hutt Valley, where he and his family dwelt until some 13 years ago, when he took up his residence in Wellington. Throughout her life Mrs Beetham devoted her all to her family, and is remembered as a good mother, a firm friend, and one of the best women. Exceeding the allotted span, she bore her years with energy until last year, when she gradually began to decline, and eventually passed away quietly in her 86th year. The whole of Mrs Beetham's family are living, the sons being well and honourably known in the different parts of the colony where they have settled. Mr George Beetham was at one time a member of the House of Representatives, Mr Richmond Beetham is well known in Canterbury, and the Beetham family is also known throughout the Wairarapa. Of the daughters, besides Mrs Williams, the other two are settled in the Hastings district. Twenty-seven children greeted the deceased as grandmother, and four as great-grandmother. Troops of friends throughout the country will offer them sincere condolences.

Richmond BEETHAM (1836-1912) Dominion 10 December 1912

Masterton, December 9. Mr Richmond Beetham, formerly stipendiary magistrate at Christchurch and elsewhere, died suddenly at nine o'clock. He had been fishing all day at Tupurupuru, and had some difficulty in getting his motor-car to start on the return journey. This it is thought may have caused rupture of the heart. He was walking, with Mr William Beetham in the garden of the latter's residence, when he suddenly fell backwards and expired. The late Mr Beetham was born at Horncastle, Yorkshire, England on April 30, 1836, and was the eldest son of the late Mr William Beetham. He was educated at the Elyceleeshen Grammar School, and arrived in New Zealand in 1855, after spending two years on the Australian goldfields. He entered the New Zealand Public Service on October 8, 1862, and was appointed warden of the Otago goldfields and Resident Magistrate in April, 1863. He subsequently held appointments as Resident and Stipendiary Magistrate at Napier, Timaru and Christchurch, retiring in 1905.

William BEETHAM (1809-1888)

Evening Post 03 August 1888
All old settlers in Wellington, and a very large number who have been privileged to knowm him at a later period, will learn with deep regret that Mr William Beetham, the father of Mr George Beetham, M.H.R., has joined the majority. He died at his residence, Hobson-street, today, at the advanced age of 79 years. The late Mr Beetham was a thoroughly good settler, and was highly esteemed in all the relations of life. As an artist he has made a mark in this colony, his portraits being particularly good. That of the late Dr Featherston and Wi Tako may rank as a historical work of art. Up to a few months ago Mr Beetham regularly performed his duties as a Justice of the Peace. In addition to Mr George Beetham, he leaves a large grown-up family, most of whom are settled in the Wairarapa.

New Zealand Times 04 August 1888
We have to record with much regret the death of Mr William Beetham, J.P., which occurred yesterday at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr T. C. Williams, Hobson-street. The late Mr Beetham was born in Yorkshire in 1809. He lived for many years at Frimley, in Surrey, and in his youth commenced a professional career as a portrait-painter, for which he had early displayed exceptional capacity. He desired, however, to give his large family the opportunities of settlement then offered by the colonies, and accordingly he left England for New Zealand in the barque *William and Jane*, arriving in this Colony in December, 1855. His destination was Canterbury, but on visiting Wellington he was so much pleased with it that he resolved to settle in the province, and resided at the Hutt. He then took up land in the Wairarapa district in conjunction with Mr John Hutton, but afterward conveyed it to his two sons and his son-in-law, Mr Williams. Although a very able artist, Mr Beetham did not paint much in his later years, but a few of his admirable portraits are well known – such as those of Dr Featherston, Mr E. J. Wakefield, Te Rauperaha (the famous chief), Te Puni, and Wi Tako. At the age of 76 he revisited England. Since his return to the Colony he has lived in Wellington, and soon after his arrival he was attacked by the malady to which he eventually succumbed, at the good old age of 79 years. He leaves a widow, seven sons (one of whom is the member for Masterton), and three daughters, to mourn his loss. He was universally beloved and respected, and the news of his decease will be read with widespread sorrow.

John BELL (1859-1930)

New Zealand Herald 08 July 1930
Hamilton, Monday. The death has occurred at the age of 71 years of Mr John Bell, of Leamington, a resident of the Waikato district for over 60 years. Mr Bell was born at Silverstream, Lower Hutt, and went to Leamington with his parents as a boy of 10 years. The settlers were in conflict with the Maoris at the time, and on several occasions the family had to go to Cambridge for protection. For 17 years Mr Bell lived at Waotu, near Arapuni, and while there his life was threatened more than once by hostile natives. He spent the latter years of his life at Leamington. Mr Bell is survived by three sons and eight daughters.

Edward BENGE (1848-1912) Hutt News 28 September 1912

We regret to have to record the death at the age of 64 years, of Mr Edward Benge, of Ebdentown, Upper Hutt, on Tuesday afternoon, September 17. Deceased, who is of a Kentish family of pioneer settlers, was born at the Taita in 1848. He was until his recent retirement into private life, engaged in sawmilling and farming at Mangaroa. He was twice married – his first wife being Sarah Studeley, and the second Annie Mabey. For some time past he has suffered from a painful internal malady, which about a year ago, after consultation, was declared to require a critical surgical operation which deceased declined to undergo. He has recently suffered so acutely that narcotics had to be administered in order to afford relief. The interment which took place on Thursday, September 19, at St John's, Trentham, was witnessed by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The service was conducted by the Rev J. H. Sykes, vicar. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter by the first wife, and two sons and four daughters by the second wife to mourn his loss. There are eighteen grandchildren living. Death was due to carcinoma of the sigmoid and exhaustion consequent thereon.

John BENGE (1840-1906) Evening Post 17 August 1906

Mr John Benge, a very old settler at the Upper Hutt, died at his home in that district yesterday afternoon. His death was very sudden, deceased having attended Dalgety's sale in the Upper Hutt township in the morning. Mr Benge was the oldest member of the Rose of Sharon Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U.

John Thomas BENGE (1870-1947) Upper Hutt Leader 12 Jun 1947

A Pioneer Passes. Seventy-seven years ago at Te Marua, at the old home known as "Stonestead" (the house with its quaint steep two gabled roof, which is still standing), there was born John Thomas Benge. His father, John Benge, together with his three brothers Sam, Ned and Dave, ran a sawmill and, when the bush was cleared, engaged in farming. Upper Hutt and its surroundings was dense forest when this band of stalwarts from Devonshire, England, carved out their primitive dwellings. John Thomas, or as he became generally known, "J. T.," was the first pupil to enrol at the Te Marua School, but being eager to "go to work" he left school when he had passed Standard 4. At the early age of 14 years he got a job bushfelling at Ashhurst. On returning home he joined his father and uncles in the sawmilling business.

At the age of 20 he married Miss Emily Collett, of Mangaroa. Two sons and two daughters were born to them. His activities were next expended in running a milk round at Petone. Following this he took up farming on his own account at Mangaroa. Here he had the misfortunes to have his home burnt, the old-fashioned wood-shingle roof being ignited by a spark from a railway engine. A new dwelling was built, which was the family home until 1907 when the farm was disposed of and Upper Hutt became the headquarters. At this time the late Mr Frank Whiteman was engaged in sawmilling at Akatarawa and again Mr Benge rallied to a call for help in handling a tough bush proposition. His next venture was that of blacksmith coachbuilder and undertaker, the first shop being located where Gibbs' Chemist Shop now stands, but transferred later across the street to the premises so long occupied by the late Mr P. Robertson. In 1911 Mr Benge entered the business partnership with Mr J. A. Hazlewood, in which he continued until the business changed ownership in 1944. In 1921 he took a business trip to U.S.A. which proved of success in obtaining of agencies which later on resulted in his making trips time after time to all principal towns of New Zealand.

Such was his remarkable strength and energy that since his retirement from business three years ago he chose to take on the breaking up and draining of the swampland at Wallaceville Valley (an area of 782 acres), and was actively engaged on this work until two weeks before his death on Friday last. He was a man of genial and loveable disposition and a great lover of little children, never missing an opportunity to greet them with his bright smile and appropriate words.

First and foremost of all his varied interests and activities, was his long years of devoted service in the cause of the Church at the Gospel Hall. Here as an elder and member for close on half a century he was "a man greatly beloved." His funeral service was one of the most largely attended that our district has ever known. The service at the Gospel Hall was conducted by Mr J. A. Hazelwood and Mr A. E. Salisbury, and at the Akatarawa Cemetery by Mr W. N. Pepperell and Mr S. A. Edwards. The deceased leaves a widow, two daughters, one son, thirteen grand-children and six great grand-children. Among those present at the funeral were Mr J. Maher, M.P., and Mrs Maher; Mr J. Blewman, Mayor of Upper Hutt; Councillors K. S. Geange and J. Purvis; Mr K. Arthur, present manager of J. A. Hazlewood & Co.; numerous members of the farming community, including the President of the local Federated Farmers, Mr Les Andrews; Sir Kenneth Douglass; Mr B. M. Wilmshurst, Town Clerk; also a large number of the business community.

Rose Annie BENGE *nee* WILKINS (1850-1933) Evening Post 04 October 1933

One of the oldest and most respected residents of Upper Hutt, Mrs John Benge, died on Sunday in her eighty-third year. Born in Birmingham, England, the late Mrs Benge went to South Africa at the age of five years, with her parents, the late Mr and Mrs Isaac Wilkins. She came to New Zealand eight years later, and at the age of 16, married the late Mr John Benge, who died about 25 years ago. Engaged in farming and sawmilling Mr and Mrs Benge lived at Te Marua, but at the death of her husband, Mrs Benge moved to Martin Street, Upper Hutt. Of a family of nine, seven survive their mother. They are Messrs J. T. and George Benge (Upper Hutt), H. V. Benge (Feilding), Ernest and Alfred Benge (Hamilton), and Mesdames J. Mabey (Taihape), L. Jackson (Hopeland), and F. Heard (Hastings).

Amelia BENNETT *nee* LUCAS (1845-1912) Wairarapa Age 10 April 1912

The death is announced of Mrs Amelia Bennett, wife of Mr Thomas Bennett, one of Featherston's oldest settlers, but lately living at the Hutt. Mrs Bennett was in her 67th year, and had been ailing for some time.

John BENTLEY (1866-1943) Evening Post 07 September 1943

The death occurred in Wellington on Sunday of Mr John Bentley, at the age of 77. Mr Bentley was a well-known resident of Lower Hutt, having resided in the Hutt Valley for the best part of 50 years. Although originally a builder by trade, Mr Bentley went in for mixed and dairy farming, chiefly at Taita. He was a member of the Farmers' Union and of the Wellington Dairy Farmers' Association. He was also among the promoters of the Taita Hall, Market Gardeners, Ltd., the Wellington Trotting Club (of which he was a steward for 20 years), and the Petone Bowling Club. Two years ago Mr and Mrs Bentley celebrated their golden wedding. He is survived by three sons and a daughter, and there are a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Neville Fairax BERTIE-WILLOUGHBY (1869-1928) Evening Post 16 August 1928

The many friends of Mr N. F. Willoughby, of Island Bay, will regret to learn of his death which took place in Auckland on Friday. The late Mr Willoughby was the eldest son of the late Mrs M. F. Willoughby, of Wainuiomata, and after a life of farming retired and went to live at Island Bay, where he interested himself in sports of various kinds. He was one of the founders of the Island Bay Bowling Club in 1918, and was its first president. He was a director of Inglis Bros., and of Messrs Read and Fenwick, of Wellington. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter. The funeral was held yesterday, the interment taking place at Karori Cemetery. The Rev G. C. Blathwayt conducted the service, and the pall-bearers were Messrs A. J. Campbell (president), C. C. Odlin, E. Herron, and J. Conder, past presidents of the Island Bay Bowling Club.

David John BEWS (1861-1926) Evening Post 23 August 1926

The funeral of Mr David J. Bews, late manager of the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company, took place at the Taita Cemetery, Lower Hutt, on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of prominent citizens and personal friends, showing the high esteem and affection with which he was regarded in the city. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev J. McCaw, of Knox Church, Lower Hutt, and the pall-bearers were Messrs Roslyn and Graham Bews (sons of the deceased), G. W. Bews, Auckland (brother), George Johnson and Fred Irwin (brothers-in-law), and Desmond Richardson (nephew). Among those present were Messrs Noel Nelson (manager of the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company), W. T. Strand (Mayor of Lower Hutt), Fletcher, Gray, E. G. Pilcher, Simpson, Didsbury, Parton, Archer, Reid, T. E. Corkill, Dean, H. P. Blundell, R. Hannah, J. Hannah, Hunt, Lane, Press, Clayton, Lawson, Fussell, D. A. McEwen, A. Smith, Hopkins, Barton, Guthrie, Wheeler, Steele, Daly, Russell, Quinn, Clarke, Kellow, Carey, Chapman, Kempthorne, Tewesley, McArthur, Morpeth, Captain Walker, Hume, Sladden, Thorne-George, Zohrab, Thompson, Hayward, Watkins, Teagle, Odlin, Wynyard, Numerous floral tributes were received, among these being wreaths from the board of directors and general manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company; manager and staff of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Wellington branch; manager and staff of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Christchurch; Marine Underwriters' Association of New Zealand; Wellington Fire and Accident Underwriters' Association; Council of Fire and Accident Underwriters' Association of New Zealand; Lower Hutt Progress League members; staff of the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board; Hutt Valley Horticultural Society; members of the Lower Hutt Honorary Housing Committee; staff of National Bank of New Zealand Ltd., Wellington and Waygood Otis (N.Z.) Ltd.

Joseph BLACKBURN (1856-1935) Evening Post 03 December 1935

Mr Joseph Blackburn died at Petone recently at the age of 79. The late Mr Blackburn came to Petone from England 28 years ago. He was in the drapery business in England and Petone. In Leicester, where he lived for most of his life, he belonged to the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and he belonged to the same Order in New Zealand. He was a regular worshipper at St Augustine's Anglican Church, Petone. He was a highly respected member of the community. He is survived by a family of three daughters, thirteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Christina BLACKBURNE *nee* CRUICKSHANK (1857-1930) Hutt News 05 June 1930

Parishioners of St James's and many others will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs Blackburne, wife of Rev J. Blackburne, of Wanganui, and late of Lower Hutt. The deceased was very much beloved by everyone with whom she came in contact. During her residence in this district she never tired of doing kindly actions for the poor, bereaved, and the sick. Visitors to her home always found her busily engaged in making some garment for the needy. She took very great interest in the Anglican Boys' Home where she loved attending to the wants of the young people. The deepest sympathy will be felt for Rev Mr Blackburne and his family in their bereavement.

John Edwin BLACKBURNE (1856-1940) Evening Post 05 August 1940

The Rev John Edward Blackburne, who for over 50 years was a Church of England minister, working mostly in the Wellington Diocese, died at his son's residence at Te Horo yesterday, aged 84. Mr Blackburne was brought to New Zealand as a child in 1859, when his father, the Rev S. Blackburne, was appointed warden of St. John's College, Auckland. Five years later the family returned to England, but in 1872 Mr Blackburne came to New Zealand again on medical advice. For five years he was on the Christchurch staff of the Bank of New South Wales, but then entered Bishopdale, Nelson, to read for Holy Orders. He was made a deacon in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, in 1881, by Bishop Hadfield, and was immediately put in charge of the parochial district of Upper Hutt, which included Porirua. The only means of travel about his parish was horseback. Ordained a priest in St. Paul's, he was instituted to the parochial district of Bulls, which then included Rongotea and Foxton, in 1885. On occasions he and other priests rode on horseback to attend synods in Wellington. A breakdown in health caused him to resign after he had been in Bulls two years, and for the following 20 years he worked in several parishes in the Christchurch Diocese, including Hokitika. In 1907 he was placed in charge of Hunterville, and four years later returned to his old parish of Bulls and remained there till 1919, when ill health compelled him to relinquish permanently the responsibilities of a parochial charge. He did not remain idle, however, but occupied himself by taking temporary charge of brother priests' work, and also becoming in 1929 a member of the staff of Christ Church, Wanganui, with a special responsibility of the hospital chaplaincy.

George Albert BLAKE (1885-1931) Hutt News 22 July 1931

The death occurred on Saturday afternoon of Mr George Blake, bookseller and stationer of High Street. He was in his usual health until about 5 p.m., when he complained of feeling unwell, and although a doctor was called in, suddenly passed away. The late Mr Blake was well respected in the district having built up a substantial stationary business through his close attention to the requirements of his customers and pleasing manner. Both the deceased and Mrs Blake came to New Zealand about five years ago from London and have no relatives in this country. He is survived by his widow and a young son. The funeral, which was private, took place at Karori Cemetery on Monday.

Richard BLAKE (1838-1919) Lyttelton Times 29 May 1919

Mr Richard Blake, who recently died at Tinwald, was born in Kent in September 1838, and at the age of three came with his parents to Wellington on the *Katherine Stuart Forbes*, one of the first sailing vessels to land in that place. In 1846 Mr Blake visited Auckland and Onehunga, which at that time consisted of six houses, and he was one of the first pupils at the day school there. At the age of fourteen years he left his home at the Hutt to learn farming. In 1862 he paid a visit to Sydney and Melbourne, and at the latter place saw the famous All-England XI paying under Captain Malham. He helped in the erection of the telegraph lines between Canterbury and the West Coast during one of the heaviest snowfalls ever experienced in that part. In the year 1863 he came to Canterbury, and was engaged in driving bullock between Christchurch and Timaru. A few years later he bought land at Lagmhor from the Government, which he farmed up to twenty-four years ago, when he retired from active work and resided at Tinwald up till the time of his death.

William BLAKE (1842-1915)

Dominion 11 March 1915
The death occurred at a late hour last night at his residence, Victoria Street, Petone, after a long illness, of a very old identity, Mr William Blake. The late Mr Blake was a veteran of the Maori War, and had been in action at Parihaka. Mr Blake had resided at Petone for about 33 years, and was in the early days the first foreman blacksmith in the Government Railway Workshops. By a singular coincidence Mr Blake died on the anniversary of his birthday, at the age of 74 years.

Evening Post 15 March 1915
Mr William Blake whose death at Petone occurred on his seventy-fourth birthday, was a native of London, and had lived in New Zealand for half a century. Thirty-five years ago he took up his residence at Petone, and was for a number of years in the Railway Workshops there. He was one of the first members of the Petone Naval Brigade, and of the Petone Working Men's Club, and was also an active Oddfellow. He has left a widow, three sons, two daughters, twenty-two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The interment of the body was made at the Taita on Friday.

Elizabeth BODMIN *nee* HELY (1844-1924) New Zealand Herald 13 Oct 1924
The death occurred on Friday at Lower Hutt, Wellington, of an old colonist, Mrs Elizabeth Bodmin, a member of a very old Auckland family. Mrs Bodmin, who was a native of Auckland, was a sister of the late Mr Charles Bailey, shipwright, of this city. Her husband, the late Mr Bodmin, was on the staff of the Treasury Department in Auckland, and removed to Wellington when the seat of Government was shifted from Auckland. He remained in the Treasury Department for many years before he left New Zealand to settle in England. Mrs Bodmin is survived by an adult famiy.

Agnes BOSLEY *nee* SPACKMAN (1847-1939) Evening Post 10 October 1938
The death of Mrs Agnes Bosley, at the residence of her son, removes a real pioneer of Eltham, states the "Taranaki Herald." Mrs Bosley, who was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Spackman, was born at Silverstream on January 17, 1847, her parents having come out from England to Wellington in the ship 'Bolton' in 1840. They settled at Silverstream, where Mrs Bosley married Mr George Bosley, and later they went to Normanby, where they resided until 1878. In that year the family of seven persons removed to Eltham and settled on a block of land north of Anderson Road, where they were engaged in farming for some time. Mr George Bosley died thirty-nine years ago. Mrs Bosley is survived by four sons and six daughters. There are 33 grand-children and 26 great-grandchildren.

Jane Disney BRAITHWAITE *nee* O'HALLORAN (1842-1926) married 1864 at Taita

Auckland Star 10 Feb 1926
A resident of the Cambridge district passed away on Sunday in the person of Mrs Jane Disney Braithwaite, aged 87 years. With her late husband, Mr Arthur Braithwaite, who will be remembered in the Wellington and Wanganui districts as a successful stud sheep breeder, deceased came to Cambridge about 35 years ago, and had resided there ever since. Deceased leaves no family. Among relatives are Mr Gerald O'Halloran, of Auckland and Mrs Nairn, of Cambridge.

John BRASELL (1863-1938) Evening Post 16 May 1938

The death occurred yesterday in Dunedin of Mr John Brasell, one of the best-known citizens in Lower Hutt, at the age of 75 years. He had been spending a holiday with his daughter, Mrs C. F. Fowler. The late Mr Brasell came from Buckinghamshire, England, where his father was a farmer, to South Canterbury and as a young man was known as a racing road cyclist. In 1892 he went to Lower Hutt and took up land fronting Waterloo Road, then known as Chinamen's Lane. Mr Brasell was elected a councillor in Lower Hutt in 1894 under Mr W. L. Fitzherbert. He retired for a while and was defeated at an election, but was returned at a subsequent by-election. Otherwise he had been a councillor continuously in the borough, and apart from the election in which he was defeated he was never lower than third on the poll and frequently at the top. During the years in which Mr Brasell was a councillor Lower Hutt grew from a small district with a small population (126 votes topped the poll when he first stood for the council) to the present large and influential borough. Mr Brasell had an intimate knowledge of the Hutt River, and was first elected to the River Board in January 1921. He resigned in November of that year, but was returned later and was a member up to the elections, when the state of his health made it obvious that his nomination could not go forward again. One of the major interests of the late Mr Brasell was the work of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, and he was a life member and a member of the council of that body. He was a fine shot, and at the age of 70 won the open shoot of the Hutt Valley Gun Club. For many years he was secretary of the club, and in 1927 was made a life member. He was one of the originators, with Mr F. Mason, now of Feilding, of the Waiwetu Cricket Club, out of which the present Hutt Cricket Club grew. Only recently he took up golf, and was patron and a member of the Boulcott Golf Club. The Mayor of Lower Hutt, Mr J. W. Andrews, said last night that the borough owed much to Mr Brasell. He had a unique record as a councillor, serving under the first Mayor and every successive Mayor but one. He had left Lower Hutt but a short period ago in the best of health, and his death was a great shock. His genial and generous disposition had made him a general favourite and his place in the community would be hard to fill. His was a life of true self-sacrifice in the public interest, and those who knew him were the better for his life among them. Mr Brasell is survived by one daughter, Mrs C. F. Fowler, of Dunedin. The funeral will leave the residence, Waterloo Road, at 2 p.m. tomorrow for the Taita Cemetery.

Eliza Harriett BREWER *nee* GOODER (1836-1920)

Evening Post 02 Jul 1920
The death took place at Britannia-street, Petone, of Mrs Eliza Harriett Brewer, widow of the late Mr William Henry Brewer, of Newtown Park. Mrs Brewer leaves three sons – Messrs George, Leonard and Albert Brewer – and five daughters – Mesdames Alice Eden, of Russell-terrace, T. Harlen, Ryan, and Jones (of Petone), and Richards, of Wellington. Mrs Brewer was 84 years of age. She was a pioneer resident of Wellington, having been here since 1841, when she arrived in the ship *Martha Ridgway*, with her parents, Mr and Mrs Gooden. Mrs Brewer was among the first settlers who were brought out by the New Zealand Land Company, and one of the last documents she was called upon to sign was the early settlers' address of welcome to the Prince of Wales.

Dominion 02 Jul 1920
A pioneer of seventy-nine years' standing in Wellington, Mrs Eliza Brewer, died at the residence of her daughter Mrs T. Harlen, at Petone, on Wednesday morning, at the age of 84 years. The late Mrs Brewer, who was the relict of the late Mr William Henry Brewer, custodian of Newtown Park for over thirty years, came out to Wellington as a child in the ship *Martha Ridgway*, in the year 1841, and has therefore been a resident of the place for nearly eighty years. Her maiden name was Eliza Harriett Gooden, and her father, and his two brothers, were passengers on the Martha Ridgway and have descendants in the Wairarapa and other parts of New Zealand. Mrs Brewer was among the first settlers who were brought out by the New Zealand Land Company, and one of the last documents she was called upon to sign was the early settlers' address of welcome to the Prince of Wales. Unfortunately, she was confined to her bed, and was not able to be present at the Petone function. Mrs Brewer leaves a family of three sons and five daughters. The sons are Messrs G. Brewer, L. Brewer (custodian of Newtown Park), and A. Brewer (custodian of the Basin Reserve), and the daughters are Mesdames T. Harlen, Ryan, and Jones (all of Petone), Richards, and Eden (of Wellington). The funeral is to leave Petone for Wellington at 1.30 p.m. today. The interment will be made in the Bolton Street Cemetery.

Thomas BRIGHTWELL (1850-1927)

Manawatu Standard 17 Sep 1927
Mr Thomas Brightwell, who passed away at the Palmerston North Hospital after a brief illness, was a well-known identity in the Woodville district. Although his health had been failing for the last six months, his end was unexpected and came as a shock to his relatives. Born at the Hutt 77 years ago Mr Brightwell lived for a time in Hawera, Napier and Palmerston North, settling in Woodville over 40 years ago on Bevan's Road. After a few years he moved to a property on the Gorge Road where he remained until about eight years ago. His wife predeceased him by 17 years. In addition to a brother in Sydney he is survived by six sons: Messrs Arthur (Pongaroa), Herbert (Bulls), Walter (Taumaranui), Stanley (Woodville), Percy and Frank (Morrinsville) and Edward (Sydney) and five daughters: Mesdames Petersen (Palmerston North), Boyd and Cook (Woodville), Ware (Eltham) and Miss Jessie Brightwell (Wellington).

Thomas BROAD (1859-1930)

New Zealand Herald 14 Jan 1930
Taumaranui, Monday. The death occurred yesterday of Mr Thomas Broad, aged 70 years, at his residence at Rangaroa. Mr Broad was born at Silverstream, Upper Hutt, and was educated at Invercargill, where he joined the Railway Department 52 years ago. After some years of service in the South Island he was transferred to the North Island, and came to Taumaranui in 1910 as locomotive foreman. He held this position until 1918, when he retired and settled at Rangaroa. Mr Broad took a keen interest in horticulture and all things that assisted in beautifying the town. He was chairman of the Beautifying Society and a member of the Borough Council from 1925 until December 1928, when he resigned. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. The sons are Messrs T. E. Broad, Auckland; C. V. Broad, Wellington and A. E. Broad, Taumaranui, and the daughters are Mrs E. J. McHattie, Taringamotu, and Miss M. Broad, Taumaranui.

Isabella Jane BROADFOOT *nee* ELMSLY (1852-1938) Auckland Star 23 August 1938

One of Auckland's pioneers, Mrs Isabella Jane Broadfoot, widow of Mr James Hope Broadfoot, has died in her 87th year at the home of her daughter, Mrs C. G. Thompson, 23, Marsden Avenue, Mount Eden. Mrs Broadfoot was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and came to New Zealand with her father and mother 80 years ago. Dr Elmsley, her father, was surgeon in the ship 'Ellen Lewis', which brought the Waipu settlers to this country. Later he and his family settled at Otahuhu, then a military outpost of Auckland. In 1872 Mrs Broadfoot married Mr James Hope Broadfoot, of Edinburgh, and they resided at the Lower Hutt. After a brief visit to Australia they returned to New Zealand and settled in Auckland. On the death of her husband, Mrs Broadfoot went to live with her daughter, Mrs Thompson. Mrs Broadfoot is survived by two sons, Mr J. H. Broadfoot, M.P. for Waitomo, and Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives, and Mr J. E. Broadfoot, of the Blind Institute, Auckland, and two daughters, Mrs F. A. Barker (Te Kuiti) and Mrs C. G. Thompson (Auckland).

Adelaide Sarah BROWN *nee?* (1828-1900) Evening Post 6 July 1900

Another of Wellington's early settlers, Mrs Joseph Brown, passed away this morning at the residence of her daughter (Mrs John McIntosh) at the Lower Hutt. Mrs Brown, who died in her seventy-second year, came out to the colony in the *New Era* in 1854, took up her residence at the Hutt, and remained there throughout her days. She had survived her husband, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs McIntosh and Mrs William Challis, of Clareville, Wairarapa.

Charles William BROWN (1842-1920) Evening Post 19 Aug 1920

Mr Charles William Brown, J.P., one of the oldest and most respected settlers in the Hutt Valley, died at the residence of his daughter (Mrs F. C. Lockett, Nelson-street, Petone) on Tuesday. Deceased was born in Wellington in 1842 and was therefore 78 years of age. After being educated at the school kept by Mr Finnimore and Mr Toomath, he settled at the Waiwetu, and spent the best part of his life there. In 1863 he paid a visit to England and the Continent. He took a keen interest in public affairs, and at different times was a member of the Hutt County Council, the Harbour Board, and the Wellington Hospital Trustees. He was chairman of the first-mentioned body and was also president of the Hutt Producer's Association. In 1866 he married the eldest daughter of Mr George Copeland, one of the earliest settlers in the Waiwetu, who had to fly for his life in the troublous days of the Maori disturbances. He has left a grown-up family.

Elizabeth BROWN *nee?* (1817-1901) Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser 20 December 1901

Mrs Peter Brown, who died on Tuesday night at her residence, Akaroa, has had a long Colonial experience. She and her husband left Glasgow in the ship *Bengal Merchant* in 1839, bound for Port Nicholson. This was the first emigrant ship that ever left Scotland for New Zealand. On arrival at Wellington in February 1840, after a fine weather voyage, the new comers landed and lived on the Petone Beach, between Wellington and the Hutt. Mr and Mrs Brown and others afterwards lived at the Hutt, but were several times flooded out by that treacherous river. Mr Brown was a baker, and in 1843 he got an offer from Mr Connell to take charge of a bakery at Akaroa which he accepted and came across with his wife, Mr Bruce being the first person to welcome them. After some years Mr Connell went to Nelson and left Mr and Mrs Brown out of employment. They were persuaded by "Paddy" Wood to go to Oauhau, near the mouth of Lake Forsyth, where it was very rough, and there they spent a wretched three months, at the end of that time returning to Akaroa, where Mrs Brown resided till her death on Tuesday night. Mrs Brown was a devoted adherent to the Presbyterian Church, and the first Presbyterian service ever held in Akaroa took place in her house, the Rev C. Fraser being the minister. Mrs Brown, in her old age, always took the very greatest interest in the Presbyterian Sunday School and devoted much of her time to its encouragement till the infirmities of age precluded active exertion. Mrs Brown leaves a family of four sons and two daughters to mourn her loss, besides many grandchildren. Two daughters and one son predeceased their mother. Mr James Brown, of German Bay, and Mr C. Brown, of the Canterbury Hotel, Lyttelton, are amongst her elder children. The funeral takes place at 2 p.m. today.

James Duncan BROWN (1870-1942) Evening Post 3 August 1942

A well-known resident of Petone, Mr James Duncan Brown, died very suddenly last week at the age of 72. The late Mr Brown was born in Melbourne and came to New Zealand when a young man and occupied several positions in both islands. After taking up a position of accountant to the firm of Messrs J. H. Rankin and Co., general merchants, and auctioneers, at Motueka, where he resided for a number of years, he married Laura, eldest daughter of the late Constable Coombe, of Mahakipawa. There are five children of the marriage, four sons and a daughter, Gordon, Raeburn, Edward and Frederick and Mrs M. Kelly of Miramar. The youngest boy is at present serving overseas. After leaving the firm of Rankin and Co., Mr Brown practised as a public accountant in Motueka for a number of years. He was appointed an auditor under the New Zealand Friendly Societies' Act, by the late Lord Islington. Mr Brown and his family later removed to Wellington, and he afterwards accepted the position of secretary to the Petone Working Men's Club, which he held for some time, but failing health compelled him to relinquish that office, and he was appointed a life member in recognition of his valuable services. The funeral took place at the Taita Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The Petone Working Men's Club was represented by the president, Mr A. G. Bowden, and officers, and they acted as pallbearers. The service was conducted by the Rev R. Evans. The late Mr Brown is survived by his wife and children, and there are also grandchildren.

Jeanie Tannihill BROWN *nee?* (1882-1937) Manawatu Standard 15 May 1937

There passed away at Petone, on Sunday, Mrs Jeannie Tannehill Brown, wife of Mr Hugh Brown. Mrs Brown was formerly a resident of Palmerston North, and was a member of the Congregational Church here. She was in her 55th year. Rutherglen, Scotland, was Mrs Brown's birthplace and she arrived in New Zealand with her husband in 1923. Latterly she had suffered a long illness and for the last two years had been confined to her bed. She took her illness cheerfully, and many visitors found comfort in her bright disposition. She was always thinking of others, her chief delight being the making of dainty articles of apparel with her clever hands for friends and children. Possessed of an attractive charm, she won people to her and formed lifelong friendships. The burial took place at Taita cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, Rev J. C. Loan conducting the services at the residence and also at the graveside, when there was a large number of friends present to pay their last respects.

William Keay BROWN (1834-1918) Press 02 Nov 1918

Mr William Keay Brown, of Moxham avenue, Kilbirnie, Wellington, whose death was recorded recently, was born in Scotland in 1834, and landed in Dunedin over 60 years ago. After spending some time there he visited the various goldfields and came on to Wellington, in which district he has resided for the past 58 years. He was a bridge builder and contractor, and constructed quite a number of the earlier bridges in the Hutt district, some of which are still in existence. Retiring some 30 years ago, he had since led a secluded life, contenting himself with literature and Nature studies. In his younger days he was noted for his great strength, being a man of 6ft 2in in height, with breadth and muscularity in proportion.

Helen BRUCE *nee* DUTHIE (1816-1895) Evening Post 07 February 1895

A very old resident of Wellington died at Newtown this week in the person of Mrs Peter Bruce. Mr and Mrs Bruce came to Wellington in the ship 'Lady Nugent' in 1841, and took up a farm at the Hutt, where Mrs Bruce speedily became known for her kindly and charitable disposition. Seven years ago they removed into town on account of Mr Bruce's ill-health, but he died four months later. Mrs Bruce remained active and in good health up till five months ago, though nearly 80 years of age, but during that period has been confined to the house, and during the last week of her illness unconscious. Mr and Mrs Bruce had nine children, three of whom only survive – two sons in the Rangitikei, and Mrs Speedy of Wainui. Mrs Bruce was widely respected amongst old Wellington residents.

Robert BUCKERIDGE (1816-1874) Evening Post 10 September 1874

Mr Buckeridge, formerly of the Taita, and latterly lighthouse-keeper on Somes' Island, died this morning at the residence of L. Levy, Esq. Mr Buckeridge was a very old Wellington resident, but has for some time been in failing health, and last week was compelled to leave the island, and come over to the city for medical advice.

Joe Corbett BRYANT (1841-1898) Feilding Star 10 June 1898

Another old settler has been called away in the person of the late Mr J. C. Bryant of the Ohariu Valley, Wellington. The late Mr Bryant was born at the Hutt on April 19th, 1841, and after residing there for some years removed with his parents to Johnsonville, and from there to the Ohariu Valley, where he resided up to the time of his death.

John BRYCE (1805-1892) Evening Post 29 January 1892

Mr John Bryce, of Fern Flats, near Marton, whose death was mentioned in yesterday's Evening Post, was the father of the Hon. John Bryce, and landed at Petone on the 22nd February 1840, having come with his family from Glasgow in the ship Bengal Merchant. For some years he worked about Wellington as a contracting carpenter, and then settled for a time at the Hutt. After making trips to Australia and the Dunstan diggings, he went about 1863 to Fern Flats, where he was ever since resided with his son, Mr Thomas Bryce. Deceased was in his 87th year.

Alfred James Seldon BUCK (1852-1897) New Zealand Times 14 Apr 1897

The funeral of the late Mr Alfred S. Buck, who was gored to death by a bull at the Taita on Saturday, took place at the Taita yesterday. The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev Joshua Jones. The remains were followed to the Taita Cemetery by more than 500 people. All the school children also marched in the procession, carrying wreaths (Mr Buck having been secretary of the School Committee). There were also visitors from Wellington, the Wairarapa and other country districts, besides a very large following of the Hutt Valley settlers. The principal mourners were the deceased's two brothers (D. and W. Buck), his son (William Buck), his son-in-law (Mr W. Dale of Christchurch) and Mr A. R. Hislop.

George Green BUCK (1818-1894)

Evening Post 12 October 1894
Mr George Green Buck, a very old resident at the Taita, died at his residence at 9 o'clock last night, after an illness of five months, at the age of 76 years. Mr Buck arrived at Wellington in 1842 in the ship 'Birman', and after residing for some time in Wellington, settled at the Taita, where he ultimately purchased the hotel, which he kept until 1869, at which time he retired, and he has since been living on his means. Mr Buck was looked up to at the Hutt as being practically the father of the settlement. To the assistance received from him in the early days many people owe the prosperous positions they now occupy, and his death will be very widely mourned. Deceased had seven sons and daughters, five of whom survive him. He leaves a widow (his second wife). Mr Buck was a member of the first party of settlers who penetrated to the Wairarapa, and was one of a section of the party who were lost for 15 days in the Rimutaka forest, from which they emerged at the Wairarapa Lake, and were succoured and by the Maoris brought round in canoes. Deceased is to be buried at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening Post 15 Oct 1894
The funeral of the late Mr George Green Buck took place at the Taita yesterday afternoon, and the remains were followed to their last resting place in the village churchyard by a very large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends from all parts of the district. The pall-bearers were Messrs W. S., E., and A. S. Pike (grand-sons of the deceased) and Mr W. Noler, who had been in Mr Buck's employ for about a quarter of a century. The chief mourners were Messrs W., A., and D. Buck (the three sons), W. H. Dale and G. Pike (sons-in-law), C. Pike (grandson), T. W. McKenzie, F. Cohen, J. Buck, E. Buck and Townsend (relatives), Dr Purdy, and Messrs Brandon, C. Kemble, A. R. Hislop, R. Kemble, and George Ross (immediate friends), and amongst the visitors from town we noticed the Mayor of Wellington, Dr Newman, M.H.R., Rev H. Van Staveren, Messrs J. M. Richardson, J. G. Wilson, M.H.R., C. T. Richardson, J. Plimmer, S. Waters and R. Mowatt. There were a number of Maoris (by whom the deceased was held in high esteem) and a gathering of old identities, amongst whom were Messrs Russell, J. Welch, H. Pitt, Mellow, Death, Peck, Futter, Avery, Mabey, J. Brown, Benge, Stewart, D. Ross, Daysh, Meagher, Fox, Cudby, King, Wilkins, Heyward, T. Allen and W. Dew. The Rev Mr Harrison conducted the burial service. The scene was a most impressive one as the cortege wound its way beneath the trees along the country road, which was flanked by the settlers from all parts, the bell from the village church meanwhile sending forth its minute tolls. Mr Buck was laid to rest beside his former partner, Mr Kemble, with whom he had borne the heat and burden of the troublous times of the first settlement of the Hutt Valley. Thus ends the history of one of our sturdiest and most generous pioneers – of whom, alas, not a great many now remain to tell of the trials incidental to the settlement of the district.

James Gregory BUCK (1828-1900)

Evening Post 24 April 1900
Mr James Buck, an old resident at the Lower Hutt, whose death was announced last night, passed away very suddenly. He had apparently always been a very healthy man and had never complained of an illness in his life. The family were about to have dinner, and Mrs Buck called deceased who replied that he would be there soon, but as he did not come in, she went out and found him lying dead near the door of a shed in the garden. Dr Purdy was called in, and as he could give a certificate that death was due to heart disease, no inquest was deemed necessary.

Agnes BUICK *nee* STEVEN (1811-1897) New Zealand Herald 15 November 1897

Mrs Buick, relict of the late Mr William Buick, of Petone, died last week at the residence of her son, Mr David Buick, at Palmerston North. Mrs Buick, who was born in Scotland in 1811, arrived in Wellington with her husband in 1841 by the ship 'Arab'. Old settlers in the district and, in fact, everyone who has had the privilege of knowing the deceased lady will learn with regret of her death. She took her full share of the hardships of pioneer life in the district in the early days and her memory will be revered by many.

David BUICK (1848-1918) Evening Post 19 November 1918

Mr David Buick, M.P., for Palmerston North, died in Wellington at 11 o'clock last night, from influenza. The late Mr Buick was born at Karori in 1848, and was the son of Mr William Buick, who arrived in New Zealand in the ship 'Arab' in 1841. He received his education at the Hutt, whither his parents moved in 1852. Until 1885 he worked as a farmer at the Hutt, for his father and on his own account. Then he purchased about 550 acres of first-class grazing land at Palmerston North, and carried on business as a breeder of Romney Marsh sheep. He first entered public life as a member of the Hutt Road Board. At Palmerston he was chairman for many years of the Manawatu Road Board and the Drainage Board, and was prominent in all agricultural and pastoral activities. His interest in sport was keen, and he was well known as a breeder and owner of thoroughbred racing stock. In the old days, when the Caledonian Society flourished, he was one of its most active supporters. His first entry into general politics was in 1896, when he unsuccessfully contested the Palmerston seat. He was elected in 1908, and has represented the constituency since. In Parliament, he has been a supporter of the farmers' interests, of which he had a wide and exact knowledge. He was a man of genial disposition, and very popular amongst members. The body will be taken to Palmerston to-day for private interment. The Hon D. H. Guthrie will represent the Ministry at the funeral. The late member took a prominent part in establishing the Longburn Freezing Works. During the war he has been closely associated with patriotic movements in the district. Mrs Buick died recently. The late member's family comprises one son and five daughters, one of whom is at present seriously indisposed with influenza.

Helen Stewart BUICK *nee* McEWEN (1843-1939) Evening Post 24 February 1939

Mrs James Buick died at her residence at Tiakitahuna last week at the age of 96. Mrs Buick could justly lay claim to having been a pioneer of the Manawatu. Born at Waiwetu on June 17, 1843, she was one of the earliest children of that settlement and so far as is known, was the oldest white woman born in New Zealand. Her father, Mr David McEwen, was an engineer who came to the colony in the ship 'Bengal Merchant' and was subsequently a member of the Wellington Provincial Government. Later he settled in the Manawatu and was the first postmaster at Karere. It was 60 years ago that he ventured north from Belmont, conveying his family in a one-horse dray which became stuck in the Ohau river and had to be hauled out by Maoris. A clearing was made in the bush at Tiakitahuna, and with pit-sawn timber a house was constructed. Numbers of times the farms was swept by flood waters from the Manawatu river. Surviving sons of the deceased, who was predeceased by her husband, are Messrs J. L. Buick (Carterton), D. Buick (Tiakitahuna), H. Buick (Johnsonville) and A. Buick (Kauwhata). Surviving daughters are Mesdames W. Edwards (Palmerston North), R. J. Seddon (Tiakitahuna), J. Carruthers (Gonville) and E. Irwin (Dannevirke).

Edmund Percy BUNNY (1864-1941) Evening Post 07 April 1941

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mr Edmund Percy Bunny at the age of 77. He had been ill for some days and was a patient in a private hospital in Wellington. Mr Bunny, one of Wellington's oldest legal practitioners, came from a family linked with Wellington's early history and was himself prominent in public life, especially in affairs connected with the Hutt Valley. "Had it not been for Mr Bunny there would have been no Lower Hutt City" was a statement made recently, and it epitomised his activity in public affairs. He took a leading part in the formation of the Hutt River Board and was that body's solicitor. In 1899 he was elected a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council and was elected Mayor in 1900. He was again Mayor in 1909 and was re-elected to this position for the two following periods. Much of Lower Hutt's progress was due to Mr Bunny's foresight. The late Mr Bunny was born in Wellington, and was a son of Mr Henry Bunny, Provincial Secretary and Deputy Superintendent of Wellington Province. He attended Nelson College and Wellington College and studied at Canterbury University College, where he took the degree of B.A. After being a junior master at Wellington College for a short time he began the practice of the law in Wellington in 1889, and at the time of his death he had been at the bar longer than any other barrister in Wellington except Mr P. Levi. He was in partnership with Mr N. T. Gillespie. My Bunny was always interested in sport. He played for Canterbury College in the first Rugby match between that college and Otago University, and throughout the remainder of his life he continued to interest himself in Rugby and other sports. He was closely associated with the Hutt and Wellington Football Clubs. He held office in sports bodies of almost every kind in the Hutt Valley even to the time of his death, and had held office in some of the district governing bodies of some. He was a member of the first advisory board appointed under the McCarthy Trust, and he assisted many organisations as honorary solicitor. Mrs Bunny, who was Miss B. L. Cimino before their marriage, survives her husband. Mr and Mrs Bunny's only son died shortly after the Great War from wounds received on service. There are three daughters. Misses C., M. P., and A. Bunny. The funeral will be tomorrow morning after a service in the Lower Hutt Roman Catholic Church.

James Nelson BURCHAM (1806-1854) Wellington Independent 13 May 1854

Died on Friday, the 12th inst., at the "Aglionby Arms", River Hutt, Mr James Nelson Burcham, many years landlord of the above Hotel, aged 48, deeply regretted by all who knew him. The Funeral of the late James Nelson Burcham will take place on Tuesday next, the 16th instant. The procession will move from his late residence, the "Aglionby Arms" at 1 o'clock. Friends are requested to accept this invitation. George Sawell, Undertaker.

Thomas Ernest BURN (1890-1941) Evening Post 12 Feb 1941

Mr Thomas E. Burn, a partner in the engineering firm of Burn and Sons, Petone, died in Wellington on Monday. Born in Tasmania in 1889, he came to New Zealand in his boyhood, and was educated at the Petone Central School and the Petone Technical College. He served his apprenticeship under his father, and then went into the firm in partnership with his father and brother, continuing in partnership with his brother after his father's death. The firm has a world-wide reputation for some of its products. In his earlier days Mr Burn was an enthusiastic playing member of the Petone Rugby Football Club, and he retained his interest in this and other sports till his death. He was a member of the Wellington Savage Club, the Wellington Trotting Club, and the Petone Working Men's Club. He served in the Great War. His wife and three brothers, John of Petone, Robert (Precision Engineering Company, Wellington) and William, of Nelson, survive him.

Samuel BURNETT (1801-1877) Evening Post 24 October 1877

Another of our earliest pioneer settlers has passed away. Mr S. Burnett, who arrived in Wellington by the ship *Bengal Merchant* in the beginning of the year 1840, nearly 38 years ago, died at the Taita on Sunday last.

Alice BURRELL *nee* MINCHIN (1892-1911) Hutt Valley Independent 16 Feb 1911

Word reached us just as we were about to go to press of the death of the wife of Mr Aaron Burrell, of Mangaroa. Mrs Burrell was the eldest daughter of Mr Harry Minchin, of Upper Hutt, and only about 19 years of age. She was married within the past year to a son of Commissioner William Burrell, of the Upper Hutt Town Board. The deceased lady, who was just recovering from her accouchement, was caught in a rainstorm a short while ago, and complications arising, a most serious stage was reached within the last few days, culminating in her death this day. She leaves one child, an infant, the issue of the marriage. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved families, as Mrs Aaron Burrell was deservedly popular in the circles in which she moved.

Joseph James BURRELL (1871-1918) Taranaki Daily News 25 Nov 1918

Mr Joseph James Burrell, whose death took place at the New Plymouth Hospital on Sunday, was a highly respected resident here. He was born and reared in the Upper Hutt district, coming to these parts some nine years ago, and following farming pursuits in the Kaimata district. Three years ago he entered business here as a blacksmith. He leaves a wife and one child. A brother (Mr W. Burrell) resides at Kaimata, and his parents reside at Upper Hutt, who will receive the sincere sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Elizabeth BURT *nee* WILKIE (1826-1916) Evening Post 02 December 1916

Another well-known old resident, Mrs Burt (sen.), of the Lower Hutt, has lately passed away. She arrived in New Zealand in 1840, by the ship *Olympus*, and her father, Mr George Wilkie, carried on business in Petone for many years. Mrs R. Taylor, Mrs Burt's grandmother, had been in New Zealand for some years previously. Mr Burt walked from Auckland to Wellington in 1842, and founded the business so long associated with his name in the Lower Hutt. Mr and Mrs Burt had a family of eight, of whom five are now living. There are also over fifty grand and great-grand children. The funeral took place at St. James's (Anglican) Cemetery, when the Rev. A. L. Hansell conducted the service.

Thomas BURT (1860-1934)

Evening Post 17 May 1934
The death occurred suddenly this morning at Pahautanui of Mr Thomas Burt, formerly of Lower Hutt and Featherston, in his seventy-fifth year. The late Mr Burt, who was born at Lower Hutt, was the youngest son of, one of the first settlers in the Hutt Valley. He succeeded his father in business as a general storekeeper; the business was established at Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt in 1841. In 1921 he removed to Featherston. He was a man who took no prominent part in public affairs but was widely known for his generosity and kindness. He was a member of the Lower Hutt Methodist Church from his boyhood. In his early days he was a member of the Heretaunga Mounted Rifles. The late Mr Burt is survived by his widow, six sons – Messrs R. H. Burt (Manunui), J. B. Burt (Featherston), A. W. Burt (Pahautanui), C. W. Burt (Te Horo), G. L. Burt (Te Awamutu), V. Burt (Pahautanui), and three daughters – Mrs H. A. Alexander (Sydney), Mrs D. H. Nicholson (Taumaranui) and Mrs A. S. Moore (Wellington). One son, Thomas Burt, was killed in action. Mrs H. Sanson (Hamilton) and Mrs Cleland (Kaponga) are sisters. The funeral will be private.

Hutt News 23 May 1934
The death of Mr Thomas Burt, a well-known figure in the Hutt district, occurred suddenly at his residence at Pahautanui last Thursday in his 75th year. Mr Burt was born in Lower Hutt in 1860, where he carried on the business established by his father, the late Mr Thomas Burt, in 1841. In 1921 Mr Burt junior moved to take up business in Featherston. He was a staunch member of the Lower Hutt Methodist Church and held the position of secretary of trustees for many years. In his early years he was a member of the Heretaunga Mounted Rifles, and of one of the early Hutt bands. The late Mr Burt is survived by his widow, six sons – Messrs R. H. Burt (Maninui), J. B. Burt (Featherston), A. W. Burt (Pahautanui), C. W. Burt (Te Horo), G. L. Burt (Te Awamutu), V. Burt (Pahautanui), and three daughters – Mrs H. A. Alexander (Sydney), Mrs D. H. Nicholson (Taumaranui) and Mrs A. S. Moore (Wellington). One son, Thomas Burt, was killed in action. Mrs H. Sanson (Hamilton), and Mrs Cleland (Kaponga) are sisters.

Archibald George BUSH (-1933)

Hutt News 05 April 1933
Mr A. G. Bush, who was borough engineer for seven years and resigned last September owing to ill health, died last week at Fort Beaufort, Cape Province, South Africa. The late Mr Bush spent many years of his life in Kenya where he was employed on Government engineering works. He was borough engineer of Lower Hutt during the period of its maximum progress when sewerage, drainage, and water schemes of a major nature were planned and carried out. Mr Bush was considered to be one of the leading water and sewerage engineers in New Zealand, and was a member of several engineering societies of world-wide repute. He was a keen member of the Hutt Golf Club. He leaves a widow.

Allan Alexander CAMERON (1864-1934)

Evening Post 04 January 1934
Mr A. A. Cameron, a prominent Wairarapa sheepfarmer, died at his home at Te Ore Ore yesterday. The late Mr Cameron, who was 69 years of age, was born at Waiwetu, Lower Hutt, and went to Masterton in 1883, purchasing the “Pahauhau” property, which he farmed successfully to the time of his death. In his young days he was a fine athlete, being noted for his prowess as a runner, walker, and footballer. He was always a keen follower of horse racing and was a steward of the Masterton Racing Club for many years. He also owned and raced a number of horses with a good measure of success. Among the late Mr Cameron’s many other interests in the district were the Masterton A. and P. Association and the Wairarapa Caledonian Society. He was never married, and is survived by two brothers, Messrs D. J. Cameron, Upper Plain, and Walter Cameron, Te Ore Ore.

Catherine CAMERON *nee* CASIE (1839-1899) Evening Post 18 April 1899

On 17th April, at Gollan's Valley, Catherine, wife of the late Mr John Cameron; aged 60 years. Old Wellingtonians, and many young ones who are at all acquainted with Gollan's Valley or Muritai, will learn with regret of the death of Mrs John Cameron, a very old settler of Gollan's Valley. The deceased lady arrived here during the Forties, and her husband died about ten years ago. Of late years the old lady, though active enough, has seldom gone far from her home in the Valley. Recently she was attacked with a cold, which developed into inflammation of the lungs, ending in her death after a short illness yesterday morning. She leaves four sons and two daughters. The funeral is to leave Muritai at 1 o'clock to-morrow for the Hutt Cemetery.

Donald Douglas CAMERON (1856-1937) Evening Post 25 March 1937

Mr Donald Douglas Cameron, one of Kaiwarra's oldest settlers, died yesterday in his eighty-first year. The eldest son of the late Mr Alexander Cameron, a pioneer settler of Wellington district, who arrived in the ship 'Blenheim' in 1840, the late Mr Cameron was born at the Waiwetu in 1856. He received his education at Mowbray's School (now the Thorndon Normal School) and at the Wellington Grammar School (now Wellington College), and commenced work in the merchant business of Mr Edward Pearce, Willis Street, where he remained until the amalgamation of that business with Levin and Co. For about 38 years after that he was continuously employed with the Wellington Meat Export Company. Since his retirement a few years ago he has lived at his old home in Kaiwarra. In his younger days the late Mr Cameron took a keen interest in military matters and was for many years captain of the Kaiwarra Rifle Volunteers. For a period he was chairman of the Kaiwarra school committee. The late Mr Cameron is survived by his widow, who was Miss Annie Storey, eldest daughter of the late Mr Lewis Storey, and by five children, Miss Mary Cameron of Hawke's Bay, and Messrs John D. Cameron, Ronald Cameron, George Cameron and Percival Cameron all of Wellington; eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs Captain Cameron (Dunedin) and Misses Jessie and Isabella Cameron (Kaiwarra) are sisters, and Mr John Cameron (Wellington) a brother. One of the deceased's brothers, Mr Alexander Cameron, was killed in a motor accident at Kaiwarra on March 13.

Isabella Jane CAMERON (1871-1945) Evening Post 31 December 1945

The death occurred at Silverstream Hospital on Saturday night of Miss Isabel Jane Cameron, aged 74 years. Miss Cameron, who was a well-known member of the New Zealand Founders' Society, died as a result of having been injured in a fall some weeks ago. A daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Cameron, pioneer settlers of Kaiwarra more than 100 years ago, she is survived by her sisters, Mrs Cameron, wife of the late Captain Angus Cameron, superintendent of the Union Company, Dunedin, and her brother, Mr John Cameron, Oriental Parade. Dr P. D. Cameron, Wellington, is a nephew. The funeral took place today.

James CAMERON (1852-1945) Evening Post 17 November 1945

Mr James Cameron, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the Hutt Valley, died this week at his home, 21 Hautana Square, Lower Hutt, in his 94th year. Born in Edinburgh, Mr Cameron emigrated to New Zealand in 1875, his journey in the sailing ship 'Dunedin' taking 105 days. Landing at Lyttelton, he worked in the South Island for several years, and later joined the Armed Constabulary, in which he fought with distinction in the Maori Wars. For a brief period afterwards he served in the Royal Artillery at Wellington. He joined the Police Force in 1887, and served in Blenheim, the West Coast, Nelson, and Lower Hutt, retiring at the age of 65 after 38 years' service. Mr Cameron, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace, jointed the T. and G. Insurance Company, from which he retired after 27 years' service, most of which was spent as an agent in the Hutt Valley. In 1896 he married Miss Ruth Knight, of Blenheim. He is survived by his wife, eight children, two of whom served overseas during the war, 18 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

John CAMERON (1823-1888) Evening Post 24 August 1888

On 22nd August, 1888, at Petone, Hutt, Mr John Cameron, late of Gollan's Valley, near Pencarrow Lighthouse, aged 65 years. Another old settler has passed away, Mr John Cameron, of Gollan's Valley, died at Petone, on Wednesday, after a short illness of a few weeks. He left his home about four weeks ago to reside at Petone for a short time, in order to receive medical advice, but never returned home again. The deceased came to Wellington about 48 years ago in the 'Falcon', and has resided at Gollan's Valley, near Pencarrow Lighthouse, most of the time, enjoying very good health up to about eight weeks ago. He leaves a widow and four sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

John CAMERON (1865-1918) Evening Post 02 Dec 1918

In years long gone by the members of the Cameron family, of Gollan's Valley, were amongst the best-known settlers in the Wellington district. Mr Cameron, senr., came out from Scotland in the very early days, and his children were born in the valley. On his death, his sons and daughters came into possession of the estate. Mr Hugh Cameron, the youngest son, died in Wellington a few years ago, Mr Allan Cameron went down in the little steamer 'Duco' when she sank while en route to the Chathams, and the remaining son of the old gentleman (Mr John Cameron) succumbed to an attack of influenza last Friday, at the age of 49. Mr John Cameron sold the Gollan's Valley estate about six years ago, and had since lived at Muritai. He was a fine, powerful man, who had never had any serious illness until the epidemic appeared. He was unmarried. Mrs O'Sullivan and Miss Cameron, of Eastbourne, are his sisters.

Jemima CARGILL *nee* TWATT (1861-1939) Evening Post 09 February 1939

Mrs Jemima Cargill, a well-known and respected resident of Petone, died suddenly at her home, 24 Buick Street, Petone, yesterday, in her seventy-eighth year. Born in the Shetland Islands, Mrs Cargill came to New Zealand at the age of seventeen and resided in Petone for 57 years. She and her husband, the late Mr Martin Cargill, were among the pioneers of early Petone, and opened the first bakery in the town. Mrs Cargill, who was a valued and enthusiastic member of the Presbyterian Church, is survived by three sons and two daughters – Messrs Martin and Hector Cargill (Petone), James Cargill (Westport) and Mesdames M. Ward and J. Barnett (Petone). Two sons were killed at the war.

Martin CARGILL (1847-1912) Evening Post 05 August 1912

One of the oldest settlers in Petone, Mr Martin Cargill, passed away at his residence, 43 Buick-street, Petone, last evening at the age of 65 years. Deceased had been ailing for a long time, the cause of death being Bright's disease. He was a native of Edinburgh, and many years ago came to Petone, where for thirty years he was a baker. The late Mr Cargill was a member of the Masonic and Druid Lodges. He leaves behind him a widow and a grown-up family of five sons and three daughters. The interment will take place tomorrow afternoon.

Alfred CARTER (-1932) Evening Post 31 May 1932

One of the oldest and best known citizens of Petone, Mr Alfred Carter, died at his residence in Cuba Street on Saturday. Mr Carter was in his ninety-second year. He was born in Birmingham, England, where he studied medicine, but was afterwards persuaded by his parents to specialise in chemistry. In 1889, with his wife and family, he came to Australia, where he resided for a year. He was then appointed by the Gear Meat Company as manager of its chemistry department, and he has been a resident of Petone ever since. Mr Carter joined the first Volunteer Corps formed in England, and was an officer of his company. His sword is still treasured by his family. Mrs Carter, who was Miss Elizabeth Ralphe, died in December 1930, and his son Frank three and a half years ago. Mr Carter was a foundation member of the Petone Bowling Club, and was elected a life member. His chief recreations were walking, gardening and reading. He is survived by his daughters – Mrs B. Keen (Wellington), Mrs E. Ogg (Petone), Misses M. and B. Carter (Petone), and Messrs E. Carter (Carterton) and A. Carter (Te Puke).

Emma CARTER *nee* GEORGE (1847-1939) Evening Post 19 August 1939

The death occurred recently of one of Wellington's very old residents, Mrs Emma Carter. In the past eight years Mrs Carter had lived with one of her daughters, Mrs Jeffs, 12 Palm Grove, Berhampore. Mrs Carter was born at Willis Street in 1847. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Thomas George arrived at Nelson by the 'Martha Ridgway' in the early forties, later crossing to Wellington, and eventually settling in Tinakori Road, where they lived for many years. Mrs Carter's late husband, Mr George Petone Carter, was born at Petone in 1840, his parents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Carter, having arrived there in September of the same year by the sailing ship 'Aurora'. In spite of her great age Mrs Carter had a wonderful memory and interested many of the younger generation with her tales of old Wellington. Of the 153 descendants of Mrs Carter 140 are still living.

George CARTER (1851-1938) New Zealand Herald 18 January 1938

The death occurred at the Auckland Hosptial yesterday, at the age of 87, of Mr George Carter, of Leamington, Cambridge, formerly a well-known builder and resident of Northcote. Born in England and married at Burton-on-Trent on July 6, 1876, he arrived at Wellington in the sailing ship 'Bebbington' in August 1879. Mr Carter was a builder, and settled at Petone, where he roaded and built on a considerable area where the town of Petone now stands. Later, at Palmerston North, Mr Carter interested himself in civic and school affairs. Removing to Auckland in 1896, the family lived at Ponsonby for three years, and then settled at Northcote, where Mr Carter was actively associated with the development of the district until his retirement, owing to increasing age. Mr and Mrs Carter celebrated their diamond wedding on July 6, 1936. Mr Carter is survived by his wife and a family of 13. There are 45 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

George Petone CARTER (1840-1919) Evening Post 16 June 1919

Mr George Petone Carter, who it is claimed was the first European child born in the Wellington district, died at his residence in Russell-terrace, Newtown, yesterday, aged 79. His parents were among the first lot of immigrants to land at Petone. For many years his father was in the Customs in Wellington. The late Mr George Carter was at one period of his life a builder, and afterwards engaged in farming at Reikiorangi, but for some years before his death he had lived in Wellington. He has left a widow (a daughter of the late Mr George) and eleven children.

John George Abraham CASTLE (1855-1919) Evening Post 27 June 1919

A well-known man in public affairs in Petone, Mr J. G. Castle, died at an early hour this morning. The late Mr Castle was born in Kent 63 years ago, and came to New Zealand as a young man. During the last 32 years he had been connected with the Gear Meat Company, being manager of the Preserving Department. Mr Castle took an active part in education matters. He had ever since its inception been connected with the Petone Technical School Board, and since the death of Rev A. Thomson had been chairman of that body. The chairmanship of the Petone West School Committee was also held by him. For 19 years he was treasurer of the Petone Bowling Club, and president of the club for one year. He held the office of borough councillor for a considerable period and had always been an active worker in other public functions, being one of the promoters, and a trustee of the now defunct Boys' Institute. The St. Augustine's Church will miss his valuable services. He held for many years before his death the office of Vicar's churchwarden and Synodsman, and other offices. Mr Castle never quite recovered from shock of the death of his son Arthur, who was killed at the front, and the influenza epidemic left his health in an indifferent condition. Last week he was thought to be improving. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Rev J. G. Castle and Mr S. J. Castle (who has just returned from the front), and one daughter, Constance. Petone West School was closed to-day and school football postponed. No classes will be held at the local technical school tonight.

John Scott CAVERHILL (1863-1939) Press 24 June 1939

The death has occurred of Mr John Scott Caverhill, of Pirongia road, Otorohanga. Born at Hawkeswood, Canterbury, in 1863, he was a son of the late Mr J. S. Caverhill, who owned the 20,800 acres Hawkeswood station. Mr Caverhill was educated at Christ's College, Christchurch and then took a situation on Cora Lynn station, Canterbury, as a cadet. For seven years he was the manager of the Grassmere station, and afterwards managed a station for the Riddiford brothers, at the Hutt. For some years he also managed the Pareroa station, and in 1895 he returned to Hawkeswood as manager. On leaving Canterbury he spent 18 years in developing virgin forest country in the Raetihi district. After three years on the land at Tokoroa, Mr Caverhill went to Otorohanga. He is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters.

George Albert CHAPMAN (-1935) Evening Post 27 May 1935

One of the most patriotic citizens of Lower Hutt, Mr George A. Chapman, died on Saturday. Mr Chapman came to New Zealand 48 years ago at the age of 21 years, as partner and manager of Hersch and Co., of London and New York, his first contract being with the Gear Meat Co., of which Mr W. H. Millward was managing director. After a very successful business career he retired from active business, though for many years he retained an interest in the firm.

Ever since his arrival in Lower Hutt, but more especially since his retirement, service to the district was an outstanding feature of his life. Love of the beautiful in Nature and art was in him peculiarly blended with mechanical skill and ability to carry out his artistic ideals. He designed and laid out the first bowling green on what is now the Hutt Bowling Club's property. The lawns and courts used by the Hutt Tennis Club, the property of the borough were laid out by Mr Chapman, but the most important work of this class that he accomplished was the designing and laying out of Riddiford Park, to which he gave three years of active work, transforming a quagmire into the present beauty spot. He also laid out the grounds near the bridge, known as the Laing Meason Memorial. Mr Chapman's great love for children found outlet in the work of designing, building, and erecting children's apparatus for the three play areas at Riddiford Park (the material being given by Mr and Mrs D. A. McEwen), Moera, and Victoria Street.

As a Justice of the Peace, Mr Chapman frequently presided on the Bench in Lower Hutt. One of Mr Chapman's outstanding services was rendered to the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society, of which he was president for several successive years. He gave lavishly of the products of his own hot-houses and gardens, and could always be depended upon to use his ingenuity and mechanical ability to provide some novel exhibit. During the war he freely gave, from his unique and well-stocked gardens, flowers for sale for patriotic purposes and also for the camp at Trentham. He was also active in organising concerts and other entertainments for local and patriotic purposes.

One of his hobbies was photography, and hundreds of beautiful samples of his work are in the homes of his friends in Lower Hutt. Although generally he shunned public office, Mr Chapman gave three years of valuable service as a member of the Hutt River Board. His private as well as public benefactions, although known to only a few, were very considerable, and were not confined to Lower Hutt.

He is survived by his widow, five daughters, two of whom are married, and one son. The funeral which was attended by members of the various local bodies and institutions of the Hutt Valley as well as a large circle of private friends, took place at Karori this afternoon, the pall-bearers being Mr Winston Chapman (son), Messrs J. Millward and H. Ronaldson (sons-in-law), Dr G. M. Mirams, Mr S. E. Eichelbaum, and Mr W. T. Strand.

Robert Oswald CHESNEY (1885-1932) Hutt News 10 August 1932

Very general regret was felt throughout the district last week when it became known that Lieut-Col. Robert Oswald Chesney had died after a very brief illness at a private hospital in Wellington. Colonel Chesney was born on October 16, 1884, at Hokitika, where he was educated at the Hokitika High School. In 1900 he was appointed a cadet in the New Zealand Permanent Militia, and later went to South Africa as a member of the 9th New Zealand Contingent, holding the position first of assistant adjutant and later of adjutant, South Island Battalion. On December 4, 1901, he was appointed lieutenant in the Royal New Zealand Artillery, and two and a half years later went to England to undergo the Gunney Staff Course, in which he qualified as a gunnery instructor, with first-class certificate, in June 1906.

Early days with Artillery

A few months later Colonel Chesney returned to New Zealand, and on November 1 of the same year resumed duty with the Royal New Zealand Artillery at Wellington as acting-adjutant of the regiment. In another two months he was appointed staff officer to the Inspector-General of the Forces, Colonel R. H. Davies. Promotion to the rank of captain followed on May 31, 1909 and he was transferred to the New Zealand Militia and appointed Assistant-Adjutant-General, Wellington Military District. At about that time officers were all merged into the New Zealand Staff Corps. In 1912 he passed the examination for admission to the Staff College, Camberley, England, and went Home to attend college in the same year. He graduated at Camberley in 1914, and on the outbreak of war was attached to the War Office, being later temporarily attached for duty to the staff of the South Midland Division, Territorial Army, with which he was G.S.O., second grade. On November 10, 1915, he was appointed acting-brigade major, 1st Infantry Brigade, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and after serving on the strength of divisional headquarters returned on August 25, 1916, to the New Zealand Infantry Brigade, with the appointment of Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, New Zealand Division, an appointment he held for a year. With the same rank he was appointed in October, 1917, to the Infantry Reserve Sling Camp, and on December 15, 1917, became brigade major, 5th New Zealand Reserve Brigade.

After the war

By the end of the war his record included active service in France, Gallipoli and Egypt, and he had been mentioned in dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig. He arrived in New Zealand by the Tainui in May, 1919, with the rank of temporary lieutenant-colonel. On June 4 he became major in the Staff Corps and was appointed Coast Defence Commander, Auckland district. He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel in the Staff Corps in August, and was later acting camp commandant at the G. H. Q. School at Trentham. He relinquished his appointment on July 31, 1921, and was transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

Colonel Chesney had the Queen's South African Medal with clasps, Transvaal and South Africa, 1902, the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His mention in dispatches was early in 1917.

The death of Colonel Chesney will come as a severe blow to golfers, as he was not only an active member of the Hutt and Wellington Golf Clubs but for years past took a prominent part in the administration of the game. At various times he has held the position of president and captain of the Hutt Club, and for the past few years has occupied a seat on the New Zealand Golf Council.

Military Funeral

The funeral left Lieut-Colonel Chesney's late residence, "Charnwood," Waterloo road, on Thursday at 2 p.m., and proceeded to St. James' Church where a short service was conducted by Archdeacon A. L. Hansell. From there the body was taken to the Taita Cemetery on a gun-carriage provided by the R.N.Z.A. In front of it was a ring party from the Permanent Force Training Depot, Trentham, and the charger of the late officer was led in the rear. More than forty cars followed. The brief and impressive ceremony at the graveside was also conducted by Archdeacon Hansell. The firing party, under Sergeant-Major Bauer, fired a volley, and Sergeant-Major Bauer, fired a volley, and Sergeant-Major L. Baker sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reville."

The chief mourners were Lieut-Colonel Chesney's widow and daughter, his brother (Mr H. M. Chesney), his brothers-in-law (Messrs W. H. and L. C. Rathbone, and A. L. Warburton), his nephews (Messrs H. S., C. H., A. J., and D. E. Rathbone, and C. E. T. Woods), and Mesdames Warburton and L. C. Rathbone, Miss Rathbone, and Miss J. Rathbone, and Mrs Miller. The officers who acted as pallbearers were Major N. W. McD. Weir, Major S. Brown, Captain R. S. Park, Captain G. B. Parkinson, Captain L. W. Andrew, V.C., and Captain W. G. Gentry. Lieut-Colonel I. T. Standish, C.M.G., D.S.O., represented the G.O.C.

George William CHITTICK (1912-1939) Horowhenua Chronicle 17 January 1933

Widespread regret was felt last week at the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of Mr George William Chittick at the early age of 26 years. Born in the Hutt Valley in 1912, the deceased gentleman spent all his life in that district. He was educated at the Taita School and in the succeeding years took a prominent part in sporting activities. Two years ago he was married to Miss Kathleen Mary Hitch, of Lower Hutt, and in the middle of 1938 they removed to Levin, taking over a farm at Heatherlee. The funeral took place at Lower Hutt on Saturday last, when over 100 cars conveyed a large gathering of mourners to the graveside in the Taita cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs W. Kells, F. Eales, L. August, A. Patterson and H. Kitchener, all of Lower Hutt, and Mr H. R. Cottle (Levin). The services at the chapel and graveside were conducted by Rev H. E. K. Fry. Many beautiful floral emblems covered the casket, giving fitting expression to the esteem in which the late Mr Chittick was held. Among the wreaths were tributes from The Producers' Association (Lower Hutt), A. Pope and Company (Wellington), Abraham and Williams, Ltd (Palmerston North), Massey-Harris Company (Palmerston North), Thompson Bros., (Wellington), Taita Tennis Club, Taita Cricket Club, Taita Rugby Football Club, management and staff of Massey-Harris Company (N.Z.), Geo. Thomas and Company (Wellington), Public Service Commission and Hadfield and Peacock (Wellington). The bereaved widow, mother (Lower Hutt) and two brothers (Lower Hutt) have received a wealth of sympathy in their untimely loss.

Mary Jessica CHRISTENSEN *nee* BASSETT (1878-1922) Evening Post 30 August 1922

Mr and Mrs T. Bassett, of Palmerston North have received advice that their eldest daughter, Mary Jessica (Jessie), passed away on 3rd June, 1922, at Gardner, Illinois, North America. The deceased lady, who was born at Petone in 1878, was married to Mr Nels M. Christensen, at Wellington, in 1902. In 1907 the family left New Zealand for Illinois, where they resided up till Mrs Christensen's death. In addition to her husband, there are four children left to mourn their loss. There are also two sisters – Mrs Andrews (Kilbirnie) and Mrs Ashdown (Te Horo) – and four brothers – Thomas, Charles, Frank and John, all residents in New Zealand. One brother (Ivor) made the supreme sacrifice in France. Mrs Christensen was a good wife and mother, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Robert Douglas CHRISTIE (1874-1958) Upper Hutt Leader 24 Apr 1958

The death occurred on April 18, of Robert Douglas Christie, aged 88 years. Mr Christie was a well-known figure in the Upper Hutt district, as a cornetist, and it is only in the past few years he had not been an active player of the Municipal Band. A returned solder of the First World War the late Mr Christie was in great demand at all Anzac Services, where he was a solo cornetist for the playing of the Last Post, Reveille etc. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at St John's Churchyard on Saturday last after a service conducted by Canon W. M. Smallfield. Among those present at the service and funeral were relatives of the deceased, also members of the Upper Hutt R.S.A., and Trentham Lodge 262.

Annie Harriet CLAPCOTT *nee* BEDBOROUGH (1842-1897)

Otago Daily Times 27 October 1897

The friends of Mrs Clapcott, relict of Mr Henry Clapcott, learnt with regret of her death within five weeks of her husband's decease. Bright's disease, accelerated by her recent trouble, was the cause of Mrs Clapcott's death. The Funeral of the late Mrs Annie H. Clapcott, widow of the late Henry Clapcott, will leave St Paul's Cathedral, for the Southern Cemetery, this day (Wednesday), the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock. Hugh Gourley, Undertaker, Clark and Maclaggan streets.

Henry CLAPCOTT (1830-1897) Otago Daily Times 21 September 1897

An old identity passed away yesterday in the person of Henry Clapcott, who was well known and highly esteemed throughout Otago. The deceased gentleman was trained in the first place for the church, but after his arrival in the colony by the barque 'Hanbury' he took up a run at Popotunoa Gorge. Subsequently he became associated with the Government Life Insurance Department, and visited many parts of the colony in his capacity as lecturer in the interests of that department. The funeral of deceased, who leaves a grown-up family, will take place to-morrow, and not this afternoon, as was originally intended.

Frederick CLARK (1872-1936) Evening Post 4 August 1936

A well-known resident of Petone, Mr Frederick Clark, died last week. The late Mr Clark, who was of a quiet, unassuming nature, had resided in Petone for 35 years. He took a keen interest in the activities of friendly societies, being a member of Court Epuni, A.O.F., and passing through all the chairs in that court and also through the chairs in the district executive. For sixteen years he was a senior trustee of the court. He was instrumental in the formation of the United Friendly Societies' dispensary and up to the time of his death was a member of the board of management and trustee. The funeral took place at the Taita Cemetery on Friday, the Rev H. S. I. Kenny officiating. The Foresters' service was conducted by D.S.C.R. Bro. Boniface. There was a large attendance, those present including the A.O.F. district executive and district trustees, Mr C. Gostelow, Registrar of Friendly Societies, and members of Court Epuni. Mr Clark is survived by his widow and three sons, Messrs Allan and George Clark (Lower Hutt) and Gordon Clark (Petone).

Isaac Garwood CLARK (1864-1935) Hutt News 07 May 1935

The death occurred last week of Mr Isaac Garwood Clark, a well-known and much respected resident of Lower Hutt. The late Mr Clark was born in Wellington in 1864, his parents being among the early settlers who arrived here in the Oliver Lang. He spent his earlier years in Wellington where he worked for some years for Mr W. J. Gaudin. For the last 23 years he lived in Lower Hutt, where he was in business until the last two years. The late Mr Clark is survived by a widow and three daughters, Mrs W. F. Fogden (Otaki), Mrs A. W. Best (Wellington), and Mrs F. S. Baker (Lower Hutt), and nineteen grandchildren. A son, Mr J. A. Clark, was drowned in the Hutt River nine years ago.

Catherine CLELAND *nee* BURT (1850-1941) Waikato Times 24 September 1941

The death has occurred at the age of 91 of Mrs Catherine Cleland, of Kaponga, Taranaki. Mrs Cleland was born at Lower Hutt, her parents, Mr and Mrs Burt, being pioneer settlers there. Nearly 50 years ago Mrs Cleland, with her husband and family, moved to Kaponga. Mr Cleland died a year or two later. Mrs Cleland and her young sons continued farming, although several of the sons later went on to farms elsewhere in the North Island. Mrs Cleland was on a visit to her son, Mr H. W. Cleland, Gordonton, when her death occurred. Another son, Mr Norman Cleland, died about two years ago, and surviving members of the family are Messrs Harold Cleland (Gordonton), Hugh Cleland (Stratford), Thomas Cleland (Te Uku), Frederick Cleland (Otorohonga), Bernard Cleland (Kaponga), and Arthur Cleland (Stratford). Mrs D. B. Hill (Taranaki) and Mrs J. Lewis (Dargaville).

Eunice Hester CLELAND *nee* PERCY (1839-1914) Evening Post 06 July 1914

One of the earliest settlers in the Hutt Valley, in the person of Mrs Eunice Hester Cleland, passed away at her home at Taita on Friday last in her 75th year. Arriving in Port Nicholson in the ship Clifton in 1842, the late Mrs Cleland first settled with her parents in Petone, where she resided for twenty-three years. She had vivid recollections of numerous incidents connected with the natives in those days and remembered how the news of the Maoris' impending invasion of their territory was first received by the settlers. In the year 1863 the deceased lady was married to Mr William Cleland, son of the late Captain Cleland. In that year, also, Mr and Mrs Cleland moved to Taita; where they resided from that time. The late Mrs Cleland is survived by her husband.

Hugh CLELAND (1812-1874)

Evening Post 20 July 1874

It is with deep regret that we notice the sudden and untimely death of Captain Hugh Cleland. Information of the sad accident by which he lost his life was received in town on Saturday evening and caused a general feeling of regret. Particulars will be found in our telegraphic columns. The remains of the deceased officer have been brought down to his residence at the Hutt, from which the funeral procession will start to-morrow. A general order has been issued that the City Volunteer Corps are to parade at the railway station to-morrow afternoon at 2.15 to proceed to the Hutt and attend the funeral.

Evening Post 20 July 1874 Telegram from Greytown 20 July 1874

Captain Cleland was killed at 2 p.m. on Saturday. He was passing between the coach and the bank of the road. His horse shied and tried to turn (probably the hind wheel of the coach struct the horse's rump), Captain Cleland was unseated, and after passing the vehicle he fell. The horse tried to jump over the body, but was checked by the reins, which Captain Cleland held, and one of the horse's hind feet struck him on the jaw and the other on the chest, death resulting instantaneously. The coach and fifteen passengers were detained at Featherston. A verdict of accidental death was returned. A rider was appended to the verdict, exonerating the driver from all blame. The coach did not leave Featherston till after ten, reaching Masterton about three on Sunday morning.

Wairarapa Standard 21 July 1874 The Late Captain Cleland

The remains of the late Captain and Adjutant Cleland were taken from the Victoria Hotel, Featherston, at about eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Sunday last and were followed as far as the place where the sad accident happened which terminated his existence, by as many persons as could be got together at a very short notice. His son and son-in-law Mr Mullins arrived at Featherston sometime during Saturday night. Many days will elapse before Captain Cleland's familiar face will be forgotten in our district, and no successor can possibly be more respected by all than he has been. The interment will take place this afternoon at the Hutt. Most of the leading officers of the various corps in this district have gone down there to attend it. It is expected that it will be one of the largest funerals that has ever taken place in this Province.

The deceased officer possessed as many friends in Wellington as in the Hutt or the Wairarapa, all of whom will no doubt be anxious to pay the last tribute of respect.

Evening Post 22 July 1874
The remains of the late Captain Cleland were yesterday conveyed to the cemetery at the Hutt. A large number of volunteers of the different corps of the city, together with a detachment of the Armed Constabulary, and many civilians, proceeded to the Hutt to be present on the occasion. The Hutt volunteers furnishing the firing party. The procession left the residence of the deceased at 3.30 p.m., the Artillery Band playing appropriate dirges. The deceased was buried with military honors and many marks of respect to his memory. The funeral procession was a very large one, consisting of fully 150 volunteers, and at least as many civilians.

Mary CLELAND *nee* MABEY (1839-1918) Evening Post 30 November 1918
Mrs Mary Cleland, relict of the late Mr R. M. Cleland, whose much-regretted death took place recently at her residence "Branscombe," Upland-road, Kelburn, was a pioneer resident of Wellington. With her parents, she arrived in New Zealand from England in 1841, and had lived in Wellington for practically 77 years. She experienced the severe earthquakes in 1855. Possessing a remarkable memory, many an interesting incident of the early outbreak of the Maori war was narrated by her. She will long remain alive in the memory of her friends because of her self-sacrificing life. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs M. M. Venables, and four grandchildren.

Robert CLELAND (1850-1893) Evening Post 28 October 1893
We notice with regret the death of Mr Robert Cleland, of the Hutt. Mr Cleland was a native of Ireland, but as a child accompanied his parents to this colony some 36 years ago. His father had served in the Imperial Army as a non-commissioned officer, and, joining the colonial forces, he became captain and adjutant of the Hutt Militia District. He lost his life by an accident on the Rimutaka some years since. Up to three years ago Mr Robert Cleland kept a store at the Lower Hutt, but he had then to retire from business through ill-health, and he determined to settle in the Taranaki district. He removed with his family to Toko, but had scarcely settled there when his illness assumed a dangerous character, and he returned to the Hutt to settle his affairs and for the benefit of medical advice. His return to Taranaki was forbidden by his medical adviser, and he remained at his sister-in-law's, Mrs Woods', until yesterday, when he expired. He leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn his loss. His life was insured for £1500 in the Government office. Mr Cleland's wide circle of friends will regret his untimely death.

William CLELAND (1840-1917) Dominion 23 August 1917
The death is announced at the age of 75 of Mr William Cleland, one of the best-known residents of the Hutt Valley. The late Mr Cleland was a son of Captain Cleland, one of the early settlers in Wellington, and had lived at the Taita for the greater part of his life. He carried on a storekeeping business there for many years. He was chairman of the local School Committee for a very long period. His wife died about three years ago. He left no family. He was a brother of the late Mr Robert Cleland, and a nephew of the late Mr J. Cleland, of Tinakori Road.

John CLEMENT (1824-1914)

Evening Post 30 October 1914
Nonagenarian Methodist's Death. A picturesque figure in Methodist circles in the Hutt Valley has just passed away, Mr John Clement, one of the oldest settlers in the district, having died at the residence of his daughter (Mrs Johnston, Park-avenue), this morning at the advanced age of 90. The deceased, who was for many years in the service of the Hutt County Council, was a deeply religious man, and in the early days he was one of the best known local preachers in the Wesleyan Methodist connection. He had a most kindly disposition and was generally respected.

Evening Post 03 November 1914
An Early Pioneer – Funeral of Mr John Clement. Old identities assembled in large numbers at Taita, Lower Hutt, on Sunday, to pay their last respects to the memory of the late Mr John Clement, one of Wellington's earliest pioneers. The late Mr Clement was an ardent worker in the cause of Methodism, and among those present at yesterday's funeral were the Rev J. Dawson and Mr C. M. Luke, who had been acquainted with deceased and his work for many years past. Prior to the funeral Mr Luke delivered an appropriate address at the home, laying stress on deceased's long and faithful services to the church. Mr Dawson led in prayer, while hymns suitable to the occasion were sung. The service at the Taita cemetery was conducted by the Rev W. Beckett, assisted by the Rev J. J. Lewis, of Petone. The late Mr Clement arrived in Wellington as far back as 1849, and although he made his home in the Hutt Valley, he was well known by early Wellingtonians, mainly by reason of his association with the Methodist Church. He saw Wellington grow from a mere village to its present proportions, and remembered when there was no Lambton-quay worthy of the name. When visited by a Post reporter some months ago, Mr Clement related many of his earlier experiences, and was particularly proud of the fact that at one time he walked regularly every Sunday from Taita to Wellington, where he conducted church services, returning to his home by foot the same day. Mr Clement is survived by a large number of descendants.

Richard Cormick CLIFFORD (1828-1878)

Evening Post 4 March 1878
We regret to record the death of Major Clifford, which occurred at his residence, Lower Hutt, at eight o'clock last evening. The late Major Clifford was formerly in the 50th, 10th and 7th Fusiliers, and saw a deal of service, in which he gained much prestige. He was present during the seige of Moultan and through the subsequent campaign, in which he was distinguised for his bravery and good service. He received several medals and military decorations. Major Clifford came out to Wellington about five years ago. He has been suffering from ill-health for some time, his complaint being abscess in the lungs. Latterly he sank rapidly, finally succumbing yesterday evening, as already stated. Dr Wilford attended him to the last. Major Clifford leaves a widow and six sons to mourn his loss.

