William Eustace WHITCOMBE (1848-1930)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 29 Mar 1864
Shipping Intelligence – Arrived March 25, barque Memento, from London. Entered inwards – barque Memento, 464, Lyall, from London. Passengers – Messrs C. D. Whitcombe, W. E. Whitcombe, Rod, Dee and Porter.

Jenkins: Descendants of William Jenkins & Catherine Jane Mewis May 1842-May 1992 p166
Enrolled at New Plymouth as a private in the Otago Contingent of No.2 Taranaki Military Settlers 5 Apr 1864. Arrived at New Plymouth on the 'Airedale' 11 Apr 1865. Was stationed at New Plymouth on 30 Jun 1865.

Taranaki Herald 4 May 1867 Coroner's Inquest
On Saturday last an inquest was held at the Moturoa pa, touching the death of Riria Hineata, a native woman. The following were the names of the jurymen: Thomas Bayly (foreman), J. C. Honeyfield, Philip Vercoe, James Ward, Joe Ward, William Edgecombe, Peter Priske, Joseph Hobson, John Smith, W. E. Whitcombe, John Bishop and John Munro.

Index to AJHR 1861-1873 a partial index
Private William Eustace Whitcombe, NZ War Medal, Taranaki Military Settler 1873 H16A p3

The NZ Medal to Colonials by Richard Stowers p73 Taranaki Military Settlers
William Eustace Whitcombe; Private; Also No. 7th Div, Armed Constabulary (3 Nov 1868 to 18 Mar 1872); Armed Constabulary, Waihi, Taranaki; Waikoko 1 Feb 1866, Te Pokopoko (Waimana) 1867; Born 1847 St Lucia, Cotes du Monde; Teacher; Arrived aboard *Memento* April 1863. *Gazette* 1873; Issued 4 Nov 1873; 2500; AD32/998; Duplicate medal issued 9 Dec 1913.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference P 8/1 [Police] Armed Constabulary List
William Eustace Whitcombe had light hair, fair complexion, blue eyes and was 5' 6" tall and was sworn in on 18 March 1872.

Taranaki Herald 27 Jun 1874 The Masonic Ball
The annual ball given by the mystic craft, came off on Wednesday evening last, and, we need scarcely say, was a complete success. The stewards representing the Mount Egmont Lodge, E.C., and the De Burgh Adams Lodge, I.C., were – Brothers J. S. McKellar, W.M., F. L. Webster, P.M., J. Ellis, P.M., G. D. Hammerton, P.M., C. D. Whitcombe, and A. S. Douglas. About eight o'clock, the guests began to assemble, and shortly after that hour the ball was opened by a Masonic quadrille, when dancing commenced, and was kept up with spirit until an early hour. Although the room was rather crowded, still, through the excellent management of Brother J. Paul, who officiated as M.C., very little inconvenience was experienced by the dancers. The music was under the direction of Brother W. R. Townsend, and the supper was provided by Brother D. Callaghan… The following is a list of those who were present at the ball:- Masons – P. J. O'Carroll, W.M., J. S. McKellar, W.M., W. Carrington, P.M., J. Ellis, P.M., G. D. Hammerton, P.M., J. H. Holford, P.M., F. L. Webster, P.M., W. Halse, J. Paul, W. H. Pitcairn, G. E. Duncan, A. S.

Douglas, W. Cottier, W. B. Messenger, C. D. Whitcombe, J. W. Sheppee, A. Weyergang, T. E. Hammerton, J. Boyce, A. Black, J. W. Wilkinson, G. D. Thomas, W. R. Townsend, W. E. Whitcombe, L. K. Vail, F. C. Rowan, D. Callaghan, J. Bland, S. W. Jackson, W. H. Free, and W. Hancock…

Christchurch Public Library Church Record Index - Reference: Register COMc3 7, Neil McCallum
Marriage: 9th Oct 1875 3.45pm at Ketemarae, Groom: William E. Whitcombe, bachelor, clerk, 27yrs; Bride: Ellen Jenkins, spinster, 18yrs
Witness: Catherine Jane Jenkins, Ketemarae and William Jenkins, storekeeper, Ketemarae

New Zealand Police Gazette – Wellington, Wednesday, February 27, 1878 - page 27 Miscellaneous Information
Return of Discharges in the Armed Constabulary Force – Constable William Eustace Whitcombe, No. 120

Timaru Herald 25 Nov 1878 Advertisement
I hereby give notice that I have this day disposed of my interest in the firm of Whitcombe and Co. to Messrs Crerar and Whitcombe. W. E. Whitcombe. November 16th, 1878.

