

OVER THE YEARS IAN CAMERON WAS NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THESE TWO BRANCHES

WAIRARAPA BRANCH - REPORT 1983-84

We in the Wairarapa have had another successful year with well attended gatherings once a month.

Of special note would be our trip to Wellington, a full bus load to visit Parliament Buildings and to be shown around by our then member of Parliament, Mr Ben Couch, after which we paid a visit to the Museum where Mrs Olsen acted as our guide for which we were very grateful.

On a second visit to Wellington, again a full bus load, we visited the Michael Fowler Centre and Antrim House. We also had a very interesting day at the Wairarapa Training Farm.

Our pre-Christmas Dinner continues to be very popular with our members, well over one hundred attending and we were honoured to have as our guest, our National President, Mr Don Harper and Mrs Harper, and our Mayor, Mr Cody and Mrs Cody.

Our annual meeting was well attended with the get-together and dinner prior to the meeting which was held in the Masterton Public Library building.

1984 was a reasonably good year for our Society. I would have liked to have seen more interest from a lot of our members. The future of the Founder's Society is in our hands and it is up to you and me to see that when we pass on we leave behind a Founder's Society strong and knowledgeable of the great work done by our forebears in the last century.

Outings: The March trip to Brian Cameron's home, Waimoana Glenburn, and Flatpoint will not be forgotten by those who were fortunate to attend this memorable day. The weather was perfect and our hosts Mr and Mrs Cameron, more than generous with their hospitality and talks on the history of their home and those surrounding.

Our coach trip to Wellington in May, visiting Michael Fowler Centre, I.H.C. Rooms and Antrim House was most successful and enjoyed by all.

In September we met for luncheon at Homestead and in afternoon visited I.H.C. Centre in Bentley Street. After being shown around this interesting place, some members stayed behind to purchase plants from their excellent nursery.

Being in hospital in November, I was unable to attend our Christmas Dinner, but from all reports it was a successful function. We were privileged to have Mrs Olsen, our National Vice President, and her husband attend. My thanks to Mrs Tully, our Vice President for the way she presided at this function.

Waitangi Day coach trip to Southwards' Museum and later to Petone Museum, was another get-together, enjoyed by the members who were able to make this trip.

NORTHLAND BRANCH

R.E. Chamberlain - President

The Northland Branch has had nine luncheon meetings since last August, with an average attendance of 45 members. Speakers have ranged from travel to antiques, with most of the speakers being our members.

Highlights of the year, have been our Christmas Luncheon, held at the Vintage Car Club rooms at Heritage Park, our Museum Complex.

We were able to have two members attend the Waitangi Day Celebrations on 6 February. The March meeting was held at the home of Miss C. Lupton. Her father was the first Headmaster of the Whangarei High School. Miss Lupton has a wonderful, warm, friendly home, and has kept a lot of the home appliances of days gone by, which brought back memories to our more senior members. We also found beautiful examples of clothes, books, laces, furs, shoes and her Mothers wedding hat all so lovingly cared for.

At the end of March we had a visit from the Hawkes Bay Branch. Thirteen of our members joined the visitors for dinner on the Friday night which we all enjoyed. On the Saturday we entertained the Hawkes Bay members to morning tea at Heritage Park, which was again very enjoyable. Many members from both Branches finding family connections and some acquaintances they had not seen for years. It would be very good if we could have more of these visits between Branches.

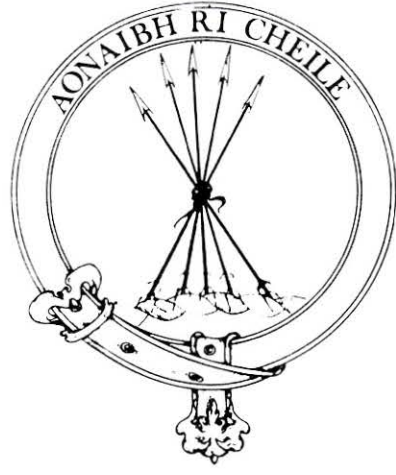
Mrs K. Reynolds gave an excellent talk at the July meeting. The subject was boating between Whangarei and the Bay of Islands, a subject she knows very well, coming from a family that have been keen sailors on this coast for many years. Her brother, Mr A.H. Pickmere, made comprehensive charts of our Northland east coast.

In conclusion we hold our luncheon meetings the first Saturday of each month at 11am at Markwick House, Norfolk Street, Whangarei, and we would be pleased to welcome any Founders who are visiting Northland.

B.L. Walsh (Mrs) Hon. Secretary

CLAN CAMERON

by Dorothy Barker



(Dorothy Barker, Great-Granddaughter
of Donald and Christina Cameron, 1840)

Clan Cameron -- do we still hear the call of our clan? Are we still staunch and true to help each other? Are we ready to meet and battle with life's difficulties, and to play our part in this young country far across the seas from the heather and the lochs of the Highlands? Do we ever in the rush and bustle of modern life pause a moment to think of those Camerons who left their homes over 100 years ago to come to an unknown and uncivilised land?

Truly there were brave pioneers those Camerons of 1840. How often the fighting spirit of the Camerons must have stood them in good stead in overcoming the extraordinary difficulties of their new life. Why did they leave the Highlands they loved so well?

Let us pause a while and take a look at our Camerons of 1745 and 1840 ...

One July day, in 1745, there stepped ashore from a French frigate onto the Island of Eriskay, a brave golden haired young man, Prince Charles Edward Stewart. He and his companions soon found their way to the mainland, and there at Glenfinnan they waited. Would the clans rise? Would they follow that young man, who was to raise his Royal Standard and proclaim to the people of Britain that he had come to claim the throne that was his?

The whisper went round the glens, to the Frasers, the MacDonalds, and to the strongest of these -- to the Camerons.

"Will you follow me, Lochiel?" said Prince Charles.

"I'll follow you" replied Lochiel, "and so shall every man over whom nature or fortune hath given me power."

Brave words. Around the Camerons flashed the call, up the glens - purple with heather, across the lochs, up to the Achnagarry where, that summer day, the Camerons were planting out a thicket of young trees. The whisper went round, "he is here, the Prince. Lochiel call Clan Cameron".

Farewell to their wives and families, out came their dirks and their swords, and on to Glenfinnan came the Camerons, 800 of them, pipes skirling, Lochiel at their head, to follow that golden-haired young man.

They were used to living hard, these Camerons and well they had need to be. History tells us that at first success was with them, and they swept triumphantly on to Edinburgh. The Prince, filled with hope and against the advice of some of his Chiefs, would go further. But on Culloden Moor they met crushing defeat. Back to the Highlands they went, ranks sadly depleted, but their fighting spirit still indomitable. The Prince's cause was a lost one; rewards were offered for his head, or knowledge of his whereabouts, but never a one would betray him.

