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REMEMBERING WAKEFIELD ON MARCH 16, 1978

Miss Irma O'Connor the great-granddaughter and sole surviving direct descendant of Edward Gibbon Wakefield in N.Z., helps Mrs. Priscilla Whyte hold the wreath which was laid on his grave at the Bolton Street Cemetery to commemorate the 116th anniversary of his death. Mrs. Whyte is the great-great-great-grand niece of Wakefield's grandmother.

The ceremony in honour of the man who planned the colonisation of New Zealand and the settling of Wellington, has been reinstated by the Wellington City Corporation after a 10-year lapse while the central city portion of the motorway was constructed through the cemetery. (See Page 12).



"Evening Post"

THE FOUNDERS CREED

We pledge ourselves to foster, promote and inculcate in rising generations that hardy will and spirit of enterprise, responsibility, work and faith so abundantly possessed by the actual founders, which has been so important a factor in the life and progress of New Zealand.

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Auckland (including Bay of Plenty), 29th January, 1840.
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Nelson (and Marlborough), 1st February, 1842.
Canterbury (and Westland), 16th December, 1850.
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Founders – the past-caring people? or the Now and Future people with forward drive that they ought to be . . .

“Lloyd White’s Little Time Bomb For New Zealand”

Notes on an address at Wakefield House, Wellington, on June 19, 1978, by Mr. L. White, former NZ Ambassador at Washington, D.C.

My qualifications to speak:

1. Retired – therefore can say what I wish . . .
2. Served NZ abroad - especially Washington . . . where a Diplomat’s life is said to revolve around three things: Protocol, Alcohol and Geritol.
3. Experience - Recall Geo. Griffith’s book presented to me in Michigan - “70 years of trout fishing with World’s greatest masters” - Cover story said book would reveal all the perks he had learnt . . . inscribed it to me as a signed copy. Inside - completely blank pages. I haven’t learnt anything either. But I have had the opportunity to look at NZ from a distance.

The overall picture is good.

- finest country in the world.
- Founders should be proud of it today.
- We are personally most happy to be back living here.

SCORPIONS

But it doesn’t take long to see that our country is also full of scorpions. We are destroying ourselves in thousands of ways. You don’t need me to list them. Everyone has his or her pet scorpion. The result is that we are drifting into a worse position – economically, socially, in every way . . . and we are not doing enough to overcome our lethargy.

It is in our power to do so. But somehow we seem quite unwilling to change our ways and to get back to solid work, productivity and progress.

We need a good shake-up.

There is no shortage of people in the category of prophets – telling us what to do. We have politicians, preachers, educators, business and labour leaders, the press, the Radio and TV, Planning Councils, action groups, visiting experts from overseas . . . but not much happens.

Like an old Chinese proverb: “a lot of noise on the stairs - but no one coming up.” I doubt whether we can rely on Government to attend to our needs - elections every 3 years . . . Decisions are based on what will win elections, not what’s best for New Zealand in long term.

I mean not only the present Government, but any Government of any political persua-

sion. In fact we as New Zealanders are far too inclined to sit back and rely on Government doing something when we should be doing it ourselves.

(Personally I favour democracy, but every time there is an election it is followed by an anti-climax. Elections have been cynically described as “the triumph of hope over experience”.)

Perhaps one basic trouble with NZ is that we have too much Government. Governments exhort us, they tax us, they provide incentives, hand-outs, and penalties. Most of all they regulate us.

You can’t do anything now in NZ without discovering that it is covered by some regulation or other. The result is that we all look around for ways and means of avoiding the constrictions the Government puts on us, or else of finding some uneasy way of living within the system without suffering too much pain.

It is like a form of claustrophobia. It wastes our time; saps our energy, and prevents us from getting out and doing more constructive and progressive things.

I think that is quite enough moaning from me. I don’t want to join the prophets of gloom and despair. Instead, I would like to plant a little time bomb in your mind’s, and let it tick over.

THE BOMB

The bomb has two buttons on it marked Choice A and Choice B. You can press whichever one you like when it is ready to go off.

By the way, neither of the buttons is related to the present election campaign. Choice A is not National or Choice B Labour. Indeed following my prescriptions would be a guarantee to any candidate that he would not get elected right now. My prescriptions are much too severe for that.

Choice A is a complete Government take-over of everything: ownership, investment production, sales, employment, wages, housing, transport, leisure – everything. Not so fantastic as it first appears. Government corporations, departments, agencies, and councils and committees already operate major sectors of the NZ economy and control the

operational freedom of all the rest. It would really be only a very short step to reach a completed take-over. I remember one of our great free enterprise tycoons - Jim Wattie - saying that his empire involved the national interest so much it might eventually be destined for nationalisation!

A complete take-over of the NZ private sector would have several advantages. Instead of just talk about restructuring the NZ economy, the Government would be in a position to implement it.

GETTING THINGS DONE

It could shut down activity that was doing NZ harm, and transfer resources into what would do us good. It could solve the balance of payments problem in no time. It could take risks on industrial development and overseas marketing which private boards of directors and banks and financiers are unwilling to take. In summary, it could get things done.

If it was supported by patriotism and effort for the nation's interest, as for example in wartime, it would succeed. I would remind you that many countries in the world operate in this fashion, and are able to produce remarkable economic improvements for their people.

I mean not only the Communist countries, but also other socialist regimes in Europe - and non-socialist, authoritarian regimes in the Persian Gulf, Latin America, Africa and Asia. Many of them are showing growth rates far superior to New Zealand.

Choice B is to get the NZ private sector to do the job itself. This would involve getting the best and most far-sighted NZ business leaders together to plan not only the development of their own business activity but the total development of NZ.

They would have to identify NZ's resources, arrange for their best use, put together the necessary capital investment, and promote overseas sales and marketing. Under the hard laws of the free market, less efficient industries would go to the wall and more efficient industries would flourish and provide employment.

Once a New Zealand plan of action on these lines had emerged, I would suggest having it checked over by a good U.S. international consulting firm. This would provide international experience on any aspects we were not sure about e.g. world markets, new production techniques, productivity, industrial relations, investment needs, overseas market research and promotion.

Such consulting firms are costly, but no more so than the losses we regularly suffer by muddling along in our present state of lethargy.

AN EDUCATION ROLE FOR GOVT.

If you press Button B, you'll also be cutting down the role of Government severely. The

Government's role would be merely to make the climate conducive to success, and in all other respects to keep out of it. It could do an education job to support the private sector's plan of action. I mean a public relations campaign to tell people that the present state of the NZ economy is precarious, and that the manhours now spent in bickering and lead-swinging must be replaced by a hard day's work for everyone.

The other thing the Government could do would be to impose major changes in the incentives and penalties. The purpose would be to return NZ to a much more open economy, much less protected, much less egalitarian. Those who work get rewarded for their efforts, those who don't, get penalised. Selling overseas would become more profitable, selling domestically less so. We should not be frightened of devaluation whenever needed by market forces. Import licensing protection would be removed plus a whole mass of other domestic protective devices and restrictions and licensing arrangements.

Let the market take its course. Get rid of price controls and limitations. If people want to shop on Saturday, let them do so.

Every regulation now built in to the NZ business system which results in monopoly-type situations and high costs would be thrown out the window.

You can see that *Choice B* means abandoning NZ's search for security, and taking a course fraught with risks for everyone.

Conclusion: You may decide that such a radical change involves more than it is worth. An advocate of *Course B* would reply that we can hardly expect miracles of economic growth within the constraints imposed by our present system of society. If people don't want to pay the social price of an open economy, they can drift along as at present - which I believe means that we are headed for further reductions in our standard of living.