James Daniel Climie (1849-1928) Evening Post 11 September 1928

Mr James Daniel Climie passed away at his residence, Lower Hutt, yesterday at the age of 79 years. Mr Climie was born at Shrewsbury, Shropshire, in 1849, and after leaving school in 1868 was engaged with his father in civil engineering. In 1870, he came out to Victoria with his father and brother, practising civil engineering and at the same time qualifying as a surveyor. In 1875 he came to New Zealand and joined the service of the General Government as a surveyor under the late J. W. A. Marchant, then Deputy-Inspector of Native Surveys. On his appointment as a district surveyor in 1880, the deceased undertook the original standard survey of the city of Wellington. During his forty years' service in the Lands and Survey Department, he carried out most of the important standard surveys of the principal towns in the Wellington province, and also much triangulation and settlement survey work. Possessing considerable engineering ability, he was frequently called upon to perform work of that nature. In 1897 he was appointed inspecting surveyor and was largely responsible for the maintenance of the very high standard of work in this profession. He was practically the last of that great band of pioneer surveyors who carried out explorations of the back country of this province, and whose work will be an everlasting monument to them. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Mr Leonard Climie, of the District Lands and Survey Office, and Mr Percy R. Climie, of Christchurch. There are four grandchildren.

James Leonard CLIMIE (1882-1939) Evening Post 28 October 1939

The death occurred suddenly at his residence, Western Road, Lower Hutt, this morning, of Mr J. L. Climie, Inspecting Surveyor, and brother of Mr Percy Climie, of Christchurch. Mr Climie was born at Lower Hutt in 1882, since when he had resided continuously in the district. He began his career in life in an insurance company, but resigned to join the Land and Survey Department, where for 35 years he was a draughtsman and computer. He was an outstanding figure in the athletic field, excelling in many forms of sport, figuring especially in golf. As a member of the Hutt Golf Club he won the championship on five occasions between 1909 and 1920. A man of quiet, unassuming disposition, he had a wide circle of friends and was very much respected by all. He is survived by a widow, two sons, and a daughter.

George James COCHRANE (1855-1936) Evening Post 12 May 1936

The death occurred last evening of Mr George James Cochrane, who was well known in business, lodge, and church circles in Wellington and Petone. He was 80 years of age. The late Mr Cochrane, who was born at Stangate, Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth, on October 15, 1855, arrived at Nelson by the barque 'Shaudine', under the command of Captain Pitfield, in February 1877. He was in business in Cuba Street, Wellington, opposite the Royal Oak Hotel, for many years with a china, glassware, and fancy goods shop. About 28 years ago he came to Petone and he was in business as a draper until he retired about twelve months ago. He was a member of the Freemason, Druid, and Orange Lodges. He was keenly interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church. For many years he was an elder and treasurer of the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church, and after coming to Petone was a member of St David's Church. He is survived by his daughter, Miss Ada Cochrane.

Mary Elizabeth Matilda COCHRANE *nee* HICKIE (1861-1934) Evening Post 04 April 1934
The many friends of Mrs Elizabeth Cochrane, Britannia Street, Petone, will regret to hear of her death. The late Mrs Cochrane, who was in her 73rd year, celebrated her golden wedding on February 24, on which occasion she and Mr Cochrane received many congratulations. Born in Dublin, the late Mrs Cochrane was the daughter of Mr Patrick Hickie, barrister and solicitor, and came to New Zealand in July 1883 in the first trip of the old 'Ionic'. For many years Mr and Mrs Cochrane carried on business in Cuba Street, and Mrs Cochrane was also in business in Petone. Some years ago while in Wellington, Mrs Cochrane was a great worker for the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church during the ministry of the late Dr Kennedy Elliott. At Petone she did excellent service for St David's Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband and daughter, who have received many messages of sympathy in their bereavement.

William COCKING (1822-1894) Evening Post 14 July 1894
Another old settler has passed to his long rest. We refer to Mr William Cocking, who died at Gollan's Valley on Thursday, aged 72 years. The deceased came out to Wellington in 1843 with the late Mr Richard Prouse and a number of others, and lived for some years at the Hutt. He then tried his luck on the goldfields for a time. Returning to the North Island, he settled at Greytown, but about 30 years ago he took up some land at Gollan's Valley, and continued to reside there until he died. He was working on his farm up to within a few days of his death, and an inquest will probably be held. The late Mr Cocking was one of the founders of the Rose of the Valley Lodge of Oddfellows in 1849 – Messrs W. O. Williams and R. Williams, of the Wairarapa, being the only other persons now alive who were associated with him in that connection – and he was a member until he passed away. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife and two children, who are left in comfortable circumstances.

John COLE (1804-1879) Evening Post 15 Mar 1879
The death is announced of John Cole, of the Waiwetu, a well-known and highly respected old settler. Mr Coles arrived at Wellington in the ship Tyne, in 1841, and settled in the Waiwetu, where he continued to reside until the date of his death, on the 14th instant. Deceased was 75 years of age. The news of his death will be received with general regret, especially among the Wesleyan Methodists, of which body he was a staunch supporter.

Walter COLE (1875-1936) Evening Post 29 December 1936
The late Mr Cole, who was born in England, came to New Zealand about 35 years ago and engaged in business in Cuba Street on the site now occupied by Woolworths. He was particularly interested in the public affairs of the city and Lower Hutt, where he resided. For a number of years he was a member of the Wellington Hospital Board, and at the time of his death was a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council. He was also a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge.

Albert William COLLETT (1857-1941) Evening Post 08 February 1941

The death has occurred of Mr Albert W. Collett, of Taumaranui. Mr Collett was the last surviving member of the first Petone Borough Council. His father, Mr Henry Collett, arrived in New Zealand in 1840 in the ship 'London', and shortly afterwards took up land in Petone, where he remained for the rest of his life. Mr Albert Collett was born in 1857, and went to school in the stockade which had been shifted to a site behind the present Lower Hutt Post Office and was used as a school. He served his apprenticeship as a wheelwright under his father. Later, he went to Dannevirke, where he founded the firm of Collett and Son, ironfounders and millwrights. Branches were formed in Ohakune and Taumaranui, and the firm played a leading part in the development of the timber industry in the King Country. In Dannevirke Mr Collett was a member of the Borough Council, and for a long time was Deputy-Mayor. Mr Collett took an active interest in the Anglican Church and was organist and choirmaster at Dannevirke and organist and a member of the church committee at Taumaranui. In the early years of the Taumaranui Winter Show Association he was an active worker and later was made a life member. He was also connected with many other organisations. In Dannevirke he was a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge.

Edward Henry COLLETT (1841-1916) Evening Post 14 April 1916

There died yesterday at the Wellington Hospital one of the oldest residents of the Hutt Valley in the person of Mr Edward Henry Collett. Mr Collett was born in Wellington in 1841, his 75th birthday being last Monday. His parents, Mr and Mrs Henry Collett, arrived in Wellington in December 1840, by the ship 'London'. Deceased took a great interest in the Oddfellows' Lodge, and was the second oldest Oddfellow in the Hutt Valley. He had been a semi-invalid for the last two years. He never married, but is survived by eight brothers and sisters, six of whom are in or about the district, one at Waipawa, and one at Dannevirke.

Henry COLLETT (1822-1894) Evening Post 13 September 1894

We are sorry to have to report the passing away of another old settler, Mr Henry Collett, who died at Petone yesterday, aged 76. The deceased arrived in Wellington by the ship 'London' in 1840, and followed for many years the occupation of a wheelwright. He was an excellent workman, and about ten years ago was enabled to retire on a competence. For some years he had been in delicate health. The immediate cause of death was an attack of bronchitis. The funeral takes place on Saturday afternoon. The deceased, who was highly respected, leaves seven sons, three daughters, and a large number of grandchildren.

John COLLIE (1867-1942) Evening Post 19 May 1942

The death has occurred at East Taratahi, Masterton, of Mr John Collie. He was born Taieri 77 years ago, coming to Wellington subsequently with his parents, the late Mr and Mrs John Collie. After living in Wellington for a number of years, he took up farming at Kaitoke and Martinborough. The late Mr Collie is survived by his wife, four sons, and one daughter, and there are two grandsons.

Margaret COLLIE (-1907) Wanganui Herald 09 October 1907

Mrs Margaret Collie, of Pakuratahi, Wellington, a resident of the district for some 40 years, died on Friday, aged 66 years. Her husband, the late Mr John Collie, predeceased her by 14 years.

Charles James COLLINS (1844-1920)

Opunake Times 05 November 1920
There passed away on Wednesday, at his son's residence, Te Puke, after a short illness, an old and well-known Opunake identity in the person of Mr Charles Collins. The late Mr Collins came to Opunake about 38 years ago being for many years engaged in carrying, road contracting, and other work. Later he removed to Te Kiri where he took up a farm which is still held by his son, Mr Arthur Collins. The deceased gentleman was one of the pioneers of this district, experiencing all the hardships of early settlement. During his long residence in Opunake and district he endeared himself to all who knew him and will be long remembered for his sterling qualities. His wife and one son predeceased him some years ago, and he leaves a family of four sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a good father. The sons are Messrs Arthur (Te Kiri), Alex (Australia), Bert and Jim (Te Puke) and the daughters, Mesdames F. Hammond (Opunake) and M. Stanton (Australia). General sympathy will be extended to the family in their bereavement.

Te Puke Times 05 November 1920
The death occurred at his residence, Te Puke, on Wednesday morning of Mr Charles Collins, an old settler of seventeen years standing. Although he had passed the allotted span of life, being 75 years of age, the late Mr Collins was up to three weeks ago, hale and hearty, and had only recently returned from a trip to Queensland where he had gone to visit a son and daughter. The deceased gentleman was a native of Wellington, and spent the former portion of his life there and in the Wairarapa District, being engaged for some time as a waggoner over the Rimutaka mountains. He later engaged in farming at Taranaki where he lived for twenty-five years. On coming to Te Puke he took up the property on the Tauranga road, where he resided for the remainder of his life, combining farming with flax-milling. He leaves a family of seven, a son and daughter being in Taranaki, another son and daughter in Australia, a son in the King Country and Messrs James and P..t Collins of Te Puke. The body was taken through to Taranaki on Wednesday and will be interred beside that of the late Mrs Collins at Opunake on Sunday. Mr Collins was a man who was highly respected and during his sojourn in this district made many friends who will keenly regret to hear of his death. Much sympathy will be extended to the members of his family.

Hawera & Normanby Star 06 November 1920
Many residents of South Taranaki will learn with regret of the death of Mr C. J. Collins, of Te Puke, and formerly of Te Kiri. Mr Collins was a pioneer settler of Taranaki, having lived first in the district upwards of 42 years ago. He was well known as a carrier on the Hawera-Opunake road, and later settled at Te Kiri, whence he moved to Te Puke seventeen years ago. Mr E. A. Collins, of Awatuna, chairman of the Awatuna dairy factory, is a son, and to him and the other relatives will go out the sincere sympathy of many friends. The funeral will leave the Catholic church, Opunake, to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 p.m.

Taranaki Daily News 09 November 1920
The death of Mr Charles Collins, an old and respected resident of this district, took place at Te Puke on Wednesday. Deceased and his family came to Opunake about 38 years ago, and subsequently took up a bush section at Awatuna, and worked it for many years. Deceased was buried in Opunake on Sunday alongside the remains of his wife and son (Fred), they having predeceased him some years ago. The Rev Father Soulas read the last sad rites, in the presence of a large number of mourners who came from far and near to pay their last respects to a splendid type of pioneer.

Wanganui Herald 11 November 1920
The death occurred in Te Puke last Wednesday of Mr Charles J. Collins. Deceased was a pioneer settler of Taranaki, but took up his residence in Te Puke seventeen years ago. He was highly respected for his many sterling qualities. His wife and son, Fred, predeceased him a few years ago. The late Mr Collins leaves five sons:- Henry (Ohura), Alex. (Sydney), Arthur (Te Kiri), James and Bert (Te Puke), two daughters, Mesdames Stanton (Queensland) and Hammond (Opunake) and three sisters, Mesdames F. Mabey (Tauranga), H. Freeman (Greytown), and A. Gordon (Wanganui). The funeral took place at Opunake last Sunday and was very largely attended, the Rev Father Soulas officiating at the graveside.

Hawera & Normanby Star 12 November 1920
Much regret was expressed when advice was received of the death of Mr Chas. J. Collins at his home at Te Puke. The late Mr Collins was a very old resident of Te Kiri, having arrived here over 41 years ago, and carried on an extensive carrying business when such things as even metalled roads in this district were not thought of. He contracted for the carting of the A.C.'s from Opunake to Parihaka at the time of the Parihaka trouble, subsequently settling down to farming on a then bush section on the Patiki road, where he reaped a reward for his labour and brought up his family, and where he resided until about 17 years ago, when he removed to Te Puke, near Tauranga, where he had acquired what is now a valuable property. He was a man of sterling qualities and generous heart, and always of a jovial nature and always took an active interest in sport. To the writer he appealed greatly as a typical "grand old man." He was 75 years of age, and had never known a day's illness until three weeks before his death, when complications developed on an attack of influenza. His wife predeceased him some years ago. He leaves a grown-up family of two daughters (Mrs Stanton, of Brisbane, Queensland, and Mrs F. Hammond of Opunake), and five sons (Messrs Alex. Collins of Dalby, Queensland; Jim, Bert and Harry of Te Puke, and Arthur Collins, Chairman of Awatuna Dairy Co.), besides 9 grandchildren, to mourn their great loss. At a meeting of directors of the Daily Co. held on Tuesday, a vote of profound sympathy was tendered the Collins family, the motion being carried by the directors standing in silence. The late Mr Collins was buried at the Opunake cemetery on Sunday last, their being a large following in a most impressive funeral.

Charles COLLIS (1812-1892) Evening Post 15 March 1892
The funeral rites of the late Mr Charles Collis, sen., were conducted yesterday at Wainui-o-mata by the Rev Mr Kirk. The deceased was one of the oldest men in the valley, and was also among the old identities of Wellington. Born in Hampshire, England he emigrated to New Zealand about the end of 1841, landing on the Petone beach on the 1st of March 1842. He lived in the Hutt Valley till about 1846, when he moved to Porirua. There he stayed for thirteen years, but being lured by the prospects of the Wainui Valley he took up a small piece of ground, which he has occupied ever since. Two months ago he celebrated his eightieth birthday, and up to the time of his last attack of paralysis, he was able to do enough work to keep his farm in working order. About a fortnight ago he suffered two successive strokes of paralysis, and he was taken to the Wellington Hospital, where he died on Saturday. There was a large gathering of acquaintances at the funeral service. Mr Collis leaves four sons and two daughters, of whom all are married except one daughter.

Charles COLLIS (1839-1913)

Manawatu Standard 04 Jun 1913

Deep regret was expressed in Palmerston this morning when it became known that death had removed, in the person of Mr Charles Collis, yet another of the early pioneers of the Manawatu. The deceased gentleman was born in Hampshire, England, in 1839, and as an infant came to New Zealand with his father, who took up property about Wellington. He lived at Johnsonville, Porirua and Tawa Flat, and later removed to Wainui-o-mata, where he spent a considerable portion of his early life. At that place Mr Collis acquired a farm of his own, and from there he came to the Manawatu 35 years ago. In this district he secured land at Longburn, which he farmed successfully. In the early days of Palmerston he conducted a butchery business along with his sons, but of late years had retired to his farm. During his residence in the Manawatu the late Mr Collis took an active part on local bodies and in movements which affected the welfare of the community. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Kairanga County Council, chairman of the Aorangi Land Drainage Board, and chairman of directors of the Kairanga Dairy Company. He was also a member of the Manawatu Land Drainage Board. The deceased will always be well-known as a prominent church worker, and early settlers will remember him best in that connection, as a local preacher. Mr Collis was known to have ridden on horseback as great a distance as 75 miles in order to conduct a service. He was a Methodist by faith, and has preached in all the country churches around Palmerston. The late Mr Collis also took a great interest in the volunteers in his younger days, and could tell many stirring tales of the Maori disturbances in the Hutt Valley. He was a man of very high character – one of the best type of the pioneers who helped to build up the Dominion in the early days – and the news of his death will be received with very sincere sorrow by many settlers and townspeople who came in contact with him both in public and private life. Besides a family of nine children, Mr Collis leaves a wife, two brothers, two sisters, 48 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren to mourn their loss. His brothers are Messrs G. Collis of Park road (Palmerston) and H. Collis of Auckland, who is at present on a Continental tour. His sisters are Mrs Wiley of Lombard street, and Mrs Williams of Wainuiomata. By his first marriage Mr Collis leaves six children, Mesdames R. Print (Taikorea), W. Hall (Rongotea), W. Fawcett (Glen Oroua), C. Shailer (Carnarvon), Messrs John and David Collis both of Kairanga. The children of his second marriage are Mesdames F. Anderson (Longburn), H. Mills (Wanganui) and Frank Collis (New Plymouth). Until quite recently deceased had been in his usual good health, but four weeks ago he was confined to his bed, suffering from bronchial troubles. Death occurred this morning shortly after 9 o'clock. Much sympathy will be extended to the bereaved relatives. The funeral will leave his late residence for the Palmerston cemetery next Friday.

George COLLIS (1848-1926) Manawatu Standard 22 April 1926

After a long period of ill-health, the death has occurred at Levin of Mr George Collis, a much respected resident of that township, at the age of 77 years. The deceased gentleman was born in Khandallah, but lived the first 20 years of his life in Wainuiomata, and during this period he acted as drill-sergeant to recruits taking part in the Maori wars. As a surveyor in Wellington he was one of the first to take levels on what were, at that time, the densely-covered slopes of Mt. Victoria and the country in the vicinity of where now stands the radio station at Tinakori. About 53 years ago he made his way to Foxton from whence, after three years' residence, he went to Karere, and after farming there for some little time he moved on to Longburn, which remained his home for almost 20 years. He then entered into the butchery business in Palmerston North, from which he retired and went to Levin. During his 10 years' residence there he earned the unqualified respect of all with whom he came in contact as a man of genuine character and high Christian principles. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of five sons and three daughters. The sons are Messrs Herbert, Egbert and Ernest Collis of Levin; Mr George Collis, of Linton; and Mr Allen Collis, of Palmerston North, and the daughters, Mrs Bacon, of Ihakara; Mrs Thorne, of Newbury; and Mrs Tong, of Masterton.

Susan COLLIS Horowhenua Chronicle 12 May 1928

The death occurred early this morning of Mrs Susan Collis, relict of the late George Collis, who for the past 12 years has resided in Levin and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Born at Wainuiomata in 1850, the deceased resided there until her marriage, which took place in Wellington. Mr and Mrs Collis then took up their residence in Longburn, going from there to Palmerston North, and then about 12 years ago came to reside in Levin, where Mr Collis passed away about two years ago. The late Mrs Collis was noted for her kindly disposition and self-sacrificing nature. She was an earnest and devoted adherent of the Brethren faith. Five sons, Messrs Herbert, George, Ernest, Egbert and Allen Collis and three daughters, Mesdames H. Thorne, C. Tong and C. Bacon, are left to mourn the loss of their mother. The funeral will take place tomorrow, leaving her late residence in Cambridge Street at 2.30 p.m.

Alfred Oakley COLSON (1813-1882) Evening Post 15 December 1882

Stewart Menzies Cooper, a settler residing at Silverstream, reported at the Lower Hutt police station yesterday the sudden death of his uncle, Alfred Oakley Colson, which took place the previous night at Whiteman's Valley. Deceased, who was 67 years of age, had been in delicate health for some time past, but had not been attended to by a medical man. An inquest will take place at the Railway Hotel, Upper Hutt, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Elizabeth COMPTON formerly DUNN *nee* JONES (1821-1888) Evening Post 17 Sep 1888

On the 16th September, at Canterbury, New Zealand, Elizabeth, widow of the Rev H. W. Dunn (Oxonian), of Bath, England, also widow of Captain G. Compton, New Zealand Militia (1845), formerly of H.M. Dragoon Guards, "Blues", and mother of Mrs Thomas Perham, of this city.

Alexander CONNELL (1843-1915) Lightkeeper Pencarrow Evening Post 14 May 1915

One of the oldest and most widely-known members of the lighthouse service, Mr Alexander Connell, passed away suddenly of heart disease at Auckland, aged seventy years. He arrived in New Zealand about forty-seven years ago in the ship 'Helen Denny', and was appointed lightkeeper at Napier under the Provincial Government. He remained in the service continuously for thirty-four and a half years, retiring on superannuation about four years ago. During that period the late Mr Connell was successively in charge of practically every lighthouse on the New Zealand coast. Three of his sons are now on active service – Mr John Connell with the Australians, Mr Alexander Connell in South Africa, and Mr James Connell with the Fourth New Zealand Reinforcements. The fourth son, Mr William Connell, is a member of the Wellington Harbour Board's staff. The three daughters, all resident in Auckland, are Mrs Bradney (wife of Captain Bradney, son of the ex-member for Auckland West), Mrs E. J. Mortimer, and Mrs Hanlon.

Margaret CONNOLLY *nee* O'CALLAGHAN (1855-1929) Hutt News 24 October 1929

There passed away on Friday, September 27, one of the oldest identities and most respected residents of the Lower Hutt in the person of Mrs Margaret Connolly (*nee* O'Callaghan). The deceased, who was a native of Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, Ireland, came to New Zealand in the 'City of Auckland', fifty-two years ago. She took up her residence in Lower Hutt, where, in the year 1882, she married Mr Daniel Connolly, and resided in this district until her death. Mrs Connolly was one of the old pioneers, now fast disappearing, of solid faith and sterling character. Ever of a most cheerful and charitable disposition and blessed with splendid health, she was a constant attendant at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul until she was suddenly stricken down almost three years ago by the illness that finally proved fatal. During her long term of sickness she still displayed her bright and cheerful disposition. Her resignation in suffering and gratitude for the slightest service rendered were the admiration of all who were privileged to know her. It was her joy and privilege during her illness to be frequently visited by her son, the Very Rev Father Connolly, V.F., who, together with a very old friend, the Rev Father T. Walsh, were present at her bedside when she breathed her last.

On Monday, September 30, at 9 a.m., Solemn Requiem Mass "Coram Pontifice," was celebrated for the repose of her soul, in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt. The celebrant was the Very Rev Father Connolly, son of the deceased; deacon, the Rev Father Collins (Dunedin); subdeacon, the Rev Father Cahill, C.S.S.R. (St Gerard's); master of ceremonies, the Rev Father Evans (St Joseph's). The clergy present besides his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, were the Rev Fathers Walsh (Nai Nai), J. Kelly (Newtown), Daly and Fallon (Lower Hutt), Smyth, S.M., and Higgins, S.M., (Basilica); Stewart, S.M., and McHardy S.M. (St Mary's); Duggan, C.S.S.R. (St Gerard's); J. Dowling, S.M., and Kingan, S.M. (St Patrick's College); McRae (St Joseph's); Quealy and O'Beirne (Petone); Kelly (Upper Hutt); Kaveney (Carterton); Ardagh (Queenstown); Fenton (Dunedin); Breen and O'Sullivan (Kilbirnie); Butler (Levin); O'Carroll (Christchurch); Devoy (Otaki) and Rohan (Johnsonville).

The music of the Mass was rendered by a choir composed of the clergy. The absolutions were given by the Rev Father Connolly, and the burial service was read by the Rev Father Daly. The deceased leaves behind her to mourn their loss her husband (Mr Daniel Connolly) three sons – the Very Rev Father Connolly, Mr W. Connolly (Lower Hutt), and Mr I. P. Connolly (Mangamahu) – and one daughter, Miss Phyllis Connolly (Lower Hutt). Three sons and two daughters predeceased her.

Martin CONNOR (1822-1897) Evening Post 24 December 1897

One of England's old soldiers, and a brave one too, was laid to rest in Karori Cemetery this afternoon. Martin Connor early in the forties enlisted as a private in the Scots Greys, with whom he saw active service in India, rising by various gallant acts to the rank of a sergeant. On two occasions, it is believed, he was offered a commission, but Connor had the disadvantage of a poor education, and declined the honour. From India he went to Mauritius, and subsequently volunteered for service in a foot regiment at the Cape, where he also saw something of war's alarms. Then he returned to England, and, retiring on a pension, came out to Victoria some time in the fifties. Later on, this colony offered an attraction, and he figured as a gold escort rider on the Otago goldfields. Then he joined the armed constabulary, and was subsequently transferred to the foot police, being stationed for some years in the Hutt district. In 1880 he was "retrenched." About six years ago, when he was broken in health, the Wellington Corporation placed him in charge of the fire station at John street, where he lived until Monday last. That morning the veteran was found almost unconscious in his little room, and was removed to the Hospital, where the flickering flame of life went out during Wednesday night. A few old comrades followed him to his grave.

Lucy Edwards COOKSON *nee* LODGE (1844-1923) Hawera & Normanby Star 27 April 1923

There passed away on Tuesday last, at Sumner, a very old colonist, Mrs Lucy Cookson, of Ashburton. The late Mrs Cookson was born at Petone eighty years ago. She was a great lover of flowers and made gardening her hobby, taking many prizes for flowers in various flower shows. She leaves a grown-up family of four sons and two daughters. Her sister is Mrs S. E. Clarkson, of Linwood. The late Mrs Cookson's husband died about ten years ago in Ashburton, where they lived for nearly thirty-five years.

George COPELAND (1811-1866) Evening Post 23 May 1866

We regret to announce the death of Mr Copeland of Waiwhetu, one of the oldest settlers in this province, having arrived here in the year 1841. He died of apoplexy on Monday evening, at his residence near the Hutt.

John COPELAND (1847-1916) Evening Post 27 June 1916

Mr John Copeland, who died at the residence of his brother, Mr William Copeland, Lower Hutt, on Sunday, was a son of the late Mr George Copeland, a farmer in the Hutt Valley for many years. Mr John Copeland was born at Waiwetu sixty-seven years ago, and was well known in the district. He left the valley several years ago to take up farming in Canterbury, and had only recently returned to Lower Hutt. Deceased was a bachelor, and two brothers, Mr Charles Copeland and Mr William Copeland, are residents of the Hutt. The funeral, which took place this afternoon at the Taita Cemetery, was conducted by the Rev Mr McCaw.

John Hicks CORBETT (1849-1886)

Wairarapa Standard 31 March 1886
We regret to have to record the death of Mr John Hicks Corbett, who, after a six week's illness died at Masterton yesterday morning at half past ten o'clock. Deceased (says the Daily) had been suffering from typhoid fever, and about three weeks since sustained a relapse and took to his bed. Constitutionally the late Mr Corbett was not strong, and this told against him at the last. Mr Corbett was well known in the Wellington Provincial District, having been for many years the host of the Aglionby Arms at the Lower Hutt, and subsequently of the Travellers' Rest, Taita. While in the Hutt he did good work in the promotion of the local Horticultural Shows. About eight years ago Mr Corbett settled in Masterton, taking the Empire Hotel. During his residence amongst us he displayed a genuine interest in the promotion of local friendly societies, and he was also a prominent member of the Masterton String Band. At the time of his death, he was the R. W. Master of the Thistle Lodge, S.C., Past Grand of the Loyal Masterton Lodge of Oddfellows, and Past Arch Druid of the Stonehenge Lodge. His life was insured for £1,000, but it is not known at present whether he kept up the payment of premiums. Deceased leaves a widow and nine children, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

New Zealand Mail 2 April 1886
Masterton, March 30. Mr J. H. Corbett, late proprietor of the Empire Hotel, Masterton, and formerly connected with the Travellers' Rest, Taita, and of the Aglionby Arms, Hutt, died of typhoid fever this morning. He leaves a widow and nine children. It is stated that he recently allowed an insurance policy of £1000 to lapse.

Mary CORBETT *nee* ROW (1824-1891)

Wairarapa Daily Times 30 Nov 1891
Many old Wellington identities will regret, writes the Evening Press, to hear of the death of Mrs Mary Corbett which took place at half past two on Tuesday morning last from influenza. The deceased lady had resided in Wellington for the last 18 or 19 years but prior to that she lived with her husband who for many years kept the Aglionby Arms Hotel at the Lower Hutt. Both were well-known throughout the whole of the Wellington district. The late Mrs Corbett lost her husband some years ago, he being accidentally killed at Greymouth. She arrived in Wellington in the Tyne in 1841 and at the time of her death was 65 years of age but she had lived to see her family of sons and daughters all married and comfortably settled in various parts of the colony. One son Mr J H Corbett was well known in the Wairarapa district having resided at Masterton for some considerable time. The funeral took place on Saturday the body being conveyed from Wellington to the Hutt, the burial service being conducted by the Rev J Jones. The family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

William CORBETT (1852-1915)

Pahiatua Herald 5 May 1915
Word has been received of the death of Mr William Corbett, at Pukekohe. Deceased was for a number of years resident in Pahiatua and was well known in the Wairarapa and Hutt districts. He was 65 years of age and leaves a family of two children to mourn their loss. The deceased was originally farming at Mangarama and subsequently carried on the Post Office store at Mangamutu.

John McVicker CORSON (1890-1936)

Evening Post 21 March 1936
Mr John McVicker Corson, who died last week, was a well-known citizen of the Hutt Valley. He was born at Petone in 1890, his parents being among the oldest residents of that borough. For many years he was an active member of the Petone Rugby Club, and during recent years he has been a keen supporter. He was a member of the Petone Junior Club, the Petone Benefit Entertainers, and the Masonic and Foresters Lodges. He is survived by his parents, his son Jack, his sister Mrs S. R. Wallis, and his brothers, Robert and James.

Emma Anne COTTER *nee* HAYBITTLE (1859-1929) Hutt News 18 July 1929

The death occurred at Lower Hutt on Monday of Mrs Emma Anne Cotter, relict of the late Thomas Cotter, of Silverstream, one of the few surviving pioneers of the Upper Hutt Valley. The eldest daughter of the late William George Haybittle, of Wellington, who came to New Zealand in 1842, deceased was born in Cuba Street, but spent most of her life in Silverstream on the Cotter Estate, which was recently purchased as a prospective site for the new St Patrick's College. Mrs Cotter was long associated with St. John's Church at Trentham and assisted towards its renovation at the time of its jubilee of dedication, and was buried in its churchyard among her numerous relatives and family connections, yesterday by the Rev Kendrick. Two daughters (Mrs W. M. Cleland, of Otaki, and Mrs N. J. Bennington, of Lower Hutt) survive her; also a brother (Mr Ralph Haybittle, of Hawera) and sisters (Mrs W. Kitchen of Carterton, Mrs Charles Seagar of Silverstream, and Mrs Donald Reid of Palmerston North). Their mother (*nee* Emma Gooding) was also an early Wellington pioneer.

John COTTER (1850-1911) Wairarapa Daily Times 04 December 1911

The late Mr John Cotter, who met with the fatal accident on the Opaki-road on Saturday afternoon last, was sixty-one years of age. He was born in the Hutt Valley, and later came with his parents to Greytown. Subsequently he purchased properties in Wanganui, Rangitikei and Manawatu. He sold his "Siberia" estate near Ashhurst some years ago to Mr J. Harding, and then came to Greytown where he resided ever since. The deceased married a daughter of the late Mr Stonestead Jackson, and leaves a widow and one daughter (Mrs White, of Porangahau). The deceased was a highly respected settler, and very popular on account of the many acts of kindness he performed during his lifetime. News of his death will be received with feelings of deep regret wherever he was known. The funeral will take place at Greytown tomorrow afternoon.

Pierce COTTER (1815-1894) Wairarapa Times 29 June 1894

We regret to have to record the death of an old settler and friend, Mr P. Cotter senior, of Woodside, Greytown. For some time past the deceased, though in good bodily health, has been suffering from a partial loss of memory, but it was hardly expected by his relatives that his end was so near. Mr P. Cotter took his full share of work in the more enterprising early days of the Colony. As a sheep farmer he was very successful, but many years ago he lost a portion of his capital by an over enthusiastic devotion to flax. However, he has in his latter days been in exceedingly comfortable circumstances and received every care and attention from his children and grandchildren. He was the father of Mrs Joseph Freeth, well-known in this town, and of Mr John Cotter, a prominent Manawatu settler. The funeral will take place at Woodside, on Sunday next.

Pierce COTTER (1850-1892) Wairarapa Daily Times 18 March 1892

We regret to record the death of Mr Pierce Cotter, junr., which occurred at his residence, Upper Opaki, at an early hour this morning. Mr Cotter had been in indifferent health ever since his return some months ago from Australia, where he was attacked with le grippe. For the past few weeks he had been gradually getting worse, until he succumbed, as stated, from failure of the heart's action. The deceased, who was a son of Mr Pierce Cotter, of Riverside, Greytown, was forty-three years of age. He was born in the colony, and had resided for many years in this district, where he followed farming pursuits. He leaves a wife and six children, besides a large circle of friends, to lament his death.

Thomas COTTER (1847-1889) Wairarapa Daily Times 25 May 1889

We record with regret the death at his residence, Silverstream, on 24th inst., of Mr Thomas Cotter, J.P. Mr Cotter was an old resident in the Hutt Valley where he had lived for nearly twenty years. The cause of death was cancer, from which deceased had suffered greatly for some time. It will be remembered by our readers that the late Mr Cotter visited Sydney recently with a view to test the powers of "German Charlie" but returned without having been benefitted by him. Deceased leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss.

Charles Joseph COTTLE (1838-1918)

Wairarapa Age 12 February 1918

Another old identity in the person of Mr Charles Joseph Cottle, of Cottleville-terrace, Wellington, died on Sunday, aged nearly 80. The late Mr Cottle, who was born at Swainswick, near Bath, Somerset, England, on 22 February 1838, arrived in the colony with his parents by the ship 'Kathleen Stuart Forbes on 12th June 1841. In his early days he carried on business as a blacksmith, later going through to the diggings at Collingwood. He next took up farming at Upper Belmont, and at Opaki, finally returning to Wellington some 25 years ago, and taking up his residence at Cottleville-terrace. The late Mr Cottle had a family of nine sons and six daughters. His wife and two of the sons predeceased him. The surviving sons are: Messrs J. J. Cottle (Kopuaranga), E. W. Cottle (Trentham), J. R. Cottle (Te Horo), C. H. Cottle (Levin), A. B. Cottle (Taita) and A. E. Cottle (Hopelands). The daughters are: Mesdames J. W. Fox (Rongotea), E. E. Goss (Nireaha), H. V. Futter, T. M. Burke, H. F. Wright, and G. S. Reid (all of Wellington).

Horowhenua Chronicle 14 February 1918

An old resident of Wellington, Mr Charles Joseph Cottle, of Cottleville Terrace, died on Sunday, aged nearly 80. He was born at Swainswick, near Bath, England, and arrived in the colony with his parents in the ship 'Kathleen Stuart Forbes' on June 12, 1841. In the early days he carried on business as a blacksmith, but eventually he took up farming at Upper Belmont and at Opaki, finally returning to Wellington some 20 years ago. The late Mr Cottle leaves a large family, the sons including Messrs J. J. Cottle (Kopuaranga), J. R. Cottle (Te Horo) and C. H. Cottle (Levin).

Jack COTTLE (1910-1972) Hutt News 11 February 1992

The developer of the Western Hills Cottle Park subdivision, Jack Cottle, died recently at the age of 72. Mr Cottle, who lived at Horokiwi for 28 years, purchased land in Normandale from Mr Les Pettit and subdivided it into a number of rural lots, serviced by Cottle Park Drive. Mr Cottle was born in Lower Hutt and after working on a family farm in Upper Hutt when he left school, returned to work on another family farm at Belmont (now Sweetacres). In 1951 Mr Cottle and his brother Arthur opened what is believed to be the region's first topsoil business. It was based at the Belmont farm and was later sold. It is now owned by Cottle relatives and in more recent years Jack Cottle began another topsoil operation, Capital Topsoil. Mr Cottle has had a lifetime's involvement in equestrian events, being a founder member and lately patron of the Hutt Valley Pony Club. He was sought after as a judge and national technical delegate and for the past two years had been closely involved in forming the Battle Hill eventing course at Pauatahanui. Six years ago Mr Cottle and his wife Audrey moved to Wellington. He is survived by his wife, four children and ten grandchildren.

James Ville COTTLE (1874-1912) Hutt Valley Independent 20 Apr 1912

We have to record the death, at this residence Silverstream, of Mr James Villa Cottle at the age of thirty-eight. Deceased was the sixth son of the well-known pioneer settler, Mr C. Cottle of Wellington. His is the second death in the family of nine sons and six daughters, his brother Frederick having predeceased him a few years ago. Deceased married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Charles McIntyre, a Wellington veteran, who bore him two sons and two daughters, the elder boy having recently left school. Mr Cottle has been in failing health for some two years, lung trouble having followed upon a severe attack of influenza. He was sitting outside in the sun on Monday afternoon, and at 11.20 the same night was no more. The immediate cause of death was haemorrhage of the lungs. The funeral took place on Thursday at the Taita cemetery, the service being performed by the Rev J. H. Sykes. “Jim” Cottle was deservedly popular, and the thirty-odd vehicles of friends which followed his remains to their last resting place bore testimony of the esteem in which he was held in the district.

John Foster COTTON (1896-1943) Evening Post 20 April 1943

The death occurred recently of Mr John Foster Cotton, of Petone. The late Mr Cotton, who was 46 years of age, was born in Petone and educated at the Central School. At the age of 19 he enlisted for service in the Great War. He was only a few months in France before he was severely wounded. Mr Cotton possessed a fine tenor voice and was well known on the concert platform and as a member of the Petone Benefit Entertainers. He was keenly interested in all sporting activities, and was a member of the Petone Rugby Club and the Wellington Trotting Club. He owned and trained many good horses, including the pacer Logan’s Pride and the galloper Little Robin. Mr Cotton is survived by his father and mother, his brother George, and his sister, Mrs Harold Green, wife of the Deputy Mayor. Mr George London, Mayor of Petone and at present a prisoner of war in Italy, is a cousin of Mr Cotton.

Walter Thomas COTTON (1881-1934) Evening Post 28 April 1934

A collision at about 5.30 a.m. today between a motor-van and a bicycle on the Hutt Road near the Power Board office at Lower Hutt resulted in W. T. Cotton, of 6 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt, receiving injuries from which he died in hospital. Mr Cotton was cycling from his home to his place of business in Petone. His bicycle was struck from behind by a Hutt Meat Company van driven by James Sheridan, and Mr Cotton received a severe scalp wound and concussion. He was attended to by Dr F. E. Bolt and taken by the Free Ambulance to the Wellington Hospital, where he died two hours later. The late Mr Cotton was well known in the Hutt Valley in business and sporting circles, and was formerly for many years a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council. He was in business as a pastrycook in Jackson Street, Petone, and is survived by a widow and a grown-up family.

Alfred Ernest COUSINS (1852-1935) Evening Post 29 June 1935

The death occurred on Tuesday evening of Mr Albert Ernest Cousins, a resident of Day’s Bay and an old identity of Wellington. Born in Jersey in 1854, Mr Cousins entered the engraving profession in London but left the Homeland for New Zealand with his parents on the ship ‘Conflict’ in 1874, landing at Wellington. He was employed by Messrs Lyon and Blair for a considerable time and then entered into partnership with the late Mr W. R. Bock. Mr Cousins removed to Sydney in 1899, but after spending about six years in Australia he returned to New Zealand and joined Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd, remaining with that firm until his retirement in 1922. During his career he was engaged on such tasks as the designing and engraving of dies for New Zealand postal notes and stamps, and also stamps for the Cook Islands, and these showed artistic ability and careful work. He was a past master of Loyal Britannia Lodge, M.U.I.O.F.F., having been a member of that Order for over forty-five years. He leaves a widow and two sons, Messrs Ernest Peter Cousins (Dunedin) and Edmund Philip Cousins (Wellington).

Alexander COWIE (1860-1938)

Evening Post 04 January 1938

Mr Alexander Cowie, who for a long period was borough engineer at Petone, died at Wellington yesterday. Born in Scotland 78 years ago, Mr Cowie studied for his profession there. On coming the New Zealand he was employed for a number of years in road making and acted as assistant engineer to the Petone Borough Council during the construction of the Korokoro water works and also on the erection of the original plant of the gas works, then controlled by the Petone Borough Council. Mr Cowie afterwards joined the Agricultural Department and was stationed at Christchurch for a number of years. On the resignation of Mr W. Cook as Petone Borough Engineer, Mr Cowie was appointed to the position, which he retained until his retirement a few years ago. He was a keen bowler and at the time of his death was one of the two remaining foundation members of the Petone Bowling Club, the other being Mr Kerr Hislop, of New Plymouth. On the announcement of his death, play on the Petone green was at once discontinued, and the president, Mr J. R. Robertson, referred to the good qualities of the late Mr Cowie and a tribute was also paid to him by a representative of the Petone Central Bowling Club, who said that during Mr Cowie's period as engineer the Petone Central greens were laid down under his supervision. Mr Cowie, who was twice married, is survived by his widow and two sons of his first marriage, Major R. Cowie, of Belmont, and Mr Ron Cowie of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington. The funeral will take place a Petone tomorrow evening.

Hutt News 12 January 1938

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Alex Cowie, of 154 Hutt Road, Petone, at the age of 78 years, which occurred on January 3. The late Mr Cowie was a well-known and highly respected resident of Petone for many years, and was borough engineer until his retirement a few years ago. He was a man of splendid character and was always ready and willing to do all he could for the welfare and advancement of the town. He has seen Petone grow from a small industrial centre and he was keenly interested in its development. Mr. Cowie was born in Scotland and after coming to New Zealand was employed in roadmaking and acted as assistant engineer to the Petone Borough Council during the construction of the Koro Koro waterworks and also on the erection of the original plant of the gas works, then controlled by the Petone Borough Council. Mr. Cowie afterwards joined the Agricultural Department and was stationed at Christchurch for a number of years. On the resignation of Mr. W. Cook as Petone Borough Engineer, Mr. Cowie was appointed to the position which he retained until his retirement. Mr. Cowie was a keen bowler and at the time of his death was one of the two remaining foundation members of the Petone Bowling Club, the other being Mr. Kerr Hislop, of New Plymouth. On the announcement of his death, play on the Petone green was at once discontinued, and the president, Mr. J. R. Robertson, referred to the good qualities of the late Mr. Cowie and a tribute was also paid to him by a representative of the Petone Central Bowling Club, who said that during Mr. Cowie's period as engineer the Petone Central greens were laid down under his supervision. Mr Cowie, who was twice married, is survived by his widow and two sons of his first marriage, Major Cowie, of Belmont, and Mr Ron Cowie of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, to whom the sympathy of all will be extended. The funeral which was largely attended bore eloquent testimony to the character of the deceased gentleman. The services both at the house and at the Crematorium, Karori, were conducted by the Rev. J. C. Loan of St. David's Presbyterian Church. The chief mourners were the sons Messrs Ray and Ron Cowie, whilst the pall-bearers were Messrs H. Firth and A. M. Macfarlane (representing the Petone Borough Council; W. P. Coles (Petone Bowling Club), E. A. Urwin (Petone Central Bowling Club), T. Blyth and E. N. Campbell.

William COX (-1932) Hutt News 31 August 1932

Word has been received that Mr William Cox, one time resident of Petone, and for many years a member of the Petone Borough Council, has passed away at Bethesda Hospital, Melbourne, from pernicious anaemia. The late Mr Cox was well known in Petone and was a man of sterling worth. His many friends will sincerely mourn his passing away. During his residence in Petone, extending over 25 years, he took a keen interest in the welfare of the town, and gave excellent service on the Borough Council. He was a Past Master of Lodge Ulster and a member of the Poneke Lodge of Druids. Before leaving for Melbourne he occupied an important position in the Ngahauranga Meat Works and left to control a company in Melbourne. He leaves a widow and two daughters in Melbourne and one daughter, Mrs J. C. Devine, of Lower Hutt, and three grandchildren.

Nathaniel CRAIG (1855-1939) Manawatu Standard 25 Mar 1939

The death occurred on Wednesday night in the Matamata Hospital of Mr Nathaniel Craig of Tirau. Mr Craig was well-known in the Rangitikei district as Crown Lands ranger, and lived in Marton for many years, and also in the Hutt Valley, Wellington, where he had a nursery garden. His wife died five years ago, and he is survived by two sons and one daughter.

James Duff CRUICKSHANK (1822-1902) Wairarapa Daily Times 1 August 1902

The late Mr J. D. Cruickshank, of the Upper Hutt, was a member of the Wellington Provincial Council up to the time the provinces were abolished. Soon after his arrival in the colony in 1850 he fitted up for the late Mr Schultze the flour mill at Kaiwarra so well-known to old residents of Wellington. He was afterwards attracted to Victoria by the gold discoveries, and it was on his return that he erected sawmills at the Upper Hutt for the Hon. M. W. Petre. In the early days Mr Cruickshank held a commission in the Militia, and later on he was captain of the Upper Hutt Volunteers. The funeral was the largest seen in the Upper Hutt. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Fancourt, assisted by the Rev John Blackburn, of Canterbury, son-in-law of the deceased.

Charles CUDBY (1836-1914) Hutt Valley Independent 09 May 1914

Charles Cudby, who died on the morning of April 21, 1914, at his son's residence, Petone, was born at Green Man Common, Navestock, near Bomford, Essex, England in 1837 and on October 21, 1856, sailed from Birkenhead, in the ship *Martha* accompanied by his wife (maiden name Elizabeth Payne) to whom he had been married at an Anglican church near his birthplace. Arriving in Sydney in January 1857 he left there for Wellington on April 26 and landed there on May 1, and settled at Lower Hutt where he worked as a pit-sawyer. He removed to Upper Hutt in 1862 where he engaged in road contracting in addition to pit-sawing until 1880 when he commenced business as a carpenter adding undertaking in 1910 and continuing both up to the time of his death. For some months past deceased had practically retired from active business pursuits owing to ill-health and lived on the farm at Trentham with an unmarried daughter and son. Mrs Cudby died on September 20, 1885, shortly after the birth of her youngest son, having borne fifteen children, all of whom are still living. Mr Cudby was buried at St Joseph's Upper Hutt, on April 23, the Rev Father L. J. Daly, performing the funeral ceremonies. Deceased leaves six daughters, nine sons, fifty-three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The whole of the sons and daughters assembled at his funeral – the only other occasion on which the fifteen were together was at Mrs Cudby's funeral.

John Francis CUDBY (1830-1920) New Zealand Times 09 June 1920

A link with the early days of Wellington has been broken by the death of Mr John Francis Cudby, which occurred at his residence, Railway avenue, Lower Hutt, yesterday morning. A staunch pioneer, Mr Cudby had lived in the Lower Hutt district since he was a boy, and his experiences form an unwritten volume, telling of the perseverance and hardships of the early settlers who did their part in paving the way for the more fortunate generations to come. Endowed with a retentive memory, he could remember many incidents of the old days, and so far as is known, he was the only survivor in the Dominion of the Imperial soldiers who fought in Hone Heke's war in the north in 1846; and of the campaign in the Hutt Valley in 1846.

Mr Cudby was born in Essex in 1828, and came out to New Zealand with Lord Petre as a lad in 1843 in the ship *Commerce Sparks*. From the time of his arrival in the country to the day of his death, he resided at Lower Hutt. At first he lived and worked on the Woburn estate. Afterwards he became the owner of large livery stables near the railway station. He retired from active participation in the business some forty years ago, but continued to take a very lively interest in the affairs of the district. He was a valued member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council for many years. He was also a member of the Licensing Committee, and as a Justice of the Peace for over thirty years was a familiar figure on the Hutt Magistrate's Court bench. He resigned from the Commission of the Peace two years ago. In the early days of the Wellington Racing Club he held the office of clerk of the course. In friendly society work he was a staunch supporter, and he held the record of seventy years' membership of the Oddfellows Lodge.

The deceased gentleman, who enjoyed good health until two years ago, leaves a family of five sons and three daughters. The sons are: James, living at Lower Hutt; Charles at Dannevirke; Henry, Alfredton; George, Rangiora; and Walter, Lower Hutt. The daughters are: Mrs J. Fleet, Petone; Mrs Turner, Lower Hutt; and Mrs E. D. Dunne, Wellington. Mrs Cudby, who was also an early settler, having come out from Paisley, Scotland in the *Janet Nichol*, died twelve years ago.

At yesterday's meeting of the Hutt County Council a motion of sympathy was passed with the deceased's relatives, the members standing as a mark of respect.

John Walter CUDBY (1860-1943) Otaki Mail 11 June 1943

For 20 years overseer and for 40 years an employee of the Hutt County Council, there was probably no man better known in the district that Mr John Walter Cudby, who died at his home, Main Road, Upper Hutt, on Saturday last. Mr Cudby, who was the son of the late Mr Charles Cudby, a well-known settler in the district, was born at Lower Hutt in 1860, and lived the whole of his life within a mile or two of the Hutt River. He was a faithful servant to the County Council, which came to rely on his judgment in matters concerning maintenance works. Mr Cudby leaves two sons, Mr Charles Cudby, Palmerston North, and Mr David Cudby, Paraparaumu, and four daughters, Mesdames Gregan (Geraldine), C. Webb (Lower Hutt), Comesky (Upper Hutt), and S. Morrison (Upper Hutt). The interment took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Upper Hutt, on Monday.

Caroline Williams CUNDY *nee* TOCKER (1853-1920) Evening Post 11 Oct 1920

The death of a pioneer resident of Featherston, Mrs Caroline Cundy, widow of the late Mr Charles Cundy, took place at her residence at Kilbirnie. Mrs Cundy, who was a daughter of very early settlers, Mr and Mrs Josiah Tocker, was born at the Hutt in the early fifties. She spent most of her life in the Featherston district and was a steady worker for the Methodist Church. Mrs Cundy leaves three sons and one daughter. She is one who will be missed by many friends and relations. The funeral took place at Featherston.

John CUNDY (1844-1913) Wairarapa Age 09 Dec 1913

John Cundy, aged 69 years, passed away peacefully at his residence, Camp Corner, Featherston, yesterday morning at 6 o'clock after a long and tedious illness. He was a son of the late Mr Charles Cundy, and 38 years ago married Miss G. Milne, daughter of the late Mr W. Milne, of the Hutt. There were three children of the union, Mrs C. J. Carlyon, Miss Nellie Cundy, and Mr C. Cundy, all residents in Featherston. Mrs Acourt and Mrs Wills (Hawera), Mrs Josias Tocker and Mrs J. F. Tocker (Featherston) are sisters of the deceased, while Mr Samuel Cundy (Featherston) is the only surviving brother. The late Mr Cundy led an active life and was one of the most popular drivers in the old coaching days over the Hill, says the News. His five-horse team was reckoned to be the best on the road. He interested himself in cricket and sport of all kinds and whatever he took up he put his whole energy into. He was a staunch supporter of Pastoral and Agricultural Societies, and bred many a good head of stock, many of them being prize-winners. He was one of the first directors of the Featherston Co-operative Dairy Co., and assisted in extricating it from its early difficulties and establishing it as it is now. He lived an energetic and useful life, and made innumerable friends. For the last few years his health has been very bad, and he was frequently confined to his bed. The sympathy of a very large circle of friends will be extended to his widow, family and relatives. The interment will take place at the Featherston Cemetery today, the cortege leaving his late residence at 2 p.m.

Amelia CUNNINGHAM *nee* WEBB (1865-1932) Evening Post 25 November 1932

Mrs Amelia Cunningham, a well-known and respected resident of Lower Hutt, passed away at her late residence 16 Brunswick Street, on 23rd inst. The late Mrs Cunningham was born in London in 1865, and arrived in New Zealand with her parents in 1872. Her father, James Codgbrook Webb, was a compositor in the Government Printing Office. She married Mr Harry E. Cunningham, and settled in the Hutt Valley over fifty years ago. Her husband predeceased her 24 years ago, and she then opened up a millinery business in Lower Hutt. She is survived by her seven sons – Messrs Charles, Harry, George, William, Jabez, Ernest and Frederick – and seven daughters – Mrs E. R. Morrison, Mrs A. C. Burt, Mrs R. T. McMillan, Mrs A. H. McDonald, Mrs G. Barnard, Miss E. Cunningham (all of Lower Hutt), and Mrs F. Chapman (New Plymouth) and a sister, Mrs E. J. Harris (Wellington) and 27 grandchildren.

Stephen CURTIS (1846-1936) Evening Post 24 February 1936

Mr Stephen Curtis, a pioneer resident of Petone, died on Saturday at the age of 90 years. The late Mr Curtis left England in 1874 in the sailing ship 'Roo Parelle', landing in Auckland after a passage of 132 days. A year later he came to Wellington and was one of the first three to start the Petone railway workshops, being the first foreman. When he arrived in Petone there was not a street, the township comprising three farmhouses and a store. He took a very active part in the early settlement of Petone, and was a member of the first town board. He was instrumental in establishing the first Church of England in Victoria Street and also the first school in Sydney Street. With Mr Zimar he was the first member initiated into the Leinster Masonic Lodge, Wellington, in August, 1882, and later was one of the foundation members of the Petone Masonic Lodge. He was also an active Oddfellow. He was one of the founders of the Petone Navals, being coxswain of the first winning cutter crew in 1882.

Mr Curtis is survived by a widow, eight children, seventeen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs C. Liverton, Seatoun; Mrs Thomas, Auckland; Mrs Sturman, Invercargill; Mrs Baas, Sydney; and Miss Curtis, Feilding. The sons are Messrs P. Curtis, Traumea; V. Curtis, Petone; and R. Curtis, Lower Hutt.

The funeral service at the house was conducted by the Rev J. C. Loan, of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Petone, and at the St. James churchyard, Lower Hutt, by the Rev H. E. K. Fry, Anglican vicar. The Masonic service was read by Wor. Master Bro. McKay, of Ulster Lodge, Petone. Members of the Oddfellows' Lodge also attended.

The following telegram of sympathy was sent by the Hon. W. Nash:- "My wife and I extend to you and your family our sincere sympathy at the loss which you have sustained by the passing of your husband. As each year passes the numbers of the early pioneers grow less, but the work that they did will never be forgotten."

John DALEY (1846-1933)

Evening Post 25 September 1933
The death occurred on Saturday of Mr John Daley, of Lower Hutt, at the age of 87 years. The late Mr Daley came from Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, and landed in Wellington in 1873. Three years later he went to New Plymouth, proceeding there on foot, and up to the time of his death he was the only living founder of the New Plymouth Hibernian Society, which celebrated its golden jubilee in 1926. After staying in New Plymouth for a time, Mr Daley walked back to Wellington. Years ago he did contract work in reclaiming land in Wellington. He later took up farming in the Wairarapa district, and in 1910 farmed in the Taranaki district. He lived for twenty years in Manaia, and during that time his kindly disposition and work for the welfare of the district earned him many friends. After the death of his son Jack three years ago, he came to Lower Hutt to reside among the rest of his family, and he was quite active until shortly before his death. The late Mr Daley was a keen supporter of Rugby football, his sons James and John gaining representative honours for Taranaki and Wellington, both being at one time members of the Petone Club. He leaves a widow, three daughters – Mrs T. August (Petone), Mrs H. J. Baldwin (Lower Hutt), Miss M. Daley (Lower Hutt) – three sons – Michael (Auckland), James (Petone) and William (Lower Hutt), seventeen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Hutt News 27 September 1933
Believed, up to the time of his death, to be the only living founder of the New Plymouth Hibernian Society, Mr John Daley, of Lower Hutt, died on Saturday at the age of 87 years. Coming from Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, Mr Daley landed in Wellington in 1873 and three years later went to New Plymouth on foot. He returned later, and some years ago did contract work in reclaiming land in Wellington. Farming in the Wairarapa district next claimed his attention, and in 1910 he farmed in the Taranaki district. He lived for 20 years in Manaia, but with the death of his son three years ago he came to Lower Hutt to live with the rest of his family. Mr Daley took a keen interest in Rugby football, and his sons, James and John gained representative honours for Taranaki and Wellington. Both were at one time members of the Petone club. Mr Daley leaves a widow, three daughters, Mrs T. August (Petone), Mrs H. J. Baldwin (Lower Hutt), Miss M. Daley (Lower Hutt), and three sons, Michael (Auckland), James (Petone), and William (Lower Hutt), as well as seventeen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Henry DAMANT (1841-1931)

Evening Post 14 April 1931
Mr Henry Damant, one of the oldest residents of the Dominion, died suddenly this morning at the age of 91 years at the residence of his niece, Mrs J. W. Powell, 7, Tory street, Petone. Up to the day before his death Mr Damant was in full possession of his faculties, and was a familiar figure on the Petone streets. He was born in London in 1840, and came to New Zealand at the age of 13 years with his uncle, Mr Henry White, and has resided in and about the Hutt Valley ever since. An incident of which he had vivid recollections was the great earthquake of 1855, which occurred shortly after his arrival, and he often related, how he walked far out on the bed of Wellington harbour, which was laid bare as the tidal wave receded, which, he said, it did several times. As a boy he was engaged in the delivery of goods on horseback to settlers in the valley, the roads then being only tracks through bush. He had experience of several floods when the whole of the valley from hills to hills was covered with water.

Later Mr Damant occupied the position of Hutt County clerk and road overseer at Lower Hutt, his residence being now the site of the Bank of New Zealand. Later he entered into business as a grocer in Petone on the site now occupied by Ryder Bros., and from this occupation he retired many years ago, since which he has undertaken several secretarial positions. In 1863 he was married to Miss McEwen, of Horokiwi. There was no family, and Mrs Damant died about 18 months ago.

Nelly Barnett DARNELL *nee* THOMPSON (1880-1930) Hutt News 05 June 1930

Mrs Darnell, wife of Mr F. C. Darnell, of Trent Street, who died at the Wellington Hospital on 28th inst after a serious operation, leaves a wide circle of friends to mourn her loss. The late Mrs Darnell possessed one of the happiest of dispositions and was an indefatigable worker in the interests of St James's Church. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

George DAY (1795-1880) Colonist 19 February 1880

One of the oldest of the Canterbury identities died on Saturday at the ripe age of 85 years. The death of Mr George Day, marks an era in the history of Canterbury. He came out in the pristine days, and settled at Sumner twelve years prior to the arrival in Canterbury of the first settlers. Mr Day kept the Sumner Hotel for many years, and remained during the remainder of his life at Sumner, where he died recently. Mr Joe Day, his son, is pilot at Sumner, and is well-known as one who bears a reputation for the many lives he has saved from drowning.

George Frederick DAY (1827-1909) Press 26 August 1909

Captain George Frederick Day, who died at his residence, Armagh street, on Tuesday, at the age of 82, arrived with his father's family at Wellington in the ship 'Arab' in 1841. They gave the name to Day's Bay. His first visit to Canterbury was made in 1848, in a vessel called the 'Return'. Seeing the possibilities before Canterbury, he returned in the next year as owner and master of the schooner 'Flirt'. This was the first sailing vessel to ascend the Heathcote and Kaiapoi rivers. It was engaged in the timber carrying trade and the lightering of ships in port, as well as conveying wool from the small coastal ports to the Home-going vessels. The 'Flirt' brought from Pigeon Bay the piles for the first wharf erected in Lyttelton. By the 'Flirt' Dr Barker and his family from the ship 'Charlotte Jane' in Lyttelton were landed at Sumner and his goods conveyed up the river towards Christchurch. That vessel also conveyed to the ship 'Nautilus' Mr Deans's first shipment of wool for Home. Captain Day piloted over the Sumner bar the brigantine 'Sea Serpent', the largest vessel that has entered the Heathcote, and also took in the first coastal steamer 'Alma', which arrived in 1855. Captain Day had many experiences in the coastal trade when there were no beacons, buoys, or soundings to guide the mariner. On one occasion he was five weeks making a voyage from Lyttelton to Heathcote, in consequence of heavy seas and through being blown off the land. In 1855 Captain Day began trading at Kaiapoi, and for some years held the whole of the Kaiapoi island as a grazing run for horses and cattle, and he was for some years licensee of the Kaiapoi hotel. In January, 1864, he was elected one of the first five members of the Kaiapoi Road Board, all of whom are now dead. In December of that year, when a municipal council was formed, he was one of the nine members elected, the only surviving member now being Mr Alfred Weston, who at present is residing in England. Captain Day at this time was the fifth W.M. of the Southern Cross Masonic Lodge. Taking an interest in the sport of kings, Captain Day raced a number of horses; he owned Alice Grey, Hector Norman, Cobbler, Kohler, and a brown filly by Towton, all of which ran at the early meetings of the Canterbury Jockey Club. He was an official of the local race club, and starter at the Kaiapoi Steeplechases, held about 1864-5. For some time before his retirement Captain Day acted as pilot for the Waimakariri Harbour Board.

Joseph DAY (1840-1913) Evening Post 05 April 1909 His Grand Record of Life-Saving

(By Telegraph Special to the Post). Christchurch, This Day. Pilot Joseph Day, whose death is announced, was born in Kent some seventy-three years ago, and when an infant came to New Zealand with his parents in the ship 'Arab', which reached Wellington in 1841. The family settled at Day's Bay, the Bay being named after the deceased's father. The late pilot's first work was in assisting his father and brothers in the trade between Wellington and Day's Bay, which was carried on by a vessel named the 'Flirt', owned by the head of the family. Later, trips were made down to the South Island, and the boat enjoyed the distinction of being the first vessel of any size to safely navigate the Sumner Bar. In the year 1849 the family came to reside in Sumner, being the first family to settle there. There was not a house in Christchurch at that time, and Lyttelton was mostly a town of canvas. Sumner was the home of the late pilot from that time onward. For a while he continued to trade in the 'Flirt', visiting Kaiapoi and other places. With his brothers he built a yacht called the 'Red Jacket' which had a great reputation in her day for speedy travelling. In the year 1867 the deceased, was appointed pilot at Sumner, and for over forty-five years he held that position. During that period he was often called upon to risk his life in order to save people who were in danger, and his record in this respect is a long and honourable one. Last January the pilot was presented with a special certificate from the Royal Humane Society and a gold medal from the residents of Sumner. On that occasion it was stated that the recipient had been instrumental in saving no fewer than twenty-six lives, some of them at very great peril to himself. Being a man of a modest and retiring disposition, the pilot could not be induced to talk about these things, but his deeds spoke for themselves, and were not forgotten by those who knew him. For some little time the old pilot had been in failing health, but the illness, which proved fatal, was not of very long duration.

Elizabeth DAYSH *nee* TANNAHILL (1842-1906)

Wairarapa Daily Times 28 Dec 1906

Mrs John Daysh, of Belvedere, mother of Mr George Daysh, of Masterton, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased lady, who had been ailing for about three months, succumbed to an attack of heart failure. She was a very old colonist, and resided at the Upper Hutt over forty years ago, where she had exciting experiences. The late Mrs Daysh was 76 years of age. The interment will take place at Clareville cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

Evening Post 28 Dec 1906

The death of Mrs John Daysh is recorded in a press message from Carterton. Deceased was born at Lower Hutt 64 years ago, and with her husband spent forty-five years in the Wairarapa. She leaves five sons and four daughters.

Evening Post 29 Dec 1906

The death is announced of Mrs John Daysh, of Belvedere, at the age of 64 years. Mrs Daysh was born at Taita, Lower Hutt, and had been in the Wairarapa for forty-five years, of which thirty were spent in the Carterton district.

Henry DAYSH (1859-1936) Horowhenua Chronicle 28 November 1936

The death took place at his residence, Dyerville, Eketahuna, of Mr Henry Daysh, on Thursday, at the age of 77 years, popularly known as "Farmer" Daysh and a prominent public man. He was born at Lower Hutt and as a young man went to the Bush district. In 1909 he took up his present property in the Dry River district, which he has farmed ever since.

John DAYSH (1805-1902)

Wairarapa Daily Times 07 May 1902
The death is announced of Mr J. Daysh, well known in Wairarapa. He had reached the great age of ninety-seven, and leaves several grand-children and great grand-children. He died last evening at his brother-in-law's, Mr John Rayner, of Taratahi. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

Wairarapa Daily Times 08 May 1902
The late Mr John Daysh, to whose death we referred in yesterday's paper, is survived by fourteen children and his descendants number two hundred and twenty, extending to a fifth generation. The old gentleman was able to read without glasses till his death, and all his faculties were unimpaired, notwithstanding his great age. His physical strength was remarkable for one who had so far exceeded the ordinary allotted span of human life, and up till a fortnight previous to his death, he enjoyed as robust health as most men a quarter of a century younger. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr John Raynor, at Taratahi, whose place the funeral of the deceased will leave at 1 p.m., arriving in Masterton about 2.30 p.m.

New Zealand Times 08 May 1902
John Daysh, a New Zealand pioneer, died this morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr John Rayner, Waingawa. Deceased, who was born in Hampshire, was ninety-seven years old, and came to Wellington in 1841 in the *Gertrude*. He leaves a numerous family, and many grand-children. The interment will probably take place at the Taita.

Mary Ada DAYSH (1862-1920)

Dominion 06 August 1920
A well-known Wairarapa resident, Mrs M. A. Daysh, died at the Bowen Street Hospital on Thursday. The deceased was the wife of Mr Henry Daysh, of Martinborough, daughter of Mr and Mrs Davey, of Cornwall, and sister to Mr T. H. Davey, ex-MP of Christchurch, Mrs Murdoch Taylor, of Featherston and Mrs Frank Warnock, of Napier. Her family consisted of a son, now in New York, Mrs Campbell Smith, of Martinborough, and Mrs Pringle Davey, of Palmerston North. The deceased lady was well known in the Hutt Valley, Wairarapa, and the Forty-mile Bush. During the war she took an enthusiastic part in patriotic work and has been idenitified with the Anglican Church in her home town for some years.

Wairarapa Age 06 August 1920
The many friends throughout the Wairarapa of Mr Henry Daysh, better known as "Farmer" Daysh, of Dyerville, will learn with sincere regret of the death of his wife, which occurred at the Bowen street hospital in Wellington on Thursday morning. The late Mrs Daysh, who had been suffering for a long period, was a lady of estimable character, an ardent patriotic worker, and her death will be deeply regretted. She was born in Cornwall, and had been a resident of New Zealand for 47 years. She is survived by her husband, one son (Mr Norman J. Daysh, who is in America); and two daughters, Mrs Campbell Smith, of Martinborough, and Mrs Pringle Davey, of Palmerston North. Mr T. H. Davey (ex-MP), of Christchurch, is a brother of the late Mrs Daysh, and Mrs Murdoch Taylor, of Featherston, and Mrs Frank Warnock, Napier, are sisters. The remains of the deceased will be interred in the old Bolton street cemetery at Wellington tomorrow morning.

Joseph DE SILVA (1832-1920) Dominion 21 May 1920

The death occurred at his late residence, Nelson Street, Petone, on Wednesday evening of Mr Joseph Silva, at the age of 88 years. The late Mr Silva was a native of the Azores, and after a varied experience at sea he came to Petone 40 years ago, entering the railway service and remaining there until he retired on superannuation. He is survived by three daughters – Mrs W. S. Brice and Mrs A. Anderson, of Petone, and Mrs Smith, of Auckland.

Emma Jane DE SIMAS formerly HUMPHREY *nee* ROOKS (1833-1918)

Evening Post 06 December 1918

Mrs E. J. de Simas (Silva) died yesterday at Lower Hutt, at the age of 85. She was a very old resident of the district, where she lived since her arrival in Wellington by the ship 'Duke of Roxburgh' in 1840. She leaves three sons and three daughters.

Joseph Silva DE SIMAS (1867-1932) Evening Post 09 Sep 1932

Mr Joseph Silva de Simas, generally known as Mr Joseph Silva, died suddenly at his residence, King's crescent, Lower Hutt, yesterday. Mr Silva was in his usual good health on Wednesday, but when a member of his family entered his room at 8 a.m. yesterday, it was discovered that he had died in his sleep. Mr Silva's mother was one of the early settlers of Lower Hutt, having arrived in the 'Duke of Roxburgh' as a child. Mr Silva was born 65 years ago quite close to his late residence, and he resided in or about the Hutt Valley all his life. In his younger days he was a contractor for farming work, and in later years he had been engaged in farming and market gardening. Mr Silva's chief hobby was collecting native flora, on which he was an authority. Before his marriage he was an enthusiastic Volunteer, belonging to the Mounted Rifles. Mr Silva's wife predeceased him three years ago. There are five sons and two daughters. After a brief service in the home the funeral will leave for the Taita Cemetery at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Arthur Samuel DEATH (1865-1933) Horowhenua Chronicle 23 November 1933

Much regret will be felt throughout the district on learning that Mr Arthur Samuel Death, an old and respected settler, passed away suddenly at his residence, at Muhunoa East, this morning. He was apparently in his usual health till he suffered a seizure between six and seven o'clock, at a time when he was awake and intending to visit Palmerston North on business. The deceased, who was born at Taita 68 years ago, was a son of the late Mr Samuel Death and he spent all his life in New Zealand. He was married at Wellington in 1886 to Miss Sarah Ann Jones, a member of a well-known pioneer family in Wellington in the early days. Some 32 years ago he came to this district and purchased the property at Muhunoa East, where he has lived ever since. The late Mr Death was keenly interested in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the farming industry and he was a director of the Levin Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd., since 1917. He was also an active member of the Druids' Lodge. Besides being well-known to dairymen and other farmers, the deceased was a familiar figure to the townspeople, and was esteemed for his genial personality no less than for his enthusiasm as a representative of rural industry. Much sympathy will be felt for the widow, and grown-up family of five sons and nine daughters in their bereavement. The funeral will leave the residence at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, for the Levin Cemetery.

Mary Ann DEATH *nee* RIDDLER (1841-1919) Wairarapa Age 17 September 1919

There passed away at Eltham recently Mrs Samuel Death at the age of 78 years. Born in 1841 on the ship *Thomas Sparks*, just before reaching Wellington Heads, Mrs Death settled at Petone with her parents, Mr and Mrs William Riddler. Mrs Death was married in 1863, and was therefore within four years of her diamond wedding. After living forty years in the Hutt Valley, where their family were all born and brought up, Mr and Mrs Death went to Taranaki.

Samuel DEATH (1838-1920) Hawera & Normanby Star 05 July 1920

Our Eltham correspondent writes: Old settlers in the district will learn with very great regret of the passing away of Mr Samuel Death, senr., which was reported here on Saturday. Mr Death was one of the early settlers on the Fraser road, and it was only a few months earlier in the year that he disposed of his farm in that locality. He was looked upon by those who knew him as a good farmer and a hospitable one. His barn was frequently made available for dances, and many residents in the locality can recall pleasant evenings spent there. Although he reached the age of 82, he seemed hale and hearty when he left this district not more than a few weeks since, and the news of his passing has come as somewhat of a surprise. Mrs Death predeceased her husband by less than a year, but he leaves a family of six sons and one daughter, who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in and around Eltham.

Ernest DELANEY (1886-1933)

Evening Post 31 October 1933

The death occurred this morning of Captain Ernest Delaney, a well-known resident of Petone. The late Captain Delaney resigned from the service of the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board six months ago because of ill health. Born in Christchurch in 1886, the late Captain Delaney was educated at the Sacred Heart College, Auckland. He went to sea from Auckland. He served in the West African campaign just after the Boer War, and afterwards he was appointed chief mate of the 'Empress of Russia'. He joined up with the Canadian Artillery when the Great War commenced, and from that body was transferred to the Canadian Cavalry, and was in the second battle of Ypres with the cavalry. Captain Delaney was next transferred to the Canadian Tank Corps, after which he was appointed adjutant at the Cavalry Training Barracks at Folkestone, where he remained until the end of the war. In New Zealand he had been actively associated with the Legion of Frontiersmen, being captain of the Waiwhetu Troop. He was a member of the Masonic Craft. Captain Delaney joined the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board's staff on the inception of the board in 1924, and was in charge of the outside gangs doing the early construction work, and continued in the board's service until ill health compelled his retirement. An officer of the board stated to "The Post" today that all were sorry to lose the services of so capable and fine a man. He is survived by his mother, widow, and two daughters, aged 13 and 9 years respectively, and five brothers and one sister. The funeral will leave at 2 p.m. tomorrow from Petone for the Soldiers' Cemetery, Karori.

Hutt News 01 Nov 1933 A Tribute to a Faithful Officer

In the passing of Ernest DeLaney, which took place on Tuesday morning, the community has lost a valuable citizen and the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board has lost a conscientious and faithful officer. The late Mr DeLaney was practically the Board's first salaried officer and carried out most of the spade work of the present extensive reticulation, during the peak construction periods he had under his personal control sometimes as many as eighty men and the smooth way in which this work was brought to conclusion speaks volumes for his executive ability. He commenced service with the Board as far back as 1923 when the present luxury of electric light in this Valley was but an image of the future. That his fellow workers realized their loss, when he decided for health reasons to sever his active connection with the Board some few months ago, was amply proven by a perusal of the farewell speeches made to him at that time. The Engineer and General Manager, Mr E. F. Hollands, then said: "That the Board and the staff had lost, respectively, a fine officer and true friend." If all things are looked at from a true perspective, it would be perhaps almost impossible to give greater recognition to any man than to sincerely use the words "We have lost a true friend." The late Mr DeLaney was a lieutenant in the Legion of Frontiersmen, and a returned soldier. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss. The sympathy of the entire community will be extended to the bereaved in their great loss.

Elizabeth DENBY *nee?* (1858-1931) Hutt News 23 September 1931

It was with deep regret that a large circle of friends learned of the sudden death of Mrs Elizabeth Denby which took place at her late residence 32 King Crescent on Thursday last. The late Mrs Denby who was in her 74th year was a native of Yorkshire and came to this country with her husband some 50 years ago when they settled at Kaiapoi. They later removed to Petone where they lived for 12 years, and after the death of her husband, Mrs Denby came to reside in the Hutt in 1914. She is survived by three sons – Messrs William, Jack, Rhodes and two daughters Mrs H. P. Mole of Waterloo Road and Miss Grace Denby, who lived with her mother. Although the deceased lady had been in indifferent health for the past two years her sudden death was quite unexpected. Mrs Denby did not take part in public life but she was always a willing worker in the cause of charity. Her bright cheery disposition and her unselfish thought for others made her one of the most beloved women in the district. The late Mrs Denby had a remarkable love for children and many of those who pass by her window on their way to school will miss the cheery smile and the friendly greeting of "Nana" a name of endearment bestowed upon her by not only her four grandchildren but by scores of youngsters who were privileged to enjoy her friendship. The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place at Taita Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, the service at the graveside being conducted by Archdeacon Hansell. The wreaths and flowers were particularly numerous and beautiful and bore ample evidence of the love and esteem in which the deceased lady was held. Our sincere sympathy goes out to those who are left to mourn her loss.

Mitchell DENBY (1850-1906) Evening Post 21 August 1906

A well-known resident of Petone, Mr Mitchell Denby, died very suddenly at his residence on the Hutt-road last night. The end was quite unexpected, Mr Denby, who was one of the heads at the Woollen Mill, having been at work as usual right up to the last. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and grown-up family. The Friends of Mitchell Denby are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, near Woollen Mill, Petone, Tomorrow (Wednesday), the 22nd of August, at 2 p.m., for the Taita Cemetery. J. Hounslow, Sanitary Undertaker, Britannia-street, Petone.

Maurice Edward DENNISTON (1879-1935) Evening Post 29 Jan 1935

The death occurred this morning of Mr Maurice Edward Denniston. He was taken seriously ill on Sunday last and never rallied. Apart from the high place which he held in his profession, which was that of a dentist, the late Mr Maurice Denniston was one of the best-known figures in the lawn tennis world of the Dominion, and his activities as a Rotarian were only one of several other avenues in which his exuberant vitality found outlet. His infectious enthusiasm for all that he undertook won for him a host of friends who will greatly regret his passing.

The late Mr Denniston was born in Dunedin and was one of the sons of Sir J. E. Denniston, a late Judge of the Supreme Court. He was educated at Christ's College and Canterbury College. In his practice as a dentist Mr Denniston was for some time associated with Mr K. C. Morpeth, but comparatively recently the partnership was dissolved and he practised on his own account. The dental profession in New Zealand had in Mr Denniston an indefatigable champion, and the New Zealand Dental Association found him to be one of the most active of its presidents.

It was, however, in the lawn tennis world that the name of Maurice Denniston was known throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand. For over twenty years the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association had the benefit of his services on one capacity or another. For eight years he was honorary secretary of that body, and for another ten he was chairman of the management committee, while for 21 years he was a member of the council. The unfailing good humour and common sense which he brought to bear on problems connected with the management of the game in New Zealand were recognised at their full value by all who came into contact with him in this respect. That lawn tennis in New Zealand has reached such a high standard is in no small measure due to the work that Maurice Denniston and others did in fostering the game when, comparatively speaking, it was in its infancy.

When the Rotay movement started in Wellington it found an ardent supporter in Mr Denniston, and he was one of the foundation members and directors of the Wellington Rotary Club. Mr Denniston was also a Justice of the Peace.

Always active and willing to take his share, or more, in any movement or organisation for the benefit of the community, the late Mr Denniston was the holder of the New Zealand long-service medal. For a period of twelve years he held a commission in the Wellington Naval Artillery Volunteers, and during the war he was adjutant, quartermaster, and paymaster on the hospital ship *Maheno*. During the last two years of the war he was deputy-assistant director of dental services.

He also found time to take an active interest in educational matters, and he was chairman of directors of Hutt Girls'School, Ltd. (Chilton St. James School). Mr Denniston was a widower, his wife having predeceased him a few years ago. He leaves one son and two daughters.

Eliza Ann DENTON *nee* BENNETT (1844-1920)

Dominion 01 Apr 1920 Woman's World

The death of Mrs George Denton, widow of the late Mr George Denton, who commenced business in Wellington in 1863, occurred at her residence, Wellington Terrace, on Monday. One of Wellington's early settlers, Mrs Denton, who was 76 years of age, was well-known and highly respected in the city, and until her health began to fail she was a prominent figure in various organisations, having taken an active part in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. as well as being one of the oldest members of the Taranaki Street Methodist Church. She had been an invalid for about twelve months. Mrs Denton leaves a family of seven sons and two daughters:- Messrs R. G. Denton and W. H. Denton, of Wellington; Mr F. J. Denton (Wanganui), Mr J. N. Denton (Sheffield), Mr P. N. Denton (Wellington), Mr N. Denton (Levin) and Mr L. A. Denton (Hastings). Her daughters are the Misses K. and E. N. Denton of Wellington. The late Mrs Denton's husband predeceased her by some ten years and another daughter, Mrs Adkin, of Levin, died about eighteen months ago.

George DENTON (1833-1910)

Evening Post 11 August 1910
Mr George Denton, an old and much respected citizen of Wellington, died yesterday in his 77th year. The late Mr Denton came to New Zealand in 1856. He arrived first at Nelson by the ship 'China', and came on to Wellington by schooner. He refrained from taking part in public affairs, but was one of the founders of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, and for ten years its treasurer. He had the first trout hatchery in his own grounds at Fern Hill, and used to hatch out and distribute from 5000 to 6000 fish annually. Mr Denton had been in business as an ironmonger in Wellington since 1863. He leaves a grown-up family.

Wairarapa Daily Times 11 August 1910
Mr George Denton, a very old resident of Wellington, died at midnight, in his seventy-eighth year. Deceased, who was one of the early hardware merchants of Wellington, leaves a family of ten – seven sons and three daughters.

Wairarapa Daily Times 13 August 1910
Early on Thursday morning Mr George Denton, one of the oldest colonists in Wellington, passed away. He dated from 1856, the year of his arrival by the 'China'. Politics never tempted him, like they did many of his contemparies, though he always had strong views, and, like the upright man he was, stood by them in all righteousness. Outside his business, which was in the iron trade, and which he followed up with success to the establishment of his well-known premises in Willis-street, his life work was acclimatisation. Natural history, which had a great charm for him, associated him long ago with the late Mr Travis. With Mr A. Rutherford he distributed the trout fry in the waters of this district, and persistently continued his efforts until, in spite of many drawbacks, fish fit for the angler actually made their appearance in the Hutt and Wainui-o-mata waters. He had the first trout hatchery in his own grounds, at Fern Hill, Woolcombe-street, and used to distribute 5000 to 6000 fish annually. For ten years he was treasurer of the Society, and only retired from the position on the amalgamation of the Masterton Society with that of Wellington. The late Mr Denton was a great lover of birds. He cared for and superintended the distribution of all the birds imported by the Society. The maimed birds always found a home in his grounds, and became pets of the family. An aviary which contained both native and imported birds was his chief hobby and delight. He was also greatly interested in the Maoris and their lore, and had a sincere admiration for the race, being on terms of close friendship with many of the Natives of the past generation. Mr Denton was a close resident in Wellington from 1863 to 1895, when he visited England with Mrs Denton. He was of an active disposition, and had been regularly attending business to within a fortnight ago, when he took to his bed. He is survived by his widow and seven sons and three daughters. The family are Messrs R. G., W. H., and L. A. Denton, of Wellington; F. J. Denton of Wanganui; J. M. Denton of Sheffield, England; P. N. Denton of Calcutta, India; and H. Denton of Levin; one married daughter, Mrs W. G. Adkin of Levin and Misses Kate and Edith Denton, who reside in Wellington.

Ann Eliza DEVINE *nee* WOOD (1853-1933) Evening Post 07 August 1933

Mrs T. Devine, who died at Otaki last week, in her seventy-eighth year, was an old resident of Wellington. Mrs Devine was born at Lowry Bay in 1856, at which time a large interest in that locality was held by her great-uncle, Mr Jackson. The Devine family moved from Lowry Bay to Wainuio-mata, where Mrs Devine spent her school days, and was married to Mr T. Devine, who survives her. Mr and Mrs Devine took up a section of land, mostly bush, at Whiteman's Valley, and resided there for about forty years. Subsequently they moved to Otaki. Of a family of eight, six are living – Messrs Jack (Mamaku), Thomas (Levin), James Devine (Feilding), and Mrs Noble (Otaki), Mrs Nelson (Taumaranui), and Mrs Gurney (Otaki). There are twenty-three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The service at the Upper Hutt Methodist Church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev Mr Liddle, of Carterton, and Mr Cochrane, of Upper Hutt, and was largely attended by old settlers and friends.

Thomas John DEVINE (1853-1933) Evening Post 08 November 1933

A lifelong friend writes:- Mr T. Devine, who died at Otaki a few days ago, was typical of Wellington's sturdy pioneers. Arriving at Lyttelton with his parents in the ship Samarang in 1852 and coming on to Wellington, they landed on the beach at Pipitea Point. After a short period at Lower Hutt they moved to Wainui-o-mata, where Mr Devine's parents managed a farm for Sir William Fitzherbert. Here Mr Devine married a Miss Wood, whose parents were also early settlers in the valley. The young couple took up a bush section in the standing forest at Whiteman's Valley when there were only bush foot tracks from the Upper Hutt, and gradually carved out a home for themselves and their children. The hardships and great hearts of these and similar pioneers can scarcely be realized today, working a day now and there on county roads to get a few pounds to buy grass seed to sow the land gradually being cleared, carrying out the keg of butter on their shoulders to market and returning loaded up with flour and groceries to keep going whilst the bush was cleared. For fifty years they toiled, and then retired to Otaki, where some of their children had settled. Mrs Devine died some three months ago, and was soon followed by Mr T. Devine. At his burial a service was held at Upper Hutt, conducted by the Rev Mr Ayrton, of Otaki, assisted by Mr Cochrane, and the service at the graveside at Wallaceville by the Rev Mr Ayrton and the Rev Mr Hunt, of Upper Hutt. The family consists of three sons, Jack (Mamaku), Thomas (Levin), and James (Feilding), three daughters, Mrs Noble (Otaki), Mrs Nelson (Taumaranui), and Mrs Gurney (Otaki). There are twenty-three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. So passes another pioneer who has done so much to make New Zealand what it is today.

David DICK (1810-1900) Evening Post 28 June 1900

There died last week at Wainui-o-mata at the age of ninety Mr David Dic, one of the very oldest settlers in the Wainui Valley. Mr Dick, who was a native of the North of Ireland, came out to the colony in one of the first ships to drop anchor in Port Nicholson. He brought with him his wife and eldest son, both of whom have predeceased him. Mr Dick had as a fellow-passenger Mr T. W. McKenzie, of Ghuznee-street, who was then a youth, and who is now about the only one of these early colonists still with us. Mr Dick took up land in the Wainui-o-mata as soon as it was open for settlement, and bore all the heat and toil of the early colonists before roads were formed. Like many others of the early Wellington settlers, he also tried his luck upon the Australian goldfileds. Mr Dick leaves one of his family still surviving him, Mr David Dick, the well-known settler and Ranger of the Acclimatisation Society in the Wainui.