Yes, 1745 left its mark deep in the Highlands. The clans were disarmed and the old social system of the Chief, with his men all living on his land ready to answer his call for battle or peace, was abolished.

Many sheep and cattle were brought in and in those days of the "Clearance" many a Cameron found a living hard to make, but, however hard life might be, the old Cameron motto -- "A Cameron never will yield" was proved many times over.

Such a man was Donald Cameron in the year 1840 -- Donald the weaver, 46 years old, with his wife Christina, 40 years, and their children Alexander 16, Donald, 15, Catherine 14, Anna 12, John 9, and little Duncan 6 years.

Life was for them a stern struggle away there in Ardnamauchan. The boys did whatever work they could, three fine big lads, the two girls growing out of childhood, young John and Duncan, they all tried to help. It was a very difficult task to feed and clothe them all, the food was of the plainest and the clothes were handwoven.

Donald had heard of a new land far across the sea, a new land that needed settlers. A company had been formed, the New Zealand Land Company to help emigrants, and free passages were awaiting them on the barque "Blenheim", 374 tons register, due to sail shortly from Greenock. Even now, Donald MacDonald was selecting emigrants from the Cameron country.

Donald and Christina Cameron looked at their fine Highland family. The chance of a new life was there for them. They would take it.

They gathered their few belongings, their family of seven children and away down to Greenock they went, where out in the Clyde lay the good barque "Blenheim".

The wharf was crowded. Donald and Christina found several other families of Camerons, also Morrisons, MacDonalds, McGregors, McKays, Fergusons, all there from the Highlands, the men with faces of set determination, the women anxious and fearful for their children when they saw the frail and tiny ship that was to carry them far away to an unknown land.

The time came to embark. What a scene! The small deck was crowded with emigrants, their children, their boxes, coils of rope, cables, casks, and boxes of stores. Huge quarters of oxen freshly killed hung swaying in the riggings, hens cackling in their coops, roosters crowing, pigs squealing, sheep bleating -- a scene beyond description.

Donald and Christina found their way to their quarters, two small recesses 4½ feet by 6 feet, fairly near the hatches, no light except a candle dully gleaming or a horn lantern. Their quarters were incredibly cramped yet they had to live in them during all that long voyage. Some of the emigrants wished they had not come, some of the children cried, but gradually out of the chaos came order and everyone determined to make the best of their uncomfortable months at sea.

The Captain of the "Blenheim" was Captain John Gray, although one reference book gives him as Captain Moses Campbell. The surgeon was Will Campbell (also recorded by L. Ward as Neil Campbell.)

The Captain, whatever his name, was a good navigator, but a hard seafaring man. He did not bear a very good reputation. He treated his crew cruelly, made some of the passengers help to work the ship and kept everyone short of food. The fresh food did not last long and for weeks they lived on a monotonous diet of "salt junk" and "hard tack".

Sea sickness was prevalent. The huge breakers twisted and turned, battered and shattered the "Blenheim" as she strove to round the Horn. Discomforts were great, but those Highlanders were tough, their minds were made up, and complaints were few.

The "Blenheim" had sailed down the Clyde from Greenock on August 24th, 1840, with her 179 souls bound for New Zealand. There were 22 married couples, 54 single men, 49 single women, 38 children between 7 and 14 years and 16 children under 7 years.--(378 tons.)

Just before Christmas, approximately December 23rd, after 4 long months, Wellington Heads were sighted. Suddenly a strong northwest gale sprang up and drove the ship, out to sea for three days. The Captain had not visited Port Nicholson before so ran the ship into Palliser Bay and nearly came to grief. Some of the crew then put off and came back reporting "no harbour".

Finally they found the entrance and "Blenheim" came sailing up the harbour. The barque "Blenheim" sailed slowly, slowly up the harbour and there on December 27th she cast anchor near Kaiwarra stream.

Donald and Christina with their family of seven children were on deck to catch a first glimpse of their long-sought future home. Frowning hills, some bush clad, rising above the waters edge met their gaze. The prospect was dour and uninviting.

Christina looked across the gap of water to the shore. A few white men, a number of scantily-clad brown men and women and a few queershaped huts were all she saw. Dugald, Donald, Alexander, Catherine, Anna, John and Duncan were all bubbling with excitement. Donald and Christina were very thankful to have come safely to the end of their long voyage and to see land, however rough.

Presently the white men on shore waded out to "Blenheim" and piggy-backed the women and children ashore.

Donald and Christina were taken to their home, a raupo whare, roughly made, but weatherproof with rough bunks along the side and a wide open fireplace at the end.

Their new life had begun and Donald and Christina were to have ample opportunity time and again to prove the old Cameron motto "A Cameron never will yield" as they faced almost insurmountable difficulties. Conditions were hard, but no one grumbled, they were all too busy. They had to work hard to get enough food and Christina found they were always hungry. Plenty of pigeons, kakas and

wild pigs in the bush, but that bush was dense and the hills steep. It was a long weary days' hunting to bring home the sought for food.

Flour, potatoes, sugar and tea were brought at intervals from New South Wales by the New Zealand Land Company but they were very expensive to buy. Wild goats supplied them with milk and meat. "puha" or sowthistle was their vegetable. No fruit so they ate young shoots of fern and purupuru berries.

The men strove hard to fell some of the dense bush, difficult for these men inexperienced in such work. When fallen and cleared, the rough grounds had all to be broken up with a "grubby hoe" before any vegetables or potatoes could be planted. Christina Cameron cooked their meals in large camp ovens over the open fire, and though strange and sometimes unpalatable, the food vanished quickly before the hungry family.

In the evening, the lamp, burning whale oil, was lit and Donald and Christina were happy with their family around them. Their talk was mostly in Gaelic for the Highlander "had the Gaelic" and thought, read and spoke Gaelic.

The Maoris were at first very friendly and worked cheerfully for their food. Later they wanted clothing, tobacco, hardware; and whenever they had anything to sell "Kotahi kereni" (one shilling) was their demand. One Maori "Dog's Ear" a follower of Te Rauparaha, was a ringleader in troublemaking.

Finally in 1846 hostilities broke out, the militia were called up and a good deal of more or less guerilla fighting took place before the trouble was quelled.

The years went on; the settlers were gradually making homes for themselves. Some had moved to the more fertile land of the Hutt Valley to new houses of pitsawn timber with brick chimney, when in 1848 the Wellington earthquake shook many of the houses loose and brought chimneys down.

