

Arthur Stanley JENKINS (1886-1968)

1871 Census New Lance Street, Chipping Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

Albert STONE	Head	27yrs	Chair Maker	b Chalfort St Giles, Buckinghamshire
Mary STONE	Wife	29yrs		b High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
Joseph B. STONE	Son	7yrs		b High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
Albert STONE	Son	2yrs		b High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
William STONE	Son	1 month		b High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

1881 Census Brook Street, Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

John STONE	Head	66yrs	Chair Manufacturer	b Chinoor, Buckinghamshire
Fanny STONE	Wife	55yrs		b High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
Benjamin J. STONE	Lodger	18yrs	Chair Maker [unmarried]	b High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

Suffolk and Essex Free Press 20 May 1885 Marriage

May 7, at Perth, Scotland, by the Rev Bannermin, D.D., "Captain" B. J. Stone, eldest son of Albert Stone, High Wycombe, to Hannah Goodchild, only daughter of Edward Goodchild, Sudbury, Suffolk.

The Sydney Morning Herald 12 Nov 1903 A Salvationist Drowned – Mrs Major Stone

Moree, Wednesday. Mrs Major Benjamin Stone, wife of Major Stone, manager of the Salvation Army Austral Guards, has been drowned in a water hole on the banks of the Mehi River, about 50 yards behind the Gwydir Hotel, where she was staying. Major Stone had only left his wife a few minutes to go with the guards, who were giving an open-air programme of music in the park in aid of the local cemetery fund. Mrs Stone was in bad health. For some time she lived in Melbourne, where she left a family. Major Stone left the guards at West Wallsend to go to Melbourne for his wife, and brought her back, joining the guards at Gunnedah last Saturday. During his absence a member of the band was drowned at Gunnedah. An inquest on Mrs Stone will be held to-morrow.

Sydney Morning Herald 13 Nov 1903

Moree, Thursday. At the coroner's inquest today on the body of Hannah Stone, wife of Major Stone, of the Salvation Army Austral Guards, a verdict of suicide while suffering from temporary insanity resulting from melancholia was returned.

Register of Coroner's Inquest and Magisterial Inquiries 1902-1907 – State Archives New South Wales Series 2763 Item X2086 Roll 343

No. 1216 Hannah Stone, aged 45yrs, born Colchester England, died at Moree. An inquest was held 12 Nov 1903 at Moree before J. W. Fletcher, the Coroner. Verdict: Found dead without any marks of violence and we further find that her death was caused by suffocation by drowning the result of her own act whilst suffering from temporary insanity caused by melancholia. There was no post mortem.

New Zealand Herald 01 Dec 1903

The wife of Major Stone, manager of the Salvation Army Austral Guards' Band, was drowned in the Mehi River, New South Wales, recently. The deceased had been complaining of illness during the day. Her husband left her to join the Guards, who were giving an entertainment in the park, and her body was afterwards found in the water. The police recovered the body, but life was extinct. Mrs Stone was travelling for her health.

Australia Marriage Index

Benjamin Joseph Stone married 1905 Kate Sarah Bolton at Perth, Western Australia

The West Australian 28 Feb 1906 Funeral Notice

The Friends of Major Benjamin J. Stone, of the Salvation Army, are respectfully invited to follow the remains of his late beloved wife, Kate Sarah, to the place of interment, the Salvation Army Cemetery, Karrakatta. The Funeral is appointed to leave the Salvation Army Fortress, Pier-st., Perth, at 2.50 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon, after the service, which will be held at 2 o'clock, for the Roe-street Platform, Perth. Friends wishing to attend the funeral may proceed by the 3.10 funeral train leaving Perth. Bowra and O'Dea, Undertakers, 193 Pier-st., Perth. Tel. 308.

