

Hutt Valley Timeline 1840

Jan 03 Fri	Ship 'Cuba' arrives with 30 passengers	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 20 Mon	Colonel Wakefield went out to the heads of the harbour and boarded the 'Aurora'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 21 Tue	'Aurora' detained outside heads by a north-west gale	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 22 Wed	Ship 'Aurora' arrives	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Jan 23 Thu	Colonel Wakefield reserves land for the cabin passengers of the 'Aurora'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 24 Fri	Landing of goods from 'Aurora' proceeded slowly due to bad condition of long boat	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 25 Sat	Landing of emigrants from 'Aurora' – subsequently busy pitching tents etc	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 26 Sun	James Buller, a Wesleyan Missionary, preached on board the 'Aurora'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Jan 31 Fri	Ships 'Aurora' and 'Cuba' saluted the arrival of the 'Oriental' with 11 guns each	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840

Feb 02 Sat	A violent gale detained passengers on board the 'Oriental'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 02 Sat	Captain Thompson of the 'Duke of Roxburgh' is lost overboard off Stephen's Island	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 03 Mon	'Oriental' passengers disembark for the day then return on board that evening	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 04 Tue	John Horst, Peter Crow, Edward Lawrence & Charles Hammond deserted 'Oriental' longboat	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 05 Wed	John Horst returns to the 'Oriental' – other three still absent from the ship	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 07 Fri	'Oriental' discharges cargo at the settlement on the banks of the river 4 to 5 miles from ship	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 08 Sat	Colonel Wakefield brings in the 'Duke of Roxburgh'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 10 Mon	In the evening natives were fighting on the east bank of the river and discharged muskets	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 10 Mon	Firing was from a party of our own natives who had gone in search of Chief 'Buacawa'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 11 Tue	Chief Pukawa's body is found – his head had been cut off and his heart taken from his body	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 12 Wed	Mr Horst, Mr Molesworth and Mr Hornbrook commenced victualling themselves onshore	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 14 Fri	Passengers of the 'Oriental' leave the ship	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 15 Sat	All of 'Oriental' cabin passengers leave the ship	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Feb 15 Sat	A woman, lately confined on the 'Aurora' died	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 16 Sun	Divine service performed near the Company's storehouse but not many attended	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 18 Tue	Colonel Wakefield went 'up the river' – settlers concerned at signs of flooding	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 20 Thu	Ship 'Bengal Merchant' arrives	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 21 Fri	Edward Jerningham Wakefield arrives at Port Nicholson	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 21 Fri	Dr T. Dorset arrives on the brig 'Guide'; went onshore and dined with Major Baker	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 22 Sat	EJW travels up river - saw Molesworth, Petre, Hopper, Sinclair & Mantell	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 24 Tue	Wind and rain all day – wind from north-east	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 25 Wed	Brig 'Luna' arrived from Sydney with 30-40 head of cattle – but no buyers	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 25 Wed	Brig from Sydney arrived with 24 cows, all but one in calf	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 26 Thu	In the evening a large party at dinner on the 'Aurora'	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 26 Thu	Sinclair sold five land orders to Crawford for 1300 guineas	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 26 Thu	Choice No.4 sold to a gentleman from Sydney for £1300 & Choice No.21 for £800	NZ Gaz & Spec 01 Aug 1840
Feb 28 Fri	The cannie 'Bengal Merchant' Scots busy working in SE gale and heavy rain	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Feb 29 Sat	Crew of 'Oriental' land heavy machinery – southerly gale at night	NZ Journal 15 Aug 1840
Feb 29 Sat	Thomas Rodgers born in a small manuka whare at Petone Beach	NZ Herald 28 Sep 1931

