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## Hutt Obituaries

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**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 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Sandon school has been indefinitely postponed.

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**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).

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**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 79<sup>th</sup> year, was born at Buckland, Campbell Town, Tasmania, on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Waiwetū).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Otahua, 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 (Huntermans Bay), Mrs H. L. Fenn (Cave), Mr T. L. Barker (Karori) and Mr B. A. Barker (Wellington).

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**Sidney Clarke BARRAUD (1853-1912)**

Evening Post 17 June 1912

The death occurred at Wellington today of Mr S. C. Barraud, an 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.

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**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 tomorrow.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Bedingfield, who was to have been one of the chief speakers at the Petone West School 21st anniversary 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.

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**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 Himatangi, 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.

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**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 Elyceleshen 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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.

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**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**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, Bengé, 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**James Nelson BURCHAM (1806-1854)**

Wellington Independent 13 May 1854

Died on Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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 Thomas Burt, 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Synodsmen, 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.

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**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 "Reveille."

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.

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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**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 soldier 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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## 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 struck 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Moulton and through the subsequent campaign, in which he was distinguished 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

On the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Eutter, 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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 to 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 at 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 pallbearers 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 contemporaries, 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 goldfields. 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 Newmarket 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 of one whose zeal, generosity, geniality, and energy endeared him to the whole club."

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**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.

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**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, Theobald 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**Mary GREENWOOD (1830-1910) nee?**

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.

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**Alice HALL nee JUFFS (1840-1915)**

Hawera &amp; 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.

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**John HALL (1837-1911)**

Hawera &amp; 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Susannah Martha HARMAN nee HARRIS (1877-1932)**

Hutt News 06 April 1932

The death occurred at her residence Kings Crescent on 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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)

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 official 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Waiwetū, 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.

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**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.

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## 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 conjunction 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 latitudes 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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> December, at Nairn-street, George Jeffs, late of H.M. 14<sup>th</sup> Dragoons, in the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of his age.

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**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.

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**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. 89<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 89<sup>th</sup> 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 89<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**George JONES (1844-1896)**

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.

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**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**James JUDD (1846-1930)**

Evening Post 18 March 1941

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.

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**William Stephen JUDD (1864-1941)**

The death occurred in Wellington last week of Mr William Stephen Judd, a well-known business man, 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**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. Only a few weeks since Mr



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Manawatu Standard 28 October 1884

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> inst. It will be remembered that the performance was postponed on a former occasion owing to the death of Mrs Riddiford.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Thomas Croom MABEY (1847-1931)**

New Zealand Herald 06 April 1931

From our own correspondent – Tauranga, Saturday. The death occurred today of Mr Thomas Croom Mabey, at the age of 84 years. Mr Mabey was born in Wellington. He was in business at the Hutt for some years, then moved to Normanby, Taranaki. Later, he was engaged farming at Eltham, and 28 years ago bought a property at Te Puke. He disposed of this and purchased a farm at Bethlehem, near Tauranga, retiring to Tauranga about eight years ago. Mr Mabey is survived by a son, Mr Charles Mabey, of Tauranga, and a daughter, Mrs H. Robinson, of Eltham.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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'.

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**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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 & Blaitwaite, 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.

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**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.

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**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 89<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 57<sup>th</sup> 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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 pall-bearers.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 95<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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. Bissett, 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. Bissett, G. Burt (grandsons), J. Smith and D. Cree.

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**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**Robert RENALL (-1860)**

Wellington Independent 05 December 1860

On the 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 amount 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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,

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**Ellen SAYWELL nee AVERY (1833-1919)**

Colonist 25 Aug 1919

The death of Mrs Charles Saywell, a highly respected resident of Richmond, occurred at her residence, Upper Queen street, on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 respect 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).

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**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.

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**John Anthony Joseph SEON (1806-1878)**

Evening Post 06 Aug 1878

The Napier Telegraph of 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

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**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 Rangiuuru, 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.

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**Melita Meredyth SLADDEN nee MEREDITH (-1941)**

Evening Post 17 Feb 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Diana SPEEDY nee BRUCE (1840-1908)**

Hawera &amp; 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.

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**Henry Matthew STOWELL (1860-1944)**

Evening Post 24 Mar 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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 89<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**Johannah TWOMEY nee BROSNAN (1853-1934)**

Evening Post 03 Nov 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.

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**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.

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**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 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment, which landed at Auckland from the ship 'Java' on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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. 56<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**Alfred 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.

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**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 a 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.

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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 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements. He had been some time in hospital, suffering from pneumonia, but in his last letter he said he was making good progress.

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**Frederick WESTBURY (1863-1943)**

Hutt News 21 Apr 1943

The death of Mr Frederick Westbury, which took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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