Donald Cameron farmed a small area of land at the Hutt but still kept a home at Kaiwarra near the little river at the mouth of which the "Blenheim" had first anchored.

Donald Cameron at one stage heard much talk of Australia and thought of going to Adelaide but finally decided to remain in New Zealand. He heard of better farming land over on the far side of that mountainous range, the Rimutakas. Donald walked round the coast, found the land was good and bought a large block from the Maoris -- Pahau.

After a while he brought Christina and his family round the coast in an open boat, a rough and hazardous trip with waves breaking over them, drenching them and all their belongings and provisions.

Pages could be written describing the early years of Pahau but suffice to say work was hard, difficulties many. However the land proved good and Donald and Christina found happiness for themselves and their large family. Pahau is still held by their descendants.

Donald, son of Donald and Christina, worked for a while with Mr Kettle, a surveyor, and helped to make the first survey over the Rimutakas and through the Manawatu Gorge.

Dugald, the eldest son, taught school in early Wellington, married, but he and his wife died young and their children were cared for by the other brothers and their wives.

I who wrote this am a grand-daughter of Dugald and his wife Annie.

Alexander lived at Kaiwarra but bought Okara station in the Tinui district of Wairarapa. The land was farmed by some of his family, but eventually it was sold and their family returned to Kaiwarra.

Catherine, the elder daughter, married on December 19, 1849, a Mr McDonnell, the first white man in the Rangitikei. They farmed a block of land there of which Donald Cameron was the original owner. This farm is still held by Catherine's descendants.

Anne, the younger daughter, married a McFarlane who farmed a tract of land in Canterbury and after 100 years there are still McFarlanes there. Truly "A Cameron never will yield", land or anything else.

All the sons and daughters of Donald and Christina Cameron had large families. Their babies often arrived in very primitive surroundings, no doctor or midwife, just a friendly and capable neighbour to do for mother and baby and to look after the other children in the intervals of caring for her own family. The children grew up self reliant and strong and have played no small part in the successful pioneering of New Zealand. Their descendants are many and if Donald and Christina Cameron could view them all, would they think their venture in a new land had been worth while?

What do you think?

NOTE: My mother (1891-1970) wrote this primarily for her family. All facts were verified either from family sources or from the Turnbull Library. She and my father had seven children also and their descendants alone are now nearly 100. It is interesting that one of their grandsons, my son Alexander Henry Clark, has purchased land and is now farming in the Wairarapa -- at Gladstone.

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**EVERY FOUNDER SHOULD ENCOURAGE
EVERY MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY TO JOIN**

FOUNDERS REDISCOVER THE NORTH

Once a year the Hawke's Bay Branch of the New Zealand Founders' Society plans a major trip to wind up the season's activities before the winter closes in, when they rest for a month or two.

Forty-four members from Wairoa, Dannevirke, Waipukurau, Hastings, Havelock North and Napier made the ten-day bus trip, visiting points of historical interest en route. Overnight and longer stops were made at Hamilton, Whangarei, Paihia and Auckland. At Hamilton, Whangarei and Auckland the group met and were entertained by members of local branches. At Whangarei the function took place at the Northland Regional Museum at Heritage Park, Maunu and at historic Clarke Homestead where New Zealand's well-known writer, Jane Mander, wrote and studied.

During the three-day stopover at Paihia, opportunity was made to see the Waitangi Treaty House, the Kelly Tarleton shipwreck museum, to Russell by ferry where members visited the local museum, Pompallier House and historic Christ Church (New Zealand's oldest surviving church) and Long Beach. At Keri Keri the famous Stone Store and the Kemp House were inspected before the party moved on to Waimate North to visit the Mission House and the historic church of St John the Baptist. The party then saw the Pakaraka Church where forebears of several of the members were buried.

From Kaitaia, the majority of the travellers took the road to Cape Reinga, the remainder visiting local historic spots and Ahirapa, the lovely bay at the Southern end of Ninety Mile Beach. In Kaitaia the smaller group also spent some time at the splendid little museum there, and at the historic St. Saviour's church.

Crossing the Hokianga Harbour by ferry, there was a call at the historic Clendon House in Rawene before a lunch stop at Omaperere and the drive through the Waiapoua forest with a call on Tanemahutu with its improved access path and viewing platform.

Then on to Dargaville, which area was of particular interest, three families in the party having their roots in this historic place of the North. Personal contacts were made and a detailed commentary given by one member, well versed in all its history. One of the most interesting stops was at the Otamatea Kauri Museum at Matakohe, voted quite the best of all those seen, with an impressive display of kauri gum exhibits consisting of over 1,500 pieces. There is also a large wing which houses a bush whim, a large scale model of a bush dam, catamaran, bullock waggon, pitsaw frame, gum washing plant, bushman's whare, bush tram and Kauri logs of up to 8 feet in diameter, with many very lifelike wax models which make the exhibit a very realistic display.

Back then to Auckland for an overnight stay and a meeting with Auckland Branch members for a wine and cheese party at the historic Ewelme Cottage at Parnell. Then the final day of touring and a stop at Putaruru for lunch with Bay of Plenty members at the "Cookhouse" at the Putaruru Timber Museum. With this final meeting with the Bay of Plenty group some of whom had come from Tauranga and Kati Kati, the local Hawke's Bay branch has now visited every other branch in the North Island.

An action-packed tour indeed and one that will live long in the minds of those who participated.

HILDA BRADLEY - Te Mata Times

(See illustration of these happy wanderers on back page of previous Bulletin No. 58)

LATEST REPORTS FROM OUR BUSY BRANCHES

HAWKE'S BAY BRANCH

In spite of predictions about not being able to keep up the pace we set five years ago, the Hawke's Bay Branch has continued to be very active.

Last September, two bus loads and some cars of members went on historic walks of two local settlements, both full of early Hawke's Bay history, Otane and Onga Onga. At Onga Onga members of the local Historical Society, in a worthy effort to raise money for their Museum, provided us with afternoon tea at the conclusion of our visit.

During the last weekend in October, 44 members set off on a visit to New Plymouth where members of the Taranaki Branch joined us for dinner on the Saturday night. This was a most enjoyable function where members mingled freely, meeting old friends and making new ones. Before we left for home on Sunday morning, we were guests of the local Branch at a splendid morning tea. As we were unable to eat all the good things provided, what remained was put on our bus for a picnic lunch on the way home. Our thanks to Mr Standish for his most interesting guided tour on Saturday morning, and to all Taranaki members for their magnificent hospitality.