Marion Ruth DIXON *nee* BARRAUD (1886-1937) Evening Post 08 November 1937

A great many friends in different parts of New Zealand will hear with very sincere regret of the death of Mrs A. J. Dixon, wife of Mr A. J. Dixon, of Messines Road, Karori, which occurred yesterday. Mrs Dixon was a daughter of the late Mr S. C. Barraud and Mrs Barraud, well known at Lower Hutt for many years. She leaves three daughters, the Misses Nancy, Ruth and Patty Dixon, and her sisters are Mrs W. J. Blundell and Miss S. H. Barraud. Mrs Dixon spent the early part of her married life at Marton, Napier and Gisborne, but has been in Wellington with her family for the past seven or eight years. Mrs Dixon was one who placed family life first, and was greatly beloved by her people, with whom much sympathy will be felt in their bereavement. She was also a wonderfully good friend, making many of these as she went along the pathway of life, and in every place where she lived, doing kindnesses and giving sympathy in a way which endeared her to a large circle. The "gift of friendship" was her's to a high degree, and she will be greatly missed by many people.

Mary Hazel DOIG *nee* ROGERS (1875-1936) Hutt News 15 January 1936

The death occurred last week of Mrs M. H. Doig, at her late residence, Huia Street, after a long and painful illness. Although she had been a great sufferer for several years, the late Mrs Doig took great interest in many social activities and was ever ready to help those who were in need. Her bright personality and cheery smile won for her a large circle of friends. Her husband, Mr W. Doig, predeceased her some two years ago. She leaves one son, Mr Roger Doig, and two daughters, Miss Marjorie and Allison Doig. The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery on Thursday, the service being conducted by Rev H. Sharp.

William Torrance DOIG (1884-1933)

Hutt News 16 August 1933
The death occurred last Wednesday at his residence, Huia Street, of Mr William Torrence Doig, chief clerk of the signals and electrical branch, New Zealand Railways, Wellington, at the age of 49 years. Mr Doig, who was an esteemed citizen, has resided at Lower Hutt for the past twenty years and took an active part in all movements for the welfare of the district. The late Mr Doig was educated at Christchurch West School and Christ's College, and entered the railway service in 1900 as a cadet, in the District Engineer's Office, Christchurch; was promoted to clerk in the same office in 1906, and served as clerk in the Chief Engineer's office, Wellington, and in the architectural branch, Wellington until 1924 when he was appointed chief clerk of the architectural branch. In 1928 he was promoted to the position of chief clerk of the signals and electrical branch, Wellington, and occupied that position until his death. In the field of sport Mr Doig was actively interested, especially in connection with cricket. He has been a member of the Hutt Cricket Club for nearly twenty years, and was chairman of the management committee for eighteen years. He was a playing member of the club up till last season. Mr Doig was also vice-president of the Hutt Rugby Football Club. In Christchurch he was a member of the St. Albans Cricket Club. At one time he was a New Zealand and South Island hockey representative. Mr Doig was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity; was Past Master of Lodge Christchurch, No.99; a member of Waiwhetu Lodge, No.176; a foundation member and Past Master of Lower Hutt Lodge, No.299; and also held the rank of Grand Steward. The late Mr Doig leaves a widow, two daughters, and one son.

In the Rugby Column (probably refers to the Hutt Rugby Football Club)
The club has lost another very staunch supporter in Mr W. T. Doig, who passed away last Wednesday. The late Mr Doig was a vice-president of the club and also acted as one of the hon. Auditors for several years. He took a very keen interest in the activities of the senior team and always took any reverses very much to heart. The community mourns the loss of a good sportsman and citizen and will join us in extending the very deepest sympathy to his sorrowing wife and family.

Hutt News 23 August 1933
By the death of Mr W. Doig a few days ago, the Hutt Cricket Club has lost a gentleman who by his genial disposition and administrative powers, was in a large measure responsible for the sound and healthy position the club is in today. "Bill" he was known to every member of the Hutt Club, was an ideal chairman of the management committee, a position he held for a number of years up to the time of his death. It was mainly through his able guidance and thoroughly impartial rulings on anything affecting the club's welfare, that the Hutt Club is looked upon to-day as one of the strongest financially and socially in the Dominion. He and his committee believed in all visitors being made welcome to the Hutt ground on Saturday afternoons when cricket was in progress. Our late comrade's charming personality will be greatly missed this coming season not only by cricketers in general but by members who made a point of attending this beautiful ground. One and all of the members of the Hutt Valley Clubs extend to his wife and family their sincere sympathy in their very sad bereavement, and express the hope that Mrs Doig, who has been unfortunately confined to her bed for some months, will be speedily restored to good health again.

William DONNELLY (1848-1916) Evening Post 14 September 1916

The remains of the late Mr William Donnelly, of the Hutt Borough Council Staff, were interred in the Petone Cemetery yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends and acquaintances. Deceased, who was 68 years of age, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday morning. He had been in the employ of the council since the borough was formed, twenty-five years ago, most of the time as foreman, and previous to that had been in the employ of the Town Board, and was at work the night before his death. The Very Rev Dean Lane officiated at the graveside.

John DONOGHUE (1832-1914) Evening Post 08 June 1914

Mr John Donoghue, who died suddenly at Petone on Saturday, was eighty-two years of age and a native of Ireland. He possessed several decorations for service in the Army in India, and was in receipt of a military pension. At the inquest conducted by the Coroner, Mr D. G. A. Cooper, S.M., at the Grand National Hotel, Petone, on Saturday, evidence was given by George Cerwood and his wife to the effect that deceased had resided with them for a number of years. On Friday evening Donoghue appeared to be in his usual state of health, but on his room being visited at about 7.30 next morning, he was found to be dead. Dr Wilkins having stated that death was due to heart failure, a verdict to that effect was returned.

John Joseph DORAN (1876-1937) Evening Post 30 September 1937

The sudden death yesterday of Mr John Joseph Doran, of Lower Hutt, came as a shock to his many friends. Mr Doran, who was one of the proprietors of Messrs Taylor, Ramsay, and Co., plumbers, of Wellington, left for business in the morning in his usual state of health, but became indisposed in the afternoon. He died on reaching his home. The deceased was born at Owaka in 1876 and came to Lower Hutt nearly forty years ago, joining the firm of which he afterwards became part proprietor. Mr Doran was interested in fire brigade matters, being one of the oldest members of the Lower Hutt volunteer brigade, which he joined 31 years ago and in which he held the office of deputy superintendent and secretary. He was the holder of the gold star for 25 years' service. The late Mr Doran was a member of the Foresters' Lodge. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Messrs A. J., A. E., and H. V. Doran, and two daughters, Mesdames Doyle and Henderson, all of Lower Hutt. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

Charles Edwin James DOWLAND (1880-1939) Evening Post 07 July 1939

News was received in Wellington by cable today of the sudden death, in London, of Mr Charles Edward Dowland, former Commissioner of Taxes. Mr Dowland, who lived for many years in Lower Hutt, was born in Dunedin in 1880, and was educated at the Macandrew Road and Normal Schools, and later at the Otago Boys' High School, which he left in 1897 to join the Valuation Department as a cadet. A short time later he was transferred to the Land and Income Tax Department, and passed through the various grades of clerical work, becoming an inspector in 1919. On the retirement of Mr D. G. Clark and the promotion of Mr A. E. Fowler to the office of Commissioner, Mr Dowland became chief inspector. On Mr Fowler's retirement and the appointment of Mr Cumming as Commissioner, Mr Dowland became Deputy Commissioner of Taxes. He was appointed Commissioner in 1932. Mr Dowland, who was a qualified accountant, was formerly a rowing enthusiast, and member of the Star Boating Club, and was a member of the board of the Y.M.C.A. for a number of years. He retired at the end of August 1937 and in April of last year left for a trip to England. Mr Dowland's wife predeceased him several years ago, and he leaves a family of one son and three daughters.

Rebecca Sarah DOWLAND *nee* PROFITT (1888-1934) Hutt News 11 July 1934

It was with deep regret that a large circle of friends learned of the death of Mrs C. E. Dowland, wife of the Commissioner of Taxes, which took place suddenly at her late residence, 25 Hautana Square, on Thursday last. The late Mrs Dowland was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Profitt, a well-known Napier family, and came to reside in Lower Hutt 23 years ago, at the time of her marriage. Her kind and loveable nature and practical sympathy with those in trouble endeared her to a large circle of friends. She was one of the foundation members of the Hautana Croquet Club in which she took a keen interest. The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place at Taita Cemetery on Saturday morning, after a service at the house. The Rev H. Sharp was the officiating clergyman. The pall-bearers were members of the Land and Income Tax Department. Mr J. S. Hunter represented the departmental heads and the Civil Service Institute. Others present were Messrs C. Gostelow (Government Actuary), P. Culforth, H. S. Barron, Park, H. G. Teagle, W. Gaudin, Messrs W. V. Dyer and J. Stonehouse (representing the Board of Governors of the Hutt Valley High School), J. N. Millard (principal) and G. J. McNaught (representing the staff of the High School), Messrs J. B. Grey and A. C. Spencer (representing the Parents' Association of the High School), Messrs F. Campbell, D. S. Patrick, W. M. Wright, C. G. Collins, E. S. Inness, Coates, J. Tamblyn, J. Pearce, Luke, H. Hart, J. L. Areus, R. H. Nimmo, H. W. Piper, P. Murphy, H. Steele, J. Stansell and D. C. Martin. The Plunket Society was represented by Mrs H. M. Earnshaw, the Hautana Croquet Club by Mrs W. Andrews and Mrs Schmidt represented the Lower Hutt branch of the League of Mothers. The deceased is survived by her husband and three daughters and one son.

George Young DRUMMOND (1834-1928) Wairarapa Daily Times 4 August 1928

The death of Mr George Y. Drummond occurred yesterday at the residence of his son, Mr R. C. Drummond, Lansdowne, Masterton. The late Mr Drummond, who was in his 93rd year, was remarkably hale and hearty almost to his last days. His death closes a most interesting and varied career, which opened far back in the pioneering days. He was born at Paisley, Scotland, on September 29th, 1835, and was married at Glasgow, thirty years later, to Miss J. Fergus, who predeceased him nine years ago. Members of his family, to whom much sympathy will be extended, are:- Messrs R. F. Drummond, Chief Building Inspector, Wellington; R. C. Drummond, headmaster, Masterton Central School; C. K. Drummond, Lower Hutt; and Mrs R. M. Grant, Northland, Wellington. Another daughter, Mrs C. J. McKinnon, of Day's Bay, Wellington, died some years ago.

The late Mr Drummond led a very eventful life. He went to sea, at the age of fifteen, on the *Eliza Stewart*, a vessel engaged in carrying coolies from Calcutta to Trinidad, and sugar to Greenock. Two years later, Mr Drummond went to Mr John Wright as an apprentice shipwright. Later he joined the barque *Liropi*, and voyaged to Buenos Aires, Port Louis, Point De Galle, and back to London. After working on shore again for a couple of years, he joined the ship *Shalimar*, in 1859, for a voyage to Auckland, New Zealand. From Auckland he went over to Sydney, and joined in the gold rush to Snowy River. Having no luck there, he returned to Sydney and joined the *Eli Whitney* on a voyage to Port Louis, Mauritius, with horses. Getting back to Sydney in 1860, he went to the Burangong Goldfields. From the Burrangong Goldfields he returned to New Zealand to try his luck at the Dunstan Goldfields. He then went back to Sydney and in 1864 shipped on the *Sir John Moore*, bound for London. He worked for some time in various shipyards on the Clyde, and then shipped in the *s.s. Venezuelan*, a steamer trading with Colon.

After leaving this vessel, Mr Drummond and his wife and eldest son, an infant in arms, embarked for Wellington, New Zealand. A fellow passenger of his was the late Rev James Paterson, of Wellington. Mr Drummond took up two acres of land in Tinakori Road, Wellington, and there spent the greater part of his life. He is well known in the Hutt Valley, where he had a farm at Stokes Valley, Taita. The late Mr Drummond will be buried at the Karori Cemetery, Wellington, on Monday, August 6th, the funeral leaving Clark's Mortuary at 12 o'clock.

Edith Mary DRYDEN *nee* LYNOTT (1875-1932) Hutt News 05 October 1932

Mrs Dryden, who passed away at her home "Longview" Lower Hutt, was the beloved wife of Mr O. Dryden. She was born in Melbourne and came to New Zealand 17 years ago. She was a staunch member of the Methodist Church and has been associated with the Lower Hutt Church for a number of years where she was held in the highest respect. The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery on Monday last and was preceded by a service in the Methodist Church at which the Revs A. Harding, H. A. Sharp and D. O. Williams officiated. A large number of friends gathered to pay their last tribute to a beautiful character, and the many wreaths and floral emblems bore eloquent testimony to the affection in which she was held. The Rev. Harold Sharp, in a brief eulogy at the Church, spoke of the late Mrs Dryden's love for the beautiful, and the message of life which the flowers proclaimed. He referred to the effective witness her life had been to the realities of the unseen world; her wonderful patience; through years of pain and suffering she had ever kept a sweet and beautiful spirit, ever maintaining her faith in the wisdom and love of God. Shut away from the world to a large extent her home became the centre in which she exerted a wonderful influence for good. The chief mourners were Mr O. Dryden (husband of the deceased), Mr and Mrs H. E. Dryden (senr), also two sisters, a brother and other near relatives of Mr Dryden.

William Munro DUNCAN (1893-1918) Free Lance 08 August 1918

The late Lieut. W. Duncan was born at Petone, July 20, 1898 [sic], and died of sickness while serving his country, July 15, 1918, just five days before his 21st birthday. He was the third son of Mr and Mrs George Duncan, well known in Petone for their many kindly actions. Educated at the Petone High School, he was school captain during the years 1909-10 and was also very prominent in the school cadets and as a footballer. He was of that kindly, frank disposition of which none could say anything but good. After leaving school he joined the Railway Department where he remained until he enlisted in May, 1915. He left New Zealand along with his brother "Joe" in June, 1915, as a sergeant in the 5th Reinforcements. He spent about 12 months in Egypt doing excellent work and was promoted to the rank of sergeant-major. He was then transferred to England to the New Zealand General Hospital, Brockenhurst. After this he spent 12 months in France. From there he was sent to England on special work and many a New Zealand boy has reason to be grateful for the services he rendered. He received his commission in May last. He was one of the very few in the Medical Corps not of the medical profession to obtain a commission. During the time he was with the N.Z.E.F., the late Lieut. Duncan was mentioned in despatches on three occasions.

Albert DUNSTALL (1850-1932) Hutt News 13 July 1932

The death of Mr Albert Dunstall in his 82nd year occurred at his residence, 79 Victoria Street, Lower Hutt, on June 18th. The late Mr Dunstall arrived in the Dominion in 1850 and followed his trade as a builder. Mr Dunstall also worked on the Government Buildings, Wellington, and later helped to construct the break winds on the Rimutaka. In 1887 he went to the Newman district, his being the first family to settle there. After farming there for 27 years he retired to his late residence where he lived for 18 years. The late Mr Dunstall was a keen bowler and for more than 50 years was a prominent member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. He was a firm supporter of the Reform party and took a great interest in the Congregational Church. He leaves a wife and a brother, Mr H. Dunstall of Wellington, two daughters and four sons, Mrs A. B. Cox, Wakefield Street, Lower Hutt; Mrs V. Brown, Auckland; Mr S. Dunstall, Napier; Mr J. Dunstall, Woodville; Mr F. A. Dunstall, Kimbolton; Mr H. Dunstall, Queensland.

Hannah DUNSTALL *nee* HADFIELD (1850-1935) Hutt News 21 August 1935

The death occurred last Wednesday night, August 14, of Mrs Hannah Dunstall, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs A. B. Cox, 71 Wakefield Street, Lower Hutt. Mrs Dunstall was born in Glossop, Derbyshire, in 1854, and when fourteen years of age, came to New Zealand with her parents in the ship 'Indian Empire'. She was married in Christchurch in 1874, after which she and her husband came to Wellington where Mr Dunstall was a prominent builder. A few years later, however, they decided to go farming, and took up land in Newman, where they remained till twenty years ago when they retired and settled in Lower Hutt. Mr Dunstall was a well-known member of the Hutt Bowling Club. Since the death of her husband three years ago, Mrs Dunstall had resided with her daughter in Wakefield Street. Mrs Dunstall was loved by all who knew her for her very kindly disposition and readiness to help anyone in trouble. She is survived by two daughters and three sons – Mrs Cox, Mrs Brown, Auckland; Messrs J. Dunstall, railway staff, Woodville; H. Dunsall, of Queensland Police Force; and F. A. Dunstall, postmaster, Ashhurst. There are twenty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

John EDWARDS (1809-1889) Evening Post 27 May 1889

Another old identity has just passed away in the person of Mr John Edwards, the well-known carpenter, who had attained the ripe age of nearly 80 years. He arrived in New Zealand in the year 1842 by the ship *Olympus* and landed at Nelson. He worked at his trade there until 1847, when he removed to Wellington. In 1852 he removed with his family to the Taita, where he has resided ever since, he working at his trade until a very few years ago. Three sons and two daughters survive him.

Robert EDWARDS (1841-1927)

Evening Post 14 March 1927

The death occurred yesterday, at Mangaroa, of Mr Robert Edwards, in his 89th year. The late Mr Edwards who had engaged in farming in the Upper Hutt district for many years, retired from active work about twenty years ago, the farm being taken over by his eldest son, Alfred, who is still resident there. The late Mr Edwards is survived by his widow, two sons, and four daughters, all residents in the Wellington district. The funeral will take place at Trentham tomorrow.

Manawatu Standard 14 March 1927

The death occurred yesterday at this residence at Mangaroa of Mr Robert Edwards, aged 89 years. His parents and the family settled in the Upper Hutt, and the deceased married Miss Eliza Best, the daughter of another settler. Mrs Edwards, who is 79 years of age, survives her husband, and there are two sons and four daughters, all living in the vicinity of Wellington. A younger son was drowned at Pukuratahi about two years ago, when in heavy mist he drove a motor-car into the river.

Thomas EDWARDS (1852-1921) Evening Post 29 September 1921

The death has occurred of Mr Thomas Edwards, for many years a councillor of the Hutt County Council. Deceased was buried at Trentham on Sunday, when there was a large gathering of relatives and friends, including councillors and ex-councillors, and members of the Trotting Club.

Henry EGLINTON (1837-1904) Evening Post 31 October 1904

Mr Henry Eglinton, another of Wellington's early settlers, died this morning at his residence in Oriental Bay after a long illness. He came out from England with his parents in January 1841, when he was only three years of age. His father (Mr Benjamin Eglinton) became Clerk of Court in Wellington, and held the position until his death, which occurred some years ago. Mr Henry Eglinton was brought up as a farmer, and was for a great many years one of the leading settlers at the Hutt. He also possessed a sheep run in Palliser Bay. The deceased, who was held in very great respect, has left a family of four sons and four daughters.

Henry Benjamin ELLERM (1830-1895)

Feilding Star 23 March 1895
We regret to have to record the death of Mr H. B. Ellerm, one of the oldest settlers in this district, which took place at his residence, Mount Stewart, on Thursday last. The deceased had been suffering with an inward complaint, and although medical skill was obtained from Feilding and Palmerston it was of no avail. Mr Ellerm arrived in the colony in 1840, first taking up his residence in Nelson. After a few years he took up land at the Hutt, near Wellington, where he followed farming pursuits. Some 21 years ago he took up land at Mt Stewart, where he, with his wife and some of the family, have resided ever since. The deceased leaves behind his wife and a family of nine – six sons and three daughters – all of whom are grown up. One daughter is married, and also four of the sons – namely, Mr F. S. Ellerm, residing at Makino; E. J. Ellerm, at Okaru, New Plymouth; and W. Ellerm and H. W. Ellerm, at Manaia. Deceased was a prominent member of the Church of England. The funeral will take place tomorrow, leaving Mt Stewart at 1 o'clock for the Sandon cemetery. The Rev Mr Russell, of Bulls, will officiate at the grave, and also at a service which is to be held at the church at 3 o'clock.

New Zealand Times 23 March 1895
An old and respected pioneer, Mr H. B. Ellerm, of Mount Stewart, Rangitikei, passed away early yesterday morning. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, arrived in New Zealand in the ship *Adelaide*, in the month of March 1840, when he settled in Wellington. He afterwards moved to the Hutt, but in 1875 went to Sanson, where he had resided ever since.

Evening Post 28 March 1895
One of the oldest settlers in the Feilding district died on Thursday last – Mr H. B. Ellerm, who came out to Nelson in 1840. After a few years he removed to the Hutt, and followed farming pursuits until some 21 years ago, when he took up land at Mount Stewart, on which he has ever since lived. Deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family of nine.

New Zealand Times 2 April 1895
The funeral of the late Mr H. B. Ellerm took place on Sunday afternoon, the remains being interred in the Sandon Cemetery. There was a very large following, quite a mile long, not only of Sandon people, but from all parts of the surrounding districts. The procession halted at St. Thomas' Church, where the first part of the service was read. The Sunday School children were drawn up in two lines, the procession going between them into the church. The Rev. J. D. Russell read the service, after which the cortege moved on to the cemetery, where the concluding part of the service was read most impressively by the reverend gentleman. The coffin was laden with beautiful wreaths, sent from all parts of the district. On the return from the cemetery a special service was held in the church, where the largest gathering ever seen was assembled, not more than one-half of the people being able to get inside the church. Funeral hymns were sung, and special lessons were read, and a very impressive sermon was preached by the Rev J. D. Russell from the words "Oh, death, where is thy sting; og, grave, where is thy victory." Speaking of the deceased, the reverend gentleman referred to the great loss they had suffered through the death of Mr Ellerm. He had for many years been one of the principal supporters of the church. He had superintended the construction of the church, and had worthily filled the various offices of churchwarden and vestryman, and the preacher himself acknowledged the personal help he had received from Mr Ellerm.

Mary ELLERY *nee* BOLTON (1862-1939)

New Zealand Herald 11 Feb 1939
Tauranga, Friday. The death has occurred of Mrs Ellery, wife of Mr F. Ellery, aged 77. Mrs Ellery was born at Upper Hutt. For some time she resided at Marton and took part in the production of several light operas with the Marton Operatic Society. After 16 years at Raetihi she came with her husband to Tauranga.

John Eli ELLIS (1870-1931) Hutt News 26 March 1931

It is with deep regret that a large circle of friends learned of the death of Mr John E. Ellis which took place at the Wellington Hospital on 18th inst after a short illness. The late Mr Ellis and Mrs Ellis settled in the Hutt Valley in 1895 where Mr Ellis established the Flock Mills on the banks of the Waiwetu River. His quiet and sympathetic nature won for him the deepest respect of a wide circle of friends and although he did not take a leading part in local politics his help when called upon, was freely given on all occasions. He took a lively interest in Free Masonry, being P.M. of the Waiwetu Lodge and at the time of his death, Lodge treasurer. He was also a very prominent churchman and held many high offices in St. James's Church being a member of the Vestry at the time of his decease. He is survived by his widow and the Misses Ellis (2) and one son, Mr Philip Ellis. His elder son, John, predeceased his father about two years ago. A short funeral service was conducted at St. James's Church by the vicar and Rev W. E. Davies, before proceeding to the Taita Cemetery, where the burial service was conducted by Archdeacon Hansell and was followed by full Masonic Rites conducted by W.M. Bro. H. Tremewan.

Charles ENGLAND (1819-1901) Evening Post 01 March 1901

Mr Chas. England, who was a very old settler in the Wellington district, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr J. Lowry, of Petone, yesterday. The deceased, who was a native of Somersetshire, was in his eighty-second year. He carried on business as a builder in the Hutt for a great many years, but for the past seventeen years he had been living in retirement at Petone. Mrs England died twenty-two years ago. Mr England leaves six sons, three daughters, forty-five grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Martha ENGLERT formerly LEEVERS *nee* KING (1864-1944) Evg Post 18 Aug 1944

Mrs Martha Englert, who died recently at her home in Richmond Street, Petone, was born in Petone 80 years ago, her parents being pioneers, the late Mr and Mrs George King, who were married in Lower Hutt. Mrs Englert was the eldest daughter. She went to school, first in the old stockade school adjacent to what is now the entrance to Riddiford Park, Lower Hutt, and later to the Horokiwi School, along with her sisters. She could recall the days when there were only ten European homes in Petone. She was twice married, her first husband being Mr Alfred Leevers, one of the founders of the Petone Fire Brigade. Her second husband was Mr Henry Englert, whose home was in Greymouth. Mrs Englert had been a widow for many years. A family of one son, Mr J. Leevers (Lower Hutt), and three daughters, Mrs Taucher, Mrs A. Garner, and Miss E. M. Englert, survive her, another son, Thomas, having been killed at Messines in 1917. There are four sisters in the Hutt Valley, and a brother, Mr G. King, of Carterton. The funeral at Taita was largely attended, and tributes were received from many parts of the North Island. The present Mayoress of Petone, Mrs H. Green, is a niece, and two past Mayors, the late Mr G. T. London, and Mr George London (interned in Switzerland), are respectively brother-in-law and nephew.

Christian EVENSEN (1805-1890) Evening Post 3 October 1890

It is not often that we have to chronicle the death of so old a colonist as Mr Christian Evensen, who expired at his residence at the Nai Nai, Lower Hutt, yesterday afternoon, at the very ripe old age of 85 years. The deceased was well known in the Hutt district, having resided for nearly 36 years. He was a native of Norway, and came to the coast of New Zealand as a cooper on a whaling ship, landing at Queen Charlotte Sound in 1831. In 1832 he took a voyage to Sydney with a cargo of flax, and returned to New Zealand the same year. He has resided in various parts of the colony ever since that time. In 1848 he took up his residence at Karori, where he was engaged at pit sawing, until in 1853 he removed to Lower Hutt. There he worked as a carpenter until about ten years ago, when he took a small farm, and employed his time at gardening till a very short time since. Mr Evensen was known in the district as a trustworthy and honest man. He leaves a widow and two married daughters to mourn their loss.

Stephen FAGAN (1816-1895) New Zealand Herald 31 October 1895

Mr Steven Fagan, a very old resident of the Rangitikei district, died at the Hutt on the 21st instant, in his 79th year. Deceased was a prominent member of the Methodist connexion.

Monica FAGAN *nee* McKITTRICK (1873-1932) Evening Post 04 Mar 1932

There passed away at Petone last week Mrs Monica Fagan, wife of the Hon. Mark Fagan, M.L.C. The deceased lady had been in delicate health for some time, but the news of her death came in the nature of a painful surprise. Mrs Fagan was a native of the West Coast of the South Island having been born at Cobden, but she spent the greater part of her life at Reefton, and for the past four or five years had lived with her family at Petone. She is survived by three daughters, Misses Eily, Rose and Monica McKittrick, and one sister, Mrs Mackin, the widow of Dr Mackin, formerly of Wellington. The respect in which the deceased was held was indicated when a large congregation assembled in the Catholic Church at Petone for the funeral obsequies. Among those present were Sir Walter Carncross, Speaker of the Legislative Council, Sir Francis Bell, M.L.C., and the Hons C. J. Carrington, E. H. Clark, J. B. Gow, W. McIntyre, W. Stevenson, J. Trevethick, and G. Witty, M.L.C.'s. The pall-bearers were Messrs H. T. Armstrong, W. J. Jordan, R. Semple and W. E. Parry, M.P's, and there were also present, representing Parliamentary Labour Party, Messrs H. E. Holland, F. Langstone, P. Fraser and W. Nash, Dr Henderson, Messrs A. H. Kimbell, and T. H. Sherwood (representing the Mines Department), Messrs P. C. Webb, P. J. O'Regan, B. Grange, and many other representative citizens. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including wreaths from the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council, the Parliamentary Labour Party, Sir James and Lady Parr, and Mr and Mrs R. Semple. Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev Father Quealy, who officiated also at the graveside at Karori.

John Houghton FAIRBAIRN (1866-1925) Evening Post 02 April 1925

The Hutt District Cricket Club recently sustained a severe loss in the death of its president, Mr J. H. Fairbairn. At a meeting of the club's Management Committee this week the following resolution was passed in silence, members standing:- "This meeting of the Management Committee expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs J. H. Fairbairn and family in the death of Mr J. H. Fairbairn, who for five years was the president of the club. The meeting records its fullest appreciation of his years of splendid management and effort on behalf of this club and of cricket in general, and expresses its deep sense of the loss sustained through the death on one whose zeal, generosity, geniality, and energy endeared him to the whole club."

Mary Ann Barbara FAIRBAIRN *nee* VERNON (1872-1930) Hutt News 25 September 1930

The death took place in Wellington on Sunday last of Mrs Barbara Fairbairn, widow of the late Mr John Fairbairn of Myrtle Street and formerly licensee of the New Occidental Hotel, Wellington. The late Mrs Fairbairn who was 58 years of age was born in Victoria and came to New Zealand with her husband some 37 years ago. The late Mrs Fairbairn had a large circle of friends in the Hutt and up to the time of her departure for a trip to the Old Country last year, was one of the most active workers of the Plunket Society. She was also very closely connected with the Waimarie Croquet Club; also the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society. She leaves one son, Mr Leslie Fairbairn of Lower Hutt, and two grand-children.

Robert FAIRWEATHER (1848-1911) Patea Mail 22 September 1911

The "Wairarapa Age" records the death at Masterton of Mr Robert Fairweather, brother of Mr James Fairweather, of Patea. The deceased spent a considerable portion of his life in this district, and his demise will be regretted by a large circle of friends. The deceased gentleman, who was 63 years of age at the time of his death, had been ailing for some time. He was born in the Hutt Valley, and had some varied experiences during the Maori war. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn their loss.

Herbert Charles FAULKE (1865-1933)

Evening Post 02 June 1933
The death occurred suddenly at his residence in Wellington this afternoon of Dr H. C. Faulke, who had been in practice in Wellington for nearly forty years. The late Dr Faulke, who was a well-known medical practitioner, was educated at Edinburgh and Manchester. He was a prizeman in his college in materia medica and therapeutics in the year 1885. Two years later he took his degrees L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. in Edinburgh, and L.F.P.S. and L.M. in Glasgow. He afterwards settled at Stroud Villa, West Mercia, Colchester, where he entered into practice. He was district medical officer and public vaccinator to the Lexdon and Winstree Union, and Admiralty surgeon to the district. He was also medical officer to several friendly societies and referee to a number of life insurance companies. Dr Faulke gained the additional degree of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1894. Coming to New Zealand early in 1895, he settled in Wellington, and acquired the practice of Dr Gillon on that gentleman's removal to Sydney.

Evening Post 05 June 1933
The funeral of the late Dr H. C. Faulke, which took place on Sunday afternoon, and not on Saturday as previously stated, was preceded by a service in St. Peter's Church, Willis Street. The service was conducted by the Rev W. Bullock, vicar of St. Peter's, assisted by the Rev D. C. Bates. The practice of the late Dr Faulke brought him into close touch with members of the legal profession, shipping and insurance companies and insurance companies, and industrial unions, and representatives of these various interests were present; also, delegates of the Wellington Hockey Association, of which Dr Faulke was president. The chief mourners were the widow of deceased, two young sons, and a nephew. The interment took place at Wainui-o-mata in a portion of Dr Faulke's estate which has now been incorporated in the local churchyard. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev D. C. Bates.

Egbert FEIST (1844-1909)

Evening Post 24 Jun 1909
Mr Egbert Feist, senior member of the firm of E. Feist and Co., storekeepers, Lower Hutt, died yesterday. Deceased, who was a native of England, came out to Wellington in the ship 'Mallard' in 1865 and was identified with the business since 1889. He took a considerable interest in affairs of the Hutt borough, and of the local Presbyterian Church. For some time before his death he had been in bad health, but was able to get about until a few days ago, when he contracted a chill, which compelled him to take to his bed. He has left a widow and a family of three sons (Messrs Alfred, Theobold and Bert Feist) and a daughter (Miss Annie Feist). By his death the Hutt has lost one of the most sterling residents.

Wairarapa Daily Times 25 Jun 1909
Death claimed on Wednesday evening one of Lower Hutt's oldest and most prominent business men – Mr Egbert Feist. Mr Feist's birthplace was Framfield, Sussex, the year of his arrival in the Dominion being 1855. After serving in the Government Insurance Department in Wellington for twenty years he went into business in Lower Hutt. His widow and three sons and a daughter survive him. Mr Edwin Feist, of Kuripuni, is a brother, and Mrs James McGregor, of Masterton, a sister of deceased.

Matilda Jane Taylor FELLINGHAM *nee* DUFF (1843-1929) Evening Post 19 October 1929
The death occurred at her daughter's residence, Lower Hutt, of Matilda Jane Fellingham, aged 86, after a week's illness. Born in Auckland, she was the second daughter of the late John Duff, a Government contractor. She came to Wellington at the age of 16, and resided here up to the time of her death. She was married to James George Fellingham, eldest son of the proprietors and publishers of the old "Independent," the first newspaper to be published in Wellington. The family consists of: Mrs G. H. Morgan (Karori), Mrs F. Mancer (Manaia), Mr J. W. Fellingham, Mrs J. Wright (Petone), Mrs M. P. Simeon (Lower Hutt) and Mrs T. Cootes (Wellington).

John FERGUSON (1880-1913) Hutt Valley Independent 16 August 1913
The death occurred last Sunday week, at his residence at Akataraw, of John Ferguson, recently of Upper Hutt at the early age of 33 years. Deceased, who was born in Queensland had only entered into possession of E. J. Beavis' farm a short while back, contracted a severe cold, and getting exposed to the weather before completely recovered, acute pneumonia set in and caused his death. The body was interred at Trentham on August 5, in the presence of a large number of friends. The Rev J. H. Sykes, vicar of St John's, conducted the funeral service.

Henry FINDLAY (1859-1920) Evening Post 06 May 1920
A very old and highly-respected resident of Petone, Mr Henry Findlay, passed away at his residence in Jackson Street early yesterday morning at the age of 60 years. Deceased had been troubled for some time with a disorder of the heart, but only took to his bed on Sunday last. He was a native of White Hills, near Banff, Scotland, and came to New Zealand in 1881. After some years' residence here he visited Scotland, and in 1888 married Miss C. Wright, of Turriff, in the Highlands. Mr Findlay then returned to New Zealand, and he and his wife settled at Petone. He was for many years a prominent borough councillor, and was well known as a bowling enthusiast, being a member of the Petone Club. He leaves a widow, three daughters (Mrs M. C. Carter of Wellington, Misses Betty and Nellie Findlay of Petone) and a son (Mr George Findlay). Mr G. McHattie of Masterton is a brother-in-law of deceased.

William Henry FISK (1869-1932) Manawatu Standard 12 March 1932
The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Mr William Henry Fisk, of Mangatainoka. He was 63 years of age and was born at Nai Nai, Lower Hutt, being a son of the late Mr Francis Fisk, of that district. From Lower Hutt deceased went to Konini and engaged in dairy farming with his twin brother. In 1902 he married Miss Kate Jensen. Later, deceased took over a small farm at Mangatainoka, where he remained up to the time of his death. He is survived by a widow and a family of two girls.

Lady Sarah Jane FITZHERBERT (1816-1886) Evening Post 21 August 1886
We regret having to announce the death of Lady Fitzherbert, wife of Sir William Fitzherbert, K.C.M.G., Speaker of the Legislative Council, which took place at the Lower Hutt early this morning. Lady Fitzherbert was born in London on the 8th September 1816, and had consequently nearly completed her 70th year. She came to Wellington, via Sydney, in 1843, and has resided here ever since. She was a lady of a most kindly disposition and her thoughtfulness for others caused her to be deeply beloved by all who came in contact with her. Her loss will be deeply felt, especially by the poor in the immediate neighbourhood of the Hutt. The funeral will take place on Monday next, leaving her late residence at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Sir William FITZHERBERT (1810-1891) Evening Post 9 February 1891

On Saturday New Zealand lost one of its greatest men in the person of Sir William Fitzherbert, who expired at his residence, Lower Hutt at 2.40 p.m. The immediate cause of death was Bright's disease, from which he had been suffering acutely for many weeks past, and for some time it was evident that the end was approaching, as at his advanced age he lacked physical strength to sustain the pain he was enduring. His intellect, however, was clear and unclouded to the last, and he fully realised the fact that recovery was impossible, although perhaps scarcely thinking the end was so near.

On Saturday, an hour or two before his death, he as usual ordered the household accounts to be brought to him, went over them, and signed a cheque for the amount. The signature to the cheque was fairly firm, and was the last thing he wrote. His eldest son, Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, and his daughter, Mrs P. A. Buckley, were with him when he quietly breathed his last.

Sir William Fitzherbert was the third son of the late Rev Samuel Fitzherbert, rector of Houghton, Dorsetshire, England. He was born August 15th, 1810. He received his education first at a drama school, then at Sherbourn Grammar School, and afterwards at the celebrated Merchant Taylors' School, London, on leaving which he entered at Queen's College, Cambridge, his age at that time being 18. His tutor was his elder brother, Herbert, a professor at the University, and he became a Senior-Optime in Mathematics, a Brown's University medalist, and a double first in Classics. He took his M.A. degree in 1832 and became a Fellow of his college. He was the fellow student of two young men who subsequently became famous as early colonial bishops; they were Bishop Perry, the first Bishop of Melbourne, and Bishop Selwyn of New Zealand… He was a celebrated light weight boxer, and on one occasion, in a Town v. Gown row, he pluckily rescued Mr Hugh Carleton, then a fellow student and afterwards a colleague in the New Zealand Parliament, from an infuriated mob of Town roughs. Leaving the University, Mr Fitzherbert elected to study medicine, which he began to do in Paris, subsequently walking St. Thomas' Hospital, London. In March 1839, he took his M.D. degree in the Royal College of Physicians, and commenced practice in Hanover-square, London. Two years before this he married Miss Sarah Jane Leach, the well-known Lady Fitzherbert, who died 21st August 1886. In 1841 Dr Fitzherbert determined to proceed to New Zealand, whither he had previously sent some capital for investment, and in April of that year he purchased the schooner *Lady Leigh*, 80 tons burden, which he freighted entirely with his own merchandise and stock. The adventurous little party arrived in Sydney after a voyage of four months. They then proceeded to Wellington, where Dr Fitzherbert determined to settle, and he at once sent for Mrs Fitzherbert and his infant son William who arrived here in due course. The family resided for several years on Mount Victoria, but subsequently removed to Farish street – so called after an old friend of his – where the doctor had been for years carrying on business as a general merchant, auctioneer, and buyer of whale oil and bone… After the 1848 earthquake and the wreck of the ship *Sobraon* Mrs Fitzherbert proceeded by another vessel to Sydney where her daughter Alice, now Mrs P. A. Buckley, was born. Both as a merchant and a whaler the doctor succeeded beyond his expectations, and while in Sydney to bring his family back, he had built for him a schooner which he christened the *William Alfred*, after his eldest son, the well-known and popular civil engineer. In this schooner the family returned to Wellington… and resided in a house built close to where the Colonial Museum now stands, and it was here that Mr H. S. Fitzherbert, ex-member for the Hutt, was born.

In one of the periodical trips from Sydney, the *William Alfred* brought down a wooden frame house, which had been constructed in Sydney to the order of the doctor, which he designed should be erected at the Lower Hutt, where he had acquired a considerable amount of property. The place received the name of Tredenham, and as such the property is still known.

Upon the Fitzherbert family commencing to reside at the Lower Hutt, the doctor relinquished business, and devoted his time and talents to the service of his country… In 1856 he was elected to the House of Representatives, and sat for the City of Wellington, and afterwards for the Hutt, until his translation to the Speakership of the Legislative Council… The funeral has been fixed to take place at the Lower Hutt cemetery at 3 o'clock tomorrow. The remains of the deceased knight will be interred alongside those of his late wife, Lady Fitzherbert.

William Alfred FITZHERBERT (1842-1906) Evening Post 3 February 1906

Mr William Alfred Fitzherbert died suddenly at the Lower Hutt yesterday afternoon, death being due to heart disease. He was riding on horseback to Gear Island in company with an employee, when he became faint, and dismounted. His fellow traveller led him along the river bank, but he collapsed a few minutes subsequently, and when Dr Purdy arrived he discovered that life was extinct. Dr Purdy, who had been attending deceased for heart disease for some time past, has given a certificate that death was due to that ailment.

Deceased was the elder son of the late Sir William Fitzherbert, who was a Superintendent of the Wellington Province, and was in his sixty-fourth year, having been born at London in 1842. He was educated at the Rev William Wheeler's Grammar School, Wellington, at Sydney Grammar School, Mr Dodd's school at Surrey Hills, Sydney and at Canterbury College. Under Mr Roy, Chief Surveyor, he entered the Engineering Department of the Provincial Government and remained there for five years. In 1863 he took up farming pursuits at Wainuiomata on a farm owned by his father, but soon after Sir William was elected Superintendent of Wellington Province his son returned to professional life, and worked as the Assistant Provincial Engineer in the Provincial Engineer's Department in the Province of Wellington up to its abolition in 1876. Mr William C. Chatfield, architect, is now the only surviving member of that Department in New Zealand. He was appointed Engineer to the Hutt County Council, and retained that position for five years, after which he returned to pastoral pursuits, in which he has remained for about twenty-five years.

Mr Fitzherbert was an officer of many public bodies. He was one of the Commissioners under the Lands for Settlements Act of 1894, and had sat on the Wellington Education Board, the Wellington Waste Lands Board, and was for five years Mayor of Lower Hutt Borough. He also did good service on the Hutt River Board. He was a member and Past Grand Master of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and as a Volunteer he served for then years, for the first six (1862 to 1868) as Captain of the Hutt Rifles, which company did garrison duty at the time when sixty Maoris made their escape from a hulk in Port Nicholson. Mr Fitzherbert's troops secured the only one of the fugitives who was captured. Afterwards Mr Fitzherbert formed the Hutt Cavalry, and retained the captaincy of it for four years. He took much interest in church matters, and for several years was a member of the Anglican Diocesan Synod.

He leaves a widow and nine children. Of the four sons, Mr Herbert Fitzherbert is an art student in London; Mr Charles Fitzherbert (who is now visiting Wellington) is farming in the Argentine; and two younger sons are at school at Wanganui College. The wife of Professor von Zedlitz is a daughter of deceased, as also is Mrs Latham of Wellington. The funeral will take place at 3.15 o'clock tomorrow.

Henrietta Jane FITZMAURICE *nee* FRASER (1883-1934) Evening Post 11 January 1934

The many friends of Mrs Henrietta Jane Fitzmaurice, Lower Hutt, will regret to hear of her death. Born in Invercargill 48 years ago, Mrs Fitzmaurice was the daughter of the late Sergeant-Major and Mrs J. D. Fraser, a well-known family in Southland. She was married in Invercargill to Mr A. J. ("Guy") Fitzmaurice, who was well known in racing circles in Wellington, and a member of an old family in the Hutt Valley. The late Mrs Fitzmaurice, whose health had been failing of late years, was highly esteemed by her many friends in the Wellington district and elsewhere. She is survived by her husband, two sons, a sister, and two brothers.

William Lee FOSTER (1867-1931) Hutt News 16 September 1931

The sudden death of Mr William Lee Foster of 10 Totara Crescent took place at his residence at about 10.30 a.m. on Sunday. Mr Foster apparently collapsed whilst mowing the lawn at the rear of his house where he was found by Mrs Foster, life being extinct. The late Mr Foster was a retired builder and contractor and took a keen interest in bowling, being one of the foundation members of the Woburn Club of which he was a member of the management committee. He was also a member of the committee of the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society. He served in the Boer war, after which he was engaged for many years in the re-construction of old bridges and the construction of new ones in South Africa. He is survived by his widow and son and daughter. The funeral took place at Karori yesterday.

Frederick James FRANCE (1857-1942) Hutt News 19 August 1942

Mr Frederick James France, Lower Hutt, son of the late Dr Charles France, one of Wellington's best known early physicians, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs A. B. Foley, Takapau, Hawke's Bay, recently, at the age of 81. Mr France resided in Lower Hutt for about 40 years and was at one time clerk to the Hutt County Council. He was born in Wellington and educated at Wellington College, and was for many years a member of the Old Naval Brigade in which he was champion rifle shot. He was for many years on the staff of the Wellington City Council. He married Marcella Minnie Carey, of Ireland, in 1888 who predeceased him seven years ago. The late Mr France leaves two daughters, Mrs A. B. Foley, Takapau, and Mrs E. O'Connell, Lower Hutt, and two sons, Messrs C. H. France, Palmerston North and O. T. France, Lower Hutt and six grand-children. The funeral took place at Takapau.

John Jones FRASER (1841-1896) New Zealand Mail 02 Jan 1896

The many friends of Mr John Jones Fraser will regret to learn of his death at his home, Browntown, Forty-mile Bush. He came to the colonies in the year 1867 and has resided at the Taita for some twenty-five years, eventually settling in the Forty-mile Bush. He was a native of Dingwall, Rosshire, Scotland. He has been a member of the Loyal Rose of the Valley Lodge, Lower Hutt. Mr Fraser, who was 55 years of age, passed away last Tuesday after a long and painful illness, the cause of death being cancer in the stomach. He was a kind husband to his wife and loving father to his children and a true brother of the I.O.O.F. His widow and four children have the sympathy of everybody here in their bereavement.

Walter FRY Wairarapa Age 15 Oct 1908

The death of Mr Walter Fry, who for many years resided at Featherston, occurred at the Dannevirke Hospital on Monday last. The deceased, who was 54 years of age, was born in England and came out to New Zealand with his parents when about two and a half years old. The family resided at the Hutt for a few years, and then came to Featherston. About two years ago Mr Fry removed to Dannevirke. A widow, four sons and a daughter are left to mourn their loss.

William FULLER (-1945) Hutt News 19 September 1945

The death of Mr William Fuller took place at his late residence, Laings Road, on the 6th inst., after a short illness. The late Mr Fuller was connected with one of the most highly respected Marlborough families and his loss will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends in Picton, Marlborough and Wellington districts. He was the fourth son of the late Mr and Mrs James Fuller, who were early Picton settlers, where he was born 73 years ago. In early life Mr Fuller was connected with the wool scouring industry and the butchery trade at Shannon, Ohingaiti and at Wellington. In 1904 he returned to the Marlborough district and took over the Starborough Hotel at Seddon. On his return from the Great War, where he served at Samoa, Mr Fuller was appointed by the Government as a skin appraiser for the Marlborough and Nelson areas. A keen sportsman all his life, he became a prominent cricketer for the Awarua Club. He was a foundation member of the Awarua Football Club. In later years he took an active interest in bowling and was a very highly esteemed member of the Lower Hutt Bowling Club for many years. During the past season he put up a highly creditable performance in the Singles and the Pairs Competitions. He was also fond of racing and became the owner of several horses, one of the most successful being Dick, which won a Steeplechase in Sydney in 1922 and in 1926 led the field home in the Great Northern Steeplechase. Other horses owned by him were Milady, Miriam and Mullaboden. In later years Mr Fuller had lived in retirement. He is survived by his widow, two brothers, Messrs James, of Picton, and Hugh of Blenheim, and three sisters Miss L. Fuller and Mrs V. E. Bush of Picton, and Mrs A. C. Brown of Christchurch. The interment took place at the Picton Cemetery.

Frederick Henry FUTTER (1875-1934) Evening Post 25 Jan 1934

Mr Frederick Henry Futter, son of the late Mr James Futter, an early resident of Ngahauranga, died at his residence, Maui Road, Taita, Lower Hutt, on Friday evening after a short illness. He had been spending a holiday at Rangiuru Camp, Otaki, with his family when he was suddenly ill on Tuesday, and was removed to his home at Taita. The late Mr Futter took a keen interest in church, social and political affairs, being at one time a member of the Hutt River Board, and was a well-known supporter of the Seddon Government. He resided for many years at Newlands, Johnsonville, afterwards making his home at Taita, where he was held in the highest esteem. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Sunday at the Taita Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mrs W. B. Liddle and Miss Dulcie Futter (daughters), Mr F. Roy Futter (son), Mr Walter Futter (brother), Messrs C. Futter, E. Tait (nephews), W. B. Liddle (son-in-law), and W. A. Baudinet (brother-in-law). The pall-bearers were Messrs F. Roy Futter, Walter Futter, W. A. Baudinet, S. Anderson, V. Mason, and F. W. Vosseler. The service at the house and the graveside was conducted by Rev H. Y. C. Reynolds, Lower Hutt, and Rev D. Williams, Taita, a close friend of the family. The late Mr Futter is survived by his widow (daughter of the late Captain James Wills), three daughters – Mrs Edna Liddle and Misses Dulcie and Joyce Futter, and a son, Mr F. Roy Futter, and two grandchildren. Mr Charles Futter, Te Awamutu and Mr Walter Futter, Wellington, are brothers.

Daniel GALVIN (1795-1893) & **Elizabeth (1793-1893)** Evening Post 12 August 1893

To the Petone Catholic Cemetery probably belongs the distinction of containing the remains of the oldest married couple who have yet died in this district, or perhaps in the colony – Mr and Mrs Daniel Galvin of Lower Hutt, who have died within two months of each other, at the advanced ages of 98 and 100 years respectively. Mr Galvin originally belonged to Charleville, Cork, and his wife to Newcastle West, Limerick. They arrived in New Zealand in 1841 by the ship *Gertrude*, and under the late Sir William Fitzherbert embarked in farming on Belmont Hill, until through failing health and adverse circumstances they were obliged to retire into a cottage kindly provided for them gratuitously by the late Mr Henry Bunny, and continued until their death by Mr Riddiford, his son-in-law, and present owner of Ferngrove. Of late years both deceased were afflicted by severe physical maladies, which were lightened by the unremitting attention of their only child, Mrs Downey, herself 74 years of age, and generous assistance accorded them by the Hutt people generally, especially Mrs E. J. Riddiford, who has been unsparing in ministering to their requirements. They were deservedly esteemed by all acquainted with their simple, edifying, and, though old, their warm-hearted characters. The Rev Father Lane officiated at both funerals, which were largely attended.

Emma Jane GASKIN *nee* HARRIS (1860-1938) Pahiatua Herald 7 September 1938

Another old and respected resident of the Wairarapa passed away on Monday night, at the residence of her eldest son, Mr Les Gaskin of Cambridge Terrace, Masterton in the person of Mrs Emma Jane Gaskin. Born at Taita, Hutt, on August 10, 1860, she was christened by Bishop Selwyn, in the old Taita church. She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Edward Richard Harris, of Martinborough. Mr E. R. Harris and his brother, Mr Charles Harris, were for many years the joint owners of Hautotara Station, now subdivided and owned by the Hon. A. D. McLeod and his brothers. Up to the time of leaving Martinborough about four years ago, Mrs Gaskin held the distinction of being the oldest Martinborough resident as far as period of residence was concerned, though not in actual years of age. She was married to Mr Matthew Gaskin, a well-known and highly-respected contractor of Martinborough, on December 13, 1882. Mr Gaskin predeceased her on November 24, 1937. She was also predeceased by three sisters, Mesdames Thomas Rayner of Masterton, George Humphries of Wellington, and John Ross of Martinborough. Two sons are left to mourn their loss. Mr Les Gaskin of Cambridge Terrace, Masterton and Mr George Gaskin of Mangatainoka. There are twelve grandchildren.

Matthew GASKIN (1821-1867) Wellington Independent 28 September 1867

We regret to announce that the accident to Mr Matthew Gaskin, which we noticed six weeks ago, has had a fatal result. Mr Gaskin was a member of the Taita Rifle Volunteers, and on Tuesday last was buried with all the military honors to which he was entitled. The Hutt Volunteer Band, under their very able conductor, Mr Valentine, was in attendance, and played the “Dead March in Saul.” The deceased was followed to his grave by the members of his corps, and a large number of relatives and other persons anxious to shew their respect, amongst whom were Captain Stack, Inspector of Musketry, Captain and Adjutant Cleland, Captains Beetham, Whitewood and Mills, and several subaltern officers of the Hutt and Taita corps. The whole ceremony formed a most impressive scene, such as never before witnessed in the Hutt.

James Philip GAYNOR (1851-1902) Evening Post 20 November 1902

On the 19th November, at his residence, Sydney-street, Petone, suddenly, James Phillip Gaynor, aged 51 years. R.I.P. A sudden death occurred at Petone yesterday afternoon, when Mr J. Gaynor expired at his residence after a few hours' illness. The deceased was an old resident of Petone, and much respected. He took an active part in the formation of the local co-operative store, and was secretary of the Petone Fire Brigade. Dr Perry having certified to death resulting from failure of the heart's action, no inquest will be held.

Leo Francis GAYNOR (1880-1921) Evening Post 04 January 1922

Mr Leo Gaynor, a returned soldier and a well-known business man of Petone, died last week at the Trentham Military Hospital, after a long illness. Deceased, who was the elder son of Mrs M. A. Gaynor, was born in Dublin, and leaves a widow and infant daughter. His funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in the district, took place on Sunday. The Revs. Fathers Quealy and Walshe officiated at the graveside.

Mary Ann GAYNOR *nee* TRACY (1854-1932) Evening Post 06 September 1932

A very old resident of Petone, Mrs Mary Gaynor, widow of the late Mr James Gaynor, passed away at her residence, Buckle Street, Petone, on Saturday. She met with a very painful accident nearly two years ago and had been an invalid ever since. Born in Ireland 78 years ago, all her married life, with the exception of a few years residence in Ireland and England, was spent in the Wellington district. Mrs Gaynor was one of the pioneer Catholics of the Hutt Valley, and the very fine property of the Catholic community in Petone owes a great deal to the efforts of Mrs Gaynor and her late husband. When the ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was first formed in Petone she was elected president and did great work among the poor of the district. Her husband predeceased her 28 years ago, and her family consists of one son, Mr James Gaynor, and four daughters, Mrs Lyall Powell, and the Misses Gaynor. Her elder son, Mr Les Gaynor, died in 1921. There are six grandchildren. The Rev Father Murphy celebrated the Requiem Mass and conducted the service at the graveside.

Elizabeth GEORGE *nee* YULE (1845-1937) Evening Post 01 February 1935

Mrs Elizabeth George, a pioneer resident of the Hutt Valley died last week, at the age of 92 years. She was well known also in the Wairarapa. The late Mrs George's parents, Mr and Mrs Alexander Yule, came out to Petone in the barque 'Bengal Merchant', landing in Petone in February 1840. They lived in Petone for two or three years and then moved up to Taita, where Mrs George was born. There were eleven in Mr Yule's family, and Mrs George was the last survivor. The Hutt Valley in those days was covered with dense bush, but during the time Mrs George lived there the work of cutting up the land for farms was in progress. Most of the land was cut up into 20-acre sections. Timber-cutting was practically the only industry in the Hutt Valley. Many houses were built high off the ground because of the prevalence of floods. When Mrs George was 14 or 15 years old about 15 people were drowned in Stokes Valley through the flooding of the Hutt River. As the result of the big earthquake of 1855 her father's house was shifted off its piles and made uninhabitable. Mrs George walked to Wellington a number of times along the track that wound round the hillside by the shore. When Mrs George was 18 years old the family removed to the Wairarapa district to take up farming at East Taratahi. The farm, which covered 20 acres, stood in land on which there was no big bush, but mostly flax, tea tree and scrub. They had to grind their own meal and flower and cut up potatoes to make starch. Mr Yule and his son took up a contract for driving between the Wairarapa and Wellington. Apart from five years spent in Taranaki, Mrs George lived in the Wairarapa until she returned to Petone two years ago. Surviving members of her family are Mr Alex. George (Tawaha), Mr T. George (Akatarawa), Mr James George (Dannevirke), Mr Robert George (Martinborough), Mrs H. Carty (Petone), Mrs D. Murray (Lower Hutt) and Mrs A. Taylor (Palmerston North).

Ellen Frances GIBSON *nee* HIBBERT (1860-1932) Hutt News 06 November 1930

There passed away on the 29th October at her late residence, Mrs J. Gibson, wife of Mr J. Gibson of Barraud Street, after a brief illness. The late Mrs Gibson who had resided in the district for over 20 years, was well known in the Hutt for her kindly disposition and was one of those silent workers, who could be depended upon to come to the assistance of any one in distress. She had a wide circle of friends and was one of the original members of the committee of the Plunket Society in which she took a particular interest. She was also one of the foundation members of the Waimarie Croquet Club and an enthusiastic supporter of the game. As a member of St. James's Church she was unfailing in her support on all occasions and was one of the band of ladies who interest themselves in the domestic welfare of the Anglican Boys' Home by attending regular sewing meetings. The funeral service, which was largely attended was conducted at St James's Church before proceeding to Karori. Archdeacon Hansell officiated at both services.

George Hamilton GIBSON (1848-1935) New Zealand Herald 1 November 1935

The death has occurred at Opotiki of Mr George H. Gibson, of Woodlands, Opotiki, aged 87. Mr Gibson was one of the survivors of the wreck of the steamer *Wairarapa* on Great Barrier Island in 1894. He was born at Upper Hutt, Wellington. During the Maori War Mr Gibson had many exciting experiences, and he also took part in the gold rush to Kimberley, in Western Australia. During his long life he had lived in many parts of New Zealand and Australia, but for the past 13 years had resided with his step-son, Mr P. Rumble, of the returned soldiers' settlement at Woodlands.

William Albert Ernest GILL (1875-1945) Evening Post 11 July 1945

One of Wellington's best-known businessmen, Mr William Ernest Albert Gill, died last night at the age of 70. He had been for many years a principal of the accounting firm of Rowley, Gill, Hobbs, and Glen. Mr Gill was born in Middlesboro, Yorkshire, and came to New Zealand in 1887. He joined the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company in Auckland, and was subsequently on the staff of the Commercial Union, Standard, and Phoenix Insurance Companies. He joined the firm of Badham and Biss and managed the Northern Assurance and Canton Company under that firm for 10 years. He later joined the firm of J. H. G. Rowley, who acted as attorneys for the Norwich Union office. In 1924 he became controlling officer for New Zealand of the Phoenix, Norwich, and Union Marine companies, being manager of the Norwich Union for many years. Mr Gill had many sporting and social interests. He was a life member of the Miramar Golf Club, the Star Boating Club, and the Wellesley Club. He served for many years on the New Zealand Golf Council, and was a member of the Wellington Racing Club. He had strong musical inclinations and was in earlier days an enthusiast of amateur theatricals. He was managing director of the Bloomfield Farm Company in the Hutt Valley, chairman of directors of the Scoullar Company, and a director of the Wellington Investment Company. Mrs Gill predeceased him two years ago, and he is survived by two daughters, Mrs J. N. S. Wallens, of Sydney, and Mrs T. R. Balharry, of Wellington, and one son, Mr J. O. Gill, of Hawera.

Charles Haggarty GILLESPIE (1832-1897) Evening Post 26 July 1897

Among those who took part in the earliest struggles of the colony, passed through the troublous times when hostile natives hung round the outskirts and menaced what is now the City of Wellington, and who watched the rapid growth and development of the place from a small string of dwarfed houses and rickety stores to the city as it now stands was Mr C. H. Gillespie of the Shepherds' Arms Hotel. Landing here with his parents when only ten years of age, Mr Gillespie, during the 65 years of his life which terminated yesterday, has passed through all the vicissitudes and exciting incidents so common to early settlers, and his fund of anecdotes and tales of dangers and difficulties overcome have served to wile away many a pleasant evening for those who live in the more peaceful times of to-day. Mr Gillespie's own family suffered terribly at the hands of the natives four years after the family landed in the colony, his father and brother being murdered at the Hutt. Mrs Gillespie and her daughter fortunately were living in Wellington at the time, and young Charles Gillespie happened to be absent. Small wonder that his services were given to the militia, and that when a mere boy he shouldered his heavy musket to assist in punishing the natives whenever they over-stepped the bounds a little more than usual. Mr Gillespie was always a public-spirited man, and as the city grew he contributed his full share towards its advancement. He was one of the founders of the first court of Foresters in the city, and has since always taken an interest in the lodge, having filled for 25 years the position of trustee. Amongst other things he was an enthusiastic fireman, and his many services to the Brigade eventually earned for him the position of life honorary member. For nearly 30 years he has kept the hotel now known as the Shepherds' Arms, and during that period his many qualities have earned for him innumerable friends. Taking a pride in his straightforwardness, always ready to assist his fellows and do good quietly, possessed of a keen sense of humour, and a happy knack of telling a story, he was a typical early-time settler. Full to the brim with information of the stirring past and ever ready to place his knowledge at the disposal of his fellows, his genial presence will be widely missed. During the past few years he has not been out and about much. The trying times of the past had told their tale, and recently he had to take to his bed with an attack of bronchitis which ultimately caused his death. A widow and family of six boys and four girls are left to mourn the decease of the veteran settler. The funeral will take place on Wednesday at the Karori Cemetery.

George GLOVER (1844-1932) Evening Post 27 July 1932

An old and highly respected resident of Wellington, Mr George Glover, died last night at his residence, 24 Oriental Terrace, his home since 1884. The late Mr Glover, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland in 1844, joined the well-known firm of Mann, Byars, and Co., of Glasgow, which he represented in Northern Ireland, South Africa, and New Zealand. From 1883, when he arrived in Wellington, to 1918, as a representative of his firm, he earned an enviable reputation for ability and integrity. On his retirement from the commercial world he acquired an estate at Wainui-o-mata, which he relinquished a few years ago. He was a general supporter of the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church, and gave liberally to charity. The late Mr Glover leaves a family of six sons and three daughters – Messrs Arthur Glover of Wellington, W. and J. Glover of Sydney, G. Glover of Levin, H. L. Glover of Eltham, F. Glover of London; Mrs Neil Galbraith, Mrs A. Cowles, and Mrs Dunn, widow of the late Captain Dunn, R.N.R. The three daughters are all resident in Wellington.

Thomas Dowling GLOVER (1876-1941) Evening Post 27 August 1941

The death has occurred in Wellington of Mr. Thomas D. Glover, a much respected resident of Lower Hutt. He was the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Glover, Nelson. The late Mr. Glover was a very active member of the Hutt Valley Master Plumbers' Association, being closely connected with its formation. He was president of the association for a term and was its representative at the annual master plumbers' conferences. He was also a member of the Orphans' Club, Masonic Lodge, Hutt Bowling Club, and Wellington Racing and Trotting Clubs. He leaves a widow and two daughters (Mrs. C. Fielden, Christchurch, and Mrs. G. H. Inkster, Lower Hutt). Mrs. H. Shaw, Wellington, is a sister, and Messrs. Frank Glover, Auckland, and William Glover, Lower Hutt, are brothers. The funeral took place yesterday at the Karori Cemetery and was largely attended.

Walter GOALEN (1849-1894)

Evening Post 9 January 1894

The numerous friends in Wellington of Mr Walter Goalen received a great shock this morning when they learnt he had breathed his last at his residence at the Hutt, after being seized with an epileptic fit. The deceased gentleman was a native of Scotland, his father being a clergyman. He was brought up to a commercial life, and spent some of his earliest years in Ceylon. His arrival in New Zealand took place about nine years ago, and he was successful in obtaining the appointment of Secretary of the Gear Meat Company soon after taking up his residence here. After relinquishing the position he accepted a responsible appointment in the office of Levin and Co., and continued in the service of the firm up to the time of his death. For a considerable period before his demise he had been in indifferent health. Early this morning he was seized with an epileptic fit, and at 8 o'clock he died. The deceased, who is survived by his wife, was about 43 years of age. He was a cousin of the present Premier of Great Britain (the Right Hon W. E. Gladstone), a fact of which he was very proud. The late Mr Goalen, who was highly respected, was possessed of considerable literary ability. He was a Freemason – a member of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No.2.

New Zealand Mail 12 January 1894

It is with regret we accounce the death of Mr Walter Goalen, which occurred at his residence at the Hutt about 8 o'clock on January 9th. For years past Mr Goalen has been suffering from epileptic fits; recently he has been in rather worse health than usual, and his death occurred shortly after his being seized with a fit. Deceased, who was 43 years of age, was a native of Scotland, his father being a clergyman of the Scotch-Episcopalian Church. He was educated at Edinburgh, Mr Collier, of school text-book fame, being one of the masters at the school he attended, and he subsequently went to London, where he was engaged for many years in mercantile offices. Something like nine years ago he came out to New Zealand, partly, we understand, for the sake of his health, and shortly after his arrival he obtained the position of secretary to the Gear Meat Company. He soon afterwards went on a six months' visit to the Old Country on the occasion of the death of his father, and on returning to this Colony entered the service of Messrs Levin and Co., in which he continued up to the time of his death. He was a cousin of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Premier of Great Britain, and he was also possessed of considerable literary ability. When only a youth of about 17 years of age, he wrote a long poem entitled "Gideon," which possessed considerable merit, and later wrote a poem descriptive of a tour in the Highlands of Scotland. He lived at the Hutt the whole of the time he has been in this part of the Colony, and was greatly liked and respected by all with whom he was brought in contact. He leaves a widow but no children.

James GOLDER (1841-1911) Hutt Valley Independent 21 October 1911

We have to record the death at the age of 70 years of Mr James Golder, one of the first batch of colonials born in the Valley. Deceased was born at Petone on August 14, 1841, and lived with his parents until 1856 when he went as a cadet on Dr Allison's Wanganui sheep run. Not finding the occupation congenial he returned home and worked worked with his father at Belmont until 1870, when he and his brother John came to work for J. & G. Brown at Upper Hutt for several years. He then started in business at Trentham as a watchmaker where he remained for about three years. As a phrenologist he acquired some repute. Subsequently he joined his brother Charles in the watchmaking business at Waipawa and later on commenced again on his own account at Cambridge leaving there twenty years later for Waipawa. After a few years sojourn there he took up his abode with his sister, Mrs Dowling, at whose house he died on Tuesday at 8.15 a.m. Mr Golder has been suffering from heart trouble and had latterly experienced serious seizures, he partook of a cup of tea in bed shortly after 7 and was then all right. Just after 8 he was found to be speechless and waving his sister farewell, passed quietly away. The funeral took place at 8.30 on Thursday morning, the body being interred at St Joseph's in the same grave as his niece, the late Theresa Dowling. Mr Golder took a keen interest in Upper Hutt affairs and the early history of the Valley.

Donald GOLLAN (1811-1887) Hawkes Bay Herald 15 Oct 1887

Our readers will regret to learn of the death of Mr Donald Gollan, which took place yesterday. The deceased gentleman, who was held in the highest estimation by all who had the pleasure of knowing him, was born at Culloden, near Inverness, in the year 1811. His education was commenced at the latter town, and completed at the Edinburgh Academy, after which he adopted the profession of engineer and surveyor. In that capacity he came to New Zealand in the year 1841, under engagement to the New Zealand Company. In 1854 he commenced sheep-farming upon the land now known as the Mangatarata run, and for some years endured all the vicissitudes and hardships which fell to the lot of the early settlers in their endeavours to carve out a home for themselves in what was literally a wilderness. Mr Gollan took a prominent part in the agitation which resulted in Hawke's Bay being separated from Wellington and made a province. The Herald, which was started to support the separation movement, published its first number on September 24th, 1857, and in that number Mr Gollan's name appears on the short list which then constituted the Hawke's Bay electoral roll. In that year Mr Gollan was elected to the Wellington Provincial Council as representative for the East Coast. In 1859 he married the widow of the late Mr Charles de Pelichet, but she was removed by death shortly after the birth of Mr Gollan's only son, Mr Spencer H. Gollan. He contracted no further ties, devoting his life to his family, the son above mentioned and two step-children— Miss de Pelichet and Mr Louis de Pelichet, The portion of Mr Gollan's life after he surmounted his early difficulties was prosperous and happy, and he remained strong and in good health until two months ago, when he grew feeble, and gradually sinking, died painlessly yesterday morning in his 76th year.

William Thompson GORDON (1878-1913) Hutt Valley Independent 16 August 1913

After a brief sojourn in Silverstream at the termination of a protracted illness, William Thompson Gordon, for many years private secretary to Sir James Carroll and the late Premier Seddon, passed away peacefully on Thursday of last week, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his loss. Deceased, who was in 39th year, was one of the most esteemed private secretaries in political life, and his sad demise ended a most promising career. The attendance at his funeral on Monday and the many floral tributes sent from near and far were ample testimony of the esteem in which he was held. The late Mr Gordon was born at Oamaru, but joining the civil service some twenty years ago, spent most of his life in Wellington, only leaving there when absolutely compelled to recruit an illness which in the end proved incurable.

James GORRIE (1845-1915) Wairarapa Age 01 July 1915

The death of Mr James Gorrie, of Petone, at the age of 70 years, occurred on Sunday. Deceased, who was a native of Perth, Scotland, came out with his parents in the Oliver Lang when he was 13 years old. He was formerly a farmer at Wainui-o-mata and at Whiteman's Valley, and he also engaged in the sawmilling business in the Hutt district and at Levin. He has left a widow and two sons.

William GORRIE (1854-1930) Dominion 12 May 1930

An early settler, who had lived in New Zealand for 70 years, Mr William Gorrie, of Palfrey Street, Upper Hutt, died at his residence, Upper Hutt, on Thursday last. Mr Gorrie, who was born in Perth, Scotland, 76 years ago, arrived in Wellington by the *Oliver Lang* when he was about three years old, with his parents, who took up their residence at Lower Hutt. Mr Gorrie commenced business as a contractor and later joined his brother, the late Mr James Gorrie, the pair sawmilling and farming in Manawatu and Hutt Valley districts. Deceased eventually settled in the Upper Hutt Valley as a farmer. He retired ten years ago and lived at Upper Hutt. Mr Gorrie leaves a widow and family of five – William, John and Henry Gorrie, of Mangaroa Valley, Upper Hutt, Maurice Gorrie of Ohau, and Mrs David Greig, of Upper Hutt. The esteem in which he was held was evident on Saturday afternoon, when a large and representative gathering paid their last respects to Mr Gorrie at the graveside.

Mary Amelia GOSS *nee* COTTLE (1872-1942) Evening Post 11 January 1943

The death occurred recently in Levin of Mrs Mary Amelia Goss, who was born in Wellington 70 years ago, being the second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Cottle, pioneers of Wellington. She was married to Mr Ernest Goss 51 years ago, farming first at Upper Belmont, then at Mangamaire, and later at Nireaha, where she lived for 32 years. Four years ago Mr and Mrs Goss retired and went to live in Levin. She is survived by her husband and eight sons, Messrs Charles, William, Stanley, and Claude Goss of Nireaha; Arthur Goss of Rata; Albert Goss, Shannon; Private Edward Goss, Rotorua; and Gunner Harry Goss, who is a prisoner of war in Italy; and three daughters, Mrs Walter Hooper, Newman; Mrs William Lowry, Pahiatua; and Mrs Erle Hutchings, Eketahuna. There are 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs Goss also leaves six brothers and four sisters.

Charles GRACE (1828-1904) Manawatu Standard 12 Nov 1904

Mr Charles Grace, of Sanson, whose death occurred a few days ago, came to the colony 39 years ago. He first settled at the Hutt and was one of the original selectors of the Hutt Small Farms Association, which dealt with the block of land now so well-known as the Sandon district. He selected the section now known as Pine Grove, and resided at Sanson continuously since his arrival in the township 29 years ago.

William Arthur GRACE (1844-1932) Evening Post 14 July 1932

Mr William Arthur Grace, an early settler of the Wairarapa district, died at his residence, Seatoun, yesterday, in his 88th year. The late Mr Grace came to New Zealand with his parents when six years of age in the sailing vessel Northfleet. He has for some years past lived in retirement at Seatoun. Mr Grace was a foundation member of the Seatoun Bowling Club, a life member of the Seatoun Wellington Racing Club, and for some years was a member of the Petone Rifle Club. He was a single man. His relatives are Messrs J. K. Jackson, of Wainui-o-mata; Mr S. L. Jackson, of Levin; and Mr Gordon Jackson, of Wellington, nephews; and Messrs W. and E. L. Willoughby, of Island Bay, great-nephews.

Thomas Gore GRAHAM (1829-1918)

Evening Post 19 Jan 1918
The death is announced at Palmerston North of Thomas Gore Graham, aged 89 years. Mr Graham arrived in Auckland in September 1862 after a four months' voyage in the ship *Hanover*. He was for some time a teacher in Bishop Williams's Native school in Poverty Bay, subsequently joining the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Auckland. Mr Graham was afterwards transferred to several branches of the bank, including New Plymouth, Wanganui and Wellington. Resigning from the bank's staff in 1868, he was appointed accountant to Messrs Brogden Brothers, and later occupied a similar position in the Wellington branch of Messrs Kempthorne, Prosser and Co. He retired from active business life some sixteen years ago, and took up his residence in Palmerston North. He was an elder of St Andrew's Church, Palmerston North. Mr Graham leaves a widow and a family of five.

Dominion 21 Jan 1918
The death is announced of Mr Thomas Gore Graham, another of New Zealand's pioneer settlers. The late Mr Gore Graham was born at Newnham, Gloucester, in 1829, and came to New Zealand in 1863 in the ship *Hanover*. Shortly afterwards he accepted an appointment on the Mission Station at Poverty Bay (under Bishop Williams), where his eldest son was born, and he left there shortly before the now historical massacre. He then joined the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Auckland, and as an officer of this bank served at New Plymouth, Wanganui and Wellington. Having resigned from the bank he joined as paymaster the firm of Messrs Brogden, the contractors of the early New Zealand railways, and he had many interesting stories to tell of those days in his travels up and down the new lines in various parts of the colony. Later he became accountant to the New Zealand Drug Company in Wellington, with whom he served for 25 years, during which time he was a well-known resident of the Hutt Valley. Some fifteen years ago he settled at Palmerston, and to within a week of his death was keenly interested in all the great questions of the day, and sought his paper keenly each day for the latest news of the war. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters, and seventeen grandchildren, and one great-grandson. The eldest grandchild has been killed on active service, and another is at the front. Messrs Walter and Percy Graham are the sons, and the daughters are Mrs Harris, Wellington, Mrs Groves, Eketahuna and Mrs Cook, Petone.

Joseph John GREGAN (1879-1907)

Evening Post 09 April 1907
Mr J. J. Gregan, who, with Mr T. Coffey (his father-in-law) was carrying out the improvement works at Gear Island, died very suddenly in the Hutt district yesterday. Mr Gregan, who was only 28 years of age, left home apparently in good health. He cycled to the quarry to inspect the work, and arrived at the quarry he had just uttered the greeting "Good morning" to the men when he fell back, dead. Dr Hector, who was called in, said the deceased had been a patient of his, and death was probably due to fatty degeneration of the heart.

Ephraim GREENWOOD (1852-1919)

Evening Post 16 Sep 1919
The *Tainui* is a complete wreck. Eight lives have been lost, only one member of the crew being saved. Mr Ephraim Greenwood, the engineer of the vessel, was particularly well known in Wellington, having had his home here for a great many years. He served his apprenticeship with Messrs E. W. Mills and Co., of the Lion Foundry, and afterwards went to sea, being engineer at different times on some of the vessels whose home port was Wellington. He was in the *Huia* and *Stormbird* trading between Wellington and Wanganui, and the Opawa (Wellington-Blenheim trade), for a considerable period, and afterwards he carried on business as a sawmiller at the Upper Hutt. He was a man of a most genial disposition and very popular. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Mr Robert Sutcliffe, of Wellington, died at her home on Oriental Bay a short time ago.

Mary GREENWOOD (1830-1910) *nee* HINDLE Evening Post 31 August 1910

Mrs Greenwood, whose death at the age of eighty occurred at Upper Hutt a few days ago, was a very old resident. With her husband, the late Mr William Greenwood, and two children, she came to Wellington in the ship 'Alma' in 1857, and since then, with the exception of two years, her life in New Zealand has been spent in Upper Hutt. Her husband died many years ago, and in the midst of a large number of relatives she has lived a quiet life, well loved by all. The deceased lady is survived by four sons, three daughters, thirty-nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Malachi GRIBBLE (1855-1938) Evening Post 09 Jun 1938

Mr M. Gribble, farmer, of Stokes Valley, died in Wellington last night, at the age of 83 years. Born on Kawau Island, Hauraki Gulf (the home of Sir George Grey), his early boyhood was spent in and around Auckland. Thence he went to Adelaide and afterwards returned to Hawke's Bay, where he followed business pursuits until the call of the bush was too strong to resist and he made his way to Mokotuku, in the then Forty Mile Bush. Here he took up sawmilling, with all its vicissitudes – bush fires, accident risks, etc. Marrying Miss Annie Letitia Parsons, he took a part in the general interests of remote settlements, school committees, musical circles, and so forth, but finally removed to Wellington in 1901, remaining in the timber industry until 25 years ago, when he and his son-in-law took up land in Stokes Valley. Here, by industry, courage, and unfailing optimisim, he helped to turn a tangle of second growth into farmland equal to any in the district. Of a happy, cheerful disposition, he endeared himself to all with whom he made personal contact. In his quiet, unobtrusive way he made New Zealand a better country to live in, and the sympathy of a host of friends is extended to his widow, his daughter, Mrs C. H. Young (Stokes Valley), his son, Mr Horace G. Gribble (Rotorua), and to his six grandchildren.

John HADDY (1858-1943) Evening Post 11 February 1943

Mr John Haddy, who died recently at Upper Hutt, aged 84 years, came to New Zealand in 1900 with his wife and two children. Another son was born at Petone. For 23 years Mr Haddy worked in the Petone railway workshops and retired at the age of 65. He took up farming at Wainu-o-mata for five years and then retired to Upper Hutt. He leaves a widow, a daughter, Mrs C. Clarke, of Martinborough, and two sons. He was for nearly 60 years a Sunday school teacher and worker among the young, and for about 50 years a member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, England. Mr Haddy was an ardent Labour supporter.

Charles William HAINES (1842-1931) Evening Post 17 December 1931

Mr Charles William Haines, former manager of the railway workshops at Newmarket, died at his residence, Cecil road, Mount Eden, at the age of 89 years. Mr Haines lived for many years at Petone, where he was associated with the establishment of the school. He was an elder of the Presbyterian churches at Petone, Remuera, and Mount Eden. His wife died twenty years ago. Mr Haines is survived by a daughter, Miss Haines, of Auckland; and two sons, Messrs C. W. G. Haines, of Christchurch, and B. H. Haines, of Wellington.

Alice HALL *nee* JUFFS (1840-1915) Hawera & Normanby Star 19 April 1915

Another very old and respected resident, in the person of Mrs Alice Hall, relict of the late Mr John Hall, passed away on Saturday evening, after a short illness. Mrs Hall arrived in Wellington 62 years ago with her parents, and therefore had to face the many hardships which beset the early colonists. She was married in Wellington, and with her late husband carried on business there for some years, when they removed to the Lower Hutt, where they resided for a number of years. Thirty-two years ago they came to Normanby, where Mrs Hall has resided ever since. Mrs Hall, who had reached the age of 75, had always been a most active member of the Methodist Church, in which for a number of years she had been an office bearer, and a valued member of the congregation. Besides this, she was always willing to help in any good cause no matter for what denomination. Mrs Hall survived her husband nearly four years, and leaves a family of six sons and five daughters, and a large number of grand-children. She will be missed, as she was a great favourite with the young people.

George Andrews Hill HALL (1863-1945) Evening Post 11 July 1945

Another link in the early history of the Hutt Valley was severed by the death recently of Mr George Andrews Hill Hall, of 541 High Street. Born at Lower Hutt 82 years ago, Mr Hall was the second son of the late Mr Joseph Hall, and, like his father, was engaged in the building industry. A craftsman of the old school, he left many beautiful samples of inlay work. Up till December last Mr Hall was in his usual good health, attending to the duties and business of the Loyal Rose of Valley Lodge, of which he was a member for 60 years and financial secretary for 52 years. He also held various offices in the district lodges, including P.P.G.M. His garden, of which he was justly proud, occupied his spare time. Mr Hall saw Lower Hutt grow from a tiny village to a city and was well versed in its early history. He had few equals as a raconteur of stirring tales of the early days, many of which have been left in manuscript form. His wife predeceased him 11 years ago. A son, George, a former civil engineer, was killed in the Great War, and his memory is honoured by the bell "Ypres" in the Wellington Carillion. A daughter, Theodora, died in 1943. Mr Hall is survived by a son, Ralph, and a daughter, Mrs Claude M. Haydon, of Lower Hutt. The funeral service, which was held in the Methodist Church, Laing's Road, was conducted by the Rev J. L. Mitchell, and was attended by many personal friends and representative citizens. At the Crematorium, Karori, Mr Mitchell again officiated, and the Oddfellows' service was impressively read by Mr Stewart, New Zealand secretary. Many members of the Manchester Unity were present to pay their last respects. The pall-bearers were three officers of the Rose of Valley Lodge, Bros. F. Hewer, F. Westbury, and J. Stevenson, and Messrs F. Hancock and L. McKinnon (nephews) and G. Hall (a cousin).

John HALL (1837-1911) Hawera & Normanby Star 31 May 1911

There passed away on Monday in the person of Mr John Hall one of Normanby's oldest and most respected residents, and a colonist of many years' standing. The late Mr Hall, who was born at Coventry, England, came out when very young with his parents in the ship 'Olympus', landing in Wellington early in 1842. After spending some years there Mr Hall moved to the Hutt, and followed his occupation as a builder for nearly 16 years, coming to Normanby 30 years ago, where he has resided ever since. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, Mr Hall made many friends, and had many exciting and interesting tales to tell of the early days. Always a staunch Methodist, his aim has been for many years to have a church for that body in Normanby, and it is owing mainly to his energy that the present building now nearing completion was able to be started. One could have wished that the old gentleman could have lived to see the result of his ambition, but it was not to be. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow, six sons and five daughters, to whom much sympathy is expressed in their sad loss. The funeral will take place at the Waihi cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

Joseph HALL (1832-1914) Evening Post 30 Jul 1914

Maori War Veteran. Another old resident of Wellington and a Maori war veteran, in the person of Mr Joseph Hall, of Epuni Hamlet, Lower Hutt, passed away at his residence yesterday, at the age of 82 years. Deceased, who was born in Coventry, England, came out to New Zealand in the ship London, landing at Wellington on May 1st, 1842. He went to the Lower Hutt on January 10th, 1852, where he took up business as a builder and undertaker, and remained a resident there until the day of his death. He retired from business about thirteen or fourteen years ago. He took an active part in the Maori War, serving in the militia as a lieutenant, and was present at the capture of the prisoners when they escaped from the hulk in Wellington harbour. Deceased was a prominent Methodist and Oddfellow, being trustee of the Hutt Methodist Church during the whole of his lengthy sojourn in the district, and secretary of the Loyal Rose of the Valley Lodge of Oddfellows, Lower Hutt, for sixteen years. He was secretary of the Town Board for fifteen years, until its creation as a Borough Council, and built the first and present Methodist Churches in the Lower Hutt. He was twice married, and leaves three sons and six daughters (all of whom are married). The three sons, Messrs G., A., and W. Hall are all engaged in the building trade. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

Nelly HALL *nee* DICK (1880-1929) Hutt News 07 Mar 1929

Universal regret is expressed in local circles at the untimely death of Mrs A. H. P. Hall, which occurred on Friday last. Mrs Hall, who passed away after a very short illness, was a keen and untiring worker in the Anglican Church, taking a particularly active interest in the work of the Anglican Boys' Home and other church and social activities. Mrs Hall was also for many years on the general committee of the Plunket Society and during the past year was honorary treasurer to the Lower Hutt Branch. Her loss will be keenly felt by her many friends and coworkers. At a meeting of the Plunket Society held on Tuesday afternoon last, a motion of deepest sympathy with her relatives was carried in the usual manner, and the Society's appreciation of the valuable services carried out by the late Mrs Hall as a member and officer were expressed. The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery, the service being conducted by Archdeacon Hansell.

Thomas HALL (1840-1907) Feilding Star 19 Mar 1907

Mr Thomas Hall, of Palmerston North, died at Eltham on Saturday, aged 66. Mr Hall was an old resident of the Palmerston district, and was highly respected for his many good qualities. He arrived in the colony with his parents in the early forties, having been born in Coventry, England. He resided for some years at the Hutt, and about 30 years ago removed to Rangitikei where he was engaged in farming pursuits. After also farming land at Sandon, Feilding, and Stoney Creek, some fifteen years ago he settled in Palmerston, where he carried on a business as a coachbuilder. He leaves a widow and nine sons and one daughter, among whom are Mr Fletcher Hall, Mr W. Hall of the Bank of New Zealand staff, and Mr Harold Hall of Palmerston, Mr W. Hall (Levin), Mr Herbert Hall (of Feilding) and Mr R. Hall (Pohangina). The daughter is Mrs Charles Smith, resident in Honolulu.

