

Thomas Hunt JENKINS (1848-1929)

Wanganui Chronicle 19 Jan 1877 Marriage

On the 26th December, at Wellington, Mr Thomas Jenkins late of Patea, to Miss M. Drake, of Wellington.

Hawera & Normanby Star 25 Aug 1892 Eltham

The election of a new School Committee took place on Monday, 15th inst. The school was well filled with householders, and the following were elected:- Messrs C. Maslin, W. Finlay, T. H. Jenkins, W. N. Jenkins, J. Penny, Ford, and G. C. Turner. Mr Turner was elected chairman. None of the old committee stood for re-election, as they somewhat resented being so summarily turned out.

Evening Post 19 Dec 1898 Death

At the residence of her daughter (Mrs T. H. Jenkins), Dovedale, Eltham, Ceres Selina, relict of the late Thos. J. Drake, the Ranges, Porirua; aged 76 years.

Hawera & Normanby Star 19 Dec 1898 Eltham

An old lady, named Mrs Drake, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr Thos. Jenkins, at the age of 87. The body will be taken to Wellington to-day by train to be interred, she being one of the oldest residents of that place.

Hawera & Normanby Star 22 Dec 1898 Death

On the 16th December, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Jenkins, Mangawhero, Ceres Selina, relict of the late T. J. Drake, Esq., Wellington, and daughter of the late Mr Walters, Ship-broker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

Wanganui Herald 11 Jul 1899 Education Board

The usual monthly meeting of the Wanganui Education Board was commenced last evening... Commissioners – Householders having failed to elect Committees, the following Commissioners were appointed:- ... Mangawhero, T. H. Jenkins...

Hawera & Normanby Star 01 Mar 1905 Dawson's Falls

Visitors to Dawson's Falls Mountain House during the week ending February 26, 1905: - Mrs T. H. Jenkins, Mr S. Jenkins, Eltham;...

Otago Witness 12 Jul 1905 Death

On the 9th July, at Christchurch, Ellen, relict of the late Robert Aslin, Oxton, Notts, England; aged 75 years. "At rest." Private interment.

Taranaki Herald 23 Jul 1906 Death

At Westown, New Plymouth, on 22nd July, 1906, Mercy wife of Thomas Jenkins, of Eltham, aged 63 years. (Other papers please copy)

Taranaki Daily News 24 Jul 1906 Obituary – Mrs Thos. Jenkins of Eltham

By the death, which occurred at Westown yesterday, of Mercy, wife of Mr Thomas Jenkins, of Eltham, Taranaki and the colony loses another from the rapidly thinning ranks of our true pioneers. The deceased lady, although only 63 years of age at the time of her death, was preeminently entitled to be honoured as an old colonist, being colonial born. Sixty-six years ago there arrived at Wellington, amongst the earliest of the New Zealand Company's settlers Mr John Drake, father of the subject of this notice. Mrs Jenkins was born in Wellington in 1843, and consequently, with her brothers, had seen and experienced all the ups and downs of pioneering life. Coming to Taranaki some thirty-five years ago, she lived for some time in the Patea district, where her brothers were engaged in farming pursuits. She married, in Wellington, 22 years ago, Mr Thos. Jenkins (also colonial born), second son of the Rev (?) William Jenkins, a Methodist Maori missionary, who came out to Nelson in the 40's. Mr and Mrs Jenkins came up to Normanby to reside 29 years ago, engaging in farming pursuits. During the A. C. days Mr T. Jenkins was attached to the commissariat dept., his elder brother Mr W. Jenkins, also of Eltham, seeing service as a trooper. Subsequently Mr and Mrs Jenkins took up land in the Eltham district, and were the first settlers to settle in that locality. Their names are, naturally, indissolubly associated with the settlement and progress of that district, where they have been numbered amongst the most successful pioneers and farmers. Kind, hospitable, and God-fearing, the older settlers especially have ever held the name of Jenkins in high esteem. When the Salvation Army unfurled its banner in Eltham some years ago Mr and Mrs Jenkins were the first soldiers enrolled, and their support has ever since been the principal pillar in that organization in Eltham. Some nine months ago Mrs Jenkins, who up till that time had led a most healthy life, began to ail, and some six months ago came to reside at Westown for medical treatment, but complications supervened and she gradually sank, without complaint. She is survived by her husband and six of a family of five boys and a girl. All the family are engaged in farming pursuits in the Eltham district, with the exception of one son, Lieut. Jenkins, of the staff of the New Plymouth Salvation Army corps. A sister, Mrs W. Jenkins, of Eltham, is also surviving. Mrs Jenkins was a relative of Mrs Bainbridge, a victim of the Tarawera eruption.