Or else they can go for *Course A* - the complete Government take-over, which would offer an excellent prospect of economic growth - but at the price of the loss of individual freedom.

There it is, for your consideration - I am merely drawing attention to the choices open - either of them involve far-reaching changes affecting every New Zealander's way of life.

I think public debate and comment on these issues is both timely and urgent and much more important than a lot of lesser issues which are currently high-lighted in the news media and on the political scene.

I thank you for the opportunity to hold forth. I am glad I am not a candidate for any public office, because I'm sure I would lose my deposit.

E Nga Iwi E Tau Nei – Kia Ora Koutou Katoa Ngati Poneke Naumai! Haeremai! Pikimai!

Mr. and Mrs. Moses, Canon and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, members of the Ngati Poneke party, ladies and gentlemen. It gives me a great deal of pleasure indeed to be here on this Waitangi Day – a day on which we celebrate the time when we should, in Captain Hobson's words, be saying – 'He Iwi Tahī Tatou' - 'We are one People'.

We still have a long way to go for this to become a reality - but the important point is that we are working towards this goal.

Waitangi Day is not only the day on which we pause to remember that most important principle of Waitangi – that New Zealand was not secured to the British Crown by conquest but by agreement – but it is also a time to pause and reflect on our past 138 years. As some of you will know I have had a long standing interest in the work of your society and at present I have started on the protracted process of tracing my family origins in Ireland and Scotland.

LINK WITH EARLY N.Z.

I'm afraid my forebears arrived too late to qualify for membership but I might scrape in as an Associate as my Father-in-law's great grandparents Richard and Eliza Holyoake arrived in Motueka in 1842.

It is very easy to forget as we go about our daily lives in the 1970s aided by the material developments of our society, that times were indeed very tough for our early settlers. And it is at times like this when the country is faced by a major economic crisis, when we must all pull together – that we need to find some of that old tough pioneering spirit.

It would be a tragedy just to sit back and watch all the good things of our modern New Zealand life slip from our grasp because we could not rekindle the fire of that spirit with which our ancestors were so richly imbued.

It is also appropriate on this day to remember the settlers not just for how they can inspire us now but for the hard work they put into making New Zealand.

Our history may be short when compared to that of Greece or the dynasties of China but it is ours and it is our responsibility to see that what is good is preserved, and that our young people are aware of it.

At a time in the history of the world when nationalism is emerging everywhere it is surely

appropriate for New Zealanders to reflect on all that means for us.

We shouldn't be apologetic because we are different – we are New Zealand with our own culture, art, ambitions – not a piece of Britain planted in the South Pacific, yet our future is inevitably tied to the U.K. and Europe.

Your Society has had an important role to play in our past and will in our future. I am pleased that you have become so actively involved with the Historic Places Trust in its work throughout the country. It is one of the areas of my portfolio which I have followed with much interest.

In the past 12 to 18 months the Trust has broadened its membership dramatically and with the increased financial resources we were able to make available - has been able to expand its work in protecting and preserving our history. I am also encouraged by the public response to a more visible Historic Places Trust.

More members mean more people are aware of and supporting its work, and hence are showing more concern for our heritage, however short it may be.

We have also witnessed a tremendous growth of interest in museums throughout the country.

This has occurred both in the established institutions and in the new regional and small town museums where colonial exhibits in particular are attracting a great deal of interest.

I hope your Society can continue to be a vital element in the development of these pleasing trends.

TOAST TO WAITANGI

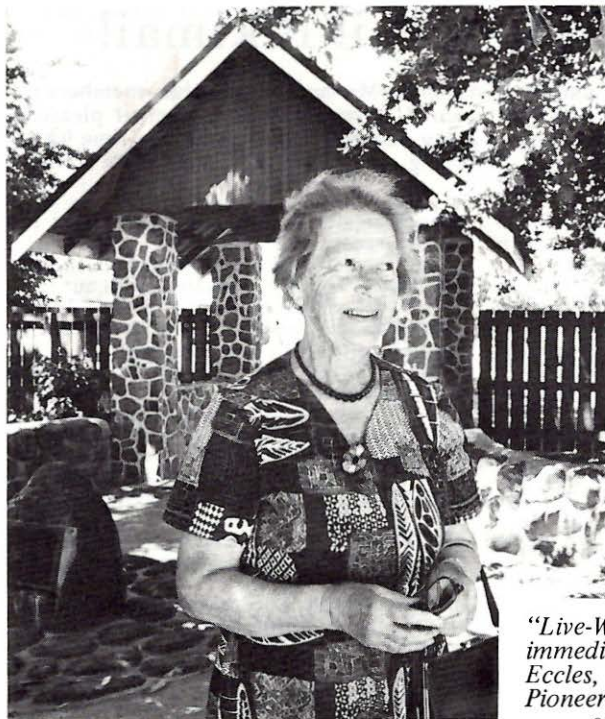
But now Ladies and Gentlemen I will ask you to join with me in the Toast to Waitangi Day.

We will remember the "Spirit of Waitangi" which was so very nearly lost during the local wars and in fact neglected by many until 1932 when Lord Bledisloe, the then Governor-General bought and gave the Waitangi Estate to the Nation.

I think we need look no further than to the words of yet another Governor-General, Lord Cobham who said at Waitangi on February 6, 1959 "Waitangi is one of the few places on earth where good sense once prevailed over passions and prejudice, bringing together two

races who settled down together to achieve full nationhood for a young and undeveloped country".

Please join me in a toast – To the spirit of Waitangi, to the early settlers and to the future of New Zealand!



Mrs. Eccles puts it well . . .

Founders Society Passes On A Rich Heritage

"Live-Wire" of the Wairarapa Branch, immediate Past President, Mrs. Phyllis Eccles, stands by the Masterton Pioneers' cemetery and the lych-gate constructed by her Branch.

To join the New Zealand Founders Society, you must be a descendant of a pioneer who arrived within the first 10 years of the foundation of the country's six original provinces.

But this restriction by no means encourages an "elitism" among its members.

"Our aim is to keep alive the pioneer spirit of sharing and helping each other, which was abundantly possessed by our ancestors," said the Wairarapa branch President, Mrs. Phyllis Eccles, earlier this year.

The branch puts this aim into practice by taking "shut-ins" for drives and outings, arranging sing-songs and socials for the residents of elderly people's homes, and assisting the Crippled Children Society and the Samaritans.

"HELP THY NEIGHBOUR"

Its members feel that in the modern world of each for himself, everything possible should

be done to encourage and foster the pioneer spirit of helping neighbours.

Probably because Wairarapa is a comparatively self-contained community, its membership of 230 is the third highest in New Zealand, after Auckland and Wellington.

Conservative Wairarapa's early pioneer families are still well known in the district and proud of their family history.

"Interest in the forebears who arrived in the early days is increasing," said Mrs. Eccles. "We feel it's important to pass on family memoirs and the part played by each ancestor in the settlement of our country to the next generation before records are lost. And as one delves more into the past, one becomes conscious of

one large family living together.

NO NOSEY PARKER

"Exchanging early memoirs and records keeps the past alive. And it's so interesting enrolling new members and finding out their families' histories - or am I becoming a nosey parker?"

If you think your great-great-grandfather came to Wellington or Auckland before 1850, or Otago by 1858, or Canterbury by 1860, a branch secretary can trace the ship he arrived in, when he came, whom he married and the committees or clubs he joined.

BRANCH STARTED NEARLY 40 YEARS AGO

The Masterton borough centenary celebrations last year threw emphasis on the part played by pioneers. The Wairarapa branch of the Founders Society was formed in 1939 with the aim of closer fellowship among all descendants.