In November we were very pleased to welcome the Wanganui Branch to Hawke's Bay. We had a combined dinner for 140 members from both Branches on Saturday night. On the Sunday morning we showed them some of the sights of the district before welcoming them to lunch at the Harbour Board Offices in Napier. After a couple of hours in which to entertain themselves in Napier, they left for home via Highway 50 and a visit to the historic Gwavas homestead. We were delighted to be able to return a little of the hospitality we received when we visited Wanganui.

On December 4th, 80 members went on a picnic outing to Pourerere Beach, the site of the first sheep station in Hawke's Bay. This outing replaced our usual Christmas function and was voted a huge success.

February 18th, saw 110 members at our annual dinner in Havelock North. We have decided to go back to our old date of February 6th for future dinners.

In March, 55 members went on a second "Walk with History" in Napier, with our good friend Peggy Higgins, Secretary of the Hawke's Bay Regional Committee of the Historic Places Trust. This was a much more manageable number than went on the walk last year.

On Sunday 8th April, we held a successful Annual Meeting at Wharemoana Farm Guest House, 11 miles south of Hastings. The 110 members present were served afternoon tea.

End of April saw the start of our most ambitious venture yet, a ten day tour of Northland by 44 members (see further details of this trip elsewhere in this Bulletin). Hamilton was our first stop, and that evening Waikato Branch members joined us for dinner at our hotel. This proved to be a most enjoyable get-together.

The next night saw a similar function with the Northland Branch in Whangarei. Before we left next morning, we were their guests at morning tea at "Glorat", the historic old homestead just out of Whangarei. After three nights in Paihia and much local sightseeing, we left for a two day visit to Kaitiaki. Next day, half the party went on the trip to North Cape. Next came the Waipoua Kauri Forest and a night in Dargaville where we visited the magnificent site of the new museum. Thanks to the fine effort of Northland Branch's, Mr Edgar Wilson, we were met at numerous places between Whangarei and Dargaville by local members of the Historic Places Trust, who escorted us round various places of interest, many of which we would have missed had we been on our own.

The following night we were guests of the Auckland Branch for a social gathering with some of their members, at Historic Ewelme Cottage. This was another most enjoyable gathering.

The next morning, Saturday, was the last leg of our journey. We had a most welcome break for lunch at the Timber Museum, Putaruru, with members of the Bay of Plenty Branch. We spent an enjoyable hour and a half with them before resuming our journey. It was a very tired but highly satisfied group who arrived back in Hawke's Bay at 6pm after a tour that had gone without a hitch. We have now visited every Branch in the North Island. At each one we have been received with magnificent hospitality and have made many, and I hope lasting, friends. The Canterbury Branch is the only one we haven't visited, and I wouldn't guarantee that they are safe now that our members have the bit between their teeth! (Other HB Branch activities are reported in more detail elsewhere in this edition.)

In conclusion, I would say to other Branches, if you haven't tried a bus trip, do so. Give your members plenty of notice so that they can save for it. The friendliness of other Branches, and the closer ties formed between your own members make it well worth while. As a bonus you will gather in new members.

- Peter Harding - President

AUCKLAND BRANCH

Since the 1983 National Council Meeting, Auckland Branch has held ten functions. (It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our December Xmas Party because of an Auckland-wide bus strike. We held it instead in February, complete with the cake!)

Speakers since August '83 have been Mr Bill Laxon on early steam ships on the Waitemata & Manuka harbours; Max Cryer spoke at our end-of-year dinner on funny incidents that have occurred during travel overseas and during television productions he has been involved with; Mrs Nitia Wilkinson on her visit to Iraq; Mrs W. Rouse, a Justice of the Peace and Marriage Celebrant on her work in these areas; John Hawksby, frontman of TV's "Top-Half" programme was a surprise speaker when our booked speaker had to make a sudden trip to Wellington and arranged for Mr Hawksby to replace him - it was such a surprise and great pleasure as he regaled us with stories about 'what goes on behind the scenes'; Mrs Doreen Bryan spoke in June of her lifelong involvement in the Girl Guide movement, while in July Mr Healey spoke on Accident Compensation and accidents in the home; TV personality and author, the Nationally-known Dr Kenneth Cumberland was an August speaker in every way ...

As in the past we continue to invite to our meetings a representative of a kindred society and continue our representation on the Central Committee of Auckland Patriotic Societies. Founders have been to functions of the Royal Commonwealth Society; Victoria League; English Speaking Union; Pioneer & Descendants Club. Naturally, we were also present at the annual Hobson Memorial Service and during Commonwealth Week this year we attended the Commonwealth Day Service at Holy Trinity Cathedral and at functions during the following four days. Later we had representatives at the Navy League Passing-Out Parade of T.S. Achilles.

This year we have dropped our Coffee mornings, instead having a monthly luncheon. A poll taken among our members during the last two months has shown overwhelming support for this move. However, we do seem to have dropped our attendance figures for luncheons - this is partly because of catering price rises, and possibly, age.

Special mention must be made of the small social we held for the visit of the Hawkes Bay Branch on their progress south from a Northland tour. This was a most pleasant function held at Ewelme Cottage, Parnell. We now hold committee meetings only every two months but still are able to plan successfully for the year.

J.P. Webster, Auckland Branch President

**AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE
OF HOW TO RUN A
PIONEER FAMILY REUNION
A YEAR OR SO AGO
THE DUDER DESCENDANTS
GATHERED
AT DEVONPORT
AUCKLAND**



Thomas Duder, first permanent white settler, came to Devonport 1840.

Over a long week-end in October 1981 one of the oldest families associated with Devonport's history held a reunion in Devonport. About 200 members of the Duder Family gathered from all parts of the country, including some from the South Island and also from Australia. They were all descendants of Thomas Duder who arrived in Auckland in 1840 after being shipwrecked while a member of the crew of "H.M.S. Buffalo". In 1842 he was appointed keeper of the signal station which had been established on Mount Victoria and for some years lived in a hut alongside the mast on the hilltop - this made him the first permanent resident at Flagstaff, as Devonport was called then.

In 1845, Thomas married Margaret Dunne and they settled in Devonport on the waterfront where Duder's Avenue is now. In 1847 he bought 100 acres of rough grazing land at Ngataringa Bay, known as Duder's Point, which he farmed and later in 1866 bought 600 acres on the coast at Maraetai, near Clevedon, which was farmed by his six sons.

He leased Tiri Island and Motuihi for grazing stock and they used to row or sail out to them. Their return voyages were often delayed by tides or weather and sometimes it would be midnight before they got home to Devonport. Since they had no way of sending messages, the sheep dogs were put overboard to swim to Cheltenham beach and of course made for home, to bark and scratch at the door and so alert the family to prepare a good meal by the time the boys arrived on the home beach.