Timaru Herald 15 Aug 1879 Advertisement
Mr W. E. Whitcombe has been appointed agent for the Press Company at Timaru, and is authorized to transact business on their behalf.

Timaru Herald 09 Mar 1880
8 Mar 1880 at Timaru, wife of William Eustace Whitcombe, of a daughter.

Timaru Herald 04 Nov 1880 Caledonian Society
A meeting of members of the South Canterbury Caledonian Society was held last evening, at the Grosvenor Hotel. Present – Mr W. McKenzie (in the chair), Captain Mills, Messrs D. Stuart, James King, Patridge, R. Stewart, Sinclair, Bell, and the Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr Stuart, as one of the Committee appointed to select a suitable secretary for the Society, as successor to Mr W. Davidson, reported that Mr W. E. Whitcombe had been selected to fill the post. Mr Whitcombe's appointment was confirmed by the meeting. It was resolved that the Committee already appointed to draft a programme be empowered to make a fair copy of the same, the total amount of prize money to be offered not to exceed that of last year. The Committee were also empowered to appoint handicappers and judges for the sports. It was also resolved that the next meeting should be held at the same place on the 16th instant, at 8 p.m. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

1881 Timaru Electoral Roll
Wm. Eustace Whitcombe, Commission agent, Timaru

Wises Post Office Directories 1880-1886
William E. Whitcombe, agent, Great North rd, Timaru

Timaru Herald 11 May 1881 In Bankruptcy
In the District Court of Timaru and Oamaru, holden at Timaru. In the matter of the Debtors and Creditors Act 1876 and the several Acts amending the same, and of the Bankruptcy of William Eustace Whitcombe, a debtor. This is to notify that William Eustace Whitcombe, of Timaru, in the County of Geraldine, commission agent, has this day filed a statement that he is unable to meet his engagements with his creditors. The first meeting of creditors to be held at the District Courthouse, Timaru, on Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 1881, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. J. E. Allen, Clerk of Court. William Eustace Whitcombe, Acting for Self.

Timaru Herald 23 Mar 1882 Deaths
On the 13th January, at Bath, England, Thomas Douglas Whitcombe, Captain Royal Artillery (Madras Retired List), Knight of the Military Order of the Saviour of Greece, and third son of the late Sir Samuel Whitcombe. North Island papers please copy.

Timaru Herald 25 Sep 1883
24 Sep 1883, wife of W. E. Whitcombe, of a daughter.

Timaru Herald 9 Apr 1886 Death
At Church street, Timaru, Ellen, the beloved wife of W. E. Whitcombe, aged 28 years.

Taranaki Herald 20 Apr 1886 and Hawera and Normanby Star 21 Apr 1886
Death: Whitcombe – On the 8th inst., Ellen, the beloved wife of William Eustace Whitcombe, who departed this life at Timaru, aged 28 years.

Timaru Cemetery Sexton's Register
Ellen Whitcombe, 28yrs, buried 11 Apr 1886. Minister: Arch Harper. Plot C97 purchased 1 Apr 1886 £2 2s by W. E. Whitcombe. Remarks: 98 – 14 May 1886 [plot 98?]