Robert Chisenhall HAMERTON (1838-1913) Evening Post 06 Sep 1913
Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the Wellington District 1871-1875

An old resident of Wellington in the person of Captain Robert Chisenhall Hamerton passed away yesterday in his seventy-fifth year. The deceased gentleman was born at The Hollins, near Burnley, Lancashire, and was educated at the Grammar School in his native town and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Heath. His father, an English solicitor, came to New Zealand in the 'Cashmere' in 1854, and took up land in Taranaki. Captain Hamerton at first worked with his father. During the Native troubles in Taranaki he was in several engagements, being wounded at Waireka. He gained a commission as captain, and was awarded the New Zealand war medal. After the war he entered a merchant's office, but a few months later joined the Civil Service as clerk in the sub-Treasury, quickly obtaining promotion to the position of Registrar of Deeds, Joint Stock Companies, Births, Deaths and Marriages, and Deputy-Commissioner of Stamps at New Plymouth. In 1871 he was transferred to Wellington as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, and in 1874 was appointed Secretary for Stamps and Controller of Legacy Duties. At this time he studied for the law, and was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1878. In 1880 he was appointed successor to Mr Jonas Woodward in the office of Public Trustee. He held this position, and also the Secretaryship of Stamps, until the late Mr Sperry took charge of the Stamp Department in 1881. Captain Hamerton retired from the office of Public Trustee on pension in 1891, and shortly afterwards commenced practice of the legal profession in the business with which the Messrs Richmond had formerly been identified. He was in partnership with the late Mr Andrew, who lost his life in the Wairarapa bush in 1904. Mr R. H. Webb was another partner in the firm, and now carries on the business with Mr H. N. Holmden. Mr Hamerton himself retired from active practice in 1907. The deceased gentleman was prominently identified with the history of Masonry in New Zealand. He was the first Master and founder of Lodge Ulster, Petone, primary founder and Past Master of Lodge Leinster, an honorary member of Lodge Pacific, and founder of the Wellington United Board of Enquiry. As a member of the Central Executive which did the preliminary work, he assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge. He held the office of Grand Inspector under the Irish Constitution, and in the New Zealand Grand Lodge was Deputy-Grand Master in 1905. The same year he held office as Prov. Grand Master of the Wellington district. In 1894-95
he was Grand Registrar. Prior to coming to Wellington he took an active interest in Masonic matters in New Plymouth. In Waterloo Royal Arch Chapter he occupied the principal chair, and was at various times Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand. As a churchwarden and vestryman of long standing in St. Mark's Church he showed great energy, particularly in the procurement of an organist. For a time he acted as organist. He married a daughter of Major Parris, of New Plymouth, and leaves a large family. The sons are Mr Percy Hamerton (National Bank, Auckland), Mr Chisenhall Hamerton (Nord-deutscher-Lloyd Co., Sydney), Mr Arthur Hamerton (Government Life Insurance, Wellington), Mr Reginald Hamerton (City Engineer's Office, Wellington), and Mr S. G. Hamerton (Government Life Insurance). There are three daughters – Mrs Laurence Watkins (wife of Mr L. T. Watkins, Mus. Bac., organist of St. Mark's), Miss Hamerton, and Mrs E. D. Cachemaille. The funeral will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Monday. The church part of the service will be conducted by Archdeacon Harper and the Rev. Mr Compton. There will probably be a Masonic service also.

John HANNING (1865-1939) Evening Post 13 February 1939

The death occurred on Saturday morning at his residence, 7 Miro Street, Miramar, of Mr John Hanning, a well-known former railway servant. Mr Hanning, who was born just outside Dunedin in 1865, was educated in that city. On leaving school he entered the service of the Railway Department and for the greater part of his 40 years' service he was a stationmaster. His first charge was Pukerau, and after that Upper Hutt, then the defunct Te Aro station (which stood at the eastern end of Wakefield Street, Wellington), Taihape, Waipukurau, Hastings and finally Petone. He retired from service 18 years ago, since when he had lived in Miramar. Mr Hanning, who was a man of sterling uprightness, was honorary secretary of the Wellington South Ministers' Association and an elder of the Seatoun and Miramar Presbyterian Church. He leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters. The sons are Messrs C. W. Hanning, Wellington, and J. K. Hanning, New Plymouth. Mesdames M. Northover, C. H. G. Joplin, E. E. le Grove, and A. McNeilage are the daughters. The funeral was held from Knox Presbyterian Church, Miramar, this morning and a special memorial service will be held in the church next Sunday.

Arthur Lloyd HANSELL (1865-1948) Hutt News 18 February 1948

The death occurred at Karori on Monday of the Ven. Archdeacon A. L. Hansell, former Archdeacon of Wellington and of Wairarapa, at the age of 82 years. Born at Norwich, England, Archdeacon Hansell came to New Zealand in 1899, when he was appointed vicar of Karori. In 1914 he became vicar of Lower Hutt and remained here until 1933. In 1922 he was appointed Archdeacon of Wairarapa, which title he retained until 1934. Between then and 1939, when he retired from active work in the Church, he was Archdeacon of Wellington. Archdeacon Hansell married a daughter of the late Archbishop Julius. Mrs Hansell died in 1942, and was buried at Taita churchyard, where the Archdeacon will be buried today following a service at St. Mary's Church, Karori. There were two children of the marriage, Mrs R. A. Stewart, of Khandallah, and Mrs Davies, wife of the Rev. W. E. D. Davies, who was recently appointed vicar of Oamaru.

Mary Ellen HANSELL *nee* JULIUS (-1942) Evening Post 15 October 1942

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs Mary Ellen Hansell, wife of the Rev. A. L. Hansell, of Karori, formerly Archdeacon of Wellington. Mrs Hansell was the eldest daughter of the late Archbishop Julius and Mrs Julius. She was born in Somerset, England, in 1876, and came to Australia and on to New Zealand in 1880, when her father became Bishop of Christchurch. There she studied music and art. In 1906 she marrie the Rev. A. L. Hansell. Mrs Hansell is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs W. E. D. Davies, Upper Hutt, and Mrs R. A. Stewart, Khandallah. Mrs Hansell was at one time vice-president as well as Diocesan Secretary of the Mothers' Union and a life member of St. Mary's Guild. "Her personality was most lovable," writes a friend, "made up of a variety of characteristics – her own wise judgment, her modest outlook, her sense of humour, the beautifulness of friendship – all held together by a strong Christian faith. She has left a large circle of friends with a great cause for thankfulness, as well as a great sense of loss."

Patrick Leahy HARNETT (1856-1915) Evening Post 05 July 1915

A well-known figure in the Hutt district in the person of Mr Patrick Leahy Harnett died at his residence, Lower Hutt, yesterday. The late Mr Harnett, who was a fine stamp of Irishman, was attached to the Police Force for many years, having been stationed at various centres throughout the North Island. He was at one time in charge at Lower Hutt, from where, on his promotion to sergeant, he was transferred to Patea. The deceased gentleman, who retired from the Police Force some fifteen years ago, was also engaged in the hotel business in Palmerston North and Foxton for some time. For the past ten years he had conducted a land agency in Lower Hutt. The late Mr Harnett, who was in his sixtieth year, leaves a widow and a family of four sons and two daughters.

Abraham HARRIS (1810-1874) New Zealand Times 24 Oct 1874

Abraham Harris, of the Taita, arrived in Wellington in the ship *Bolton*, one of the first of the New Zealand Company's vessels, and he has resided at the Taita ever since. During the Maori War he was driven off his land, like the other settlers resident in that locality, but he returned when peace was restored. He leaves a large family of children and grand-children to mourn his loss.

Wairarapa Standard 28 October 1874

Mr Abraham Harris, timber carrier, Taitai, and who is well-known in this district, died on the 22nd instant, aged 64 years.

Henry HARRIS (1842-1933) Evening Post 23 October 1933

An old settler, Mr Henry Harris, aged 91 years, late of Pahautanui, died on Friday at the residence of his son, Mr H. C. Harris, Laings Road. The late Mr Harris's father, Mr David Harris, arrived in Wellington in 1842 by the ship George Fife, and Mr Henry Harris was born in that year in Wellington. Mr David Harris took up land in Johnsonville, and then settled in Pahautanui, where he acquired fifty acres of bush country, but he later sold this property and acquired 100 acres, where Henry Harris and a brother, David, were brought up in farming pursuits. Henry Harris acquired fifty acres, and he increased his holding to 600 acres, now let to a nephew, Mr C. Harris, of Pahautanui. The deceased lived practically all his life in Pahautanui. He took part in the early Maori campaign and also took considerable interest in volunteering, being a good rifle shot in his day. He leaves a family of seven sons, Messrs H., A. B., P. H., Joseph, Harry, H. C., and W. E. Harris, and one daughter, Mrs A. Monk.

Sophia HARRIS *nee* HARRIS (1811-1888) Evening Post 22 September 1888

Another of Wellington's oldest settlers passed away last evening in the person of Mrs Sophia Harris, relict of the late Mr Abraham Harris, of the Taita. Mrs Harris arrived in Wellington with her husband in one of the pioneer vessels in 1840. Here they settled for some years, and then removed to the Taita, where Mr Harris engaged in sawmilling business. They experienced the many hardships that were undergone by the early settlers, and also were obliged with others for a while to give up their home during the troublous times experienced with the natives. The war over, they, with the rest of the settlers, returned to the Hutt district. Mrs Harris survived her husband some 15 years, and succumbed last evening, through general decay, at the ripe age of 77. There was a large family of ten children, all of whom are living, while grandchildren and great-grandchildren make up a family circle of about 70. Mrs Harris was greatly respected throughout the district, and was well known to all old settlers in this province, who will sympathise with her family in their loss.

Susannah Martha HARMAN *nee* HARRIS (1877-1932) Hutt News 06 April 1932

The death occurred at her residence Kings Crescent on 28th inst of Mrs Susanah Martha Harman, wife of Mr H. Harman. The deceased lady was closely connected with many social movements in the district and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. She was one of the foundation members of the Plunket Society of which she was the first treasurer. At the time of her death she was president of the Waimarie Croquet Club and was vice-president of various other sports bodies. Like her brother, the late Mr Henry Baldwin, she took a great interest in the welfare of the Hutt Valley High School and was one of the donor of £1000 given in memory of her brother. Mrs Harman took an active interest in swimming and had donated a cup to be competed for to encourage that sport. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs H. Flux and Miss Harman, and two sons.

Edward HASLAM (1824-1885) New Zealand Herald 30 March 1885

In our obituary column is recorded the death of Mr Edward Haslam, brother of Sergeant-Major Patrick Haslam, long and favourably known as instructor of volunteers. The deceased was a very old colonial identity, having been landed in Wellington in April 1845 with a detachment of his regiment, the 58th, and was stationed at the Hutt when the natives attacked the troops. On the 16th May in above year he assisted in saving the wife (now widow) and children of the late Commissioner McNaughton; was present on the 16th of June at the affair of Taiti, and afterwards proceeded to Porirua and Pawatanui, and assisted in the capture of the chief Rauparaha. He was also present in the war at Wanganui, and in the action of St John's Bush, July 1848. Having married, he left the service in 1850, and followed his trade as carpenter and joiner. Mr Haslam also took an active part in the organisation of the Oddfellows' Lodge in Wellington, where he resided, after many years of activity rising to the position of District Grand Master. During the past three years he has resided in Auckland, to be near his brother. He was a kind-hearted man, and his death is deeply regretted by his relations and friends, both in Auckland and Wellington.

John HAWKE (1836-1895)

One of Greytown's oldest settlers, Mr John Hawke, died on the 1st May. He had been in very delicate health for some time past. The deceased, who was born in Cornwall, arrived in this Colony with his parents in 1840, when he was about four years old. He went through the Maori troubles at the Hutt, and was among the first residents in the Greytown district. He married a daughter of the late Mr Thomas, and had a family of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, all of whom survive him.

James HAY (1841-1922) Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser 20 January 1922

One of the earliest settlers of Canterbury, Mr James Hay, died on Tuesday at his residence, 96, Bealey Avenue. Mr Hay was born at Petone in 1841, his parents having arrived in Wellington from Scotland during the year. In 1843 the Hays and the Sinclairs came south, and selecting Pigeon Bay as their future home, became the first white settlers in that spot, which was then covered with native bush to the water's edge. After the death of Mr Hay, senior, the sons carried on the estate under the name of Hay Brothers, all of whom have now joined the great majority; Mr James Hay having been the last survivor of the five sons although the eldest member of the family. For several years the late Mr Jas. Hay was chairman of the Akaroa County Council, and during his tenure of office he did much for the advancement of the Peninsula, displaying a wisdom and steadfastness of purpose which brought him into much repute and secured for him the esteem and affection of his fellow councillors and the inhabitants of the district. He was also for some years a member of the Lyttelton Harbour Board. On retiring from Pigeon Bay in 1897 Mr Hay settled in Christchurch and for many years, until his death, he resided in Bealey Avenue, occupying his leisure in cabinetmaking, which he took up as a hobby and in which craft he acquired quite an extraordinary facility. A few years ago Mr Hay published a book of reminiscences, "Early Canterbury" giving many details of individuals who long ago crossed the bar, and of incidents long ago closed. This little book, apart from the charm of its simple and humorous style, is valuable as an aid to the history of the earlier periods of New Zealand settlement. For a number of years Mr Hay, who as a boy of 10, watched the first four ships come into Lyttelton in 1851 has devoted himself to a study of the past. He was in a remarkably good position to record the early development of Banks Peninsula. He had a most unique collection of photographs of the early Canterbury settlers which he handed over to the Museum. He dwelt a great deal of late in the past days and it was remarkable how keen his memory was. He and his brother, the late Mr Tom Hay, had to take charge of the estate in 1863 at the death of their father and as Mr James Hay was only 22 years of age at the time it was a big responsibility. Mr James Hay was a man much prized by his circle of friends. He was always keenly interested in Pigeon Bay where he had lived so long. Mr Hay is survived by his widow and one son, Mr J. C. Hay, of Pigeon Bay. He was buried in the Linwood Cemetery yesterday when a large number followed him to his last resting place including Mr J. R. Thacker, Akaroa County Chairman and other Peninsula friends.

Mary Catherine Helena HAYES *nee* O'SHEA (1882-1938) Hutt News 30 March 1938

A large circle of friends learned with profound regret of the death of Mrs Mary Catherine Helena Hayes, at her late residence 22 Cornwall Street, on Thursday last, after a brief illness. The late Mrs Hayes, though of a quiet and retiring disposition had a large circle of friends, many of whom were co-workers with her on much of the charitable work she undertook. She was untiring in her efforts to assist the many organisations in connection with the church of St. Peter and St. Paul. She was one of the most active members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Lower Hutt and an active member of the St. Leo. Troop of Boy Scouts, who formed a guard of honour at the Church. Mrs Hayes was born in Wellington and was the second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Nicholas O'Shea and a granddaughter of one of Wellington's earliest settlers, Mr James O'Shea, a merchant of Old Customhouse Street. The deceased is survived by her husband and son, one brother, Mr Michael O'Shea of Queens Road, and Miss Aileen O'Shea of Wellington. The funeral which was very largely attended took place on Saturday afternoon. Prior to proceeding to the family vault at the Petone Catholic Cemetery, Requiem Mass was said and later the funeral service in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the services being conducted by Rev. Father Leo. Daley, Lower Hutt, and Rev. Monsignor Connelly of Wellington.

William HAYES (1844-1893) Fielding Star 17 May 1894

A man named William Hayes, who was born at the Hutt 50 years, has just died of hip disease, which had its origin in a thrashing administered by a schoolmaster to him when a boy. (The death of a William Hayes aged 49yrs was registered in 1893)

Arthur HAYWARD (1816-1883)

Evening Post 09 August 1883

The death is announced of Mr Arthur Hayward, who arrived here in 1839 in the ship 'Cuba', as one of the New Zealand Company's survey staff. Deceased was well-known to many in Wellington, and more particularly in the Wairarapa. He was formerly landlord of Whitewood's Hotel at the Hutt, and afterwards became landlord of the Rising Sun, Greytown. Shortly after his arrival here he received a blow on the back of his head from the natives, which always caused him great pain. No doubt he would have lost his life on that occasion had it not been for the interference of a well-known native chief named Tepuni, whom Hayward always held in the very highest esteem. For some years past Mr Hayward resided in Wellington, and during that time made many friends, by whom he was held in the highest regard. His remains are to be interred tomorrow, about mid-day, in the Greytown cemetery.

Manawatu Standard 10 August 1883

Another of the pioneer settlers of Wellington passed away on Monday last, at the age of 67, namely, Mr Arthur Hayward, whose face in former years was familiar to almost everyone in Wellington and the Wairarapa. Mr Hayward arrived in Wellington in the 'Tory' in 1840, and settled first at Ngahauranga, then at the Lower Hutt, and afterwards at Greytown, eventually returning to Wellington to spend the remainder of his days. For a time he was landlord at Whitewood's Hotel, at the Lower Hutt, which he relinquished to take the Rising Sun at Greytown. During the native troubles he received a severe blow on the back of the head, from which he never quite recovered, and which eventually caused his death. He leaves a son (Mr J. O. Hayward, of Masterton) and three married daughters.

Augustus Marius HEATON (1853-1901) Evening Post 29 June 1901

An old Civil servant passed away last night in the person of Mr A. M. Heaton, Chief Clerk in the Railway Stores Department, who died suddenly of heart disease at his residence, Lower Hutt. Mr Heaton had not been feeling well during yesterday, and was taken very ill while going out to his home in the train in the evening. He went to bed as soon as possible, and in a little while was found in a state of collapse, and died shortly afterwards. He was 48 years of age, and had been 24 years in the service, and his painfully sudden death will be greatly regretted by a wide circle of friends. He leaves a widow and several children. Mr Heaton, it may be added, acted as master of ceremonies at the laying of the foundation stone of the new railway offices by the Duke of Cornwall. The deceased objected to consulting a medical man. An inquest is being held by the District Coroner (Mr James Ashcroft) this afternoon.

Maria Georgiana HECTOR *nee* MUNRO (1849-1930) Hutt News 07 August 1930

The death occurred at her late residence, Pretoria Street, on Sunday last of Lady Hector, widow of the late Sir James Hector, at the age of 81. Lady Hector, who had been in indifferent health for many years, was the daughter of the late Sir D. Munro, first Speaker of the New Zealand Legislative Council. The deceased lady was born at Nelson and was married in 1868. She is survived by two sons, Mr B. Hector and Dr C. M. Hector, and by three daughters, Mrs L. G. Faxby (Christchurch), Mrs R. J. Barton (Upper Plains, Masterton), and Miss Hector of Lower Hutt, and by one brother, Mr C. J. Munro (Palmerston North). Lady Hector had four other sons who pre-deceased her. The late Sir James Hector died in 1907. The funeral took place at the Taita Cemetery yesterday, the service being conducted by Archdeacon Hansell.

George HEDGES (1833-1894) South Canterbury Times 11 June 1894

The many friends of Mr George Hedges will learn with deep regret that his death took place early yesterday morning at his residence, Woollcombe street. The late Mr Hedges had been ill for several weeks, suffering from a painful internal complaint, but it was only last week that his medical attendant gave no hope of his recovery. The deceased was a very old colonist, having arrived in Wellington about 39 years ago. He was in business in the Hutt district for about 20 years, and then removed to the Sandon district, Rangitikei. During his lengthy stay in the North Island Mr Hedges pursued his calling of a basket-maker, but also took a wide interest in social and other matters, being a very prominent volunteer in the then stirring times, first as a private and later on as an officer. About 11 years ago Mr Hedges came to South Canterbury, and at one time did an extensive business in his trade. He had shown a good deal of enterprise in the growing of willow rods, hoping to set up an export trade, but his hopes of a profitable business in this direction proved vain. In the North Island, he experienced many of the ups and downs of the early colonists. Mr Hedges was a staunch adherent of the Church of England. In Timaru, he had long been a vestryman of St Mary's Church, and a teacher in the Sunday school, and in both capacities he was most assiduous and earnest in his attention to his duties. He leaves a widow and five sons and three daughters, all of whom are grown up, to mourn the loss of a good father. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, when a service will be held at St Mary's Church.

William Gilbert HENRY (1848-1917) Evening Post 18 December 1917

There died at Petone yesterday, after a brief illness, an old and respected resident, Mr W. Henry. A few nights ago, Mr Henry, who was suffering from a cold, got out of bed in the dark and took a dose of disinfectant instead of cough mixture. The fluid had such an effect on his system that it ultimately caused his death. In his young days Mr Henry followed the sea, and later settled on the West Coast, where he remained for a number of years. Upwards of thirty years ago he moved to Petone, where he engaged in business, and was a member of the first Town Board formed at Petone. Mr Henry was an enthusiastic bowler, and as a member of the Petone Club attended many bowling tournaments. He was a citizen of the highest standing, and was respected by everyone who was acquainted with him. He leaves a widow, a son, and several daughters to mourn their loss. The son (J. Henry) is at the front, one of the daughters is the wife of Mr W. Hendry, of Lower Hutt, and another the wife of Mr W. Croft, of Petone. In moving a motion of sympathy with the widow and family, the Mayor of Petone last evening, at the Petone Borough Council meeting, referred to the kindly qualities of Mr Henry, and to his connection with municipal politics as a member of the old Town Board. The motion was carried by councillors standing. At an inquest held today the verdict was returned to the effect that deceased died from poisoning, self-administered, in mistake for medicine. The bottle out of which deceased drank was marked, apparently by the manufacturers, "non-poisonous, but not to be taken internally." The preparation was, in fact, poisonous. The bottle had previously contained a cough medicine, the name of which had been worked into the glass of which the bottle is composed.

Thomasine HEWITT *nee* RIDDIFORD (1852-1942) Evening Post 04 July 1942

A member of one of the best-known families in the history of New Zealand settlement, Mrs Thomasine Hewitt, widow of Captain J. D. R. Hewitt, R.N., died at her home in Church Street, Palmerston North, recently, at the age of 95 years. She was the last member of the family of the late Mr and Mrs Daniel Riddiford, who as a young couple arrived in New Zealand by the Adelaide on March 7, 1840. Mrs Hewitt was born at Orongorongo, the second home of the Riddifords, and was the sixth child of a family of 12. Captain and Mrs Hewitt went to Palmerston North from Linton in 1904 and identified themselves with every good cause. Mrs Hewitt leaves four sons, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

David HICKEY (1866-1937) Hutt News 13 October 1937

Mr David Hickey, who died suddenly last week, was a resident of Lower Hutt for 30 years. He retired two years ago after 48 years' service with Murray, Roberts and Co., Ltd. Before coming to the Hutt where he lived in Alice Street, Mr Hickey and his family resided for many years in Windsor Place, Wellington. In his younger days Mr Hickey was a zealous worker for St. Peter's Catholic Church, Lower Hutt, particularly in the time of the late Rev. Dean Lane. He was one of the early members of the Hibernian Society in Wellington. Mr Hickey came from County Kerry, Ireland, as a youth and married Miss Mary Buckley. The funeral was preceded by Requiem Mass at St. Peter's, the Rev. Father L. Daley being celebrant. Sisters of Compassion, the directors of Murray, Roberts and Co. Ltd., including Sir Alexander Roberts, representatives of the South British Insurance Co. Ltd., and a large number of well-known citizens of Wellington and the Hutt Valley attended. The pall-bearers were members of the Hibernian Society, in which body Mr Hickey had at various periods held prominent offices. Monsignor Connolly and Father Callaghan assisted with the service at the graveside. Mr Hickey is survived by a widow, his three daughters, Mrs R. Darroch, Invercargill, Mrs C. A. Linehan, Auckland, and Miss Kathleen Hickey, Lower Hutt, one brother, Mr M. Hickey, New Plymouth, and one grandchild, Mr B. D. Darroch, Invercargill.

Ann HILL *nee* ANDREWS (1798-1885) Evening Post 11 September 1885

On 11th September 1885, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr Joseph Hall, Lower Hutt, Ann, widow of the late George Hill, aged 88 years. A very old Wellington settler's death is notified today. Mrs George Hill, whose decease took place at the residence of Mr Joseph Hall, her son-in-law, at the Lower Hutt this morning, arrived in the colony in the ship 'Arab' in the year 1841, and was then nearly fifty years of age. She has resided in around Wellington, principally at Karori and the Lower Hutt, ever since, and at the time of her death was 88 years of age. She survived her husband, also a well-known old settler, but a short time.

George HILL (1804-1885) Evening Post 27 June 1885

The following interesting particulars of the late Mr George Hill, of the Lower Hutt, whose sudden death at the patriarchal age of 81 we announced on Tuesday last, have been supplied by a friend of the deceased:- Mr Hill arrived at Wellington from Charlton, in Somersetshire, England, in the good ship 'Arab' in October, 1841. Having been employed for some time in the old country at hand-pit sawing, he was at once engaged with the late Mr C. Hollard to saw timber for a house for the late Mr Jackson, then of Lowry Bay. It was at this place he cut the timber for one of the first houses built at Wellington. In the year 1843 he left Lowry Bay, and took up his residence with his family at Karori, near the junction of the Makara-road, but known at that time as part of Dr Butler's section. At this place he cleared off the heavy bush, and filled up his spare time at sawing timber. In 1851 he left Karori, and settled at the Lower Hutt. Having secured a small piece of land, he built the house in which he resided until the day of his death. He occupied his time in his garden, which was very productive under his culture. On each Sabbath, or nearly so, he was to be seen attending to his religious duties as chapel-keeper to the Wesleyan Church, an office he has filled for nearly 30 years. Last Sunday he was at his post, and appeared in his usual health, his walk being so perfectly upright that a stranger would not have supposed him to be so old as he really was. He leaves a widow 88 years old, one son, and three married daughters, all residing in the Wellington provincial district, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. About nine years ago Mr and Mrs Hill celebrated their golden wedding, having then lived together for the long period of 50 years. On Thursday afternoon the old man's remains were interred at the Wesleyan Cemetery, Lower Hutt, in the presence of numerous friends. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. J. S. Garlick, assisted by the deceased's very old friend and pastor, the Rev. Wm. Kirk.

Walter HILL (1865-1935) Evening Post 17 June 1935

Mr Walter Hill, who died in Wellington yesterday, was born in Wellington in 1865. His father took part in the Otago gold rush. At the age of 10 years the late Mr Hill entered the employ of Mr F. R. Johnson in Petone. He was the first boy to deliver the "Evening Post" in the Hutt Valley. In later years he was in business on his own account on the Hutt Road, and later still was associated with Mr J. W. Powell in a business in Jackson Street, Petone, and afterwards was for several years an active partner in the carrying firm of McEwen and Carter. In more recent years he was in business in Eastbourne, selling out in 1926, from which date to 1931 he was proprietor of the Tarawera Hotel. Since then he has been living a retired life. Mr Hill was intimately associated with most of the early activities of Petone, having witnessed its growth from a bush-covered flat to a prosperous borough. He was one of the early members of the Petone Navals, a member of the Petone District High School committee, secretary of the Petone Band, and from 1902 to 1904 a member of the Petone Borough Council, when Mr George London was Mayor. Mr Hill was closely associated with all kinds of sport, being a member of the Petone Cricket Club. He passed through all the offices of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. He was a member of St Augustine's Church, and for many years he was vicar's churchwarden. There were indeed few organisations of a social nature in which he was not interested. He leaves a widow and the following family:- Mr W. P. Hill, Aramaho, Wanganui; Mr R. J. Hill, Patrick Street, Petone; Mrs S. Mabey, Putarino; Mr F. E. Hill, Napier; and Mrs G. Alward, Wanganui. Mr George Hill, of Island Bay, is a brother.

Louisa Mary HODGINS *nee* SMITH (1865-1932) Hutt News 05 October 1932

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death, following a heart seizure, of Mrs M. J. Hodgins, of 65 Waterloo Road, which took place early on Tuesday morning. The late Mrs Hodgins was a lady who was held in very high esteem in the town and her passing away will be sincerely mourned by a very large circle of friends. She was of a kindly nature and was never happy unless doing some good deed. Her death came as a great shock to her husband and family and they will have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their great hour of trial.

Joseph Godfrey HOLDSWORTH (1824-1884) Evening Post 18 August 1884

Another gap in the ranks of the old colonists residing in Wellington has been caused by the death of Mr Joseph Godfrey Holdsworth, District Crown Land Commissioner, who passed over to the great majority at about half-past 6 on Saturday night. The demise was not an unexpected event, the deceased having been confined to a bed of sickness for some days previously. Mr Holdsworth, although not one of the oldest colonists in the city, was a settler of long standing in Wellington, having arrived here from Great Britain in August 1853, exactly 31 years ago last Thursday, bringing with him a wife and four children. Soon after landing he entered into partnership with Mr John Knowles, who until recently occupied the position of Under-Secretary for Public Works, and devoted the first few years of his life to commercial pursuits. Before long he was elected a member of the Provincial Council, but resigned the position in order to accept the office of Paymaster of Roads under that body, the Superintendent being then the late Dr Featherston. Shortly before the abolition of the provinces he was appointed District Crown Land Commissioner, an office which he retained until his death. Soon after the commencement of the present year, Mr Holdsworth was advised by his medical attendant to refrain from work for a time, and, acting on the suggestion, he obtained leave of absence for six months, intending to take rest and quietness at the residence of some of his friends elsewhere. His health, however, rapidly became worse, his physician being unable to do anything to mitigate the disease of the heart from which he suffered, and he was consequently prevented from leaving the city. On Thursday week he attended meetings of the Educational Reserves Trustees and the Hospital Convalescence Trust Fund, and returned to his residence on the Tinakori-road feeling very unwell. He at once took to his bed, and never rose from it again. On Saturday night week he suffered a paralytic stroke, which destroyed the power of speech, and although everything was done by his medical attendant that could be suggested, he never rallied, and gradually sank to rest a week afterward, surrounded by his wife and family. The deceased was an active member of the Congregational Church, but also took a warm interest in the work of other dissenting bodies here, occasionally rendering valuable service to them by preaching in the absence of the regular clergyman. He was president of the Young Men's Christian Association for several years, and also occupied the position of chairman of the Benevolent Institution for a lengthened period. He was an offfical visitor at the Hospital and the Lunatic Asylum, in which institutions he always evinced a lively interest. The deceased was a gentleman whose honesty and uprightness were undoubted, and his loss will be regretted by others than those composing the family of which he was the head. Mr Holdsworth's first wife died some years after his arrival in the colony, and he married again, his second wife presenting him with eight children, all of whom are alive and residing in New Zealand. The eldest son is in the Treasury Department, another one is in charge of the Koranui Coal Company's property at Westport, while a third occupies a position in the local branch of the Loan and Mercantile Agency. One of the daughters is married to Mr C. W. Smith, of Benjamin Smith and Son, another is united to Mr W. H. Warren, a candidate for the Thorndon Ward, and a third is the wife of Mr D. P. Purdey, of the Property Tax Department. The body was consigned to its last resting place this afternoon.

Charles HOLLARD (1812-1884) Wairarapa Daily Times 23 December 1884

Time with its inevitable progress is now gradually removing from this earthly stage the remnant of the early settlers who could personally testify to the gigantic struggles, dangers and vicissitudes that attended the efforts of the founders of the Wellington settlement. Mr Charles Hollard, of Greytown, one of the noble band of pioneers who landed with such stout hearts and strong resolutions, upon an uncultivated, and (as far as the natives were concerned) an inhospitable shore, has now passed away.

Mr Hollard and family sailed from London in the ship 'Arab' about the end of April in the year 1841. The ship, after battling with the elements in the Bay of Biscay, lost its mainmast and had to return to Dartmouth for repairs. After this first danger and drawback had been surmounted, the good ship proceeded on its way and after a tedious journey of five months and fourteen days sighted land on the 10th of October 1841, and anchored in Wellington harbour the 14th of the same month.

Mr Hollard and a shipmate named George Hill stayed in the immigration depot three weeks, remaining in Wellington three months. They then settled with their families, first in Lowry Bay, where they were soon employed in sawing timber for Mr Jackson (a previous arrival), at the rate of £1 per 100ft, cutting timber for the first wooden houses built in Wellington. They remained in Lowry Bay about nine months and commenced cropping immediately upon arrival. At this time peas were sold at 6s per quart and cabbages grew there to an immense size. While in Lowry Bay Mr Hollard purchased on one occasion a gallon of peas for 20s, and the rats, which infested the settlement in swarm come in the night and devoured the lot. Wild pigs also committed great depredations.

Mr Jackson, their employer not enjoying good health, wished to remove further into the country, and requested Mr Hollard and his mate to accompany him; but they both declined. However, Mr Jackson went to Karori and selected some land for them, about five acres each, which Mr Hollard and his friend soon settled upon, having during their nine months' labor saved sufficient to pay for the same in cash.

At this time the road to Karori was nothing but a bridle track to a great extent, although some distance could be accomplished by a bullock dray. After being twelve months in the colony – three in Wellington and nine at Lowry Bay – they went to Porirua to stay till their land at Karori was fit for settlement. Here they built another timber house, formed a garden and stayed till the February following, Messrs Hollard and Hall in the meantime going up to Karori settlement and falling some timber.

Mr Hollard with indomitable energy carried the first plough, a distance of about five miles, over the hill between the Hutt and Wainui, and near where the water works are now. As soon as the new land was ready for occupation they proceeded to remove thither, first selling their house at Porirua and erecting their new house with the proceeds.

Mr Hollard used to relate that when journeying to their Karori settlement they overtook another settler, Mr H. Jones, at the Devil's Bridge, with a wheelbarrow, conveying by that means 200lbs of flour up to his home, Mrs Jones meeting him on the way with a pair of Maori slings to assist him with his burden. Having nothing to harry [sic] but their son George Mr and Mrs Hollard passed Mrs Jones, and were soon in their new home, if it could be called such, it having a roof through which the stars could be seen at night, and when raining having to raise an umbrella in the bed to save being soaked through with the downpour.

Here, at Karori, they soon had some three acres in crop, partly wheat and partly vegetables. Governor Grey at this time visited the settlement with his staff and in passing through the clearing expressed his delight and astonishment at the courage of the emigrants in penetrating into such an almost impregnable piece of bush country.

Every man had at this time to make his own road and after producing the grain he could not grind it, but had to boil it to render it fit for food. “Nor did it eat so badly” was the opinion of old Mr Hollard. Subsequent to this they procured a hand mill.

Then the Maori war broke out about the year 1845, when they had to leave their cropping, which at this time amounted to five acres, being called to arms, men getting 2/6 per day and families having to take shelter in the house of Dr Featherston. At this period, Judge Chapman, who is now no more (and whose family were lost in the ill-fated London in returning to the colony), was their guide, counsellor and friend, appears to have led their movements at this crisis. It was then that five families took shelter in one room in Dr Featherston’s residence while the men watched and worked alternately. For about a fortnight they were in this state of anxiety and suspence not knowing when the Maoris might pounce down upon them, and by reason of their numbers probably annihilate the whole white population. Many little episodes were related by the deceased of the false alarms and conjectures indulged in by this little band of heroes and advance guard of civilisation. At one time the supplejacks appeared to be unduly waving and something appeared to be on the move behind; the word was given to fire, when lo, it resulted in being nothing more warlike than the Judge’s donkey, which, thanks to the random shooting, was not hurt.

It was amusing to hear Mr Hollard describe his first pigeon shooting soon after arrival. He and his mate had only one gun between them and that without a lock. One would hold the gun and the other would apply a lighted stick.

They were at Karori about seven years, when Mr Hill, being on a visit to the Hutt, reported on his return, better land there. Messrs Hill and Hollard determined to sell out all their interest and improvements at Karori and proceed to that district, where they remained doing battle with almost incredible difficulties. In the first place, the head of the family was laid up with illness all the winter, and they were compelled to sell cow after cow for sustenance. This was followed by a terribly wet season, when the wheat became… and almost valueless; floods were also troublesome, and whole swarms of rats and wild pigs would at times make predatory visitations.

On January 22nd 1855 (the anniversary of the province), they paid a visit to Karori. It was upon that day that the first violent shock of earthquake was experienced, and on returning to their homes they found everything breakable smashed; clocks, crockery, &c., were in fragments, and tables, chairs, and other articles of furniture were upside down and otherwise damaged. A flood following brought water up rapidly to the depth of four feet in the dwellings. Mr Hollard, sen., remained at the Hutt 21 years and then came in the year 1871 to the Wairarapa, where he has just died.

The deceased, who has left an ineffaceable name upon the Tablets of New Zealand history, also leaves behind him a widow, five sons and four daughters, all of whom are married and in comfortable circumstances, with about sixty grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren. Mr Charles Hollard was at the time of his decease about 75 years of age, and was a native of Somersetshire, England.

Charles Edgar HOLLARD (1849-1917) Evening Post 16 April 1917

The death occurred at Lower Hutt yesterday evening of Mr Charles Hollard, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the district. The late Mr Hollard had lived at Lower Hutt practically all the 68 years of his life. His parents settled in the locality shortly after their arrival in New Zealand, and after enduring great hardships, succeeded in establishing a home in the dense bush. Also there was trouble with the Maoris; and as a protection a stockade was erected on land that now forms part of the river bed. In this stockade young Hollard drilled as a militiaman, and filled in his leisure hours in cutting timber for his father.

Later, when the Waiwetu was still clothed in dense bush, Mr C. Hollard's father purchased an area of land there from the late Mr Tollemarsh. The Waiwetu stream was, at that time, a continual source of trouble, and the farm was on occasions flooded with water to a depth of several feet. Stock was lost and fences levelled to the ground, but indomitable perseverance prevailed in the end and the family commenced to get a return for their arduous labour.

Mr Charles Hollard for some time followed the pursuits of a farmer at Greytown, and on the death of his father returned to Waiwetu over forty years ago, and resided there until his death. For some years he has been living in retirement, but took an interest in the progress of the borough. He was a Justice of the Peace, an ex-councillor, and a member of "Nat" Valentine's band, the first band formed in the district. He also took an interest in Church matters, and for over fourteen years was conductor of the Wesley Church choir. As a member of the Hutt Horticultural he rendered that body excellent service.

The late Mr Hollard was a renowned rifle shot, was a cricketer of note in the district in his younger days, and his prowess at throwing the hammer and crow-bar at athletic gatherings are well known to athletes of a generation ago. In later life he was best known for the great interest he took in bowling. He was one of the foundation members of the Hutt Bowling Club, of which he was an ex-president, was for ten years a member of the executive committee of the club, and for a number of years he acted as ground superintendent. The gratuitous service he has given to the club in making their property one of the beauty spots of the Dominion is recognised by thousands of bowlers throughout New Zealand. As late as Saturday he was on the Hutt bowling green, and on the previous Monday he played an all-day match.

The late Mr Hollard leaves a widow, a son, and two married daughters. The son is Mr E. Hollard, merchant, Hawera, one daughter is the wife of Mr E. Johnson, Lower Hutt, and the other of Mr H. F. Ayson, Judge of the Native Court in the Cook Islands.

Elizabeth HOLLARD *nee* ROBINSON (1842-1930) Wanganui Chronicle 1 July 1930

One of the oldest of the white inhabitants of New Zealand passed away at Levin last week, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr W. J. Kirk, Salisbury Street, in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Hollard, who was born at the settlement at the mouth of the Hutt River almost 88 years ago, her life thus having bridged the great span between the original days of colonisation and the totally changed conditions of the present. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Robinson, senr., arrived from England in 1841, and she was born on August 26 of the following year. Her girlhood was spent at the Hutt, Karori, Waikanae and Otaki. At the last-named place her father was in charge of the Maori mission under the late Bishop Williams, and it was during that period that the famous Maori Church was erected there. In course of time her parents removed to Taita, where she was married in 1863 to John Hollard. With her husband she went to live in the Wairarapa, in which district he undertook sheep-farming, and, later, fruitgrowing. Subsequently they took up their residence in Petone, and after the death of Mr Hollard in 1897 she continued to live there until February 12, 1920, when she went to Levin and made her home with her daughter, Mrs Kirk.

Wherever Mrs Hollard was known she was esteemed, and in moving from one localilty to another she left behind a host of friends. Not only was she of a kindly and sympathetic nature, but she was possessed of a broad outlook and a mental alertness that remained with her practically to the last. The vicissitude through which the early settlers passed she shared in a very full measure, and from these experiences, it may justly be said, she derived the strengthening of character that goes to the credit of a life well lived. Her memory was of great clarity and served her faithfully even in extreme age, and her powers of observation were of a rare order. Blessed with the talent of expressing herself in admirable English, she committed a large number of her reminiscences to writing. She had taken a pleasure, in her declining years, in setting down memorabilia – some being of the intimate nature of family records, but others of general interest and shedding much light on such matters as the adventures of the pioneers, their relations with the Maoris, and the personality of Te Rauparaha, who was a frequent visitor to her father's house in Otaki.

The deceased lady had enjoyed remarkably good health for her age, and her last illness was brief. She outlived her parent's family, of which she was the youngest member; and she is survived by three daughters and a son, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs W. T. Bowater (Feilding), Mrs W. J. Kirk (Levin) and Mrs C. H. Walker (Makirikiri, Wanganui); and the son Mr C. J. Hollard (Opotiki).

Launcelot HOLMES (1840-1891) Evening Post 07 November 1891

Though the event was not entirely unexpected, the news of the death of Launcelot Holmes, formerly Chief Pilot of Wellington, will cause a severe shock to his very large circle of friends amongst the old identities in the district. For many months past Pilot Holmes has suffered terribly from dropsy. On more than one occasion his life was despaired of, but he rallied time after time. Last night, however, he passed away at his residence, off Marjoribanks-street. Deceased was the son of one of Wellington's very earliest band of settlers, and was born at Petone in March, 1840. It has always been claimed on his behalf that he was the first child born of European parents in the Wellington district, but in this connection it is only fair to state that the honour is disputed, Mr Thomas Rogers being the other claimant. In any case, the difference between them must have been a very small one. In early life young Holmes took to a seafaring life, and at the age of about 20 we find him occupying the responsible position of coxswain to the pilot boat of Wellington harbour, Captain Davis being then pilot. A couple of years later, Captain Holliday having become harbourmaster in the interval, deceased was promoted, and made harbour pilot. Later on he was appointed chief pilot at the Heads, and there he remained in full charge until February, 1888, when he was granted six months' leave of absence on account of an injury to the sinews of the right hand, arising from the long-continued strain in grasping the steer-oar. The holiday failed to set him right, so in August, 1888, Pilot Holmes had to finally retire from the service. Shortly afterwards he was laid low by the malady which finally carried him off. Deceased was an exceedingly capable man at handling a vessel, and in his long career as pilot only one mishap occurred to a ship under his charge, that accident being one for which he was held free from blame. He was a thoroughly hearty and good-natured man, and all with whom he came into contact will cherish kindly recollections of him. He was a Mason, and a very old member of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge. The flags on the vessels in harbour to-day, and those of several places of business, are at half-mast in token of mourning.

Caroline HOOPER *nee* WADMAN (1815-1903) Manawatu Standard 20 June 1903

Mrs Caroline Hooper, whose death at Sandon was announced this week, came to the colony in 1840 in the ship *Arab* with some 350 other emigrants. With her husband she settled at Taita and there went through some exciting experiences with the natives, of which she had a vivid recollection. Mrs Hooper leaves behind six children, seventy-nine grandchildren and 110 great-grandchildren.

Eliza Jane HOOPER *nee* KING (1857-1916) Wairarapa Age 22 January 1916

Mrs Eliza Jane Hooper died at Taita (Lower Hutt) on Wednesday, at the age of fifty-eight years. The deceased was a daughter of Mr Reuben King, of Taita, and had lived in the district all her life.

Emily Rebecca Louisa HOOPER *nee* FELLINGHAM (1839-1913)

Hutt Valley Independent 15 Nov 1913

We have to announce the death of Mrs Emily Rebecca Louisa Hooper, one of the oldest Hutt Valley pioneer settlers and wife of Robert Hooper of Horseshoe Bend, at her residence on Monday, November 3, at the age of 74 years. The deceased lady (then Miss Ellingham) left England, her native country, in the *Lady Nugent* in 1842, and resided at the Hutt with her parents with whom she had made the voyage out. On May 4, 1861, she was married to Robert Hooper at St Peter's Anglican Church, Wellington by the Rev (afterwards Archdeacon) Stock. The newly wedded couple commenced housekeeping a few days later at Horseshoe Bend and continued in residence there until their partnership of 52 years of married life was broken by the death of the "better half." There were thirteen children, issue of the marriage, seven sons (one of whom died in infancy) and six daughters. At the date of the death, deceased had 53 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Death, which occurred after an illness of nine weeks duration, was due to internal complications. The interment took place at Akatarawa Cemetery on November 5, in the presence of a large gathering of settlers from far and near. The service at the grave was conducted by Mr Oakshotte of the "Gospel Hall" community.

George HOOPER (1857-1941) Hutt News 18 June 1941

The death took place at Taita on 9th instant of Mr Geo. Cooper, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the district. The late Mr Cooper was born in Taita in 1857, and was the youngest son and the only surviving member of the family of the late John Hooper, who arrived by the ship *Arab* in the year 1841, and settled in the Hutt Valley. He is survived by a family of eleven children, 32 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. His sons are J. R. Hooper (Hamilton), G. H. Hooper (Opunake), P. R. Hooper (Taita) and J. S. Hooper (Oamaru), and the daughters are Mrs Larkin (Wellington), Mrs Cooley (Hamilton), Mrs Smith (Timaru), Mesdames Ridyard and Driscoll (Lower Hutt), Mrs MacGregor (Napier) and Mrs Couchman (Patea). His wife predeceased him 25 years ago. The late Mr Hooper was a foundation member of the U.A.O.D. Lodge, which was founded over 60 years ago. The funeral service, which was very largely attended, took place at the Taita Church, and at both the church and the graveside the service was conducted by the Rev H. E. K. Fry. The chief mourners were his four sons and five daughters, and the pall-bearers were his five grandchildren, Messrs E. K. and G. Ridyard, G. Larkin, J. Hooper and R. Pomfrey.

John HOOPER (1802-1892) Evening Post 29 December 1892

The funeral of the late Mr John Hooper took place at the Taita yesterday and was attended by a very large assemblage of old settlers and more recent neighbours. Mr Hooper was in many respects a remarkable man, and despite want of education and a certain roughness of manner, he possessed many high and noble qualities. He was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him, and stories illustrative of his high sense of honour and kindness of heart were freely recounted yesterday by the old friends who stood around his grave to pay their last tribute of respect to him. Mr Hooper was 88 years of age when he died. He was first married in England at the age of 19 years, but when he arrived in Port Nicholson by the *Arab*, in 1841, he was accompanied by his second wife, who now survives him after some 53 years of wedded life. Mr Hooper was noted as one of the strongest and lustiest men in the infant settlement, and although weighing nearly 17 stone he was extremely active and industrious. Many stories are told of his physical prowess. He settled at the Hutt soon after arrival, and of course went through the troublous times of the early days of Wellington. His industry and perseverance were, however, amply rewarded, and in his later days he enjoyed a competence. He is survived by five daughters and two sons, who reside in different parts of the colony, and his descendants of the third and fourth generations actually number upwards of 160. Mr Hooper was in every sense a good colonist, and his death is sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

James HORNE (1839-1913) Evening Post 01 July 1913

Mr James Horne, who was for many years in charge of the Petone District High School, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his married daughter, Oakland-road, Mount Eden, Auckland. The deceased gentleman was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in 1844, and was educated at the Glasgow High School. On completing his education, he entered the service of a large mercantile firm in Glasgow, but, disliking the routine of a counting-house, he sailed in 1862 for Melbourne in the 'Maid of the Mist', a famous clipper in those days. Some relatives were large runholders in Victoria at that time, and for three years after his arrival in Australia Mr Horne was on their station. He then left for New Zealand, and for some years was connected with a station in Canterbury, eventually filling the position of manager. In 1873 he came to Wellington, and was employed for a year as first assistant in the late Mr Holme's private school at Te Aro. He then secured the appointment of master of the Tawa Flat School, a position which he retained until 1887, when he was transferred to Petone, where he remained as head master until December 1909, when he retired on superannuation. Later, he went to live in the Auckland district. A considerable portion of his time since then was spent at Rotorua. His successor at Petone was Mr W. Foster, who is just recovering from a serious illness. The late Mr Horne was a gentleman who was respected while at Petone by all classes of the community, and he endeared himself to his pupils. He identified himself with the interests of the children who were under him, and parents recognised in him an able teacher, who was genuinely anxious to promote the welfare of the boys and girls. Deceased was a member of the Masonic body, and a lover of outdoor sports. His wife died about twenty years ago, leaving him with a daughter (wife of Mr W. H. Fee, solicitor, Auckland) and two sons, one of whom (Mr James A. Horne) is in the Civil Service in Wellington, the other (Mr John Horne) being explosives expert in Australasia for Kynock's Ltd., Birmingham. The flag at the Petone High School is being flown at half-mast, out of respect for deceased's memory. The body is to be interred at the Taita Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

James Alexander HORNE (1877-1920) Evening Post 15 June 1920

The death occurred at the Waiwetu on Sunday of Mr James A. Horne, only son of the late Mr James Horne, who was for many years headmaster of the Petone School. Deceased was born at Petone 44 years ago, and as a young man was a prominent athlete. He was one of the founders of the Petone Rowing Club, and was an energetic member of the Heretaunga Mounted Rifles. When the Boer War broke out he enlisted, and went on active service. He succumbed to an attack of influenza.

David Brown HOWDEN (1846-1927) Evening Post 26 July 1927

The death occurred yesterday at his residence at Heretaunga of Mr David Brown Howden, at the age of 81. The late Mr Howden was born in Edinburgh, and educated at the Edinburgh Academy. He came out to New Zealand in 1873, and joined the service of the Colonial Bank when it first started. Afterwards he joined the staff of the Bank of New South Wales at Christchurch. Later Mr Howden came to Wellington and went into business with his brother in the Wellington Biscuit Company, in which he continued until they sold out some eighteen years ago, when he went into retirement at Heretaunga. While there were other golfers in New Zealand when the Howden brothers arrived, they were amongst the first to do more than talk about the game both had played in Scotland. Mr P. R. Howden was one of the first to rouse interest in the game in Dunedin, when the old Mornington links were started there, and the late Mr D. B. Howden was one of the founders of the Hutt Golf Club on the Waiwetu, where the present racecourse is, and where the first golf was played in the North Island. Mr D. B. Howden was also the originator of the New Zealand Golf Council, in collaboration with Mr Wilder (Christchurch). He was a foundation member of the Wellington Golf Club at Heretaunga, and took a keen interest in the game until very recently. The late Mr Howden leaves a widow and two daughters – the Misses Howden, of Heretaunga – and two sons – Mr D. O. L. Howden, of the Bank of New Zealand, Marton and Mr C. R. Howden, of the Gear Meat Company, Wellington.

David Barrett HOWE (1863-1897) New Zealand Times 11 Mar 1897

The very large number of friends who followed the remains of the late Mr D. B. Howe from his residence in Richmond Street, Petone, to the Taita Cemetery yesterday was evidence of the great respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by the residents of the suburban borough. The Gear Company's works were closed to enable the employees to attend the funeral, and what with a large number of Oddfellows and numerous other friends, there must have been fully 300 people following the body to the grave. At the graveside the Rev Jones conducted the burial service, and the Oddfellows' funeral ceremony was read by one of the brethren.

William George HUGHES (1892-1926) Evening Post 10 February 1926

The death of Mr William George Hughes, which occurred at a private hospital in Lower Hutt on Monday, will be deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends. As a sportsman, the late Mr Hughes was one of the best, and ability at his calling keenly appreciated by his employers and others who came into contact with him. On the sports field he was best known as a cricketer, having taken an active part in the game right up to the time of the illness from which he never recovered. He was one of the leading members of the Hutt Cricket Club, and in addition to serving the club well as a player he had done a great deal for the betterment of the game, not only in the Hutt district, but also in Wellington. He represented Wellington on the field, and was for some years a member of the Management Committee of the Wellington Cricket Association. He was also a member of the Hutt Golf Club. In the motion picture business he was also very well known. For fifteen years he was connected with the New Zealand Picture Supplies, his valued services being recognised by an appointment to the directorate. A few months ago when Australasian Films, Ltd., assumed control of the distributing side of the business of the New Zealand Picture Supplies he was appointed local secretary of the former company. Deceased was 34 years of age. He leaves a widow and two young children. Deep regret at the death of Mr Hughes was expressed at this week's meeting of the W.C.A. Management Committee, and it was decided to forward a letter of condolence to the relatives.

David HUGHEY (1829-1919) Dominion 14 June 1919

Another pioneer settler, Mr David Hughey, a well-known resident in the Manawatu district, died early on Tuesday last, in his ninety-first year, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Robert John Port, Waikanae. Mr Hughey arrived in Wellington when twelve years of age in the ship *Martha Ridgway*, in November 1840. Seven years were spent with his parents at Karori. During that time, when only 15 years of age, he served in the militia as a substitute for his father. He then removed to Taita, where he engaged in farming and in business. He later went into the Manawatu district, settling at Foxton, where he opened a store, and engaged in the flaxmilling industry. Subsequently he took an active part in opening up the Pohangina district, and to his untiring energy and ability that district owes much for its present prosperity. Later he did successful work as a pioneer in the Matuiti district. Mr Hughey was a man of fine physique and untiring energy, and rendered valuable service on public bodies. He was also a great Maori linguist, and exercised considerable influence among the Natives, whose full confidence he enjoyed. He on one occasion had a concession made to him by the famous warrior chief Wi Tako, extended to no other European. Mr Hughey devoted his ability and energies largely for the wise settlement of new districts. He had known strenuous and long continued labour in pioneer work, accompanied by hardships known only to the early settlers. He was a man of kindly disposition, of the strictest integrity, and was held in general esteem. He survived his wife 25 years, leaving Mrs R. J. Port as the only surviving member of his family. The funeral took place at Waikanae on Thursday, and was largely attended.

Thomas HUMPHRIES (1841-1928)

Evening Post 30 August 1928 "Father of Modern Survey" (photo included)

The death occurred this morning of Mr Thomas Humphries at his residence in Lower Hutt. The late Mr Humphries, who was just completing his eighty-seventh year at the time of his death, was for some years Surveyor-General for New Zealand, having held in addition several appointments such as that of Commissioner of Crown Lands. At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Institute of Surveys held in New Plymouth a week or two ago, tribute was paid to Mr Humphries, one of the institute's founders; he was described as the father of modern survey. Born in London in 1841, Thomas Humphries was the eldest son of Dr E. L. Humphries who, after seeing Taranaki during a trip round the world and being favourably impressed with the country, brought his wife and family to New Zealand in 1850. The voyage was made in the 600-ton barque 'Sir Edward Paget', Auckland being reached after a 100 days' sail. After spending a month in the northern town, Dr Humphries settled in New Plymouth, where young Thomas went to school and incidentally learnt much about farming. In 1857 Thomas Humphries entered the Survey Department as a cadet. In those days there were no horses, all survey work having to be done on foot. During the wars with the Maoris of 1860 and 1861 Mr Humphries was employed at the front by the military authorities making surveys of localities of engagements and of general operations, in addition to taking part in the actual warfare. Survey work being at a standstill owing to hostilities, Mr Humphries joined the famous "bush party" formed by Major (late Sir Harry) Atkinson, his two brothers also being members. Later he received a commission in the militia. By dint of systematic study, Mr Humphries quickly made a mark for himself in his profession as surveyor, and by 1861 was promoted to the position of Assistant Surveyor. He was promoted to be Chief Surveyor of Taranaki in 1870, and under his supervision settlement surveys of the country were made from Inglewood through dense bush to Hawera and round Mount Egmont by way of Opunake. In 1877 he was appointed Chief Surveyor under the General Government, and in 1885 became Commissioner of Crown Lands in Taranaki. From 1885 to 1906 Mr Humphries held the offices of Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Land Districts of Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Nelson, and Canterbury. Finally, in 1906, he was appointed Surveyor-General for the Dominion, retiring in 1909 after 52 years' service. The late Mr Humphries had a decided gift for mathematics and wrote a brochure on astronomy in connection with survey work which is still used by students. In conjuntion with the late Dr Adams he carried out longitude determination between Wellington and New Plymouth, and his work in this direction, as with all his survey work, has stood the test of time, proving to be remarkably accurate. His interest in astronomy was very keen, and he made important observations at the time of the total eclipse of the sun in 1885 and at the time of the transit of Venus. Even up to his eighty-first birthday he derived great enjoyment in setting mathematical problems for the Australasian survey examinations, his keen faculties being in no way impaired by advancing years. The deceased, who is survived by his widow and several children, did not confine his attentions only to his work. He took a keen interest in various sports, church work, music, and other social activities. He won many prizes for rifle shooting, once tying for the Championship Belt.

Hutt News 06 September 1928

We regret to record the death of Mr Thomas Humphries an old and much respected resident of the Hutt, which took place at his residence, Stephen Road, last week, at the age of 87 years. The late Mr Humphries, who was a former Surveyor-General, was born in London and joined the Survey Department in Taranaki on November 1, 1857, at the age of 16 years. With other young men he was trained under the Carringtons, New Zealand Company surveyors, and his field service was conducted under the strenuous and exciting times of early bush settlement and the Maori War. He was a member at that period of (Sir Harry) Atkinson's Forest Rangers, and became a crack rifle shot. He became Chief Surveyor in 1870, Commissioner of Crown Lands in addition in 1885, Surveyor-General in 1906 until his retirement in 1909.

His professional career was notable from the part he took with others in introducing and facilitating the necessary astronomical foundation for the New Zealand survey system as it is today, and he is the author of a working pamphlet on the subject, which is still a textbook today. In 1882 the late Mr Humphries undertook for the British authorities an observation of the transit of Venus, and in 1885 the photographic work of the eclipse of the sun. He also engaged in accurate observational work on geodetic and astronomical latitutdes in Taranaki. The deceased was Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands for Taranaki, Christchurch, Nelson, Napier and Auckland. He was a member of the Government Life Assurance and Public Trust Boards of investment, a Fellow of the Institute of Surveyors and its president for seven years, and in virtue of his astronomical work he was made a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, London. He was a member of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act, and of the Surveyors' Board. On the latter board his endless patience and interest in the numerous candidates who passed through his hands endeared him to all, and his knowledge and integrity won him the respect and admiration of all who were concerned with him in his numerous avenues of active work. The late Mr Humphries was a keen bowler. He is survived by his widow and a son and daughter – Mr S. W. Humphries of Oamaru and Miss Humphries of Lower Hutt.

Fred Edward James HUNTER (1861-1938)

Evening Post 26 July 1938

Mr Fred Edward James Hunter, an old and respected resident of the Hutt Valley, died in the Wellington Hospital recently. The late Mr Hunter, who was in his 78th year, was born in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, England, and came to New Zealand in the sailing ship 'Hurunui' in 1879. He settled in Kaiapoi until 1889, when he removed to Petone, and from there until 1930, when he retired, he followed various occupations. His wife, one son, and one daughter predeceased him. He is survived by two sons, Messrs W. C. and R. H. Hunter, three daughters, Mesdames C. E. Harman, R. W. Olson, and G. R. McKay, 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, all of Petone. The deceased had many friends and was always ready to help anyone requiring assistance. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral, which was conducted by the Rev H. S. I. Kenney.

Hutt News 03 August 1938

Mr Fred Edward James Hunter, who was well known and highly respected in the Hutt Valley, where he had many friends, died recently in the Wellington Hospital. The late Mr Hunter, who was in his 78th year, was born in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, England, and came out to New Zealand in the sailing ship 'Hurunui' in 1879 and settled in Kaiapoi until 1889, when he removed to Petone. From then on until 1930, when he retired, he followed various occupations. His wife, one son and one daughter predeceased him and two sons, Messrs W. H. and R. H. Hunter; three daughters Mesdames C. E. Harman, R. W. Olson and G. R. McKay; also 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of Petone, are left to mourn their loss. The latter years of his life were borne with fortitude. The late Mr Hunter was of a happy disposition and he was ever ready to help anyone requiring assistance. The funeral, which was attended by a large and representative gathering, was conducted by the Rev H. S. Kenney. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

Albert Ernest HURRELL (1865-1939) Evening Post 07 September 1939

The late Mr A. E. Hurrell, of Main Road, Lower Hutt, whose death occurred recently, was born at Kaiapoi in 1865, his parents being numbered amongst the Canterbury Pilgrims. After leaving school he followed the trade of cabinetmaking, in which craft he was well known as an expert. In 1885 he came to Wellington, and was foreman for Messrs Martin and Patterson when they built the Town Hall. Later on he was associated with Messrs Martin and Snadden in the building of the Morton Dam. After this he was the successful tenderer for the erection of the Boys' Institute. Mr Hurrell was always a keen horticulturalist, and in recent years was a grower of flowers on a large scale. Various horticultural societies were indebted to him for valuable assistance, particularly the Hutt Valley Society, which has suffered a distinct loss by his passing. He had a large circle of friends by whom he was greatly esteemed. In 1890 Mr Hurrell married Miss A. M. Levy, whose father, Mr Alfred Levy, was born in Wellington in 1845. Besides his widow the deceased leaves a family of two sons and two daughters, and six grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs Clyde Saint of Ohau and Mrs W. Benstead of Lower Hutt. The sons are Messrs J. Hurrell of Nelson and Eric Hurrell of Lower Hutt. The funeral which was held on Monday, was largely attended by relatives and friends. The service at the mortuary chapel was conducted by the Rev H. T. Peat, who also officiated at the Crematorium, Karori, where he was assisted by the Rev S. H. D. Peryman, brother-in-law of the deceased. Many beautiful wreaths from private citizens and horticultural societies served to mark the high esteem in which Mr Hurrell was held.

William INGLIS (-1911) Evening Post 13 Sep 1911

The death occurred at an early hour this morning, after a lengthy illness, of Mr William Inglis, an old resident of Petone. The late Mr Inglis was well known throughout the Hutt Valley, and universally liked. Born about forty-six years ago, he was the son of the late Dr Inglis, of Mosgiel, who was one of the first medical practitioners in Otago. Following in his father's footsteps, he commenced the study of medicine, being apprenticed to a chemist in Dunedin, and after a time he came to Wellington, where he was associated with Mr W. E. Woods. He then went to Wanganui, and later to Petone. There he took over the established business of Mr Sykes, and the old shop, bearing the name of the original owner of the business (Miss L. Heath) still stands in Jackson-street. It is about twenty years since the deceased gentleman first settled in Petone, and he has been there ever since. He has always interested himself in some form of sport, but chiefly cricket. He was one of the principal founders of the Petone Cricket Club about eighteen years ago – the first cricket club in the valley – and in the games he gained some renown as a bowler. When the proposal was made to establish the Hutt Valley Trotting Club, he was equally enthusiastic. He was among the original founders, and for some time acted as handicapper. He did not enter public life to any great extent, but for the past nine years had been a member of the Hutt Licensing Bench. He retired from this body just prior to the last annual meeting in June, and in announcing the fact, the chairman (Dr McArthur) paid a high tribute to Mr Inglis's character. The late Mr Inglis was a Past Master of the Ulster Lodge of Freemasons, of which he has always been a prominent member. He was also a Justice of the Peace, and up to some time ago, his was a familiar face on the Bench. It is about fourteen months since he was overtaken by the illness which has ended in death. The late Mr Inglis was twice married, and his second wife and five children survive him. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon next at 2.30 o'clock, leaving for the Taita Cemetery.

Archibald INGRAM (1835-1919) Evening Star 23 October 1919

The death of Mr Archibald Ingram at the Wanganui Hospital removes one of the pioneer settlers of the Rangitikei. A Tasmanian by birth, he came to New Zealand with his parents in 1849 at the age of six, and resided at the Hutt until he was 13, when, in company with Mr W. Cawood, of Marton, then 11 years old, he waled to Marton. He drove bullock drays with goods from Wanganui to Marton, followed his trade as a blacksmith, launched into business at Bulls as a brewer, and during the latter part of his life was stockdealer and drover. He was the first volunteer in the Marton district to offer his services in the Maori War, and was a member of the Volunteer Corps for a number of years.

Anne JACKSON formerly WILSON *nee* HARVEY (1831-1909) NZ Times 15 May 1909

It was with deep sorrow that the people of Petone heard yesterday of the death at midnight on Thursday of one whose long and intimate connection with the social life of the borough and her readiness to befriend caused to be conferred upon her by common consent the title of “Mother of Petone.” Mrs Anne Jackson, relict of the late Edwin Jackson, a one-time prominent resident of the valley, and after whom Petone’s main thoroughfare was named, was practically a life-long resident of the colony, having arrived in Wellington as a girl of eight in the early forties by the sailing vessel ‘Duke of Roxburgh’. Her place of birth was Bath, England. She was married to Mr Thomas Wilson in 1863, prior to which date she had lived for a short time at Bay of Islands – the only interruption to a sixty-seven years’ residence in Wellington and suburbs. Among her surviving relatives are Mrs John Wakeham and Mr Joseph Jackson (step-children, both of Petone), and a half-sister, Mrs G. M. Snelson, of Sydney, formerly of Palmerston North. In the course of her devotion to social work she filled the position for many years of president of the Petone branch of the W.C.T.U., and also occupied the same office in relation to various church institutions. Her sympathies were broad, and the individuals and institutions she befriended were not confined to her own church circles, nor, indeed, to church circles at all. The funeral takes place this morning.

Edwin JACKSON (1823-1896) Evening Post 04 May 1896

Mr Edwin Jackson, whose death was recorded last week, was a very old resident of Petone, and did much to advance the interests of the district. He was born in England was brought up to the trade of a bricklayer. Hearing excellent reports of New Zealand, he came out to Wellington by the ship 'Indian Queen', about 40 years ago. After a short residence in Wellington he went to the Lower Hutt, where he worked at his trade. About 29 years ago he purchased 100 acres of land forming a portion of the site of the present township of Petone, and on a part of it he had a yard for the purposes of his own business. Subsequently he cut up the land into allotments, and sold it. He took a great interest in movements which had for their object the advancement of Petone, and he was associated with others in inducing the Government to create a Town District. For many years he was one of the Commissioners, retaining office until the Town Board gave way to the Borough Council, of which body he was also a member until about a year before his death, when he was compelled to give up the office owing to failing health. On various occasions he was asked to stand for the Mayoralty, but he always declined to allow himself to be nominated. About 10 years ago he was appointed to the Commission of the Peace, and continued to be an honorary magistrate up to the time of his death. Mr Jackson did much to entitle him to the thanks of the people of Petone. Amongst other things he built the swimming baths, which have proved such a boon to the residents, and he also presented the sections on which the Wesleyan Church and the Petone Naval drill and boat sheds are erected. He also made a gift of a piece of land in Nelson-street to the Loyal Petone Lodge of Oddfellows. Mr Jackson was of a charitable disposition, and delighted to do good. The funeral took place on Friday, and amongst those who attended it were the teachers and children of the Petone School, with whom he was very popular. After a short service had been conducted in the Wesleyan Church by the Rev Messrs Kirk and Gray, the body was brought into Wellington and interred in the Sydney-street Cemetery. Mr Jackson leaves a widow, a son, a daughter, and several grandchildren.

Emilie Janet JACKSON *nee* HALL (1845-1914) Evening Post 16 November 1914

Yesterday, at the Lower Hutt, the death of one of the oldest and most respected residents took place – Mrs Jackson, widow of the late Henry Jackson, who died eight years ago. She arrived in Hutt in 1862, and has lived there ever since, being for 50 years a leading member of the choir of St James's Anglican Church and an enthusiastic worker in Church matters. She leaves six sons – Messrs R. K. Jackson, solicitor, Masterton; F. W. P. Jackson, of Sydney; Elwyn H. Jackson, of the staff of the Union Bank, Christchurch; C. C. Jackson, sheepfarmer, Kopuaranga; Percy Jackson, of the legal firm of Messrs Wilford, Levi and Jackson; and E. O. Jackson; and two daughters, Mrs Barclay Hector and Mrs Dillon-Kelly. The funeral will take place at St James's Church, Lower Hutt, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Harriet JACKSON *nee* JUDD (1841-1918) Dominion 27 March 1918

The death of Mrs Harriet Jackson, widow of the late Thomas Jackson, of Kumeroa, on March 17, removed one of the oldest native born European women, one who passed through the heat and burden of early settlement strife, and one who was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Judd, Lower Hutt, who were among the pioneers of Wellington. She was born on January 6, 1841, and was one of the first girls of European parentage, if not actually the first, who saw the light of day in this city. After her marriage with the late Mr Thomas Jackson, she lived for some time in Greytown, but moved to the Woodville district in 1883, and Mr Jackson was farming with his sons at Kumeroa until his death in August, 1907. The deceased lady leaves a grown-up family consisting of Messrs William Jackson, Takapau; Thomas Jackson, Woodville; Stephen Jackson, Matamau; Philip Jackson, Rotorua; Alfred Jackson, Palmerston North; Leonard Jackson, Hopeland; Mrs J. Fisher, New Plymouth; Mrs Thomas and Mrs W. Baker, Woodville.

Henry JACKSON (1830-1906) Evening Post 29 October 1906

Mr Henry Jackson, one of the early settlers, passed away at his residence, Lower Hutt, this morning, at the advanced age of 77 years. Mr Jackson joined the Indian navy as a midshipman at the age of fifteen, and remained in that service till its abolition, by which time he had attained the rank of captain. He came to New Zealand in 1861, and at once entered the Survey Department under the Provincial Government, retiring in 1874 as Chief Surveyor of the Wellington Province. He was elected to Parliament as member for Hutt in 1880, but only served in that capacity for a brief period. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years, chairman of Taita Public Cemetery Trustees, and a prominent member of Lower Hutt Anglican Church. His end was somewhat sudden. He caught a cold last Monday, took to his bed on Friday, gradually became weaker, and expired at an early hour this morning. He is survived by a widow, six sons and two daughters. The sons are – Mr R. K. Jackson, solicitor, Masterton; F. W. P. Jackson, accountant to Messrs Nimmo and Blair, Dunedin; Mr E. H. Jackson, of the Union Bank, Timaru; Mr C. C. Jackson, sheep farmer, Mauriceville; Mr Percy Jackson, in the office of Messrs Wilford and Levi, solicitors, Wellington; and M. E. O. Jackson, of Mr R. J. Thompson's staff, Lower Hutt. The daughters are Mrs Barclay Hector and Miss Adele Jackson.

Joseph Enoch JACKSON (1852-1916) Evening Post 20 April 1916

A very old and respected resident of Petone, Mr Joseph E. Jackson, died at his residence, Nelson-street, yesterday. The late Mr Jackson was born in Lancashire, England, in 1852, and came out with his parents in the 'Indian Queen' in 1854. His father, Mr Edwin Jackson, immediately settled in Petone, which was then a wilderness of bush and swamp, there being only three houses in the district. Mr Edwin Jackson acquired the property now called Jackson-street, from Nelson-street to Beach-street, and the land adjacent. As this land was subdivided, Mr Jackson gave portions as a right-of-way, and hence the street came to be known as Jackson-street. Deceased was educated at Lower Hutt, the school being held in the old blockhouse. The late Mr Jackson was employed for many years as a machinist on the Independent, and continued with the paper when it became merged into the New Zealand Times. He afterwards became engaged in farming pursuits, in the Wainui-o-mata Valley, from which he retired eleven years ago. He has since resided in Petone. He was married in 1879 to the eldest daughter of Mr William Prouse, of Wainui-o-mata. Deceased had been in ill-health for some years, but was taken seriously ill at Longburn a week ago, and was brought home on Tuesday by motor-car. He rapidly sank, however, and passed away yesterday morning. The late Mr Jackson leaves a widow, two sons, Mr M. Jackson, of Onehunga, and Mr E. Jackson, of Petone; one daughter, Miss L. Jackson, of Petone; a grandson, and his only sister, Mrs J. Wakeham, of Petone. The funeral takes place on Saturday.

John JACOBSON (1856-1937) Evening Post 07 October 1937

Mr John Jacobson, one of the most esteemed citizens of Petone, died at his home in Victoria Street today. The deceased was born in Alskog, Sweden, eighty-one years ago, and spent his early years at sea. He came to New Zealand fifty-five years ago and resided for about twenty years in Eketahuna. For over thirty years he has been in the Hutt Valley, where he carried on a carrying, wood, and coal business. Mr Jacobson was a wide and discerning reader and stored away a great fount of information on a wide variety of topics. The Methodist Church will lose a great supporter, for Mr Jacobson was known as a local preacher throughout the whole of the Wellington district, taking services not only for his own Church, but for other denominations. Up to the time of his marriage he belonged to the Lutheran Church. The deceased was a member of the Orange Lodge. He is survived by five daughters, Mrs Simpson (Lowry Bay), Mrs Larsen (Bunnythorpe), and the Misses Doris, Merle and Vendla Jacobson, of Petone, and three sons, Messrs Victor, Eric and Otto Jacobson, all of the Hutt Valley.

Ann JEFFS nee BILTON (1797-1891) Evening Post 28 Apr 1891

A worthy old colonist, widow of the late Mr George Jeffs, who arrived by the 'Gertrude' in 1841, passed peacefully away at 3 o'clock this morning, at the advanced age of 94 years. Mrs Jeffs continued in fairly good health till within the past three years, when her constitution showed unmistakable signs of breaking up. Her two surviving daughters were present at her bedside when she died. The funeral will take place on Thursday next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

George JEFFS (1802-1884) Evening Post 16 January 1884

In our obituary column we record to-day the death of an old and respected colonist, Mr George Jeffs, of Nairn-street, who arrived by the ship 'Gertrude' in November 1841. For 18 years before he arrived in this colony he served in the Light Dragoons in various parts of the world. He unfortunately met with a serious accident in the early days of the settlement, which made him an invalid to the end of his life. His only son went to Australia more than 25 years ago, and for many years has not been heard from. Deceased, beside a widow, leaves two daughters, who are residing with large families near Wellington.

Death notice:
On the 16th December, at Nairn-street, George Jeffs, late of H.M. 14th Dragoons, in the 82nd year of his age.

Lewis JENKINS (1885-1942) Hutt News 22 Apr 1942

The death occurred suddenly on Friday morning of Mr Lewis Jenkins, a resident of many years in Lower Hutt, and well known for his activities in connection with the Methodist Church and many other social activities. He was for years superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School and a member of the Church choir. He was also an ex-member of the Boulcott School Committee and a foundation member of the Hutt Valley Liedertafel. The late Mr Jenkins followed the trade of cabinetmaking and up to the time of his death was in partnership with Mr William Hall. He was formerly the managing partner of the Hutt Cabinet Company in High Street. Mrs Jenkins predeceased her husband several years ago and he is survived by three sons and one daughter. Mrs W. V. Dyer is a sister. The funeral service was conducted at the Methodist Church on Monday morning by the Rev Frederick J. Parker, assisted by the Rev T. W. Vealie, afterwards proceeding to the Taita Cemetery.

Sarah JENKINS formerly BIDDLE *nee* BENNETT (1832-1907) Wanganui Herald 09 Oct 1907

Another old settler has passed away in the person of Mrs G. Jenkins, aged 75 years, who arrived in Wellington with her husband, the late Mr George Biddle, in the 'Oliver Lang' in 1857, and has resided in the Hutt and Wellington ever since.

George Lewis JENNESS (1845-1923) Evening Post 10 May 1923

Mr G. L. Jenness, who died this morning at the family residence, Belmont road, Lower Hutt, was one of Wellington's oldest business men. Born in Wellington 77 years ago, he served his time at the watchmaking trade, and afterwards founded the business now carried on by Messrs Rash and Gooder, which was at that time conducted on the site now occupied by Cooper's Buildings in Willis street. The late Mr Jenness retired from business in 1891, and had since been living quietly at the home he established in Lower Hutt. At prominent Rechabite, he had the honour of being the oldest member of the Order in the Dominion. He is survived by a widow, five daughters, and five sons. The daughters are: Mrs H. Whitehead of Palmerston North; Mrs A. Ballantyne, who spent several years on the mission field, and now residing at Lower Hutt; Mrs D. Hartley, of the Rotorua district; Mrs S. P. Skinner of Woodville; and Mrs H. R. Robinson of Whakatane. The sons are: Messrs G. A. Jenness of Lower Hutt, in business with his brother in Wellington; W. L. Jenness in business in Petone; Fred Jenness of Lower Hutt; Diamond Jenness, the well-known scientist, who took part in the Steffenson Polar exploration expedition, and is now at Victoria Museum, Canada; and Leonard Jenness in business in Petone. The late Mr Jenness had been ailing for about a fortnight.

Christian Ludvig JENSEN (1858-1938) Evening Post 11 Feb 1938

One of the pioneers of Wellington, Mr C. L. Jensen, died at Petone yesterday at the age of 83. Mr Jensen arrived at Napier by the sailing ship 'Friedeburgh' on August 24, 1875, at the age of 20. After residing for a few years in Hawke's Bay he settled in Petone, from where he removed to Wainuiomata, being engaged in farming there for 37 years. During the time he was in Petone he was a member of the celebrated Petone Navals. He also was a member of the bodyguard of Colonel J. M. Roberts, at Parihaka. Mr Jensen was a foundation member of Druids' Lodge, Star of New Zealand, Lower Hutt. For many years past Mr Jensen resided in Petone, where he was an enthusiastic member of the Central Bowling Club. He was twice married, and leaves a widow and a grown-up family of one son and three daughters, Mr H. Jensen, Karori; Mrs G. Hansen, Orongorongo; and Mrs A. and Mrs J. Jones, Glenomaru. There are thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The funeral will take place at 10am tomorrow.

Jens Peter JENSEN (1855-1918) Wairarapa Age 28 December 1918

The death is reported from Featherston of Mr Jens Peter Jensen, at the age of sixty-one years. The deceased was a native of Denmark, and prior to going to Featherston had lived for a number of years in Wellington and at the Hutt.

Elizabeth JOHNSON *nee* RIDDLER (1851-1921) Manawatu Times 02 August 1921

The death occurred at Petone on Sunday of Mrs Elizabeth Johnson, relict of the late Mr S. R. Johnson, and youngest daughter of the late Mr William Riddler, who was one of the earliest settlers in the Valley. Born in Petone in 1851, the late Mrs Johnson had resided in Petone up till the time of her death, and had been closely associated with local affairs for many years. Mrs E. P. Orviss, of Tahoraite, Dannevirke, is a daughter of deceased.

Harriett Frances JOHNSON *nee* RAYNER (1852-1934) Wairarapa Daily Times 15 Nov 1934

The many friends in Masterton of Mrs H. F. Johnson, relict of the late Mr Edwin Johnson, will regret to learn of her death, which occurred at her home in Wellington yesterday, following an attack of bronchial pneumonia. The late Mrs Johnson was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Rayner. She was born in Lincolnshire, England, in the year 1851. She came to New Zealand with her parents when only one year old. The family settled at Taita, Lower Hutt. The late Mrs Johnson resided there until her marriage in 1873, when she came to Masterton in company with her husband, who took up farming at Nursery Road, Homebush, Masterton, where they lived until giving up farming twenty-three years ago. They then purchased a home in Hogg Crescent, where they resided until their removal to Wellington 18 years ago. The late Mrs Johnson will be remembered for her kindness and hospitality by a wide circle of friends. She was an ardent worker in the Presbyterian Church practically all her life. She is survived by one son, Mr J. G. Johnson, Te Awamutu, Waikato, and one daughter, Mrs G. H. O'Hara, Ngaumu Road, Brancepath, who will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement. The interment will be private.

Samuel Raymond JOHNSON (1845-1910) NZ Times 22 February 1910

The death of Mr Samuel R. Johnston of Petone (which occurred at the hospital on Saturday) means for more one Hutt Valley institution the severing of a link with the past. Mr Johnston, who was 65 years of age, and had lived in Petone for over thirty years, was a prominent member of both the Masonic and Oddfellows' Lodges. He was a member of the board which managed the local affairs of the town before its erection into a borough, and when that development took place he was elected to the position of mayor. As a justice of the peace his was a familiar figure on the bench beside the visiting magistrates. He was born in Wellington. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. The funeral will leave his late residence at 2 p.m. today.

Agnes Jessie Vernor JOHNSTON (1869-1935) Evening Post 02 May 1935

The death occurred in her home St. Alban's Avenue, Lower Hutt, yesterday morning, of Miss Agnes Vernor Johnston, youngest daughter of the late Captain R. Johnston and Mrs Johnston. Miss Johnston's many friends will feel her passing with deep regret, as she was widely known for her bright and unselfish nature. The late Captain Robert Johnston came from County Leitrim, Ireland, where he was in the Royal Irish Fusiliers (H.M. 89th Regiment), and came to New Zealand many years ago, settling in the Hutt Valley. Miss Johnston leaves two sisters, Miss Nita Johnston, Lower Hutt and Mrs Mouat, Blenheim and one brother, Mr Robert Johnston, Wellington.

Robert JOHNSTON (1837-1922) Evening Post 01 July 1922

Captain Robert Johnston, of Lower Hutt, died on Thursday after a short illness. He was born at Brookhill, County Leitrim, Ireland, and on the death of his parents, he spent his boyhood at Oak Park, Donegal. He was educated at Foyle College, Londonderry, going from there to Dublin, and thence to Sandhurst to complete his military training. Entering the 89th Regiment in 1854, he went to the Crimea, where he saw some stirring warfare. From there he was invalided home, and on re-joining his regiment proceeded to the Cape, where trouble had broken out in Zululand. During this time, the mutiny broke out in India, and the 89th Regiment was immediately ordered to proceed there. He saw stirring times, especially at Delhi and Agra. He married the eldest daughter of Judge Taylor, of Ambala, and remained in India till the regiments were ordered to return to England. Determined to see more of life abroad, he sold out, and, accompanied by his wife, set sail from Calcutta in the 'Blackburn' for Australia, and thence to Dunedin. He later proceeded to Auckland, where he joined the New Zealand Militia about 1863. Here he served for some years in the Waikato, and later, when the Maori troubles came to an end, Captain Johnston turned his attention to teaching, and started a Grammar School until he decided to take service under the Wellington Education Board, with whom he remained until his retirement in 1905. He leaves a son and three daughters.

Edwin Railton JONES (1828-1900) New Zealand Times 29 October 1900

The death is announced, at the age of 73, of Mr Edwin R. Jones, an old and respected resident. He was educated for the church, but deciding to come to the colonies instead, arrived at Nelson in the barque *Cawnpore*, in 1857. After staying for about a year in Nelson Mr Jones went to Wellington, and thence to the Hutt. Mrs Jones was appointed teacher at Carterton in 1863 and Mr Jones acted in the capacity of rate collector to the borough and clerk to the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board. Mr Jones was a noted shot and a lover of sport generally. When he arrived in the colony he brought with him two famous draught sires, Ploughboy and England's Hope, whose descendants are still well known. He leaves a widow, one son, and a daughter, Mrs Brightwell, of Wanganui.

Ernest Broderick JONES (1867-1901) New Zealand Times 21 October 1901

Mr Ernest B. Jones, of the firm of Yerex and Jones, died at Otaki on Friday. About two and a half years ago Mr Jones took a trip to Australia and America on account of failing health, and was much benefited thereby. Influenza, however, shortly afterwards attacked him, and he failed to recover from its effects. Mr Jones, who was for many years assistant master at the Petone School, leaves a widow and two children.

George JONES (1817-1897) Oamaru Mail 17 December 1897

In our town edition of last evening we briefly announced the death of Mr George Jones, senior, which occurred at his residence, Humber street, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased gentleman, who had reached the ripe old age of 81 years, had been in a feeble state for the past few months, but rallied occasionally, and was able some five weeks ago to pay a business visit to Christchurch. On Wednesday night he was, however, seized with fainting fits, and passed away as stated above. Mr Jones had had a long and varied colonial experience, gained in four out of the group of seven Australian colonies. As a young man just newly married, he left the Old Country in the *Arab* early in the year 1841 to seek his fortune in this then little known land of promise, landing in Wellington in October of that year after a passage some of six months. He settled in the Hutt Valley, at the north end of the harbor, where it was originally intended to form the town. Here he remained for a few years, but they were trying and troublous times, and the early settlers were threatened with extinction at the hands of the natives.

When war broke out Mr Jones, with the other settlers, took up arms to defend his hearth and home, but when those pioneer volunteers were called upon to go further afield to meet the rebellious Maoris he, in common with others, declined to take the field, avowing that the full measure of their military intent was the defence of the settlement and that they would not march in pursuit of the natives and glory.

Mr Jones settled the question so far as he was concerned by leaving the young colony, and seeking peace in Hobart, where he lived for about three years. After this he went to Melbourne, then an insignificant place known as Port Phillip. This was some time before the discovery of gold transformed an unconsidered nook on the fringe of a wilderness into a great commercial centre. Mr Jones was never seized with the gold fever to such a degree as to shoulder a pick and spade, and go off in search of the glittering metal; but in pursuit of business he made regular visits to the goldfields, and it is needless to say that he prospered well and created a big business.

After a while he removed to Geelong, then in the heyday of its prosperity. Here he became not only a flourishing businessman, but a prominent public figure. When the cetralising policy was initiated, and Geelong was threatened with extinction, Mr Jones was counted amongst those who fought vigorously the battle of the people, and in that struggle he expended a greater part of the little fortune he had acquired.

Beaten and pretty well ruined, he removed with his family to Rockhampton, in Queensland; but twelve months' experience of the climate of that semi-tropical region satisfied him, and he again turned to the land of his first choice, arriving in Christchurch in 1864. There he carried on a successful business until 1877, when he removed to Timaru, where he again proved a successful businessman, and took an active part in local affairs.

In 1881 he retired from business and took up his residence in Oamaru. Here he has given a good deal of time and attention to public matters. For a term he served the town as Borough Councillor, and for several years he had been a member of the Cemetery Trust. An ardent lover of music, he was not only an active member of the Musical Society, but his services were always cheerfully given in any effort to promote the musical education of the people and spread a knowledge of the "universal language." For many years he had held the position of a deacon in Emmanuel Church. He took an active part in many public movements and had held office as President of the Prohibition League and Chairman of the Land League. A man of progressive ideas, he combined caution with a strong desire for advancement, and even in his most aggressive moments he ever displayed regard for the feelings of any with whom he was brought into contact and respect for the convictions of those from whom he differed in opinion.