Mar 01 Sun	Thunder and lightning – spotted by Natives two large vessels in the Strait	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 02 Mon	Council met at Captain Smith's for the first time today – Hutt River overflowing in places	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 02 Mon	Strong gales from north-west and dark cloudy weather	NZ Journal 15 Aug 1840
Mar 03 Tue	River current was too strong, in consequence of late rains, to get up river with a long-boat	NZ Journal 15 Aug 1840
Mar 03 Tue	William Wakefield went up river; 8 inches of water in some houses; 'Cuba' arrived	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 04 Wed	Surveyors at work on the cut into the Okatu – Molesworth's people moving to a dry ridge	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 05 Thu	Ships 'Aurora' and 'Guide' tried to leave the harbour but failed due to light winds	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 06 Fri	Settlers houses nearly a foot deep with water from the overflowing river	NZ Gaz & Spec 20 Jun 1840
Mar 06 Fri	John Banks, carpenter's mate and Richard Mills, sailmaker – both of 'Oriental' deserted	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Mar 06 Fri	Ships 'Adelaide' and 'Glenbervie' anchored after dark	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Mar 06 Fri	'Aurora' leaves for Hokianga; Edward Jerningham Wakefield visits Petre up river	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 07 Sat	Hutt River overflowed its banks during the night	NZ Gaz & Spec 06 Jun 1840
Mar 07 Sat	Ship 'Glenbervie' arrives; evening – thunder & lightning	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 08 Sun	Ships 'Adelaide', 'Glenbervie' and 'Tory' anchor inside Somes Island	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 11 Wed	Sarah Elizabeth Lodge born at Petone	Evening Post 19 Feb 1925
Mar 18 Wed	Quarter acre section No.29 sold for £100; T. M. Partridge had tea & wine with Wharepouri	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 20 Fri	Dr T. Dorset - that 100 married females arrived in the family way; some already given birth	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 20 Fri	Large ship from Port Philip – 700 sheep, 60 cattle, 2 horses and some emigrants	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Mar 26 Thu	'Oriental' leaves Port Nicholson	NZ Journal 01 Aug 1840
Mar 29 Sun	Two more vessels arrived with stock & emigrants from Sydney	

Apr 01 Wed	A couple were married by Mr Butler and Mr Breary at Captain Smith's	Hannah Butler Journal
Apr 02 Thu	Mr MacFarlane had 'already' married a couple at the east end of the beach	Hannah Butler Journal
Apr 06 Mon	The Council sat for the first time under the constitution derived from the natives	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Apr 07 Tue	Surveyors to commence work at Lambton Harbour; 'Duke of Roxburgh' sails for Sydney	NZ Journal 29 Aug 1840
Apr 08 Wed	Samuel McDonnell – last tent, west end of Beach	NZ Gaz & Spec 18 Apr 1840
Apr 13 Mon	First shop opened in Port Nicholson – The Britannia Hotel and Stores – John Pierce	NZ Gaz & Spec 18 Apr 1840
Apr 14 Tue	Henry Meech & Oxenham, Shipwrights and Boat Builders, left side of the River Hutt	NZ Gaz & Spec 18 Apr 1840
Apr 20 Mon	Ship 'Bolton' arrived	NZ Journal 12 Sep 1840
Apr 24 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 57.5°F (14.2°C) and at 5pm 59.1°F (15.0°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Apr 29 Wed	Burial of James Wilson, seaman of the 'Bolton', aged 37yrs who had drowned in Hutt River	Hannah Butler Journal
May 01 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 50.86°F (10.5°C) and at 5pm 59.29°F (15.2°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
May 02 Sat	J. A. Langford, Chair maker, Joiner and Wood Turner opposite the Britannia Hotel	NZ Gaz & Spec 02 May 1840
May 06 Wed	Snow seen upon the Tararuas for first time this year	NZ Gaz & Spec 09 May 1840
May 06 Wed	George White and Mr Deans take up contracts for letting roads six feet wide up the valley	NZ Gaz & Spec 16 May 1840
May 07 Thu	Mr T. Roskell opens a Store at No.3, west end of the Beach	NZ Gaz & Spec 23 May 1840
May 08 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 52.2°F (11.2°C) and at 5pm 55.14°F (12.9°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
May 08 Fri	Death of Margaret, eldest daughter of William Golder	NZ Gaz & Spec 20 Jun 1840
May 09 Sat	Caledonian Tavern on the Beach opened – Mr W. Harvie	NZ Gaz & Spec 09 May 1840
May 10 Sun	Charles Nicholson Hunt, son of Uriah and Harriet Hunt baptized at the Scotch Church	Hannah Butler Journal
May 15 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 56.28°F (13.5°C) and at 5pm 55.14°F (12.9°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
May 17 Sun	Inquest on Henry Richard Eaton, Hutt aged 11 years	NZ Gaz & Spec 30 May 1840
May 22 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 54.88°F (12.7°C) and at 5pm 61.86°F (16.6°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
May 24 Sun	Luke Natrass seeks recovery of building materials mislaid/stolen from Beach at Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 27 Jun 1840
May 25 Mon	Fire at Cornwall-row – 15 families deprived of shelter, 1 or 2 lost all	NZ Gaz & Spec 30 May 1840
May 26 Tue	Earthquakes 5am and 6am	NZ Gaz & Spec 30 May 1840
May 27 Wed	Another shock of earthquake	Hannah Butler Journal
May 29 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 56°F (13.3°C) and at 5pm 58.87°F (14.9°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
May 29 Fri	Ship 'Bee' arrived from Sydney	Hannah Butler Journal
May 30 Sat	Hutt River overflowed its banks during the day	NZ Gaz & Spec 06 Jun 1840