Timaru Cemetery – Headstone Inscription – 35th row
Ellen wife of William Eustace Whitcombe died at Timaru on Thursday 8th day of April 1886 in her 28yr

Wises Post Office Directory 1887-1888
Whitcombe & Tipping (William Eustace Whitcombe & Edmund Tipping), commission agents, Great North road, Timaru
William Eustice Whitcombe, Church st, Timaru – right hand side from Great North Road, corner Church and Le Cren Streets

Christchurch Public Library Church Record Index - Reference: Register HTA3 249
Marriage: 31 May 1887 at All Saints, New Brighton. Groom: William Eustace Whitcombe, widower, commission agent, 38yrs, born St Brienc, son of Thomas Douglas Whitcombe, Captain R.A., and Elizabeth Kirkcaldie; Present and usual residence: Timaru; Bride: Myra Haste, spinster, 20yrs, born Thorner, Yorkshire dau of James Haste, malster and Martha Wilkinson; Present and usual residence: New Brighton; Witnesses: C. H. Gilby and Edith Haste; Minister Rev. W. Radcliffe. 'I certify that the above is a true copy of the entry made at the time of the marriage on Form 12 in accordance with Section 36 of the Marriage Act, W. A. Pascoe'

Star 08 Jun 1887 Marriage
May 31, at All Saints Church, New Brighton, near Christchurch, by the Rev W. Radcliffe, William Eustace Whitcombe to Myra, younger daughter of the late James Haste, of Thorner, Yorkshire.

Timaru Herald 10 Jun 1887
WHITCOMBE-HASTE: May 31, 1887 at All Saint's Church, New Brighton, Christchurch, by the Rev William Radcliffe, William Eustace Whitcombe, third son of the late Mr Thomas Douglas Whitcombe, K. S. G., Captain Royal Artillery (Madras Retired List), of Gloucester, to Myra Haste, younger daughter of the late Mr James Haste, of Thorner, Yorkshire, England.

Timaru Herald 03 Aug 1888 Birth
At Church Street, Timaru, on 2nd inst., the wife of W. E. Whitcombe, of a daughter.

Evening Post 31 Mar 1890 Birth
On the 31st March, 1890, at Austin-street, Wellington, the wife of W. E. Whitcombe, of a daughter.

Wises Post Office Directory 1890-1891
Wm. Eustace Whitcombe, Wai-iti rd, Timaru

Wises Post Office Directory 1892-1897
William E. Whitcombe, com. agt., Hunter st, Wel

1893 Wellington Electoral Roll
William Eustace Whitcombe, Commission agent, Austin St, Wellington
Myra Whitcombe, married woman, 4 Austin St, Wellington

Press 14 Nov 1895 Personal Items
Mr W. E. Whitcombe, Wellington, is staying in Christchurch.

Press 23 Jul 1896 Personal Items
Mr W. E. Whitcombe, Wellington, came to Christchurch yesterday.

1896 Wellington Electoral Roll
William Eustace Whitcombe, Commission Agent, Austin Street
Myra Whitcombe, married woman, 4 Austin Street

1896 Otaki 2nd Supplementary Electoral Roll
William Eustace Whitcombe, Commission Agent, Plimmerton

Evening Post 08 Dec 1896
At Messrs. Bethune & Co.'s auction sale this afternoon, a property in Adelaide-road, consisting of a freehold allotment and two six-roomed houses, was sold for £400 to Mr J. Hutchen. A property in Tory-street, consisting of shop, bakery, and dwelling-house, formerly occupied by Mr C. McIntyre, was purchased for £475 by Mr W. E. Whitcombe. The other properties were passed in.

Wises Post Office Directory 1898-1899	W. E. Whitcombe, agt., McLeod Bros Ltd, Harris St, Wel
Wises Post Office Directory 1900	Wm. E. Whitcombe, g agt, Farish St; p r, 53 Queen St, Wel

Evening Post 02 Nov 1899
Plaintiffs succeeded in the following civil cases brought before Mr Haselden, S.M., this morning:- Mercantile Association v. William E. Whitcombe, £6 18s 6d.

Evening Post 5 Feb 1900
A charge against William Eustace Whitcombe, of attempting to commit suicide by drinking a quantity of laudanum was called in the Magistrate's Court this morning, and the accused being still in the Hospital, the case was adjourned till to-morrow, when it is expected he will be able to attend Court. Defendant resides in Owen-street, and carries on business in Harris-street as a broker and produce agent. It is understood that a few months ago he suffered from a severe attack of influenza, and he has not been in good health since. On Saturday he was found in his office suffering from the effects of laudanum, and Dr Martin, after doing all that was possible, ordered the sufferer's removal to the Hospital where he has progressed satisfactorily.