"We are not just a group of elderly people living in the past. Children are encouraged to become members to promote a better knowledge of our pioneers in the schools and among the public generally," said Mrs. Eccles.

Some Past and More Recent Founders Activities

Remembering Wanganui's Past

— C.D. Marks

Built well over a hundred years ago, a charming two-storied residence stands at Aramoho on the bank of the river. The passer-by notices its attic windows, its balcony and verandah and wonders about its past. This link with the past is well-known to members of the Whanganui Branch. It is the home of the Misses Mary and Joyce Sewell, grand-daughters of H.C. Field, the first Government surveyor of Wanganui and district.

Made of kauri bought from Hokianga by sailing ship in 1867 the house was built by H.C. Field and a daughter aged 14. When the framework was up there came a fierce storm which blew it down. As nails were scarce, all those used had to be taken out, straightened and used again - a tedious business adding greatly to their work.

The sloping ceilings, French windows, narrow, steep staircase all give character to a house which is homely and cosy for two al-

though once its six bedrooms were in use. It is set in a large garden, beautifully kept by the owners. Banksia roses, sweet-scented azaleas, brick paths, a birdbath, trees, shrubs and smooth lawn all seem just right as a background.

Mr. W. Hugh Ross, President, had brought along a theodolite which had been used by Mr. Field in his work as a surveyor. Field's Track, off the Parapara Road, bears his name today as does a street in Aramoho.

1877-1977 Celebration Of The Pioneer Time-keeping Cannon — Mount Victoria, Wellington

— A.B.

On Saturday, December 10th, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Cannon on Mount Victoria, there was a short ceremony prior to the firing of the gun at 1 p.m. The representatives of the New Zealand Founders Society were Anne Burnett and Lindsay Buick-Constable.

The Mayor, Mr. Michael Fowler, and Mr. Lindsay Buick-Constable (appropriately attired in period costume) said a few words, and a crowd of small boys and many interested adults waited for the bang. Unfortunately, due to a technical hitch, there was no bang. After suitable re-adjustment there was a very satisfactory swoosh and flash of flame. -

There were present several descendants of the men of D Company, who had hauled the cannon up the mountain in 1877 - taking four days to do so. Also, for the record, the original date was December 1st 1877 - not December 10th - and it was suggested by several present that, with the co-operation of the Army, it should become a yearly celebration.

Double Deal To Buy Wainuiomata

The New Zealand Company bought Wainuiomata twice – an unwitting double deal, evidently – according to historical archives.

The monthly letter to members says, "Considerable interest in the Maori settlement of Wainuiomata has been expressed and so the committee decided this should be our next project.

"In fact, the Valley itself does not seem to have been occupied for any continuous period but seems to have been a 'no-mans'

land as both the Wairarapa and Petone Maoris laid claim to this area and eventually the New Zealand Company found that it had bought it twice – once from each group.

"Other than some gardens on the river flats, in the Lower Valley, the main settlement was in Fitzroy Bay, which we hope to visit later."

Branch Activities

Taranaki Branch Steps Out . . .

– Contributed by Ida Piper

After the midsummer recess – no functions here in December, January or February, as a rule – we embarked on 1978 with our annual commemorative service and luncheon. Taranaki's Provincial Anniversary is on 31 March and in the past has been observed by the Branch on the nearest Sunday. However, to avoid clashing with another service, and frequent problems over the proximity of Easter, we have now settled for the third Sunday in March for our observance.

This year we attended St. Mary's Church where, a few months previously, one of our members (Bernard Faull) had been ordained a Priest of the Church of England. About 80 members and friends attended the service, with Rev. Faull celebrating Holy Communion. At the luncheon which followed we were very pleased to welcome the Dominion President and Mrs. Moses who had motored up for the occasion. Mr. Moses addressed the gathering and told members about the facilities now available at Wakefield House, with particular reference to visitors from the Branches.

last detail. Unwittingly we had chosen the weekend immediately after the Wairarapa Branch's A.G.M., but they took it all in their stride. We felt that we were with a very happy and united group of people and we had a wonderful time. They took us sightseeing in their cars all day Saturday (space doesn't permit details) and refreshed us from a seemingly inexhaustable supply of thermos flasks and picnic hampers. We had our lunch in Featherston's Anzac Hall where we were joined by the Mayor, Mr. McKerrow, who welcomed us and gave us a very interesting account of the history of the district.

THE VISIT TO WAIRARAPA THROUGH TARANAKI EYES:

In lieu of our usual evening meeting in April, those who were able to make the trip accepted an invitation from the Wairarapa Branch to visit them for a long weekend. We arrived in Masterton by private car - eleven of us - on Friday 7 April. Warm welcomes awaited us - some had accepted billets, but for those who had booked in at motels a welcoming note was waiting and Mrs. Eccles called in to greet us. Itineraries and street maps had been posted to us and everything was planned to the

POT LUCK TEA

We returned to Masterton in time to freshen up before joining our hosts for a splendid buffet meal which they called a "pot luck tea". After this Mrs. Eccles, whose energy never seemed to flag, showed us a number of colour slides – some of places in the Wairarapa that the average visitor would never see. Then, another wave of the wand and a delicious supper appeared. How they did it all at such a busy time we'll never know.

On Sunday morning we all attended the 10 o'clock service at the Maori Mission Church

on the Nukukaimemeha Marae, where once again we experienced the warmth of a Wairarapa welcome – this time from the Rev. Charles Shortland and his flock. After the service Mr. Keith Cairns, a local historian, explained the meaning of the decorative panels in the church and went on to tell us something of the history of the area; then we found ourselves being ushered into the nearby hall where the good folk of the Marae had a fabulous morning tea waiting for us. Very conscious of the fact that we were to attend a luncheon in a city restaurant in an hour or so, we did our best – and when they tried to teach us some simple action songs, we did our best again . . .

STRONG INTER-BRANCH LINK FORGED

Later a walk around Queen Elizabeth Park was very beneficial; and we saw the Maori Monument and the Lych Gate. At lunch we were joined by Mr Ben Couch, M.P., and Mrs Couch. The Wairarapa Branch's new President, Mr Hodge, introduced Mr Couch, who addressed us and spoke of the benefits of an interchange of visits and ideas such as the pioneers had practised. In reply, our President, Mr Gus Nicholls, thanked both speakers and expressed a hope, shared by us all, that in the not too distant future we might be able

to return some of the wonderful hospitality and kindness of the Wairarapa folk. We then left for home feeling that a strong link had been forged between our two Branches; that we had made many new friends and that, surely, this would only be the first of many such visits.

NEED TO LABEL OLD PHOTOS

In June we had an afternoon meeting as some more senior and country members find it difficult to attend evening functions. We were asked to take articles of interest to view and discuss and these certainly stimulated conversation. Early photos and books were of interest to everyone and led, in some cases, to members identifying relatives and old family homes. This points to the necessity of labelling photographs for the benefit of later generations.

Another afternoon meeting is scheduled for August and, if it is as successful as the June one, we will continue in the future to alternate afternoon and evening meetings during the winter months.

Altogether the Branch is in good heart. We have been approached by an unusual number of prospective members lately which suggests that the public generally is becoming more aware of the Society and that interest in such things is increasing.

A Flashback to last year's Waitangi Day



A photo by National Councillor Peter Wakelin shows some of the scores of those who went on the Founders 1977 Waitangi Day walks moving along Tinakori Road in the vicinity of Glenbervie Terrace. The Founders President, Mr. Sid Moses is on the far right.

More Branch Activities . . .