The second generation of Duders were six sons and two daughters. All assisted with the farms at first and finally, the eldest, William, took over the land at Maraetai, where his descendants still live. Fred became a master builder and several of the houses he built still survive in Church Street as also does the Club House of the Devonport Yacht Club. John, was a farmer and a property landlord and Richard and Robert, who were twins, set up as storekeepers on the waterfront, small shipowners, graziers and later as makers of bricks and pipes. Albert became a Sea Captain and in 1893 became Auckland's Harbourmaster.

Superb organisation for the reunion had taken many months and began on Saturday with a gathering at the Holy Trinity Hall. On Saturday evening there was a dinner at the Wakatere Boating Club and on Sunday there was a family picnic at - where else? - Duder's Beach, Maraetai. There a marquee was erected as a gathering place where a thanksgiving service was conducted by the Rev. Cliff Duder and Rev. Murray Spackman, Vicar of the Holy Trinity, Devonport.

Each person attending the reunion was provided with a name tag colour coded to indicate the family connection. These coincided with a coloured family tree on display. Family Heirlooms (including a beautiful sampler done by Emma Lucy Duder, one of Thomas's daughters), were also on display.

To add fun and interest to the picnic, those who wished to do so, came in period costumes. All members of the family were asked to produce anything of relevance, be it heirlooms, histories, letters, photographs or even anecdotes of the past, and older members of the family dug into their memories of tales overheard in their childhood.

—*"Devonport News"*

August 1983: At the monthly meeting the Branch passed a motion to donate \$100 towards the refurbishing of the historic Tylee Cottage.

September: Mr R.J. Conder, who deputised for the President at two meetings held at Wakefield House, reported on matters of interest.

October: Arrangements made for forthcoming trip to Hawke's Bay.

November: 5-6th November 36 members went to Waipukurau, Hastings, Havoclock North and Napier as guests of Hawke's Bay Branch. A dinner was held at the Angus Inn where the group spent the night. The guest speaker was Judith Fyfe who spoke on oral archives. 140 Founders attended dinner.

December: The Christmas Party was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Conder. History of the house was given.

1984: First outing to the Bason Botanical Gardens. Mr T. Toy of the Friends of the Bason Reserve spoke about the property.

10th March: Busload of members attended the Hunterville Centenary Celebrations. 31st March members visited Maungaraupi, home of Mr J. Anson of Leedstown, near Rata.

April: 40th Annual General Meeting held on 16th. Members stood as mark of respect to late member E.H. Christie. In presenting his report Mr W. Hugh Ross said he had been President for 13 years and felt it was time to step down.

Officers elected:- President - Mrs C.D. Marks; Vice-Presidents - Mrs H. Wilson and Mr R.J. Conder; Secretary - Mrs K.C. McDonald and Assistant Secretary - Mrs Isabel Sutherland; Treasurer - Mr G.F. Nevins.

May: At the May meeting a fine selection of photographic slides showing much of the visual history of Wanganui presented by Miss Peggy Lawless of Wanganui Camera Club.

June: Speaker at the monthly meeting, Mrs Judith Aggrey on the Republic of Ghana where she has lived for the past eight years.

July 1st: The 60th Anniversary of Wanganui becoming a city. The Founders made arrangements for the Oneida Bells, housed at the Museum, to be played to commemorate the Anniversary.

July 26th: Speaker at the monthly meeting, Mr and Mrs H.B. Cave, on their recent trip into the interior of China.

August: Mr Auret spoke on his visit to India.

— Mrs C.D. Marks

**THE SOCIETY'S HIGHEST HONOUR CONFERRED ON OUR HUGH
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR MR W. HUGH ROSS**

National President, Mr Don Harper, is delighted to have conferred Honorary Life Membership and the For Service Badge on Mr W. Hugh Ross, former National Councillor and President of the Wanganui Branch, for his service to the Society and for the Wanganui Branch over a long period. Hugh has been a frequent contributor to the Founders Bulletin and has been a well-regarded columnist for the local press on a great variety of historical matters.

(Having stayed at Hugh Ross's engaging residence on the banks of the Wanganui and shared many delightful hours in his company - tasting his cooking and imbibing his wine - I am especially pleased and know how much this honour will mean to him. Anyone visiting with Hugh will be fascinated with the width and depth of historical knowledge ... and take special interest in being shown numerous items significant to early pakeha history including a duelling pistol used in a celebrated encounter in infant Wellington. — Editor.)

MANAWATU BRANCH

Once again the Manawatu Branch has enjoyed an active year. Although the numbers of participating members is small, meetings are friendly and happy gatherings of friends who enjoy each others company - a surprising number of members have been pleased to find themselves inter-related through their forebears.

Activities have varied from a trip up the Wanganui River by paddle steamer, a visit to the Cross Hills Rhododendrom Gardens, two picnics, a mystery trip to Hawkes Bay, talks on - (a) New Zealand books; and (b) Scuba diving round the Poor Knights Islands, a members night when we talked of why our ancestors came to NZ and of the places their descendants have now spread to throughout the World and a coffee morning when the Branch Secretary recounted her trip round Ireland and England and of people, places and pleasures encountered on a whirl-wind trip.

We look forward to visiting the Wairarapa and Hunterville in the near future and continue to be

active in the local field of historical concerns.

We extend cordial greetings to the National Executive and to all our sister Branches, with all good wishes for future activities.

M. Sullivan - Branch Secretary

CLEANING SILVERWARE

Here is my grandmother's secret of how to clean your silverware the easiest and cheapest way.

Boil your potatoes in an aluminium pot. Save the water and put your silverware into it. Check on it from time to time and take it out when it is clean. It takes a few hours, but it is effective and doesn't cost you either time or money.

Annette Hillebrand, Ottawa

MORE IMPORTANT BRANCH REPORTS

BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

Events over the past 12 months

In November, we were pleased to welcome our National President, Mr Don Harper and his wife, when we visited some historic spots in and around Maungatapu. We visited the oldest church in the area, then were ceremoniously received by the Chiefs onto the Maungatapu Marae. Mr Harper was pleased to reply on our behalf. It was a most revealing and ceremonious event, and entirely new to many of our members.

The A.G.M. was held at Hamurana Springs in February.

On May 5th we had a luncheon with the Hawkes Bay Branch in Putaruru. The H.B. Branch were an adventurous busload of cheerful Founders, on the return trip of a Northland tour, which included "Meet the Branches". Their visit was all too short.