In the lives of all the old pioneers there have been stirring times, many of them long since historically established, and it is interesting here to recall portion of the life history of the early Methodist missionary, William Jenkins, mentioned above. He saved his life on the occasion of the Wairau massacre by the fortunate (for him) circumstance of having missed his boat. On that historical, ill-omened day, he was to have acted as interpreter, and but for his unintentional absence would certainly have met the fate of his compatriots. A few years later Mr Jenkins went with the first Maori Chiefs who visited England, and accompanied his dusky brethren when they visited Queen Victoria. Having lived his allotted span, he died at Wanganui, where he was buried. The surviving members of his family are Messrs William, Thomas and Harry Jenkins (all of Eltham) and a daughter resident in England. The funeral of the late Mrs Jenkins takes place at Eltham on Thursday afternoon

Taranaki Herald 27 Jun 1906 Land Board

The monthly meeting of the Taranaki Land Board was held at New Plymouth on Tuesday... The following applications for transfers were approved:- F. J. A. and A. T. Hayward to T. H. Jenkins, sec 2, bl 7, Omona...

Grey River Argus 03 Apr 1907

Passengers overland from Christchurch by the Otira express last night included Mrs (Dr) Morice, Misses Constance and Lulu Morice, Miss Thurston, Messrs A. O'Donoghue, P. Deere, Rev. Aker, Mr and Mrs Houliston, Mrs J. Allen, Mrs J. W. Piper, Mr and Mrs D. Sullivan, Messrs P. N. Jeffries, W. Kerr, H. Coomb, H. A. Harker, I. Korteretest, T. Kerr, W. Bade, P. F. Woodroffe, Mr and Mrs P. Bell, Mrs Stratford-Henniker, Mrs Brett, Miss Wickes, Miss Brett, Mrs Alf. Wickes, Mrs Macandrew (Hokitika), Miss J. Johnston (Dunedin), Miss L. McEwan (Dunedin) and [Mr T. H. Jenkins](#).

Hawera & Normanby Star 16 Sep 1907 Egmont A. and P. Association

A committee meeting of the Egmont A. and P. Association was held on Saturday afternoon... The following were elected members of the Society:- Sir Chas. Burdett, Messrs T. H. Gillman, E. Thurston, J. E. Roe, N. A'Court, [H. R. Jenkins](#), J. Blair, J. O'Neill, L. Fairhall, J. Carmen, M. Gall, C. Potts, F. W. Frethey, W. Hansen, Hayden, J. Pearce, H. Vine, C. Ball, P. McNaughton, J. C. Hawkes, [T. H. Jenkins](#), J. Hunt, F. Cowern, A. Cliff, E. P. Webster, D. McGregor, L. Nairn, P. Sheahan, A. Gorringer, W. Dawbin, D. Moir, Ogden, E. McGuire, G. Copplestone, A. McGarry, W. Humphries.

Hawera & Normanby Star 10 Feb 1908 Eltham County Council

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Saturday... Mangawhero Bridle Track – Cr. Dive reported that Mr T. H. Jenkins was prepared to donate £100 towards the formation. The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman and Cr. Dive to report at next meeting.