Taranaki Herald 7 Feb 1900
William E. Whitcombe, who is alleged to have attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum on Saturday last, was also brought before the Court. Inspector Pender said that this case had arisen from the same cause as the last – drink. Whitcombe was also remanded till Monday, the Bench saying, in reply to a request for bail, that accused would be better for further treatment.

Evening Post 12 Feb 1900
Both William E. Whitcombe and James May, charged on remand with having attempted to commit suicide were again before the Magistrate this morning, and after a warning by Mr Haselden were discharged from custody.

Taranaki Herald 13 Feb 1900
Both Whitcombe and May, who were charged at Wellington with attempting suicide, have been discharged from custody.

Press 11 Oct 1904 Advertisement
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company. Mr William Eustace Whitcombe has been appointed Sub-Agent for the above Company. C. J. Cooper, Manager. In connection with the above I beg to intimate that I am now prepared to ACCEPT FIRE RISKS at Current Rates. Also that I have commenced business on my own account as Insurance, Produce, and General Commission Agent. W. E. Whitcombe. Offices: Pyne and Co.'s Buildings, Cashel street, Christchurch.

Wises Post Office Directory 1901-1904	Wm. E. Whitcombe, clerk, Murray st., St Alb, Chch
Wises Post Office Directory 1905	Wm. Eustace Whitcombe, gen agt, 149a Cashel st, Chch; p r, 13 Murray st, St Alb
Wises Post Office Directory 1906-1907	Wm. Eustace Whitcombe, gen agt, 149a Cashel st, Chch

Evening Post 30 Jan 1907 Marriage
On the 24th January, at Seatoun, by Rev J. A. McNickle, Bertrand E., son of W. E. Whitcombe, to Melita Isadore Brooke, youngest daughter of the late J. S. Hickson.

Wises Post Office Directory 1908-1909	Wm. Eustace Whitcombe, gen agt, 149a Cashel st, Chch; p r, 13 Murray st, St Albans
Wises Post Office Directory 1910	Wm. Eustace Whitcombe, agt, 13 Murray st, St Albans, Chch

Dominion 22 Feb 1910 Pass Lists – Teachers' Certificate Examinations – Successful Candidates
The following lists contain statements of the principal results of the examinations held in January last. In the preparation of the lists consideration has been given to candidates' successes at previous examinations for teachers' certificates and at university examinations, of which due notice has been received… candidates for the Class C examination who… passed in a "section" under Clause 26 of the regulations… Passed in one subject… Myra J. Whitcombe…

Press 13 May 1913 The Honorary Territorials
Additional names… W. E. Whitcombe (Garrison Artillery)…

Free Lance 17 Sep 1915 Social
In our Roll of Honour on another page appears the portrait of Major George Cuthbert Mayne, reported killed in action on August 8th, 1915. He was a fine-looking, well-set-up specimen of our young manhood. Deep regret will be felt for his young wife, who resides at St. Alban's, Christchurch.

Image: Major George Cuthbert Mayne, Canterbury Mounted Rifles; killed.