Thus he succeeded in retaining the goodwill of all men. Of him it may, indeed, be said that he was an upright and conscientious man, a loving husband and fond parent, a true friend and genial companion, and a wise counsellor whose wide experience, ripe judgment, and keen observation gave special value to his advice. Mr Jones leaves a widow, three sons, four daughters, thirty-three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren to mourn their loss, and widespread regret will be felt at his death.

George JONES (1844-1920)

Oxford Observer 01 February 1896

The Hon. George Jones, of Oamaru is an old Wellington boy, having been born at the Hutt in 1844. His father and mother are now living at Oamaru. After some years residence at the Hutt, the family removed to Queensland, where young George became associated with the printing trade. On the return of the family to New Zealand, Mr Jones went into the Press Office at Christchurch and in company with a Mr Brent he subsequently started a printing office in that city. His next step was a partnership with Mr Tombs, founder of the firm of Whitcombe and Tombs, Limited. On Mr Jones leaving the firm he went to Auckland, where he ran the Echo, and was subsequently proprietor of the Waikato Times. Then he purchased the Oamaru Mail. About 14 years ago he came prominently before the public, and was called before the bar of the House for an alleged libel on Sir F. Whitaker, then Attorney-General, in connection with native affairs. Mr Jones defended himself ably and well, with the result that the proceedings were dropped in the Legislature, and Sir Frederick Whitaker set the criminal libel law in motion against him, in the Dunedin Supreme Court. The case did not fully come before the Court, as Mr Hislop (now of Wellington), who appeared for Mr Jones, upset the proceedings on technical grounds. Mr Jones was then returned to Parliament for Oamaru, but after two successful elections he retired from active political life. He has always been a strong party man, is a staunch temperance warrior, and universally esteemed by all who know him.

He has a brother in Wellington, Mr Jones, of Messrs Hannah and Co.'s boot warehouse. Mr Jones has paid two visits to the old Country, and these trips have tended to ripen experience which has been gained during a long residence in the colonies.

Otago Daily Times 17 December 1920

Oamaru December 16. The Hon. George Jones, M.L.C., died a little before 8 o'clock this evening. He went to Wellington for the session, and was then in his usual good health; but before the session closed his health gave way, and he returned home. From that time onwards he has been practically confined to his bed. Within the past week or so it has been known that his recovery was hopeless.

The Hon. George Jones, who had completed his 76th year, was a New Zealander by birth, his parents, as a young couple, having landed at Wellington from the ship *Arab* in October 1844, but while he was still a child his parents migrated to Australia, and there he received his education, first in common schools, then at the Rev Mr Scales' Academy, and finally at the Rev G. O. Vance's Grammar School in Geelong, where his father engaged in business. He served part of his apprenticeship in Geelong, and for a year was employed in the Government Printing Office in Brisbane. At the age of 17 he worked as a journeyman compositor on the Bulletin in Rockhampton. He returned to New Zealand in 1863, and was successively employed in the offices of the Standard (long since defunct), the Lyttelton Times, and the Press. About three years later he commenced business as a printer and publisher, later taking in as a partner the late Mr George Tombs. In 1868 he sold out to his partner, and ultimately the firm became known as Whitcombe and Tombs, under whom the foundation was laid of the present great printing and publishing business and for a time printed the Auckland Star, then in its infancy. But he was fired with the journalistic spirit, and created for himself the opportunity by starting the Waikato Times at Ngaruawahia, then the centre of the wide Waikato district… he sold the business and returned to Auckland… At the end of 1875 in conjunction with Messrs Reed and Brett he started the Evening News in Dunedin…

In April 1877 Mr Jones purchased the evening paper at Oamaru… and changed the name from Evening Mail to the Oamaru Mail… Mr Jones was called to the Legislative Council in 1895 by the Seddon Government…
In 1909 Mr Jones purchased the Southland News… Locally he was known best for his great love of music and his ardent services in the promotion of the study of the art divine. An accomplished violinist who began his musical career as a boy in Geelong, he gave pleasure to countless thousands…

Mr Jones was married in Christchurch by the Rev James Buller, Wesleyan minister, on September 13, 1865 to Dorothy, daughter of the late Mr Stephen Tweedy, of Brookside, Canterbury. He is survived by Mrs Jones and leaves a family of our sons and four daughters, besides 17 grandchildren.

James JONES (1842-1922) Evening Post 09 November 1922

In the death of Mr James Jones, farmer, Motumaoho, Morrinsville, New Zealand loses one of its oldest born settlers. Mr Jones was born at Petone in 1842, and resided in different parts of New Zealand. His mother (Ann Barrow) was an early immigrant to New Zealand, and was the first white woman to land in Wellington. To gain this honour, she jumped from the ship's side into the surf and ran ashore. After residing in Wellington for a period she married Mr William Jones, a local resident, and a family of ten children was born to them, the late Mr James Jones being the eldest. Mr Jones was a carrier from Wellington to Otaki when there were no roads or bridges and the only means of access was along the beaches. He thus knew the whole of the country between these places when it was in its virgin state. He followed various occupations, including farming, butchering, and goldmining. Mr Jones was married to Emily Ann Taylor, the second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Taylor, of Tawa Flat. Mrs Jones, who is a colonial by birth, survives her husband, with a family of six daughters and four sons. The surviving members of the family are:- Mr James Jones, junr., and Mrs Len Ingram (of Levin), Mrs F. J. Cole (Pokene), Mrs T. Chappell (Tangawai), Messrs Allan, Sidney and Eric Jones, and Mesdames H. V. Chapman, H. N. Barlow and F. Robinson (of Morrinsville). There are fifteen grandchildren. Mr and Mrs Jones celebrated their golden wedding at Motumaoho on the 29th September 1921. Mr Jones was a very active man and took a keen interest in many public affairs, and up to a few weeks before his death managed his farm at Motumaoho.

John Woodman JONES (1872-1945) Hutt News 28 February 1945

The sudden death of Mr J. W. Jones (Jack) of 15 Queens Road last week, was a great shock to his many friends. Mr Jones was very well known and was a prominent figure in the bowling world. He was a foundation member of the Woburn Bowling Club and that club owes him a heavy debt of gratitude for the great amount of voluntary work done by him in the formation of their greens and surroundings when the club first opened, and for many years afterwards. He was president of the club in its early days and had held office on the management committee and match committee as selector at various times. As a player he had been successful in winning the Fours and Pairs Championships, but he always regarded the game itself as being more important than the win. He was very popular and highly esteemed by his fellow members and will be sadly missed. Mr Jones leaves a wife and one son (Mr Ivan Jones) of Lower Hutt.

Mary Adney Hayes JONES *nee* YEOMAN (1828-1902) New Zealand Times 18 Nov 1902

Mrs Mary Adney Jones, who died yesterday morning at the Wellington Hospital, was the relict of the late Edwin Railton Jones, who, with his wife, came to New Zealand and settled at the Hutt early in the sixties. It was in the Carterton district that Mrs Jones first assumed those teaching duties which for a space of 39 years, and until age and infirmity necessitated her retirement, she executed with praiseworthy zeal among three generations of school children. This year, when she resigned from her post she was made the recipient of many souvenirs. Mrs Jones leaves behind her one daughter, Mrs Brightwell, of Wanganui, and one son, Mr Mostyn Jones, of Carterton.

Thomas Raymond JONES (1845-1918) Evening Post 21 Aug 1918

Mr Thomas Raymond Jones, at one time a member of the firm of Palliser and Jones, contractors, Wellington, died at his residence, Lower Hutt, on Monday afternoon, at the age of 73 years. Deceased, who was a native of Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales, came to New Zealand in 1863. The firm of which he was a member carried out many big contracts in various parts of New Zealand, notably the big breakwaters at Timaru, Oamaru, and Napier. When he resided in Wellington, deceased was at different times a member of the Wellington and Newtown Bowling Clubs, and while at the Lower Hutt was a popular member of the local club. Deceased leaves a widow and a family of six sons and four daughters. The sons are Messrs Thomas Jones, manager of the Silverstream brick works; Harry Jones, contractor; Charles Jones, farmer, late of the Bay of Plenty, and about to go into camp; William Jones, dentist, of Capetown; Arthur Jones, dentist, formerly of Manners-street, Wellington and now on duty in France; and Fred Jones, farmer. The daughters are Mesdames Cuthbert, of Timaru (by deceased's first marriage), Fred Ballinger (of Wellington), Hoddy (of Redwood's Valley, Nelson), and Miss Nellie Jones.

William JONES (1824-1896) Evening Post 18 Jan 1896

A familiar figure in the city up till the early part of 1893 was that of Mr William Jones, for many years clerk to the Hutt County Council, and the announcement in our obituary column today of his death, at the age of 72 will be read with regret. The deceased had an interesting history. Born at Halesowen near Birmingham, in January 1824, when 14 years of age a commission in the Naval service in the East Indies was arranged for him, but owing to ill-health he was unable to take it up. Later on he went into the iron trade, ultimately becoming secretary and manager for a large iron company near Birmingham. The independent character of colonial life attracted him, like many others, and in June 1858 he came to this colony in the ship *Abrozine*, and on arrival went to Rangitikei as manager of Mr A. de B. Brandon's run near Marton. Subsequently, in conjunction with Mr C. J. Harrison, he bought the station, and settled down to sheep and cattle-farming till May 1864, when he came to Wellington, and entered the service of the Provincial Government, being employed both in the Deeds and Land Offices. On the abolition of Provincial Government and the formation of counties, he became Clerk to the Hutt County Council, which position he filled with every credit to himself and to the County Council until March 1893, when he retired, and went to live with his sons at Otaki, at which place he died yesterday from failure of the heart's action. He was in fairly good health up to within a few hours of his death. He was married in 1831 to a daughter of the late Mr C. Broderick, of Ohariu, who survives him with a family of five – three sons and two daughters. He is to be buried at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

William Henry Parker JONES (1830-1908) Wairarapa Daily Times 14 September 1908

We regret to hear of the death at Petone of one of Greytown's oldest settlers, the late Mr W. H. P. Jones. About forty-eight years ago Mr Jones settled on the Moroa Plain, and for many years carried on a sawmill in the Moroa bush. Subsequently he took up farming on the same spot, and until his health failed, some two years ago, he remained on his land. Lately he has resided at Petone. He leaves a widow and an adopted daughter to mourn their loss. He will be buried at the Greytown Cemetery on Wednesday next.

David JUDD (1855-1916)

Wairarapa Age 11 September 1916
The death took place at Wairenga road, Otaki, yesterday, of Mr David Judd, a well-known and highly respected settler of the district. The deceased, who was 61 years of age, lived for a number of years in the Hutt district and was related to the well-known Judd family of the Wairarapa. He leaves a wife and grown-up family to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place at Otaki on Tuesday at 1.30 o'clock.

Press 18 September 1916
The late Mr David Judd, of Otaki, was born at the Hutt 61 years ago. As a young man he was a great athlete, and figured prominently on the running track, winning distinction time and again, especially in long distances, from one to three miles. On more than one occasion he defeated the professional J. Moran. He was also a first-class cricketer and footballer. He settled at Belmont, where he resided until about twelve years ago, when he purchased Messrs Jones Bros.' farm, and went to live there.

James JUDD (1846-1930)

Evening Post 26 December 1930
The death occurred recently of Mr James Judd, who was born in Lower Hutt in 1846 and who had lived in the district ever since. He was one of the Valley's oldest pioneers, and in his early years had some adventurous experiences. At the time of the Native raid on Boulcott Farm he was sixteen years of age. Farming was the deceased's occupation, and at one time he farmed 1800 acres of land in the Valley. He was a member of the Druids' Lodge, a very keen cricketer, and an enthusiastic bowler. The name of Judd has figured largely in Lower Hutt cricket teams at various times. The late Mr Judd's father, Mr William Judd, came out to New Zealand in the Martha Ridgway in 1840. The deceased leaves seven sons and three daughters.

Hutt News 08 January 1931
One of the oldest pioneers in the Hutt Valley, in the person of Mr James Judd, passed away at Lower Hutt on December 24th. The late Mr Judd was born at Lower Hutt in 1846, and lived all his life in the district. For many years he was farming at Haywoods, and retired at the age of 56. He was 16 years of age when the natives made their historic raid on Boulcott Farm at Lower Hutt. Deceased was a member of the Druids' Lodge and was also an enthusiastic bowler, but cricket was the game he loved best. He leaves a family of seven sons and three daughters who will have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Walter JUDD (1881-1918)

Evening Post 28 January 1918
Mr Walter Judd, a well-known resident of Otaki, who had been in bad health for the past five years, died at Otaki on Saturday. The deceased was born at Taita, where his father, whose death occurred last year, had farmed for many years. The family removed to Otaki, and Mr Walter Judd was employed on his father's property there until ill-health compelled him to give up work. He was a single man and very popular. His mother died a few years ago.

William Stephen JUDD (1864-1941) Evening Post 18 March 1941

The death occurred in Wellington last week of Mr William Stephen Judd, a well-known businessman, and member of one of the oldest Wellington and Hutt Valley pioneer families. The late Mr Judd was a partner in the plumbing firm of Judd and Randell, which has been established in Molesworth Street for nearly 50 years. The deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs W. Judd, and was born at Belmont 77 years ago. His grandparents were among the first settlers to land at Wellington, arriving in the ship 'Martha Ridgway' on July 8, 1840. Until failing health necessitated his retirement from active business Mr Judd was closely associated with several public bodies. He served for some time on the Hutt Borough Council, was president of the Master Plumbers' Association, and being actively interested in shooting, held for a time the office of president of the Karori Rifle Club. He is survived by three sons and one daughter, Messrs Percy (Wellington), Louis, and Arnold Judd (Eastbourne), and Miss Lorna Judd (Lower Hutt). Five sisters survive Mr Judd.

George KAY (1859-1945) Evening Post 18 Dec 1945 (photo)

Mr George Kay, of Northland, who died recently, was highly respected by all who knew him. He was born in Belpur, Derbyshire, England, in 1860, and worked for a time for the Great Western Railway. He married Mlle. Stella Bailly in London, and 12 months later they arrived at Wellington in the sailing ship 'Ruapehu'. For some years he managed a station in the Orongorongos before taking up a farm on his own account at Taita. Later Mr Kay obtained employment with the Wellington City Council, and after working in various capacities for that body for 22 years he retired in 1924. Mr Kay was a foundation member of the Masonic Leinster Lodge No.44. His wife predeceased him two years ago. He is survived by five sons and two daughters and two brothers and a sister. A nephew is Brigadier O. M. Kay, Military Attache to the Canadian Embassy at Chungking, China.

Richard Cummins KEBBELL (1868-1940) Evening Post 13 Aug 1940

A motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr R. C. Kebbell, Park Avenue, Lower Hutt, was passed by the Lower Hutt Borough Council last evening. Mr Mayor (Mr J. W. Andrews) said Mr Kebbell had given great service to the district, especially during the depression period.

James KELHAM (1796-1882)

Evening Post 03 April 1882

Another of our oldest pioneer settlers has passed away. Mr James Kelham died on Saturday, at his residence, Lower Hutt, having attained the good old age of 86 years. The funeral takes place tomorrow at 3 p.m., and doubtless will be very numerously attended.

Evening Post 04 April 1882

The late Mr James Kelham, whose death at the ripe age of 86 was briefly announced in our last issue, arrived in the colony nearly 40 years ago as chief accountant to the New Zealand Company. He held that appointment until the company was finally wound up, on which he commenced business on his own account as a wine merchant, his place of business being situated on Lambton Quay, near the premises now occupied by Mr T. K. Warburton. Mr Kelham was very successful in business, and ultimately retired on a competence. He visited England about 20 years ago, and on his return to New Zealand purchased his Tredenham property at Lower Hutt from Sir W. Fitzherbert, where he resided up to the time of his decease. He was one of the oldest magistrates in the colony, one of the first members elected in the first Parliament of New Zealand, and a member of the first General Synod of the English Church in New Zealand. He unsuccessfully contested one of the city seats in the first Wellington Provincial Council, but never again took an active part in provincial politics. He was the intimate associate of the late Dr Featherston, Colonel Wakefield, and other New Zealand pioneers, and has always been greatly esteemed by a very numerous circle of friends and acquaintances. For some years past he has suffered from constant ill-health, and latterly he sank very rapidly. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Elizabeth KILMISTER *nee* JUDD (1853-1915) Manawatu Standard 13 April 1915

A well-known resident of Otaki Railway, Mrs Elizabeth Kilmister, passed away on Sunday after a lengthy and painful illness, aged 62 years. Mrs Kilmister has resided for about ten years in Otaki. She was one of a large family – her maiden name was Judd – and was born in Stokes' Valley. Several of her brothers and sisters, including Mr David Judd, of Otaki, survive her. Up till about ten years ago Mrs Kilmister lived at Lower Hutt and Wellington and came to reside at Otaki in the year 1905. Her husband predeceased her. She leaves a grown-up family to mourn her loss – Mrs Baumber, Lower Hutt; Mrs G. A. McIlvride, Lower Hutt; Leonard J. Kilmister, Otaki Railway; Mrs Grant, Petone; H. Kilmister and Miss Kilmister, Otaki Railway.

Christina KING *nee* HENSHILWOOD (1837-1911) Evening Post 20 February 1911

Mrs Christina King, wife of Mr George King, of Petone, and one of the oldest residents of the district, passed away at Petone last week. The deceased was born at Lanark, Scotland, 52 years ago, and came to New Zealand in the *Wild Duck*, arriving at Wellington in 1861. After residing in the Empire City for three years, she and her husband took up their residence at Petone, where they have lived ever since. Mrs King leaves a family of two sons and seven daughters – Messrs W. and G. King, of Petone, Miss King, Mrs J. Cotton, Mrs G. London, and Mrs Rodgers, all of Petone; Mrs Hodgson, Dunedin; Mrs Inglert, Hutt; and Mrs G. Falder, Wellington.

Reuben KING (1829-1929) Evening Post 24 June 1929

Just having missed his century, Reuben King, of Taita, Lower Hutt, died yesterday. He would have been a hundred years old in August. Probably no person has been a more familiar figure to residents of the Hutt Valley than Reuben King. For sixty years past he has journeyed regularly in his market gardener's cart to and from the city, and it is only in recent years that this journey has not been a daily one. He was born in the Cambridge village of Icklingham, near the cathedral city of Ely, and for the first few years of his life assisted his father, who was woodman to the lord of the manor. Afterwards he worked at a flint quarry, mining flints, for flintlock muskets. These were in great demand, Britain at that time being engaged in a war. He used to tell how bankruptcy came to that village when percussion caps first came in. When growing into young manhood the call of the great metropolis came to him, and he made the, in his day, venturesome journey to London. There his energy and willingness to work found him ready employment. His first task was to assist a contractor in the building of one of London's bridges. He continued to work for this contractor for some years, and then his mining experience helped him to obtain employment in building some of the huge pillars of London. His next work was in the great northern potato market, and he used to tell with gusto how he made the market's record sale to a contractor who was supplying the British Armies in the Crimean War. Shortly after this the call of Australia came to him, but his intended wife, not being willing to face the unknown, he had to abandon the idea. Shortly after his marriage, however, he persuaded her, and they came to New Zealand in the *Southern Cross* 52 years ago. Here his knowledge gained in the potato market stood him in good stead, obtaining for him employment in the market gardens at Lower Hutt. He soon became the owner of his own property, and found a ready market for his produce in the growing city. Mr King was an enthusiastic volunteer and rifle shot, and was indeed an all-round sportsman. In the early days he served against the Maoris, on one occasion being ambushed, and barely escaping with his life. He was on one occasion runner-up for the King's Belt. The honour was his of meeting every Royal personage who has visited New Zealand, and he was right-hand man in the guard of honour to the Duke of Edinburgh. When the present King, as Duke of York, visited New Zealand, Mr King was presented to him, and more recently he met the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York. A keen politician, Mr King took an active part in every election up to the last. He retained all his faculties up to the day before his death, and only a few weeks ago did he discontinue his attendance at the weekly euchre parties at Taita. He was twice married. His first wife died forty years ago, and his second about twenty-five years ago. He is survived by three daughters – Mrs Mockridge (Petone), Mrs Harrison (Auckland) and Mrs Walters (Taita) – and one son – Mr Leonard King (Taita). There are three great-great-grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and 29 grandchildren.

Edward Richmond KIRK (1892-1915) Evening Post 04 August 1915

Mr R. Clement Kirk, Petone, has been advised by cablegram that his youngest son, Pte. Edward Kirk, who went away with the Main Expeditionary Force, died at the Dardanelles from typhoid fever on the 21st July. Deceased, who was about 23 years of age, and very popular, was born at Petone, and educated at the local State School and at Wellington College. On finishing his education, he joined the staff of the National Bank in Wellington, and afterwards entered the service of Messrs Magnus, Sanderson, and Co., in order to gain an insight into motor mechanics. He was with the firm when he enlisted.

Peter LAING (1817-1884) Evening Post 25 October 1884

A painful sensation was occasioned in the city at an early hour to-day by the circulation of a report that the hand of Death had suddenly removed from our midst one of the most familiar faces and figures in Wellington, Mr Peter Laing, baker and confectioner, and a settler of very long standing, having been found dead in bed at daybreak this morning. The intelligence proved to be correct to a great extent, the only part which was not found to be borne out by subsequent enquiries being that which stated that the deceased had expired so suddenly that none of his friends knew of the occurrence until some little time afterwards. The deceased had been unwell for a couple of weeks prior to his demise, but it was not anticipated that his life was in danger. At the advice of his medical man he proceeded to his residence at the Lower Hutt for the benefit of his health, and on returning it was noticed by his friends that his condition had been much improved by his brief residence in the country. Last evening Mr Phelps, the manager of his shop, a position which, we understand, he has occupied for the past 20 years, accompanied him in a stroll which he took along the Thorndon reclaimed land, and on going to bed about 9 o'clock the deceased appeared in better spirits than he had been for several days previously. Joseph Hancox, one of the assistants, who had been instructed to attend to the wants of his master during the night, retired to rest himself after seeing that Mr Laing was asleep, and did not awake until a quarter to 4 o'clock this morning, when he was aroused from his slumbers by hearing a noise in the part of the room occupied by deceased. Hancox at once jumped out of bed, and on rushing over to where Mr Laing was lying he found that gentleman in a fit. The foreman of the bakehouse, who was at work at the time, was immediately summoned, and messengers were despatched for Dr Diver and Mr Phelps. The doctor was quickly in attendance, but his services were of no avail, and a few minutes after his arrival life was pronounced extinct. Apoplexy was the cause of death, and as a certificate to that effect has been given by Dr Diver, an inquest will not be held. We are informed that the deceased was seized with a similar fit two years ago. Mr Laing, as already mentioned, was a very old settler, having arrived in Wellington by the ship 'Mariner', Captain Harland, in 1849. A fellow-passenger of his was Mr Joseph Burne, now residing on the Wellington Terrace. The deceased commenced business as a baker on Lambton Quay on the very spot which he had occupied until this morning, within a month after landing, so that he had been a tradesman in Wellington for fully 35 years. About 25 or 30 years ago he purchased from Captain Daniels the property at the Lower Hutt known for a long time past as "Bloomfield," and retained possession of it until his demise. He was exactly 73 years of age when he died, yesterday having been his birthday. It is believed that he was unmarried. He had no relatives in the colonies, but possessed several in Great Britain. A brother of his is Dr Laing, L.L.D., manager of a bank in Glasgow, and an author of some note. A nephew is a large silk manufacturer near London, who came out to the colony on a visit a short time ago, and there are also several nieces residing in the British metropolis. He was a native of Fifeshire, Scotland, and in his early days was of an adventurous spirit, having made several voyages to distant parts of the world in different capacities. One of these voyages was to Wellington, and it was in consequence of what he then saw of the district that he decided upon settling here some years subsequently. On one occasion he was wrecked off Sheerness, and sustained a fracture of the collar-bone. On quitting a seafaring life, he applied himself to learn the business of baker and confectioner in the establishment of a brother-in-law in London, who has since died, and after making himself a competent tradesman he came out to New Zealand and entered into business on his own account. Mr Laing was not so successful in commercial pursuits as many of those with whom he came out from England, his generosity frequently leading him to sacrifice his own interests, but he, nevertheless, succeeded in acquiring a considerable amount of property in the district, and at the time of his death it is believed he was worth some thousands of pounds. Mr Laing was a man of a most genial temperament, and although he never took a prominent part in public affairs his familiar face and figure will be greatly missed by a large number of the citizens for some time to come. Messrs Joseph Burne and James Wallace are the executors of the estate under a will made some years ago.

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Gilbert LAING-MEASON (1851-1924) Evening Post 15 May 1924

The death occurred last evening, after a short illness, of Mr Gilbert Laing-Meason, aged 72 years, widely and prominently known throughout New Zealand as a river, drainage, and irrigation engineer, and for the past 25 years engineer to the Hutt River Board. The late Mr Laing-Meason was also, during that period, engaged by many local authorities in drainage and river work, and also in the construction of bridges. So far as the Hutt Valley is concerned, the district owes its salvation from flood entirely to his engineering ability. In the first place he was responsible for the designing and erection of the stop banks, which have thoroughly justified their erection. Since then his efforts have been directed to straightening, deepening, and generally controlling the river, and these efforts have proved most successful. The lower reaches were placed under the control two or three years ago, and the work in the upper reaches is, according to a definite plan, steadily proceeding. The work recently accomplished behind Mason's Gardens, and opposite Belmont has been an eye-opener in river engineering ability. Though there have been numerous freshes in the river since 1918 there has been no flood and resulting damage.

Lilian Emma LAKEMAN (1864-1885) Evening Post 23 October 1885

The friends of Miss Lakeman, of the Lower Hutt, will regret to hear of her sudden death at her residence this morning. She had been suffering from inflammation of the lungs for about a week, and was subject to epileptic fits. Between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning, she was seized with a fit and expired. Miss Lakeman, who was only 19 years of age, was a great favourite with all who knew her, and her early death will be deeply deplored by a large circle of friends. The deceased lady was to have taken a part in the opera of "Pinafore" to be performed in aid of St James' Church Parsonage Fund, Lower Hutt, on the 28th inst. It will be remembered that the performance was postponed on a former occasion owing to the death of Mrs Riddiford.

John LAMBERT (1872-1939) Evening Post 22 April 1939

The death occurred last week at New Plymouth of Mr John Lambert, who, until his retirement, was connected with the New Zealand Railways. In his younger days he was well known in sports circles, having played football at Christchurch for the Merivale Club and for Melrose Club at Wellington. He was also a member of the Upper Hutt Cricket Club and the school committee, and was prominent in many social activities. He also received a number of walking championship trophies. The eldest son of the late T. S. Lambert, architect, of Wellington, the deceased is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters by his first wife, his brothers, James, George, Will and Ernie, and sister Miss Jessie Lambert. The interment took place at New Plymouth.

John Joseph LANE (1857-1924) Rev Dean

Evening Post 17 Mar 1924

Keen regret was felt throughout the Hutt district yesterday when it became known that the Very Rev Dean Lane had passed away suddenly at 11 o'clock. The announcement of the death of Dean Lane was made during the morning service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church. A slight chill recently contracted developed into serious complications a few days ago and the end came rather suddenly yesterday afternoon. Dean Lane, who was one of the best known personalities in the Hutt Valley, and who had been in charge of the Hutt Parish for the past 38 years, was born at Mallou, in the county of Cork, Ireland, 68 years ago. He received his early education at Mount Malleray, and later studied for the priesthood at All Hallows College, Dublin. He arrived in New Zealand about 41 years ago, and after officiating at the Basilica, Hill street, as assistant priest, he was transferred to Blenheim. About two years later, he was appointed to the Lower Hutt, and has been in charge of that parish until his death. He was raised to the dignity of Dean twelve years ago. The chief characteristic of the late Dean Lane was his geniality, his ever ready smile, and the warm hand of welcome which he extended to all, of whatever station, and to old and young. He was a familiar figure in his daily walks through the Hutt district, stopping at every garden gate with a few words of greeting. A whole generation has grown up at the Hutt to whom the memory of Dean Lane will be that of a kindly, genial and wise priest, whom all respected and loved, for he made no distinction of class or creed. His influence in the Hutt Valley made for that fine community of spirit which has always existed there. His death is deplored throughout the whole district. The body of the late Dean was removed from the Presbytery to St. Peter and St. Paul's Church. The interment will take place at Petone Cemetery on Wednesday morning, after a solemn Requiem Mass.

Auckland Star 21 Mar 1924

The high esteem in which the late Rev Dean Lane, of the Lower Hutt, was held by all classes and creeds was manifested at his funeral. The interment took place at Petone cemetery and the cortege was the largest ever seen in that district. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Lower Hutt Catholic Church, by Rev Dean Holly, assisted by Father Quealy of Petone, with Father Morgan as Master of Ceremonies. Archbishop O'Shea of Wellington, occupied the vice-papal throne with Monsignor McKenna in attendance. Catholic clergy from all parts of the district were present. Others who attended the service were Sir Joseph Ward, Bart.; Mr T. Wilford, M.P.,; Mr W. Strand, Mayor of Lower Hutt; Rev James McCaw (Presbyterian), and Rev Hounsell (Anglican). At the grave side was the Mayor of Petone, Mr J. W. McEwan, and representatives of the local bodies of the district, in which deceased had so long laboured. The cortege was fully a mile and a half in length.

Fanny Thompson LEE *nee* GULLY (1848-1942)

Hutt News 19 August 1942
The death occurred on August 2nd at Park Avenue, Lower Hutt, of Fanny Thompson Lee, in her 94th year. Born in Bath, England in 1848, she came to New Zealand with her parents on the ship *John Phillips*, arriving at New Plymouth in 1851. She had memories of being carried ashore by the Maoris, and of her early life in the bush at Omata. During the Maori war the women and children were sent to the Barracks on Marsden Hill during critical times. After a few years they gave up their farm at Omata and went to live in Nelson, and there she remained until her marriage to the late Robert Lee, Inspector of Schools. She was the daughter of the late John Gully the well-known artist, and there are nine sons and daughters – Mrs H. M. Haywood and Mrs L. V. Grant, Eastbourne, Mrs C. Turnbull, Wellington, Mrs Shaw-Brown, Ireland and Miss Myrtle Lee, England; Mr K. H. Lee and Mr G. L. Lee, Auckland, Mr P. G. Lee, Paraparaumu, and Mr Derwent Lee, Lower Hutt.

Evening Post 30 December 1942
Mrs Fanny Thomson Lee, the last surviving child of the well-known landscape painter, John Gully, died at Lower Hutt last week, aged 93 years. She arrived at New Plymouth with her parents in 1852 by the barque *John Phillips*, and while her father was taking part in the early fighting against the Maoris, she, with the rest of the family, was given shelter in the New Plymouth barracks. She spent her girlhood at Nelson, where she married Mr Robert Lee, principal of the Bishop's School, and later first inspector of schools for the Wellington district. Her husband died about 20 years ago. She is survived by nine children. Mrs Bell, wife of Major-General P. H. Bell, of Auckland, formerly of Christchurch, is a relative of Mrs Lee.

Robert LEE (1837-1922) Evening Post 19 June 1922

The death occurred yesterday at his residence, Belvoir, Lower Hutt, in his eighty-fifth year, of Mr Robert Lee, in his day one of the foremost educationists of the Dominion, and who was for over half a century an especially notable figure in the educational life of this district. The late Mr Robert Lee was born at Grantham, Lincolnshire. He was educated first at a small private school, and afterwards at the Grantham National School. At an early age, he displayed considerable ability in his studies, and after serving four years as pupil teacher, gained, when under the age of seventeen, a first class Queen's scholarship, which took him to St. Mark's College, Chelsea, London, for a period of two years. Here he pursued his studies with such diligence and success that he was allowed the privilege of a third years' tuition. At the close of his college career, he was appointed by the principal (Derwent Coleridge, youngest son of the poet), resident master of the college and master in charge of the upper division practising school in connection with the institution. This position he occupied for two years, when he resigned in order to accept an appointment has headmaster of All Saints' School at Preston, Lancashire. Here he remained for five years, and was then appointed to the headmastershipv of the Bishop's School at Nelson, New Zealand. This appointment was conferred by Bishop Chapman, the late Bishop of Colombo, who was at the time on a visit to England, and acting for Bishop Hobhouse, first Bishop of Nelson. Mr Lee came to New Zealand in the beginning of 1864 in the ship *Memento*. He conducted the Bishop's School at Nelson for ten years. In 1874, he was appointed chief inspector of schools under the Wellington Education Board. The standard system was introduced by him during the first year of his inspectorship in Wellington, and that system was widely adopted. About two years later, a modification was made, and a system of six standards was brought into general use. More recently, Mr Lee acted as editor of "Longman's Geographical Reader of New Zealand."

The late Mr Robert Lee leaves a widow and the following sons and daughters to mourn their loss:- Mr Robert Lee (Auckland), Mr Phillip Lee, Mr Lincoln Lee (Auckland) and Mr Derwent Lee (Lower Hutt), Mrs H. M. Heywood (Wellington), Miss Ina Lee, Miss Myrtle Lee (England), Mrs McGregor Turnbull (Hawke's Bay), Mrs E. M. Grant (South Africa). The funeral will take place tomorrow at 1.30 p.m. There will be a service at St. James' Church, Lower Hutt, and the interment will take place at the Taita Cemetery.

Herbert Ernest LEIGHTON (1869-1945) Evening Post 11 December 1945

Well known as a land and estate agent of Wellington and Lower Hutt, Mr Herbert Ernest Leighton died yesterday at the age of 75. His health had shown a gradual decline over the past 18 months. A man of high principles in his business dealings, Mr Leighton was probably the best known land valuer in the Hutt Valley. He was in business in Wellington for about 45 years and took an active part in the development of the Hutt Valley. As long as 30 years ago he foresaw the time when it would be closely settled. He acquired considerable property on the foothills of the Wainui Range some years ago and was a stud sheep farmer there on a small scale for many years. He built his home, "Riversmeade" on a prominent site in that area. Mrs Leighton predeceased him about 18 months ago. He leaves two sons, Mr Frederick Leighton, a farmer in the Rotorua district, and Mr William Leighton, who in recent years has been in charge of the land and estate agency business in Wellington and the Hutt.

Mary A. LERWELL *nee* ? (1865-1914) New Zealand Times 10 June 1914

An elderly lady named Mary A. Lerwell died suddenly at Taita on Monday. Deceased was apparently in good health in the morning, but complained of a sore throat later on. Her daughter bathed her feet in mustard and water and got her to bed. A few moments later, however, Mrs Lerwell expired. Dr Hector was called in, and informed the coroner (Mr W. G. Riddell, S.M.,) he was prepared to give a certificate of death. Accordingly the coroner decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Sarah Howard Wye LETHAM (1871-1938) Evening Post 26 July 1938

The League of Unitarian Women and the little congregation of Liberal Christians, who meet at Channing Hall, Lambton Quay have sustained a severe loss in the death of Miss Sarah Letham, lately passed away, states a correspondent. Miss Letham was a chapel trustee and a most loyal and devoted member, always attending services and meetings when health permitted. Holding her own faith firmly, she was yet in full sympathy with all Christian endeavour. She read Higher Thought literature widely, and appreciated the work Christian Scientists are doing. She was modest and retiring in temperament, but never yielded a jot where principle was concerned. She was "honour and honesty" right through her nature, and to this she added a generous recognition of the good in others. For many years she taught in the public schools, where her influence was strongly felt. The congregation and league wish to express sincere sympathy with her relatives and friends.

Sarah was the schoolmistress at Wainuiomata from 1897 to 1916.

Charles LETT (1837-1918) Dominion 21 March 1918

Mr Charles Lett, who was found drowned in the harbour on Tuesday, was a very well known settler in the Wellington district. He came to New Zealand as a boy, and was for some years a resident of Wellington. For a considerable time he farmed a big holding at Kaitoke, and later migrated to the Wairarapa, where he had a farm in the Masterton district. He was also the possessor of a farm in the Pahiatua district, where he was very well known. His wife predeceased him as late as last year, and one of his sons, Mr John Lett, who went to the front with the A.I.F., was killed in action a few months ago. He leaves a family of ten sons and four daughters. The sons are Messrs Charles and David Lett, of Pahiatua; Messrs W. S., W. E., and P. S. Lett, of Masterton; Mr Henry Lett, of New Plymouth; Messrs Harold and Donald Lett, of Sydney; and Mr Herbert Lett, a farmer in the Hawke's Bay district. The daughters are Mrs E. Morris, junr., of Wellington; Mrs W. Lawrence, of Pahiatua; and the Misses Lett (2), of Pahiatua.

Charles Henry LIST (1881-1904) Hawera & Normanby Star 07 Nov 1904

Petone, November 7. The funeral of the late Charles List took place yesterday, the interment being made at the Taita Cemetery, Hutt. Very large numbers followed the remains to the grave. A funeral service was conducted at St Augustine's Church, Petone, at which the Rev D. Russell, who officiated, made feeling reference to deceased's upright character and his ability to enter the next life without regret. The large building was crowded. The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev Russell. The Past Provincial G.M., Bro. Mothes, read the Oddfellow's burial service. Wreaths were received from all parts, including South Taranaki. In St. Augustine's Church in the evening a sermon was preached, based on the sudden ending of such a promising and useful life as deceased's.

Elizabeth LLOYD *nee* STRATFORD (1850-1942) Evening Post 24 February 1942

The death occurred yesterday in Masterton of Mrs Elizabeth Lloyd, of Wellington and Christchurch. Mrs Lloyd, who was in her ninety-second year, was born in Lower Hutt and was the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stratford. Mr Stratford was a pioneer surveyor employed by the New Zealand Land Company, under the Wakefield settlement scheme. Mrs Lloyd lived in Wellington with her husband, Mr James McGregor Lloyd, New Zealand's first copper-plate engraver, till 1887, when she and her husband moved to Christchurch. After Mr Lloyd's death 40 years ago, Mrs Lloyd returned to Wellington, and latterly moved to Masterton. She was a keen worker for the Wellington Early Settlers' Association. She is survived by two sons, Messrs P. Lloyd (Christchurch) and H. Lloyd (Adelaide), and three daughters, Mesdames W. McGowan (Wadestown), F. McMillan (Auckland) and W. Jacobsen (Masterton). There are 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Francis Walter LONDON (1865-1934) Evening Post 24 January 1934

The death occurred most unexpectedly yesterday of Mr Francis Walter London, who was well known in Wellington and the Hutt Valley. The late Mr London came of an old Wellington family, his father being one of the earliest settlers here, and his mother being born in Wellington in 1842. Mr London was born in 1865 in Wellington, and was educated at Sanson and at a private school in the Hutt Valley. He was at one time a stationmaster in the New Zealand Railways, and was a returning officer for the Hutt electoral district until the position was taken over by the Post Office. He was connected with the Hutt Valley, on and off, for the past fifty-five years. Mr London was very fond of travelling, and visited England eight or nine times; there were few countries of any importance in the world which he had not visited. His late brother, Mr G. London, was an ex-Mayor of Petone. The late Mr London is survived by his widow and daughter. Messrs G. and F. K. London, of Petone, are nephews.

George Thomas LONDON (1860-1931) Evening Post 19 January 1931

Mr George Thomas London, who died at his residence on Western Hills, Petone, yesterday, was a descendant of the early pioneers of this city, his mother, who was born in 1840, being one of the first children born in Wellington. Mr London was born in 1860, and after a brief school career, commenced work when he was 12 years old in a clerical capacity for Messrs John Brogden and Sons, who were the contractors for the building of the Wellington-Hutt Railway. On the completion of the railway and the erection of the Petone railway workshops, he joined the Railway Department as workshops clerk. After several years of service, he resigned to enter business for himself at Petone. Some years later he purchased “The Hutt and Petone Chronicle,” which he managed and edited for a period, having under him as his chief literary assistant, Mr T. C. List, now proprietor and editor of the “Taranaki Daily News.” Believing there was an opening for a second evening paper in Wellington city, he organised and edited “The Sun,” which, however, had a very brief life.

Mr London was Mayor of Petone from 1903 till 1907, and from that time took the liveliest interest in local affairs. He unsuccessfully contested the Mayoralty a few years ago. He twice unsuccessfully contested, as an Independent, the Hutt Parliamentary seat. Mr London’s chief public activity has been in connection with educational affairs. He was elected a member of the Wellington Education Board in 1916, and resigned owing to ill-health last year. For about the same period he was a member of the Petone Technical School Board, and since the inception of the Hutt Valley High School served on its Board of Governors. Mr London was a member of the Wellington Hospital Board during his term as Mayor, and until 1912. He was a foundation member of the Loyal Petone Oddfellows Lodge, and held the office of Justice of the Peace for 27 years. Mr London is survived by his widow and two sons, George and Frank King London, both of whom reside at home, and his brother, Mr F. W. London, of Wellington.

Catherine LYNCH *nee* DRISCOLL (1870-1938) Evening Post 25 Nov 1938

Mrs Catherine Lynch, who died last week at her home in Knight's Road, Lower Hutt, was one of the pioneers of the Hutt Valley. Born at Bantry, County Cork, Ireland, in 1866, she was married to Mr John Lynch in Sts Peter and Paul Church by the late Dean Lane in 1888. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Lynch took up farming, which they carried on successfully for a number of years, retiring about 27 years ago. Her husband predeceased her by 20 years. She was an active worker in church affairs during the days of the late Dean Lane. Being a Liberal, she was a keen supporter of Sir Thomas Wilford, serving for a number of years on his committee when he was M.P. for the district. She took a great interest in the advancement of the borough, being of Mr E. P. Bunny's committee when he was Mayor of Lower Hutt. She was also a great supporter of the Lower Hutt Municipal Band. There were eight children, the eldest son (Con) being killed in the Great War. The surviving members of the family are Sister M. St. Lawrence (Christchurch), Mrs J. Carmine (Nelson), Mrs T. McKillop (Lower Hutt), Mrs J. Hayden (Wallaceville), Miss Kitty Lynch (Lower Hutt), Mr J. J. Lynch (Masterton) and Mr M. Lynch (Petone).

John LYNCH (1844-1918) Evening Post 23 Nov 1918

An old and respected resident of Lower Hutt, Mr John Lynch, died on Tuesday, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was born in County Cork, Ireland, and arrived in New Zealand some 50 years ago, when he took up farming in the Hutt district, which occupation he followed until about fourteen years ago, when he retired. A month ago his eldest son, Cpl. Cornelius Lynch, died of wounds received in France. Mr Lynch leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters to mourn their loss.

Charles MABEY (1798-1864) Wellington Independent 16 June 1864

Last night we received intelligence of the sudden death of Mr Charles Mabey, who was recently tried and acquitted at the Supreme Court, on a charge of obtaining money from the natives of false pretences. On Tuesday he was seized with an attack of palpitation of the heart, probably induced by the excitement of his trial, and died suddenly at the Upper Hutt yesterday morning. Mr Mabey was a very old settler, having arrived in the *Olympus* in 1840. His life in the colony has been quite blameless and it was felt by his neighbours that it was only imprudence, not any guilty intention, which resulted in his being brought to trial. The deceased was 66 years of age. He has left a wife and family to lament his loss.

Wellington Independent 23 June 1864

The remains of Mr Charles Mabey, and old and respectable settler were on Monday last consigned to their last resting place at the new Episcopalian Church, Upper Hutt, and despite the inclemency of the weather the funeral was attended by upwards of 250 fellow colonists who deeply mourned his loss, and took that opportunity of paying the last tribute of respect to his memory.

Elizabeth MABEY *formerly* HAWKES *nee* WOOD (1860-1933)

Pahiatua Herald 29 July 1933

A well-known and very much respected resident of the district, Mrs Elizabeth Mabey, of Main Road, Konini, passed away on Thursday afternoon. The late Mrs Mabey, who had been an invalid for some time past, was born in Salford (Manchester) in 1859, and came to New Zealand in 1873, travelling to this country in the ship *Avalanche*. The vessel was becalmed for a considerable time and the voyage occupied 136 days. She took up an engagement in the home of Dr Wilford, Lower Hutt, as nurse girl to one who now holds the distinguished position of New Zealand's High Commissioner (Sir Thomas Wilford). She subsequently lived at Taita and afterwards at Matarawa (Wairarapa), where her first husband, the late Mr H. Hawkes, was drowned while crossing the Ruamahanga River. The late Mrs Mabey returned to Taita where she was married to the late Mr D. Mabey, who died in 1904. In 1898 Mrs Mabey made her home at Konini where she had since resided. The deceased always took a lively interest in the district's affairs, and was a Rugby enthusiast, frequently attending matches. She had for several years been elected a vice-president of the Konini Football Club. The late Mrs Mabey possessed a kindly, hospitable disposition. The family (six sons and four daughters) comprise the following: Mrs H. Reeves (Konini), Mrs C. P. Edlin (Caversham Dunedin), Mrs A. Henry (Konini), Mrs G. Woods (Newman), Messrs J. Hawkes (Hamua), J. Mabey (Konini), D. Mabey (Hukanui), R. Mabey (Hamua), C. Mabey (Konini), N. Mabey (Hukanui). There are also 42 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Francis Edward Ward MABEY (1844-1919)

Feilding Star 24 March 1919

Mr F. E. W. Mabey, 76 years of age, a member of a well-known family of early settlers of the Hutt Valley, but who had been residing for some 16 years with his brother at Taonui, was instantaneously killed on the railway crossing out there whilst walking to Feilding at about 4.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, being struck by the engine of a goods train proceeding to Palmerston. Mr Mabey was seen endeavouring to cross the line ahead of the train. His skull was fractured and his right thigh broken. The body was taken to Palmerston, and this morning was sent to the Lower Hutt for burial. Mr Mabey was in good health, and was a man of independent means.

Job MABEY (1811-1896)

Evening Post 19 Dec 1896

A typical old colonist, Mr Job Mabey, whose features have been preserved for posterity by the artist's brush of Mr J. M. Nairn, died at the Taita this week quite unexpectedly, at the age of 86. The old fellow had not been in his usual robust health lately, being unable to sleep properly. On Tuesday morning he rose early for the purpose of cutting some oats, and while talking to a neighbour fell down and expired quite suddenly. Deceased, who arrived in Wellington by the ship *Olympus* in 1841, and settled at the Taita three years later, was a celebrity in the district, and though a rough diamond, was of a genial and kindly disposition. He was buried in the old Taita Cemetery yesterday morning, the Rev Mr Jones conducting the service.

Jane Laura MABEY (1841-1929)

Bay of Plenty Times 13 February 1929

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs Jane Laura Mabey, wife of Mr Thomas C. Mabey, which occurred at her home in Durham Street last night. The deceased lady was an old and highly respected resident of the district. She was born in Wellington and after her marriage went to live in Taranaki, residing at Eltham. About 25 years ago she and her husband settled in Tauranga, taking up land on the Wairoa River, near Cambridge Road. There they lived until about seven years ago when the farm was sold and they came to live in Tauranga. Some four years ago the deceased lady suffered a broken leg and has been confined to her bed ever since. She is survived by her husband, a son, Mr C. T. Mabey, who is living in Tauranga, and a daughter, Mrs Robinson, who lives in Eltham, Taranaki.

Robert Thomas MABEY (1845-1924) Manawatu Standard 16 September 1924

One of the earliest settlers of the Upper Hutt, Mr R. Mabey, died on September 8 at his late residence, Main Road, Upper Hutt. Born at the Taita 79 years ago, he was one of the pioneer wagoners in the Hutt district, carting timber over the Rimutaka Range from Wairarapa to Wellington, and from several of the sawmills then operating in the Hutt Valley. He retired to the Upper Hutt 50 years ago, and took up farming, and was also interested in sawmills then established at Mangaroa and Kaitoke. He then resided continuously in the Upper Hutt for the last 50 years. He is survived by a family of five, four daughters and one son, Mrs E. Wilkie and Mrs G. Benge, of Upper Hutt; Mrs J. McHattie of Masterton; Mrs E. Benge of Feilding; and Mr R. G. Mabey of Palmerston North.

Thomas Croom MABEY (1847-1931) Bay of Plenty Times 4 April 1931

We regret to record the death of Mr Thomas Croom Mabey, which occurred at the Tauranga Hospital, this morning. The late Mr Mabey who was 84 years of age, was born in Wellington, and for some years was in business at the Hutt. He then moved to Normanby, Taranaki, and entered into business there as a butcher. Later he was engaged in farming at Eltham and twenty eight years ago bought the late Captain Bennett's farm of three hundred acres between the No.1 and No.2 Roads, Te Puke. He disposed of his Te Puke interests and then bought a farm at Bethlehem, which he sold eight years ago, and then took up his residence in Tauranga. He is survived by one son, Mr Charles Mabey, of Tauranga, and one daughter, Mrs H. Robinson, of Eltham. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon, leaving the hospital at one o'clock.

John Slade MANNING (1814-1896) Evening Post 06 July 1896

With much regret the friends of Mr John Slade Manning, JP, of Seafield, Petone, will hear of his death, which occurred at an early hour this morning. His end was not unexpected, as he had been confined to his house for some months past with a troublesome abscess on the leg. This causing haemorrhage, yesterday afternoon he became unconscious, and passed away in the presence of his family a few hours later. Up to a year ago Mr Manning had led a very active life, notwithstanding his advanced age. He was born in Wiltshire in 1814, and emigrated in 1839 to New South Wales. For many years he was engaged in farming in that colony, and in the western district of Victoria, and for a year acted as postmaster at Warrnambool. Mr Manning returned to England in 1859, and after being married he came to this colony in 1860, taking up a run in Southland. He retired from sheepfarming in 1875, and settled for four years in Invercargill. After a short residence in Wanganui, he came to Wellington, and in 1879 bought from Mr Barton a large property in Petone, forming a considerable part of the town, and here he lived till his death. The late Mr Manning took an active interest in the progress of the growing district, and was a member of the first Town Board of Petone in 1880, being also for some time Chairman of the School Committee. Having been a Justice of the Peace since his arrival in the colony, he sat regularly in that capacity at the Hutt Court for many years. The Church of England in the district has been actively and consistently supported by himself and his family. Mrs Manning died in 1885, and Mr Manning is now survived by a family of three sons and five daughters.

Mildred Ethel MARSHALL *nee* ALLEN (1881-1943) Hutt News 21 April 1943

It is with deep regret we record the sudden death of Mrs Marshall, wife of Councillor A. Marshall of Bloomfield Terrace, and daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. P. Allen, which took place on Friday evening last. Mrs Marshall who was born in Lower Hutt, lived a life full of usefulness, ever ready to lend a friendly hand to those in need, and she gained the love and respect of a wide circle of friends to whom her sudden call came as a shock of sorrow. From her earliest years she took an interest in Knox Presbyterian Church and for years acted as organist until the branch at Woburn decided to form a new congregation when she became a foundation member. Taking a very full share of the women's responsibility to St. Stephen's, she brought to it all the wealth of her experience and was a valued member and a loyal and devoted helper. Besides interesting herself in many charitable organisations, the deceased was secretary of St. Stephen's Women's Association and a committee member of the Residential Nursery. To her sorrowing husband, brothers and sisters the sympathy of St. Stephen's Church, and a wider circle of friends, goes out in loving remembrance. The funeral which took place on Monday was very largely attended. The service at the Church was conducted by the Rev. L. V. Bibby, and Rev. J. E. Lopdell assisted at the graveside.

Robert Guthrie MARTIN (1844-1934) Evening Post 19 January 1934

The death occurred on Sunday at the Convalescent Hospital, Napier, of Mr Robert Guthrie Martin, aged 90 years, who for over thirty years held land in the Akatarawa. Born at Dailly, Ayrshire, Scotland, he was the son of Mr Alexander Martin, who was a Peninsula War veteran, and fought under Sir John Moore at the Battle of Corunna. The late Mr Alexander Martin was an expert swordsman, and later travelled the world giving exhibitions of swordsmanship. The late Mr R. G. Martin went to sea at the age of fourteen on the 'Star of India', and was also on the 'Cutty Sark'. He was first mate on the 'Zoroaster' and 'Kenilworth'. While he was on the 'Kenilworth' they were attacked by Malay pirates, and he was one of five survivors of a crew of seventy-five. Later he was captain of the water police at Shanghai, leaving that to go through the Ashanti campaign. For a number of years he was inspector on the North British railways. Coming to New Zealand in 1891 he took up land at Akatarawa. In 1921 he was made a Justice of the Peace. He sold out in 1922, and since had resided in Hawke's Bay. His first wife died in 1919, and in 1922 he married the widow of the late Mr W. Bishop, who, with one son, Mr B. Martin, farmer, of Whiteman's Valley, survive him. The funeral took place at Akatarawa Cemetery on Wednesday, the Rev. G. Hunt officiating at the graveside.

George Morris MASON (1860-1947) Hawke's Bay Herald-Tribune 29 July 1947

The death occurred at Napier last Thursday of Mr George Morris Mason at the age of 90 years. Born at Lower Hutt and educated at the Wellington Grammar School, Mr Mason was the youngest son of the late Mr Thomas Mason "The Gums" Taita, who arrived in New Zealand in 1840 and who was a member of Paliament for Lower Hutt from 1878 to 1882. Mr Mason and his brothers, Messrs Maurice and Henry Mason, were sheepfarmers for many years in Hawk's Bay at Hampden (now Tikokino). Mr George Mason was the owner of Wharetoka Station, which he sold towards the end of last century, when he purchased Huripari Station, in the Makirikiri district, near Wanganui. Subsequently, Mr Mason purchased property at Walton, in the Waikato, and later at Palmerston North and in Hawke's Bay, where he took up part of the Whakamaramaru estate from the late Mr Nelson. He took a keen interest in local body affairs and national politics. He was for some time a member of the Makirikiri Road Board and in the early part of this century was a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council. For some years past Mr Mason had been living in retirement at Lower Hutt and Napier. Mr Mason is survived by three daughters and four sons. The daughters are Mrs D. Spedding (Sydney), Mrs R. Pavitt (Wellington) and Mrs A. C. Harris (Nelson) and the sons Mr John Mason (Napier), Mr Gordon Mason (Crownthorpe), Mr Bernard C. Mason (Hastings) and Mr Pat Mason (Crownthorpe). He was predeceased by a son and a daughter, Miss Hester Mason and Mr Blake Mason, Hastings.

Samuel Smart MASON (1854-1933) Hutt News 02 August 1933

The death occurred recently at his residence at Te Rengarenga, Tauranga, of Mr Samuel Smart Mason, son of the late Mr "Quaker" Mason of Lower Hutt. The deceased was born at Lower Hutt, and was well known throughout the Wellington district. He moved to Manakau in 1904, and returned to the Hutt in 1912. A keen sportsman, he took an active part in golf, bowls, cricket, etc., and was captain of the Waiwetu Cricket Club when it won the Wellington championship in 1901. In 1929 Mr Mason sold the estate "Waiwero" at Lower Hutt, now known as the Fairfield Estate and went to Tauranga, where he has resided since. Mr Mason leaves a widow, five sons, twelve daughters, fifty-eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Thomas MASON (1818-1903) Evening Post 11 Jun 1903

One of the best known and most respected residents of the Hutt Valley passed away calmly at an early hour this morning in the person of Mr Thomas Mason. The deceased gentleman, who was within a month of his eighty-fifth birthday, was a member of the Society of Friends, and led a life consistent with the beliefs of those peace-loving people, and was greatly respected by all with whom he had dealings. A native of England, Mr Mason was attracted to the new lands across the seas in 1840 and took passage by the 'Olympus' for Wellington in that year. One of his fellow passengers was Dr Featherston, who afterwards became Superintendent of the province. The ship arrived in Port Nicholson in 1841, and Mr Mason immediately settled in the Hutt valley, where he resided almost continuously until his death. The only break in his residence was a brief trip to Tasmania with his wife during the time of the troubles with the Maoris. The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Mason was celebrated in 1890, and three years ago Mrs Mason passed away in her eighty-third year. Their family consisted of seven sons and three daughters, all but one (a son) being resident in the colony. There are a number of grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Mr Mason was always interested in the local affairs of his place of residence, and for a time occupied the position of Chairman of the Hutt County Council. General politics also interested him. He was a supporter of Sir Harry Atkinson's party, and in the early eighties sat in the House of Representatives for three years as a member for the Hutt. Mr Mason had a more than local reputation as a horticulturalist, his enthusiasm for his garden being unbounded. He did not keep the pleasure of his fine gardens at the Taita to himself, but readily admitted the public to them. He had the finest private botanical collection in the colony, and his collection of bulbs was unrivalled. Mr Mason's active interest in the garden, in which he spent much time daily in personal attention to his favourite flowers and plants, was maintained until a few weeks ago, when he became confined indoors. He is to be buried to-morrow afternoon, the funeral leaving his late residence at 3 o'clock for the Taita Cemetery.

James McBEAN (1861-1934) Evening Post 28 July 1934

The death occurred on Wednesday, July 18, of Mr James McBean, of Cornwall Street, Lower Hutt. Mr McBean, who was a son of the late Donald McBean, came with his parents from Coatbridge, Scotland, to New Zealand in the barque *Perthshire*, arriving in Wellington on January 22, 1882. He was for some time employed by the Union Steam Ship Company and later at the Hutt railway workshops, from where he retired some years ago. The funeral service at the Taita Cemetery was conducted by the Rev Thompson Mackie, of the Knox Presbyterian Church. The pall bearers were Messrs Evans, D. McBean (nephew), A. Smith, E. Shaw, J. Gray, and G. McBain (nephew). The deceased is survived by his widow and sister.

Ann Ferguson McCALLUM *nee* ALEXANDER (1847-1932) Evening Post 05 Dec 1932

Another of the pioneers who lived through the stirring times of the Maori wars died at her residence in Gear street, Petone, on Saturday, the day after her eighty-fifth birthday. She was Mrs Ann Ferguson McCallum. Mrs McCallum, whose maiden name was Alexander, was born in Inverary, Aberdeen, Scotland, and at the age of nine she came out to Australia. In the sixties her father, who was a piper in the 42nd Highlanders, came to Onehunga and his daughter accompanied him. The ship that brought them from Australia was the 'Swiftsure', carrying about 1150 people, and on that voyage she was nearly wrecked on the Three Kings. During the Maori wars her father was attached to the 4th Waikatos and her husband, Samuel McCallum, whom she married in 1865, at Onehunga, belonged to the Auckland Militia. Mrs McCallum was the last of the soldiers' wives who went up the Waikato River on the gunboat when the barracks were shifted to Hamilton during the wars against the Maoris. The gunboat on which the journey was made is now lying in the mud at Ngaruawahia. Mrs McCallum spent fifty-eight years of her life at Kaiwarra, and for the last few years resided in Petone. Although not connected with any public affairs, she was an active worker in many good causes, helping particularly the soldiers during the Boer War and the Great War. Her kindness of heart was known to many, and she had the reputation of never having turned anyone away from her door. Her husband predeceased her nearly twenty years ago, and two of her sons died some time ago. She leaves four sons, Messrs S. McCallum (Auckland), W. A. McCallum (Ngahauranga), M. McCallum (Johnsonville), and D. McCallum (Gisborne) and four daughters – Miss M. McCallum (Petone) and Mesdames A. Carver (Lower Hutt), E. Pyne (Wellington) and G. Cotton (Nelson). There are twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Andrew McDOWALL (1841-1912) Manawatu Daily Times 16 December 1912

Yesterday in the death of Mr Andrew McDowall, of Taonui street, Palmerston North lost one of its oldest settlers. The deceased came here in 1872. He was born in Petone in 1841. He built the third house in Palmerston, in Taonui street, built it of totara, and so substantial was the material that only recently the house was removed to another property of deceased's in Rangitikei Line. The late Mr McDowall, who at the time of his death was 72 years of age, was well-known and highly respected throughout the district. He leaves a widow and one son, Mr A. McDowall, of Awahou, and one daughter, Mrs Metcalfe. It may be interesting to recall that the deceased carted the timber out of which the first All Saints' church in Palmerston was erected. It was brought from Richter and Nannestad's mill, then standing in bush in Albert-st.

William McDOWALL (1796-1883) Evening Post 22 October 1883

Death has removed another of our old settlers. We refer to Mr Wm. M'Douall, whose demise occurred at his residence at Waiwetu, Lower Hutt, at an early hour this morning. The deceased arrived in Wellington with his wife and family in the *Bengal Merchant* in the year 1840 and resided in Wellington up to the time of his death. He lived on the Petone beach for some years, and subsequently removed to Waiwetu, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr M'Douall, who died at the age of 87 years, was educated at the High School of Edinburgh, and was a very intellectual man. He was a great reader, and in a knowledge of things in general he was surpassed by few. At one time he was a member of the Provincial Council. His wife died many years ago, but his three sons (two of whom are married) and one daughter are still living.

David McEWEN (1819-1905) Manawatu Standard 15 July 1905

Old residents of the Manawatu will regret to hear of the death of Mr David McEwen, which occurred at Karere this morning. The deceased gentleman, who had reached the ripe age of 86 years, was one of the first settlers in the Palmerston district. He was born in Fifeshire in 1819. In February of 1841 he landed at Petone with his wife and one child, being passengers by the *Bengal Merchant*. He thereupon took up his residence at the Hutt, and subsequently at Belmont, where he remained till 1868. While there he became chairman and secretary to the Belmont Road Board and acted in that capacity for many years. He was also a member of the Wellington Provincial Council for the Hutt district, being a colleague of the late Sir W. Fitzherbert, father of Mr H. S. Fitzherbert, of Palmerston North. This was in the early sixties. He was a very prominent resident of the Hutt in other ways, the work of various local bodies having his hearty support and attention. He was instrumental in getting many roads constructed throughout the Belmont district, including the old road from Belmont to Pahautanui.

In 1868 he removed to Manawatu with his family, and took up his residence at Karere, near Palmerston, where he resided till his death. Some interesting particulars in connection with Mr McEwen's pioneering work in this district are furnished in Mr T. Lindsay Buick's book "Old Manawatu." Mr McEwen was amongst those who purchased land at the first sale in the district. His section was in the Karere district and with characteristic energy he at once began the work of subjugating the wilderness. He made the first clearing between Oroua bridge and Papaioea (Palmerston). In those early days it was often impossible to get provisions from Foxton, and they were always liable to damage by the way, so that the next meal was at times a very uncertain quantity. Consideration of this fact determined Mr McEwen to be self-reliant at least as far as breadstuffs were concerned. He therefore first put some of his land in wheat and then produced to import a mill to grind it in. Accordingly a levy was made upon the resources of Wellington and a steel mill, driven by hand power, was purchased, and in this humble machine the flour for his own and neighbouring families was ground till the larger and more modern mill, was put up in Palmerston by Messrs Richter and Nannestad.

Mr McEwen also had the reputation of introducing the first dray into the Manawatu. The settler who was not cosmopolitan enough to turn his hand to any employment that might come in his way, was not likely to succeed in holding his own, and as Mr McEwen was made of the right stuff, he took a contract to box some drains on a section lower down the river. He and his sons therefore went down to Terrace End to cut the necessary totara boards. The question then had to be faced of getting them to their destination. A happy thought struck Mr McEwen. A neighbour had a pair of cart wheels sent out from England and it occurred to him that if he borrowed the wheels on condition that he built a body, that it would be a fair bargain. The contract was concluded, and so the timber was carted on this half English, half colonial dray, which thus became the first vehicle in the Upper Manawatu.

In the early days the carriage of mails was performed under very great difficulties, though the settlers managed to maintain some degree of communication with Wellington by means of a voluntary mail service which connected with the "Royal Mail" at Foxton. After a while a meeting was held, at which Mr McEwen was deputed to go to Wellington and interview the Postmaster-General. The result of his efforts was that shortly afterwards tenders were called for carriage of the mails to and from Foxton, and Mr Harry McEwen (his son) being the successful tenderer, became the first mailman for the Upper Manawatu. Under the arrangement enteredinto with the Postmaster-General, Mr McEwen, sen., became postmaster at Karere. He continued to act for fourteen years and only relinquished office when the Manawatu Company's Railway came through, the post office being then removed to Longburn.

In this district, as at Belmont, Mr McEwen continued his interest in the administration and work of local bodies, and became a member of the Manawatu Road Board, being associated with Messrs Snelson, Dalrymple and others in the work of local government, rendering good service in this respect. In 1868 a census of the entire white population in the Palmerston district was taken by Mr McEwen, and was as follows:- D. Rowlands, M. Hamilton, R. Reardon, E. Reardon, M. Cullin, G. Mends, L. G. West, H. West, D. Monrad, J. Munro, J. Sly, P. Stewart, W. Watson, G. T. McEwen, D. McEwen, H. McEwen, T. McEwen, A. McEwen, G. Brenner, J. Marshall, R. Stanley, H. Eastman, P. Marshall, H. Engels, C. Shute, A. Coborough, R. Ross, J. T. Dalrymple, G. Richard (Senr), W. Waugh, A. Grammer, W. Cummings. There are six surviving children as follows:- Messrs Henry, Thomas, Andrew, and John McEwen, Karere; Mrs Ingle, Marton; and Mrs James Buick, Jackeytown. The grandchildren number about 53 and there are also a large number of great-grandchildren. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at one o'clock.

Emily Alice McEWEN *nee* BLAKE (1871-1911) Evening Post 13 May 1911

The death of Mrs J. D. McEwen, of Petone, occurred last night. She was a daughter of Mr William Blake, and went to reside at Petone with her parents thirty years ago. For some years she had been in poor health and for a few months before her death she suffered a great deal, but was cheerful up to the last. She was connected with charitable movements, was leader of the local W.C.T.U., and was a leading member of the Methodist Church at Petone.

George Douglas McEWEN (-1939) Evening Post 04 November 1939

Another link with the early days of Wellington was broken yesterday by the death of Mr George Douglas McEwen of 8 Kirk Avenue, Petone. Mr McEwen was born in Wellington 73 years ago and was the son of Mr Peter Cowper McEwen, of the well-known firm of McEwen and Churchill, bakers. Mr P. C. McEwan arrived by the ship 'Phoebe'. His mother was a Miss Daysh, the daughter of early pioneers. Miss Daysh was born in Lower Hutt. Mr G. D. McEwen was educated in Wellington and went to Petone when he was 21 years of age. Two years later he founded his present business, now known as McEwen and Carter. Commencing with a horse and express, he gradually built the business up till the firm, of which he was managing director, has one of the largest fleets of motor vehicles in the Hutt Valley. During the era of horse-drawn vehicles he was noted for having the finest team in the Valley.

Mr McEwen was a foundation member of the Masonic Lodge Ulster. He was also a foundation member of the Petone Bowling Club, of which he was a past president, having held all offices except those of secretary and treasurer. He took a keen interest in the formation of the Carriers' Association and was its first president. For many years Mr McEwen was a Justice of the Peace, and was frequently called upon to preside at the local court. He was a trustee of the Petone Methodist Church.

His first wife was Miss E. A. Blake, to whom he was married in 1890, and his second wife was Miss Alice Daniels, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs E. Daniels, of Wellington, and grand-daughter of Colonel Kelly, of the Life Guards. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, Mrs A. L. Burgess (Carterton), Mrs W. S. Fleming (Cambridge), Mrs C. McLaughlan (Lower Hutt), Mrs J. Sutherland (Petone), and Mrs H. M. Simpson (Eketahuna), one son, Mr Ross McEwen, and an adopted son, Mr B. McEwen. Mrs J. Powell (Petone) and Mrs Brown (Wanganui) are sisters.

Sarah McEWEN *nee* DAYSH (1844-1930) Evening Post 17 May 1930

Another of the early residents in the Hutt Valley, Mrs Sarah McEwen, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs J. W. Powell, Tory street, Petone. Her father, John Daysh, came out to New Zealand in the ship *Gertrude*, and Mrs McEwen, his fifth daughter, was born in Waterloo road, Lower Hutt, 86 years ago. Her husband, Mr P. C. McEwen, was senior partner in the firm of McEwen and Churchill, formerly bakers of Lambton Quay. He predeceased her by 14 years. Mrs McEwen leaves three children, Mrs J. W. Powell and Mr G. D. McEwen, both of Petone, and Mrs W. Browne, of Wellington. There are fifteen grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

William Harvey McGAVIN (1875-1930) Evening Post 07 Jul 1930

The death occurred recently at his residence, Te Puni street, Petone, of Mr William Harvey McGavin. The late Mr McGavin was born at Rockhampton, Queensland, in 1875, and spent his early years on the big stations in those parts. He was later attached in a managing capacity to several meat freezing works, and eventually took up a position with the Westfield works, Auckland. For the past few years he was on the staff of the Gear Company, at Petone. He was a member of the Petone Bowling Club, and a foundation member of Jellicoe Lodge, No.259. He had many personal friends, who will remember his hearty and affable disposition, and his many estimable qualities caused him to be respected by all with whom he came in contact. The funeral took place at the Taita Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, and was one of the largest in the history of Petone. The Rev J. C. Loan conducted the service at the graveside where the Masonic burial service was read by W. M. Bro. Reesby and Bro. J. W. Longman.

George McHATTIE (1850-1936) Wairarapa Age 17 August 1936

The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning, at his residence, 65 Pine Street, of Mr George McHattie, a well-known and highly respected resident of Masterton for the past 44 years. The late Mr McHattie, who had been in indifferent health for some little time, was born at Boyndie, Banffshire, Scotland, 85 years ago. He came to New Zealand in the ship *Dunedin* in 1874 and landed at Wellington. For a short period he resided in the South Island and then came to the North Island and worked for several years on the construction of the Rimutaka railway line. Later he entered into business at the Upper Hutt as a baker and remained there for several years. He then took up sawmilling and was associated with his nephew, Mr J. McHattie, in milling operations in the Akatarawa. Later he came to Masterton and conducted a sawmill for some years, at Taueru and more recently he was identified with the same industry at Taringamotu, on the Main Trunk. He retired about eighteen years ago. The late Mr McHattie was an active member of the Wairarapa Caledonian Society and a very old member of both the Upper Hutt Oddfellows' Lodge and of the Masonic Order. He was of a retiring character but was beloved by all who knew him for his many sterling personal qualities. His wife predeceased him five years ago and he is survived by a family of five sons and three daughters, to whom the sympathy of a large number of friends will be extended in their bereavement. The funeral will take place tomorrow, leaving the residence, 65 Pine Street, at 2.30 pm for the Masterton Cemetery.

John McILVRIDE (1833-1906) Evening Post 12 February 1906

On Saturday last the death occurred of Mr John McIlvride, a very old resident of the Wellington District. For many years he was postmaster at Wainuiomata, but for the last ten years he resided in Wellington. He had been in ill-health for the last four months, and just before Christmas he had a paralytic seizure, followed some days later by a second stroke, which left him paralysed till his death. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and one son.

Charles McKIRDY (-1914)

Rangitikei Advocate and Manawatu Argus 18 July 1914
Hastings, July 18: Charles McKirdy, aged 75, a resident of Wellington, who arrived here on the 3rd July on a visit to his daughter, died suddenly last evening. Death was due to paralysis.

Hutt Valley Independent 18 July 1914
"Charlie" McKirdy, who constructed much of the railway in the Hutt County, died at the residence of his son-in-law at Hastings yesterday, aged 74. He was a native of Kingarth, near Rothesay, Bute, Scotland. "Like thee, where shall I find another, *(Burns)*, The world around."

Hastings Standard 18 July 1914
Mr Charles McKirdy, who arrived in Hastings from Wellington on a visit on July 3rd, died suddenly at the residence of his daughter, Mrs A. Hamilton, of Wall road, Hastings, yesterday afternoon. Mr McKirdy suffered a stroke about thirteen months ago, which left one arm paralysed. After lunch yesterday he was seized with an attack of vomiting and complained of pains in his chest. Mrs Hamilton gave some lime juice and Eno's fruit salts, and called in Dr Nairn, but life was extinct before the doctor's arrival. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, had been attended for sensitive paralysis by Dr Young of Wellington, who has given a certificate as to the cause of death. An inquest will therefore not be necessary. The late Mr McKirdy was a widower and leaves a grown up family. The body will be interred at Wellington.

New Zealand Times 20 July 1914
A Press Association telegram reports that Mr Charles McKirdy, a resident of Wellington, who arrived at Hastings on July 3rd, on a visit to his daughter, died suddenly on Friday evening. Death was due to paralysis. The late Mr McKirdy, who was seventy-five years of age, arrived in New Zealand when a young man, and for a considerable period was one of the leading Wellington contractors. While so engaged he constructed the railway tunnels on the Rimutaka incline and the quarantine buildings on Somes Island. He was a member of the City Council from 1873 to 1875. Recently he suffered a paralytic stroke, and on recovering went to Hastings for a change. His wife predeceased him by some years. He is survived by a son (Mr Charles McKirdy), engineer at Wellington Hospital and four daughters – Mrs G. C. Hamilton (Hastings), Mrs William Gibson, and the Misses McKirdy.

Richard Thomas Best MELLOW (1850-1923)

Evening Post 19 June 1923
The death, which occurred last week at his residence, Manaia Road, Kaponga, of Mr R. T. B. Mellow, removes another of Taranaki's most progressive farmers. The late Mr Mellow was born in Cornwall, England, and came out to New Zealand as a young man in a sailing ship in 1872. Soon after he joined the well-known firm of Kirkcaldie and Stains, remaining with them for about a year, when he married and took up farming at the Hutt, where he resided for about 22 years, during which time he took an active part in all local affairs, being chairman of the Hutt County Council for some years. He also took a keen interest in Ayrshire cattle and horses, and was considered one of the best judges of horses in the Wellington Province, and was a very successful exhibitor both in Wellington and Taranaki. Selling out at the Hutt about 28 years ago, Mr Mellow went up to Taranaki, and purchased a farm on the Manaia road, where he resided until the time of his death. He was one of the originators of the Kaponga co-operative dairy factory, and was chairman for some years.

James MENZIES (1817-1894) New Zealand Times 20 Sep 1894

The death is announced of Mr James Menzies, a very old settler, who passed away at Silverstream yesterday at the ripe age of 77 years. Deceased was a native of Glenlyon, Perthshire, Scotland, where he was born in the year 1827 [sic], and when only two years of age he left Scotland for Port Philip with his brother and sister and nephew (Duncan Stewart) in the ship 'David Clark', the first ship to sail directly from Scotland to Australia. When the gold rush occurred in Otago in the 60s, Mr Menzies left Melbourne for that part of New Zealand, and subsequently migrated to Havelock when the rush took place there. He next bought land in the Upper Whiteman's Valley at a time when there was only one other settler there, and some few years ago he left that place for Silverstream, where he has resided ever since. He leaves one son, Mr Stewart Menzies, who is married and now living at Silverstream. A brother and sister of the deceased are still living in Scotland, and his nephew, Duncan Stewart, who is living at Mount Gambier, Adelaide, is the only one still living of the passengers by the ship 'David Clark'.

Robert MILLER (1829-1904) Evening Post 24 October 1904

Mr Robert Miller, one of Wellington's early settlers, died at his residence in Tasman-street this morning. About a fortnight ago he was seized with a paralytic stroke, from which he did not recover. The deceased gentleman was born at Paisley, Scotland, and came out to Port Nicholson with his parents in the ship *Blenheim* in December 1840. The family resided for some time on what is now the site of the Hotel Cecil. Mr Robert Miller was in business in Wellington for many years, and afterwards went to live in retirement at the Hutt, but for some time before his death he had been a resident of Tasman-street. In years gone by he occupied a seat on the City Council, and he laboured in other ways to advance the interests of the city. He was a director of the Equitable Building and Investment Company, from its formation up till the time of his death, and was also a shareholder in other joint stock concerns. He has left a widow and a family of eleven, the eldest being Mr W. Miller, of the Greymouth-Point Elizabeth Company. The late Mr Miller was very highly respected.

Mary Ann MILLNER *nee* PUDNEY (1842-1918) Evening Post 12 September 1918

One of Wellington's oldest identities passed away at the old family residence, 265 Adelaide-road, last Saturday, in the person of Mrs Mary Ann Millner (widow of the late Mr Jesse Millner) at the age of 76. Mrs Millner was born at Petone in February, 1842, her parents having arrived in the 'Aurora' on 22nd January, 1840. She often recorded incidents of the severe earthquakes of the 'fifties, and had a keen remembrance of the early customs and life of the Natives. She was of a very quiet and unassuming disposition, and was greatly respected by many friends. Mrs Millner leaves a grown-up family of three daughters and one son – Mrs Warwick (Wanganui), Mrs Thebridge (Island Bay), Mrs Robertson (Berhampore) and Mr Lewis Millner of Adelaide-road, also seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thomas MILLS (1828-1896) Evening Post 11 Feb 1896

We regret to record the death, at the age of 68, of Mr Thomas Mills, one of the earliest settlers in Wellington. For a considerable time past he had been a sufferer from gout, but no serious consequences were anticipated until Sunday last. On Thursday he was obliged to take to his bed. He continued to grow worse, and on Sunday Dr Cahill informed the relatives that there was no hope of recovery. At a quarter past 10 last night Mr Mills passed away quietly at his residence in Rintoul-street. The deceased was born in London, and came to Wellington with his parents in the ship 'Birman', just 54 years ago. After being in the employ of Mr John Wade, who carried on extensive trading operations in the Wellington district, he entered the service of Messrs Brewer & Blaithwaite, solicitors, and subsequently he was in the office of the Hon. De B. Brandon. He then became bookkeeper to the late Hon. John Johnston, and retained the position until 1847, when he entered into business in Wellington on his own account as a hardware merchant. Subsequently he removed to the Hutt, having purchased the general storekeeping business carried on there by Mr S. Vennell. After some years he returned to Wellington and went into partnership with Mr G. H. Vennell, as general merchants. The firm having dissolved, he started in Johnston-street as a wine and spirit merchant, and continued this business until last week. Mr Mills, who was an elder brother of Mr E. W. Mills, the well-known merchant, leaves a widow and a son (now in Australia) and a daughter (Mrs E. Senn). The deceased was of a retiring disposition, and was held in great respect by all who knew him. He is to be buried at the Hutt. The flags on the shipping and at the various business houses were at half-mast to-day as a mark of respect.

William MILLS (1809-1900) Evening Star 12 Jan 1900

Another of our rapidly deceasing band of old identities passed away yesterday in the person of Mr William Mills, whose name was for many years closely associated with the Customs Department of New Zealand. Mr Mills was born in Carnwath, Lanarkshire, Scotland, on September 21, 1809. He remained in his native land until he reached the age of thirty-three, when he left with his wife for New Zealand, arriving in Wellington by the *George Fyfe* in 1842. Wellington was at that time in its infancy, and the settlers in the district were kept in a constant state of anxiety through the hostile attitude of the Maoris surrounding it. Mr Mills, soon after his arrival, joined the ranks of the Armed Constabulary, and eventually was given charge of a detachment stationed at the Hutt for the protection of the settlers there. Early in 1849 Mr Mills, at the suggestion of Lieutenant-Governor Eyre, joined the Customs Department, and towards the close of the same year left Wellington with his family for Otago, in a small sailing vessel called *The Twins*, and, after a voyage of fourteen days, landed at Port Chalmers, where he took up the position of landing waiter. In 1853 Dunedin was made the chief Custom-house for Otago, and Mr Mills was transferred to the town, with other members of the staff. On the death of Mr Charles Logie, Collector, Mr Mills filled the position of acting-collector until he was selected by the Government to inspect the Custom-houses of the colony, with a view to remodelling the service and reducing the cost of the establishment. He proceeded to Auckland, where he made great changes, and remained for some years as Collector. He was then transferred to Christchurch, and remained there as Collector until 1875, when he retired from the service on a well-earned pension. Mr Mills was held in the greatest esteem by successive Commissioners of Customs, and so satisfied were they with his administration that they practically gave him carte blanche in reforming the service.

Since his retirement Mr Mills had paid two visits to Europe, but for a number of years past he has been living quietly in Dunedin, although never ceasing to take a great interest in the affairs of the colony. Mr Mills was cast in Spartan mould, and was a man of a strong character. He always enjoyed good health, and showed in his carriage the good effects of his military training, having an erect and soldier-like figure to the day of his death. He attained a great age, and died quietly at his home, looking back upon a long life of faithful service and devotion to duty. He was believed to be the oldest Freemason alive, and took part in his early manhood in the ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of Sir Walter Scott's beautiful monument in Edinburgh.

Mr Mills was twice married. Of his first family the survivors are Mr John Mills, Collector of Customs at Westport; Mr James Mills, managing director of the Union Steam Ship Company; Mr David Mills, manager of the Union Company at Melbourne; and Mrs Buller, wife of Mr Boyce Buller, one of the inspectors of the Bank of New Zealand. By his second marriage Mr Mills had an only daughter, who survives. The flags of the shipping at the wharves and the shipping offices in town and Port Chalmers were at half-mast today as a mark of respect to the late Mr Mills.

Grace MILNE *nee* YULE (1830-1916) Evening Post 21 Jan 1916

By the death of Mrs Grace Milne, of the Taita, aged 86, the Hutt Valley has lost another of its earliest settlers. She arrived in Wellington with her father, Mr Yule, in the 'Bengal Merchant', in the year 1840, landed on Petone beach, and was camped there for a while until her parents removed to Taita. Her anecdotes of the early pioneers were very interesting especially to those of the present day, who enjoy all modern comforts. A walk to Wellington was not an uncommon experience. Her husband, Mr W. S. Milne, predeceased her, aged 89. The surviving family are Mrs P. Speedy (Belmont), Mrs Halley (Grant-road), Mrs F. H. Boyes (Bunnythorpe), Mrs A. Mackie (Auckland), Mrs J. Thompson (Kaiwarra) and Mrs J. S. Milne (Paekakariki). Another daughter, Mrs John Cundy, of Featherston, died a short time ago.

William Scott MILNE (1825-1913) Evening Post 26 Apr 1913

Mr William Scott Milne, one of the best known settlers in the Hutt Valley, died at his residence at the Taita this week. The deceased, who was in his 89th year, took a leading part in local affairs for many years and was a member of the Wellington Provincial Council when the late Mr Henry Bunny, father of the present Mayor of Lower Hutt, was prominently connected with that body. It was during the time Mr Milne was a member of the council that the Provincial Government built the bridge over the Hutt River at the Lower Hutt preceding the present structure there. The late Mr Milne was a fine stamp of the pioneer settler and he was held in great respect by all who knew him.

Thomas MINOGUE (1839-1911) Wairarapa Age 6 January 1912

A very old and respected resident of Taita, Mr Thomas Minogue, died last Saturday at the age of seventy-three years. He had resided in the district for forty years.

Israel MIRFIELD (-1939) Poverty Bay Herald 03 Mar 1939

The death occurred last night, after a short illness, of Mr Israel Mirfield, one of Gisborne's best known professional and business men, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He suffered a heart attack less than a fortnight ago, and his condition had become progressively weaker until, within the past two days, it had become obvious that he had little chance of recovery. Mr Mirfield was born at Bramley, Yorkshire, and was married in England before coming to New Zealand in 1886, his first place of residence in the colony being Lower Hutt. He had been trained in the building trade at Home, and carried on that trade for a time after coming to New Zealand, studying also for qualification as an architect. He was a successful builder, and carried out a number of works in the Lower Hutt area, later invading Wellington with equal success. In his earlier days he was clerk of works on a number of works, including the old Hutt River timber bridge. While resident at Lower Hutt, he took a keen interest in politics, and was a close friend, supporter, and campaign worker of Sir Thomas Wilford, during the latter's earlier Parliamentary career. For several years he was building inspector, under retainer, to the Bank of New Zealand, and supervised the erection for that bank in different parts of the North and South Islands.

Entering into partnership with the late Mr J. H. Burr, Mr Mirfield came to Gisborne shortly before the outbreak of the Great War, and established here the firm of Burr and Mirfield, which became the leading architectural office of the district. The firm handled most of the major building works in Poverty Bay for a number of years, these including the Masonic Hotel, Regent Theatre, Memorial Home, Cook Hospital additions, the Cash Stores, Townley's Buildings, Williams and Kettle Limited's offices and stores, and the Loan and Mercantile Agency Company's wool store at Waikanae. Mr Mirfield's partner died only a few months ago.

During his long lifetime, Mr Mirfield was an enthusiastic follower of various forms of sport, particularly of boxing and cricket, and in his younger years took a prominent part in cricket. He was a member of the Gisborne Boxing Association for the greater part of his time in this district.

To many Gisborne people, Mr Mirfield will be remembered as much for his local body work as for his professional connection. He occupied seats on the Gisborne Harbour Board, the Gisborne Borough Council and the Poverty Bay Electric-Power Board for a number of years, and brought a practical knowledge of building to the consideration of these local bodies' works. He was also a member of the Peace Commission, and keenly interested in the formation of the Justices of the Peace Association in Poverty Bay.