Hawera & Normany Star 11 Nov 1908 General Election

Egmont Electorate. Mr Wake's Nominators:- W. C. Dudley, Opunake, farmer; [T. H. Jenkins](#), [Mata](#), farmer; T. Watson, Mangatoki, farmer; A. McKeown, Pihama, farmer; W. C. Clement, Eltham, farmer; Florence Bailey; A. T. Scrivener, Eltham, farmer; J. C. Woolliams, laborer; W. E. Watson, Stuart road, settler; H. S. Mundy, Rowan, farmer; Emily Watson, Mangatoki; [H. R. Jenkins](#), [Eltham](#), farmer; W. H. Jones, Ngaire, farmer; J. Moffitt, Hastings road, farmer; W. H. Herbert, Mata, dairy farmer; L. H. Knuckey, Eltham, farmer; C. H. Harrison, Ngaire, farmer; J. R. Wickham, Ngaire, settler; G. Chamberlain, Ngaire, settler; J. J. O'Dea, Kapuni, farmer; Winifred L. Jones, Ngaire; Margaret L. Chamberlain; Rosina Chamberlain, Ngaire; Rosa E. Clark, Ngaire, domestic duties; H. Lacey, Cardiff, farmer; F. T. Hamilton, Cardiff, farmer; J. Stewart, Cardiff, farmer; J. Young, Chairman Parihaka Road Board; D. A. Poole, J.P., Auroa; A. T. Peters, Matapu, farmer; G. Kirk, Riverlea, farmer; J. R. Fleming, Pungarehu, farmer; C. Waite, Rowan, farmer; C. H. Hurst, Pihama, farmer; E. J. Harrison, Auroa, farmer; Clara Rogers, Chislehurst; O. A. Mullom, Opunake, cordial manufacturer; J. Clarke, Opunake, watchmaker; A. Clarke, Opunake, tailor; Mrs E. Harrison, Ngaire; A. E. Wickham, Ngaire, butcher; Elinor R. Phillips, Ngaire; C. Callaghan, Opunake, baker; H. G. Carman, Eltham, stationer; E. Parrott, J.P., accountant; G. Parker, Mangatoki, farmer; R. G. Barr, factory manager; Ann Layard, Pungarehu; Flora Guy, Pungarehu; W. Cooper, Pungarehu; B. A. Layard, Pungarehu, farmer; and nineteen others (factory managers, laborers, settlers, etc., etc.)

Hawera & Normanby Star 27 Feb 1909 Salvation Army Hawera & Local and General

Saturday and Sunday 27th and 28th February. Special Meetings, conducted by Envoy and Mrs Jenkins (nee Ensign Aslin). Everybody welcome. A. H. Charker, C.O. It is announced that Envoy and Mrs Jenkins will conduct special meetings at the Salvation Army to-night and to-morrow. Mrs Jenkins will be better remembered as Ensign Aslin, the officer who restarted the Army in Hawera some three years ago. The public are cordially invited to attend these services and to renew acquaintance with their old officers.

Hawera & Normanby Star 08 Jun 1909 Eltham – Salvation Army Home for Boys

Yesterday was a memorable one with the Salvation Army at Eltham. At 3 p.m. the Mayor of Eltham (Mr E. Parrott) laid the foundation stone of the Home for Destitute Boys, which is being erected by Mr T. H. Jenkins at a cost of about £4000. The site of the Home is an admirable one, situated on the Mangawhero road, about two miles south of Eltham, in a most commanding position, with an unsurpassed view of the surrounding district. In addition to the local corps of the Salvation Army the following officers were also in attendance: Brigadier Bray (Wellington) Social Secretary for the Dominion, Col. Knight (Chief Commissioner of the North Island), Major Stone (in command of the Taranaki Division), Adjutant Dawkins (New Plymouth), Ensign Hulquist (Inglewood), Captain Cobb (Stratford), Captain Charker (Hawera), and Captain Adams (Patea). About two hundred people were present at the ceremony. An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr B. Dive, M.P. Colonel Knight was the first speaker. He called upon Mr Parrott, as Mayor of Eltham, to lay the foundation stone of the new building. The stone bore the following inscription: "This Boys' Home was erected by Thomas Hunt Jenkins to the Glory of God and in memory of his late wife Mercy, 1909." In a speech eulogistic of the fine rescue work carried on by the Salvation Army, Mr Parrott said he was sure the Home would be a benefit to the district, besides giving many a boy in poor circumstances a chance of a good start in life. He understood the Home was not for boys of a semi-criminal class, but for those in destitute circumstances. Rev. Woolloxall also spoke in appreciation of the work carried on by the Salvation Army. Colonel Bray and Major Stone addressed the meeting, and referred to the generosity of Envoy Jenkins in building such an institution. Envoy Jenkins, in response, thanked the speakers for their kindly expressions. He said it had always been the hope of his late wife and himself that they should build a home of this description if they were ever in a position to do so. He regretted that they had been unable to erect it during Mrs Jenkins' lifetime, but he was pleased to be able to do it now. Mr Jenkins referred to a sad case in the Patea district where the husband had met his death suddenly through accident, and the shock had left the wife an invalid with a young family unprovided for. The invalid mother had expressed a hope to the speaker that after her death her two boys should be admitted to the Home, as she knew they would be well cared for there. Other applications of this kind had already been received from other parts of Taranaki. It was for boys of this class that the Home was being built, and he felt that it would be a great blessing to the district. June 8.