Western Mail (Perth) 10 Mar 1906 Mrs K. S. Stone

The funeral of Mrs Kate S. Stone, Salvation Army, took place on Wednesday February 28, and was very largely attended. The cortege moved from the Salvation Army Fortress, Pier-street Perth, at the termination of the first portion of the funeral service. The funeral procession, consisting of some two hundred officers and soldiers of the Salvation Army, proceeded to the Roe-street platform, and thence by tram to the Salvation Army Cemetery, Karrakatta, where the remains were laid to rest. Brigadier Harris officiated at the graveside. The deceased was an English officer of the Salvation Army of some twenty-four years standing. She had filled the position of women's social secretary to the Commissioner for about two years. She had also been engaged in training work in South Africa and was principal of the Women's Wing Training Garrison at Melbourne for two sessions. Since coming to this State, she was stationed at Boulder City and Perth, and, by a sad coincidence, she died just twelve months after her landing. The pallbearers were Adjutant Burhup, Ensign Seaton, Captain Bennett, Captain Whiting, Lieutenant Morgan, and Lieutenant Morris. The chief mourners were Major B. J. Stone (husband) and Misses Maud and Kitty Stone (stepdaughters).

Australia Marriage Index

Benjamin Joseph Stone married 1907 Harriet McNee at Adelaide, South Australia

Bush Advocate 11 Apr 1910 Salvation Army Wedding

A wedding in which a considerable amount of interest was manifested was celebrated at the Eltham Salvation Army Hall on Thursday afternoon, when Miss Alice Maude De Jersey Stone, eldest daughter of Major Stone, formerly of Eltham and now of Dannevirke, was married to Mr Stanley Arthur Jenkins, son of Envoy Thomas Jenkins, of Eltham. The bride was given away by her father and the bridesmaid was Miss K. Stone, sister of the bride, while the bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr Samuel Jenkins. The ceremony was performed by Colonel Knight, commander of the Salvation Army in the North Island, and amongst those present were Colonel Brengle and Ensign Cooke, of America. The celebration was conducted in real Salvation Army fashion, the hall being filled with interested friends. A company of singers rendered an appropriate piece, "God bless you." Ensign Cooke, American songster, contributed two items much to the enjoyment of the gathering. Adjutant Gray, on behalf of the local corps, presented the happy couple with a very beautiful clock. After the solemn convenants were recorded, the party adjourned to the house of Mr and Mrs Pascoe, where a very enjoyable time was spent, the young couple being the recipients of many good wishes for their future happiness.

1911 Auckland Electoral Roll

Benjamin Joseph STONE, Salvation Army officer; Harriet, married – Farnham Street

Wairarapa Age 11 Aug 1919 Personal

Major Stone, who has been stationed in the Wairarapa for some months past in connection with the Salvation Army work, and who is well known in connection with the soldiers' hostel at Featherston, and now the Eventide Home, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier. The new brigadier has 36 years credit to his service in the work of the Salvation Army, and has labored in England, Scotland, South Africa, Australia, and for the last nine years in New Zealand in connection with the social work of the Salvation Army. Brigadier Stone is well known throughout the Dominion for his genial and generous help extended to many thousands of soldiers, their wives and relatives during the existence of the military camp.

Stratford Evening Post 13 Jan 1925 Obituary

Three residents of the Eltham district died on Sunday. Mr Joseph Kerr, for many years a farmer on the Mangawhero Road, Eltham died after a short illness. Mrs S. A. Jenkins, wife of Mr Stanley Jenkins, of the Mangawhero Road, Eltham, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Stone of the Salvation Army, died after a long and painful illness. Mrs V. Philpotts, wife of Mr Victor Philpotts, a member of the Eltham Fire Brigade and caretaker of the station, passed away.

Whos Who in New Zealand and the Western Pacific 1925

Benjamin Joseph Stone, Brigadier, Salvation Army, People's Palace, Upper Queen Street, Auckland. Born London 1863; married Harriet, daughter of Arch. McNee; six sons, three daughters. Educated nat. school England; Bucks County XI (football); became officer in South Africa 1882; commissioned by Gen. William Booth (founder) 1883; did service in Scotland, England, Channel Is., S. Africa, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia; major 1907; transferred to New Zealand 1908; divisional commander Taranaki; Hawke's Bay; stationed at Waihi; Auckland Men's Indust. Home, Christchurch People's Palace, Featherston Soldiers' Hostel; brigadier 1919; Narrow Neck Military Camp then People's Palace, Auckland; long service order and medal from General Booth for service in Great War.