Jun xx	Marriage: Charles William Keys to Maria Hunt at Petone by Rev J. G. Butler	NZ Herald 04 Dec 1900
Jun 01 Mon	Mrs Brown's first son was born	Akaroa Mail 14 Mar 1882
Jun 06 Sat	Mean temperature 8am 53°F (11.7°C) and at 5pm 57°F (13.9°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jun 06 Sat	Rev Butler preaches Charity Sermon on behalf of sufferers of late fire in Cornwall-row	NZ Gaz & Spec 30 May 1840
Jun 12 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 48.57°F (9.2°C) and at 5pm 54.57°F (12.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jun 13 Sat	G. H. Coglean, Waterloo Stores, east end of the beach, Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 13 Jun 1840
Jun 13 Sat	H. Read, Tinman & Brazier at east end of Company warehouses on the Beach	NZ Gaz & Spec 13 Jun 1840
Jun 15 Mon	Clark & Battrass commence charcoal burning –for sale at Mr Pierce's, Britannia Stores	NZ Gaz & Spec 13 Jun 1840
Jun 17 Wed	James Smith, Constable, Station-house, Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 20 Jun 1840
Jun 18 Thu	J. Telford sells goods at his House, at east end of the Company's Warehouses on the beach	NZ Gaz & Spec 11 Jul 1840
Jun 19 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 46°F (7.8°C) and at 5pm 54.14°F (12.3°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jun 20 Fri	Mr Deans, contracted to cut roads, has discovered the common source of the Hutt rivers	NZ Gaz & Spec 20 Jun 1840
Jun 20 Fri	A. Fowlds, Adelaide-terrace near the Bank, Britannia advertising Straw Bonnets & Ribbons	NZ Gaz & Spec 27 Jun 1840
Jun 26 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 47.57°F (8.7°C) and at 5pm 54.57°F (12.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jun 27 Fri	24 Country sections on the Beach and the Hutt are now surveyed & ready for delivering	NZ Gaz & Spec 27 Jun 1840