Hawera & Normany Star 21 Oct 1909 Taranaki Land Board

... Applications for permission to transfer were referred to the Minister for consent:-... T. H. Jenkins to Henry Leat, section 2 block 7 Omona; W. F. L. Jenkins to Henry Leat, section 1 block 7, Omona...

Maoriland Worker 08 Sep 1911 In Our Opinion

In "God's Own Country" we have no poverty, no want. We are all well provided for, peaceful and happy. There is no need for any alteration of existing conditions, as we are all blessed with all we need. It may be that there are a few cases like the following, but then they are not us: " 'The Salvation Army Boys' Home at Eltham is crowded at the present time,' says Brigadier Bray, 'and there are over 200 applications for admission, which we cannot attend to.' The Home, the Brigadier explained, was erected for the training of destitute orphans, but not incorrigibles. The Home stands in a 10-acre block, which (with the Home) was presented to the Army by Mr Jenkins, of Eltham, and there the boys are schooled and educated until they are able to go out into the world to fend for themselves." Our hypocrisy is sublime.

Hawera & Normanby Star 21 Aug 1912 Eltham

The Egmont No-license League held a banquet in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday night, when there was a large attendance. In the absence of the president, Mr Libeau occupied the chair. The toast included "The King," "New Zealand Alliance," proposed by Brigadier Glover, and responded to by the Rev. E. T. Bliss; "Eltham Borough Council," proposed by Mr G. D. Gow, and responded to by Councillor Amore; "Egmont No-license Council," proposed by Mr T. H. Jenkins, and responded to by Staff-Captain Glithoe. Musical items were contributed by Mr Beesley and Mr Coombridge.

Hawera & Normanby Star 16 Jun 1913 Eltham County Council

... A petition was received from Messrs M. O'Connor, T. H. Jenkins, J. Farrelley, J. J. E. Embling, P. Staffel, R. J. Knuckey, and M. A. O'Shea, settlers living on or having land adjoining the Sangster road (off the Rawhitiroa road) asking the Council to shorten the road by running it across a narrow neck of swamp along the boundary between Farrelley and Embling. The length of the present road around this neck was 42½ chains – the proposed deviation would be 14½ chains, and if their suggestions were given effect to it would save 28 chains of muddy road. Mr Farrelley was quite willing to give the necessary land in exchange for the present road. – Referred to the engineer and riding members to visit the locality and prepare estimate of cost... Cr. Jenkins waited on the Council and asked for a grant of £100 for forming about one hundred chains of the Mangawhero road from the foot of Slater's Hill to his property. He had been paying rates to the Council for 17 years (last year £33), and all he had ever had expended on his boundary was £2 10s. Under present conditions he could not cart wool out nor get timber into his section, and if the Council would make the grant he asked for and supply pipes, he and Slater and McQueen would find the balance of the labor and complete the formation. He estimated cost of this work was £400, and it would be done to the satisfaction of the Council's engineer. The Council granted the request, remarking that Mr Jenkins had met them most fairly.