Mr Mirfield lost his first wife in 1916, and married again in 1919, his second wife surviving him. He leaves also one son, Mr Graham B. Mirfield, New Guinea, and one step-son and one step-daughter, Mr Wilfrid Kohn and Miss Isobel Kohn, of Gisborne and Dannevirke respectively. Deep sympathy will be extended to Mrs Mirfield and members of the family.

George MORGAN (1846-1911) Dominion 17 April 1911

An old and well-known identity recently passed away at Akatarawa in the person of Mr George Morgan. His parents arrived in Wellington in the early forties, settling at Tawa Flat, where Mr Morgan was born sixty-five years ago. Later he took up land at Akatarawa, where he lived until the time of his death. His wife survives him; also a grown-up family of six sons and two daughters, the latter being Mrs T. Robertson and Mrs C. H. Wackrow. Mr Thomas Morgan, of Levin, is his brother.

Herbert Albert MORRIS (1862-1940) Evening Post 22 May 1940

The death of Mr Herbert Albert Morris, a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of Petone, occurred recently at his residence at 142 Hutt Road, at the age of 79 years. Mr Morris was born in Dublin, Ireland. His father, Mr William Henry Morris, was a teller in the Bank of Ireland, and his mother was formerly Miss Susan Russell. The Morris family arrived in New Zealand seventy years ago on the sailing ship 'Punjab' when Herbert Morris was nine years old. Until he started work he was resident in Christchurch. At the age of 19 he was married in Lower Hutt to Miss Rosetta Rachel Wilmor McKenzie, daughter of the late Mr T. W. McKenzie, founder of the Wellington "Independent."

For many years Mr Morris worked in the Lands and Survey Department, and later he was attached to the lithographic department of the Government Printing Office, from which position he retired 15 years ago. During his residence of over fifty years in Petone, he was a keen and useful citizen. He took an active part in establishing the Petone Literary Institute and Library, now the Petone Municipal Library. For many years he was an elder of St David's Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Petone Memorial Technical College Board of Governors, a member of the Petone West School Committee, and a life member of the Oddfellows' Lodge.

Mr Morris is survived by his wife and eight children, Mesdames S. O. Clark (Auckland), H. Dunford (Levin), and J. Mundie (Petone), Misses E. W. and E. E. Morris (Petone), and Messrs W. R. Morris (Petone), H. V. Morris (Wellington) and W. E. Morris (Lower Hutt).

Bert Spencer MORRISON (1881-1943) Evening Post 09 July 1943

The death has occurred after a long illness of Constable Bert Spencer Morrison at the age of 62. He became well known to Wellington residents for his efficient control of traffic on the Hutt Road some years ago, and maintained a consistently high standard of management until the Government took over the highway. Alterations and improvements then made such strict control no longer necessary and Constable Morrison became engaged in office duties. A strong detachment of the Police Force attended the funeral yesterday afternoon, those present including the Commissioner of Police, Mr D. J. Cummings, Superintendent C. W. Lopdell, Inspector L. R. Capp, and Sub-Inspectors D. J. Hewitt and G. H. Lambert. The Rev. Austin Charles conducted services at a mortuary chapel and at Karori, and the procession through the city was headed by the Police Pipe Band. Constable Morrison, who was a widower, leaves one son, Constable A. T. Morrison, Upper Hutt, and one daughter.

Emma MORRISON *nee* TE PUNI (-1920) Dominion 06 May 1920

A granddaughter of the famous old Maori Chief Honi Te Puni – Mrs F. Morrison – died in a private hospital in Wellington at midnight on Monday after a long illness. Before her marriage to Mr Morrison deceased was Miss Emma Te Puni, and lived with her people at Petone, where she was born about 48 years ago. After her marriage she lived at D'Urville Island, Wainui, and Wellington, and latterly was residing with her husband on a farm at Whakatane. The body will be taken out to the homestead on the Hutt Road, where a tangi will be held, and the funeral will take place at the Native cemetery on Sunday.

Emma Louisa MORRISON *nee* BOND (1862-1939) Evening Post 14 January 1939

The funeral of the late Mrs Emma Louisa Morrison, of Wellington Terrace, took place on Wednesday. There was a very large attendance, and the many floral tributes and messages of condolence also gave evidence of the esteem in which she was held during her long residence in Wellington and the Hutt Valley. Mrs Morrison, who was in her seventy-eighth year, came to Wellington with her parents, Mr and Mrs T. H. Bond, by the Halconic in 1873. She was predeceased by her husband, Mr John Laird Morrison, and she leaves a family of five sons and four daughters, all of Wellington with the exception of Miss Edith Morrison, of Auckland. There are many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Mr Charles Bond, Petone, is the only surviving brother of the late Mrs Morrison. The Rev A. B. Kilroy officiated both at the service at 90 The Terrace, and at the graveside, Karori.

John Laird MORRISON (1851-1934) Evening Post 08 May 1934

The death occurred at the residence of his son, Mr William Morrison, King's Crescent, Lower Hutt, on Sunday of Mr John Laird Morrison, aged 83 years. The late Mr Morrison was born in Scotland, and arrived in Wellington from Liverpool about 62 years ago. Having learnt the rope-making business from his father, he at once interested himself in the New Zealand flax industry, and was connected with rope-making ventures in Petone, Island Bay, and Kent Terrace. He also acted as hemp grader for the port of Wellington on behalf of Wellington merchants prior to the grading being taken over by the Government. Mr Morrison also owned flaxmills at Spring Creek, Blenheim, Foxton, and Bulls. In later years he had a stock and station agency business at Petone and the Hutt Valley in the days when stock sales were regularly held at the rear of the Grand National Hotel, Petone, the Taita Hotel, Lower Hutt, and the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt. Mr Morrison was also well known as a land valuer, and acted as an assessor in many cases, notably for landowners when the Government took over the Wellington-Manawatu railway. He was a well-known figure in the Native Land Court and had many friends among the Maori race. Later he was interested in farming in the Nelson district, being the owner of some 20,000 acres at D'Urville Island, French Pass, where the family still possesses mining rights. In the early days of cricket Mr Morrison played for the Petone senior team and afterwards was a well-known patron of the sport. Mr Morrison is survived by his widow and five sons and four daughters, the sons being Messrs J. H. Morrison (Miramar), William Morrison (Lower Hutt), F. R. Morrison (Wellington), C. S. Morrison (Petone), and R. H. Morrison (Heretaunga). The daughters are Mrs M. E. Morrison, Mrs McSeverney, Miss Edith Morrison, and Mrs B. M. Black, all of Wellington.

Joseph Henry MOSS (1840-1917) Wanganui Chronicle 11 Jul 1917

The death took place at Petone on Saturday last of Mr J. H. Moss, a former resident of the Patea and Waverley district. Mr Moss, who was the father of Mr T. D. Moss, of Patea, arrived in the Dominion in the very early days, was for some time engaged in gold-mining on the West Coast; and later he came to the Taranaki district, where he was engaged in farming pursuits for a number of years, until failing health caused him to retire. After retiring he resided at Petone, where he died, as above stated, in his 77th year. The deceased is survived by three sons and two daughters.

Sarah MOSS *nee* HOUNSELL (1855-1938) Nelson Evening Mail 06 Oct 1938

The late Mrs Sarah Moss, whose death has occurred, was born in Nelson and was a daughter of the late Mr William Hounsell, Tasman street, the Wood. She was married in Nelson to Mr G. Moss of London, and went to the North Island. Her early married life was spent at Kai-Iwi, at the time of the railway construction works, and from there she went to the Upper Hutt where her husband was engaged in packing stores to the railway construction camps. From there they went to Patea and were engaged in general storekeeping. Then they were engaged in hotel keeping, and took over the Woodville Hotel, now known as Alton. From there they went to the Taranaki district, to the Otakeho Hotel. From there they came back to Nelson, and then to the Railway Hotel, Richmond; then to the Junction Hotel, Takaka; and later back to the North Island, to the Railway Hotel, Ashurst; and then to Palmerston North, where they were engaged boarding house keeping. Later they moved to another boarding house in Wanganui, and from there they retired to private life in Petone, where Mrs Moss's husband and eldest daughter died within five weeks of each other, some twelve years ago. Mrs Moss lived in Petone until within the last four years which she spent with her daughter, Mrs F. M. McCulloch, in Utiki. The late Mrs Moss had vivid memories of the Maungatapu murders and spoke often of various incidents concerning them. She had the respect and affection of all those she came in contact with. There were three in the family: Mr G. H. Moss, Mahoney street, Wanganui, the late Mrs J. Owen, Petone, and Mrs F. M. McCulloch, Utiki. There are 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. The surviving brothers and sisters are: Mr Arthur Hounsell (Nelson), Mr George Hounsell (Nelson), Mrs J. Williams (Nelson), Mr Alfred Hounsell (Wellington), Mr Robert Hounsell (Wanganui) and Mrs G. Kirk (Hawera).

Benjamin MUDGWAY (1847-1940) Evening Post 02 August 1940
Walter William MUDGWAY (1872-1940)

Two of the oldest residents of the Hutt Valley, Mr Benjamin Mudgway, aged 93, and Mr Walter William Mudgway, aged 70, father and son, died within hours of each other this week. Mr B. Mudgway died on Tuesday and his son on Wednesday. Mr B. Mudgway purchased the block of land which is now intersected by Jackson Street and bounded on the east by what is now the dead arm of the Hutt River. This land, known to all old residents as Mudgway's farm, was farmed by Mr Mudgway and his family for many years. Since he disposed of it, Mr Mudgway has resided in Lower Hutt. His son had been farming elsewhere since the disposal of the Petone property. He resided recently in Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt.

Phoebe MUDGWAY *nee* WESTON (-1899) Evening Post 09 May 1989

Another of the earliest settlers in this district passed away yesterday – Mrs Stephen Mudgway, who arrived with her parents (the late Mr and Mrs Samuel Weston of the Hutt) in the ship *Gertrude* on 1st November 1841. Mrs Mudgway, who was 63 years of age, is survived by her husband, four sons, four daughters, and seventeen grandchildren.

Jane MULLINS *nee* CLELAND (1841-1921)

Levin Chronicle 02 November 1921
The death took place at her son's residence, Cambridge Street, this morning of Mrs Jane Mullins, relict of the late Mr Thomas Mullins, of the Hutt and Wellington. The deceased lady, who was 80 years of age, came to New Zealand as a child with her father, Captain Cleland, in the ship *Marion*. Captain Cleland was an Imperial soldier, who served in both the Crimea War and Indian Mutiny with the 57th Regiment. Mrs Mullins spent all her early life in the Hutt and Wellington and came to Levin seven years ago. She is survived by a family of whom Mrs Holder, of Ohau, and Mr F. Mullins, of Levin, are members. The sympathy of their friends will be extended to the bereaved in their loss.

Evening Post 08 November 1921
The death took place at her son's residence, Levin, recently of Mrs Jane Mullins, widow of the late Mr Thomas Mullins, of the Hutt and Wellington. Mrs Mullins, who was nearly 80 years of age, came to New Zealand as a child with her parents. She was the eldest daughter of the late Captain Hugh Cleland, who was an Imperial soldier, and served in both the Crimea War and Indian Mutiny with the 37th Regiment and came to New Zealand in the ship *Marion*. Surviving members of the family are three daughters and one son, also one sister, Mrs Ross, of Main-road, Lower Hutt. The late Mr David Anderson, of Hankey-street, was a first cousin. Mrs Mullins spent all her early life at the Hutt and Wellington and went to Levin a few years ago. The interment took place at Levin, when Mrs Mullins's son, grandsons, and Mr Homan were pallbearers.

Robert NEILL (1816-1899)

Evening Post 21 August 1899
By the death of Mr Robert Neill, whose funeral on Saturday at Wainui-o-mata was largely attended, the Hutt district has lost another of its first settlers. A native of Edinburgh, and educated at Edinburgh College, Mr Neill, disliking an apprenticeship to the jeweller's trade, went to sea, and after obtaining a certificate as first mate, he came out to Sydney, and afterwards went to the Bay of Islands, where he landed in 1837, just two years before Governor Hobson arrived in the colony. Later, Mr Neill came down to Wellington, ultimately settling in the Hutt, and taking an active part in the trouble with the Maoris. Purchasing subsequently Dr Taylor's estate at Wainui-o-mata, Mr Neill followed farming pursuits until his death in his 83rd year, being all his days respected by his neighbours. He leaves a widow and five sons and seven daughters. The funeral service on Saturday was conducted by the Rev Mr Grey.

William NEILL (1847-1925)

Evening Post 15 July 1925
Mr William Neill, an old resident of the Hutt Valley, died at his late residence, Hutt road, Petone, on Monday evening. Mr Neill was born at the Lower Hutt in 1845, and later took part in the Maori War in the Wairarapa. Twenty-six years ago he came to Petone, where he was employed in the Railway Workshops until he retired twelve years ago. He leaves three sons and one daughter. The sons are Messrs W. R. Neill, W. J. Neill, and E. K. S. Neill, all of Petone.

Wiremu Wi Tako Ngatata (1800-1887)

Evening Post 10 Nov 1887

The Hon. Wiremu Wi Tako Ngatata, M.L.C., who had been confined to his bed for several weeks past, died at his residence on the Hutt-road, Petone, at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The deceased gentleman was probably one of the best-known Maoris in the colony, as he has been the staunchest friend of the pakeha. He succeeded Wharepouri as the chief Rangatira of the Ngatiawa about 1842, and during the whole of his life adhered strictly to the dying injunction of that celebrated fighting chief, that his people (taonga) were to live together in peace. On his own death bed Wi Tako's last words to his friends were, "After my death lean upon the law and the Scripture as your father," thus in effect repeating the charge laid upon him in 1842 by his predecessor. On the outbreak of hostilities in the Hutt, Wi Tako took command of the friendly natives and succeeded in driving the rebel chief Rangihaeata from the Hutt to a place called Pouawha, about mid-way between Paikakariki and the station known as Wainui, a couple of miles beyond. After peace was declared the late chief was appointed a Native Assessor, and in that capacity assisted Sir Donald McLean materially in the purchase of several large blocks of land, including nearly the whole of Hawke's Bay. In 1872 he was called to the Legislative Council, where, by his quiet and courtly demeanour, he soon won the respect of his fellow councillors. The hon. Gentleman, who was 86 years of age, had been twice married, and had had several children, but only one survives him, Mrs Daniel Love, of the Waiwetu. The funeral, which is likely to be very largely attended, will probably not take place for several days, and as the deceased was a prominent member of the Roman Catholic faith, it is most likely that the service will be conducted by his Grace the Archbishop.

New Zealand Times 10 Nov 1887 and New Zealand Mail 11 Nov 1887

We regret to have to chronicle the death of the famous old Maori chief the Hon Wi Tako Ngatata, M.L.C., who died on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., at the advanced age of 87. Like many other distinguished Queen's subjects he was born in the year 1800, and for some 36 years resided at Taranaki. About the year 1837, he, at the head of some fighting men of his tribe (Ngatiawa), fought his way down from thence to Whanganui-atara, the present City of Wellington, conquering on his way several Native tribes, amongst others the celebrated Ngatikahuhunu tribe, who occupied the Wairarapa; but had to fall back to Nukutaurua, about 60 miles beyond Napier. Afterward peace was declared between the tribes, and the Ngatikahuhunu were allowed to repossess their lands. Wi Tako, whose whole interest and energy were always devoted to the promotion of British occupation, was foremost in the historical battle-field on the Rangihaeata war, at the Taita, when the advance of the Ngatirangatuhi against the infant settlement of Wellington was repulsed, and by the aid of our friendly chief and tribe the lives of all European settlers were saved. He was appointed with Sir Donald McLean as a member of a Commission for the settlement of the Hawkes Bay district, and was instrumental in purchasing for the Government large tracts of Native lands from Napier to Mahahia, as well as in the South Island. In 1872 he was called to the Upper House, and afterward appointed a member of the Board of Native Trustees, which post he occupied to his death. He was the oldest surviving member of his tribe, although some who made the famous overland trip as fighting men are still resident with us. Of eight children of his marriage but one survives – Hokepini (Josephine), wife of Tanore Kau (better known as Mr Daniel Love). His nephew, Teoti Epihau Parau, resides at Petone. Thus Mrs Wi Tako survives her husband and one sister and niece in Taranaki. There is a large concourse of Natives from all the surrounding districts, and the greatest sorrow is felt by everyone who knew Wi Tako, be he Maori or European.

Charles Henry Sinderby NICHOLLS (1813-1888)

Evening Post 12 January 1888
Very many of our readers will have learned with sincere regret of the death of the Rev C. H. S. Nicholls, one of the early workers in connection with the extension of the Anglican Church in the Wellington Provincial District, which occurred yesterday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs C. J. Douglas, Brook-street. The deceased formerly had charge of the Wanganui parish, and on relinquishing it he undertook the cure of the Upper Hutt district, which he retained until 1882, when he retired from active duty, on pension. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning. Mr A. R. Nicholls, late of the Wellington branch of the Bank of New South Wales, who left for Napier last week, was a son of the deceased gentleman. The rev. gentleman was a prominent member of the Masonic body, and held the office of D.G. Chaplain in the D. G. Lodge.

Wanganui Herald 13 January 1888
The news of the death of the Rev C. H. S. Nicholls was received with deep regret by a number of his old friends here who had stood by him during troublous times, and had been associated with him in church and Masonic circles. The following particulars relating to the deceased have been forwarded to us by an old resident:- The Rev C. H. S. Nicholls came from Leeds, where he had been a master in the Grammar School and curate to the celebrated vicar Dr Hook. He came to Wanganui about 1855 or 1856, to fill the double post of master at the Industrial School and minister at the Anglican Church, his stipend being made up in equal proportions from the two sources. He retained the position of master at the school till it was for a time discontinued owing to the school-house being burnt down; and after that, as the number of church people here was too small to enable them to pay the full stipend to which he was entitled, he opened a school for private pupils, at which many of our residents were educated. When the Anglican population increased, so as to cause the district to be duly constituted as a parish, Mr Nicholls was appointed to the charge, and gave up his school. He retained the ministry of the parish for many years and then was transferred to the Upper Hutt, the incumbency of which he retained till the infirmities of age obliged him to retire on a pension about five years ago. He was peculiarly fitted for the mastership of a school owing to his remarkable strength of will, which he evinced on one occasion by setting it tacitly in opposition to that of a mesmerist, whose séance he had attended, with the result that the latter could not on that evening exercise the slightest control over any of the persons who presented themselves to be manipulated upon; and at length stated that there must be someone present whose mesmeric power was stronger than his own, and who was opposing him.

New Zealand Herald 26 January 1888
The Rev C. H. S. Nicholls, who recently died in Wellington, was one of the most prominent figures in New Zealand history for many years, more especially in connection with educational matters and Freemasonry. He arrived in New Zealand in 1852. Shortly after his arrival it was arranged that he should go to Wanganui, where he was appointed curate of the English Church. He also had charge of the Industrial School, established for the education of the Maori children, and what is now merged into the Wanganui College. He remained in Wanganui for about twenty years in charge of the parish, acting as chaplain to the troops during the native war. It was in that town he was admitted a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his first public appearance in the craft was as chaplain at the laying of the foundation stone of the Wanganui River bridge. In 1871 he resigned his charge, and removed to the Upper Hutt, where he had the cure of St. John's Church for about ten years, and then retired on his well-earned pension, and has since to the day of his death resided in Wellington. In 1883 he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who had been of the greatest assistance to him in his clerical duties. She will long be remembered in Whanganui and the Upper Hutt for the devotion she paid to Sunday-school and other works. Of late years the rev. gentleman had gradually grown more feeble. In September last he had a paralytic stroke, which greatly affected him at the time.

He, however, for a time appeared to recover from the attack, and regain much of his usual health; but early in January another seizure of the same complaint came on, from which he never rallied, and he gradually got weaker, and at length passed peacefully and painlessly away. There were originally twelve children in family, of whom four only are now living. The eldest son, Mr W. H. S. Nicholls, is the much-respected postmaster at Ngaruawahia. The other is Mr A. R. Nicholls, of the Bank of New South Wales, lately removed to Napier. There are two daughters, one the widow of the late Mr Kenneth Douglas, and a younger one unmarried. There are 24 grand-children living, Mrs Douglas having one son, the present Sir Kenneth Douglas, nephew of the late Sir Robert Douglas, of Whangarei. The late Mr Nicholls was an enthusiastic Mason, and held the position of chaplain in several lodges, including the District Grand Lodge. According to his wish he was buried with full Masonic honours in a grave by the side of his late wife.

Henry William NICKLESS (1843-1892) Western Star 20 Jul 1892

There passed away on Friday, 15th instant, at Colac Bay, one, who while holding a public position, was, owing to his retiring disposition known but little outside his own immediate circle. We allude to Mr H. W. Nickless, teacher of the Native School, who at the early age of 49 was called away. The deceased gentleman was born in England, his father being principal teacher of the London branch of the society for the propagation of Christianity amongst the Jews. He was early trained as a teacher, and at the age of 19 was awarded a Queen's Scholarship at Highbury College, London, and after a further course of collegiate study received an appointment to a large school at Dalston, where he remained some years. On the advice of relatives here, however, he was persuaded to try his fortune in New Zealand. Arriving in Wellington with his wife and two children about 22 years ago, they were appointed by the then Provincial Government, master and mistress of Taita School, near Wellington; but in 1874 he transferred his services to the Native Department, and since then has been in the service as teacher of Native schools in various parts. Not only did he teach the ordinary school course, but knowing the way of Salvation himself, he used all the means at his command to bring the Native race to a knowledge of Christianity. His labours in this direction in the outlying districts up the Wanganui river and elsewhere will no doubt yet bring forth fruit. The deceased was an accomplished Maori scholar, and having a strong influence with the Natives, was often entrusted by the Government with delicate and difficult transactions, which he carried to a successful issue, his services in this being recognised, and appreciated by the Government.

About eight years ago he was appointed to the Native School at Colac Bay and soon after to the office of Postmaster there, both of which offices he held at the time of his death. During his residence in this district he made the advancement of his school his aim and his success in this is shown by the fact that not a few of his pupils competed for and obtained the McLean scholarship at Te Aute College. As a lay reader of the Anglican Church he did good service and was ever ready with counsel and words of cheer. He had at one time thoughts of entering the Ministry; but the opportunity not offering, he resolved to continue his work as before. Like every true-hearted servant of Christ, he was content to fill a little place – so God be glorified. By interpreting, translating and other kindly acts he endeared himself to the Natives, and the willingness with which he always ministered to their wants will be long remembered. The writer has known him, when far from well, after school hours, walk to Wakapatu Kaik to visit the sick, cheer the dying, or perform the last sad rites for the dead. Whatsoever his hand found to do he did it with his might. During his long illness, lasting over seven months, not a murmur escaped him; but he cheerfully resigned himself to God's will and patiently waited for the end. He leaves behind him a widow and family (most of whom are grown up) to mourn his early death. Of him it may be truly said "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them." As showing the esteem in which he was held, the funeral which took place in Riverton on Tuesday was largely attended by all classes, the whole of the Natives being present, the Railway Department having granted them free passes for the purpose. The impressive service of the Church of England was conducted by the Rev. Mr Christian, and as the body was lowered into the grave, many a heart-felt tear was shed and many felt they had lost a dear friend.

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the day of battle's past;
Now upon the fairer shore
Lands the voyager at last

Fully believing our dear friend is at rest, we leave him in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Frank Marryat NORRIS (1863-1945) Evening Post 04 December 1945

The death occurred recently at his home in Lower Hutt of Mr Frank Marryat Norris, late of the Lands and Survey Department, at the age of 82. Mr Norris was born at Charmouth, Devonshire, England, in 1863, and took pride in being a grandson of Captain Marryat, the author. He was educated at the Royal Naval Academy and later in H.M.S. Conway, but it was in the Merchant Service that his seagoing career began. He sailed for some years before the mast and came ashore after his marriage. His wife, who predeceased him, was the daughter of Mr John Shaw, journalist of Parramatta, New South Wales. Eventually Mr Norris became a member of the draughting staff of the Lands and Survey Department, Wellington, where he remained until his retirement some years ago. He had considerable literacy and artistic ability and delighted in entertaining his friends with quaint oddments of illustrated verse and story.

Henry Davies O'CALLAGHAN (1839-1927) Otago Daily Times 24 May 1927

The death took place on Saturday of Mr Henry Davies O'Callaghan at his home Aglionby street, Lower Hutt, at the age of 88 years (reports our special correspondent in Wellington). Deceased, who came to New Zealand nearly 50 years ago, was farming for several years in the Hutt Valley and in Auckland, and later was Bill clerk in Parliament Buildings. He was of a kindly and genial disposition, and was formerly very well known in fishing and golfing circles.

Rose May OAK *nee* SALMONS (1888-1938) Evening Post 17 September 1938

Levin, This Day. After a serious illness Mrs Rose M. Oak died at Levin on Thursday. Mrs Oak was born at Upper Hutt in 1889, and at an early age she came to Levin with her parents the late Mr and Mrs W. Salmons. In 1910 she married Mr J. T. Oak and formed a large circle of friends at Levin by whom she will be greatly missed. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs N. Bickerstaff of Napier, Miss Phyllis and Miss Mavis Oak, and one son, Mr J. Oak.

Francis Farnell O'RILEY (1819-1910)

Manawatu Standard 26 September 1910
A telegram was received in Palmerston today announcing the death at Silverstream, near Wellington, at an early hour this morning of Mr Francis F. O'Riley, father of Mrs Alex. McMinn, of 92 Cuba street, Palmerston. The deceased was a very early colonist, and had reached an age of something about 93. He had enjoyed wonderful health until quite recently, notwithstanding his advanced years. The late Mr O'Riley was one of the first settlers in Turakina, where he carried on a number of important contracts under the Provincial Government, such as the making of a part of the present main road from Bulls to Wanganui, and carting the piles for the proposed wooden bridge over the Wanganui river, which was never erected. He was predeceased by his wife some sixteen years ago. Earlier in life he took an active interest in volunteering, and was captain of the Turakina Rifles for some time. The funeral will take place at Karori on Wednesday afternoon.

Taranaki Daily News 29 September 1910
An old settler in the person of Mr Francis Farrell O'Riley died on Tuesday at Whiteman's Valley (Hutt), at the age of 91 years. He was born at County Caven, Ireland, and was married when only 19 years of age. Mr O'Riley has left a grown-up family of six daughters and two sons.

Wairarapa Daily Times 19 July 1909 Personal Matters
The survivors of the old "hikity fif," as the Maoris used to call the 65th Regiment, are passing away rapidly, and soon there will be none left… Mr F. F. O'Riley, of Silverstream, near Wellington, still enjoys wonderful health, and walks several miles, each month, when going for his pension. He is probably the oldest survivor of the famous old regiment, about which Punch made his memorable joke about "the lost regiment." They were so long in New Zealand, and so little was heard of them for years, that they acquired the sobriquet of "the lost regiment."

Maria Jane Elizabeth OCKENDEN *nee* HATTON (1840-1935)

Evening Post 16 March 1935
An early pioneer in the person of Mrs W. Ockenden passed away at her residence in Wellington today, in her 95th year. Mrs Ockenden arrived in New Zealand in 1863, having sailed from England in the 'Lancashire Witch'. The ship carried 500 single women and a matron. The voyage took 91 days. The immigrants landed at Lyttelton, and walked over the bridle track to Christchurch. Married to Mr Ockenden in the same year at Christchurch, Mrs Ockenden later moved with her husband to the Manawatu, and lived through some anxious times at Foxton and Palmerston North during the Maori uprisings. While they were living at Foxton the residents were moved to Wellington by the Government, and Mrs Ockenden and her husband lived here for several years. Mr Ockenden was an inspector of timber construction during the building of the Rimutaka railway, and while he was so employed they lived at Pakuratahi. The family later spent many years at Masterton. On the death of her husband Mrs Ockenden moved to Wellington, where she resided until her death. She leaves a family of two sons and four daughters, Messrs W. Ockenden, Lower Hutt; R. Ockenden, Lyall Bay; Mesdames B. Gingers, Wellington; A. Gannaway, Auckland; D. Livingstone, Taihape; Miss C. Ockenden, Wellington. There are nineteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Fanny ODLIN *nee* GLOVER (1876-1938)

Evening Post 21 Jun 1938
The death of Mrs C. C. Odlin, wife of the managing director of the C. and A. Odlin Timber and Hardware Company, Ltd., occurred today at her residence "Camperdown," Ludlam Crescent, Lower Hutt. Although her health did not permit of her taking a full and active interest in social work, Mrs Odlin gave much assistance in a quiet way. Her kindly disposition won her many friends. Having lived the greater part of her life in Wellington, Mrs Odlin saw the city and its suburbs grow from small dimensions to their present size. The funeral is to take place tomorrow afternoon at Karori Cemetery, after a service at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Woburn Road, Lower Hutt.

William Thomas OWEN (1831-1904)

Wanganui Chronicle 29 November 1904
Excerpt from "Wanganui Old Settlers" page 38 written by James Garland Woon
William Thomas Owen came to Wanganui in 1858 from Wellington or the Hutt, I am not quite sure which, and started in business as a chemist and druggist in a small shop at the upper end of Taupo Quay, near the corner of Bell street and just about where the Railway Hotel now stands. Here Mr Owen carried on his business for a year or two until the death of his wife, when he went back to Wellington and starting afresh in business in larger premises lower down the Quay, close to the wharf, and a door or two from where the Pier Hotel now stands. Here Mr Owen did a large, and I believe, profitable business, adding that of general importer, wine and spirit merchant, etc., to that of chemist and druggist. During the disturbances on this coast – 1864 to 1868 – Mr Owen was elected or appointed to a lieutenancy in the Wanganui Cavalry, and good service he rendered, being an excellent horseman, most assiduous in attending to his drill and military duties generally, and as intrepid, fearless a man, perhaps, as ever bestrode a horse, wielded a sword, or handled a rifle. Besides all this, Mr Owen was a keen sportsman and a "dead shot," so that he was admirably fitted for the position of an officer in a cavalry corps of any kind. Mr Owen's business increased very largely during the war, and being in constant touch, and a great favourite with many of the Imperial officers, as well as the Militia and Volunteers, he did a brisk business by supplying regimental "messes" as well as individual officers and others with all sorts of goods and requisites. Mr Owen kept a sort of "open house" all this time; it was a favourite resort for a great many officers and civilians, and his hospitality and kindness were unbounded. After the war in 1868 or 1870, Mr Owen sold out his chemist and druggist business to the late Mr Joseph Wilcox, retired from mercantile life altogether, and joined Mr George Yates Lethbridge as a farmer, stock breeder, and runholder at Turakina and Wangaehu. The firm about this time leased from the Maoris the larte Ruatangata run of about 10,000 acres, situated between the two streams, Wangaehu and Turakina, a few miles south of Wanganui. Here Mr Owen remained for some years, working very hard and embarking in the somewhat risky enterprise of importing blood stock of one kind and another, from England more especially. In this venture he must have embarked many thousands of pounds (one prize pedigree bull that he imported cost him 400 guinea), but I fancy that in the end he must have lost considerably. It will thus be seen that Mr W. T. Owen was a most enterprising settler; he has done a lot of good for the district, and has been in many ways associated with pretty nearly everything calculated to advance its interests as a sheep farmer and stock breeder, also horse racing, and other field sports. The partnership between Messrs Owen and Lethbridge was dissolved some years ago, and Mr Owen has for a good while now been living on, and cultivating his property about ten miles up the Wanganui River, left bank, a part of what used to be known as the Featherstone Estate. Mr Owen, who is a widower twice over, visits the town once a week as a rule, attending the cattle sales and transacting business. He also is a regular visitor at the Wanganui Club, Victoria Avenue, where his genial, kindly face, and breezy manner render him a general favourite.

New Zealand Times 29 November 1904
One of the fast diminishing band of old settlers died in the Wellington Hospital on Saturday, in the person of Mr William Thomas Owen, late of Wanganui. The late Mr Owen, who was well-known throughtout the Wellington and Wanganui districts, was a native of Berkshire, England, and came out to this country over fifty years ago. He commenced business in Wellington as a chemist, but subsequently went to Nelson when the gold-rush to that district set in. From there he went to Wanganui, and followed his calling there for some time. He subsequently entered into partnership with Mr G. Y. Lethbridge as a sheepfarmer, leasing the "Ruatangata" station from the natives at Turakina. Eventually he purchased the property known as "Featherston," where he resided until recently, when he came to Wellington for medical treatment.

Mr Owen, who was seventy-three years of age, was a man of high principles and a generous nature, and was greatly respected by all who knew him. The funeral will leave Arlington street (off Hopper street) for the Hutt at 10.15 this morning.

John Augustine PAIN (1844-1920) Wairarapa Age 19 October 1920

Old settlers throughout the district will regret to hear of the death of another of the fast disappearing band of pioneers in the person of Mr John A. Pain, of Porirua, and formerly of Martinborough. The deceased was a brother of Mr George Pain of Martinborough and Mr Edward Pain of Mauriceville, and is survived by a widow and four daughters, Mrs F. McLeod, Martinborough and the Misses Alice, Edith and Millie Pain. The late Mr Pain was born at Petone in 1844, his parents having arrived there in the second vessel a year or so before. He moved later to Johnsonville, and afterwards joined the Mounted Defence Force, and saw service throughout the Maori war, being present at Patea and other engagements. On the close of the war the troop was stationed at Masterton before being disbanded. Later, Mr Pain went to the Collingwood diggings, and finally settled in Martinborough, where he resided till a year ago, when he removed to a property at Porirua. The funeral takes place at Martinborough this afternoon.

George Alexander PALMER (1893-1935) Press 17 August 1935

Mr George A. Palmer, of Victoria street, Lower Hutt, died at his home recently after a short illness. Mr Palmer, who was a well-known commercial artist, fought in the Great War, having left with the second reinforcements. He was invalided home at the end of 1915 and later joined the staff of New Zealand Picture Supplies. He afterward entered business on his own account, but for the last six years he had been on the staff of W. D. and H. O. Wills, Ltd. Mr Palmer was a keen golfer, being a member of the Waiwetu Golf Club. He leaves a widow and two sons. Messrs A. L. Palmer, of Petone, and A. C. Palmer, of Rangiora are brothers, and Mrs McClintock, of Gore Bay, and Mrs G. Sleeman, of Linwood, are sisters. The funeral was largely attended, and members of the Waiwetu Golf Club acted as pall-bearers.

Herbert PALMER (1868-1895) Auckland Star 13 June 1895

A sad case of accidental shooting happened in the Wainuiomata district, Wellington, on June 9th. A young man named Herbert Palmer, 27 years of age, a clerk in the circulation branch of the General Post Office, Wellington, was out pigeon shooting with his brother and two boys. Herbert fired and brought down a pigeon, and rested his gun against his thigh, while he put the pigeon in a bag. When doing this, he heard a flutter in a tree above, and he snatched the gun to have a shot. As he caught hold of the gun, it went off, and he received the charge in the left thigh, the shot blowing a hole clean through the poor fellow. He bled to death in a few minutes, being fully conscious almost up to the last. Palmer had only recently returned from San Francisco, where he had been for a trip as mail agent. Palmer was very well known in athletic circles. As a member of the Star Boating Club he had been in several winning regatta crews at Christchurch, Picton and Nelson, and was one of the most popular men in the shed. He was also a prominent member of the Wellington Harriers, and as a member of the Wellington Amateur Society, had several good records as a long distance runner. He was a single man, and resided with his widowed mother.

Paora Parau (1810-1892)

Evening Post 7 October 1892
Paora Parau, a chief of the Ngati Kahungunu, East Coast, died yesterday evening at his late residence, Waiwetu, Hutt. He belonged to Turanga, Gisborne, and when the trouble arose between Te Kooti and the Government, he took an active part in connection therewith, and headed a company of volunteers and friendly natives in order to secure the capture of Te Kooti. He was rewarded for these services with a pension. His former wife was Meri, a sister of the late Hon. Wi Tako Ngatata. At her death he took her sister Ngapei to wife, who now survives him. By his first wife, Meri, he had an only son, Epiha, to whom he was very much attached. Epiha died about four months ago, and the old man has grieved so much over his loss that it accelerated his death. His age was about 82, but until the death of his son he was very active and cheerful in his habits and disposition and of a religious turn of mind. He will probably be buried according to European custom at the little Watine Cemetery at Waiwetu, on Sunday next.

New Zealand Herald 8 October 1892
Paora Parau, aged 82, a chief of the Ngati Kahungunu, East Coast, died yesterday evening at his late residence, Waiwetu, Hutt. He belonged to Turanga, Gisborne, and when trouble rose between Te Kooti and the Government he took an active part in connection therewith, and headed a company of volunteers and friendly natives in order to secure the capture of Te Kooti. He was rewarded for these services with a pension.

Charles PARKER (1836-1917)

Evening Post 17 Dec 1917
Mr Charles Parker, one of the pioneer settlers of New Zealand, died a few days ago at the age of 81 years. He arrived in the colony sixty-one years ago, and after residing for a short time in Gollan's Valley and Foxton took up land in the Paraekaretu district, being one of the first settlers in that locality. He subsequently retired and settled in Wanganui, and latterly lived with his son, Mr F. C. Parker, of Murphy-street, Wellington. Mr Parker's wife predeceased him by twenty-four years, but he is survived by five sons and three daughters, and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. His death will cause keen regret among his numerous friends.

Richard PARKER (1826-1889)

Evening Post 6 May 1889
Another old resident has passed over to the great majority. We refer to Mr Richard Parker, of the Taita, who breathed his last at the residence of Mr David Judd (one of his sons-in-law) at an early hour this morning. The late Mr Parker arrived in Wellington by the *Indian Queen* 33 years ago, accompanied by his wife and his eldest son, William, who is now residing in the Wairarapa. Shortly after arrival Mr R. Parker took up some land at the Taita and farmed it until four or five years ago, when he surrendered possession to Mr Judd, with whom he has since been living. A few months ago he was attacked with disease of the heart, but was not laid up until shortly before his death. Deceased, who was much respected by those who knew him, was 64 years of age, and has left three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. He was attended in his last illness by Drs Wilford and Whitehead.

Thomas PATON (1888-1944) Hutt News 08 Mar 1944

The death occurred in Dunedin last week, as the result of a motor accident, of Mr Thomas Paton, of Wilford Street, Lower Hutt, Divisional Director of the General Post Office, Wellington. Mr Paton joined the service at Dannevirke in 1901 and resigned in 1906, but returned to the Department in 1907. In 1916 he left with the First N.Z.E.F. and served in Mesopotamia with the Wirelss Troop. When he returned in 1918 he was employed in the telegraph engineer's office at Wanganui, and later served at Masterton, Napier and Wellington. In 1934 he joined the head office staff, where for some years he held important positions on the communications side. In November 1942, he was appointed Divisional Director. From the outbreak of the present war Mr Paton played a very important part in the field of tele-communications, not only for the Post Office, but also in connection with the three Armed Services. In the Department he was held in the greatest respect and affection. The accident which caused his death occurred while he was engaged on important official duties.

James PEARCE (1841-1926) Evening Post 13 July 1926

Mr James Pearce, who died at Lower Hutt last night, was one of the sturdy pioneers of the Wellington district. A sailor on the ship 'John Bunyan', he left the vessel in Wellington in 1862, and went to the Upper Hutt district, where for several years he was engaged in sawmilling work. He told with pride that his first earnings on New Zealand soil were made in building a bridge at Silverstream, his pay being 5s a day – the current wage of the time. Afterwards he worked as engine-man on the coal-hulk 'India' in the Wellington Harbour, this hulk being the first to employ steam for shifting its coal. From Wellington he went to the Pahautanui district, and after working in sawmills took up land in the district, and commenced farming, at which he was extremely successful. He returned to Lower Hutt about twelve years ago, and has been living quietly at his home in Huia street since then. Deceased is survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Letitia Lawson, and by his two sons, George, of Pahautanui, and Ward, of Lower Hutt, and by his five daughters, Mesdames Stratford, Speedy and Gray of Palmerston North, and Mesdames Cottle and Millen, of Trentham. There are twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The late Mr Pearce was a staunch advocate of No-license, and served for many years on the Hutt Licensing Committee. He held a commission as Justice of the Peace, was a prominent member of the Oddfellows' and Rechabite Lodges, and an enthusiastic bowler. The funeral will take place at Trentham Churchyard, where many of his old companions are laid.

Anne PECK (1844-1932) *nee* GASKIN Manawatu Standard 7 July 1932

The death occurred at Dannevirke on Monday of an old and respected identity, Mrs Anne Peck, at the advanced age of 88 years. She was born at Wadestown, Wellington, and after her marriage took up farming in the Manawatu, going to Umutoaroa 36 years ago. After giving up the farm, she lived for 24 years with her daughter, Mrs T. Lyall, and entered the public hospital 12 months ago for treatment. Her remains were laid to rest in the old cemetery yesterday beside those of her husband, who predeceased her 31 years ago. The family comprised two sons and two daughters who predeceased their mother and eight who survive: Messrs Charles of Feilding; Walter, Ohakune; Daniel, Turakina; Harry, Te Rehunga; Arthur, Masterton; and also Mesdames W. Gartner, Hukapapa; J. Fortune, Otorohanga; and T. Lyall, Te Rehunga. There are also 31 grand-children, 46 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Annie Rebecca PECK *nee* BROWN (1850-1923)

Dominion 13 April 1923
The death took place yesterday of an old resident of Lower Hutt in the person of Mrs Annie Peck. She was predeceased by her husband, the late Mr John Peck, about ten months ago, and had lived in the Lower Hutt district for 40 years.

Dominion 18 April 1923
Death has claimed one of the Lower Hutt's respected citizens of long standing in the late Mrs Annie Peck, who died at her residence, Main street, Lower Hutt, at the age of 73 after a long and painful illness. Deceased came from County Clare, Ireland, when a girl, landed in Wellington, and came to Lower Hutt where she resided ever since up to the time of her death, which occurred last Thursday morning. She leaves no family, and her husband, the late Mr John Peck, predeceased her a few years back. The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon, and the cortege left her late residence at two o'clock for the Taita Cemetery. The funeral was well attended by numerous friends and relations by marriage. Many floral wreaths and messages of condolence were received by the near relatives, from, among others, Mr T. M. Wilford, M.P. for the district. The pall-bearers were Mr W. Mudgway, Victor, Albert and Claude Churchouse. The Rev Hansell, of St James's Church, Woburn road, officiated at the graveside.

Charles PECK (1838-1901)

Bush Advocate 1 June 1901
The funeral of the late Mr C. Peck of Umutaoroa took place yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of relatives and friends, and when the head of the procession had turned the corner at Mangatera, the cortege still reached to the top of the Umutaoroa Hill. Rev Mr Robertshawe conducted the last sad services at the graveside. The funeral was conducted by Messrs Anderson and Son. The deceased landed in the Wellington province in the year 1841 in the *Catherine Stewart*, and took up his first settlement in Stokes' Valley for a number of years, and was also one of the earliest settlers in the Manawatu district, where he resided with his wife and family till three years ago, when he took up his residence in this district. The deceased was widely known and highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow with seven sons and four daughters to mourn his loss.

Daniel PECK (1809-1887)

Evening Post 05 August 1887
Mr Daniel Peck, one of the few remaining pioneer settlers of the province, died suddenly last evening when driving home from the Lower Hutt to the Nainai with his sons John and George Peck. The deceased arrived in Wellington in the *Catherine Stuart Forbes* in 1841, and since that time had resided in the Hutt district. He leaves a widow and a family of fourteen sons and daughters, and no less than 102 grand and great grandchildren, who are nearly all residing in the provincial district. During his long career as a farmer Mr Peck had amassed considerable means, and for some time past had ceased to take any active part in the work of the farm, but was still a hale and hearty old gentleman, and when he left home yesterday morning was apparently in good health. Dr Whitehead was called in to see deceased, and apoplexy was said to be the probable cause of death. It is not yet known whether an inquest will be necessary, but a report has been sent to the Coroner by Constable Harnett.

John PECK (1845-1922)

Evening Post 08 June 1922
Mr John Peck, who died yesterday at Lower Hutt at the age of 77 years, was one of the oldest settlers in the Hutt Valley, having been born at Petone. He leaves a widow, aged 73 years, but no family. He had been a member of the Oddfellows' Lodge for fifty years. Years ago he was gardener to the late Dr Wilford, father of Mr T. M. Wilford, M.P., and later a member of the Lower Hutt Borough Council staff. Mr J. M. Churchouse, lately councillor on the Petone Borough Council, and now of Carterton, is his nephew. The funeral took place today.

Samuel PECK (1850-1931) Pahiatua Herald 31 March 1931

The late Mr Samuel Peck, whose death was reported recently, was a very old settler of New Zealand. He was born at the Lower Hutt 81 years ago and carried on farming in that district for many years. About 27 years ago he purchased a farm at Woodville, where he worked until six years ago, when he sold out and lived in retirement. He leaves a widow, four sons, and five daughters. He was a member of the Druids' Lodge for fifty years.

Arthur Welch PERCY (1865-1939) Evening Post 12 January 1939

The last member of the third generation of the Petone pioneer family of Percys, Mr Arthur Welch Percy, died at his home on the western hills of Petone on Sunday, at the age of 75. The Percy family was one of the first to settle in the Hutt Valley and for many years the Percys were among the foremost of the builders and contractors in the district. Among their many contracts was one for building one of the first bridges to span the Hutt River, near the site of the present Lower Hutt bridge. They also owned one of the first flour mills in the valley; the building still stands at the end of Mill Road, Petone. The late Mr Arthur Percy and his brothers took a keen interest in native flora and it was largely owing to the initiative of Mr Joseph Percy that the present law protecting native flora was passed. It was the desire of the brothers to have on their extensive property a specimen of every known native plant and the collection they made is extremely valuable and forms a beauty spot on the border of Petone and Lower Hutt. The late Mr A. W. Percy, who never married, was a keen cricketer in his younger days and was a "googly" bowler of great merit. He was also an expert fisherman. He did many oil paintings on canvas and on glass, preparing his won canvas and colours after the manner of the old masters. Some of these paintings were of rare merit. He made a violin which in its way was a work of art, being entirely composed of native timbers and of excellent tone. In his later years he was interested in botanical and horticultural research, producing many beautiful and rare hybrids, his Ligridium crosses being outstanding. He propagated many native mistletoes of at least four kinds, considered to be a very difficult feat. Along with his brothers he planted and cultivated the well-known Percy Gardens, which are of great scenic beauty and contain, beside a lake and a cave, many rare and beautiful plants. The late Mr Percy's father, Mr Joseph Hewlett Percy, planted an acorn on the bank of the Hutt River in 1843, and then transplanted it to the Percy homestead near where the ramp now is, and where it grew to a tree of 60 feet spread. It was cut down in 1926 and the stump removed and left above ground for three months exposed to all weathers. It was again planted in front of the old mill at the end of Mill Road, where it has grown to a height of 15 feet or more. The old mill, the first wheat mill in the Hutt Valley, was built in 1851 and operated by the family. It has never had a coat of paint and the weatherboards are still sound.

Henry James PERCY (1833-1904) Wairarapa Daily Times 05 December 1904

Another of the old pioneers, who so bravely and strenuously fought the battle of life in the early days of New Zealand's history, has passed to his long rest, in the person of the late Mr Henry James Percy, of Thornton Park, Te Ore Ore, who died last evening, after a prolonged and painful illness. The subject of this obituary notice was born on 25th February 1833, so that at his death he was in his 71st year. He was one of the early colonists who did so much to lay the foundation of the progress that has been made during the last half-century. He arrived in New Zealand over sixty-two years ago, being a passenger by the sailing ship *Clifton*, which dropped anchor in what was known for some years afterwards as Port Nicholson Harbour, on January 22nd, 1842. He was one of the first settlers in Wairarapa, having taken up land at Te Ore Ore, about thirty-four years ago, making his way thither from Petone. In his earlier colonial career the late Mr Percy had had experience of the Australian goldfields, having worked on several diggings in those days of excitement and rapid fortune-making with its often as rapid disappearance. Since he came to Wairarapa he has been a progressive and enterprising practical farmer, and has made a reputation as a successful breeder of Lincoln sheep. He was the first agriculturalist to grow wheat on Te Ore Ore Plain. He underwent his full share of the viccisitudes of colonial life, and had some experience of Native troubles in the early days of settlement at Petone and the Hutt Valley. He has now gone to his rest, leaving, to mourn their loss, a widow, and a surviving family of five sons and four daughters – viz, Messrs Alfred, Oswald, Joseph, Frank and William Percy, and Mesdames C. L. Spencer, J. Donovan, L. E. Richards and R. J. Smith. There is also an only surviving sister, Mrs W. Cleland, of Taita, besides numerous relatives in the Hutt and Napier districts. In his last trying illness, the deceased gentleman was nursed, most assiduously, by the partner of his life, who devoted herself most self-sacrificingly to do what was possible in alleviating her husband's sufferings, and, as far as practicable, anticipating his every want. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

Walter John PERCY (1860-1934) Evening Post 03 Feb 1934

The death of Mr Walter John Percy, a member of the well-known family in the Hutt Valley, occurred yesterday. The late Mr Percy was born in Petone 73 years ago. He was the son of the late Mr Joseph Percy and was educated at the state school in Lower Hutt. Early in his career he was a builder and contractor, and with his brothers built quite a number of the houses in the Hutt Valley in the early days. He was once a keen cricketer, rifle shot, and fisherman. He had been retired for a considerable number of years, and with his brothers lived on a beautiful property above the Hutt Road. He was of a retiring disposition and of strong conservative political principles. He was a single man and was survived by two brothers, Messrs William and Arthur Percy. The Percy brothers have perhaps the finest collection of native flora to be found in one area in the Dominion, and the collection and preservation of native flora was an absorbing passion in the life of the late Mr Percy. No trouble or expense was too great for him in obtaining new specimens, and not only specimens from the whole of New Zealand, but rare specimens from the outlying islands are among the collection on the hillside at Petone. On one occasion he and his brothers watched over two rare seeds for three years, and felt amply rewarded when at last one of them germinated. The late Mr Percy was the promoter of a recent petition to Parliament, asking that it be made a penal offence for anyone to destroy native flora by taking it from its natural habitat.

William Alfred PERCY (1853-1935) Evening Post 20 July 1935

The death has occurred in a private hospital of Mr William Alfred Percy, a member of one of the pioneer families of Petone, in his 82nd year. The father of Mr William Percy, Mr Joseph Percy, in the early days of the district, leased a mill on the Korokoro Stream, where the Woollen Mills now stand, and his son, who has just died, used to help him. There was another mill, run by Mr Henry Percy, off the Hutt Road, and when the owner removed to Masterton it was unoccupied for a number of years. Eventually, when the mill at the Korokoro Stream was leased, Mr Joseph Percy took over his relative's mill, which still stands in Old Mill Road. The family lived in a house near the end of the Petone side of the Hutt Road ramp, but when the railway was put through the house was taken to pieces. Some of the timber in this house was taken from the first Hutt Bridge. The house was never re-erected, although the timber is still there, the family living in what is known as Percy's Gully, in really beautiful grounds. In the early days of Petone's development many of the houses in the Hutt Valley were built by the late Mr Percy's brothers. The family also owned a considerable amount of land, which they subdivided. When Mr Joseph Percy came out to New Zealand in 1840 he brought an acorn with him and planted it. The oak was the oldest in the Wellington Province, and the only other one in New Zealand believed to be older is in the North Auckland district. When the railway was put through Mr Percy's tree was cut down 2ft from the ground by employees of the Public Works Department. The butt was then uprooted, with very little of the roots remaining, and was left lying about for four months. Then, at the instigation of Mr William Percy, it was replanted near the old mill, carefully watered every day, took root, and now is about 15ft high. The late Mr William Percy was an expert horticulturalist. He was an extremely retiring man. Of the original family, which consisted of Joseph, Frederick, John, James, William and Arthur (sons) and Lucy and Adelaide (daughters), Arthur is the only one now alive.

Isabella PETERKEN (1847-1928) *nee* POAD Auckland Star 18 June 1928 (portrait)

The death of Mrs Isabella Peterken, which occurred at Puhunui Road, Papatoetoe, during last week, brought to a close the eventful life of one of New Zealand's few remaining colonial-born octogenarians. In October 1839 the deceased's parents, the late Thomas and Sarah Poad, sailed from Plymouth, England, by the sailing vessel *Duke of Roxburgh* (after which Roxburgh Street, Wellington, is named), and with 167 immigrants on board arrived at Wellington in February 1840. It is recorded that a somewhat eventful voyage terminated with the loss of the captain (Captain Thomson) overboard at Stephen Island.

The deceased's parents took up their residence at Taita, Hutt, Mr Poad being the first veterinary surgeon and blacksmith to commence business in that early settlement. It was while there that Isabella, the youngest daughter of the family, was born, and in the same district on April 3, 1869, she was married to Frederick Hazard Peterken, eldest son of the late Thomas and Sarah Peterken, of St Leonard's, England. The Rev. McGowan officiated.

The young couple settled at Featherston, where Mr Peterken had charge of the Featherstone boiling-down works. Subsequently a move was made to Sanson, near Bulls, where the industrious couple commenced to break in 180 acres of virgin bush land. The land was bought for £1 per acre, and later sold at £2, and is now worth £100 per acre. At this juncture Mr and Mrs Peterken travelled abroad for three years, an outstanding memory of a visit to Australia being their attendance at the opening of the Ballarat Railway.

On returning to New Zealand a home was established at Ohingaiti, an inaccessible locality in those days, Mrs Peterken being practically the first white woman to penetrate the rough bush trails which were the only avenues of communication. It was while located here under canvas, ministering to the wants of over sixty bushmen practically cut off from civilisation, that Mrs Peterken displayed the courageous and true pioneering spirit which it has become familiar to associate with those times, and by her unceasing efforts earned the respect and gratitude of all with whom she came in contact.

The deceased is survived by her husband, who resides with his daughter at Puhunui Road, Papatoetoe, and who, in his 86th year, is still hale and hearty. The elderly couple celebrated their golden wedding in 1919. There are eleven children, twenty-four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arthur William PETHERICK (1869-1934) Evening Post 22 August 1934

Mr Arthur William Petherick, of 22 Puriri Street, Lower Hutt, died this morning in a private hospital in Wellington. He was the fourth son of the late Mr and Mrs E. W. Petherick, of Wellington, and was educated in Wellington, where he also served his time with the coachbuilding firm of Messrs Rouse and Hurrell. Afterwards he entered into business on his own account as a motor-car trader in Wellington and Wairarapa. He retired from business some years ago, and has since resided in Lower Hutt. Twice married, he is survived by a son and daughter of the first marriage, Mr J. Petherick, of Wellington, and Miss Petherick, of Paraparaumu, and by his widow.

Edward Wade PETHERICK (1841-1916) Evening Post 27 December 1916

The death occurred at Belmont on Christmas Day of Mr Edward W. Petherick, an old and much-respected resident of Wellington, aged 75 years. The deceased, who was born at Petone, had been ill for a long time. In his younger days Mr Petherick followed the occupation of a builder, in which capacity he saw some exciting times on the diggings in the Otago district during the 'sixties. He returned to Wellington about half a century ago, and later on followed the profession of an architect, from which he retired some years ago, since when he had been living quietly in the Hutt Valley. Many of the churches in the Wellington district, including the Baptist, Methodist, and Congregational, have reason to be grateful to him for services generously given in connection with the erection of various buildings. For the last forty-three years Mr Petherick was a member of the Vivian-street Baptist Church, holding the office of deacon for many years. The general public will probably remember him best through the gift of his valuable collection of curios to the Newtown Museum. Deceased, who was twice married, has left a family of six sons and four daughters. The sons are Mr Frank Petherick, solicitor; Major A. J. Petherick; Sergeant Arthur Petherick (Trentham) and Messrs Percy, Walter and Cecil Petherick, and the daughters are Mesdames F. J. Pinny (Hutt), William Nicol (Belmont), Frank Stuart (Auckland) and Miss Kate Petherick. The interment was made in the Sydney-street Cemetery this afternoon.

James PETHERICK (1804-1885) Evening Post 22 December 1885

We regret to hear that Mr James Petherick, sen., one of the pioneer settlers of Wellington, died at his residence, Willis-street, at 6 o'clock this morning. Mr Petherick, whose death has occurred in his 82nd year, came to the colony in the barque *Aurora*, landing at Petone in the year 1840. He was accompanied to this colony by four sons and one daughter, the children of his first wife, all of whom are now living, the youngest being Mr Councillor Petherick. Mr Petherick resided for many years at Petone, where he was in the service of the New Zealand Company. At that time workmen's hours were from sunrise to sunset, and Mr Petherick was one of the first to agitate for shortening them. By so doing he got himself into hot water with the company and soon after was discharged from their service. For many years after this, he resided at Johnsonville, where he cultivated a small farm with considerable success. He subsequently came to Wellington, and for several years carried on the business of a plasterer. In 1873, he retired from business, having realised a competency, and has since that time resided in one of his own houses in Upper Willis-street, near the Te Aro Hotel. In 1879, he went to law with the Corporation over the lowering of the street level, a work which affected the value of his property in that neighbourhood very materially. The suit was finally decided against him by the Court of Appeal, and Mr Petherick's health was visibly affected by the result. In 1880, he had an attack of paralysis since which he has been pretty well confined to the his house. On Thursday last he was seized with bronchitis, to which he finally succumbed. The deceased leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters. Three of the sons (Messrs F. G. Petherick, E. W. Petherick and James Petherick, jun.,) and the two married daughters are still in Wellington. Mr Petherick died possessed of considerable freehold property. Dr Rawson has attended the deceased for the last two years. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning, the *cortege* leaving the residence of deceased at 9 a.m.

Henry PHILPS (1827-1908)

Evening Post 10 July 1908
A member of an old-time Hutt Valley family, Mr Henry Philps, passed away at his home in Feilding yesterday, in his 81st year. Mr Philps came out with his parents from Surrey, landing at Petone in 1840. Fifteen years later he married in the valley, and of the fourteen children of the marriage twelve (four sons and eight daughters) are alive and reside in different parts of the Dominion. Mr Philps, who took part in the Maori war, removed from the Hutt, and went on a farm in Rongotea in 1872, and twenty years later he retired, settling in the town of Feilding, where he resided until his death. He was a popular and active man (telegraphs our Feilding correspondent) and was a prominent figure on the bowling green.

Manawatu Standard 10 July 1908
Mr Henry Philps, an old resident of Feilding, died yesterday at the age of 81 years. Deceased was an old bowler, and in former years played frequently on the Palmerston green. He was born in Surrey and came out to Wellington with his parents in the ship *Lord William Bentinck* in 1840. His young days were spent in the Hutt Valley, and he carried a gun in the Maori war, for which service he received a medal. He married in 1855, and of this marriage 14 children were born. Mr Philps is survived by his widow, eight daughters and four sons, who are resident in various parts of the Dominion. In 1872 Mr Philps and his family came farming in the Rongotea, and in 1895 he retired settling in Feilding.

Jacob PHILPS (1834-1905)

Evening Post 14 November 1905
Mr Jacob Philps died at the Hospital on Saturday, aged 71 years. Mr Philps arrived at Wellington by the ship 'Lord William Bentinck' in 1840, and lived as a farmer at Gollan's Valley, and recently at Wadestown. He leaves one daughter, who is married to Mr G. A. Taylor.

Henry PIKE (1871-1934)

Wairarapa Daily Times 10 May 1934
The death occurred at his residence, Te Whiti, this morning, of Mr Henry Pike, after an illness extending over several months. The late Mr Pike was born at Taita seventy years go. He came to the Wairarapa 63 years ago, and had resided at Te Whiti ever since, where he followed the occupation of farming. He was a member of the Masterton A. and P. Association and took a lively interest in all agricultural shows. The late Mr Pike was a very good horseman and an excellent judge of horses. Deceased was of a quiet disposition and did not take an active part in public life. He was very popular and greatly respected, especially in the Longbush and Te Whiti districts, where his death will be greatly regretted. He is survived by a widow, two sons (Mr E. H. Pike, police constable, Feilding and Mr A. W. Pike, of the staff of Messrs C. E. Daniell, Ltd., Masterton), and one daughter (Mrs E. J. R. Scott, Te Whiti), who will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement. Messrs Len, Walter and Fred Pike, Te Whiti, are brothers of the deceased. The funeral will leave the residence, Te Whiti, at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) for the Masterton Cemetery.

John Drummond PINKERTON (1833-1906) Evening Post 08 November 1906

Mr J. D. Pinkerton, who passed away at his house in Knigge-avenue, Wellington, on Saturday last, was well known throughtout New Zealand, and his years (73) were full of movement up and down the world. Mr Pinkerton, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, set out early in his life upon an adventurous career, being first attracted by the rushes to the goldfields of California, then to Australia, and finally to Otago and the West Coast of New Zealand, reaching this colony in 1865. On a number of the fields, he operated as a miner, but when he reached the West Coast, he established a large hotel and livery stables in the Grey district. Here Mr Pinkerton saw stirring times amongst the miners, and he had a good name along the Coast as a man who helped his fellows out of difficulties. From Greymouth, Mr Pinkerton returned to Melbourne, where he married his second wife, who now survives him, then went to his native town, and ran a hotel there for a short period, when he took up his residence in Natal for five years, being in South Africa at the exciting war period when the Prince Imperial was killed and the battle of Majuba Hill was fought. From Natal, Mr Pinkerton came on to the Lower Hutt, where for fifteen years he was the licensee of the Railway Hotel. Desiring a change once more, he returned to Melbourne, and ran a hotel there for some time, and finally he bought the Collingwood Hotel, Nelson, which, after three years' residence, he leased, in order to take up his residence in private life in Wellington. Two years ago, Mr Pinkerton came to Wellington, and he was ill during nearly the whole of that period, accompanied with much pain. Mr Pinkerton was an enthusiastic member of the Masonic order and took his Master Mason's degree in Paisley. His widow is his only surviving relative.

Ihaia PORUTU (1817-1886) Evening Post 06 December 1886

We regret to have to chronicle the death of the influential chief Ihaia Porutu, who passed away last night at his residence, Pipitea Point, at the age of 69. The deceased has been subject to chronic rheumatic gout for some twenty years, and to this and a complication of other disorders, his dissolution has been due. Isaiah, by which name he was best known, has distinguished himself beyond all others in his staunch friendship for the European colonists from the time of the settlement of Wellington, and his co-operation with the British soldiers and settlers in resisting the attacks of his own countrymen, are matters of history. At Porirua, the Hutt, and Horokiwi, he and his people fought on the European side. The most signal proof of his friendship was, however, given in 1846, when he with Wi Tako, Manahera, and Epuni, took the field against Rangihaeata, who had marched from Otaki at the head of a strong force, with the avowed intention of sacking Wellington, and when the friendly natives succeeded in repulsing the attacking force. Deceased was a most intelligent, upright, and conscientious man, who invariably exerted his powerful influence with the natives on behalf of the Government. For many years he was a native assessor, and when the Ngatiraukawa land dispute was being decided he acted as assistant judge. On important questions his counsel was frequently sought and greatly valued by Judges Heaphy and Mackay, of the Native Land Court. His residence has long been the rendezvous of the Maori members of Parliament. The seeds of his fatal illness are believed to have been laid by a cold which he contracted during a visit to Taranaki on Government business. In compliance with a desire expressed by the deceased he will be buried according to English customs, and no tangi will be held, the feasting and drunkenness on such occasions having always caused him great disgust. His remains will be interred in the Anglican cemetery on Wednesday afternoon by either Bishop Hadfield or Archdeacon Stock. Ihaia died possessed of extensive and valuable properties in Wellington city, and in the Hutt and Taranaki districts, which have been distributed by will amongst his relatives. Large crowds of natives from all surrounding districts congregated today at the late residence of the deceased chieftain, who was highly respected and beloved by his compatriots. Most of them wore the usual tokens of mourning, namely, sprigs of green leaves in their hair or hats. The corpse is laid out in English fashion and surrounded by tributes of flowers, crowns, and crosses. Ihaia, who, it may be mentioned, was the son of Te Rira Porutu, another celebrated friendly fighting chief, was twice married, and his second wife, by whom he had one daughter, survives him. He was an elder brother of Mr Henry Pitt, the well-known Hutt native settler, and a cousin of Te Whiti. In his fatal illness deceased was attended by Dr Fell, and at the last stage by Dr Grace, who also attended him more than 20 years ago, when he was first seized with the malady. Ihaia's death will be mourned sincerely alike by Europeans and Maoris.

Thomas PRICE (1855-1939) Evening Post 16 May 1939

Mr Thomas Price, a resident of Petone for 54 years, died at his home, 20 Armidale Street, Petone, last night, at the age of 84 years. He was born at Bleanavon, Monmouthshire, Wales, in 1855. Mr and Mrs Price arrived in Wellington in December 1885. Mr Price found work almost immediately as a moulder, a trade which had then been established only seven years and in which there were only 50 employees. He remained in the service of the Railway Department until his retirement about 18 years ago. A few years ago Mr and Mrs Price celebrated their golden wedding, and received congratulations from their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, and messages from the Deputy Governor-General, Sir Michael Myers, and the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. M. J. Savage, and his colleagues. Mr and Mrs Price have resided at No.20 Armidale Street for 35 years, and all their six sons are Petone residents. Mr Price was probably the oldest member in the Dominion of the Manchester Unity, having joined the lodge at the age of 15. During his residence there, Mr Price saw Petone grow from a village in which there were only sixteen municipal voters to its present importance as a manufacturing centre, and he used to recall times in which he had rowed a boat down Jackson Street, the main thoroughfare. Two past Mayors of Petone were close personal friends – the late Mr George London and the late Mr D. McKenzie. With the latter Mr Price was largely instrumental in establishing the Petone West School. He is survived by his widow, one daughter (Mrs J. de Rosa, Palmerston North), six sons, Messrs Joseph, Ernest, Thomas, Caleb, Llewellyn, and William, 20 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Alexander PRINGLE (1922-1900) Manawatu Standard 15 Aug 1900

A private telegram was received in Palmerston North this morning announcing the death of Mr Alexander Pringle, of the Lower Hutt. The deceased gentleman was the father of Mr D. Pringle of this town and was a very old settler in the Hutt district, where he followed his occupation of a farmer. Having reached the advanced age of 80 years he had been in poor health for some time, and therefore his demise was not altogether unexpected. We feel sure that Mr D. Pringle will have the sympathy of his many Palmerston friends in his bereavement.

Graham Speedy PRINGLE (1867-1938) Evening Post 14 November 1938

The death of Mr Graham S. Pringle in Wellington last week, after a brief illness, will be keenly felt by many ex-pupils of the Petone Central School, where he was a most popular first assistant from 1888 to 1904, under the headmastership of the late Mr James Horne. He was born in Lower Hutt seventy-one years ago, the son of two early arrivals, the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Pringle. He was educated at the Hutt Public School, where he gained a scholarship, and afterwards at Wellington College during Mr Mackay's term as principal. After completing his course, he entered the teaching profession, and was first assistant at the Petone School when he retired 34 years ago. In his young days Mr Pringle was a keen cricketer, captaining the Wellington College team, and afterwards the Waiwetu Cricket Club. He played Rugby for the Epuni Football Club, and in later years was a keen golfer.

Margaret PROUSE (1841-1936) *nee* DICK

Press 29 December 1936

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs Margaret Prouse at the age of 95, widow of Mr Thomas Prouse, of Cust. Mrs Prouse was, at her death, possibly the oldest native of New Zealand, for she was born at Petone on December 19, 1841. Her parents, Mr and Mrs D. Dick, came to Wellington in the ship 'Bengal Merchant', in 1840, and settled in the Wainui-o-mata district, where Mrs Prouse spent most of her girlhood. After her marriage to Mr Prouse they shifted to Cust in 1868, and there Mr Prouse died in 1908. For the last 28 years Mrs Prouse had lived with her youngest daughter, Mrs C. Gaffney, at Rolleston. During the Great War she was a devoted worker for the Red Cross, and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. Mrs Prouse leaves a family of five daughters, Mesdames T. Evans (Fernside), J. Burt (Southbridge), F. Bissett (Springston), J. Sloper (Bay of Plenty) and C. Gaffney (Rolleston). Two sons and one daughter pre-deceased her. There are also 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. The funeral took place to the Cust-West Eyreton cemetery, the services at the house and at the graveside being taken by the Rev G. McRae, of Lincoln. The pall-bearers were Messrs N. Bissett, G. Burt (grandsons), J. Smith and D. Cree. Wreaths were sent by the following: Mrs T. Evans, Mr and Mrs W. Evans, Mr and Mrs J. Evans and family, Mr and Mrs J. Burt, Rene, Dolly, Edna, Gordon; Mr and Mrs F. Bissett; Adelaide, Norman, Roy and Wallie; Mr and Mrs J. Sloper and Alma (Bay of Plenty); Mr and Mrs C. Gaffney; Mrs Collier, Jean and Rich; Mrs Watkinson; Mr and Mrs Green; Mr and Mrs Gartery and family; Mr and Mrs Kerr; Mr and Mrs Lang and George; Mr and Mrs Finnigan; Mr and Mrs N. Bates; Mr and Mrs H. Benjes; Mr and Mrs G. L. Pearson; Mr and Mrs G. Crysell; Mr and Mrs H. S. Pearson; Mr and Mrs John Miles; Mrs Howat and family; the Hamilton family; Mr and Mrs J. G. Milne and family; Mr and Mrs D. Cree; Mr and Mrs Brittliff; Mr Harris; Mr Crossin; Mrs Nelson; Mr Smith and Jim (Reefton); Mrs Allison and daughters; Mr and Mrs Collins.

Ellesmere Guardian 05 January 1937

There died recently at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Gaffney, Rolleston, possibly the oldest colonial of New Zealand, Mrs Margaret Prouse, widow of the late Thomas Prouse, of Cust. Born at Petone in 1841, she died at the age of 95 on December 19. Her parents, Mr and Mrs D. Dick, arrived in Wellington in 1840 by the ship 'Bengal Merchant', and settled in the Wainui-o-mata district, where most of Mrs Prouse's young days were spent. There she was married and later went to Canterbury and settled in the Cust in 1868, where her husband died in 1908. During the past 28 years she has resided with her youngest daughter, Mrs C. Gaffney. She endured many of the hardships of the early days, and during the war was a devoted worker for the Red Cross, having knitted 300 pairs of socks and many balaclavas. There was a family of six daughters and two sons, of which five daughters survive her. Mesdames J. Bunt, of Southbridge, and F. Bisset, Springston, are daughters of Mrs Prouse. There are 21 grand-children and 22 great-grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs Campbell, Stratford, and Mrs T. Wood, Palmerston North. The burial took place at the Cust-West Eyreton Cemetery, the minister at both the residence and the graveside being the Rev G. McRae, of Lincoln. The pall-bearers were Messrs N. Bisset, G. Burt (grandsons), J. Smith and D. Cree.

Richard PROUSE (1829-1894)

Evening Post 12 Mar 1894

Mr Richard Prouse, another of Wellington's pioneer settlers, died last evening in the Hospital, where he had sought relief from an infection of the throat. Symptoms of the complaint only developed themselves within the last week or so, and on the advice of several doctors an operation was performed on him yesterday morning. Although he rallied at first, he was unable to withstand the effects of the operation, and he passed quietly away during the evening. Mr Prouse was only ten years of age when he arrived in the colony by the ship *Duke of Roxburgh* in 1840. Having undergone the usual vicissitudes of pioneer life, he settled upon land at Wainui-o-mata and took a great interest in advancing the interests of the place, where he established a sawmill. He afterwards started another mill at Whiteman's Valley, Silverstream. Eight or ten years ago he retired from business life and has since lived in Wellington. In his younger days he was an enthusiastic Volunteer, as a lieutenant of the Wainui-o-mata corps and was a fine shot. His interest in this sport induced him to pay a visit to the recent meeting of the Rifle Association at Christchurch, where he handled a rifle. He leaves a widow and a family of three sons and three daughters. Two of the sons have established themselves at Levin as sawmillers, and the other is Mr John Prouse, the well-known baritone singer. Two of the daughters are married – Mrs Burdan and Mrs James Wood, of Wainui-o-mata. The remains of the deceased will be interred at Wainui-o-mata to-morrow.

Hutt and Petone Chronicle 14 March 1894

This gentleman, one of the early settlers of Wellington, and one intimately connected with this district for many years, passed away at the Hospital on Sunday evening after a short illness, aged 64 years. For some time he had been suffering from an affection of the throat, but no serious apprehensions were felt regarding it, and he was sufficiently well to proceed to the Rifle Association meeting at Christchurch and compete in the first day's matches. The disease becoming more pronounced while there, he consulted a medical gentleman, who advised his immediate return to Wellington. On arrival at home it was decided after a consultation that an operation was necessary, and for that purpose he was removed to the Hospital. The operation was performed on Sunday, when a hard substance was removed. The patient never seemed to rally and expired in the evening. He was a well known figure in the Wellington district, and for many years carried on a saw mill at Wainui-o-mata, and where to the last he retained large interests. He arrived in Wellington 1840 in the ship *Duke of Roxburgh*, and a few years afterwards took up land at Wainui, where he resided until a few years ago. He was an active enterprising man and took much interest in local affairs. He leaves behind him a widow and three sons and three daughters. One of the former is the well known baritone singer, and two others are sawmillers at Levin. Mrs James Wood and Mrs Burdan, of Wainui-o-mata, are married daughters, the other daughter being unmarried. The funeral took place yesterday in the secluded little cemetery at Wainui-o-mata, and was attended by nearly every settler in the valley.

Emily May PUDNEY (1879-1919) *nee* RICHARDSON Evening Post 20 August 1919

Mrs E. M. Pudney, the licensee of the Grand National Hotel, Petone, died suddenly at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday. Deceased, whose maiden name was Richardson, was married only on the 12th inst., and had returned from Christchurch on Friday last. Mrs Pudney complained on her return of a cough, but was not otherwise unwell. She remained in bed all day yesterday, and seemed to be getting rid of her cold. She was talking with her sister at 4 p.m., and suddenly expired about half an hour later. Dr Harding examined the body, but could only declare life extinct. An inquest was conducted by Mr E. Page, Acting-Coroner, and a verdict recorded that death was due to heart failure.

Joseph PUDNEY (1815-1871) Wellington Independent 10 April 1871

Mr Joseph Pudney, whose remains will be interred this afternoon, is another now missing from the band of immigrants brought by the 'Aurora' on the 22nd January 1840. The deceased, who died after a very protracted illness, was a most industrious man, and generally esteemed by all who knew him. He was foreman of the work of reclaiming the first piece of land, and was for many years in the service of the Town Board.

Joseph PUDNEY (1840-1902) Evening Post 02 September 1902

Mr Joseph Pudney, who for a great number of years was a well-known contractor in this district, died this morning. Mr Pudney was born at Petone and was 62 years of age. He enjoyed good health until a fortnight ago, when he was taken ill, and he passed away at his residence at Newtown as stated. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of seven sons and a daughter.

Arthur RAMSAY (1867-1936) Evening Post 27 April 1936

Mr Arthur Ramsay, a well-known resident of Wellington, died on Saturday, aged 69. Born at Upper Hutt on April 1, 1867, the late Mr Ramsay went to Greytown as a boy, and it was at a very early age that he had the first "Evening Post" agency in Greytown. In 1884 he came to Wellington with his family. In 1890 he joined the late Mr J. Taylor and established the business of Taylor, Ramsay, and Co., plumbers, Courtenay Place. After Mr Taylor's death he was joined by his brother, the late Mr R. J. Ramsay, and some years ago the firm's business premises were removed to Elizabeth Street. The late Mr Ramsay was a past president of the Wellington Master Plumbers' Association. He retired from active business about twelve years ago. He was a member of the Wellington Bowling Club and the Commercial Travellers' Club, and was also a vice-president of the Oriental Football Club for many years. As a young man he played cricket with the old Rivals Cricket Club. He married the youngest daughter of one of Wellington's early settlers, the late Mr William Wallis, and is survived by his wife and three daughters – Mrs C. T. Caulton, Mrs T. H. Davis, and Mrs H. L. Bockett – and two sons – Messrs Ian and Alan Ramsay – all of Wellington.

Annie RANDALL *nee* WHILEY (1874-1927) Horowhenua Chronicle 04 January 1927

The death occurred, at her residence, Stuckey Street, Levin, early on Sunday morning, of Mrs Randall, an esteemed resident, at the age of 52 years, after a long and painful illness. About two months ago she showed signs of improvement, but at Christmas she suffered a relapse from which she did not recover. The deceased is survived by her husband, Mr J. C. Randall, and a family of four sons – Malcolm, Norman, Lloyd and Ivan – and one granddaughter. One son, Mr Lloyd Randall, is married, and his wife is at present an inmate of the Waipukurau hospital. Mrs Wylie, of Ohau, who is 86 years of age, is the mother of the late Mrs Randall, who also leaves four married sisters and five brothers. Some years ago the deceased kept a drapery business in Levin, but had to retire from it owing to ill-health. She was born at Wainuiomata, being a daughter of the late Mr Robert Wylie, who subsequently resided at Ohau. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, at the Levin Cemetery, the service being conducted by Captain Stone, of the Foxton Corps of the Salvation Army.

John Robert RANSOM (1823-1894) Evening Post 16 Oct 1894

The Hutt district loses another of its old identities in Mr John R. Ransom, who died at his residence near the Blackbridge last night, of bronchitis. He was a member of the Borough Council, and also sat on the old Town Board before the formation of the borough. The parishioners of St James' Church knew him as an active member of the vestry, as for many years he filled the office of Parishioners' Churchwarden, and more recently that of Incumbent's Churchwarden. He was a builder by trade, but of late years had not been actively engaged in his calling. He was 70 years of age, and leaves behind him a wife and grown up family.

John William RAYNER (1811-1871) Evening Post 8 September 1881

The numerous friends of Mr John Rayner will regret to hear that he expired yesterday at his residence, Masterton, after a very short illness. His death was caused from the effects of an accident he met with whilst out riding on Thursday last. The deceased, who was 71 years of age, arrived in this colony in the *Cornwall* about 27 years ago, and was 22 years of that time a resident at the Hutt, where he was well known and respected. He leaves a large circle of relations and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place at Masterton on Sunday next.

Edward READ (1877-1931) Evening Post 24 June 1931

The death took place recently at Upper Hutt of Mr Edward Read, who was born in Marton in 1877. Gold mining in Australia claimed his attention after some years had been spent at Marton. He served with the Australian Rough Riders in the Boer War, and then returned to Marton. There he practised as an engineer, later coming to Wellington, and finally going to Upper Hutt in 1913. He had been connected with the Trentham camp for fifteen years. Mr Read is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs C. M. Haybittle, of Upper Hutt; Mrs H. E. Loach, of Wellington; and Miss Mona Read, of Upper Hutt. The interment, which was largely attended, took place at the Wallaceville Cemetery. The Hutt branch of the South African Veterans' Association provided the pall-bearers, and the service was conducted by the Rev J. Hunt and the W.M. of Lodge Trentham, of which lodge Mr Read has been an officer for a number of years.

Thomas REDDEN (1815-1910) Wanganui Herald 15 Aug 1910

Mr Thomas Redden, a resident of Wellington for many years, who was born in Staffordshire, England, 95 years ago, died yesterday after an illness of three weeks. The deceased had enjoyed remarkably good health all his life, and in spite of his great age, was able to walk about the city until he was taken ill last month. For a considerable period he worked for Messrs Cunard, the great contractors in the United States, and while so employed he was selected by Messrs John Brogden and Sons to come to New Zealand in the early seventies to assist them in carrying out the construction of the Hutt Railway and other large contracts which they had secured as the result of the adoption of the Vogel public works policy. Mr Redden worked for the Brogdens for some time, and then entered the employ of Mr Charles McKirdy, contractor for the Rimutaka railway tunnels. Subsequently he was employed by the City Council in connection with the inauguration of the Karori water supply scheme, and he gained some kudos for the way in which he overcame the difficulty of laying down the mains across a morass which then existed at the junction of Willis Street and Boulcott Street. About 20 years ago Mr Redden went to Australia and while there he assisted to woodblock George, Pitt, and Parramatta Streets and Circular Quay, Sydney. Before he took to contracting work Mr Redden was in the British Army, and saw service in the Crimea. He was wounded in the head at Sebastopol, and bore the scar for the remainder of his life. For over 30 years before his death he was a staunch teetotaller. His wife died before he came out from the Old Country, but he has left two sons in Wellington, Mr Thomas Redden, late of the Corporation staff (now in the hospital), Mr William Redden, and a daughter living abroad.

Robert RENALL (-1860) Wellington Independent 05 December 1860

On the 26th November, a fatal accident occurred at the Taita, Hutt, by which a promising young settler lost his life. Mr Robert Renall, the son of the Member in the General Assembly for the district, was sitting near to where a Native was falling a tree, when one of the limbs struck him on the chest and caused death in little more than an hour. The greatest sorrow was felt throughout the district where Mr Robert Renall was universally esteemed, and every outward mark of sympathy has been expressed.

Edward REYNOLDS (1873-1930)

Evening Post 13 September 1930

The death occurred at Christchurch yesterday of Mr E. Reynolds, principal of the Wellington firm of E. Reynolds and Co., Ltd., importers and motor agents. Mr Reynolds met with a motor accident in Christchurch on 13th August, and received head injuries from which he did not recover. He lived at 5 Pharazyn street, Lower Hutt. In his younger days, Mr Reynolds, who was born at Cambridge in 1872, was a champion cyclist, and he had a remarkable record of success both in the Dominion and in England and the Continent. He established a cycle business in Auckland, and in 1902 transferred his activities to Wellington. He was president of the New Zealand Wholesale Motor and Cycle Traders' Association last year. Mr Reynolds leaves a widow and a young family of three sons and a daughter. Mr W. Reynolds, of Rotorua, is a brother, and Mesdames T. Clarkson and Bach, of Auckland, and Mrs Pilkington, of Australia, are sisters. The funeral will take place in Wellington on Monday afternoon.

Hutt News 18 September 1930

Deep regret was felt by the many friends of the late Mr E. Reynolds, of Pharazyn street, who died in Christchurch on Friday last, as a result of a motor accident on 13th August. Mr Reynolds was well known in the Hutt for his happy and generous disposition. He took a great interest in the welfare of the Hutt Valley High School and generously placed his spacious grounds at the disposal of the school for the annual garden party. He had several business interests in the Hutt and was the principal in the Wellington firm of E. Reynolds and Co. Ltd., importers and motor agents. Mr Reynolds was born in Cambridge in 1872 and in his younger days was a champion cyclist and met with remarkable success both in the Dominion and in England and on the Continent. In 1902 he transferred his business interests from Auckland, where he had established a cycle business, to Wellington. He was president of the New Zealand Wholesale Motor and Cycle Traders' Association last year. He is survived by his widow and a young family of three sons and one daughter. The funeral took place at Karori on Monday.

Eleanor Caroline RIDDIFORD *nee* BUNNY (1860-1938)

Evening Post 15 June 1938
While crossing the road to her home at 74 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt, at about 5.40 p.m. yesterday, Mrs Eleanor Caroline Riddiford, widow of Mr Edward Joshua Riddiford, was knocked down by a butcher's van driven by Robert Richmond Southorn, of White's Line, Lower Hutt. Mrs Riddiford, who was unconscious when picked up, was attended to by a doctor, but died at her home two hours later without regaining consciousness. Mrs Riddiford was born in 1861. She was married to Mr E. J. Riddiford in 1879, and, with the exception of some years spent in England, lived most of her life at Lower Hutt, where her charming home in Woburn Road was the centre of a great deal of hospitality. In many ways, besides that of hospitality, Mrs Riddiford showed her great kindness and love of humanity. During the war period she was one of those who regularly helped at the Soldiers' Hospital at Walton-on-Thames. She was also a good worker for her church, St James', Lower Hutt, while her private kindnesses were many. Her disposition was charming and generous, and she made and kept life-long friends, and will be much missed. Mrs Riddiford is survived by her brother, Mr E. P. Bunny, Lower Hutt, and by three half-brothers, Mr Erle Bunny (Dannevirke), Mr Oliver Bunny and Mr William Bunny (Masterton), and was predeceased by another brother, Mr Bertram Bunny. Her children included Mrs Lindsay (Scotland), Mr Eric Riddiford (Orongorongo), Mrs Liddiard (England), Mrs Dudley Kettle (Napier) and Mr Daniel Riddiford (Featherston). Two sons, Mr Vivian and Mr Lionel Riddiford, predeceased her. Much sympathy will be felt with Mrs Riddiford's relatives in their sad and sudden bereavement. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from St James Church at 2 o'clock.