(culled from Annual Reports)

NORTHLAND:

In presenting her annual report the retiring President, Mrs. J.M. Carter, recorded eleven meetings with an average attendance of 45 members.

Interesting talks have been given during the year by Mr. T. Conaghan, Mr. R.L. Drummond, Mr. Chas. Devonshire – other meetings featured anecdotes of pioneer days and items of historical interest.

Members who took the excursion trip to the Ocean beach in October enjoyed a perfect day. Another outing was to points of interest north of the city including Ketenikau, Kauri, Apotu, Waro Rocks and Vinegar Hill.

The annual Christmas luncheon was held at La Reine restaurant and was attended by 60.

AUCKLAND:

The Treasurer (Mrs. R. Carr) reported that Branch Membership had passed the 500 mark to 521. In his annual report on the Branch's Silver Jubilee Year, Branch President John P. Webster presented a comprehensive account of the year's activities, highlights of which were: – "Luncheons and coffee mornings have continued as before with very good attendances. Attendance has been excellent for our 'special' meetings the two evening functions; the Xmas Party and the first Waitangi Day Dinner. The other 'specials' were our first daytime Xmas Party at the beginning of December and the picnic at the Glade, Henderson early this year. The Waitangi Dinner was such a success that it will be repeated next year – we hope more will turn up in costume."

WAIKATO:

This last year has been a year where we have travelled by bus to Auckland to the Museum of Transport and Technology. Morning tea was provided by Mrs. Tattersfield who had been our guest speaker at the luncheon at "Ferry Bank" when she told us much about the Founders Society.

On another occasion we took a bus to Tauranga where we were met by Mrs. Newbury and Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Ryan from the Tauranga Branch of Founders. Before visiting the Gate Pa site and seeing over a local museum being developed by the Branch, we were shown through the old MISSION HOUSE "THE ELMS", and through the grounds by Mr. Maxwell. Here, members viewed the old gardens, trees, house, library, and chapel which were most interesting. This outing was concluded with a refreshing cup of tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward-Ryan.

We had our Christmas Party at Teachers Training College with Christmas tree and cake – a most enjoyable evening. It was with pleasure that we welcomed Mr. W. Samuel Senior and Mrs. Pene. Mr. Winara Samuel then invited members of the Founders Society to make Rukumoana their Turanga-waewae (Marae). February 6th was Waitangi Day. Six members and five Historical Society members hired a bus and set forth for the North where they visited Orakei Marae and then Tawhare Marae not far from Waitemate North Mission where they had a warm welcome. Waitangi celebrations, where my wife and I caught up with them, was a great spectacle and I suggest to those of you who have not seen this pageant, see it at least once. It is most impressive.

Not to be outdone by the Wairarapa Branch's 1977 effort Waikato Branch entered a float in the Hamilton Centenary celebrations in conjunction with the Hamilton Historical Society. This parade was a great success, Hamilton really turned out in force.

The Branch picnic at "The Glade", Corbans Vineyard, was well attended. I believe this is going to be an annual affair.

Now that we have been welcomed to Hockin House, the home of the Waikato Historical Society, I would ask members who have old photos of descendants and places, notes of ships' arrivals and any other extracts and anecdotes about the lives of their early ancestors, to make these available to this society for keeping or photocopying?

The N.Z. Founders Society – what does this convey to you, their descendants? What role should we be playing in society? What are our aims and objects? These and many other questions need to be answered."

Notes:

The retiring President (Mr. A. Bridgman) paid tribute to the late Mr. Grenville Ward. Mr. Ward would be missed by all, and asked the meeting to stand as a mark of respect and extended sympathy to his family. (Mr. Ward was Chairman of the steering committee of the Waikato Branch of the Society some eight years ago).

Mr. Sandford announced written confirmation from Wellington of the eligibility of descendants of the 4TH WAIKATO REGIMENT as Associate Members of the New Zealand Founders' Society. (Mr. H.C.M. Norris had a list of members of this Regiment.)

We have had as speakers, Colin Kay, mayoral candidate; the Mayor of Onehunga, Mr. Manning supported in his talk by Mrs. Aitken; a panel of your committee members discussing their various committee jobs; and lately Mrs. West speaking on the Quakers in N.Z. Members have continued to represent Founders at social functions such as the welcome to the new Governor-General and the Hobson commemoration. Again, in August, I represented Auckland at the Annual National Council meeting in Wellington and represented the total N.Z. Founders at the AGM of the Federation of Historical Societies in Auckland this year.

BAY OF PLENTY:

The President (Mrs. J. Schwarz) reported to the 22nd A.G.M. of the Branch. This remarkable Branch which draws its membership from "all over the countryside" has as previous reports advise been hosts for many of the other branches, on this occasion reported its concern at the ever increasing rising costs of postage - printing - toll calls - petrol - accommodation - venue rentals. In doing this they surely reflected the anxieties of all Branches and wonder if other Branches had found that they had solved these problems by raising Branch subscriptions.

TARANAKI:

One of the Society's longest-serving Branch Presidents, (Mr. Gus Nicholls) was, in spite of his nomination of a colleague, re-elected for his eleventh year. Mr. Nicholls acknowledged the continued range of speakers - from illustrated talks of overseas trips by members. Mrs. Audrey Gale had told of the impact on New Zealand of the Hursthouse, Richmond and Atkinson families, following on a Branch visit to the recently-renovated Atkinson home, "Hurworth" in Carrington Road recently opened by the Prime Minister and now the property of the NZ Historic Places Trust - a talk on the James Cook's visits to the South Island Sounds and Fiords - Police Sgt. Victor R. Story, Officer in Charge of Taranaki's Search and Rescue organisation . . . and the happy memory of Lady Davies cutting the Branch's 21st Birthday Cake . . . foundation member Mr. Wilf Faull reading the Society's inaugural minutesand the variety of Founders historic interest which were displayed and caused much delving into the past (See Page 8 for further Taranaki Branch news.)

WHANGANUI:

Historian and President Hugh Ross presented an account of another busy round of Branch activities. These are some of the more interesting items detailed: "The unique and ancient bullock wagon of the Misses Sutherland of Lamb Hill has at last found the member ideally qualified to restore it in the person of Mr. C.R. Higgie who is experienced in such work. This rugged vehicle must be a relic of the pioneering period before roads were properly formed.

We have had Mr. Austin Brassell to speak to us on his magnificent work in Maori carving. Much of his carving adorns public places in Wanganui. May we wish him more power to his elbow.

At the meeting last July we initiated the work of Founders in support of an historical street being set up in the St. Goerges Gate area.

At the September meeting Mr. Ian Church of Patea and author of the historical work "Little Ships of Patea" spoke to us very ably on the subject of his historical researches.

Mrs. H.M. Wilson took over a sub-committee formed at the request of the Historical Society to find rolls and historical material on the early schools of Wanganui in preparation for the centenary celebrations of the Wanganui Education Board.

While these actions were going forward Mr. Nixon and I protested before the Town Planning Board against a proposal to run a road through the Old Cemetery, in the name of the Founders Society, which succeeded.

On 11th September the Founders Society attended the memorial service at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church for those residents of Wanganui lost in the wreck of the ship 'Avalanche' in the English Channel on 11th September 1877. Twentyone residents of Wanganui were drowned.

On 20th October we met in the Y.W.C.A. as usual when Mr. Wilcox of the Neurological Society approached Founders to collaborate in a display of Victorian antiques set up as a drawing-room and a nursery. A ladies committee was subsequently formed and the display in the Sargeant Gallery was open to the public from 14th to 26th March of this present year. In collaboration with two other societies also exhibiting we enabled the Neurological Society to add over \$450 to its funds.

The Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Withers at Papiti. This home at one time was considered to house the finest private museum in New Zealand.

Mr. Hipango Jnr. graced our party in a kiwi-feather cloak and carrying his ancestral greenstone mere which was old when it was a possession of the family of Neiha Kepa Rangihiwini whom we readily call Major Kemp. We made every attempt to salute him on arrival with one of the old

cannon on the lawn but despite a trial run a few days previously the ancient gun proved a tetchy old lady and refused to perform at the precise time. We hope it was all good fun anyway.

On 11th February 1978 we made an afternoon visit to One Tree Hill at Warrengate, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George MacLean. As all Founders seemed well aware this was the original home of Henry Nevinson Harrison to which he took his bride Louisa Ross in 1867. An astounding number of members were related in one way or another including Cameron McDonald, "a great grandson"

WAIRARAPA:

See Pages 6, 7, 8 and 9 for aspects of this active Branch's activities.

16th May, 1978, and the Capital marks an anniversary of E.G. Wakefield's passing at Wakefield House and at the Wakefield family plot

Is The Spirit Of Wakefield's Pioneers Lacking Today?

Are New Zealand's immigrants working as hard as our pioneers for the good of the country or are they using their influence against the country's best interests?

The Minister of Works and Development (Mr. Bill Young) asked this question of guests who attended this year's commemorative function to mark the 116th anniversary of the death of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, the famous founder of Wellington City.

The function was held at Wakefield House due to wet weather. A wreath was laid on Wakefield's grave at the Bolton Street cemetery afterwards.

"Founders Did A Pretty Good Job"

Wakefield brought immigrants from England to build a new country, he told those present. There have always been problems but when New Zealanders compare themselves with other countries "we have to concede our founders did a pretty good job."

Early immigrants were dedicated and worked hard for the good of the country "but many of us must wonder today if some of the more recent immigrants have come with the same high, lofty ambitions as their predecessors, and are prepared to work for them.

"Are they continuing the hard nation-building of our pioneers or are they using their influence in directions that are not promoting the good of New Zealand and its people?" he asked.

Mr. Young said this has been a relevant question "and it becomes more relevant as the country continues to experience setbacks which appear to involve leaders who do not reflect the attitude of New Zealanders of long standing."

High ideals and driving ambition would benefit both immigrants and the entire country and, he said, immigrants who have already

settled here could well ask themselves whether it was worth destroying the achievements of the early pioneers, including Wakefield.

Fortunately, he said, New Zealand still has "nation-builders" and many of these have recently arrived in the country.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Rowling) praised the Wellington City Council and the Founders Society for re-instating the annual commemorative ceremony now that the motorway has been completed through the Bolton Street cemetery.

Wakefield's contribution to New Zealand was greater than that of the motorway "but I'll leave it at that," he said.

"Are we faltering?"

The wreath-laying ceremony was "one of those occasions when New Zealanders look forward and falter a little bit."

"Clearly we are faltering at the moment," he said and the ceremony gave New Zealanders a chance to reflect on the contribution of pioneers such as Wakefield to New Zealand's development.

Early pioneers were largely associated with the land and they played an important part in New Zealand's development.

On the contribution of recent immigrants, Mr. Rowling said he believed a great number of immigrants had their own contribution to make. Appropriate speeches were also made by Wellington's Deputy Mayor, Cr. I. A. Lawrence, the Society's Deputy Dominion President, Mr. Gerald Bridge, the Representative of the Wellington Early Settlers Assn., Mr. Brooker and by E.G. Wakefield's great grand-daughter, Miss Irma O'Connor of Auckland.

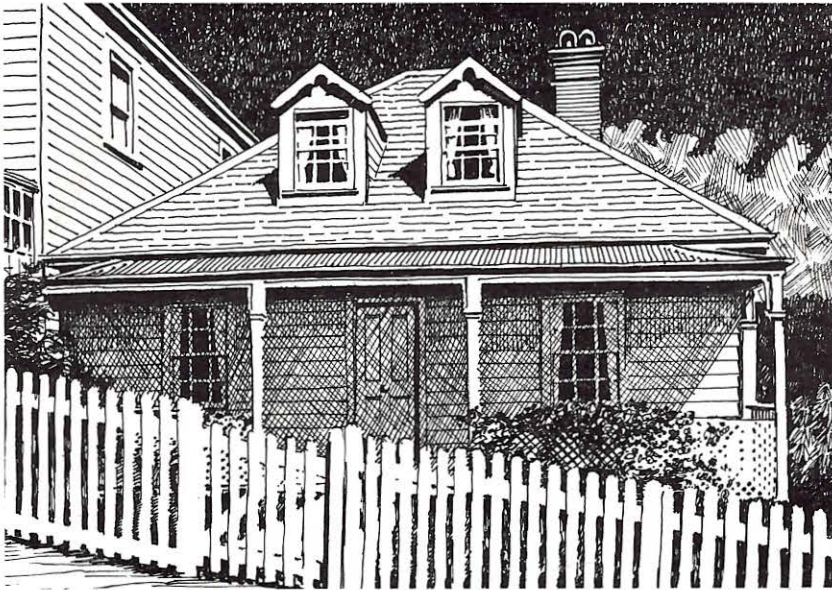
(A hand-written shipboard document, hitherto unpublished, from the family papers of the Sutherland-Gordon's of Dunedin and Wellington.)

Rules and Regulations for 1st Cabin Between Decks on the ship "Torrent" – North America to Australasia, Drawn up by Colin McKenzie Gordon, November 17th, 1852. (Mr. Gordon became Sherriff of the Court, Dunedin.)

- 1st. A Committee of three persons shall be appointed Weekly to Visit the Rooms every morning to see that Passengers are enjoying good health, and that the Rooms and Saloon are Kept clean and well ventilated.
- 2nd. To see that the Meals are served up at proper hours, namely 8 O'Clock AM and 1 and 6 O'Clock PM, properly cooked and in Sufficient supply; that the Waiters are Obliging and attentive; the Tables to be divided into 1st and 2nd – that a 3rd of the Passengers be drawn from the Whole to take their turn weekly, to Wait for the Second table, an interval of ½ an hour between each giving time for Waiters to change dishes, etc.
- 3rd. That there be 7 Carvers appointed to Carve the Meats before the Passengers take their Seats at the table, the Seats to be taken according to the Berths, commencing at the fore part of the Cabins.
- 4th. That the Bell be rung for each Meal on Deck, the Ladies to take their Seats with the Carvers, and no Gentleman to sit down until word is given from the head of the Table.
The Puddings and the Pies to be placed upon the Table, and Served out by the Carvers.
- 5th. That the Saloon and Rooms be Scrubbed every other Morning, and the bedding to be taken on Deck and aired Weekly, and all Water to be taken by the Waiters.
- 6th. No smoking below Decks.
- 7th. No playing for Money.
- 8th. Respect expected from the Waiters and Respect to be shown them.
- 9th. That the Committee see that all lights be put out in the Rooms at 10 O'Clock, and that a light be Kept burning in the Saloon all night.
- 10th. That any irregularities be made Known to the 1st Steward, and if not attended to, the Committee report to the Captn.
- 11th. A proper Observance of the Sabbath.
- 12th. No Waiter to sit at Table until all Passengers are served.

Wellington's Only Historic Museum

— by Carol Cromie (“Dominion”)



68 NAIRN STREET — from builder's cottage to cottage museum

For \$30,000 or thereabouts, this historic city cottage can be yours. Well, not so much yours for the living in as yours for the visiting. Plans are well under way to turn the cottage at 68 Nairn Street in Wellington into a museum and, provided the necessary funds can be raised, it will be open to the public by the New Year.