July 8th was a most successful mid-winter luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in Rotorua with 57 members. After lunch, Mr Rockell, the Director of the Rotorua Museum, gave us an interesting and informative talk about the waters in the NZ lakes, springs and baths.

We have been promoting a low-key drive for new members in several Bay of Plenty area newspapers, which has so far gained us about 30 members, and we still have 2 or 3 papers to approach.

— Mrs D.A. Newberry

WAIKATO BRANCH

1. The Annual General Meeting was held at Hockin House, Selwyn Street on Thursday 29th March, 1984. This was poorly attended - however, a Committee was elected and a programme was arranged at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.
2. On the 26th April a group of our members joined approximately 40 members of Hawkes Bay Branch for dinner at Hillcrest Lodge. Hawkes Bay were making a bus tour and stayed overnight in Hamilton. This was a most enjoyable evening and we thank Hawkes Bay for the opportunity to meet them.
3. On the 2nd July a luncheon was held at the Senior Citizens Centre, Victoria Street, Hamilton. The guest speaker was Mr J.R. Day, M.Sc, Assistant Registrar, University of Waikato, whose subject was "University of Waikato first 20 years". This address was excellent with members learning a great deal more about the University than most had ever known before.
4. On the 6th August a luncheon was held at the Senior Citizens Centre. An excellent attendance listened to a most entertaining address by Mr John Gallagher of the Gallagher Group of Companies, who told about the outstanding development across the world of his organisation - which had been started by his father as a "back-yard part-time occupation".

— P.H. Mowbray

TARANAKI BRANCH

At a rather poorly attended A.G.M. on 11 May I was able to report that membership of our Branch has remained static over the year. We had been obliged to delete four members who had failed to notify changes of address and were in arrears with subscriptions. I am pleased to say that one of these has since re-surfaced and has been reinstated.

Well attended monthly meetings have been held in the Beach Street Hall and our Annual Christmas party and Commemorative Day Luncheon were held there also. Both functions were well attended.

In October a bus party from Hawkes Bay visited New Plymouth and we were able to show them places of interest in the district. Some of our members joined them for dinner and a get-together at their hotel on the Saturday night and we bade them farewell at morning tea the next day. Needless to say, we provided glorious weather.

We are hoping to arrange a party to take advantage of an invitation from Hawkes Bay for a return visit - possibly next March.

Once again we have received a donation from the Taranaki Savings Bank and this helped to keep our finances in reasonable shape.

Last year the Branch and its members/friends had given generous support to a fund for building a tower to house the old Post Office clock. I can now report that a design has at last been approved, so hopefully the tower is not too far away.

I conclude by saying that the Taranaki Branch is in a healthy condition.

M.L. Standish - President

WELLINGTON ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Wellington has experienced a successful year with many and diverse activities although we do experience some fluctuation in numbers on some occasions. The Activities Committee's endeavours to produce a well rounded programme which should cater for the diverse interests of our members. History plays an important part in our programme, but we know also that members like to learn and to be kept abreast of current events, therefore our programme for the year was as follows:

- 1983**
- September** - Mrs Penny Ross spoke on the History of the Porirua Basin at a luncheon
- October** - Mr D. Harper our President, spoke at an early evening function on his recent trip overseas and his observations on the countries he visited.
- November** - Christmas luncheon. Sir John Kennedy-Good, Mayor of Lower Hutt, spoke on the history of that city.
- December** - Children's Christmas Party.
- 1984**
- February** - New Zealand Day Celebration at the Michael Fowler Centre. Guest speaker, the Mayor of Wellington, Mr Ian Lawrence.
- March** - Commonwealth Day Ecumenical Church Service at Wellington Cathedral.
- Commonwealth Day Reception with the Heads of Mission as honoured guests.
- Commonwealth Day Luncheon, guest of honour, His Excellency the High Commissioner of Singapore.
- Wreath-laying Ceremony for Edward Gibbon Wakefield.
- April** - Lunch with guest speaker, Mr L. Osborne, of the J.P. Association.
- May** - Conducted tour of Government House.
- June** - Lunch with Mr Jim Weir, former Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. speaking of his experiences in Russia.
- Combined Commonwealth & Kindred Societies commemorated H.M. The Queen's birthday with a luncheon and film showing of the Royal Wedding and Prince William's Christening.
- July** - A coffee morning with a talk on gardening and indoor plants by Mr Herbert Poole.
- Luncheon with guest speaker Mr Trevor Roberts on "Surviving the Media".
- August** - AGM, dinner and talk by Mrs Oroya Day, a board member of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust on new directions for that organization.

My grateful thanks to members of the Activities Committee who have worked so well together and all of whom contribute so much to the smooth running of the various functions. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Wills, who has organised and conducted the very successful Children's Christmas parties in December, and also Mr Robin Ward, who for business reasons, was unable to continue as convener of this Committee, and whose help and advice have been invaluable.

H.P.M. Olsen - Convener

*Coronation House, 41 Saltburn Road, Milford, Auckland 9
24th September, 1984*

To the Secretary Founders Society,

Dear Mrs Anderson, This paper will surprise you - sent to me for my 92nd birthday on 30 Aug - I am Grand-daughter of Mary Carswell Sims (Mrs H. Jackson) and very proud of her and her family, a truly NZ family. I now live in a Rest Home, having broken my right hip, but am deeply indebted to the Founders Society for Hon. Membership with ensuing correspondence - and a very special Thank-you to Mrs Tattersfield of Auckland (Branch), a devoted executive member.

Also my gratitude for the Historical Report (Bulletin) which was admirably informative for ordinary people and scholars. My Uncle, David Hamilton Jackson, was the very first Commonwealth Scholar appointed in New Zealand.

I passed on my copy to the North Shore Hist. Society of which I am an Hon. Member. The North Shore Womens Club and NZ Federation of University Women have also kept me on their correspondence lists and so the Rest Home is kept alive!

I am sending a small donation - very small - sorry to say - to the Study Grant; a very worthy cause.

I hope you will excuse the awful writing and use of special paper (unsuitable really for the occasion) but I am sending you my heartfelt appreciation of the Society and all its officials for their expertise and humanity. A Society worthy of its Founders.

B. Jackson

RECENT ARRIVALS into the membership ranks of the Founders Society ... The National Secretary and especially the National Registrar supplied the following listing of those new members who have joined since the last Bulletin and up until the beginning of October 1984.