Hutt News 22 June 1938
Whilst crossing the road to her home at 74 Woburn Road at about 5.40 p.m. on Tuesday evening of last week, Mrs Eleanor Caroline Riddiford, widow of Mr Edward Joshua Riddiford, was knocked down by a butcher's van driven by Robert Richmond Southern, of White's Line. When picked up, Mrs Riddiford was unconscious, she was attended to by a doctor but died two hours later without regaining consciousness. The passing of Mrs Riddiford removes from our midst another of New Zealand's distinguished personalities. Her kindly disposition and open-handed generosity gained for her a wide circle of life-long friends. She always shewed very keen interest in the development of the Hutt Valley where she spent so many years of her life and was always to be relied upon to assist any worthy cause. She was a generous supporter of St James' Anglican Church and always took the keenest interest in its welfare. Mrs Riddiford was born in Wellington in 1860 and resided at "Fernside," near Featherston, until she settled in Lower Hutt in 1874 her father, Mr Henry Bunny having purchased Ferngrove, the present convent property in High Street. In 1880 Mr Bunny returned to "Fernside" and his daughter, who had recently been married, continued to live on at "Ferngrove" (which had been acquired by her husband), until 1913, shortly after her husband's death. Mr Edward Riddiford's father, Mr Daniel Riddiford, was one of the earliest pioneers, having arrived at Wellington by the ship *Adelaide* in 1840. Mr D. Riddiford was an official in the New Zealand Land Co., whose chief agents in New Zealand were Colonel William Wakefield and his nephew Edward Jerningham Wakefield. Soon after his arrival in the Colony Mr Riddiford acquired the "Woburn" property and established his home there. He also acquired the Orongorongo and Te Awaite properties in the South and East Coasts. These stations are still in the possession of his sons and are among the best known pastoral stations in New Zealand. In 1854, Mr Henry Bunny, arrived in New Zealand and took up land in the Rangitikei district where the town of Bunnythorpe was named after him. Entering public life, Mr Bunny was for some years Provincial Secretary and afterwards Deputy Superintendent of the province of Wellington until the abolition of the provinces in 1876. Mrs Riddiford disposed of "Ferngrove" in 1913 and shortly afterwards acquired a residence in London where she lived during the term of the Great War and took a very considerable interest in the members of her family and all New Zealanders who at one time or another were in hospital at Walton-on-Thames.

Two of her daughters, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Liddeard who had married in New Zealand were residing in Scotland and the West of England. Mrs Riddiford then spent a great deal of her time journeying between London and Wellington where she was able to visit the rest of her family. In 1935 she took up her residence in Woburn Road…

William Samuel RIDLER (1865-1938) Evening Post 18 July 1938

Well-beloved by all who have been connected with Rugby football in Wellington for the past forty years or more, Mr William Samuel Ridler, or "Pa" Ridler, as he was affectionately known, who resided at 16 Nairn Street, was knocked down by a motor-car at the corner of Brooklyn Road and Nairn Street shortly after 7 p.m. on Saturday, and died almost instantaneously from the injuries he received. Few men approached Mr Ridler's record of continuous and devoted service to Rugby football, and his interest in the game was maintained till the last. For many years club captain of the Athletic Football Club, he was last year elected president, and was still in office at the time of his death. It was said that in forty years he missed no more than six club matches, and he was a regular attendant at the club's gymnasium nights. Although never a representative player, Mr Ridler was a great battler, and one of the very early members of the Athletic Club once remarked that "Pa" Ridler's head was conspicuous in his playing days for its lack of crowning glory, and that head, incidentally, was never far from the ball. One of the principals, as well as being a popular figure in the Athletic Club's jubilee celebrations last year, Mr Ridler on that occasion undertook a great amoung of research work and was largely responsible for the attractive and informative publication that was produced in connection with the celebrations. Born at Petone 73 years ago, Mr Ridler was educated at Thorndon School and Wellington College. He joined the Railway Department, and in 1924, when he retired, he held the position of staff superintendent. In addition to Rugby, Mr Ridler was also interested in bowls, and was an enthusiastic player. He had been a member of the Eastbourne Bowling Club for several seasons, and was an active member of the Wellington Bowling Club. He was one of the first members of the Poneke Lodge, U.A.O.D., and had passed through all the chairs. Mr Ridler is survived by his wife, Mrs Catherine Ridler, one daughter, and three sons, Messrs A. J. Ridler, Controller of Employment, Labour Department, Wellington; H. T. Ridler, car and wagon inspector, New Zealand Railways, Wanganui; and J. Ridler, district storekeeper, New Zealand Railways, Westport.

Blanche Beatrice RISHWORTH *formerly* **JONES** *nee* **BURT (1868-1930)**

Evening Post 01 November 1930
Mrs Blanche Beatrice Rishworth, widow of the late Mr E. P. Rishworth, who was for several years Mayor of Lower Hutt, and Mrs Ellen Orr, wife of Mr Robert Orr, of Heke street, Lower Hutt, both died on Wednesday. Mrs Rishworth and Mrs Orr were daughters of the late Thomas Burt, one of the first business men of Lower Hutt, and a prominent figure in the Methodist Church.

Hutt News 06 November 1930
It is with regret that we have to record the death of another ex-mayoress of Lower Hutt (Mrs Strand having died only about a week previously) in the person of Mrs Blanche Beatrice Rishworth, widow of the late Mr E. P. Rishworth, who served as Mayor from May 1918 to December 1921, who died at the home of her niece at Wallaceville on 29th ultimo after a prolonged illness.There also died at the same place, on the same day, Mrs Ellen Orr, wife of Mr Robert Orr of Heke Street. The two ladies were sisters and were the daughters of the late Mr Thomas Burt, at one time a prominent business man in the Hutt. The late Mrs Rishworth will long be remembered, particularly for her activities during her term as the wife of the Mayor, when she shared with her husband the great trials in attending to the organisation and nursing of the sick during the influenza epidemic of 1918. Mrs Rishworth was particularly interested in music and art and freely gave her services as a brilliant pianiste to any worthy object in the district. She succeeded her sister, Mrs Orr, as organist to the Methodist Church and occupied the position for 20 years. She was keenly interested in horticulture and secured some of the leading awards for her exhibits of roses at the local shows and was also a foundation member of the Hutt Croquet Club.

The late Mrs Orr, although not connected with public life in the same way as her sister, was much beloved by all with whom she came in contact, her unselfish disposition and her constant desire to help those in need, won for her a wide circle of friends. Both funerals, which were private, took place at Taita and were performed by Rev. James McCaw, a very old friend of the family.

Edward Percival RISHWORTH (1870-1930) Evening Post 31 March 1930
Mr E. P. Rishworth, whose death took place on Friday at the age of 60 years, was one of the best known men in Lower Hutt, where he practised his profession as a dentist for many years. Mr Rishworth's principal public work was in connection with educational matters; he was for many years chairman of the Hutt District High School committee, and a representative of the Hutt Valley on the Wellington Education Board. Until quite recently he was chairman of the Hutt Valley High School Board of Governors, and he was instrumental in obtaining from the Government the site on which the High School stands. In 1919 he unsuccessfully contested the Hutt Parliamentary seat in the interests of the Reform Party. He was Mayor of Lower Hutt in 1920 to 1921, losing the seat after a strenuous contest in which he advocated the establishment of a local gasworks as an alternative to the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas Board. Mr Rishworth was a prominent member of the Waiwetu Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Lower Hutt Bowling and Tennis Club. He is survived by his widow and a grown-up family. The funeral, which took place today, was attended by representatives of all the Lower Hutt local bodies, and of the schools in the district.

David Hugh ROBERTS (1864-1939) Evening Post 11 July 1939
Greymouth, This Day: The death occurred this morning of Mr David Hugh Roberts, at the age of 74. Well known in sawmilling and racing circles, Mr Roberts, who was born at Upper Hutt, was resident on the West Coast for forty years.

David ROBERTSON (1875-1918)

Evening Post 15 Nov 1918
The death from influenza, of Mr David Robertson, the popular first assistant teacher in the Hutt District High School, occurred this morning. Mr Robertson, who was born in Dunedin forty-three years ago, had also seen service in Wellington, Marlborough, and Petone. He has left a widow and two children.

Press 18 Nov 1918 Obituary
The death from influenza occurred on Friday of Mr David Robertson, first assistant master at the Hutt District High School, Wellington. Mr Robertson went to Wellington from the Marlborough district seven years ago and was on the staff of the Petone West School before he was transferred to the Hutt District High School. He leaves a wife and family.

Hastings Standard 18 Nov 1918
Mr David Robertson, first assistant master of the Hutt District High School died on Friday morning. Mr George Robertson, supervisor of new business in the Government Life Insurance Department, Wellington is laid aside by the prevailing sickness, likewise his two sons, Captain C. S. Robertson and … W. M. Robertson.

Jane ROBINSON *nee* GORRIE (1842-1932)

Dominion 22 November 1932
One of the oldest residents of the Hutt Valley, Mrs Jane Robinson, died at the age of 81 at her residence at Upper Hutt on Saturday morning. Born in Paisley, Scotland, the late Mrs Robinson came to New Zealand in the *Oliver Lang* with her parents, who settled at Lower Hutt, and later moved to Whiteman's Valley to farm. While at Lower Hutt, Mrs Robinson was once forced to take refuge in the stockade when an attack from the Maoris was feared. Her husband, the late Mr William Robinson, died in 1921, but one of her brothers, Mr Thomas Gorrie, is still an active figure in the district. The late Mrs Robinson is survived by two daughters and three sons, Mrs A. B. Svenson and Mrs A. T. Svenson, of Greytown, and Messrs William, Oliver and Arthur Robinson, all of Upper Hutt.

Robert ROBINSON (1796-1884)

Wairarapa Standard 21 Jan 1884
Last week another of New Zealand's pioneers passed away in the person of Mr Robert Robinson, who died at the residence of his son-in-law, at Moroa, at the ripe age of 88 years. He arrived in this colony on the 7th March 1841 in the ship *Lady Nugent*, belonging to the New Zealand Company, after a passage of six months. Upon his arrival he became one of the residents in the whares which were built at the settlement at Petoni. His first great trial after landing was the death of his eldest son at the age of 19 years. Then followed the death of two others – the three occurring within a fortnight. Such trials were enough in themselves to shake faith in a new country, but he was of that buoyant disposition that rose above all difficulties and hardships. He had his share in the Maori wars, earthquakes, floods, fires, &c., which beset the early days of settlement in Wellington. The early part of his colonial life was spent as school teacher; he was also native teacher for some years at Otaki under Archdeacon Hadfield, now Bishop of Wellington. After the death of his wife, which occurred in 1873, he resided with his children. He did good service among the Wesleyan denomination, and often conducted divine services in different places. He retained his faculties to the last, and enjoyed to get hold of an intelligent friend and chat upon things in general. He was buried on Saturday last in the Greytown cemetery.

Robert ROBINSON (1831-1888) Wairarapa Daily Times 30 May 1888

We have just heard that Mr Robinson senr., farmer, who resided near the "Black Bridge" Greytown, died very suddenly on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased came out to New Zealand with his parents at the settlement of the Colony at Petone, subsequently for many years settling with a large family in this district, many of whom are "grown up," and occupy respectable social positions. Deceased was noted for his industry, sobriety, and thrift, hence his success as a prosperous colonist. His very sudden death has cast a gloom over his numerous friends and relations.

William Roy ROBSON (1894-1941) Evening Post 31 May 1941

News was received this morning of the death in the Wanganui Hospital, through a motor accident, which occurred near Hunterville, of Mr William Roy Robson, of Lower Hutt. Mr Robson was a director of Levin and Co. and manager of the firm's machinery department. He was a keen worker in public movements in Lower Hutt, and was deputy commissioner of the Hutt Valley Boy Scouts. In the recent local body elections he unsuccessfully contested a seat on the Petone and Lower Hutt Gas Lighting Board, but was afterwards appointed seventh member on the board. He was educated in Petone, and when he left school in 1913 he joined Levin and Co., working his way up through the position of accountant to that of a director. In the last war he served with the Medical Corps for four years. Since the formation of the Home Guard he had been actively engaged in the organisation of the movement, and was an officer of Headquarters Company in the Lower Hutt unit. Mr Robson, who was 47 years of age, is survived by his wife and three children.

John Horsborough ROSS (1838-1899) Evening Post 16 January 1899

An old resident of the Wellington district, Mr John Horsborough Ross, storekeeper, of Taita, died at his residence yesterday morning. The deceased was a native of Scotland, and came to the colony some 35 years ago. He leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters.

Mary Anne ROTERMUND *nee* SOMERVILLE (1818-1891) Evening Post 24 November 1891

The body of Mrs Rottermund, who died at her residence at the Hutt on Thursday, was brought into town on Saturday and buried in the vault with her husband in Sydney-street Cemetery. Mrs Rottermund was very much esteemed and was an old settler, having arrived in the colony in 1841. She leaves considerable property, which is devised to a married lady in Wellington.

Rosina Agnes ROWDEN *nee* STODDART (1841-1922) Evening Post 27 July 1922

The death of a well-known and much respected resident of Wellington, Mrs A. G. Rowden, took place at Kelburn recently. Mrs Rowden, who had been in failing health for some time, was a very old resident of Wellington, having been born at Petone over eighty years ago. She is survived by a large family of sons and daughters.

John ROY (1823-1864)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 02 Mar 1864

On the 21st February, at his residence, Hawthornden, Half way Bush, Otago, John Roy, Esq., late of Wellington, in the 41st year of his age.

Hawke's Bay Herald 09 March 1864

We have to record the death of Mr John Roy, for many years Road Engineer to the Wellington government, in which capacity, and as a settler, he was associated with this province at an early date. He was much respected by a large circle of friends.

John George RUSH (1827-1900) Manawatu Standard 24 November 1900

We regret to learn that Mr J. G. Rush, a well-known resident of this district, died this afternoon. He was a citizen of 54 years standing and took a prominent part in public affairs. For some eleven years he held a seat in the local Borough Council. A native of Essex, England, where he was born in 1827, Mr Rush went to sea when ten years old with an uncle, who was a sea captain. In 1843 the family came out to Wellington in the schooner *Esther* via Sydney, and settled in the Hutt Valley. During the Maori disturbances of 1845-46, the subject of this notice served in the Hutt Militia, subsequently being the recipient of the Imperial medal. For nearly forty years Mr Rush was engaging in farming at the Taita, and in 1882 he retired from the more active duties of his calling and settled in Palmerston North, building a home in Broad-street. He was appointed to a commission as Justice of the Peace in 1892. Recently he has acquired six acres in Avenue Road, which he has named “Aveley,” after his native village. For eight years Mr Rush was a member of the Palmerston North Licensing Committee, being chairman for the last three years of that period. He also served on the local school committee for three years. In 1847 Mr Rush married his first wife, who died in 1886, leaving three sons and four daughters. In 1887 he married a daughter of Mr E. Kusach, of Tipperary, Ireland. Some years after the decease of his second wife, Mr Rush married Mrs Francis, a respected resident of this town. He has a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are requested to state that Mr Rush was brought up in the Church of England, but owing to his admiration for the self-sacrifice of the Catholic missionaries he joined the Catholic Church when he came to Palmerston.

Charles RUSSELL (1856-1920) Evening Post 27 July 1920

The death occurred in the Wellington Hospital on Saturday of Mr Charles Russell, one of the best-known residents of Eastbourne. The late Mr Russell, who was 64 years of age – was in business as a storekeeper at Rona Bay for a number of years, and took an active part in all local affairs. He was a member of the Eastbourne Borough Council for some time, and was chairman of the Finance Committee. He was also a member of the local School Committee and Bowling Club. Representatives of all those bodies attended his funeral at Karori to-day. Mr Russell, who was twice married, has left a widow and three children. A son was killed in the Great War.

Ellen RUSSELL nee SWANSON (1867-1932) Hutt Valley News 2 December 1932

One of the most respected and oldest residents of Whiteman’s Valley, Mrs Ellen Russell, died at her residence there on Wednesday. Born in Wainuiomata in 1867, the late Mrs Russell was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Swanson. At the age of five Mrs Russell moved with her parents to Whiteman’s Valley, where she lived until her death. She is survived by her husband, Mr Thomas Russell, a daughter, Mrs Pat Bond of Carterton, and two sons, Mr Ernest and Mr Leonard Russell, who are in business at Upper Hutt.

John RUSSELL (1814-1892) Evening Post 11 August 1892

By the death of Mr John Russell, which is announced in our obituary column today, Wellington loses another pioneer settler. Mr Russell arrived here with his wife and family by the ship *Lord William Bentnick* in 1841, and settled at the Nai Nai, where he resided right up to the time of his death. He went through the Maori War, and also assisted in constructing the original road to the Hutt Valley. The deceased gentleman, who was very widely known and highly respected throughout the district, was twice married, and his second wife and several sons and daughters survive him. He was 78 years of age at the time of his death.

Mary Elizabeth RYAN *nee* BREWER (1860-1920) Evening Post 29 December 1920

One of the earliest residents of Petone, Mrs Mary Elizabeth Ryan, wife of Mr Joseph Ryan, died this morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs A. Thare, Queen-street, Petone. The late Mrs Ryan, who was a daughter of the late William Henry and Elizabeth Brewer, the former being the first custodian of the Newtown Park, was married at Hill Street, Wellington in 1879 and spent the whole of her married life in Petone. Her husband was for over 40 years on the staff of the Railway Stores at Petone and Wellington. The late Mrs Ryan leaves four daughters – Mrs Chesterman, Mrs A. Thare, Mrs D. Whitley and Mrs J. Childs, all of Petone, and three sons – Messrs John Ryan (Day's Bay), Joseph and Frank Ryan (Petone). The youngest son, William, was killed in action in France in 1917. Mrs Ryan had been suffering for the last nine months. She was pre-deceased by her mother, one of the pioneers of the Dominion, by only a few months.

John SALMONS (1858-1941) Manawatu Standard 7 January 1941

The passing of another pioneer occurred with the death of Mr John Salmons, who died at his late residence, 15 Seaforth Road, Milson, Palmerston North, on January 3. Mr Salmons was born in a Maori village in Johnsonville in 1857, being thus one of the first white men born in the Wellington district. At an early age Mr Salmons became an expert bushman, and in 1879 he went into the virgin bush of the Akatarawa Valley, and there cleared a site for a slab hut in which to set up his home. His wife came from England on the sailing ship *Sukka* in 1864 after an adventurous voyage lasting four months. In those early days Mr Salmons walked 10 miles to fell bush and 10 miles home again, often working on moonlight nights till 10 p.m. He had many hunting experiences with wild cattle and boars, which in those days were plentiful. Inspired by a Norwegian sailor, Carl Polsen, who became a missionary in the Akatarawa district, Mr Salmons was baptised in a mountain stream and became a member of the Open Brethren faith, remaining a staunch adherent till his death. He never tired of recounting his adventures of the pioneering days, and of the events leading up to his baptism. Mr Salmons is survived by his widow, four daughters – Mesdames W. Aldridge (Ongarue), T. Hastlow (Mananui), R. Teage (Wellington) and E. Edwards (Palmerston North) – and three sons – Messrs H. Salmons (Ongarue), Henry Salmons (Palmerston North) and B. Salmons (Palmerston North).

Jane SANDERS *nee* ROSSON (1858-1928) Hutt News 26 July 1928

An old and highly respected resident of Taita passed away last week at the age of 71 years, in the person of Mrs Jane Sanders, after a long illness. The late Mrs Sanders was of a quiet and unassuming nature and enjoyed the confidence of her many friends. Her husband predeceased her some four years ago. She was a devoted mother and leaves a family three daughters – Mrs E. Bentley (Taita), Mrs Gadsby (Petone) and Mrs Johnson (Auckland), and five sons – Messrs Frederick (Hamilton), Harry (Petone), Frank (Wellington), Len and Edward (Taita). The interment took place at the Anglican Cemetery when a large crowd of friends attended.

Henry SANSON (1855-1941) Manawatu Standard 1 July 1941

By the death, which occurred on Saturday, of Mr Henry Sanson, at the age of 85 years, yet another link with the pioneers is severed. Born at Lower Hutt in October, 1855, Mr Sanson spent part of his schooldays in the old stockade built there during the Maori War. Following the custom of his day, under which every boy learned a trade, he was apprenticed to the saddlery business of the late Mr W. Wiggins of Wellington. When the Hutt Small Farm Settlers' Association took up land at Sanson (named after his father) in 1876, he started business there on his own account. In 1891 he sold his business and commenced farming with his father and brother at Rongotea. At later periods he farmed in the Taranaki and Waikato districts. He retired to live in Auckland in 1920 and latterly had lived with his daughter, Mrs T. Cleland, at Te Uku. Mr Sanson's wife, a daughter of the late Thomas Burt, of the Hutt, died in 1937, and he is survived by five children, Mesdames C. J. Parlane (Hamilton), T. B. Cleland (Te Uku), Miss V. Sanson (Auckland), Messrs N. R. Sanson (Ruakaka) and E. E. Sanson (Ohaupo).

Ellen SAYWELL *nee* AVERY (1833-1919) Colonist 25 August 1919

The death of Mrs Charles Saywell, a highly respected resident of Richmond, occurred at her residence, Upper Queen Street, on Thursday, August 21st. Her decease will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends, both old and young. For some years, owing to advancing age, Mrs Saywell has led a very retired life, but as long as her health permitted she was known for her deeds of kindly sympathy and generosity. She took a deep interest in the progress of the district, and always supported every forward movement, and her home was noted for its hospitality. Mrs Saywell's childhood was most eventful and interesting. She arrived in Port Nicholson in the 'Bolton' in 1840, with her parents, the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Avery, who were among the pioneer settlers of Wellington. The family disembarked on the beach at Petone before the site of the present city of Wellington was fixed. Mrs Saywell's girlhood was spent in the Hutt Valley, and the heavy floods, the severe earthquakes, the vicissitudes of the early settlers and their adventures with the Maoris, made a deep impression on her retentive memory, forming a store of material which was ever of great interest to her younger friends. On her marriage, Mrs Saywell settled in Richmond, where she lived ever since, a period of nearly 65 years. Mr Saywell predeceased her several years. The funeral left her late residence on Saturday. A short service was held in the Richmond Methodist Church, at which the Rev W. Wills gave an impressive address, in which he referred to Mrs Saywell's consistent Christian character and to her devotion to her church. The remains were interred in the Richmond Cemetery, a representative gathering of friends from the surrounding district being present. Beautiful floral emblems showed the affection and repect in which she was held. Mrs Saywell leaves a large number of relatives in various parts of New Zealand among whom are Mrs G. Macmahon (Stoke), Mrs Emerson (Waimea street) and Mr J. S. Emerson (Sling Camp).

William SCARROW (1810-1894) New Zealand Times 31 Dec 1894

Another old and respected settler has passed away – Mr W. Scarrow, who, at the ripe age of 84, died at Sanson on Friday. Mr Scarrow was one of the original Sandon small farm settlers, having come up from the Wellington district with the pioneer band who founded the Sandon Settlement. Mr Scarrow has for years past been looked on as an old identity of Sanson, whose name has been associated with the place from its commencement. He will long be remembered for his pleasant and kindly disposition. – *Rangitikei Advocate.*

Albert SCHOLEFIELD (1872-1946) Hutt News 11 September 1946

The death of Mr Albert Scholefield, a former Mayor of Petone and prominent member of the Labour movement, occurred at Lower Hutt on Friday. He was 72 years of age. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs H. V. Marsh, of Lower Hutt. The funeral service took place on Monday.

Alexander SCHOLES (1867-1929) New Zealand Herald 08 March 1929

The death occurred at Epsom yesterday of Mr Alexander Scholes, aged 62 years. Born at Belmont, Wellington, he later removed to the Toko district, Taranaki, where he engaged in farming. In 1902 he settled in the King Country, taking up land at Hangatiki where he resided until 18 months ago. Mr Scholes always took a keen interest in local affairs and soon became an outstanding figure in his district. He was a foundation member of the Waitomo County Council, having taken an active part in constituting the body. In 1908 he became chairman and occupied that position for about 10 years. During his term of office much development work was undertaken and the county owed much to his active and careful administration. He also served as a member of the Waikato Hospital Board and the Waitara Licensing Committee. A supporter of the Liberal Party in politics, Mr Scholes in 1914 stood for the Waikato seat against Mr J. A. Young. He retired to Auckland 18 months ago had since lived at Epsom. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He leaves a widow and one son, Mr A. Scholes, of Te Kawa, and two daughters, Mrs R. McLean of Rangataua, and Mrs J. Hoffman, of Hangatiki.

Alfred SCHOLES (1858-1921) New Zealand Times 24 Sep 1921

The news of the death of a well-known and respected settler in the person of the late Mr Alfred Scholes, who passed away at his residence at Mangaroa, cast a gloom over the Upper Hutt and the outlying districts of Mangaroa. The late Mr Scholes recently moved from Lower Hutt to Mangaroa to settle. During his stay there for over twenty years he carried on the pursuit of farming and stock dealer. His loss is keenly felt by those who have been associated with him. The funeral of the deceased took place yesterday afternoon, when the cortege left his late residence for the Akatarawa cemetery. The services at the residence and the graveside were conducted by Messrs Fox and Pepperell. Deceased left behind him to mourn his loss his wife, the Misses Hannah and Hellenor Scholes, Messrs Ralph (builder, Upper Hutt), Len (farmer), Frank (farmer), Alec. (Defence store at Palmerston North), Harold, Alfred and Norman Scholes.

John Thomas SCHOLES (1879-1932) Hutt News 28 September 1932

The death of Mr J. T. Scholes, for many years accountant and late manager of the Westland Timber Co., occurred at his home, Queens Road on 15th inst. Mr Scholes was born at Petone in 1879. His parents later took up farming land at Wainui where he was educated under Mr A. N. Burns, late inspector of schools. As a young man Mr Scholes made an intense study of farming in all its branches, but later drifted into the timber trade with which he had been associated for the last twenty-seven years. The deceased was very highly respected by a large circle of friends and had one of the most kindly and retiring dispositions and was always ready to give a helping hand in any deserving cause. He took a keen interest in sport and was a member of the Hutt Gun Club, and the Hutt Bowling Club and was a keen fisherman. He was an executive member of the Lower Hutt Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his widow and daughter and three brothers and one sister – Miss Scholes and Messrs F. and J. Scholes of Wainui and Mr W. Scholes of Rongotai. The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery, Archdeacon Hansell officiating.

Thomas SCHOLES (1839-1923) Hawera & Normanby Star 18 September 1923

The death occurred at Wainuiomata last week of Mr Thomas Scholes, an old settler, at the age of 81 years. He left Lancashire and arrived in Wellington in the ship 'Oliver Laing' about the year 1858, and with his father started farming at the Lower Hutt in the vicinity of what is now known as Waterloo Road. In 1870 he purchased land at Petone, and for some time carried on farming operations there. The farm was afterwards cut up, and forms part of the present Petone township. He was employed by the Gas Company in laying the first gas mains in Wellington, and served for a few years in the old volunteers at the Hutt. He is survived by four sons and one daughter.

Guido George SCHWARTZ (1854-1926) Evening Post 25 May 1926

Mr Guido George Schwartz, whose death was announced yesterday, at the age of 72 years, was well-known in this city, having followed the profession of an architect here for many years. He was born in Hamburg, and came to New Zealand about 1879, joining his brother, Mr J. H. Otto Schwartz. For some time he was employed on the actuarial staff of the Government Life Insurance Department. He was a devout lover of music, and took a part in organising the old Wellington Orchestral Society. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs Ross (widow of Major Ross) and Miss Schwartz.

George Washington SCHWARTZ (1832-1908) Wairarapa Times 01 December 1908

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, at Palmerston North, on the body of George Washington Schwartz. Dr Martin said he was called at 6.30 on Sunday morning, and found Schwartz dead. Deceased was sevety six years of age, and had always enjoyed good health. A verdict was given to the effect that deceased died from heart failure. Mr Schwartz was born at Hamburg, Germany, in 1832, and arrived in Wellington in the early fifties, where for eighteen years he was confidential clerk to the Hon. John Martin. He was a resident of the Hutt for many years. During the last eighteen months he had resided at Palmerston.

William Alexander SCOTT (1881-1934) Evening Post 17 July 1934

The death occurred on Saturday, after a short illness, of Mr Alexander William Scott, who, as a member of the Hutt Valley Gun Club, was one of Wellington's most successful clay pigeon shots. A son of Mr S. Scott, of Webb Street, the deceased lived in Wellington all his life except when he served with the New Zealand Artillery in the Great War. He was a pastrycook by occupation. The funeral, which took place yesterday, was well attended, those present including members of the Hutt Valley Gun Club. The interment was made at Karori Cemetery.

George SCRIMSHAW (1823-1898) Evening Post 04 Oct 1898

An old resident of the Lower Hutt, Mr George Scrimshaw, who took an active part in the early struggles of the colony, died yesterday morning. He was born in Nottingham, England, in 1825, and at the age of 18 enlisted in the 65th Regiment, with which he came out to New Zealand in 1846. He fought in the engagement with the Maoris at Horokiwi, afterwards receiving the New Zealand war medal, and also served in the Militia at the Hutt. After leaving the regiment Mr Scrimshaw settled at the Lower Hutt, where he resided for 52 years, 40 of which were passed in the employment of the late Sir William Fitzherbert. Deceased leaves a widow, 11 children, and many grand and great grandchildren. In 1853 he joined the Rose of the Valley Lodge of Oddfellows, the members of which will attend his funeral tomorrow.

Martha SCRIMSHAW *nee* JOLLEY (1850-1913) Hutt Valley Independent 04 October 1913

By the death, at Palmerston North, of Mrs Martha Scrimshaw, wife of James Scrimshaw, of that town, another of the fast diminishing band of early settlers was removed. The deceased lady was thirteen years of age when she left her home in Cambridgshire with her parents Mr and Mrs Jolly. An uneventful voyage of 192 days in the good ship 'Asterope' land the party at Wellington some fifty years ago – today the only remaining member of that family is Benjamin Jolly of Tolaga Bay. Mrs Scrimshaw leaves seven sons and six daughters, in addition to Mr Scrimshaw, to mourn her loss. Excepting for the last few years, Mr and Mrs Scrimshaw had permanently resided in the Hutt Valley, and many will join there in the general regret at her demise, somewhat unexpected, at the age of 63.

Alfred SEARLE (1864-1939) Hutt News 29 November 1939

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Mr Alfred Searle, which occurred at his home Tennyson Avenue, Taita, on November 12, after a short illness. The late Mr Searle, who was 75 years of age, had been in the employ of the Hutt River Board for the past 18 years and foreman for 15 years. Born in Probus, Cornwall, he joined the British Army as a young man and served in India for nine years. He came to New Zealand 48 years ago and was for many years in the employ of the well-known Welch family at Taita, leaving there to serve as manager of one of the family's sheep farms in the Wairarapa. When members of the family were old enough to take over the management, Mr Searle returned to Lower Hutt, and was employed in Mason's gardens on which, after the estate was cut up, he made his home. During the whole period of the Great War Mr Searle served as Camp Quartermaster-Sergeant at Trentham, and was responsible for the designing and erection of the camp incinerators, which were so successful that he was transferred to Featherston for similar duty. After the camp closed Mr Searle was employed by the Hutt River Board, and was foreman of the section which controlled the upper reaches of the board's area. Mr Searle had a thorough knowledge of the vagaries of the river and could give the Engineer helpful advice on its control. His son, Mr James Searle, who was trained by his father, will take his place on the staff. The late Mr Searle took a keen interest in local affairs and was a fine sportsman. In his youth he was a crack rifleman and won many trophies. When in the Wairarapa he was a champion iron quoit player and many medals and trophies tell of his ability at this pastime. He was a keen euchre player and follower of football and cricket. He was closely associated with the Taita Cricket Club and was an umpire under the Hutt Valley Cricket Association. When in reminiscent mood Mr Searle had many tales to tell of his adventures in India and his experiences in the early days of farming in the Wairarapa and Hutt Valley. He was a man of sterling character, always willing to lend a hand to those in trouble, and by his kindly and affable disposition won the respect and esteem of a host of friends who will mourn his passing. The sympathy of all will be extended to his widow, three sons, Messrs Frank, James and Leonard, and one daughter, Mrs R. August, in their great loss. The high esteem in which the late Mr Searle was held was evidenced at the funeral, when a large and representative gathering attended, and many beautiful floral tributes were received. The pall-bearers were the members of the Hutt River Board, Dr B. J. Dudley, Messrs J. W. Andrews, F. J. Jones, J. Mitchell, Ward Pearce and H. Sladden, jnr. (engineer). The service was held in the Taita Anglican Church, the Rev H. E. K. Fry officiating. Among those present were Messrs G. Hooper, A. J. Gearing (clerk of the River Board), W. Dyer, M. Welch, J. Mabey, I. Blyth, G. Gorrie, J. Bentley, J. August, R. August, G. August, H. August, F. Gorrie, E. Saunders, Mesdames Ronning and Loughton, Messrs G. Kells, C. Alsop, L. King, F. S. Hewer, V. Pemberton, C. L. Welch (Masterton), F. Kitchener, W. H. Smith, J. Kerr, W. Howlett, W. Huse, P. Blyth, Mr and Mrs F. Brewer (Wellington), J. Searle (Palmerston North), Mrs Baken, Messrs B. Darral, V. and S. Peck, Johnson, E. Horne, Matson, L. Sernie, L. Knight, F. Ferretti, Cobb, Mrs Lucas and many others.

William Henry SEBLEY (1848-1934) Evening Post 13 April 1934

The death has occurred of Mr William Henry Sebley, a veteran of the Maori Wars, in his 87th year. The late Mr Sebley lived in Bay Street, Petone. The late Mr Sebley was brought to New Zealand when he was a baby, and he was at Wellington at the time of the great earthquake. The family went to Napier. When he was a lad at Napier there was a sharp earthquake. Many chimneys came down and some houses were shaken off their piles. The ground shook continuously for a week, and the churches were crowded with people. Mr Sebley's father had one of the first hotels in Napier, in Shakespeare Road.

Mr Sebley saw "MacBeth" played for the first time in Napier, and the wigs for the actors were made from the manes of cavalry horses. Mr Sebley was the first cabinetmaker's apprentice at Napier. At the age of 17 he desired to go on active service against the Maoris, but his people did not approve. They locked him in his room, but he escaped, and reported at the militia office at Napier, where he was referred to Sergeant Walters, one of Von Tempsky's famous men. Mr Sebley was shipped as a private to Waiapu on the east coast, where Europeans had been repulsed in trying to take a Native pa. The pa was eventually taken, but almost immediately afterwards the men were re-embarked on the Government steamer *Sturt* as the Natives had fired Bishop Williams's house at Waerenga-a-Hika, near Gisborne. After being besieged in a pa the Natives surrendered, and the prisoners, including the famous Te Kooti, were shipped to the Chatham Islands, from whence they subsequently escaped. Mr Sebley was associated with the late Mr George ("Rowley") Hill, who was famous among the Maori War veterans. He also served with Sergeant-Major Bezar, one of the survivors of the 57th Regiment ("The Diehards").

Mr Sebley was one of the few holders of the New Zealand Medal. After the Maori Wars he was a cabinetmaker and undertaker in Waipawa. He came to Petone about 36 years ago, and was a highly respected resident of the town. He was keenly interested in photography, and was probably the only man in the Dominion able to make "camera bellows." He is survived by the following family:- Miss A. Sebley, of Bay Street, Petone; Mrs F. T. Vaughan, of King's Cresent, Lower Hutt; Mrs T. Macken, of Whananaki, Auckland; Miss E. Sebley, Simonds Street, Auckland; Mrs C. Whitcher, Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt; and Mr H. Sebley, "Kumeu," Auckland.

James SELLAR (1799-1880)

Evening Post 03 May 1880
This autumn has taken many of our oldest settlers to their final resting place. Another name was added on Saturday to the already long list. Mr James Sellar, whose decease at the Hutt we are called upon to record, was a native of Banffshire, Scotland, and was born on the 14th April, 1799, so that he was 81 years of age at his death. He came to this colony in the ship 'Lady Nugent' in the year 1841 and was one of the pioneer settlers in this part of the colony. Two or three years after his arrival he was associated with a Mr Henderson in a project for importing sheep from New South Wales. Although this was not a monetary success, owing to the difficulties and expense of transit, it was the means of convincing all good judges that the country was fitted for sheep-grazing purposes, and the example was soon extensively followed. In the year 1846 Mr Sellar had a narrow escape from assassination at the hands of the Maoris. He was on a journey to Wanganui in company with Mr George Scott, another old identity of the Hutt, immediately after the capture of the famous chief Rauparaha. At the Ohau crossing a Maori, who had ridden quietly by his side for some time, suddenly made a desparate blow at him with a tomahawk. Fortunately Mr Sellar was enabled to ward off the stroke and to keep his assailant at bay until he and his companion had reached a place of safety. In 1852 settled at Petone, his place being known as Seafield. About this time he contested the Hutt seat in the Provincial Council, but was unsuccessful. His defeat was no disgrace, however, as his successful opponent was Mr E. G. Wakefield. Mr Seller never afterwards attempted to enter public life, for which indeed his blunt, straightforward manner unsuited him. Six or seven years ago he parted with the Seafield property, and he has since passed his declining days in absolute retirement from the busy scenes of life. Many of his friends have visited the old gentleman at regular intervals, and although his bodily powers were impaired, his intellect was keen and unclouded almost to the last, and his conversation on the events of the last generation gave proof of an excellent memory. It is not too much to say of Mr Sellar that he was respected by all who knew him. A special train for mourners is advertised to leave the Lower Hutt at a quarter to two, and will call at Petone and other stations.

New Zealand Times 03 May 1880
On Saturday last there passed away from among us one more of those old settlers whose names are identified with the founding of the colony. Although never a very prominent man in political life, Mr Sellar was an old colonist of high standing, and his opinion was valued, and his countenance was eagerly sought… both in matters of business by his friends, and, in the old days of provincialism, by all who desired the suffrages of the Hutt electors.

Mr Sellar was born at Ruthven, in Banffshire, on April 14, 1799, and was consequently in his 82nd year when he expired on Saturday last. He arrived in Wellington in the 'Lady Nugent', on March 17th, 1841, and was in business in Wellington for about four years. He appears to have been one of the first who recognised the suitability of the climate and soil of this island for wool-growing, as about a year after his arrival he invested some money in the purchase of a small flock of sheep, imported here from New South Wales.

His partner in the speculation was a Mr Henderson, who has since become well known as an old and highly-respected settler at Inchclutha, and between whom and Mr Sellar a deep and lasting friendship was then established. The sheep farming speculation did not prove a very successful one, and as an instance of the difficulties which beset the early settlers, we may mention that a number of the sheep died on the Te Aro Flat before they could be driven to the run at Terawhiti, which was secured for them. Although the flock was shorn twice there the cost and difficulty of cartage at that time was so great that, we believe, no wool was sent away during the first two years. Mr Sellar was under the impression that these were the first sheep ever imported into the North Island, but it is possible that prior importations were made into other more northern parts.

Although Mr Sellar was not living at the Hutt during the Maori disturbances there, he nearly lost his life by an attack which was made on him while on a journey to Wanganui to look for land about the year 1846 or 1847, just after the chief Rauparaha was taken into custody by the British forces. Mr Sellar was accompanied, while on this expedition by the late Mr George Scott, whose name will be familiar to all old Hutt residents. The assassination was attempted on the banks of the Ohau river, and the lives of both Europeans were probably only saved by the courage and dexterity of Mr Sellar. The Maori who attacked him had been walking silently by his side for some distance, when he suddenly lifted his tomahawk and attempted to cut the pakeha down. Mr Sellar succeeded in warding off the blow, which fell on the pummel of the pack-mule's saddle, and severed the straps of the load. Before the Maori could repeat the attempt his tomahawk had been wrenched from his grasp by Mr Sellar, who then succeeded in keeping his assassins at bay until he and his friend made good their escape.

Both he and his companion completed the rest of their journey unmolested, and although they lost their clothing and baggage at the time, some of it was afterwards recovered by the authorities and restored to them. We have touched upon one or two of the more interesting incidents in Mr Sellar's life, with a view of showing that the early settlers had dangers and difficulties to face such as no longer confront the immigrants of the present day, and that the former therefore honestly deserve the honor and respect which is freely accorded to all veterans who have fought bravely and manfully in the hard battle of a pioneer settler's life.

In 1852 Mr Sellar first went to reside at Petone, and took up a small farm since known as Seafield. Shortly after he settled there he contested the first provincial election for the Hutt district; but both he and Mr Thomas Mason, who stood at the same time, were defeated; probably the best known name among the successful candidates at that time was that of Mr E. Gibbon Wakefield. Mr Sellar never afterwards attempted to enter political life, chiefly, perhaps, because even his friends who heard his address to the electors at the Hutt were constrained to admit that he was too independent in thought and outspoken in speech to be likely to succeed in gaining popular favour.
Mr Sellar at that time succeeded in establishing friendly relations both with the late Mr E. G. Wakefield and with the late Dr Featherston, which were in each case maintained until their death.

Only those who knew Mr Sellar longest, some of whom have had business relations with him during nearly forty years, knew how strictly honourable and just a man he was. In earlier life he was noted for his enterprising business spirit; while his clear intellect and his sound and impartial judgment rendered his advice much sought after and relied upon.

Although since he parted with his property at Seafield, some six years ago, he has been living a quiet and retired life, and has been for a great part of the time physically almost helpless, his cottage at Petone has been the constant resort of numerous old friends, who, mindful of the many kindnesses shown to them, and of the hearty but simple hospitality always extended to them in former years, have felt it both a duty and a pleasure to call and to converse with their aged friend in his failing years. Up to within a few weeks of his decease Mr Sellar's intellectual powers were as clear, as acute, and as fresh as those of a young man of twenty; his memory also was singularly sound and accurate. Many more widely known and more successful old settlers than he have passed away from among us of late, but few there are who have been either more honoured or respected than the late James Sellar.

Joe SENIOR (1860-1934) Evening Post 03 Nov 1934

Mr Joe Senior, well known among his bowling associates as "Uncle Joe," died yesterday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs P. Greig, William Street, Petone. Mr Senior was born in Yorkshire 75 years ago, and worked in the woollen industry until just after the death of his wife twenty-seven years ago, when he came to New Zealand. He at once found employment in the Petone Woollen Mills, where he worked until his retirement a few months ago. The deceased was a life member of the Petone Working Men's Club, and a member of the Petone Central Bowling Club. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs P. Greig, and his two sons, Arthur and Harold, of Lower Hutt. The funeral took place this afternoon, the remains being cremated at Karori. There was a large attendance of members of the Central Bowling Club, the Working Men's Club and the staff of the Petone Woollen Mills.

John Anthony Joseph SEON (1806-1878) Evening Post 06 Aug 1878

The Napier Telegraph of 1st August says:- "We have to record today the demise of one, who, with the exception of the Rev Father Forrest, was the oldest Catholic missionary priest in New Zealand, namely, the Rev John Anthony Joseph Seon. The rev. gentleman was a native of Lyons, France, and arrived in this colony in 1838, and as a missionary and priest won the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was for many years stationed at the Hutt and Wellington. He has been incapacitated through illness for the past nine years, and breathed his last yesterday at the Mission Station, Meanee, at the advanced aged of 72 years. His funeral will take place on Saturday next, after the requiem mass is concluded."

Ethel Olive SHARPE *nee* PILCHER (1899-1924) New Zealand Times 29 May 1924

The sad news of the death of Mrs Olive Ethel Sharpe, of Lower Hutt, late last Monday evening, after a brief illness, came as a shock to many of her friends of the district, where she was well-known and liked. She was the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Pilcher, of Leighton avenue, Lower Hutt, and of colonial descent. The interment took place yesterday afternoon at Taita Cemetery, and was attended by near relatives.

Matthew Brown SHARPE (1881-1943) Evening Post 22 Feb 1943

By the death of Mr Matthew Brown Sharpe, who resided in North Street, Petone loses a reminder of the days when its chief industry was farming. Mr Sharpe, who was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, was three years old when his father, Mr James Sharpe, and the rest of the family came to New Zealand fifty-nine years ago. Before coming to Petone, where they leased a farm from Mr Buick, they resided for seven years at Karori. When the lease of Buick's farm expired they took over the lease of Mudgeway's farm on the bank of the Hutt River and occupied the homestead until the property was sold to the Government. The late Mr Sharpe then carried on business as a milk vendor, from which occupation he retired a few years ago. In his younger days he was a prominent footballer, and had the honour of transferring direct from his school team to the Petone senior team, in which he played half-back. He represented Petone in the Wellington representatives, from which he was chosen to play in the trials of a team to tour England. Mr Sharpe is survived by his wife, two sons, James and Roy, and two daughters, Mrs W. Smith and Mrs A. Bullen, and by his brothers, John, James and Peter.

Duncan Henry Hibbs SINCLAIR (1874-1927) New Zealand Herald 04 July 1927

Te Puke, Sunday. The death has occurred of Mr Duncan H. H. Sinclair, a well-known resident of the district. Mr Sinclair was a native of Wainui-o-Mata, Wellington. The early years of his life were spent in Manawatu. On the outbreak of the South African War, Mr Sinclair crossed to Australia and joined the first contingent of New South Wales bushmen. He fought throughout the war and was mentioned in despatches. At the close of hostilities he took up farming in the Orange River Colony. In 1911 he returned to New Zealand and commenced sheep farming in the Taumaranui district. In 1919 Mr Sinclair settled in Tauranga and subsequently took up a farm in the neighbourhood of Rangiuru, where he commenced dairying. He was a man of genial disposition and made many friends. He was a member of the Kaituna River Board. He is survived by a widow and four sons.

Julia SINCLAIR *nee* MASON (1863-1940) Evening Post 22 July 1940

The death occurred recently at Lower Hutt of Mrs Julia Sinclair, a daughter of a Hutt Valley pioneer settler, the late Mr John Augustus Mason, of the first V.I.C. Post Office Store, at Blackbridge, Lower Hutt. The late Mrs Sinclair was born in the Hutt Valley, but spent her youth in the Wainui-o-mata. Returning later to the Hutt, she married, in the year 1881, at the Old Knox Church, the late Mr John Sinclair, who was well known in musical circles. The most part of her married life was spent in Hataitai, where she remained until returning to the Hutt about a year ago. Mrs Sinclair leaves five children; one daughter, Mrs C. A. Hansen, of Lower Hutt, and four sons, Messrs A. M. Sinclair, W. J. Sinclair, C. C. Sinclair, and V. L. Sinclair, all of Wellington.

Mary SINCLAIR *nee* MOWATT (1838-1915)

New Zealand Herald 14 July 1915

The death took place at Mount Eden on Saturday evening of Mrs Mary Sinclair, widow of the late Mr James Leask Sinclair, of Roslin, Otahuhu. Mrs Sinclair, who was 78 years of age, arrived in New Zealand in the ship *King of Italy* with her husband and three children. She was the authoress of a volume of poems dedicated to her friend, Lady Ranfurly. She had 12 children, and is survived by three daughters and two sons, one of whom is Mr O. M. Sinclair, of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Auckland. The funeral took place yesterday at Otahuhu, Canon McFarlane, vicar of St. Barnabas, Mount Eden, officiating.

New Zealand Graphic 5 March 1904 A New Zealand Minor Poet

Mary Sinclair (nee Mowat) is a native of the Orkney Islands, where she was for some time engaged in teaching prior to her marriage to the late James Leask Sinclair. Before leaving home in 1865 most of the poetic pieces she had written up to that time were printed in a small book in conjunction with some of her husband's verses. After her arrival in New Zealand she taught for some years as an assistant teacher to her husband in the country schools of which he had charge but has long lived a retired life. Her New Zealand life has been passed in various parts of Auckland district (chiefly in the vicinity of this city), with the exeption of a few years spent at Taita in the Hutt Valley. Her daughters are teachers, and her sons in business and other circles, are widely known.

Melita Meredyth SLADDEN *nee* MEREDITH (-1941) Evening Post 17 February 1941

The death has occurred of Mrs Melita Meredyth Sladden, wife of Mr Hubert Sladden, Woburn Road, Lower Hutt, and daughter of the late Mr Edwin Meredith, Llandaff, Masterton, who were early pioneers of the Wairarapa. The late Mrs Sladden's husband is a well-known Wellington civil engineer, who has also been engineer to the Hutt River Board for many years, Mrs Sladden was associated with Red Cross work during the Great War, and since then had taken an active interest in the Plunket Society, Girl Guides, and St James's Church of England, Lower Hutt. She leaves her husband, two daughters, Miss Eileen Sladden (England) and Miss Vida Sladden (New Plymouth Hospital), two sons, Mr John Sladden (Ohakune), Mr Edwin Sladden (Wellington), and one grandson. She also leaves her sisters, Mrs H. T. Dawson (Pahiatua), Mrs J. J. Mackersey (Wellington), Mrs A. A. Cameron, Mrs J. B. Moody, and Miss Meredith (Masterton). Her daughter, Miss Eileen Sladden, who was in London when the war began, was one of the overseas nurses sent to France.

Charles SLATER (1876-1945) Hutt News 13 June 1945

Rugby News. Players and supporters will regret the passing of Mr C. ("Charlie") Slater, senr., who died at Picton on Friday last. He was a life member of the Hutt Club, an honour which was conferred on him last year when he severed his active association with the club after serving in many activities over a period of more than twenty-five years. Until about three years ago he often coached players of the various teams, where his knowledge and advice were of great value. He was a real enthusiast, respected and liked by all who knew him. We regret his passing very much indeed and extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Slater and family in their bereavement.

Patrick James SMALL (-1932) Horowhenua Chronicle 26 Jan 1932

Widespread regret will be felt at the death of Mr P. J. Small, which occurred at his homestead, Kairanga, yesterday with tragic suddenness. Deceased had always enjoyed the best of health but during the past day or two complained of chest pains which he attributed to indigestion. He spent a restless Sunday night, but yesterday morning was his usual cheerful self again. He accompanied co-members of the Kairanga County Council on a visit of inspection to Tiakitahuna and on returning home partook of a hearty meal. It was on rising from the table that he suddenly collapsed to pass away heart failure. Besides his widow, a family of one son and three daughters mourn his passing. The latter are Master Pat Small and Misses Edna and Molly Small, all of whom live at home, and Mrs F. G. Murphy, of Milson. Mr Small, who was 56 years of age, was born at Silverstream and received his schooling at Lower Hutt. The family then moved to Shannon where young Pat received his elementary training as a farmer under the guidance of his father. Subsequently they moved to a holding on Rangitikei line at Newbury, but when deceased married he took up land on his own account at Bunnythorpe. Thirty-nine years ago he went to the farm at Kairanga which he practically built up out of swamp and bush to one of the most fertile of the district. Mr Small was known throughout the Dominion for the interest he took in the welfare of the dairy industry and the problems of the farmer he made his own in an endeavour to bring prosperity to the toiler on the land. His influence was felt in the activities of numerous farmers' organisations which include the Dairy Farmers' Union of which he was first-president, the Intermediate Rural Credits Association of the Manawatu, the Dairy Control Board of which he was one of the first council members, Manawatu and West Coast Dairy Factories' Association, Council of Amalgamated Dairies, Kairanga Co-op Dairy Company, of which he was chairman at the time of his death, and Wellington District Dairy Factories Employers' Association, of which he was chairman. In addition, he gave many years of public service as a member and past-chairman of the Kairanga County Council since 1913, and for 21 years was on the Manawatu Drainage Board from which he resigned in 1929. The Manawatu-Oroua Power Board has had his advice and counsel as a member since its inception, while he represented the primary industries on the first Unemployment Board that was created. The public bodies of lesser importance on which he served from time to time are legion in number and include the Kairanga School Committee, Palmerston North-Kairanga River Board (1923) and district council of the Main Highways Board (1923). In his younger days he took a keen interest in volunteering and was a member of Palmerston North Rifle Volunteers. Mr Small was a keen politician and an enthusiastic Liberal. At the 1928 election he carried the United party's banner in the fight for the Manawatu seat. At the last election he was to have been the party's candidate again, but when the Coalition was announced Mr Small loyally abided by the decision of his leaders. Deceased was an ardent church worker and one of his last public appearances was at a recent gathering of parishioners, when he had the honour of making, on their behalf, a presentation to Monsigneur McManus. The funeral will take place on Wednesday.

Elizabeth SMITH *nee* THOMSON (-1939) Evening Post 30 August 1939

The death occurred recently of Mrs Elizabeth Smith at her residence, 105 Richmond Street, Petone, where she had lived for many years. Mrs Smith was a daughter of two early pioneers, Mr and Mrs Alexander Thomson, who arrived at Bluff in 1865 with their family from Girvan, County Ayr, Scotland. To a wide circle of friends she was known as "Grandma" and by her kindly and cheerful disposition she endeared herself to all. Although her health for some considerable time had not been good, particularly during the past month, she bore her suffering with great fortitude. Mrs Smith leaves a family of five daughters and four sons, and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her husband, the late John Robert Smith, predeceased her nine years ago. Four sons, Messrs R. G. Smith, W. J. Smith, J. E. Smith and T. F. Smith, and a daughter, Mrs B. Coleman, reside at Petone. The other daughters are Mrs G. Reeves (Auckland), Mrs T. H. Brown (Johnsonville), Mrs N. Tooth (Timaru), and Mrs J. Brock (Leeton, New South Wales). Mrs McAloney, who resides at Invercargill is a sister of the late Mrs Smith.

Frederick SMITH (1788-1873) New Zealand Mail 22 Mar 1873

We observe in our obituary notice of today the name of Mr Frederick Smith, builder, who died at the Hutt last week at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mr Smith was one of the earliest settlers, and carried on business in Wellington for a number of years. He afterwards removed to the Hutt, where he spent the remainder of his days. Mr Smith was an industrious, enterprising settler, and was much respected by a very large circle of friends.

Frederick Ernest Gladstone SMITH (1887-1945) Hutt News 25 July 1945

After a long illness, Mr Frederick Smith, of the firm of Dudding Smith and Coxon, passed away at the Hutt Hospital yesterday. Mr Smith, who was 58 years of age, was born in Dunedin and came to Lower Hutt nearly 20 years ago. During his years of residence in the Valley Mr Smith was for some time President of the Master Plumbers' Association and did much good work in connection with matters pertaining to the welfare of the trade and tradesmen. In his younger days Mr Smith was a keen supporter of amateur theatricals and took part in many productions. Towards the end of his long service in the 1914-18 war, Mr Smith joined the Diggers Concert Party. Mr Smith, who resided at Market Street, Lower Hutt, leaves a widow and two sons.

James SMITH (1868-1944) Evening Post 15 September 1844

The death occurred recently of Mr James Smith, of Day's Bay, who was well known in the earlier part of his life as a Rugby football administrator. He was born at Marton in 1868 and lived in his youth there and at Clareville, Manakau, and Palmerston North. In Wellington he played Rugby for the old Melrose Club, and later he was a member of the management committee of the Wellington Rugby Union. He was also a member of the management committee of the Wanganui Union and was one of its selectors when the South African touring team (1921) played Wanganui. Mr Smith was at different times proprietor of the Hotel Imperial, Wanganui, the Empire Hotel, Palmerston North, and the Masonic Hotel, Tauranga, but for 10 years had lived in retirement at Day's Bay. He was a member of the Wellington Racing Club till recently, and a member of the Hutt and Eastbourne Bowling Clubs. Mr Smith was a member of the Old Comrades' Association, having served in the Permanent Artillery and the Police Force at Wellington and Gisborne before going into the hotel business. He was a Mason and a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters. He is survived by his wife.

Margaret SMITH *nee* COLLIE (1859-1938) Upper Hutt Weekly Review 17 June 1938

There passed away recently at Upper Hutt, Mrs Margaret Smith, widow of the late Ormond Smith, and daughter of the late John Collie of Kaitoke and Wellington. The deceased lady was born at Taieri, Otago, in 1859. Mrs Smith was a woman of wide sympathy and in her knowledge and love of young people was unsurpassed. During her last illness she was lovingly attended by her sister Mrs Wills, assisted by her daughter and her sister, Mrs Edwards, and her niece, Jean Edwards. The interment took place at St John's Church-yard, Trentham, the pall-bearers being her four nephews, Messrs William, Ivan, and Jack Collie and Colin Edwards, besides whom were Messrs J. Fitzgerald and G. McKegney. Besides her daughter, Mrs McGill, and her above-mentioned sisters, the deceased leaves two brothers to mourn their loss – Messrs John and Ormond Collie, of Masterton and Kaitoke, respectively. Her only son was killed in the Great War.

Samuel SMITH (1824-1914) Evening Post 14 August 1914

By the death of Mr Samuel Smith, which occurred at his residence yesterday, the Hutt loses its oldest resident. Born in Cornwall, England, 90 years ago, the deceased came to New Zealand, a lad of 15, with his parents in the 'Duke of Roxburgh', and landed on Petone Beach on 10th February 1840. In 1847 he went to Otago and joined the mounted police, and often formed one of the gold escort. Two years later he returned to the Hutt, but, attracted by the gold rush, went over to Australia in 1852. After a short stay in Australia he returned to the Hutt again, where he resided until his death, being engaged in farming. The late Mr Smith took a very active part in the Maori war. He was present at the capture of Te Rauparaha, at Porirua, and later was engaged with the enemy at Wanganui, being under fire for several hours. He did much pioneer work in connection with the Oddfellows Order in New Zealand, and was one of the original founders of the Hand and Heart Lodge, Dunedin, now one of the wealthiest lodges in the Dominion. In 1849 he joined the Loyal Rose of the Valley Lodge, Lower Hutt, then just founded, and remained a member to the last, having occupied many important positions, and been a trustee for many years. Mr Smith was twice married. His first wife died 42 years ago. He is survived by his widow, one son, and one daughter, and ten grandchildren.

George SNOW (1832-1913) Hutt Valley Independent 07 June 1913

Our readers will regret to learn of the death of Mr George Snow – "Old Dadda" – at the residence of his daughter (Wanganui) early this week, at the ripe age of 81. For some years past the late Mr Snow has lived at Silverstream and Trentham and but a few weeks ago left to take up his abode with his Wanganui relatives. Deceased came to New Zealand in the old sailing ship 'Martha Ridgway' and was for many years engaged in prospecting for gold in the Nelson province. Beloved and respected by all who knew him, another is added to the list of early pioneers now across the border.

Martha SNOW *nee* NEWTH (1839-1912) Manawatu Times 30 October 1912

Mrs George Snow, who was the first white woman to land in Nelson, passed away at Wanganui last week. The deceased lady, who was 73 years of age, came out to Nelson by the barque 'Martha Ridgway' in 1841. She leaves a husband, four sons, two daughters, and numerous grandchildren.

Emma SOUTHEY *nee* HEDGES (1872-1911) Hutt Valley Independent 19 Aug 1911

We regret to have the chronicle the death of Emma, the wife of Mr George Southee, at her residence, Gibbons' road, on Monday morning after an illness of a couple of hours duration. The deceased lady gave birth to a still-born infant, and despite the efforts of the doctor and a relative she succumbed in about an hour. She leaves her husband and eight young children to mourn her loss. The interment took place on Thursday at the Akatarawa Cemetery, where the service was conducted by the Rev J. H. Sykes. Deceased, who was 39 years of age, was the second daughter of the late William Hedges of Wellington, (for some time gardener of the Wellington College), and had the misfortune to lose her mother when she was a little over two years old.

David SPEEDY (1836-1897) Evening Post 31 Dec 1897

An old and well-known settler at Belmont, Mr David Speedy, died at his residence "Methvyn" yesterday after a short illness. For many years he has been intimately connected with the affairs of the district, particularly as the representative of the Belmont Riding in the Hutt County Council. During the Maori troubles in the early "sixties" Mr Speedy joined the first rifle company formed in the Hutt, and he eventually became its captain, which rank he held until the corps was disbanded. He was elected a member of the first Hutt Highway Board, and when this was merged into the Wellington District Road Board he was elected to a seat on that body, which he retained until the Board was merged in the Hutt County Council. Twice at least he has filled the office of Chairman of the County Council, and he was, as a matter of fact, its presiding officer at the time of his death, having been elected by the unanimous vote of his fellow Councillors only a few weeks ago. He has also at various times represented the county on both the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and also on the Wellington Harbour Board, being first elected to the latter body in February, 1888, and re-elected again in 1890 and 1892, so that he sat as a member of the Board for six years. The cause of death was acute inflammation of the bowels. Mr Speedy, who was widely esteemed both in and out of the Hutt district, was 61 years of age, and he leaves a grown-up family and also, we believe, brothers who are farming in the Hawkes Bay district. He is to be buried at 9 o'clock on Sunday next.

Diana SPEEDY *nee* BRUCE (1840-1908)

Hawera & Normanby Star 08 December 1908

Dannevirke, December 7. The death occurred, at 1.30 on Monday morning, of Mrs Speedy, wife of Mr John Speedy, Burn View Station, Wainui. Deceased was a very old resident of the colony, arriving in the Father Bruce in 1840, and settled in the Hutt. On her marriage Mrs Speedy went to live at Wainui, before any other white people had been there. Deceased, who had resided at Wainui for over 45 years, leaves a large family of daughters and three sons. She is survived by her husband, who though 80 years of age is still hale and hearty. The family are well known amongst Hawke's Bay runholders. Deceased, who was very highly respected, will be buried in the private cemetery at Burn View at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Manawatu Times 08 December 1908

The death is announced of Mrs John Speedy, of Burnview, Herbertville, Wainui, which occurred on Sunday while deceased was on a visit to her son-in-law, Mr James Armstrong, of Glengarry Station, near Dannevirke. Mrs Speedy, who was 68 years of age, had been in failing health for some time. She resided with her husband at Herbertville for over 45 years. The deceased leaves a large family, one of her daughters being Mrs Frank Armstrong, of Akitio station, on the East Coast. The remains will be interred in the private cemetery at Burnview at 2.30 to-day.

James Hutton SPEEDY (1845-1927) Waikato Times 20 April 1927

The death occurred this morning of Mr J. H. Speedy at the age of 82 years. Mr Speedy was well-known in Hamilton, where he spent the last 20 years of his life in retirement. Born in Hutt in 1845, Mr Speedy was one of the oldest pioneers in the Dominion. He was educated in Wellington, whence he moved with his parents to Hawke's Bay. He was a member of the Volunteer Corps in the troublous days of Te Kooti, when it was necessary to work literally with a shovel in one hand and a rifle in the other. Mr Speedy was later engaged in farming pursuits in the Sandon district (Manawatu). In 1902 he took up a large block of land at Tukikaramea, in the Waikato, cutting it up several years later and selling it. Twenty years ago he retired, and took up his residence in Norton Road where he remained to his death. Mr Speedy was for many years a Justice of the Peace. He took a great interest in bowling, being one of the founders of the Frankton Club. He leaves a widow, four sons and a daughter.

John SPEEDY (1828-1914)

Wanganui Chronicle 15 July 1914

Dannevirke, July 14. The death is announced of Mr John Speedy, aged 86, the oldest settler in Herbertville, where he had lived for some years. The deceased came to the Dominion when 12 years of age, and resided at Hutt and Puketitiri before going to Herbertville. He leaves nine daughters and three sons. His wife predeceased him four years ago.

Manawatu Standard 16 July 1914

The death occurred at Burnview, Herbertville, on Monday, of Mr John Speedy, the oldest settler of the Herbertville district, aged 86 years. Mr Speedy was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and arrived in New Zealand when about 12 years of age on the "Lord William Bentinck." His youth was spent in the Hutt district, and the first land he took up was at Puketitiri, near Napier. After that he went to Herbertville, where he has resided for the last 50 years. Deceased leaves nine daughters and three sons. Three of the former and Messrs Norval and Stanley Speedy are at home, the others being Mesdames Nicholls (Kumeroa), Pillans, J. A. Riddell and J. Armstrong (Dannevirke), F. Armstrong and P. V. Smith (Akitio) and Mr Bruce Speedy (Featherston). Deceased's wife predeceased him about four years ago.

Matilda SPEEDY *nee* MILNE (1848-1931) Evening Post 16 Jun 1931

The death occurred at her residence at Belmont recently of Mrs Matilda Speedy, who was in her 83rd year. She was among the oldest of the settlers of the Hutt Valley, and the eldest daughter of the late Mr William Scott Milne, of Taita. Born in the Hutt Valley in 1848, Mrs Speedy was educated at the Rev Mr Dron's school, and later, at Wellington, was married to the late Mr Peter Speedy, of Belmont, by the Rev Mr Moir. Her many friends will recall with pleasure her reminiscences of the early days of the Hutt Valley, which she lived to see pass through various stages of development to what it is today. Among her reminiscences (which in these days of rapid transport are of interest) she would tell of the laborious coach trip from Wellington to Belmont, which was undertaken when the late Mr Speedy brought his bride home to the latter place, where she resided until her death. Mrs Speedy was predeceased by her husband and one daughter, the late Mrs F. A. Mason, of Foxton, and is survived by three sons – Mr David Speedy (Palmerston North), Mr William Speedy (Martinborough), Mr Jack Speedy (Belmont), and six daughters, Mrs T. McIvor (Featherston), Mrs J. McLeod (Palmerston North), Mrs C. J. D. Skinner (Mahina Bay), Mrs O. Farquhar (Palmerston North), Mrs M. F. Keir (Seatoun), and Mrs F. A. Stuart (Lower Hutt). There are nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Peter SPEEDY (1841-1924) Evening Post 19 January 1924

The recent death of Mr Peter Speedy at Belmont removes one of the earliest settlers of the Hutt district. A son of the late Mr David Speedy, who arrived here on the *Lord William Bentinck* in 1840, Mr Speedy was born near Pipitea pa in 1841. He went as a child with his parents to live at what has been known for many years now as Belmont about 1844. His earliest days were passed under conditions associated with the early settlers in the outlying districts. During the Native troubles this family, with many others, were compelled to withdraw to the vicinity of the Hutt stockade.

The family grew with the development of the district. The facilities for education were few; but young Speedy received sufficient tuition, from the Rev Mr Dron, at the Presbyterian Church at the Hutt. At quite an early age Mr Speedy did his share of the work on this selection in the Valley, assisting in felling the timber, and took his turn in the sawpits. As the ground was cleared he helped in the growing of wheat on the natural terraces on the hillside just below the Belmont station. In 1868 Mr Speedy married a daughter of the late William Scott Milne, himself a well-known early settler, who arrived by the *Lady Nugent* in 1841. Mr Milne then lived at Taita, on the opposite bank of the Hutt river. Mr Speedy confined his attention to sheep, as being the most suitable to the land. During the later troubles with the Natives, Mr Speedy joined the local volunteers.

The neighbourhood of Mr Speedy's residence is of particular historical interest, as it is situated almost opposite the site of Boulcott's stockade, the scene of the attack by hostile Natives in 1846, and at the mouth of the gully through which the "Pari-rahoo" track runs, by which those Natives came from the vicinity of Pahautanui. It will be remembered that this was the route followed by the friendly Natives, and some of the local militia, when a move was made to attack Rangihaeata in the Pahautanui pa.

The late Mr Speedy, who was a man of retiring disposition, and took no part in local affairs, is survived by his widow and a family of ten children. There are seven daughters – Mrs T. McIvor, Featherston; Mrs J. McLeod, Palmerston North; Mrs J. D. Skinner, Feilding; Mrs V. Farquhar, Palmerston North; Mrs J. Keir, Seatoun; Mrs F. Mason, Belmont; and Miss H. Speedy – and three sons – Messrs D. Speedy of Whakarongo; W. A. Speedy, Home-Mason, Belmont; and Miss H. Speedy, Belmont. There are nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John STANTON (1846-1915) Evening Post 15 March 1915

Mr John Stanton, for many years connected with the Government Printing Office, passed away at Petone yesterday at the age of sixty-nine years. The deceased gentleman came to Wellington from Motueka, Nelson, twenty-six years ago, and had resided in Petone for the last twelve years. He leaves two sons and four daughters.

Daniel SPILMAN (1849-1918) Evening Post 14 Feb 1918

Mr D. Spilman, the well-known veterinary surgeon, who died at the Hutt a few days ago, after a long illness, aged 69, arrived from England in 1902 and took up his residence at the Hutt. For many years he was Government inspector at the Gear Company's works at Petone. In his younger days he was a prominent cross-country point-to-point steeplechase rider in Yorkshire, and up to his leaving for New Zealand was a keen fox hunter, following the York and Ainsty and Bedale hounds on many a good run. He was a great lover of horses. Mr Spilman was the seventh and youngest son of the late Mr James Spilman, of Rowland Hall, Yorkshire, and came of a big line of farmers, one of his ancestors receiving a grant of land during the Wars of the Roses for his services to the King. He leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters. His sons are Mr A. Spilman, manager of the Palmerston abattoir, and Private F. S. Spilman, who is on service in France, the daughters being Miss L. Spilman and Mrs F. Strand (Hutt), Miss Spilman, hospital matron (Dunedin) and Mrs G. McChesney (Feilding).

Orto Stanford White STEVENS (1865-1914) Evening Post 27 May 1914

The passing of Mr Orton Stevens has deprived the commercial life of Wellington – indeed of New Zealand – of one of its most notable characters, and it is a fitting tribute to his memory that the office on Customhouse-quay, in which he has had his headquarters for so many years, was plunged in gloom from the moment that the sad news was received. He was born at Forbes, New South Wales, on 2nd February 1865, and after leaving school entered the office of the Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria which subsequently amalgamated with the National Mutual Life Assurance Society. That was in 1896, and Mr Stevens was appointed assistant secretary in the Queensland office. Two years later he was appointed New Zealand manager for the National Mutual, which position he had held ever since. He leaves a widow and two children – a son (Mr Keith Stevens), who is farming in the Wanganui district, and a daughter, who is living at home. Commercially, Mr Stevens was regarded as being one of the liveliest and most successful men in the insurance world of New Zealand. All over New Zealand in insurance circles, his name was a household word, and under his management the National Mutual has progressed enormously. He was as well known outside business circles as within. For years he was Mayor of Lower Hutt, in which capacity his knowledge of business and business methods made him of very great service; he was a steward of the Wellington Racing Club; and in the bowling fraternity he was one of the most popular skips that could be found on any of the city or suburban greens. His death under such tragic circumstances will be widely and deeply regretted…

Henry Matthew STOWELL (1860-1944) Evening Post 24 March 1944

The death occurred in Wellington last night of Mr Henry Matthew Stowell, better known to many by his pen name of Hare Hongi. Born in Waimate North, Mr Stowell was aged 84. He was a protégé of Sir George Grey, who saw to it that he had a good education in Auckland. His connection on his mother's side with Maori royalty and his association with the old tohungas have him a wide knowledge of Maori lore, which knowledge was incorporated in many articles written for the "Polynesian Journal" and other publications. In his youth Mr Stowell, who for a time followed the profession of a surveyor, was a good athlete. He was also a skilled performer on the violin. Mrs Stowell died some years ago after bringing up a family of six daughters and one son.

Mary Rachel STOWELL *nee* ROBSON Evening Post 18 Nov 1939

Troubled Days Recalled. A pioneer-days resident of Wellington, Mrs Mary Rachel Stowell, wife of Mr H. M. Stowell, died in New Plymouth this week at the age of seventy-three. On her mother's side she was a descendant of several of the high rangatira families in the Taranaki tribes. Her mother, Mere Ngamai o te Wharepouri, was closely related to the principal chiefs who sold the site of Wellington City to the New Zealand Company, a century ago. Her father, the late Mr James Robson, from Northumberland, who was married to Mere Ngamai, in the original St. Peter's Church in Wellington in 1863, was one of the pioneer settlers and sawmillers in the Upper Hutt Valley throughout the sixties, and later was the first sawmiller at Greytown.

In 1878 the family shifted to Ketemarae (now Normanby), in Taranaki, where Mr Robson was again the first sawmiller. The late Mrs Stowell as a girl saw a great deal of the adventurous pioneer life of the bush frontier when there was danger that the Maori Wars would be renewed. In 1879 a Maori friend of the family, the old warrior Katene, warned the Robsons that the pakehas were likely to be attacked as a result of the excessive confiscation of Maori lands by the Government, against which the tribes were strongly protesting. He advised them to sleep every night in the redoubt which the timbermen had built (the site is in the present Normanby Domain). Mr Robson had his valuable mill engine hauled by bullocks to a place within close rifle range of the redoubt, as the burning down of the sawmill was possible.

Taranaki was a great armed camp at that time, and war feeling was intense along the edge of the settlement. The surrender of Te Whiti the prophet, and the dispersal of the Maoris in 1881 ended the period of anxiety, which would have developed into war had it not been for the forbearance of Te Whiti, who continually preached peace, as opposed to the Government's arbitrary methods. The late Mrs Stowell knew many of the principal figures in the events of those days. She was related to Te Whiti, and she was well acquainted with the fighting leader Titokowaru.

After her marriage to Mr Stowell (Hare Hongi), the Maori scholar and writer, she lived chiefly in Wellington. She leaves six daughters - Mrs J. Cowan and Mrs J. Townsend (Wellington), Mrs J. Batchelor (Oroua Downs), Mrs Barr Brown (Putaruru), Mrs C. Ruscoe (Auckland), and Mrs A. Seamer (Dunedin). Her only son died in Hawera.

Catherine Margaret STRAND *nee* SHEIL (1873-1930) Hutt News 23 October 1930

Universal regret was expressed when it became known that Mrs W. T. Strand had passed away at her late residence on Saturday afternoon. We feel safe in saying that the late Mrs Strand had no enemies. Although for some years she did not enjoy the best of health she never shirked a duty and cheerfully gave her services to the many philanthropic movements with which she was connected. As mayoress of this borough, she won the love and esteem of everyone with whom she came in contact and carried out the dignities of the high office despite her ill health, to the admiration of everyone. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr Strand and his family in their great bereavement.

An Appreciation

I loved her for her unassuming nature, her cheerfulness of outlook, her charm of manner and above all her fair sense of justice. Such were the characteristics of the late Mrs W. T. Strand who passed to a higher reward on Saturday. She has always done her utmost to help mankind. When I first met her she was nursing in the Lyceum Hall during the terrible Scourge of 1918 and nearly became a victim herself. Our friendship has never weakened and I feel better for such a friend. During the eight years Mr Strand was Mayor, she was ever ready to help in any way she possibly could and was convenor for many Poppy Days which meant being out often from early morning until late at night for the cause. In fact, wherever there was work to be done you would find her in the midst working and still smiling.

A member of the Plunket Society and President for some time, as a member of the Methodist Choir and Hutt Choral Society, she was a keen lover of music and it was a great pleasure to her to come back after an illness and pick up the broken threads. The founder of the Waimarie Croquet Club and first President, and at the time of her death Vice-President, it is largely due to her efforts that the club has grown to what it is. The Strand Shield for which junior members play is a trophy presented by Mrs Strand. A great lover of the game itself, she played for the pleasure and was always a good loser if luck was against her. Her cheerfulness of outlook even during an illness, was an excellent lesson to anyone who came in contact with her. The same placid sweet nature whether at home or abroad, no matter what troubles came along, made her beloved by everyone and she will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends and members of the community.

Charles STRAND (1866-1946) Press 11 May 1946

The Rev. Charles Strand, who died recently at his home in Shirley, after a long illness, was a retired Home Missionary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Mr Strand served as an officer in the Salvation Army in early life and later in the Methodist Church in the Lower Hutt district as choirmaster, local preacher and Sunday school superintendent for 20 years. He worked at the same time as a small farmer and a builder. In 1911 Mr Strand entered the Methodist Home Mission, serving at Port Albert, several country districts, and then on the staff of the Christchurch East Belt Circuit. He laid the foundations of the present church at Shirley. Mr Strand was closely connected with Maori Mission work in the King Country and served the church in that area. For many years he represented his fellow home missionaries at annual conferences.

Elizabeth STRAND *nee* NORRIS (1838-1928) Hutt News 21 June 1928

We regret to record the passing away at the ripe age of 89 years of one of the Hutt's oldest identities, in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Strand, mother of our Mayor. Born in Kent, England, in the year 1838, it was early in 1875 when the late Mr and Mrs Strand arrived in Wellington by the ship *Berar* and with the exception of two visits to the Old Country, had resided in the Hutt Valley ever since. Her late husband, Mr William Strand, predeceased her some six years ago. In addition to our Mayor there are five surviving sons, two of whom reside in the Hutt district. The late Mrs Strand had always taken a very active interest in the Knox Presbyterian Church of which she was the oldest surviving member and was a staunch supporter in the cause of temperance. The funeral took place at Taita Cemetery from her late residence last Friday afternoon. The Rev J. McCaw conducted the burial service. The pall bearers were four sons – Messrs William, John, Charles and Samuel. The funeral was very largely attended and all the surrounding local bodies were represented.

John STRATFORD (1807-1884)

Evening Post 13 October 1884

A few days ago we alluded to a petition presented to the House by Mr John Stratford, of Wadestown, asking, in his old age, for some recognition of the services he rendered to Wellington in its early days. Unfortunately, his petition was presented too late. A day or two afterwards Mr Stratford was struck with paralysis, and, although Dr Gillon did all that could be done for him, this pioneer colonist expired yesterday, at the ripe old age of 79. He was the first European who landed from the *Cuba* in 1839, and was therefore the first *bona fide* settler to touch the shores of Port Nicholson.

Evening Post 14 October 1884

In accordance with his expressed wishes, the mortal remains of that veteran colonist, Mr John Stratford, were this afternoon interred at the Lower Hutt. In addition to the particulars already given of the deceased, we may mention that his marriage was the first between two Europeans performed by a clergyman in Wellington, the bride being one of the passengers by the *Aurora*. Mrs Stratford survives her husband, and there are a number of grown-up sons and daughters. Few ever rendered greater service to Wellington in its early days than John Stratford, as interpreter to Colonel Wakefield, as a friend of E Puni, and as scout and constable, at different troublous times.

Archibald Paisley STUART (1827-1897) Evening Post 26 May 1897

Mr Archibald Paisley Stuart, one of the early settlers of Wellington, was found dead in his private sitting-room at the Empire Hotel about 7 o'clock last evening. The deceased was born about 70 years ago, in Glasgow, where his father was carrying on the business of an auctioneer. He came out to Wellington by the 'Indian Queen' in January 1857, at the request of his brother, Mr James Mellis Stuart, senior partner of the firm of Stuart, Kincross & Co. The firm removed to Napier shortly after his arrival, and he took over its business in Wellington, carrying it on in Customhouse-quay, under the title of A. P. Stuart & Co., until 1879, when he sold out to Messrs Harcourt & Co. Since then he has devoted himself to the management of his various landed properties. He was a partner of Mr John Davies in an extensive sheep run in the Foxton district. Eight years ago Mr Stuart went on a visit to the Old Country, and remained there for about 12 months. For some years past the deceased had been in feeble health, and his death was not unexpected. Mr Stuart, who was unmarried, was of a retiring disposition, and was held in respect by many citizens. His only relatives in the colony are Mr D. T. Stuart (his eldest brother's son) and Mr George Robertson, District Manager of the Government Insurance Department (his sister's son).

Note: Stuartville, Lower Hutt is assumed to be named after Archibald as he was the owner of land subdivided for sale in central Lower Hutt in 1876.

Emma Louisa STUART-FORBES (1866-1939) Press 13 April 1939

Many friends in Christchurch will learn with regret of the death at Lower Hutt on April 4, of Miss Louisa Stuart-Forbes, eldest daughter of the late Sir William and Lady Stuart-Forbes, who came to New Zealand from England in the very early days. At the age of 15 years Miss Stuart-Forbes took up school teaching as a profession and she was most successful in her work. In 1913 she retired from her position on the staff of the Lower Hutt School and paid a visit to Great Britain returning just before the outbreak of the Great War. During the war she worked enthusiastically as co-secretary for the Lower Hutt Patriotic Society. She made two more trips to Great Britain and spent the remaining years of her life quietly at Lower Hutt. Before the funeral last week, a short service was held at St Mark's Church at Carterton and the burial took place at Clareville.

George Stafford STYLES (1844-1913) Hutt Valley Independent 04 October 1913

By the death of George Stafford Styles, at Wellington Hospital, as the result of an acute heart failure, there passed away another of the fast diminishing band of old identities. Deceased, who was born at Nelson sixty-nine years ago, was educated at Fenimore's school in Wellington, afterwards taking part in the Maori War and receiving the medal for services rendered. Eventually he engaged in farming pursuits in the Horokiwi riding. For some months, and up to his removal to the hospital two days before his demise, he lived with his daughter (Mrs Sittauer) at Silverstream. He had become quite an institution in the latter village with his cheerful manner and store of old-time reminiscences. Though entitled to it deceased would not avail himself of the old age pension, but eagerly looked to the military pension to which he felt himself and others justly entitled. He leaves a widow and seven married children (two sons and five daughters) to mourn their loss.

William SUGGITT (1850-1911) Hutt Valley Independent 15 July 1911

We regret to have to record the death on Sunday last of Mr William Suggett of Kaitoke, at the age of 61 years. Mr Suggett was born at Melbourne Pocklington, in Yorkshire, and arrived at Dunedin on October 12, 1903. He removed in 1904 to Belmont, and on June 2, 1906 took up his residence at the Pakuratahi, where he farmed on modern lines. He had been ill for some ten or eleven years, and came to New Zealand in search of health, being troubled with internal complications, and had been feeble for some little time past. Deceased was a local preacher of the Wesleyan body for nearly twenty years at Home. He was always to be found a willing helper of all denominations engaged in church work in his locality, and was much esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the Rev J. H. Sykes, vicar of St. John's, conducted the service. Deceased leaves a widow, one son, and five daughters (Mesdames Brown, Isle of Wight; Cooper and Whitelock, Yorkshire; and J. Wishaw, of Featherston and Miss Suggett, Pakuratahi).

Gustof Henry SUNDGREN (1851-1935) Evening Post 09 September 1935

The death has occurred in his 85th year of Mr G. H. Sundgren, of Lower Hutt. Mr Sundgren, who arrived in New Zealand from Sweden 58 years ago, had lived in the Hutt Valley for 42 years, and was highly respected in the district. He leaves six sons, six daughters, and 22 grand-children.

William SUNNEX (1794-1883) Manawatu Standard 25 July 1883

A veteran colonist, Mr William Sunnex, died at the Upper Hutt, on Saturday morning, at the great age of 89½ years. Mr Sunnex, who was a sawyer by trade, arrived in this district about 42 years ago, and was consequently one of the earliest settlers. He took up his abode at Petone, where the first settlement was formed, and subsequently lived at Lower Hutt, Taita, and Upper Hutt, in succession, farming and woodcutting. He was a hale and hearty old man, and on his 89th birthday, in December last, he sang half-a-dozen songs in a way, we are informed, many young men might well envy. His wife, who is some ten years younger, still survives, and there are nine children living.

Stephen SWAN (1811-1901) Hawera & Normanby Star 27 September 1901

Mr Stephen Swan, a Carterton pioneer, died on Monday, at the age of 90. Deceased came to Wellington in 1841 in the ship *Lord William Bentinck*. Immediately enlisting in the Imperial Constabulary, he saw service in the Maori war. He settled down to farming pursuits in the Wairarapa, when the only means of communication between Wellington and the valley was a bridle track. Mr Swan leaves a family of 15 children, 70 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

James Gorrie SWANSON (1862-1932) Dominion 17 Mar 1932

The death has occurred of Mr James Gorrie Swanson, a retired farmer, of McLean Street, Upper Hutt. At the time of his death he was visiting his son at his farm in Whiteman's Valley. The late Mr Swanson was born 68 years ago at Wainuiomata, and for many years farmed in Whiteman's Valley. Forty-three years ago he married Edith Russell, who is his surviving widow. He was well known in the district, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He is survived by his widow and one son and three daughters.

James Moreshead SYMONS (1828-1914) Hutt Valley Independent 09 May 1914

James Moreshead Symons, who died at the residence of his son-in-law, Councillor J. Whiteman, of Windsor Park, Upper Hutt, on Thursday, February 19, 1914 was one of the pioneer settlers of New Zealand. Leaving his native county (Devonshire) in 1841 he left for New Zealand in the *Catherine Stewart Forbes* and landed in Wellington on June 11 of the same year with his parents, being then a boy of 13. Subsequently he lived at Wainuiomata, Ngaire and at New Plymouth – also in the Wairarapa – besides having a go at the Victorian-diggings, ultimately taking up residence at Upper Hutt, where he resided until his death. In March 1859 Mr Symons married a daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Mr A. Brown, who bore him two sons and four daughters, of whom three daughters are still living. Mrs Symons died on July 28, 1869, after ten years of married life. By occupation Mr Symons was a sawmiller and at one time was associated with E. Alexander, G. Pearse, T. Whitehouse, J. Robinson and T. Wagg in what was known as the "Long Firm" which milled the bulk of the timber on the Waldegrave, Dominion, Palfrey and Melbaville blocks. Deceased, who was buried at St. John's, Trentham on February 21 (Rev J. H. Sykes, vicar, officiating) leaves three daughters, 37 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Elizabeth TAIT nee? (1865-1925) Manawatu Times 07 Nov 1925

By the death of Mrs Elizabeth Tait of Palmerston North, which occurred on Thursday evening, another of the early settlers has passed away. Born at Renfrew, Scotland, in 1865, Mrs Tait came to New Zealand with her husband who took up dairying land at Lower Hutt. After residing there for many years, they came to the Manawatu and lived at Kelvin Grove and Kairanga. Retiring from active work a few years ago the deceased with her husband came to reside in Palmerston North where she passed away on Thursday evening. In addition to numerous friends Mrs Tait leaves a husband and family of five (four daughters and one son) to mourn her loss. The daughters are Mrs Andrew of Bainesse, Mrs Divehall, of Ivanhoe Terrace, Mrs L. A. Lancaster, of Kopane, and Miss Tait of Palmerston North. Mr R. Tait, of Carroll street is the son.