Nairn Street was a country area when pioneer builder 27-year-old William Wallis bought the land in 1857 or 1858. He built his two-storey home with a craftsman's love, using an adze to shape the wood.

It began as a simple box, with a pitched roof; other rooms and verandahs were added later. There were 10 children in the Wallis family and Wallis himself later built a second house just above the first.

Townhouses

He died in 1911 and the house remained in his family till the Wellington City Council bought it in the early 1970s. They planned to do away with it and put townhouses in its place.

In stepped the Colonial Cottage Museum Society, a group of architects, councillors, historians and other concerned people, and Number 68 Nairn Street was granted a reprieve.

The society is anxious to turn the house into a museum because it feels that, apart from the colonial rooms at the Dominion Museum, the capital has no museum which shows the way people lived in early Wellington.

Number 68 is ideal. Not only has it scarcely been altered but it is also a gem in terms of craftsmanship.

“Wellington has got St. Paul's saved as a building representing the past and, I hope, Plimmer House, but virtually nothing else,” says architect Martin Hill, president of the Cottage Museum Society.

Mr. Hill has been disturbed by the way the Dunedin City Council, for example, had taken old buildings of historic lists and demolished them, either because their owners wanted to develop the properties or because maintenance was too costly.

Museums

"There have been plenty of cottages saved throughout the country but not many are set up as complete museums," he says. "We intend to make 68 Nairn Street a living thing."

To do this, the society must do certain restoration work. The roof needs replacing for a start.

The council will keep the building and the society will run it as a museum. The council has promised money for restoration, and the Historic Places Trust will give \$10,000, provided the society can match that figure.

Artifacts

The society has already saved \$1000 and accumulated some of the artifacts with which they will furnish the cottage, but they do need \$9,000 more and are now embarking on a campaign of public appeal.

Members of the public are invited to join the society for \$20, which will, of course, go towards restoring the cottage.

The society also plans to approach business houses that have a historical tie with the city. They feel the cottage will have real value as an educational aid for school children and when the museum is open they plan to use it for

demonstrations of traditional skills. They also hope to re-establish a typical old world garden.

When President of the Colonial Cottage Museum Society, Architect Martin Hill, addressed the Founders luncheon at Wakefield House he recalled that Auckland Founders were largely responsible for the magnificent "pioneer village" that has over many years grown up around the city's Technological Museum. Auckland has its rich share of pioneer cottages and more stately homes and churches. Northland, the Waikato, the Bay of Plenty, especially Tauranga, New Plymouth, Christchurch and the Wairarapa - all places where Founders have been actively engaged in preserving and restoration work to ensure that our Country's pioneer past doesn't completely vanish. Founders have again been active over some years in striving to save the Capital's Old St. Pauls Church and encourage attractive restoration around the Thorndon area - now, as a direct offshoot to the earliest of Thorndon efforts comes the chance to retain for all-time at Nairn Street, one of Wellington's earliest residential streets to the south of the fledgling settlement of the 1840s and 1850s, an outstanding example of a craftsman cottage. When Mayor Fowler and John Daniels spoke at its recent fund-raising campaign opening both referred to its unique quality and to its being one of less than ten cottages still surviving from the 1850's. Many Founder members in Wellington and elsewhere have already contributed cash or artifacts or become members. The Society's address is P.O. Box 2466, Wellington.

'Earls Of The River'

- C.D. Marks

At the April meeting the president, Mr. W. Hugh Ross, introduced Mr. Hori Hipango whom he described as one of the 'Earls of the River'. Mr. Hipango is a descendant of Hoani Wiremu Hipango who in 1855 travelled to London with Rev. Richard Taylor and presented to Queen Victoria, on behalf of the loyal Maori people of Putiki (Wanganui) a kiwi feather cloak and greenstone mere.

Another illustrious ancestor of Mr. Hipango was Rangihwinui (Major Kemp) to whom Queen Victoria presented a sword for his distinguished service in helping the pakeha against the Hau-haus.

Mr. Hipango's subject was kawa (protocol) on the marae. The speaker said this was much the same in Taranaki, Wanganui and other west coast areas but varied in the Waikato, Northland, Rotorua and east coast. In the last-named area a distinguished woman (kuia) could speak on the marae but not in the other areas.

On the arrival of visitors a kuia chanted to herald their coming. This was answered in similar manner by a kuia of the visiting group. In the old days there would be a challenge from a local warrior brandishing his taiaha, grimacing and dancing. He would place a leaf on the ground in front of the visiting chief. The manner in which this was treated would indicate if the visit was a peaceful one or not.

The procedure for speaking on the marae also varied. Sometimes orators from the local tribe did all their speaking first (probably

about four of them) but in other areas speakers alternated. Visiting speakers must identify themselves and give their whakapapa (genealogy).

A pakeha visitor to a marae need not feel uncomfortable as a master of ceremonies would meet him and explain the protocol. This was strictly adhered to but once the formalities were over all behaviour became informal.

The opening of a meeting-house was the most solemn occasion on the marae. This was

always performed at dawn. Other occasions were tangis, weddings and kuis for matters demanding tribal discussion.

In concluding Mr. Hipango said that at some future date to be arranged he as Chief of Putiki would be glad to invite the Whanganui branch of the N.Z. Founders to visit the marae. Mr. Ross, in thanking the speaker, said that members were greatly honoured and would look forward to that occasion.

Swansong for a homespun age . . .

This Bulletin, like so many issues that have gone before it, strives to be unpretentious; it seeks not to be what some might describe as "a dry-as-dust, impersonal, academic publication" – it doesn't even try to be over-professional but it does endeavour to do what it does with dignity, and with respect for the past, the present and the future. It can even indulge in producing long-winded, rambling sentences like the one you've just read. If there has been an editorial policy it has, dependent always upon the amount and quality of contributions received, striven to present the face of natural humanity along with the human capacity for error. It has even been said to be chatty – homely – a good deal of its content deliberately left in some degree as the contributors sent it in. So be it. That could well be within the Editor's intent to reflect the grassroot, yeoman-type, tradesmanlike, craftsman-style background from which stemmed by far the majority of those who peopled the earliest New Zealand Company Settlements. The Bulletin expects to be, dare we say these days – of New Zealanders New Zealand.

In any event this is one homegrown, voluntary Editor who is truly appreciative of those individual contributors and Branch Scribes whose efforts over the past decade or so have made the birth of each edition a pleasant, warmly human, joint-creativity worth attempting.

– Editor.