Jul 01 Wed	Public meeting – Col Wakefield remarks about Dudley Sinclair & hostility of colonists to Govt	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Jul 03 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 50.85°F (10.5°C) and at 5pm 54.43°F (12.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jul 03 Fri	Messrs Hopper & Co. open Factory for Smith's work next the Native Pah, Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 04 Jul 1840
Jul 03 Fri	Mr H. Boyton undertakes Engineering & Millwright's work at Hoppers store by River Hutt	NZ Gaz & Spec 04 Jul 1840
Jul 03 Fri	Contributions to the relief of those who suffered by the fire at Cornwall Row £31 5s	NZ Gaz & Spec 11 Jul 1840
Jul 04 Sat	James Williams of Cloudy Bay and Jane Florence were married by Rev Butler	Hannah Butler Journal
Jul 07 Tue	Ship 'Bolton' sailed for England	Hannah Butler Journal
Jul 10 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 45.57°F (7.5°C) and at 5pm 47.43°F (8.6°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jul 11 Sat	The Punt 'Louisa' is ready to convey goods between Thorndon, Britannia & River Hutt	NZ Gaz & Spec 11 Jul 1840
Jul 11 Sat	An exploring party is being formed to proceed to the Tararua range	NZ Gaz & Spec 11 Jul 1840
Jul 13 Mon	First mail run between Britannia (Mr Hunter) & Thorndon (Mr Paton) – rate is 2d for letters	NZ Gaz & Spec 11 Jul 1840
Jul 13 Mon	Mr G. H. Coghlan, Waterloo Stores, requests settling of accounts before leaving via 'Eleanor'	NZ Gaz & Spec 18 Jul 1840
Jul 17 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 48.57°F (9.2°C) and at 5pm 55.43°F (13°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jul 17 Fri	Michael Murphy Esq., appointed Acting Treasurer for Southern District of Northern Island	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Jul 17 Fri	Michael Murphy Esq., appointed to sanction the discharge of seamen in Southern District	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Jul 18 Sat	J. Allen commences conveying people & parcels to Thorndon via boat 'Enterprize'	NZ Gaz & Spec 18 Jul 1840
Jul 18 Sat	Tenders called for the building of a Jetty at Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 18 Jul 1840
Jul 20 Mon	New Zealand Company plan of the town was made available to the public	NZ Gaz & Spec 25 Jul 1840
Jul 24 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 45.55°F (7.5°C) and at 5pm 56°F (13.3°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Jul 25 Sat	For sale: A house containing 3 rooms, all fenced in situated on the beach, Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 25 Jul 1840
Jul 25 Sat	Messrs Lancaster & Scanlon can supply boards at the back of Commercial Tavern, Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 25 Jul 1840
Jul 28 Tue	Choice of Town sections was commenced	NZ Gaz & Spec 01 Aug 1840
Jul 30 Thu	Journey up the valley of the Eritonga commences	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Jul 31 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 42.2°F (5.7°C) and at 5pm 56°F (13.3°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account