Hawera & Normany Star 15 Sep 1913 Eltham County Council

Rotokare Lake Road. Mr Wilkinson wrote stating that he understood the Council had agreed to contribute £100, together with drain pipes to the value of £30, conditionally upon the Eltham Borough Council contributing £50, Mr T. H. Jenkins £100 and the Government £350. He (Mr Wilkinson) was anxious to have this road completed to the lake so as to open up a summer resort. The Government had promised special consideration to his request for a grant and now was a very opportune time to complete the road. [A subsequent telegram from Mr Wilkinson intimated that the Government would approve of £250 only, but he hoped to have the amount increased later on.] A letter was read from the Eltham Borough Council enclosing copy of resolution passed by them to the effect that they voted £50 for this road contingent on other local bodies contributing sufficient, with the Government grant, to complete the road to Lake Rotokare. In a discussion it was pointed out that the contributions agreed upon, together with the Government subsidy of £250, came to £530, whereas Mr Jenkins' offer to do the work was £650. According to the county engineer this offer was a remarkably low one, and there would be no hope of putting the road right through to the lake for anything like that amount on tender. It would cost probably £1000. The chairman agreed, and mentioned that half a mile just before coming to the lake was very bad. Cr Belcher pointed out that the grant of £100 and pipes was a riding grant made to give access to Mr Jenkins' road. It was never anticipated carrying the road through to the lake. If any further contribution were required to open up a pleasure resort, the whole county and not one riding only should pay. He would oppose the Eltham riding making any further payment. Mr Jenkins waited on the Council, and explained how the larger project of carrying the road through to the lake had evolved. The chairman informed Mr Jenkins that there was a deadlock over the £100 they were short. The Eltham riding members, who had already consented to £130, did not feel inclined to go any more, and it was not fair to ask other ridings to contribute out of the general account. Cr. Belcher: Beyond access to Jenkins it is a pleasure road only, and if made the cost should be borne by the whole district. After a little further discussion the chairman advised Mr Jenkins that the only thing to do was to go on with the work originally agreed upon.

Hawera & Normanby Star 28 Jan 1918 Eltham

Salvation Army Sewing Guild. Mrs T. H. Jenkins, hon. secretary of the Salvation Army Sewing Guild, has received the following letter from Lieut.-Col. Wylie, O.C. No.1 N.Z. General Hospital at Brockenhurst: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of one case of hospital clothing received by this hospital from your guild. Will you please convey to the members of your guild and to all who assisted in making up this clothing, my warmest thanks for their kind gift. This hospital is now fully occupied with sick and wounded New Zealanders from France, and the clothing sent by you is greatly appreciated by the men."

Hawera & Normany Star 28 Jun 1918 Former Eltham Residents Saved

Our Eltham correspondent reports Mr T. H. Jenkins received a wire from the manager of the Gane Milking Machine Co., Ltd., Auckland, intimating that his son, Mr H. R. Jenkins, was, with Mrs Jenkins, saved from the Wimmera. Mr H. R. Jenkins is the founder of the Gane Milking Machine Co., and formerly lived here. Mrs Jenkins is a daughter of Mrs R. White, and sister of Mrs J. L. Campbell, of Eltham, and the news that both were safe came as a great relief to their many friends.

Hawera & Normanby Star 21 Apr 1921 Eltham

Mr and Mrs T. H. Jenkins have just returned from an extended and very pleasurable visit to Auckland, Thames and Whangarei.

Hawera & Normanby Star 19 Jul 1921 Business Notices

Special interest will be taken by farmers in the list advertised for the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Sale at Eltham to-morrow (Wednesday). In addition to the ordinary list of cattle, sheep, etc., a special entry will be submitted on behalf of Mr T. H. Jenkins, comprising 100 3-year in-calf heifers and 25 dairy cows. The Loan Company's agent has inspected these cattle and reports the heifers well forward in calf, of good quality, and in good condition. The cows are also good and well forward. The special entry is to be sold in conjunction with Newton King, Ltd. No doubt the list will attract a lot of dairy farmers to the sale.