**HAVE ALL YOUR FAMILY AND ELIGIBLE FRIENDS JOINED
FOUNDERS?**

RECENT ARRIVALS into the membership ranks of the Founders Society
The National Secretary and her office supplied the following listing of those new members who have joined since the last Bulletin and up until approximately June, 1978:

Name	Address	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Mrs. J. Carr	Auckland	"Associate"		
Mrs. G.F. Alexander	Okaihau	"Shamrock"	1841	Daniel & Mary Lynch
Mr. R.N. Alexander	Okaihau	"Brezille Packet"	1832	John Leaf
Mrs. W.L. Bell	Pakuranga	"Oriental Queen"	1849	John Leahy
Mr. A. Coombe	Auckland		1840	Samuel & Matilda Furley
Mrs. L.D. Heaphy	Auckland	"Oriental Queen"	1849	John Leahy
Mrs. H.I. Hendricksen	Auckland	"Active"	1814	James Shepherd
		"Hope"	1821	Harriet Nelson
Mr. J.G. Hooper	Auckland	"New Zealander"	1820	Gilbert Mair
Miss T.A. Jalfon	Auckland	"Oriental Queen"	1849	John Leahy
Mrs. K.M. Lindsey	Howick	"Western Australia"	1835	James & Mary Ann Anderson
		"Shamrock"	1841	John & Jane Cox
Mrs. O.M. Lovell	Warkworth	"Hanover"	1862	John & Sarah Ann Shepherd
		Albertland Associate		
Mrs. V.A. Mac Culloch	Te Kauwhata	"London"	1840	Susan Wakefield
		"Hanover"	1862	John & Sarah Shepherd
		"Slains Castle"	1845	George Jennings
Mr. B.K. Moore	Auckland	"Jane Gifford"	1842	John & Janet Morison
		"Bengal Merchant"	1840	John & Esther McGechie
Mrs. B.M. Pope	Auckland	"Active"	1814	James Shepherd
		"Hope"	1821	Harriet Nelson
Miss L. Rothbury	Papakura	"Westminster"	1840	Benjamin Woods
Mr. A.L. Sigglekow	Auckland	"Skiold"	1844	August Sigglekow
Mrs. S.L. Storck	Auckland	"Oriental Queen"	1849	John Leahy
Mrs. H.C. Williamson	Maungaturoto		1850	Isaac Samuel Fletcher
Mrs. K.L. Bamforth	Rauwai	"Caroline Agnes"	1855	Jonathon & Elisabeth Bell
Mr. J.A. Eagles	Kaikohe	"H.M.S. Buffalo"	1837	William Oliver
Mrs. L.E. McIntosh	Northland	"Hannah"	1839	Thomas Skinner
		"Kelso"	1849	Hannah Taylor
Miss M.L. Walsh	Whangarei	"Oriental Queen"	1847	John Walsh
			1848-9	Francis & Charlotte Tapp
Mr. D.I. Anderson	Wellington	"Pilgrim"	1849	David Anderson
Mr. E.D. Daniell	Wellington	"Charlotte Jane"	1850	James Wyld
		"Randolf"	1850	William Free
Mr. R.A. Coster	Dargaville	"Amelia Thompson"	1841	Samuel Oliver
Mrs. A.J. Donovan	Hamilton	"Minerva"	1847	John & Jane Paton
Mr. A.G. Snelgar	Auckland	"British Sovereign"	1845	Henry Snelgar
Mr. J.G. Twohill	Auckland	"Sophia Pate"	1840	Peter Patrick Grace
		"Westminster"	1843	Catherine Lorrigan
Mr. H.R. Hutcheson	Russell	"Sir Robert Peel"	1846	Edward & Ann Spencer
Mrs. L.M. Hutcheson	Russell	Associate		
Mr. R.M. Story	Wanganui	"Blenheim"	1841	Capt. Moses Campbell
Mrs. J.M. Bradley	Masterton	"Angelina"	1849	Francois Narby
Mrs. J.L. Horgbrugh	Masterton	"Martha Ridgeway"	1840	Charles Saywell
Mrs. T. McKelvey	Masterton	"Bolton"	1840	William & Mary Packman
		"William Bentink"	1841	John & Charlotte Whitehouse
Miss D.J. McLeod	Masterton	"Cuba"	1839	Robert Wyeth
Mrs. J.G. Gordon	Wellington	"Pekin"	1849	Mary Simpson
Mr. H.P. Jacobs	Wellington	"Birman"	1842	Andrew Haggarty Gillespie
Mr. M.H. Rowse	Wellington	"Duke of Roxborough"	1840	Hart Uddy
Mr. D.N. McLeod	Masterton	"Cuba"	1839	Robert Wyeth
Mr. D.L. Ellerm	Auckland	"Adelaide"	1840	Edward John Ellerm
Mr. C.M. Kay	Auckland	"Hannah Watson"	1840	Mary Grace Vercoe
		"Bengal Merchant"	1840	John Wilson
Miss O. Platt	Auckland	"Indus"	1843	Richard & Eliza Holyoake
Mr. W.R. Gamble	Auckland	"Canterbury"	1851	George Dean
Miss R.A. Jaggar	Auckland	"John Wesley"	1849	Thomas James Jaggar
Mr. G.C. Mills	Ngaruawhia		1840	Richard & Elizabeth Jenkyns
Mrs. Z.A. Moss	Waiuku	"Vesper"	1850	Angus Campbell
Mr. K.W. Nicholson	Auckland	"New Zealander"	1840	George & Catherine Bregman
Mrs. L.L. Sigglekow	Auckland		1844	Capt. Haromanus Copeland
Mrs. E.G. Nankivell	Whangarei	"Bengal Merchant"	1840	William Webster