John TAIT (1858-1926) Manawatu Evening Standard 25 Jun 1926

The death occurred in a private hospital late last evening of Mr John Tait, of Palmerston North, a resident of this district for the past twenty years. Born in Rutherglen, near Glasgow, in 1858, the deceased gentleman was married in 1886 at Belfast and came to New Zealand the following year, taking up land at Lower Hutt, where he indulged in farming pursuits for a number of years. Removing to this district twenty years ago, he farmed at Kelvin Grove and in the Kairanga, eventually retiring seven years back and coming to live in Palmerston North, where his wife predeceased him seven months ago. Of a happy and cheerful disposition, deceased made many friends, and his passing will be greatly regretted. Since the death of his wife, he had not enjoyed the best of health and three weeks ago had to enter a private hospital. In his passing, much sympathy will be extended to the family – Mesdames J. Andrews (Bainess), H. Divehall (Ivanhoe Terrace) and L. A. Lancaster (Kopane), Miss N. Tait (Palmerston North) and Mr R. Tait (Carroll street).

William TANDY (1804-1898) Evening Post 26 July 1898

The death is announced of Mr William Tandy, who was probably the oldest resident of the Hutt district. He came to the colony in the ship 'Lord William Bentinck' in the year 1841, and at once became foreman of Mr Molesworth's farm at the Hutt. While living in that district he was one of those who had to defend their homes against a rising of the Maoris. After this Mr Tandy took up land at Wainuiomata and afterwards at Taita, where he remained until a few years ago, when he went to live with Mr D. Dick at Wainuiomata. Mr Tandy was 96 years of age, and leaves 16 grand-children, 50 great-grandchildren, and was also a great-great-grandfather.

Alexander Matheson TAYLOR (1881-1939) Evening Post 07 Jan 1939

The death occurred on December 24, at 186 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt, of Alexander Matheson Taylor, after a brief illness. Mr Taylor was well known in shipping circles, having been chief engineer of the *Rangitiki* from the time she made her maiden voyage to New Zealand up to his retirement three years ago. He saw active service at Gallipoli, being second engineer of the *Wiltshire* from 1912 to 1916. This vessel carried part of the Main Body of the Australian Contingent. Subsequently he joined the *Somerset* as chief engineer. He was on this ship when it was torpedoed by a German submarine and spent five days in an open boat before reaching the French coast. He leaves a widow and one son.

George TAYLOR (1829-1898) New Zealand Herald 25 November 1898

A private cablegram has been received in Auckland stating that Mr George Taylor has died of apoplexy at Katoomba, New South Wales, on the 9th instant. Mr Taylor was an old veteran of the Maori war, having served as a non-commissioner officer of H. M. 58th Regiment, in the Hutt campaign of 1845-46, and also as a commissioned officer of the Auckland Rifle Volunteers, in the Waikato campaign of 1863. He obtained an appointment in the post office in "the fifties"and retired some time ago on a well-earned pension. He got married about a month ago. Deceased was over 70 years of age at the time of his death.

Isabella TAYLOR nee SUTHERLAND (1859-1932) Hutt Valley News 2 December 1932

The death occurred at her residence, Main Road, Upper Hutt, on Tuesday of Mrs Isabella Taylor, at the age of 72. The late Mrs Taylor was born at Unst in the Shetland Islands, the birthplace of the late Sir Robert Stout, and for many years she has lived in New Zealand. She is survived by her husband, one son, Mr Arthur Taylor, and two daughters, Mrs E. Gellen and Miss Emily Taylor, both of Upper Hutt. A son, Mr George Taylor, was killed in a shop explosion at Upper Hutt in 1914, when seven others lost their lives.

Hori TE PUNI (1844-1916) Evening Post 18 February 1916

A notable figure in the Maori community in the person of Hori Te Puni died on Monday, at his residence, Hutt-road, Petone. Mr Te Puni, who had been in ill-health for some years, was 72 years of age, and was the son of Henare and Rangiwhia Te Puni. He belonged to the Ngatiawa tribe, and was born in Taranaki, afterwards migrating, on foot, with his parents, to Petone. His grandfather, Honiana Te Puni, was a former chief of Pito-one, who welcomed the Europeans to this district. Deceased was well known and highly esteemed in the Petone district. He was unmarried, but leaves three sisters, a brother, and two nephews.

Michael THOMAS (1840-1914) Wairarapa Daily Times 28 July 1914

The death occurred yesterday at Greytown of Mr Michael Thomas, an old and respected resident of the Wairarapa. Deceased was born at Petone 74 years ago, shortly after his parents, who came out in the ship 'Duke of Roxburgh', landed in the colony. In his early days he worked with a party of surveyors on the Rimutaka track, and thereafter was engaged in waggoning between Wellington and Greytown. He settled in the Wairarapa in the year 1869, and has lived first in Kuratawhiti, and then at Moroa ever since. He was one of the founders of the Greytown Foresters' Lodge, and was a member at the time of his decease.

Charles Herbert TREADWELL (1862-1936) Evening Post 05 June 1936

The death took place this morning at his residence, Western Hutt Road, Lower Hutt, of Mr C. H. Treadwell, the well-known barrister, aged 74 years. Mr Treadwell was in practice in the legal profession for over fifty years, until recently as head of the firm of Messrs Treadwell and Sons. The late Mr Treadwell was born at Ballarat, Victoria, and was educated privately, and at the Ayr Academy, Scotland. He came to New Zealand in 1876, when his father was called to the charge of the Presbyterian Church in Wanganui. He coached himself for his law examinations, and in his final year was placed first in the list of candidates, being bracketed with two other candidates who later attained the Supreme Court Bench, Mr Justice MacGregor and Mr Justice Adams. Since 1884 Mr Treadwell was in practice in Wellington, where he continued an extensive practice at the Bar, and was briefed in many important cases before the Court of Appeal. Latterly his two sons, Messrs C. A. L. Treadwell and A. H. L. Treadwell, were in partnership with him. He retired from active practice last year. The late Mr C. H. Treadwell was treasurer of the Council of Law Reporting and vice-president of the New Zealand Law Society, and was a member of that society's council for many years. He was appointed president of the New Zealand Law Society in 1933. Mr C. H. Treadwell was an amateur horticulturalist of distinction, and some years ago won the trophy offered by the then Governor-General (Lord Bledisloe) for the best use of native plants in a garden. Mr C. H. Treadwell is survived by his widow, two sons – Messrs C. A. L. Treadwell and A. H. L. Treadwell – and one daughter – Mrs L. H. L. Begg, widow of Colonel C. M. Begg, Director of Medical Services, New Zealand Expeditionary Force. The funeral will take place tomorrow, from his residence, for the Taita Cemetery, following a short service at 10 a.m.

Charles TREVETHICK (1854-1928) Evening Post 03 December 1928

There died at his residence at White's Line on Saturday an old resident of Lower Hutt, Mr Charles Trevethick, who was 74 years of age, came from Cornwall, England, as a young man, and was employed for a time by the late Mr Mason, of Mason's Gardens, Lower Hutt. Later, Mr Trevethick set up on his own account in the brush-making business, which trade he followed until eighteen months ago, when his health began to fail. The deceased was a very keen fisherman, rifle shot, and tennis player, and of late a bowler, being a life member of the Lower Hutt Bowling Club. An enthusiastic horticulturalist, he did a great deal towards the formation of the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society, and took a keen interest in its work, he himself being well known throughout the Hutt Valley for his sweat peas and roses. He was a member of the Waiwetu Masonic Lodge. He is survived by a widow and a grown up family, among whom are Mrs H. Webley, Mrs Burnley, Miss Trevethick, and Messrs H. S. and T. Trevethick, all of Lower Hutt.

William TRUEMAN (1854-1920) Evening Post 28 July 1920

Mr William Trueman, for many years a member of the Petone Borough Council, died yesterday. Deceased had been in the Dominion for a period of 42 years, the greater portion of which was spent in the service of the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company. He took an active part in the work of the Methodist Church, and was a trustee of the Sydney-street and Petone Trusts. He was also an Oddfellow, and a member of Masonic Lodge St Andrew.

Edwin TURNER (1851-1928) Dominion 4 Oct 1928

There passed away on Monday at his residence in Britannia Street, an old resident of Petone, Mr Edwin Turner. The late Mr Turner, who was born at Hyde, in Cheshire, England, came out to New Zealand with his wife on the second trip of the steamer *Ionic*, arriving in Wellington in November 1883. Mr and Mrs Turner settled in Petone, where they lived ever since. By trade Mr Turner was an engineer at the Railway Workshops, but he retired about nineteen years ago. He leaves a widow, Mrs S. E. Turner of Petone, one daughter, Mrs J. Parker of Petone, and three sons, Mr H. Turner of Petone, Mr R. Turner of Wanganui and Mr E. Turner of Sydney.

Sarah Elizabeth TURNER *nee* DONNELLEY (1854-1937) Evening Post 19 Jan 1937

One of the early residents of Petone, Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Turner, died last week at the age of 83 years. The late Mrs Turner, who had resided in Petone for the past fifty-four years, was born and married in England, and came out to New Zealand in November 1883 on the second trip of the first steamer *Ionic*. Petone then was a fairly primitive place. Mrs Turner first lived in what today is Nelson Street then in Victoria Street next in Queen Street, and finally in Britannia Street, where she has resided for the past forty years. Mrs Turner was the first woman in Petone to have any knowledge of nursing and frequently went up to Dr Wilford's house with a hurricane lamp to seek medical assistance. Dr Wilford, who was the first doctor in the Hutt, was the father of Sir Thomas Wilford. Mrs Turner was of a very retiring disposition, but was highly esteemed by her friends. Her husband predeceased her and she is survived by her daughter, Mrs A. Parker, of Petone, and two sons, Mr Edwin Turner, of Sydney, and Mr H. Turner, of Petone. The funeral service at St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Petone, was conducted by the Rev H. E. K. Fry.

William TURNER (1876-1940) Wairarapa Times 30 November 1940

The death occurred yesterday of Mr William Turner, at the age of 64 years. The late Mr Turner came to New Zealand 30 years ago and followed the occupation of a carpenter with the New Zealand Railways. For a period of 13 years, he was employed at the railway workshops at Kaiwarra and resided at Petone. He had lived in Masterton for the past 14 years and had been in charge of bridge building and construction works. He is survived by a widow. The only daughter predeceased him 15 years ago. The funeral will take place tomorrow at the Taita Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Johannah TWOMEY *nee* BROSNAN (1853-1934) Evening Post 03 November 1934

Mrs Johannah Twomey, widow of the late Mr Timothy Twomey, one of the pioneers of the Hutt Valley, died at her residence "Pinewood" Wainuiomata last Tuesday. She was born at Castle Island, County Kerry, Ireland 81 years ago, her father being a well-known merchant of that town. Her husband farmed extensively in both Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt and was much sought after because of his veterinary and general knowledge of stock. He died ten years ago. Mrs Twomey was known for her generosity and her services to the Roman Catholic Church. She is survived by a large family of sons and daughters and grandchildren.

Minnie TWOMEY (1887-1910) New Zealand Tablet 15 Sep 1910

Miss Minnie Twomey, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Twomey, Lower Hutt, passed away at Hastings on September 7. The deceased was a very bright young girl, and was greatly loved by all who knew her. The remains were brought to the Hutt for interment, the funeral taking place on September 10. The pall-bearers were members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society. The Very Rev. Father Lane officiated at the graveside. Much sympathy is felt for the parents of the deceased in their bereavement. R.I.P.

Timothy TWOMEY (1850-1925) Evening Post 28 Apr 1925

Mr Timothy Twomey, a highly-respected resident, died at Wainuiomata recently. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and, coming to New Zealand when a young man settled in the Hutt district, where he was well known and respected. The late Mr Twomey took a keen interest in the affairs of the district, and was well known throughout New Zealand for his skilled work as a veterinary surgeon. He leaves a widow, seven daughters, and three sons to mourn their loss.

Nathaniel VALENTINE (1828-1892) Evening Post 02 November 1892

The death of another old resident of the Wellington district has to be recorded. We refer to Mr Nathaniel Valentine, who passed away at the Marine Retreat Hotel last evening, after a long and painful illness. Mr Valentine was born near Chatham, England, 64 years ago, and came out to New Zealand as a member of the band of the 65th Regiment, which landed at Auckland from the ship 'Java' on the 26th November 1846, his brother (Mr John Valentine, of Oriental Bay) and Mr Hugh Curry, of Courtenay place, also being members of the band. The deceased left the service a few years after his arrival, and came down to Wellington where he began business on his own account as landlord of the old Coach and Horses Hotel. He built and occupied at different times the Family Hotel and the Railway Hotel at the Hutt, and some time afterwards he erected the Marine Retreat Hotel, Petone, remaining in possession for a number of years. Subsequently he took a lease of the Royal Hotel Thorndon-quay, and later on he was a landlord of the Club Hotel, Palmerston North. For some months before his death he was confined to his bed at the Marine Retreat Hotel with a painful malady, and his demise was not unexpected. At one time he was band master of a volunteer corps, and at another period of his life he was a captain of the New Zealand Militia. In 1857 he joined the Antipodean Lodge of Oddfellows, and he became Deputy Grand Master in 1874. He was also a member of the Pacific Lodge of Freemasons. Mr Valentine was twice married. His first wife was Miss Emily Hook, of Porirua, to whom he was married in 1853, and who died at the Lower Hutt in 1876. By her he had a family of four boys and two girls. One of the sons is a coachbuilder in Victoria, another is in the same line of business in Feilding, the third is a member of the Permanent Artillery, and the youngest is a dentist in Palmerston North. One of the daughters is married to Mr R. Mothes, Mayor of Petone, and other is the wife of mr Shannon, brother of Mr G. V. Shannon. In 1880, Mr Valentine married Mrs Hood, of Porirua, who survived him. The deceased was an upright, conscientious man, a good citizen, a faithful husband, and a kind father, and his death will be deeply deplored by many of our readers.

Samuel VENNELL (1815-1892)

Evening Post 30 Jun 1892
Mr Samuel Vennell, probably one of the best known settlers in the district, died suddenly at 8 o'clock this morning, through the bursting of a blood vessel on the brain. Mr Vennell arrived in Wellington 52 years ago. He settled first at the Lower Hutt, and subsequently at Tauherenikau, in the Wairarapa, being one of the earliest settlers in the last named district. About two years ago he came to reside at the Lower Hutt, where he died as stated above. The old gentleman – he was 77 years of age – was in town on Tuesday and yesterday, visiting some of his relations, and he appeared to be in excellent health and spirits when he left for home by the afternoon train. The deceased was twice married, and leaves behind him a daughter (Mrs H. Bunny, of Gladstone), besides a very large circle of relatives and friends.

Wairarapa Daily Times 01 Jul 1892
The rather sudden death on Wednesday at Lower Hutt of Mr Samuel Vennell, who has near relatives in this district, and who as an old resident and esteemed fellow settler possessed many friends in the Wairarapa, will have been received with great regret. The late Mr Vennell was about seventy eight years of age and was even at this ripe time of life of active and cheerful temperament. The sons of the deceased gentleman went down by yesterday afternoon's train to attend the funeral which takes place at Lower Hutt on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, and which also the friends of the late Mr Vennell are invited by intimation published elsewhere to be present at.

Frances Ann VILE *nee* FOSTER (1817-1917)

Evening Post 29 October 1917
The death occurred at Pahiatua last night of Mrs John Vile, sen., who celebrated her 100th birthday last May. Her husband pre-deceased her by fifteen years. The Wairarapa Age, which is edited by one of her grandsons (Mr Arthur Vile), states that with the late Mr John Vile and a young family she arrived in New Zealand in the ship *Oliver Lang* better known as the "starved ship," in 1856. One of her children died on the voyage, and the passengers were in a state of starvation when they reached Wellington. For a short while the family resided at Lower Hutt. They then went to the Wairarapa, and endured all the vicissitudes of pioneering life. The late Mr John Vile owned the Admiral Run at Gladstone for a period. He afterwards resided at Clareville and Masterton, and the family went to Pahiatua about twenty years ago. The late Mrs Vile was present at the Coronation of the late Queen Victoria, and lived under five Sovereigns. She retained her mental faculties to the last and her eyesight was so good that she never wore glasses. She leaves a family of three sons and one daughter. The sons are Messrs William Vile (formerly of Petone), John Vile (Pahiatua) and Henry Vile (Himatangi). The eldest son (the late Mr Job Vile, formerly MP for Manawatu) died some years ago. Mrs Preston is the only surviving daughter. There are a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, besides one or two great-great-grandchildren.

John VILE (1859-1924)

Pahiatua Herald 18 February 1924
The death took place in the Pahiatua Public Hospital on Saturday evening of Mr John Vile, who was very well known in this and the surrounding districts. The deceased, who was aged 65 years, was born at Taita near Wellington, and spent the earlier part of his life in the Wairarapa. He was one of four sons of Mr John Vile, and a brother of the late Mr Job Vile, an early resident of Pahiatua and afterwards MP for Manawatu. The late Mr J. Vile who was held in esteem by his numerous friends and acquaintances, had been an inmate of the local hospital for several months, his illness being a painful one. He had lived in Pahiatua for the past 30 years. His mother, the late Mrs Ann Vile, was well-known as Pahiatua's centenarian. He was unmarried, and is survived by two brothers, Messrs H. and W. Vile of Palmerston North, and a sister, Mrs R. Preston of Pahiatua. The funeral took place today, the Rev C. A. Foston conducting the burial service. The cortege included many relatives and friends assembled from various districts.

George William VON ZEDLITZ (1871-1949) Otago Daily Times 25 May 1949

PA Wellington, May 24. The death is announced of Professor G. W. von Zedlitz, principal of the University Tutorial School, Wellington. Born in Germany in 1871, a son of Baron von Zedlitz and Neukirch, Professor von Zedlitz was educated at Wellington College, England, and Trinity College, Oxford, from where he graduated M.A. He had a distinguished scholastic and tutorial career and was for two years official translator of foreign documents. He was chairman of the literary competitions committee of the national centennial in 1938-40. His principal recreation was alpine climbing. He leaves a wife and two daughers – Mrs David Balfour, of England, and Mrs D. O. W. Hall, of Dunedin.

Horton Charles David WADE (1878-1950) Otago Daily Times 29 August 1950

A former well-known member of the New Zealand police force, Mr Horton C. D. Wade aged 72, of Petone, died yesterday at the wheel of his motor car after he had stopped at Titahi Bay. He joined the force at Christchurch in 1899 and was stationed successively at Timaru, Waimate, Taihape, Eltham, and Wellington. He was senior sergeant for many years at Petone before retiring in 1944.

John WAKEHAM (1848-1931) Northern Advocate 08 April 1931

A pioneer farmer, Mr John Wakeham, of Palmerston North, died last week at the age of 84 years. He arrived in New Zealand in 1850 with his parents, who settled in Nelson, but removed a year later to Wainui-o-Mata, where his two uncles, Messrs Richard and William Prouse, were settlers. Mr Wakeham married the only daughter of the late Mr Jackson, of Petone, and lived there for many years after he retired from farming. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church in his district and was also keenly interested in local body work. For 33 years he was a member of the Hutt County Council and was several times chairman. He also served on the Petone Borough Council, was a former member of the Taita Cemetery Board, and of the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. In the last few years, he had lived in Palmerston North.

Mary Ann WAKEHAM *nee* JACKSON (1849-1919) Evening Post 15 October 1919

Mrs Wakeham, wife of Mr John Wakeham, J.P., died at her husband's residence, Nelson-street, Petone, yesterday. Mrs Wakeham was one of the old residents of the district. For many years Mrs Wakeham lived at Wainuiomata, when her husband was farming there, but for many years past has resided in Petone. During the last year she has suffered considerably. Her widowed daughter, Mrs C. Wakelin, has resided with her parents for some time past.

Mary WALL *nee* HOOPER (1855-1922) Hawke's Bay Tribune 24 November 1922

A very old and esteemed resident of Hastings passed away yesterday morning at her residence, Railway Road, in the person of Mrs Joseph Wall. The deceased lady, who was born at Taita, Lower Hutt, 67 years ago, came to Hastings fifty years ago and resided here to the time of her death. She married Mr Joseph Wall, who predeceased her by some years. She proved herself a capable woman in the management of her farm, establishing for herself a Dominion reputation as a breeder of purebred stock, in pigs and Shorthorns. She exhibited at all the principal agricultural and pastoral shows throughout the North Island. She was one of the most successful of the Hawke's Bay stock breeders. She had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom, six sons and five daughters, are living, vis Messrs Harry, George, Ernest, Victor, Harold, and Gordon Wall, of Hastings and district, and Mrs Hirst (Martinboro), Mrs Connon (Woodville) and Mesdames Struthers, D. Kemp, and C. Newrick, of Hastings, and she leaves 41 grandchildren. She is survived by two brothers, one resident in the Lower Hutt and the other in the Upper Hutt, and two sisters, one in Carterton and the other in Pahiatua. Mrs Wall was widely known and was held in high regard for her upright and kindly character, and much sympathy is expressed with the family in the loss they have sustained in her death. The funeral will leave the residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for St Matthew's Church, where a short service will be held, after which the cortege will proceed to the Hastings cemetery.

Francis John Morton Dugdale WALMSLEY (1843-1922) Evening Post 29 September 1922

The death occurred on Tuesday, at his residence, Allington road, Karori, of Mr Francis J. M. D. Walmsley, formerly Deputy Commissioner of the Land and Income Tax Department. Mr Walmsley's decease removes a link with the stirring days on the West Coast in the 'sixties. The eldest son of the late Benjamin Walmsley, formerly a captain in H.M. 56th Regiment, and for many years Chief Postmaster and Sheriff of Nelson, the deceased was born in Drogheda, Ireland, in February, 1843, and the family – an old Lancashire one – arrived in Nelson from the Mother Country by the ship 'Larkins' at the end of 1849. The deceased had a long experience in bank and Government employ, having entered the postal service at Nelson in 1859, and being transferred to the Post Office, Dunedin, in 1861, at the commencement of the rush to the Otago goldfields. Leaving the postal service in the same year, he joined the Bank of New Zealand, which had just opened a branch in Dunedin. For nearly two years he was in the bank's service on the early goldfields, and in 1862 was transferred to the Nelson branch, where, in 1864, he was appointed accountant. On the discovery of the West Coast goldfield he was, at the end of 1864, sent to report as to its prospects as an alluvial field. The outlook being excellent, Mr Walmsley was instructed to open a branch at Hokitika. The materials for a building were shipped from Nelson, and in December, 1864, the first bank was opened under his charge. In February, 1865, Mr Walmsley was robbed at the Waimea diggings of upwards of £1,000 in gold dust and notes, the property of the bank, the treasure having been taken from a store where it had been left for safety. Resigning from the bank's service the same year, the late Mr Walmsley entered the service of the Bank of New South Wales, receiving the appointment of travelling officer for the West Coast. In September, 1865, he was "stuck up" between Notown and the Twelve-mile by five armed men and robbed of over £4,000 in gold dust and notes. The bank offered a reward of £600, and the Crown a free pardon to an accomplice, but nothing was ever heard of the bushrangers. Mr Walmsley opened most of the agencies for the bank on the West Coast, and was in November, 1872, transferred to the Auckland branch as an accountant. In March, 1874, he resigned from the Bank of New South Wales and entered the service of the National Bank of New Zealand, as manager of the Thames branch, which he opened. Leaving the National Bank in 1875, the deceased farmed for several years near where the Waihi goldmine is situated. In 1879, Mr Walmsley entered the Government service in the Land Tax Office at Napier, and next year was transferred to the Christchurch office as chief clerk. Upon the closing of the district offices and the centralisation of the work at Wellington, in 1881, Mr Walmsley was transferred to Wellington, where, in 1894, he became chief clerk. In 1904 deceased was appointed Deputy Commissioner, and in 1908 he retired on superannuation at the age of 65. The late Mr Wamsley's wife, who was a Miss Catherine Ansell, predeceased him 23 years ago. One of deceased's sons, the late Mr Guy Walmsley, was killed at the front during the war, where he served with the Canadians, having joined up from California. The eldest son, Mr Frank Walmsley, resides in South Africa, and there are four daughters in California. Misses Mary and Zoe Walmsley, and Mr Morton Walmsley, other children of the deceased, reside in Wellington, the last-named having returned recently from America, where he had been a dredge engineer for twenty years. The interment to-day was private.

Guy Harold WALMSLEY (1886-1918) Press 19 June 1918

Private Guy Walmsley (killed) was the youngest son of Mr D. Walmsley, of Karori, Wellington, and was born at Petone 32 years ago. On completing his education at Wellington College, he entered the service of the National Bank of New Zealand, and was on the staff for seven years. In 1909 he left for America, and in November last he enlisted at Vancouver in the Canadian Forces, leaving for England in the following month. He went over to France in April. The deceased, who was of a most genial disposition and a general favourite, was a member of the College Old Boys' Football Club. He was also captain of the Karori Football Club, and was eventually made a life member.

Thomas WALSHE (1857-1932) Evening Post 05 Mar 1932

The Rev. Father Thomas Walshe, well known as a parish priest in various parts of the Dominion during the past half-century, and for twenty-five years stationed at the Lower Hutt, died last Saturday evening. Born at Wexford, Ireland, Father Walshe came to New Zealand in the early eighties going first to Taranaki, and subsequently to South Canterbury and the West Coast. With the latter district he was particularly identified, and was a familiar figure there for many years, his faithful service and kindly nature being most highly appreciated by his parishioners. He maintained his friendships there till the end of his life, and made it a duty to pay an annual visit to the district. Father Walshe was chaplain to the Boys' Home, Nai Nai, and was instrumental in effecting many improvements to the institution and its garden and playing fiends for the boys. Father Walshe's body will lie in state at Nai Nai until to-morrow, when it will be brought to St. Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott street. There will be a Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. on Monday, after which the funeral will leave for the cemetery at Taita. The funeral of the late Rev. Father Walshe took place on Monday. There was a large attendance at St Mary of the Angels'-Church, Boulcott street, Wellington, where Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock. Dean Holly was celebrant, Father McManus deacon, Father J. Kelly sub-deacon, and Father McHardy master of ceremonies. Members of the clergy from all parts of the diocese were present; also residents of the West Coast, with which district the late Father Walshe was for many years associated. Many parishioners of the Hutt district and lads from the Boys' Home, joined the cortege at the cemetery at Nai Nai, where the interment took place.

Alfred Wallace WALTERS (1858-1933) Evening Post 26 Dec 1933

The death occurred at Taita, Lower Hutt, on Saturday of Mr Alfred Walters, at the age of 75 years. The late Mr Walters was born at St. Saviour's, Isle of Jersey, in 1858, and arrived in New Zealand by the sailing ship 'Horoh' in 1876. For twenty-five years he was in charge of what was then known as Quaker Mason's Garden at Taita. After the garden was cut up for building sites Mr Walters took up market gardening, and he pursued that occupation until his death. The deceased was one of the ten oldest members of the Oddfellows' Lodge, Lower Hutt. He is survived by his widow, four sons (Messrs Henry, John, Charles and Philip Walters), four daughters (Mrs H. Moore-Carter, Lower Hutt; Mrs F. Eales, Taita; Mrs V. Pemberton, Taita; and Mrs B. Hodgins, Lower Hutt), thirty-four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral took place at Taita yesterday.

John WALTERS (1837-1911)

Evening Post 21 June 1911
Mr John Walters, a well-known old resident, passed away at his residence, Jackson-street, Petone, yesterday, at the age of 73. He spent fifty years of his life in New Zealand – the last ten at Petone. He was New Zealand representative of Messrs David Clarkson and Co., London, and was for some years travelling representative for Messrs Joseph Nathan and Co., between Wellington and New Plymouth. For the past three years Mr Walters had not enjoyed good health. A widow and eight children survive him.

New Zealand Herald 01 July 1911
Mr John Walters, who died at Petone recently, aged 74, arrived in Auckland in the early fifties, and was well known throughout the Dominion as a commercial traveller. During his career, he represented many well-known firms. After leaving the road Mr Walters started business in Poverty Bay, Thames, and finally in Auckland. Some years later he went South. The interment took place at Karori, and deceased, being an old Mason, was accorded the last rites of this order, the members of Lodge Ulster, No.68, New Zealand, acting as pall-bearers.

Harry WARBURTON (1881-1935)

Hutt News 27 March 1935
With the passing away of the late Mr H. Warburton of Pilmuir Street, after a very short illness, Lower Hutt has lost a much respected and useful citizen. He arrived in New Zealand from Manchester, England, in 1921 and during the last 14 years has been resident in Lower Hutt. For the last few years he has been manager of the V.I.C. branch of Messrs T. W. Slinn and Son, butchers, and his unfailing courtesy in business endeared him to the people of the V.I.C. and Blackbridge districts. The late Mr Warburton served his King and Country during the Great War in the Royal Garrison Artillery and was for a long period on active service. He was a member of the first Lower Hutt (Richmond) Group of Boy Scouts Committee, and much of the success achieved by the group was as a result of his efforts and encouragement. He was, during the past year, an active member of the Boulcott School Committee. His fellow-committeemen and the parents were fully appreciative of the work he did in his quiet unassuming way. That the sympathy of the whole community went out to his widow and two sons was shown by the large number of floral tributes and numerous letter and telegrams expressing condolences.

Annie WARD *nee* COLHOUN (1866-1933)

Hutt News 04 October 1933
It is with great regret that we record the death of Mrs Annie Ward, which took place at her residence, 43 Fitzherbert Street, Lower Hutt, last Saturday. The late Mrs Ward, who was in her 67th year, was a very old resident of the district, and during her long residence here won the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. Mrs Ward was an ardent church worker, and a foundation member of St. David's Presbyterian Church, and was connected with many of the church's activities. On Sunday evening, a memorial service was held and was large attended. The Rev J. C. Loan conducted the service and paid a tribute to the service given by the late Mrs Ward over a long period of years. Appropriate hymns were sung and the service was most impressive. The sympathy of all will be extended to her three daughters, Misses Mabel, Margaret and Nancy, in their hour of trial.

Elizabeth Sarah WARD *formerly* HARRISON *nee* MABEY (1841-1922)

Wanganui Chronicle 19 April 1922

The death occurred at Marton on Saturday of Mrs Elizabeth Ward, one of the earliest settlers of the Dominion, who passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 80 years. The deceased lady was born at Lower Hutt in 1841, being the first white child born in the Wellington Province. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Job Mabey, arrived in Wellington in 1840, and settled in Lower Hutt. The late Mrs Ward was married in 1861 to Mr John Harrison, by whom three children were born – Mr Frank Ellery and Mr Job Harrison (both settled in Tauranga) and Mr David Lind (of Wanganui) who died in March 1918. The late Mr John Harrison died in 1865, and in 1871 Mrs Harrison married Mr Thomas Ward of Crofton, Rangitikei, by whom six children were born – Thomas Samuel Matilda (now Mrs J. Williams, of Wanganui), William (Marton), Henry James, Harry (killed in action on Gallipoli in 1915), Amy (Mrs J. Williams, of Bunnythorpe), Norman Charles (Tauranga) and Nelson (New Plymouth). Mrs Ward, with her husband and family, arrived in Wanganui en route to Crofton on the day on which the Wanganui traffic bridge was opened, and the journey to Crofton was made in a cart drawn by one horse. The late Mr and Mrs Ward carried on farming at Fern Flats, Greatford, Raetihi and Crofton and later on conducted a general store in Crofton and Marton for a number of years and finally retired and settled in Marton, where they both resided till their death. Mr Thomas Ward died in 1915 at the age of 76 years. The late Mrs Ward was of a kindly disposition and loved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Mt View Cemetery, where the Rev McIvor conducted an impressive burial ceremony. A large number of beautiful wreaths and floral tributes were placed on the coffin by friends and relatives of the deceased lady.

Thomas Samuel WARD (1838-1915)

Hutt Valley Independent 22 May 1915

The Rangitikei Advocate announces the death on Friday of last week, of Thomas Samuel Ward, at the age of 76 years. Deceased, who was well-known in the Hutt Valley as a brother-in-law of Robert T. Mabey, was born in Dorsetshire, England in 1838, arrived in New Zealand in 1855, and in 1871 married Mrs Harrison (nee Mabey). The funeral took place at Marton last Monday in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives – among the latter were Norman Ward (son) and Job Harrison (step-son), from Upper Hutt.

Oswald Stephen WATKINS (1863-1936) Evening Post 27 Jul 1936

A severe loss to the business community of Wellington and the sport of racing in New Zealand has been suffered by the death of Mr Oswald Stephen Watkins, a retired public accountant, whose interests were wide and varied. Mr Watkins was one of the first men to enter practice as a public accountant in Wellington. He had been ill for several days following a stroke, and died yesterday at the Hobson Street private hospital. Mr Watkins's parents came from England and settled in Akaroa, where Mr Watkins was born in 1863. After being privately educated in Akaroa, he started his career with Garwood and Company in that town. He was later appointed accountant in the Wellington office of the bank, and after it amalgamated with the Bank of New Zealand he continued in the same capacity. He started practice as a professional accountant in 1899, and was the founder of the present firm of Watkins, Hull, Wheeler, and Johnston. He retired in 1919.

Mr Watkins's wide business associations were indicated by the number of responsible offices he held. He was chairman of directors of the National Mutual Life Association of Australia, Ltd., the Kelburne and Karori Tramway Co., Ltd., and the Victoria Laundry Co., Ltd., and a director of the Guardian Trust and Executors Company of New Zealand, Ltd., the Wellington Trust, Loan, and Investment Co., Ltd., and C. B. Banks, Ltd. He was a member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants, and held the position of Commissioner of Sinking Funds for the Wellington Harbour Board.

Mr Watkins took a very prominent part in the administration of racing in the Dominion. He had been president of the New Zealand Racing Conference and vice-president of the Wellington Racing Club. In appreciation of his services for the sport he was given life membership of the Wellington Racing Club, for which he was also a trustee.

Mr Watkins was a life member of the Wellesley Club, and a member of the Wellington, Christchurch, and Auckland Clubs. He took a keen interest in golf and bowls. In 1899 Mr Watkins married Mary Margaret, eldest daughter of Valentine Vickers Masefield, of Akaroa, formerly of Shropshire, England. Mr Watkins is survived by his widow. His home was in Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt. Mr Watkins was the first member of a family of ten to die. Miss Gladys Watkins, the carillonist, Mrs R. A. Hamerton (Kelburn) and Mrs Eastcott (Christchurch) are sisters, and Mr Lawrence S. Watkins, organist and choirmaster at St Mark's Church, is a brother. A private interment will take place tomorrow at the Karori Cemetery, following a funeral service at St Paul's at 9.15 in the morning.

Mary WATTERSON *nee* McDONALD (1838-1919) Wairarapa Daily Times 21 October 1919

The death took place at Carterton on Saturday of one of the pioneer settlers of the district, in the person of Mrs Mary Waterson, relict of the late Mr George Waterson, in her 81st year. The deceased, who arrived at Wellington in 1841, resided first at the Hutt and then at Greytown, afterwards leaving for Dalefield, where she lived with her family until the death of her late husband. She leaves a family of five daughters (Mrs Knowles and Mrs Bambry, Dalefield; Mrs Peters, Waihakeke; and two single daughters) and one son, Mr W. G. Waterson, of Dalefield.

Thomas WAUGH (1867-1945)

Evening Post 25 August 1945
A keen student of horticulture, and a man who for many years has fostered the love of flowers among his fellow citizens, Mr Thomas Waugh, sen., died at Wellington yesterday at the age of 78. For well over 40 years Mr Waugh, a well-known nurseryman, was one of the keenest enthusiasts in the Wellington Horticultural Society, for his interest in flowers was much deeper than a mere job. The splendid shows staged in Wellington over a number of years owed much of their success to Mr Waugh, and another worthy feature of his work was the advice he was always ready to give to the amateur gardener. His work was his hobby, and he made it possible for many others to make it their hobby too. During his lifetime Mr Waugh saw the growth of many nurseries in the Wellington district, and he also had the opportunity of studying work being done in Britain and the United States. Mr Waugh is survived by his wife, one son, Mr T. S. Waugh, and two daughters, Miss Phyllis Edna Waugh and Mrs Florence Clifton Macaskill. One son, Mr Kenneth Edwin Waugh, predeceased him in 1919.

Evening Post 27 August 1945
Representatives of all branches of the horticultural trade and of many associations and bodies interested in the fostering of horticultural and beautifying interests paid their last respects on Saturday to the late Mr Thomas Waugh, sen., of Lower Hutt. Pallbearers at Knox Church, Lower Hutt, represented the Horticultural Trades Association, the Horticultural Seedsmen's Association, the Institute of Horticulture, the Hatuma Lime Company, and the Rotary Club, in addition to the late Mr Waugh's family. Senior members of the firm acted as pallbearers at the graveside. Mr Waugh commenced his career in the Invercargill Gardens, where his father was Director of Parks and Gardens. In 1885 he went to Scotland and joined the staff of Drummond and Son, Stirling. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch Palace Gardens, Dalkeith, remaining there for three and a half years, and gaining experience in many departments before going to the Royal Horticultural Society Experimental Gardens, Chiswick, as foreman, which position he filled until his return to New Zealand in 1893. This was valuable training, as his association with leading horticulturalists enabled him to receive an insight into the highest forms of garden culture. On his return Mr Waugh was appointed manager of H. C. Gibbons and Co.'s Nurseries, Lower Hutt, but resigned in 1896 to start business on his own account, several years later purchasing the Gibbons business. The late Mr Waugh, who was the first New Zealander to be sent to Great Britain to further his studies in the horticultural profession, was for seven years president of the Horticultural Trades Association, 19 years president of the New Zealand Florists' Exchange, a foundation member of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture, and also a member of the executive since its inception. At the time of his death he had completed 63 years' continuous service in the nursery profession.

Hutt News 05 September 1945
The death of Mr Thomas Waugh which took place on 24th inst. in a Wellington Hospital, after some 12 months of indifferent health, removes not only one of New Zealand's leading horticulturalists, but a resident of the Hutt Valley for about 50 years. Born in Dunedin 78 years ago, the late Mr Waugh visited England and U.S.A. as a young man where he studied horticulture before establishing himself as a nurseryman in Park Avenue where he resided up to the time of his death. Keenly interested in the progress of the Hutt Valley, Mr Waugh was elected to the Borough Council for two terms under the mayoralty of Mr Orton Stevens from 1901 to 1905. Mr Waugh was blessed with a most retentive memory and was famous for his interesting reminiscences of the early civic happenings. He was a staunch Presbyterian and for many years an office-bearer of Knox Church. Among his many other associations he was a Charter member of the Hutt Rotary Club, and the first of its members to be called to higher service. The funeral was largely attended, the service at Knox Church and at Taita Cemetery being conducted by Rev J. Thomson Macky.

The great number of floral tributes bore testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. Mr Waugh is survived by his widow, one son (Mr T. S. Waugh), and two daughters, Miss Phyllis Edna Waugh and Mrs Florence Clifton Macaskill. One son, Kenneth Edwin, was accidentally killed in 1919.

Thomas Samuel WARD (1838-1915) Hutt Valley Independent 22 May 1915

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William Thomas WEBB (1891-1917) Evening Post 29 December 1917

News has been received of the death of Pte. W. T. Webb, 20475, son of Mr Thomas and Mrs Rosina Webb, of Welford-road, Palmerston North, and late of Petone and Stratford. Mr and Mrs Webb had come to Wellington to meet their son, but the telegram announcing his death had gone to Palmerston after they left. Pte. Webb, who was born at Petone 28 years ago, left with the 16th Reinforcements. He had been some time in hospital, suffering from pneumonia, but in his last letter he said he was making good progress.

Mary WEBLEY *nee* BEALE (1862-1942) Hutt News 30 September 1942

Deep regret was felt by a large circle of friends who learned of the death of Mrs M. Webley, who passed away last Thursday afternoon at the Wellington Hospital, in her 81st year after a brief illness. Mrs Webley was born in Adelaide and came to New Zealand with her parents at the age of six years, and for the past fifty years resided in the Hutt Valley. The late Mr Webley, who died some 20 years ago, was for many years one of Petone's leading businessmen. Mrs Webley was much loved by all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. She took an active interest in many women's organisations in Lower Hutt and was especially interested in the work of the Methodist Church. She is survived by two sons, Mr Harold Webley of Lower Hutt, and Mr Stanley Webley of Wairarapa; also five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs J. Stonehouse is a sister. The funeral service, which was largely attended, was conducted by Rev Frederick J. Parker, at the Methodist Church and at the Taita Cemetery.

Arabella WELCH (1871-1928) Hutt News 26 July 1928

It is with regret that we record the death of Miss Arabella (Dolly) Welch, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. R. Welch, of Taita, which took place at the Wellington Hospital last Sunday after a long and painful illness. The deceased bore her suffering with great fortitude, always had a cheery word for everyone, and by her friendly and cheerful disposition endeared herself to a large circle of friends. She leaves one sister, Mrs Laughan (Wellington), and four brothers, William, Fred, Maurice and Edward, to mourn her loss. The funeral which took place on Tuesday afternoon was conducted by Archdeacon Hansell in the presence of a large number of mourners.

Richard Reid WELCH (1842-1888) Wairarapa Daily Times 31 March 1888

We deeply regret to have to record the death from typhoid fever of one of the best known farmers, in this neighbourhood, Mr Richard R. Welch. It is within the knowledge of all that in a quiet unobtrusive manner, Mr Welch's time and ability were always available for organising our Farmer's Club, Pastoral Society, and many other projects which had for their object the advancement of the pastoral and agricultural interests of the district. He was a man who in private life was an exemplary husband, father, and friend, and who was regarded as almost the chief of a large family circle. The late Mr Welch was for many years a resident in the Taita district prior to his settlement in the Wairarapa, where he has lived for over twenty years. Three weeks ago he left a meeting of the Masterton Road Board on the ground of indisposition. He took to his bed, and never rallied from the disease which had attacked him. Mr Welch was one of those rare men who travel through life without making a single enemy, and the sorrow for his loss will be as genuine as it will be widespread. The funeral will leave the late residence of the deceased at half-past ten on Monday next.

Sarah Arabella WELCH *nee* HEDLEY (1835-1904) Evening Post 16 August 1904

Mrs W. R. Welch, an old resident at the Hutt, died early this morning, aged 69 years. The deceased lady arrived in the colony over 50 years ago, and during her residence at the Hutt took an active interest in church and social matters, her kindly disposition gaining for her many friends.

William WELCH (1804-1887)

Evening Post 02 July 1887

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death of another of the pioneers of the Wellington Provincial District, in the person of Mr William Welch, who died at Taita, Lower Hutt District, on Wednesday last, at the residence of his daughter-in-law, at the ripe age of 82. Mr Welch arrived in Port Nicholson in the ship *Oriental* in January 1840 and opened at once a small store on Petone Beach. He afterwards added to his store an accommodation hotel. In 1845 he removed to the Hutt, where he started a hotel, known as the Rose of the Valley. Here he saw exciting times during the Maori war. Deceased was one of the promoters of the Rose of the Valley Lodge, I.O.O.F., opened at the Lower Hutt in 1849. In the year 1850, Mr William Welch removed to the Taita, and started farming operations, which proved very successful. In addition to his farm he commenced the business of carrier, which he continued to conduct till about seven years ago, when he lost his wife. He then went to reside with his daughter-in-law (Mrs William Welch). Mr Welch, personally, was of a retiring disposition, but would, when called upon, express his opinion freely. He was an honest, straightforward man, and greatly respected by all who knew him. The deceased leaves behind him 106 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The remains of deceased were buried at Christ Church churchyard, Taita, yesterday. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev J. Jones, the Incumbent of the Parish. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr Joseph Hall, of the Lower Hutt.

Wairarapa Daily Times 02 July 1887

We have to record the death of another pioneer of the colony Mr William Welch, of the Taita, aged 82 years, who died on Wednesday last. The late Mr Welch arrived in New Zealand by the ship *Oriental*, and settled down at the Taita, where he continued to reside till the day of his death. The deceased leaves a very large number of children and grandchildren to mourn their loss, among whom are the several families of that name residing on the Opaki.

William Read WELCH (1831-1881) Wairarapa Daily Times 31 Jan 1881

We regret to have to record the sudden death of an old and well-known settler, Mr William Welch, of the Taita. The deceased was in partnership with his brother, Mr Henry Welch, in carrying on extensive farming operations on the Opaki, and was at his brother's house on Friday evening. Mr Welch leaves a widow and a large family to mourn his loss.

Frederick WESTBURY (1863-1943) Hutt News 21 Apr 1943

The death of Mr Frederick Westbury, which took place on the 14th inst, at the age of 81, deprives the Hutt Valley of another of its pioneers and one who played an outstanding part among the horticulturalists of the district. Mrs Westbury pre-deceased her husband a year or so after the celebration of their golden wedding on 17th July 1935. Mr Westbury was born at a Gloucestershire village and came to Wellington at the age of 17. His first employment was farm work 16 hours a day for 12s per week, in the Porirua district, and he then worked for eleven years in a tannery. In 1885 he married Miss Marshall, whose parents had arrived by the Oliver Lang in 1842. The first adventure of the married couple was an attempt at farming on some poor land at Whiteman's Valley, where they supplemented a meagre income by charcoal burning, selling toi toi grass for thatching, etc. Some years later they sold the farm, and Mr Westbury found employment at Mr H. C. Gibbon's nursery, where Lincoln Avenue is now situated. Mr Westbury made a close study of horticulture, and his next venture was the purchase of a market garden near the Taita Cemetery. Here again Mr Westbury pioneered a new line by direct sale of his produce to the consumer. From this stage financial worries ceased, and in 1915 he sold his land and bought a similar property in Cottle's Lane where he resided till his death. Mr Westbury was a foundation member of the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society and a life member of the Manawatu A. and P. Association. He has held various offices in the Manchester Unity I.O.O.F. and the Rechabite Lodge. His special hobbies were deer shooting and collecting for a unique museum which he established in his home. The surviving members of the family are Mrs F. S. Hewer and Mrs W. H. Cooper, of Lower Hutt, Mrs E. H. Hayward, of Otaki, and Mr Frank Westbury, of Taita. There are 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ann WHILEY *nee* COLLIS (1843-1927) Horowhenua Chronicle 09 August 1927

The death occurred this morning of one of the early settlers of the Wellington province in the person of Mrs Ann Whiley, of Ohau, who had reached the age of 85. She had been in failing health for the past three months and her death was not therefore unexpected. The late Mrs Whiley was a member of one of the pioneer families of Wellington, being a daughter of the late Mr Charles Collis, of Johnsonville, where she spent her early years, subsequently removing to Wainuiomata, and marrying her husband, the late Mr Robert Whiley, who died some fourteen years ago. About 1878 she and her husband settled at Longburn, and when the railway opened up the Manawatu line ten years later they removed to Ohau, where Mrs Whiley resided for the past forty years. She was a representative of the best type of the pioneers, going cheerfully out into what was then the back country and by industry and the steadfast endurance of the hardships of the early days, establishing a home and nurturing a family that is held in the highest honour and esteem throughout the district. At the same time she was ever ready to help others needing assistance in times of trouble and sickness. The family consisted of five sons and five daughters, nine of whom survive. They are Messrs Walter, Alfred and Sydney Whiley, of Ohau; Mrs J. Row, of Wanganui; Mrs R. A. Rolston, of Ohau; Mrs H. Moffatt, of Otaki; Mr Fred Whiley, of Christchurch; and Mr Robert Whiley, of Hokitika, and Mrs J. Cameron, of Ohau. The late Mrs Randall, of Levin, was also a daughter. There are 40 grandchildren and no fewer than 28 great-grandchildren. All the members of the family will have sincere sympathy in their loss. The funeral takes place on Thursday.

Harold WHITCHER (1884-1934) Evening Post 14 Sep 1934

The death occurred suddenly last evening of Deputy-Superintendent Harold Whitcher, of the Petone Fire Brigade, in his 51st year. The late Mr Whitcher was born in Petone, and served his apprenticeship in the Railway Workshops. He left about 15 years ago, and after working for the firm of Hartley's, he founded with his brother about ten years ago the firm of Whitcher Bros. and Co., sash and door manufacturers. He was at one time a member of the Petone Rowing Club and was also an ex-member of the Petone Navals. He took an interest in Rugby football. He was for 21 years a member of the Petone Fire Brigade, and since 1918 had been deputy-superintendent. He was much esteemed, and was recognised as a capable officer and a keen brigadesman. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Miss Enid Whitcher, and two sons, Messrs Fred and Ronald Whitcher. The funeral will leave the fire station, Buick Street Petone at 2.30pm tomorrow for the Taita Cemetery. The late Mr Whitcher will be accorded a full fire brigadesman's funeral.

Joseph WHITE (1809-1885) Wairarapa Standard 11 Mar 1885

The death is notified of Mr Joseph White, commonly known as "Gardener White," who has lived at the Hutt for many many years. He died at the ripe age of 76. Mrs J. Wilkie, of Greytown, is one of his daughters.

Arthur Meredith WHITEHEAD (1861-1895) Evening Post 31 August 1895

After a comparatively short illness – beginning with an attack of influenza, which led to other complications – Dr A. Meredith Whitehead, a well-known member of the medical faculty, died yesterday at the residence of Dr Collins in Boulcott-street. He was attended unremittingly by Dr Adams during his illness, and when alarming symptoms presented themselves Drs Ewart, Anson and Martin were consulted. He rallied yesterday morning, but about half-past 1 o'clock had a relapse, and died about 4 o'clock. Dr Whitehead was born at Nottingham in 1861, his father being an auctioneer in a large way of business. He studied at the London Hospital and the Aberdeen University, qualifying at the latter in 1883, and taking the degree of M.B.C.M. After practising for a while in his native town he became medical officer to a steamer in the China trade, leaving that to come to the colony in 1886 with his brother, Mr W. M. Whitehead, now in business in Nottingham. He commenced practice at Petone, where he subsequently entered into partnership with Dr Wilford, and on the latter retiring from practice in 1891, Dr Whitehead was joined by Dr Purdy, an old college associate. In May 1894 he revisited England, and on returning in February last he became a partner of Dr Collins, whose business he has conducted since the latter recently went to England on a visit. He leaves a widow (formerly a Miss Allan, of Dunedin) and three children, as well as a sister, Mrs Stevens, of Porirua. His death will be generally regretted, as he was well liked, especially in the Petone and Hutt districts, where he was connected with many institutions, at one time being a member of the Petone Borough Council, and medical officer to various Friendly Societies. He was a member of the Ulster Lodge of Freemasons, was surgeon to the Petone Navals, and had joined the Wellington Navals in a similar capacity. The funeral is to take place to-morrow afternoon, the Wellington Navals escorting the remains to the Railway station in time to catch the 2.30 p.m. train to the Lower Hutt. The Wellington Navals are to form a firing party at the funeral. By an advertisement elsewhere the corps is called together for special drills tonight and to-morrow morning at the host station in mufti.

Edward William WHITEMAN (1855-1927) Otaki Mail 24 Aug 1927

The death took place yesterday, at the residence of his daughter (Mrs John Weir), Park Avenue, Lower Hutt, of Mr Edward William Whiteman, aged 72 years. The late Mr Whiteman was well known in this district, but was even better known in the Hutt district where he resided for a great number of years. During his stay in Otaki Mr Whiteman made many friends by his genial disposition, and was highly popular with all classes of the community. The deceased was a very keen sport, and for some time was a leading player in the Otaki Bowling Club. For some time he had been in indifferent health. The late Mr Whiteman leaves a grown-up family to mourn their loss. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

Emily WHITWORTH *nee* BUCKERIDGE (1840-1906) Evening Post 27 December 1906

The death occurred early on Christmas morning of Mrs Emily Whitworth, a very old settler of the Wellington district. The deceased lady was the daughter of the late Mr Robert Buckeridge with whom she came to the Taita district sixty-four years ago, when but one year old. Mrs Whitworth had vivid and entertaining recollections of the early earthquake troubles and the alarms caused in the city by the outbreak of the Maori war. Her death was sudden, being due to an apoplectic fit. Interment took place yesterday, in the Bolton-street cemetery. Deceased leaves a family of three sons – the Messrs Whitworth, of the Pier Hotel, Wellington.

William WILLCOCK (1815-1892) Evening Post 01 Aug 1892

An early settler in Wellington, Mr William Willcock, of Waiwetu, died yesterday, aged 77. Mr Willcock came to New Zealand *via* Sydney early in the “forties,” and settled at Waiwetu, where he has lived ever since. He was a shipwright by trade, and employed some of his spare time in the building of sailing vessels, which he launched in the Waiwetu river. Over 30 years ago he represented the Hutt district in the Provincial Council. Mr Willcock was never married.

Thomas Mason WILFORD (1870-1939) Evening Post 22 June 1939

Sir Thomas Wilford, an outstanding political figure in New Zealand for 30 years and a former High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, died today in a private hospital in Wellington at the age of 69 years. He represented Wellington Suburbs from 1899 to 1902, and was first returned as member for Hutt in 1902. He held the Hutt seat for 30 years, and was "Father of the House." Sir Thomas was a former Mayor of Wellington and chairman of the Harbour Board, and was identified with many local public activities.

He was born at Lower Hutt in 1870, of Quaker parentage, his mother being the daughter of the late Mr Thomas Mason, ex-MP for the district in the far-back days. His father was Dr J. G. F. Wilford, who, like his mother's parents, was from Yorkshire. After receiving his early education at a private school near his home, Sir Thomas was a pupil in turn at Wellington College and Christ's College. At the age of 17 years, having matriculated, he joined the legal firm of Brandon and Son in Wellington, and at 18 he passed his final examinations as a solicitor, but had to wait till he was 21 before he could be admitted to practice. He entered into partnership with the late Mr W. T. L. Travers, but after about three years went into practice on his own account. He subsequently joined Mr P. Levi, in the firm known as Wilford and Levi, and some years later Mr P. W. Jackson was admitted to the partnership, the firm being known as Wilford, Levi, and Jackson. Mr Jackson was previously a clerk to Sir Thomas when he practised on his own account before joining Mr Levi. The partnership of Wilford, Levi, and Jackson existed until Sir Thomas was made a King's Counsellor in 1929, and in the same year he was appointed High Commissioner for New Zealand in the United Kingdom.

Throughout his career at the Bar Sir Thomas was regarded as a great advocate, and he figured in the defence of several famous criminial trials. In the "Hutt pepper murder case," many years ago, he successfully defended one man tried for the crime, and soon after the acquittal one of the Crown witnesses was charged with the murder, and Sir Thomas also defended him.

Apart from politics, which constituted an important phase of his activities for 30 years, Sir Thomas played his part in municipal life in Wellington. For twelve years he was a member of the Wellington Harbour Board, and for two years chairman of that body, in 1908 and 1909. He was Mayor of Wellington in 1910 and 1911, being re-elected for the second term unopposed. On his retirement from the Mayoralty he was appointed with the late Hon. J. G. W. Aitken Sinking Fund Commissioner for the city, a position which he held for eleven years. He was also appointed a permanent trustee of the St John Ambulance Association of New Zealand. During his Mayoral term city water supply extension work largely engaged the attention of the City Council, and while he was chairman of the Harbour Board a start was made with work which ultimately developed into the gigantic Thorndon reclamation proposal. Sir Thomas held the view that the development of the city must take place northwards and he suggested to the then engineer (Mr Marchbanks) that a wall should be built to Kaiwarra.

He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1899 to 1929, but his active interest in politics dated from some years before 1896, for at the age of 23 he was beaten for the Hutt seat by the narrowest margin by the late Dr Newman, while three years later he defeated the late Hon. T. W. Hislop, but was unseated as the result of an election petition. At the hearing of the petition Sir Thomas was represented by another outstanding New Zealand advocate and lawyer, the former Chief Justice (the late Sir Charles Skerrett), who had with him as his junior Mr P. Levi. He held the position of Chairman of Committees in 1909, resigning that office on becoming Mayor of Wellington. In the National Ministry of the war years he held the portfolios of Justice and Marine and was Minister in Charge of Stamp Duties. After the death of the Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald, in August, 1922, he became Leader of the Opposition, and he led the Liberal Party at the 1922 election campaign, but was obliged to resign the leadership on July 14, 1925, on account of ill health, and went to

England on a recuperating trip, being absent from New Zealand during the whole of 1926. He was succeeded as Leader of the Opposition by the Rt. Hon. G. W. Forbes. After Sir Joseph Ward's success in forming a Government in 1929, he was appointed Minister of Justice, Defence, and War Pensions, and held that office till November, 1929, when he was appointed High Commissioner for New Zealand, succeeding Sir James Parr. While Minister of Marine in Sir Joseph Ward's Government he was responsible for instituting an investigation into waterfront accidents in New Zealand. A waterside workers' commission was set up, the recommendations of which led to a considerable lessening in waterfront casualties.

On the field of sport Sir Thomas always played an active part, and there were not many phases of outdoor life with which he had not been associated. He gained his cap as a Wellington representative footballer in 1888, and in the same year he was local tennis champion in the Hutt district. He was an enthusiastic golfer, he hunted regularly for years, and for over twenty years was a regular devotee of the sport of fishing. He was a member of the Star Boating Club, and was also president and an active member of the New Zealand Gun Club.

Sir Thomas Wilford had a long association with the sport of racing, dating back to the days in which he rode as an amateur while with the mounted volunteers. At first racing under the assumed name of "Mr Lancewood" he was rarely without a horse to carry his colours during the last forty years. The first horse he raced was Mist, whom he received as a present from his father-in-law, the Hon. (later Sir) George McLean, and who, returned to Mr McLean, became dam of the brilliant Vladimir. Later on he took over the popular Zetland spots jacket on the death of Sir George, and these remained his colours. Among other horses he raced were Leda, First Battery, Ukraine (dam of Sasanof and Moutoa Ivanova), Risingham, Gorrick, Rada, Sonnino, Happy Days, Moutoa's Gift, Kilminster, Sartovvna, Tcheka, Rotowhero, Youssipof, and Ugly Duckling, and he also had an interest in Melwood, who was second in a New Zealand Cup. He bred from Ukraine, but he sold both Sasanof (400 guineas) and Moutoa Ivanova (1000 guineas). At different times his horses were trained by W. Davies, H. Kingan, J. Ayres, and H. Pritchard, his association with Ayres lasting for over twenty years. Sir Thomas was a life member of the Wellington Racing Club, the Boxing Association, and the Wellington Rugby Union.

All his life Sir Thomas had paid close attention to world politics, a subject on which he was able to fortify himself to advantage as a result of several trips abroad, during which he visited 32 countries and met many prominent men of affairs. A true Imperialist,

Sir Thomas gained a high reputation as an exponent of British policy, especially on matters pertaining to the Pacific Ocean, and in debates in Parliament on British and foreign affairs his views never failed to command close attention and respect. In London his opinions on international policy, and on such subjects as naval defence in the Pacific, found wide acceptance, and addresses which he at times delivered to gatherings of influential people were always listened to with interest. In the war years Sir Thomas did much to assist war charities, raising by means of lectures throughout the Dominion a sum of £20,000 for the Red Cross.

In his young days he was interested in amateur theatricals, particularly comic opera, and is remembered for his characterisation of the Lord Chancellor in "Iolanthe," with the Wellington Operatic Society. He was one of the founders of the Wellington Savage Club, of which he was a life member, and was always known in Bohemian circles as a first-class raconteur. He enjoyed the reputation of being an excellent chairman and speaker, and was noted for his quick wit.

He was a director, in London, of the National Bank of New Zealand from January 1934, till December 1936. He was also formerly a director of Sternol, Ltd., London, and chairman of directors of Vacuum Packed Products, London.

After returning to New Zealand from London he became a director of the New Zealand Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

Sir Thomas married in 1892 Miss George Constance McLean, a daughter of the late Sir George McLean. He is survived by his mother, who lives in Wanganui, and Lady Wilford, his son, and daughter (who are living abroad), and two grandsons, aged 19 and 17 years respectively, and one granddaughter. His daughter, Isobel, is now Mrs Penrose-Fitzgerald.

Sir Thomas was knighted in 1930, and was High Commissioner till December 1933. After he relinquished his position he returned to New Zealand, but paid a six weeks' visit to London in May 1938 to see his son and daughter and grandchildren.

Edward Irving WILKIE (1892-1945) Evening Post 13 June 1945

The sudden death at his home at Paremata of Mr Edward Irving Wilkie, aged 52, removed from the head office of the Government Architect's branch of the Public Works Department one of its best known and most popular members. Mr Wilkie was born at Upper Hutt, his family being well known in that district. As a member of the Auckland Infantry Battalion he left with the 5th Reinforcements of the 1st N.Z.E.F. for the Great War, landing at Gallipoli, where he was seriously wounded. He suffered for years with cheerful fortitude the after effects of his war service. Mr Wilkie some years ago was a very keen tennis player and a member of the Paremata Golf Club, and winner of many trophies. He had been in the clerical branch of the Government Architect's office for more than 20 years up to the time of his death. He leaves his wife, Mrs M. Wilkie, of Paremata.

John WILKINS (1827-1922) Press 28 August 1922

Mr John Wilkins, an old resident of the Hutt Valley, who died on Thursday at his home in Bloomfield Crescent, Lower Hutt, was born in the Parish of Inkerrow, County of Worcester, England, in 1827. He arrived in New Zealand by the 'Oliver Laing' in 1856, and was in partnership with a Mr Yule in Featherston for some time as a contractor in delivering timber to the sawmills. Subsequently he was engaged in business for a few years at Upper Hutt, and for the last fifty years he resided quietly in Lower Hutt. He served the public faithfully for many years as a Justice of the Peace, and with the late Mr John Cudby, J.P., frequently officiated at the local Police Court. He was twice married. His first wife died over fifty years ago, and his second fourteen years ago. He is survived by the two daughters of his first wife, who kept house for him and nursed him during the last year. He was connected with the Wellington Racing Club for thirty years, the greater part of the time as a steward and clerk of the scales, in which latter capacity he has weighed out most of the leading horsemen in the Dominion, and no clerk of the scales was better known to riders of the old school. He was also one of the trustees of the Hutt Park Racecourse. Before coming to the Dominion he was a cricketer, and throughout his life he took a great interest in all kinds of sport, winning a foot race at the age of 63.

Benjamin WILLIAMS (1835-1904) Manawatu Times 15 Apr 1904

Another of Wairarapa's oldest settlers has passed away in the person of Mr Benjamin Williams, who had been in the district since 1855. Deceased landed in the colony in 1840 and spent his youth at the Hutt. In the time of the Hau Hau rebellion he saw service with the Featherston detachment of volunteers, being a sergeant at that time. Among a large centre of friends he was esteemed and honoured, and his death will be universally regretted.

Hilda Temple WILLIAMS (1867-1939) Evening Post 21 December 1939

At her flat, "Westmore", Gloucester Street West, Miss Hilda Temple Williams, O.B.E., a member of one of the best-known families in New Zealand, died on Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks, states the Christchurch "Press." The news of her death will be received with profound regret, not only by personal friends and friends of her family, but in all parts of the Dominion by thousands of returned soldiers, whom she befriended during the Great War. Miss Williams was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. C. Williams, of Wellington, and granddaughter of Archdeacon Henry Williams, who arrived in New Zealand in the 'Brampton' in 1823, and who settled at Paihia, Bay of Islands. There Miss Williams's father was born in 1825. Later he lived for a time in Auckland and then made his home in Wellington. Miss Williams was born at Lower Hutt and educated at Mrs Swainson's private school. She went to England in 1913 and after the outbreak of war, she was quick to realise the loneliness and friendlessness of New Zealand soldiers, who arrived in London from Gallipoli and Egypt. Her ready sympathy was aroused and was immediately translated into useful action, though she had some difficulty in persuading the military authorities of the necessity for the scheme she had evolved. She established the first canteen in England for New Zealanders. It was known as "The Dug Out," and was situated in Victoria Street, London. It was financed entirely by the Williams family. Later she established "Te Whare Puni," a popular canteen at Hornchurch, for men from the Dominion. This was staffed by members of her family and their friends. The value of her work was soon recognised and in 1918 the King conferred on her the Order of the British Empire. Miss Williams was also much interested in fitting up limbless soldiers in the earlier years of the war. She returned to New Zealand several years ago and for the last six years she lived in Christchurch, where she had many friends.

John Anderson WILLIAMS (1822-1899) Evening Post 30 May 1899

Mr John Williams, an old settler and well known in the city and suburbs, died suddenly in the magazine reading room in the Free Public Library this morning. Mr Williams was an old subscriber to the library, and this morning after changing a book he went into the reading-room, and was reading there when (at about 11.30 o'clock) a fellow-reader noticed him start and fall back in his chair. The attendant (Mr E. Perry) was called, and he did what he could to relieve Mr Williams, who appeared to be in a faint. Several medical men were rung up by telephone, but none were at home. Within a short time of the attack, however, Dr Fyffe, who was passing by, was called in, but on examination he declared life to be extinct. Deceased did not recover consciousness from the time of his attack. Mr and Mrs Williams some eight years ago kept the Taita Hotel, and they also were in the Kilbirnie Hotel for some time. As a young man the deceased was a member of a British cavalry regiment, which he left to emigrate in the early days to Victoria, where he married and came on to Wellington.

William Perkins WILLIAMS (1865-1942) Evening Post 23 May 1942

The death occurred last night in Lower Hutt of Mr W. P. Williams, M.B.E., a retired railway officer who was well known in the district for his work on behalf of the unemployed, particularly during the depression. He was born in Cornwall in 1864, and came to New Zealand in 1873, joining the Railway Department in 1877. He rose to the position of stationmaster at Auckland, and became audit inspector in 1907. He was stationmaster at Christchurch from 1912 to 1914, when he was appointed assistant district traffic manager. In 1920 he was attached to the head office as general inspector. He retired a few years ago after more than 40 years' service, and for several years was secretary of the Lower Hutt relief committee. In 1933, in appreciation of what he had done for the relief workers, Mr Williams was presented with an illuminated address signed by 500 of them, the presentation being made at a public function by the Mayor (Mr J. W. Andrews). Mr Williams leaves a wife, three daughters, and one son. There are also three grandchildren. Two sisters and a brother are still living. Mr W. T. Strand, ex-Mayor of Lower Hutt, in paying tribute to Mr Williams, said he was one of the most unselfish men he had ever known. He was one who was never too tired to assist others. At the same time he was intensely practical, and his work could be summed up as putting into practice
the teachings of Christianity.

Alexander Watt WILLIAMSON (1849-1928)

Evening Post 02 August 1928
The death occurred to-day at the residence of his son in Hamilton, of Mr Alexander W. Williamson. The late Mr Williamson, who was born near Coventry, England in 1849, accompanied his parents to New Zealand in the ship 'William Hyde' in 1851. He was educated at the Wanganui Grammar School and at Otago College. In 1874 he gained his B. A. degree, the first part bestowed by the Otago University, and in the same year was appointed to the Turakina School where he taught for seven years. He was headmaster of the Patea School for eleven years, and afterwards was at the Taita and Epuni Schools, retiring in 1911, after thirty seven years of service. The late Mr Williamson, who was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and an active Sunday school worker, celebrated his golden wedding in June last. He leaves a widow and a family of three sons, Messrs C. A. Williamson of Petone, and F. T. and R. A. Williamson both of Hamilton, and four daughters, Mrs A. McMillan of Lower Hutt, Mrs W. Rennie jun., of Petone, Mrs J. Park of Bonhar, and Miss Williamson of Lower Hutt.

New Zealand Herald 03 August 1928
Hamilton, Thursday. The death occurred at Puketaha, near Hamilton, today of Mr Alexander Watt Williamson, aged 79 years. Mr Williamson was born at Coventry, England, and two years later he came to New Zealand. He was the only student to graduate at the Otago University before, by its suspension of its charter, it became incorporated with the University of New Zealand. He obtained a B.A. degree. Mr Williamson became a school teacher, and for many years he was employed at schools in the Wanganui district. He was at one time headmaster of the Patea school. For 20 years he was a headmaster at Lower Hutt, being in charge of two schools during that time. He retired in 1911, and during the past four years had lived with two of his sons at Puketaha. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and a Sunday school teacher for many years. On June 15, Mr and Mrs Williamson celebrated their golden wedding. Mr Williamson is survived by a widow, three sons, four daughters and 17 grandchildren.

Hutt News 09 August 1928
It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mr Alexander W. Williamson at the age of 79 years, which took place last Thursday at the residence of his son, M. R. A. Williamson, Puketoha, Hamilton. The late Mr Williamson was born near Coventry, England in 1849, and came out to New Zealand with his parents in the good ship 'William Hyde' in 1851. He was a brilliant scholar and was educated at the Wanganui Grammar School and Otago College, where he gained a New Zealand University Scholarship. In 1874 he gained his B.A. degree – the first bestowed by the Otago University. In the same year he was appointed to the Turakina School, where he taught for seven years. For eleven years he was headmaster of the Patea School and afterwards held a similar position at Taita and Epuni Schools, retiring on superannuation in 1911, after 37 years faithful service. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church and a Sunday School worker, and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in trouble, always taking a keen and active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of humanity. He was a Christian gentleman of sterling character and by his kindly disposition endeared himself to a large circle of friends. He leaves a widow and family of three sons, Messrs C. A. Williamson (Petone), F. T. and R. A. Williamson (Hamilton) and four daughters Mrs A. McMillan (Lower Hutt), Mrs W. Rennie, junr. (Petone), Mrs J. Park (Benhar) and Miss Williamson (Lower Hutt), to mourn the loss of a loving husband and devoted father. The sympathy of all will be extended to the bereaved in their sad hour of trial. The funeral will take place at Hamilton.

Eliza WILLIS nee RIDDIFORD (1845-1934) Press 05 Feb 1934

A link with an early generation of one of New Zealand's best known and most respected families has been severed by the death of Mrs Eliza Willis, sister of the late Mr E. J. Riddiford, father of Messrs Vivian and Eric Riddiford. Mrs Willis, who died at Marton on Thursday, was in her eighty-ninth year. She was one of the elder daughters of the late Mr Daniel Riddiford, who arrived in New Zealand in 1840. Her father took up the well-known Orongorongo property and the family lived there for many years. Old identities remember the time the family decided to live in the Hutt when they came around in Maori canoes from Orongorongo and lived at the homestead called Woburn at Lower Hutt, close to the spot now occupied by Mr Vivian Riddiford. In the early '70's at Melbourne Miss Riddiford as she was then married Major William Jarvis Willis, who had come out with the British forces during the Maori wars. In common with many other officers the major sold his commission and took up land at Greatford in Rangitikei. Twenty years ago the property, which was known as Woodendean, was sold and part of it was bought by Mrs Willis's son and part of it also by the late Major W. F. G. Levin. Major Willis died about 40 years ago. Mrs Willis lived on her son's property at Greatford until three years ago, when she built a home at Marton, where she lived until her death. Mrs Willis was keenly interested in gardening, and a popular rose – "Mrs E. Willis" – is named after her. She was a generous supporter of charities. She is survived by three sons – Dr William F. Willis, now practising at London, and Messrs Daniel J. Willis and Thomas R. Willis – both of whom are now farming part of the old Woodendean estate – and a daughter, Miss Letitia Mary Willis. Another daughter, the wife of Mr Duncan R. Menzies, public accountant, of Wellington, died in 1921. A sister is Mrs Hewitt of Palmerston North, widow of Captain Hewitt, R.N. Misses Mary, Jean and Egidia Menzies, of Christchurch, are her grandchildren.

Henry Chirdleigh WILMER (1842-1882) Evening Post 19 December 1882

We regret to announce the death, which took place on Sunday last, of Mr H. C. Wilmer, aide-de-camp to his Excellency Sir James Prendergast. The deceased gentleman, who was formerly an officer in the English army, arrived in the colony about twelve years ago. He was for some time associate to Chief Justice Prendergast, and was subsequently appointed Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, which position he held until two or three years ago. Having been admitted as a barrister, he became connected with the firm of Messrs Izard and Bell, but had to relinquish the practice of his profession, owing to failing health. On Sir Jas. Prendergast becoming Acting-Governor, Mr Wilmer, as already intimated, was appointed aide-de-camp to his Excellency. The deceased gentleman was very popular among a large number of friends, and a few years ago took a prominent part in most of the parties, amateur theatricals, and other social gatherings in Wellington, his presence being always greatly valued. The news of his death, which, we understand, took place from heart disease, will be received with considerable regret. The funeral took place this morning, in the presence of a large number of mourners. The Rev. R. J. Thorpe officiated.

James WILSON (1865-1936) Manawatu Standard 25 August 1936

The death of Rev James Wilson, formerly a well-known minister of the Presbyterian Church, occurred at his home in Lower Hutt early yesterday morning. Born in Strathmiglo, Fifeshire, Scotland 71 years ago, Mr Wilson arrived in New Zealand about 35 years ago, and successively ministered to the parishes of Queenstown, Mayfield (Canterbury), Turakina and Waitati. About four and a half years ago he retired to live quietly at Lower Hutt.

Richard Henry WILSON (1854-1919) Evening Post 05 July 1919

The death occurred in Wellington yesterday of Mr Richard Henry Wilson, who was well known in business circles in the Wellington district. Born in the Old Country 65 years ago, Mr Wilson came to Wellington when he was a young man, and entered the service of the late Mr George Denton, whose hardware store was in Willis-street. After being with Mr Denton for some years, he joined the staff of the old Arcade, Manners-street. Later on he went into business in Feilding, from which town he removed to Petone, where he entered into partnership with the late Mr Thomas Bonthorne, in the ironmongery line. Retiring from the firm after being a member of it for several years, he made a trip to his native country, and on his return he started in business as a land and estate agent at Petone. He then accepted an appointment as land salesman for Messrs J. H. Bethune and Co., and retained the position until his end. A fortnight ago he became ill, and was removed to a private hospital, where an operation, from which he did not rally, was performed. The late Mr Wilson was of a genial disposition, and possessed a large circle of friends. He was a member of the Masonic Order, and during the time he resided at Petone he took a prominent part in the affairs of St Augustine's Church. He was also a member of the Petone, Wellington, and Kelburn Bowling Clubs, and took a keen interest in athletic sports. He has left a widow and two daughters.

Edward William WILTON (1853-1933) Hutt News 29 November 1933

Mr Edward William Wilton, one of the best known men in Wellington forty or fifty years ago died on 20th inst at his home in Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt. A son of Mr Elijah Wilton who, with his brother, Mr Job Wilton, was among the early arrivals at Wellington, the late Mr Wilton was born in 1853 on Lambton Quay (in the days when it was a quay) close to what afterwards was known as Quinton's Corner and is now the site of the War Memorial. He could tell many interesting stories of his journeys round the coast past Pencarrow to bring in stock from the Wairarapa. For many years he was engaged in the butchery business, first in Cuba Street and then in Willis Street, next the school, after which he retired to live on the old homestead farm at Mornington. As one by one his family of fifteen established homes of their own, he and Mrs Wilton left Mornington, and for some time resided with different members of the family. Some ten or twelve years ago they settled in Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt. Mrs Wilton, whose maiden name was Bowles, survives her husband, and his surviving children are Mrs Geo. Bowles (Frankton Junction), Mrs R. Jamieson (Wanganui), Mrs W. Aitkin (Paeroa), Mrs A. Aldersley, Mrs S. R. Hodges, Mrs H. Scott, and Mrs H. Knigge (Lower Hutt), Mrs V. Edhouse (Petone) and Messrs O. W. Wilton (Seatoun) and Roy Wilton (Palmerston North).

Emma Mary WILTON *nee* MINIFIE (1856-1932) Hutt News 06 July 1932

We regret to record the death of Mrs Emma Mary Wilton, one of Wellington's respected pioneers, who died at her residence, 10 Donald McLean Street last Tuesday. The deceased was a relict of the late George Robert Wilton, and mother of Mr S. A. Wilton of Cudby Street, Lower Hutt, and was in her seventy-seventh year. Her father, Mr Thos. Minifie, arrived at Petone in 1840 by the sailing ship Adelaide. The late Mrs Wilton was born in Wellington, spending the whole of her life there. She leaves four children, and there are twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

John WOLLAND (1866-1936) Manawatu Times 26 November 1936

Last Saturday the largest funeral seen in the Bush district for a number of years was that of a popular old settler of Hamua, the late John Wolland. Rev. Father Sweeney conducted the burial service at the Mangatainoka cemetery. The many beautiful wreaths and the large number of mourners who came from every part of the district, particularly Hamua, where the late Mr Wolland had spent so many happy and profitable years, paid tribute to the esteem in which he was held. Born in Devonshire, England, in 1865, Mr Wolland came to New Zealand in the sailing ship *Queen Bee* at the age of seven years, his parents taking up residence in Petone. Mr Wolland's father then set up a flour mill on the site of the present woollen factory at Petone. He sent his son to be educated under a Mr Willis whose school was in the old blockhouse at Lower Hutt, where the latter town's first post office now stands. As a young man John Wolland helped in the formation of Jackson street, Petone, and was afterwards employed by the late John Cudby in the latter's coachbuilding works. With the opening up of the Forty Mile Bush in 1892 Mr Wolland joined those who pinned their faith in the new country and he remained in the district from that day. John Wolland was renowned for his athletic ability in his youth, and played a very prominent part in all sport, particularly running – his pet distance being the 120 yards event. The Sheffield Handicap, held in Feilding, was considered to be the event of the year, and John Wolland had the honour of winning this in record time. He was one of the foundation members of the Hamua Athletic Society, and acted as starter for them for several years. He was a very fine wing three-quarter and played for the first Rugby team formed in Hamua. He was a Bush representative for many years and in after life was one of the most regular patrons of football known in the union. This year his services to Bush Rugby were recognised when the local union made him a life member, a privilege he was not destined to enjoy for long. A very conscientious farmer, Mr Wolland lent his energies to the service of the Hamua Dairy Company which he had served in the capacity of director for the past nine years. He leaves a family of six sons, Messrs C. Wolland (Marima), H. Wolland (Kaiparoro), P., S., D. and J. Wolland, and one daughter, Mrs H. F. Russell (all of Hamua). His sons acted as pall-bearers at the funeral on Saturday afternoon. A second daughter predeceased him 12 years ago. He is also survived by his wife.

James Jackson WOOD (1857-1940) Manawatu Standard 28 August 1940

One of the early pioneers of Wainui-o-mata, Mr James Jackson Wood, died recently at his home, at Lower Hutt, in his 83rd year. Born at Wainui-o-mata in 1857, he was a member of an old New Zealand family, being a son of the late John and Maria Wood, who arrived in Wellington by the *Sea Snake* in 1855. Mr Wood took a keen interest in public matters and gave valuable years in their service. He was chairman of the Wainui-o-mata School and hall committees for more than 20 years and was a trustee of the local Methodist Church for a similar period. When the first school was opened in the district, he was among the pupils who enrolled on the first day and well remembered the stockade that enclosed the school when there were rumours of Maori raids in the Hutt Valley in the early sixties. Mr Wood is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Mary Prouse, daughter of the late Richard Prouse, of Wainui-o-mata. There are four sons, Messrs J. L., E. R., and J. O. Wood of Wainuiomata; and A. J. Wood of Bunnythorpe; and six daughters, Mrs F. R. Jenkins of Lower Hutt; Mrs E. L. Whitcher of Petone; Mrs L. H. Jenkins of Wainui-o-mata; Mrs R. Collings and Miss M. Wood, Christchurch; and Mrs E. H. Fisher, Carterton.

John WOOD (1862-1916) Evening Post 14 April 1916

One of Petone's most popular citizens and a very old resident died this morning in the Wellington Hospital, in the person of Mr John Wood. Mr Wood was born 54 years ago at Pipitea Point, Wellington, and was educated at Mr Mowbray's School. His father was the senior partner in the old firm of Wood and Allen, boat builders. He started work at Messrs Greenfield and Stewart's timber mill (now Stewart Hardware and Timber Co.), and he and his elder brother turned the bannisters for the Government Buildings, which were then in course of erection. Deceased went to Petone in 1880, and immediately found work in the Petone Railway Workshops as a wood-working machinist. He was a prominent member of many sports organisations, being the founder of the Petone Football Club, and a prominent member of the old Petone Rowing Club, in which he was one of the crew in many whale-boat competitions. He was a life member of the Petone Municipal Fire Brigade, secretary to the Working Men's Club Miniature Rifle Club, which he was instrumental in forming, and secretary of the ex-Naval's Association. In connection with the Navals, he was one of the members of the Naval Brigade chosen to represent New Zealand at the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament. He took a great interest in the formation of the Boys' Institute, of which he was instructor for many years. He was chosen as a member of the first New Zealand native football team to visit England in 1887, but was unable to go owing to the illness of his wife. The late Mr Wood was taken to the Wellington Hospital thirteen weeks ago suffering from an internal trouble. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs J. W. Fraser, of Petone.

Richard WOOD (1839-1918) Timaru Herald 29 July 1918

The death is announced of Mr Richard Wood, who for many years was a prominent figure in musical circles in Timaru, and he will be remembered by local residents, as a violinist of considerable ability. A few years ago he took up his residence at Lower Hutt, but for some considerable time has been in indifferent health, and passed away at the ripe age of 81 years.

Walter Elias WOODS (1852-1917) Evening Post 29 October 1917

A painful sensation was caused in Wellington to-day in consequence of the discovery in the Boat Harbour on Clyde-quay of the dead body of Mr Walter Woods, a well-known citizen. Mr Woods, who resided in Talavera-terrace, was proprietor of the Waingawa Butchery in Manners-street, and had been a resident of Wellington for over 40 years. In the 80's he was a partner in the firm of Woods Crosbie and Co., butchers, Lambton-quay, and later on he was local manager for the Gear Meat Company. At 6 o'clock this morning he left home for the purpose, it was understood, of going to his shop, and at 11 o'clock the caretaker of the Boat Harbour saw his body floating in the water close to the skids. The late Mr Woods, who was as a rule of a very genial disposition, appeared for some time before his death to be very much worried. He has left a widow and two sons (Cyril, a dentist by profession, now at the front, and Percy, who is still in Wellington.)

Sarah Jane WRIGHT *formerly* OUSEY *nee* BOOTH (1853-1935)

Evening Post 07 November 1935

Mrs Sarah Jane Wright, of Lower Hutt, who died recently, at the age of 82 years, arrived in New Zealand 74 years ago, by the old sailing vessel *Queen of the Avon*. She leaves four daughters and two sons, Mrs Fleet (Petone), Mrs Hosie (Lower Hutt), Mrs Becham (Wanganui), Mrs Grushaw (Dannevirke), Mr H. Wright (Lower Hutt) and Mr P. Ousey (Kaitoki). There are thirty-one grand-children and sixteen great-grand-children, one sister, Mrs L. Manning (Lower Hutt) and two brothers, Mr J. Booth (Carterton) and Mr W. Booth (Sydney). Mrs Wright lived in the Hutt for the last twenty-nine years. Prior to that she resided in Carterton and Dannevirke, and spent her early days in Karori. She will be deeply mourned by her many friends.

William Thomas WYATT (1816-1904) Evening Post 03 August 1904

Mr W. T. Wyatt, formerly Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages at Wellington, died last night at his residence, Owen-street, Newtown. Until a few years ago he was a well-known figure in the official service of the colony, in which he had spent many years of his life. He was born at Buckinghamshire in 1816, and educated at Bushley, in Hertfordshire. He began business life as an apprentice to a law stationer in London, but in 1847 emigrated to Victoria, where he spent some years as deputy-superintendent on a sheep station at Geelong. Then the Californian goldfields attracted him for a time, but he returned to Victoria, and in 1857 came across to New Zealand and entered the Crown Lands Department as a clerk. Next he became Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and on the death of the late Mr Holdsworth he succeeded to the office of Registrar, which he held until a few years ago, being succeeded by the present Registrar, Mr F. W. Mansfield. Deceased leaves a widow and two daughters, one married to Mr Price, farmer of Woodville. Messrs W. Hale (Tasman-street) and C. Hale, of Turnbull, Hickson, and Palmer, are his nephews.

William Andrew YOUNG (1866-1907) Evening Post 05 March 1907

Mr W. A. Young, who died at Lower Hutt on Friday last, was a son of the late Mr Andrew Young, with whom he was associated some years ago in the venture of running a line of 'buses in opposition to the trams. Deceased leaves a widow and one young son. The cause of death was consumption.

Alexander YULE (1806-1890) Wairarapa Daily Times 26 April 1890

We regret to have to record the death of one of the oldest and most respected residents of this district in the person of Mr Alexander Yule, who became deceased at East Taratahi yesterday, at the ripe old age of 84 years. Mr Yule arrived in this Colony by the Bengal Merchant in the year 1840. For a number of years, he took up his abode at the Lower Hutt, leaving that district for the Wairarapa in 1863. He has been resident at East Taratahi for 27 years, during which time he has been greatly esteemed by all with whom he was acquainted. Mr Yule was an ardent church worker and was for many years an elder of the local Presbyterian Church. A large circle of friends, and an extensive family of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are left to mourn their loss.