Hawera & Normanby Star 02 Sep 1922 Fire at a Farmhouse – A Total Loss

A fire broke out at the farm residence of Mr Stanley Jenkins, on the Mangawhero road, on Thursday evening, and resulted in the total destruction of the house and contents (says the Eltham Argus). The brigade were promptly on the scene, but too late for their services to be of any real use, practically the whole building being ablaze. It appears that Mr and Mrs Jenkins and their family had been spending the evening in town, and on their return home had lighted a fire in the sitting room for the purpose of preparing a hot supper, when one of the children upset a quantity of benzine just in front of the fireplace. Having lighted the fire, Mr Jenkins had gone out to put his motor car in a shed, and although absent only a few minutes returned to find the front rooms and passage ablaze. He endeavoured to beat the flames out, but failing in this telephoned for the fire brigade. To reach the fire from the nearest plug at the southern end of Castle street the brigade had to use over 800 feet of hose, but even had they been able to utilise several leads it would have been to no purpose. The house, which was an old one and very dry, burnt like tinder, and the only portion which was not burnt to the ground was a small lean-to at the back of the building, and even this was badly charred. The spread of the flames was so rapid that practically the whole of the furniture was also destroyed, together with all the family's personal belongings. Mr Jenkins' saved a dresser, and a few pots and pans were found in the scullery, otherwise Mr and Mrs Jenkins and the children are left with practically only the clothes they were wearing at the time of the fire. Unfortunately for Mr Jenkins there was no insurance on the furniture and effects. The house, which was of five rooms, was the property of Mr T. H. Jenkins, and was insured in the Alliance Office for £400.

Hawera & Normanby Star 07 Nov 1923 Eltham – A Happy Gathering

A very pleasant little function took place at the Eltham Salvation Army Boys' Home on Monday evening, when Mr T. H. Jenkins, the donor of the fine institution, was entertained by the staff and inmates, also a host of friends and relatives. Commandant Horne, the manager, voiced the feelings of those present toward their esteemed guest, and wished him all good wishes and continued good health and happiness on his 75th birthday. Mr Jenkins feelingly replied, and expressed great appreciation of the motive that had prompted the little function. He also stated that the institution had always been a great source of satisfaction to him when he remembered what great service it had rendered to hundreds of destitute boys who were unfortunate enough to need a home and assistance. He was satisfied the home was fulfilling a great need in this country, and since the Eltham home had proved so useful and successful other homes had been erected in New Zealand on the same lines. He expressed great hopes for its continued success. A large birthday cake was then cut, and one and all wished Mr Jenkins many happy returns.

Stratford Evening Post 11 Jan 1929 Obituary – Mr Thomas H. Jenkins – An Eltham Pioneer

The death occurred yesterday, at the age of 80, of Mr Thomas Hunt Jenkins, one of the most widely-known residents of Eltham and founder of the Eltham Salvation Army Boys' Home. Mr Jenkins settled in the Eltham district in 1881, before there was any town. He was a prominent member of the Salvation Army, holding the rank of Envoy until a few weeks ago, when he retired. Born at Motueka, Mr Jenkins experienced all the difficulties of the pioneers. In the early sixties Mr Jenkins father settled at Wanganui. Though he did not bear arms in the Native wars, he played an active part carrying despatches and carting supplies. On more than one occasion the dray and its contents bore bullet marks when Mr Jenkins reached his destination, but the young waggoner went through the wars unscathed. The discomfort of fording the unbridged rivers was not unknown to the pioneer missionary's son.

The Maori War.

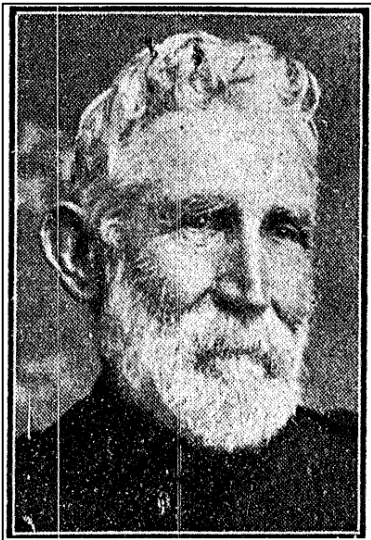
When he was eighteen years old Mr Jenkins offered himself for the task of advising the Waitotara Blockhouse of the plight of Wanganui, endangered by fractious Natives. Riding along sand-dunes and beaches and swimming the rivers, Mr Jenkins carried the despatches to the redoubt 40 miles away, ignoring the risks he ran in keeping open the communications. During his residence at Patea after he had left Wanganui, Mr Jenkins played the part of stretcher-bearer at Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu, near Okaiawa, where Major von Tempsky met his Waterloo. The Jenkins family went to Normanby when peace came.