Miss F.J. Duncan	Masterton	"Fifeshire"	1842	Joseph & Rachel Duncan
Mrs. H.R. Vickerman	Lower Hutt	"Whitby"	1842	William Mickell
Mrs. V. Wellbrock	Wellington	"Brampton"	1823	Henry Williams
		"Gertrude"	1841	William John Mitchell
				Lucy Suter
Mrs. M.D. Shirriffs	Te Kauwhata	"Jane Gifford"	1842	William Culpan
Mr. R.L. Drimmond	Whangarei		1840	Alexander Mackay
Mrs. J.M. Spedding	Whangarei	Associate		
Mrs. L.W. Greadhead	Greytown	"Duke of Roxborough"	1840	Thomas & Sarah Poad
		"Birman"	1842	George & Elizabeth Haigh
		"Coromandel"	1840	Stephen Pilcher
Mr. M.J. Greadhead	Greytown	"Birman"	1842	George & Elizabeth Haigh
		"Martha Ridgeway"	1842	George Greadhead
Mr. G.D. Jones	Masterton	"Louis & Miriam"	1848	Mrs. Mary Chew
Mrs. H.N. Simonsen	Masterton	"Eleanor"	1841	Joseph & Sarah Masters
Mr. J.S. Stichbury	Carterton	"Cuba"	1840	Charles Stichbury
		"Adelaide"	1840	Ann Turner
		"Minerva"	1828	Charles Frederick Baker
Mrs. E.H. Tarrant	Masterton	"Bengal Merchant"	1840	Thomas Reid
Mrs. E.M. Walker	Masterton	Associate		
Mr. T.G. Walker	Masterton	"Cuba"	1840	William Mein Smith
Mrs. O.M. Jenkins	Wellington	"Cuba"	1840	Charles William Keys
Mr. J.G. Keys	Central Otago	"Indian"	1848	Capt. Robert Kelly
Mrs. R.I. Scott	Christchurch	"Achilles" or "Nimrod"	1839	Rev. Richard Taylor
Miss A. Van Erpers Roijaards	Wellington	"Achilles" or "Nimrod"	1839	Rev. Richard Taylor
Mr. L. Van Erpers Roijaards	Wellington	"Amelia Thompson"	1841	William Bray Bayly
Mrs. J.L. Taylor	Auckland	"Jane Gifford"	1842	John Hill
Mr. H.A. Hill	Auckland	"Pilgrim"	1849	David Anderson
Mr. T.E. Anderson	Wellington	"Minerva"	1828	Rev. Charles Baker
Mr. S.H. Baker	Wellington	"Birman"	1842	John & Emma Harding
Mr. P.R. Harding	Waipukurau	"Amelia Thompson"	1841	John Perry
Mr. H.C. Perry	Wellington	"Arab"	1841	Charles Dixon
		"Westminster"	1840	William Davies
Mr. A.B. Gilfillan	Auckland	Associate		
Mrs. J.G. Gilfillan	Auckland	"Brampton"	1823	Rev. Henry Williams
Mr. P.L. Williams	Auckland	"Governor Macquarie"	1824	Rev. Richard Davis
Mrs. A.G. Drummond	Whangarei	Associate		
Mr. M.L. Yorke	Northland	"Dromedary"	1827	Rev. William Yorke
		"Harlequin"	1833	John Edmonds
Mr. C.O. Strong	Auckland	"Ann"	1848	George Strong
Mrs. G.C. Strong	Auckland	"Bengal Merchant"	1840	Thomas & Jane Dorreen
Mrs. E.N. Millar	Masterton	"Hope"	1843	Charles Robert Bidwell
Mrs. P.E. Free	Wellington	"Adelaide"	1840	Daniel Riddiford
Mrs. D.M. Gray	Lower Hutt	"Rosanna"	1825	Alexander Gray
Mrs. C.C. Jones	Wellington	Associate		
Miss D.C. Jones	Wellington	"Ajax"	1849	George Hay
Miss M.S. Jones	Wellington	"Ajax"	1849	George Hay
Miss C.G. Hill	Wellington	"Active"	1814	Rev. Thomas Kendall
Mr. R.J. Turner	Auckland	"Duchess of Argyle"	1842	Mary & Robert Laurie
		"Duchess of Argyle"	1842	James & Margaret Allison
Mrs. J.M. Stephens	Auckland	"Clifford"	1842	Thomas & Hannah Tunnicliffe
Miss G.F. Freland	Auckland	"Sir Robert Sale"	1847	Thomas Childerhouse
Mrs. F.A. Morrison	Opua	"Victoria"	1847	Frances Bateman
Mrs. D.M. Little	Ngaruawahia	"Thomas Harrison"	1842	Thomas & Ann Hill
				Quinton Hill
Mr. W.J. Little	Ngaruawahia	4th Waikato Regt.	1864	George Little
		Associate		
Mrs. J.C. Stanley	Matamata	"British Sovereign"	1845	Isaac Fletcher
Mrs. W. MacDougall	Te Puke	"Duchess of Argyle"	1842	Alexander & Mary Muir
Mr. G.J. Muir	Te Puke	"Duchess of Argyle"	1842	Alexander & Mary Muir
Mr. L.D. Shepherd	Featherston	"Brigand"	1843	Thomas Shepherd
Mrs. M.F. White	Lower Hutt	"Bombay"	1842	Elizabeth Gell
Mr. M.J. Easton	Levin	"Clifton"	1842	Thomas & Edith Whebby
Mrs. K.E. Russo	Shannon	"Adelaide"	1840	Francis Bradey
Mrs. R.D. Sievers	Wellington	"London"	1842	Alexander & Ann Hurley
Miss C.M. Martin	Wellington	"Isobella Hercus"	1856	Robert George Flemming
Mrs. J.C. Moffat	Otaki	"Lord William Bentinck"	1841	John & Ann Howell
Miss K.L. Alexander	Okaihau	"Minerva"	1847	John Lynch
		"Duchess of Argyle"	1842	Robert Muir
Mrs. M.J. Farnham	Auckland	"Blenheim"	1841	Hugh & Ann Morrison
Mrs. S.I. Knox	Paeroa	"Jane Gifford"	1842	John & Agnes Hill
Mr. R.P. Rothwell	Hamilton	4th Waikato Regt.	1845	Pte. Thomas Rothwell
		Associate		

Mr. M.N. Belcher	Okato	"Essex"	1843	William & Eliza Rogers
		"William Bryant"	1841	Nicholas & Sarah Pepperell
		"Timandra"	1842	Mary Hart
Mrs. H.M. Jensen	Napier	"Eden"	1850	Richard Wakelin
Mrs. B.E. Algie	Featherston	"Catherine Stewart Forbes"	1841	John & Mary Cracknell
Mrs. T.M. Bannister	Carterton	Associate		
Mrs. J. Benton	Featherston	"Oriental"	1840	Henry Augustus Meech
Mrs. M. Campbell	Masterton	"London"	1842	Robert Edwards
Mrs. J.R. Drummond	Greytown	"Aurora"	1840	Rowland Davis
		"Adelaide"	1840	Charles Edward Luxford
				G.W. Mace
Mrs. R.K. Hardinge	Masterton	"London"	1842	Robert Edwards
Mrs. J.T. Jury	Carterton	Associate		
Mr. M.J. Jury	Carterton	"Thetis"	1830	John Milsom Jury
Mrs. E.J. Leete	Masterton	"John Wycliffe"	1848	Charles Bentley
Mrs. J. O'Brien	Greytown		1847	Capt. John James Pritchard
Mrs. D.M. Roseingrave	Masterton	"Lord William Bentinck"	1841	Robert Bould
Mr. P. Svenson	Greytown	"Phoebe Dunbar"	1850	Janet Gorrie
Mrs. R. Svenson	Greytown	Associate		
Mrs. K. Te Tau	Masterton	"Whaler"	1834	Edward Weller
A.M. Brown	Masterton	"Clifton"	1841	Richard Kibblewhite
		"Thomas Sparks"	1843	Henry Wintringham
Mrs. I.E. Wyeth	Masterton	"Arab"	1841	William & Agnes Buick
Mr. G.K. Green	New Plymouth	"William Bryan"	1841	John James
				Ann Phillips
Mrs. M.T. Green	New Plymouth	Associate		
Mr. K.D. Piper	New Plymouth	"Samarang"	1852	Henry Piper
		"New Zealand"	1842	John & Ann McArtney
Miss J.M. West	New Plymouth	"Samarang"	1852	Henry Piper
		"New Zealand"	1842	John & Ann McArtney
J.K. West	New Plymouth	"Samarang"	1852	Henry Piper
		"New Zealand"	1842	John & Ann McArtney
Mrs. E.G. Brake	Whangarei	"Hanover"	1862	Richard Cutforth
		Associate		Emily Pettet
Mr. C.T. Brooking	Auckland	"Beramphore"	1849	Henry Brierly

Where bell-birds once sang

Recalling Church Service Of 1840

Maori, Cook Island, Samoan and European voices combined in singing well-known psalms and hymns in the Presbyterian commemorative service held on the Petone shore on February 22.

The 23rd psalm and the hymns "*All people that on earth do dwell*", "*Guide me O Thou great Jehovah*" and "*O God of Bethel*" sung here in 1840 by the 30 or 40 early settlers present were sung again.

This time sung both in English, Maori, and in the varied languages of what the Rev. Leiite Setefano of St. David's Church, Petone, termed "the second wave of immigrants to New Zealand — those from the South Pacific who with their children are making their home in this country."

Celtic Cross

The service, with prayers of thanksgiving led by the Rev. David Evans, was held on the grass verge near the old Celtic cross marking the place where the Rev. John McFarlane preached on February 23, 1840, in the first Presbyterian church service held in New Zealand.

In a short address of welcome, the Rev. Tawhao Tioke, minister of the Maori Pastorate, said that day in 1840 was a bad day, with rain above and swamp and mud below as the settlers gathered for the service, and the feeling was one of homesickness of people who had come so far to an unknown land.

Those present could imagine the scene as it was, he said, with no roads, a few scattered tents, the swamp land and the great forests of the Hutt Valley beyond.

In February 1840, the Rev. John McFarlane had arrived from Glasgow in the Bengal Merchant just two days before. He wrote of his first New Zealand service, "I preached, I hope with some advantage."

That service was held under a grove of karaka trees. An early writer recalls, "There was no sabbath bell to call the congregation together, but the song of the bell-bird could be distinctly heard above all the songsters of the grove."