Aug 01 Sat	James Wilson, joiner, cabinetmaker & chair maker starts business No.6 Clyde Tce Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 01 Aug 1840
Aug 01 Sat	J. H. Johnston, joiner & cabinetmaker starts business No.1 Clyde Tce Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 01 Aug 1840
Aug 01 Sat	J. H. Johnston's business is 'next house to the Rev Mr McFarlane'	NZ Gaz & Spec 01 Aug 1840
Aug 01 Sat	C. J. Stone, builder & joiner, has a timber supply & can erect buildings, Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 01 Aug 1840
Aug 04 Tue	Journey up the valley of the Eritonga – Mr Deans and 2 men join the party – making 8 in all	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Aug 06 Thu	Large fire up Hutt River	Hannah Butler Journal
Aug 07 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 40.28°F (4.6°C) and at 5pm 53.28°F (11.8°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Aug 14 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 49.28°F (9.6°C) and at 5pm 54.43°F (12.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Aug 14 Fri	Dr John Francis Healy fits up a surgery at Britannia (next door east of Mr Partridge's store)	NZ Gaz & Spec 15 Aug 1840
Aug 14 Fri	The selection of town acres was completed and many have taken possession of their land	NZ Gaz & Spec 22 Aug 1840
Aug 14 Fri	Journey up the valley of the Eritonga – Ernest Dieffenbach returns to the beach after 16 days	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Aug 16 Sun	Baptism of William John Spackman son of George and Sarah	Hannah Butler Journal
Aug 21 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 45.55°F (7.5°C) and at 5pm 56. 3°F (13.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Aug 22 Sat	The name "Britannia" for the first NZ Company settlement is approved by Capt Hobson	NZ Gaz & Spec 22 Aug 1840
Aug 22 Sat	NZ Gaz & Wellington Spec will in future be known as NZ Gaz & Britannia Spectator	NZ Gaz & Spec 22 Aug 1840
Aug 22 Sat	House for sale – 3 rooms & passage with windows, doors, flooring &c on beach Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 22 Aug 1840
Aug 25 Tue	Nine perish in boating tragedy off the Petone foreshore, three survived	NZ Gaz & Spec 29 Aug 1840
Aug 25 Tue	Mr Coglean's boat upset about two miles off. Mr Collett & Mr Child rescued then just in time	Hannah Butler Journal
Aug 25 Tue	"Mr Fowler's boat upset on the beach opposite our house; eight or nine drowned, viz:- William Elsdon, William Lancaster, Charles Rogers, Josiah Tucker, John Griffin, Martin Augustus, John Pierce, William Hight. Mr Butler went down to Thorndon in Mr Roskell's boat. He went on board the 'Platina' and remained all night.	Hannah Butler Journal
Aug 25 Tue	Dr Dieffenbach & Mr Deans were reported to have reached the summit of the Tararua range	NZ Gaz & Spec 22 Aug 1840
Aug 26 Wed	The body of Charles Rogers was picked up at Waiwetu	Hannah Butler Journal
Aug 28 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 49°F (9.4°C) and at 5pm 53°F (11.7°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Aug 28 Fri	Funeral at 2oc – all nine men interred at same time	NZ Gaz & Spec 29 Aug 1840
Aug 28 Fri	Coglean's boat upset at east end of beach nearly two miles from shore – all saved	NZ Gaz & Spec 29 Aug 1840
Aug 29 Sat	E Pouni and all men from Pah Petone able to bear arms headed toward Palliser Bay	NZ Gaz & Spec 29 Aug 1840
Aug 30 Sun	Funeral discourse delivered by Rev J. McFarlane of the Scotch Kirk – Luke 7:12	NZ Gaz & Spec 05 Sep 1840
Aug 30 Sun	"Coromandel" arrives with 33 passengers, 200 sheep, 20 bullocks & four horses	NZ Gaz & Spec 05 Sep 1840
Aug 30 Sun	Two earthquakes during the night	Hannah Butler Journal

Sep 01 Thu	Robert Wakefield Park died aged 10 months, son of Robert Park, Esq., of Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 03 Tue	Michael Murphy Esq., future police magistrate and Dudley Sinclair arrive in "Britomart"	NZ Gaz & Spec 05 Sep 1840
Sep 04 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 51.6°F (10.9°C) and at 5pm 52.2°F (11.2°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Sep 05 Sat	"Colonial Bill" still not found – casualty of boat tragedy on Aug 25	NZ Gaz & Spec 05 Sep 1840
Sep 05 Sat	Colonists who discharge firearms on the beach within limits of town may be fined £5 a shot	NZ Gaz & Spec 05 Sep 1840
Sep 07 Mon	Dudley Sinclair refutes Colonel Wakefield's comments re colonist hostility to Govt	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 08 Tue	At Britannia – partnership between Dudley Sinclair & Archibald Miller, brickmakers dissolved	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 08 Tue	Dudley Sinclair advertises sale/exchange/lease of large number of Town Acres at Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 09 Wed	Messrs Partridge, Durie and Cook arrive on the schooner "Jewess", Captain Munn	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 10 Thu	H. & T. Cook take over house lately occupied by Mr Heather as a store at Britannia	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 10 Thu	Town acres 245 and 392 at Britannia to be let	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 11 Fri	Mean temperature 8am 47°F (8.3°C) and at 5pm 54°F (12.2°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Sep 12 Sat	Queen's Head Tavern now open at Britannia – boat 'Speculator' to commute from Petone	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 12 Sat	Britannia Town Acres advertised for sale or exchange – apply to Messrs Hopper & Co.	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 12 Sat	Messrs Reading and Newell, carpenters &c, Britannia next door to Mr Allen's store	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840
Sep 12 Sat	Commercial Hotel & Coffee Rooms, J. Allen, opened at Britannia – offers boat service	NZ Gaz & Spec 12 Sep 1840