Mr Jenkins went to the Wellington district, where, in 1876, he married Miss Drake, Lower Hutt. In Wellington and the Wairarapa he was engaged in contract work. One of the first sections for sale on the south side of Eltham was bought by Mr Jenkins. With the aid of neighbours a house was built in 21 days. Here Mr Harry Jenkins, United Party M.P. for Parnell, the third son of Mr Jenkins, was born – the first white child in the district. Mr Jenkins was with Captain Skeet when he surveyed the Mountain Road to New Plymouth.

Early Eltham History

Mr J. Ure Murray and Mr Jenkins were the only surviving members of the original directorate of the first dairy company in Eltham. Prior to that time the milk was taken to Chew Chong's factory at the Waignongoro bridge, Eltham. Mr C. A. Wilkinson, M.P., was then manager of Chew Chong's store on the corner where the Farmers' Co-op now stands. Mr G. W. Taylor, Eltham, was manager of a store opposite the box factory. Before Chew Chong started the factory Mr Jenkins carried his butter on horseback to Normanby, where he sold it for 4d a pound. He did this after having done a hard day's work on the roads. Mr Jenkins had the contract for metaling the Mountain Road from Quin's corner to about Eltham. He also had a contract in company with Mr Thomas Twigg, Hawera, and Mr John Twigg, Te Roti, for the formation of the railway between Hawera and Normanby. The boys' home at Eltham was founded by the generosity and hard work of Mr Jenkins. He presented the land to the Army, cut the timber, carted it to Eltham to be sawn and deposited it on the site for the carpenters. He built the home to the memory of his wife, Mercy Jenkins. "Mercy Home" is its name. Mr Jenkins was twice married. The members of his family are: Norman, builder, Melbourne; Lestock, farmer, Waikato; Harry, M.P. for Parnell; Samuel and Stanley (twins), farmers, Eltham; and the late Mrs H. de Launay.

New Zealand Herald 16 Jan 1929



Eltham Pioneer Passes.

Mr T. H. Jenkins, a pioneer of the Eltham district and founder of the Salvation Army Boys' Home in that town, whose death has occurred. – N. D. Connell

Egmont Electoral Roll 1938

Elizabeth Jenkins, widow, 20 King Street, Eltham

Probate & Will of Elizabeth Jenkins of Eltham – Archives NZ Reference AAOM 6030 49 3603 and FamilySearch
Will dated 22 May 1941

I direct my trustee to expend such reasonable sum as he shall think fit in having my grave concreted over tomb style with a small plain head scroll and to have engraved on such head scroll the following form of inscription and no other:- “Elizabeth Jenkins (Envoy) nee Aslin of Oxtou Notts. England. Called Home. (Date).”

Legacies:

£20 each to nephews Ernest Robert Cramp, Frederick Arthur Cramp and Leonard James Cramp who is living at my decease; £20 to niece Florence Edith Pittendreigh at present residing at Holland Avenue, Point England, Auckland; £100 debenture issued by Rangitikei Electric Power Board to sister Margaret Torlesse and if she be deceased then to niece Florence Edith Pittendreigh; Two shares in the Farmers’ Co-operative Organisation Society of NZ and all barometers to Nancy Melita Cashmore (grand-daughter of my late husband); The “Oscar Hewett” sewing machine to the Mercy Jenkins Salvation Army Boys Home; All personal property to sister Margaret Torlesse and niece Ellen Mary Dodge of 381 Armagh Street Christchurch in equal shares; The dwelling house land and messuage in King Edward Street Eltham, part Section 68 Eltham Village, to stepson Samuel Jenkins; Remainder to niece Ellen Mary Dodge.

Probate

Affidavit of Margaret Torlesse of Timaru, married woman: that Elizabeth Jenkins, widow, died at Eltham 24 May 1941.