Name	Address	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Mrs F.M. Bullock	Wanganui	Olympus	1841	Job & Rachel Mabey
Mr I.W. Olsen	Napier	Associate		
Mr N.I. Olsen	Napier	Adelaide	1840	Thomas Kempton
Miss A.C. Olsen	Napier	Adelaide	1840	Thomas Kempton
Mrs W.M. McHardy	Napier	Oriental	1840	John & Mary Sutherland
Mr J.A. Jones	Auckland	Associate		
Mrs J.M. Jones	Auckland	Duke of Roxburgh	1840	Arthur Turtley
Mrs M.W. Toomath	Te Awamutu	Jane Gifford	1842	Thomas Wyllie
		Duchess of Argyle	1842	Mary Gollon
Mrs N.B. Neal	Napier	Lord Auckland	1842	Abraham Hart
		Lord Auckland	1842	William Ching
Mr A.J. Eastwood	Hastings	Associate		
Mrs R. Sweetman	Hastings	Associate		
Mrs G.E. Jude	Waipawa	Associate		
Mrs J.A. Green	Whangarei	General Gates	1819	James Kemp
Mrs E.A. McWilliams	Wellington	Arab	1841	William & Esther Watts
Mr W.V. Tovey	Lower Hutt	Thomas Harrison	1842	Joseph Taylor
Mrs D.R. Orendowicz	Tauranga			Peter & Ida Munro
Mr R.G. Gower	Taupo	Bolton	1840	John Gower
Dr E.B. Peat	Auckland	Duchess of Argyle	1842	James & Margaret Allison
Mrs M.A. Jonkers	Auckland	Persia	1834	Samuel John Edmonds
				Louisa Makepeace
Mrs G.H. Bird	Waipawa	Castle Eden	1851	Thomas & Mary Coad
Mrs M.B. Tizard	Wanganui	Mary Ann	1842	Henry Barltrop
Mrs E.A. Howland	Putaruru	Ellen Lewis	1860	Donald & Christine McMillan
		Waipu Associate		
		Catherine Stewart	1841	Charles Symons
		Forbes		
Miss J.C. Quinlan	Mt Maunganui	Clifton	1848	Patrick Quinlan
		Bolton	1840	John & Mary Churton
		Clifton	1848	William & Bridget Head
Mrs I. Evans	Carterton	George Fyfe	1842	Francis Burdett Jones
Mrs L.M. Roberts	Wellington	New Zealand	1842	John & Agnes Allan
		Ajax	1849	Richard Sutcliffe
Mrs A.E. Couvee	Mt Maunganui	Active	1814	Capt Thomas Hansen
		Bernicia	1848	James & Mary Frazer
Mrs M.S. Stewart	Havelock North		1837	Robert Espie
		Minerva	1841	Ethel ? Downes
Mrs B.M. Bird	Waipukurau	White Cliffs	1856	John Gallagher
			1860	John O'Malley
Mr J. Brown	Wellington	Clontaf	1859	Richard James Stringer
Mrs E.B. Purchase	Auckland	Anne	1848	James Henry Smith
Mrs P. Brown	Wellington	Oriental	1856	Lancelot & Rachel Giles
Mr K.J. Wright	Tauranga	Samarang	1852	Frederick Wright
Mr H. Simpson	Masterton	Associate		
Mrs D.R. Welsh	Waipukurau	Hawkes Bay Associate		Alexander & Esther
		Montmoroney	1867	Gammock
Mrs I.M. Edmeades	Mt Maunganui	Eden	1850	George & Jane Fitness
Mrs J.M. Hooker	Tauranga	Duke of Roxburgh	1840	Josias & Elizabeth Tocker (Tucker)
Mr J.N. Hooker	Tauranga	Timandra	1842	Nathaniel Hooker
		William Bryan	1841	Elizabeth Lye
Mrs S.L. Lane	Tauranga	Married Auckland	1843	Richard Newdick
		Shamrock	1840	Sarah Mackey

Name	Address	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Miss F.A. Edwards	New Plymouth	Cressy	1851	Joseph & Margaret Bennett
Mr G. Drysdale	Eketahuna	George Canning	1857	Margaret Blair
Mrs P.M. Webb	Wellington	Associate (Albertlander)		
Mr R.S. Sanders	Hong Kong	Adelaide	1840	Thomas Uppadine Cook
Mrs J.Z. Shaw	Havelock North	Oriental	1841	Robert & Elizabeth Wilton
Mrs S.B. Trafford	Gisborne	Amelia Thompson	1841	Thomas & Susan Bayly
Mrs H.M. Cutfield	Havelock North	Associate		
Mrs R.M. Addison	Tauranga	William Bryan	1842	Agnes Lye
Mr T.R. Felton	Auckland	Jane Gifford	1842	John & Agnes Dorran
Miss D. Bayly	Auckland	Amelia Thompson	1841	William & Elizabeth Bayly
				John Veale
Mrs P.S. Pohls	Lower Hutt	Lady Nugent	1841	Thomas & Elizabeth Stratton
Mr G.R. Wilson	Taupo	Amelia Thompson	1841	Samuel Oliver
Miss S.J. Stratford	MataMata	Cuba	1840	John Stratford
Mr D.G. Joll	Hamilton	Timandra	1842	Samuel Joll
Mrs M.J. Joll	Hamilton	Associate		
Mrs H. Mills	Masterton	Louis & Miriam	1848	Mrs Mary Chew
Mrs E. Paaske	Masterton	Louis & Miriam	1848	Mrs Mary Chew
Mr R.N. Synnott	Napier	Clifton	1842	Thomas Whebby
Ms M. Lee	Putorino	Oriental	1840	John & Mary Sutherland
Mr O.R. Page	Waipawa	Associate		
Miss A.M. Mackay	Hastings	Olympus	1841	Douglas & Mary McKain
Mrs E.C. Walkley	Levin	Lord Auckland	1842	Charles Harley
Mr A.D. Richardson	Wellington	Pudsey Dawson	1854	Thomas & Eliza Richardson
Miss H.E. Cody	Hastings	Cuba	1840	Charles Stitchbury
		Adelaide	1840	Ann Turner
Miss A.M. Cody	Hastings	Cuba	1840	Charles Stitchbury
		Adelaide	1840	Ann Turner
Mrs F.R. Mills	Horotiu	Jane Gifford	1842	Thomas Wyllie
		Duchess of Argyle	1842	Mary Gollon
Mr T.E. Mills	Horotiu	Associate		
Mrs E.M. Brownlie	Wairoa	Oriental	1840	John & Mary Sutherland
Miss M.J. Spence	Wairoa	Oriental	1840	John & Mary Sutherland
Mrs R.L. Pierce	Auckland	Louisa Campbell	1843	Edward & Eliz. George
Mrs P.L. Yerex	Wellington	Charlotte Jane	1850	Ingram & Jane Shrimpton
Miss M.R. Gullery	Wanganui	Lady Nugent	1841	Mary Wilkie
				John & Mary Watterson
Mrs M.E. Fletcher	Christchurch	London	1842	Joseph & Sarah Herbert
		Arab	1841	Tom & Ann Shirley
Mr F.N. Golder	Wellington	Bengal Merchant	1840	William & Mary Golder
Mrs J.I. Nolan	Hawkes Bay	Eleanor	1841	Joseph Masters
		Maria Theresa	1842	Sarah Masters
Mrs L.V. Simpson	Masterton	Elizabeth	1842	Henry Cole
Mrs A.R. Smyth	Masterton	Southern Cross (Associate)	1856	Alfred Dillon
Mr E.H. Christie	Wanganui	Sir Charles Forbes	1842	Stephen & Leah Newport
Mrs L.S. Laing	Hastings	Clifton	1841	Thomas & Edith Whebby
Miss E.W. Franklin	Havelock North	Fancy	1850	Isaac & Sarah Cripps
Miss D.E. Gore	Hinuera Waikato	Duchess of Argyle	1842	James & Elizabeth Robertson