Auckland Star 09 Apr 1932 Death of a S.A. Officer – Brigadier B. J. Stone – Long Record of Service

Brigadier Benjamin Joseph Stone, of the Salvation Army, passed away at his residence, Ponsonby Road, yesterday morning at the age of 68. He had been in poor health for some years. Born in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, he entered the Salvation Army Training Home in November 1882, the present leader being a cadet in the same session. Had Brigadier Stone lived until November he would have completed 50 years in the service. He served as an officer in England, Scotland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. During the war he was officer in charge of the Salvation Army Soldiers' Relatives' Hostel at Featherston, and from there was appointed chaplain to the convalescent camp at Narrow Neck. He received the long-service order and medal from General Booth for his service during the war. Brigadier Stone was transferred to New Zealand in 1908, and was appointed commander for Taranaki, and, later, for Hawke's Bay. He received appointments to other parts of the Dominion also. Up to the time of his retirement in 1927 he had several appointments in the vicinity of Auckland, including Rotoroa Island and King's Court. He is survived by his widow, six sons and two daughters. The children are Captain Bramwell Stone (Balclutha), Mr H. B. Stone (Auckland), Harold Stone (Wellsford), Stanley, Lloyd and Norman Stone (Auckland); and Mrs I. J. Bridger (Mayoress of Eltham), and Miss Eva Stone (Auckland).

New Zealand Herald 11 Apr 1932 Obituary – Brigadier B. J. Stone

The death has occurred of Brigadier Benjamin Joseph Stone, of Ponsonby, Auckland, a prominent officer of the Salvation Army. Born in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, in 1864, he entered the service of the Salvation Army nearly 50 years ago. Prior to coming the New Zealand in 1908 he worked in England, Scotland, the Channel Islands, South Africa, and Australia. For a period he was commander in Taranaki and later in Hawke's Bay. He also held appointments in Waihi and in Christchurch. During the Great War Brigadier Stone was in charge of the Salvation Army soldiers' relatives' hostel at Featherston and he subsequently became chaplain to the soldiers' convalescent camp at Narrow Neck, Devonport. In recognition of these services he was awarded the Army's long-service order and medal, and in 1919 he was promoted to the rank of brigadier. From 1922 until his retirement five years later he held several positions in the Auckland district, including the charge of the Rotoroa Island home. In 1907 Brigadier Stone was married in Adelaide, South Australia, to Staff Captain Harriet McNee, who was then engaged in social work in Western and South Australia. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs I. J. Bridger, Mayoress of Eltham, and Miss Eva Stone, of Auckland, and six sons. Captain Bramwell Stone, of Balclutha; Mr H. B. Stone, of Auckland; Mr Harold Stone, of Wellsford; and Messrs Stanley, Lloyd and Norman Stone, of Auckland. A memorial service was conducted by Major Fitness in the Salvation Army Hall, Ponsonby, last evening.

1935 Dunedin South Electoral Roll

William Bradwell STONE, Salvation Army officer; Emma, married – 56 Reid Road

Stratford Press 14 Feb 2007 Thirty years ago

A former Mayor of Eltham, Ira James Bridger, died at the age of 92 in Glen Eden, Auckland. Mr Bridger was born at Kaituna, near Takaka and came to Eltham with his parents in 1894 at the age of nine. He was the Mayor of Eltham from 1925 to 1938 and was previously a Borough Councillor for six years. One of his first duties was to organize a fundraising campaign for the erection of Memorial Gates at the Eltham School which were completed in 1926. Mr Bridger was especially remembered for the help he gave families during the Depression. On one occasion he organized a gala day at Taumata Park to raise money for the relief of the unemployed. The formation of Bridger Park, opposite the Town Hall in Stanners Street was one of the projects undertaken to provide work for the unemployed. Originally a wasteland of blackberry, 8-10ft high, and tangled willows, it was transformed into an attractive park with flowering kowhai, cherry trees and rhododendrons.