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... We take the opportunity of stating that the town is in the bay called Thorndon, but properly speaking Lambton Harbour; that there is no other town, and that the vessels now proceed to this bay...."

Sep 17 Thu	Edward Betts Hopper drowns in Hutt river	NZ Gaz & Spec 19 Sep 1840
Sep 19 Sat	Mean temperature 8am 50.6°F (10.3°C) and at 5pm 50.6°F (10.3°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Sep 20 Sun	Edward Betts Hopper buried	Hannah Butler Journal
Sep 25 Fri	Mr Allen's boat, returning from Britannia, picked up a body drowned at the upsetting of Mr Fowler's boat; they buried him.	Hannah Butler Journal
Sep 28 Mon	Severe earthquake	Hannah Butler Journal

Oct 01 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 53.57°F (12°C) and at 5pm 58°F (14.4°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Oct 05 Mon	25 of 30 Hutt country sections were chosen	NZ Gaz & Spec 10 Oct 1840
Oct 08 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 57°F (13.9°C) and at 5pm 60.29°F (15.7°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Oct 14 Wed	Mr Eaton died	Hannah Butler Journal
Oct 15 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 58.14°F (14.5°C) and at 5pm 60.28°F (15.7°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Oct 16 Fri	Buried Richard Adolphus Eaton (County of Salop)	Hannah Butler Journal
Oct 22 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 59.27°F (15.2°C) and at 5pm 60.86°F (16°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Oct 29 Thu	Elizabeth Mary Isaac, aged 3 yrs 9 mnths, drowned Hutt River opposite father's dwelling	Hannah Butler Journal
Nov 01 Sun	Elizabeth Mary Isaac buried, dau of Francis & Mary Isaac late of Walworth Rd London	Hannah Butler Journal
Nov 05 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 56.28°F (13.5°C) and at 5pm 60.86°F (16°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Nov 12 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 57.14°F (14°C) and at 5pm 63.43°F (17.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Nov 14 Sat	Ship 'Martha Ridgway' arrived – under quarantine with one case of smallpox on her	Hannah Butler Journal
Nov 19 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 56.57°F (13.7°C) and at 5pm 60.43°F (15.8°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Nov 26 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 60°F (15.6°C) and at 5pm 61.71°F (16.5°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Dec 03 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 57.86°F (14.4°C) and at 5pm 62.59°F (17°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Dec 10 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 59.14°F (15.1°C) and at 5pm 61.85°F (16.6°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Dec 16 Wed	Shock of earthquake	Hannah Butler Journal
Dec 17 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 65°F (18.3°C) and at 5pm 65.71°F (18.7°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Dec 20 Sun	Harriet Woouldon – claimed to be first white child born in Wellington	
Dec 24 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 66.14°F (19°C) and at 5pm 68.14°F (20.1°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account
Dec 24 Thu	William Richards, seaman, aged 42 years, buried	Hannah Butler Journal
Dec 25 Fri	Marriage Thomas William Tankersley to Sarah Draper at Petoni by J. G. Butler	Wgtn St Paul's Marriage Register
Dec 27 Sun	Ship 'Blenheim' arrived	Hannah Butler Journal
Dec 31 Thu	Mean temperature 8am 68.57°F (20.3°C) and at 5pm 69.8°F (21°C)	Hon. H. W. Petre Account

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