1917 Alien Record p610
William E. Whitcombe, born France, aged 62yrs. In NZ for 50 years [arrived c1867]

Press 02 Dec 1920 Women's Corner – Weddings – Barton-Whitcombe
The wedding of Miss Freda Whitcombe, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Whitcombe, of St. Albans, to Mr Onslow Barton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. A. Barton, of Brabourne, Feilding, was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Merivale, yesterday, Cannon Mutter being the officiating clergyman. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by girl friends of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in white souple satin, with panniers of crepe georgette, lined with faint pink, and finishing touches of fine lace; the court train also was lined with pink, and the lovely embroidered veil of Brussels net fell from a circlet of orange blossoms. A bouquet of pink and white flowers tied with pink tulle streamers was carried. The attendant bridesmaid, Miss Molly Plimmer, of Wellington, wore an uncommon and artistic frock of shot heliotrope and green satin charmeuse, draped over crepe georgette, and a black hat. Her bouquet was of heliotrope flowers. Mr Cranleigh Barton was best man. After the ceremony, Mr and Mrs Whitcombe held a reception at their residence in Murray place, where Mrs Whitcombe received the guests wearing a smart gown of black crepe georgette, with touches of black and white cheeked taffetas, and a black hat adorned with ospreys. She carried a bouquet of dark red roses. Mrs Barton was gowned in violet crepe de chine and georgette, with a black hat, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The guests included: Mrs G. H. Whitcombe, Mr and Mrs S. F. Whitcombe (Dunedin), Mr and Mrs B. E. Whitcombe, Mr and Mrs Ernest Empson, Mr and Mrs McCredie, Mr and Mrs M. L. Reading, Mr and Mrs McKnight, Mr and Mrs Holford, Mr and Mrs Walcot Wood, Mrs Plimmer (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Montgomery (Ashburton), Mrs Bevan, Mrs J. E. Baker, Mr and Mrs David Taylor, Mrs Eric Webb (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Gilbert Archey, Mrs J. B. Mayne, and many others. The marquee, where the wedding breakfast was served, was beautifully decorated with pink and white flowers, and in the reception rooms roses and irises were employed as decorations.

New Zealand Herald 02 Nov 1923 Personal Items
Mr W. E. Whitcombe, of Christchurch, is at the Star Hotel.

Press 26 Nov 1917 Women's Corner
Mrs W. E. Whitcombe was a passenger from Wellington on Saturday.

Historic/Maori War Grave Archives NZ Wellington Reference 1A Series 76/16-18
Died 30 Jan 1930 aged 82yrs

Bromley Cemetery Christchurch Headstone Inscriptions – No. 12,000
Block 41 Row D. William Eustace Whitcombe, d 31 Jan 1930 a 81 And Myra Whitcombe d 13 May 1952.

Evening Post 04 Feb 1930
Mr W. E. Whitcombe, a veteran of the Maori Wars, died suddenly at St Alban's, Christchurch, on Friday at the age of 82 years. Born in Jersey, he was the third son of the late Captain T. D. Whitcombe, of the Madras Royal Artillery. He received his education in England and France, and with his brother, Mr C. D. Whitcombe, he immigrated to New Zealand in 1864, landing at Nelson. He proceeded immediately to Bell Block, Taranaki, joining up with the Military Settlers' Corps. He saw active service against the Maoris until 1870, and received the New Zealand Medal. In 1901 he left the North Island to take up residence in Christchurch, and was for 20 years with the firm of Pyne and Co. He leaves a widow, a son, and six daughters to mourn their loss.

Probate Christchurch Court 14 Feb 1930 - Arhives NZ Christchurch Reference CAHX CH171 15329
William Eustace Whitcombe, Comm. Agent, Christchurch. Leaves all to wife Myra.

Bromley Cemetery, Christchurch - Headstone Transcript
William Eustace Whitcombe, d 31 Jan 1930 a 81. And Myra Whitcombe, d 13 May 1952.

Alexander Turnbull Library Biographies Index
W. E. Whitcombe. TL 3/1 9 Oct 1959.

Dominion 7 Aug 1957 Mr B. E. E. Whitcombe
Mr Bernard Edward Eustace Whitcombe, a retired bank manager, has died in New Plymouth. He was aged 81. He was born in Normanby, Taranaki, and educated in Timaru and at Wellington College. Mr Whitcombe joined the Bank of New South Wales in Wellington and served in various North Island and South Island branch offices. In 1936 he was appointed branch manager at New Plymouth. After his retirement in 1940, Mr Whitcombe was secretary of the Taranaki Club till 1955. He took a keen interest in rugby and was treasurer of the North Otago union and Rangitikei subunion. His wife died in 1947. Mr Whitcombe is survived by two daughters, Mrs R. W. Buchanan (Feilding) and Mrs J. E. Finch (Northcote, Auckland) and a son Mr J. Whitcombe, Christchurch.