—Compiled by Miss Ann Burnett - NZ Founders Society Membership Registrar

**GUIDING SPIRIT TO THE FOUNDERS
ELISABETH ANDERSON
OUR SOCIETY'S LONGEST-SERVING
NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Elisabeth Grace Anderson - nee Plummer - spent her childhood days at Tokomaru Bay on the East Coast of the North Island; her time being mostly occupied with riding horses and avoiding governesses. She went to boarding school at the age of 12 - Woodford House Girls School in Havelock North - where she spent 5 years. She gained Matriculation and Higher Leaving Certificate, and was prominent in all sport, being in the school's tennis, hockey and basketball teams, and she excelled in athletics. On leaving school she spent 3 years in Tokomaru Bay assisting her parents and at this time she had the opportunity to further develop a tennis career, playing in several major tournaments and gaining a high national ranking in New Zealand tennis.

At the age of 20, Elisabeth went to Wellington and worked for one year in a library and during this time met her husband to be, Donald Anderson, a Wellington accountant. They married and settled in Wellington permanently, except for a period in the early stages of their marriage when her husband was overseas on war service, and she went back to Tokomaru Bay with their children.



Mrs Elisabeth G. Anderson

HIGH-RANKING TENNIS PLAYER AND TOP ADMINISTRATOR

After the war, when their three children reached early school age, Elisabeth took up competitive tennis again and represented Wellington in the Nunnerley Casket Team for a number of years and also gained third national tennis ranking two years in succession. On giving up competitive tennis she went into tennis administration, commencing with the Committee of the Thorndon Lawn Tennis Club. She then became Secretary of the Wellington Lawn Tennis Association, a position she held for eighteen years. During this time she was a Wellington Selector and also became a National Selector, both for juniors and seniors, selecting the New Zealand Linton and Wilson Cup Teams and the Davis Cup and Federation Cup Teams. She helped develop national coaching schools and training squads for juniors, and had a large part in the early training of Brian Fairlie, Onny Parun and Chris Lewis. She was convenor of the National Junior Tennis Advisory Committee for a number of years. On retiring from tennis administration in 1975 she was elected President of the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association, which is a one year appointment. In this she was the first lady president of the Association. During this particular year she and her husband travelled to England and spent two weeks at Wimbledon where she saw Bjorn Borg win the first of his five consecutive Wimbledon titles. They enjoyed many highlights such as the Wimbledon Ball, lunch in the Royal Box, etc. She has maintained her interest in tennis, being an Honorary Life Member of the Wellington Lawn Tennis Association and Patron of the Talavera Tennis Club in Wellington.

SECRETARY TO LEADING COMMONWEALTH AND KINDRED GROUPS

When the Anderson children went to secondary school, Elisabeth accepted the position as Secretary of the New Zealand Founders Society, and has held this position for many years. She started in the old Wakefield House and was involved in the early planning of the new Wakefield House. She is also Secretary of the Royal Commonwealth Society, the Victoria League, the Royal Over-seas League, the Australia-New Zealand Association, the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors and is the Registrar of the Quantity Surveyors Registration Board. She has had much involvement with all the kindred societies in Wellington and has acted as co-ordinator for combined functions for many years.

Elisabeth kept close liaison with her old school for a long time, being President of the Wellington Branch of the Woodford House Old Girls Association for eight years, was a member of the National Executive of the Old Girls Association of the school and was also on the Old Girls Scholarship Council for nine years.

She is a keen bridge player, playing competitive as well as social bridge; also she still plays tennis and golf when time permits, is a keen follower of all sporting events, is fond of music and is an avid reader.

Her two daughters and her son are married and she has nine grandchildren.

In addition to her trip to England in 1976 she travelled there again in 1981 for a few weeks when her son was stationed in London. She has visited Australia four times, three in connection with tennis administration.

Unfortunately, Elisabeth's husband died in 1981. She emphasises that he gave her tremendous support in all home and family matters throughout their very happy married life, and also with all the career projects she undertook. Elisabeth also acknowledges the great support her daughters and son have always given her.

For the Founders Society, Elisabeth Anderson has rendered outstanding service throughout the many years she has been its Secretary, and this is well known throughout the Society's New Zealand wide membership of over two thousand. This article about her family life and career has been written as an acknowledgement and appreciation of her tremendous contribution to our Society which continues to grow in both importance and recognition by the community.

—G.H.B.

"BATTEN DOWN THE HATCH!" (Part One contd.)

Wednesday 4th

Misty this morning. Last night we celebrated Mrs Watts' birthday.

Thursday 5th

A beautiful bright sharp morning, my turn to cook for our mess, and the mess I often make of it, yet I will not give in being one on making a plum pudding.

Friday 6th

Parkes, one of the sailors, was detected (while breaking out stores) taking a cheese. The second mate took it from him and knocked him down. Parker immediately knocked off work and was in reality or pretended to be very drunk. Mr King and myself spent the evening with the Crisps. Mr King was the last person who spoke to Captain Shepherd before he was shot at the Cape. He told us all about it, he said he rode up to call upon him at his quarters and they walked down together, Capt leaning on his arm and ten minutes later he heard the report of a musket and presently the cry rose that the Capt was shot. When he got back to the place he saw a large pool of blood, he then hurried up to his house where he saw the poor old man whom he had left but a few minutes alive, stretched on his own dining table quite dead and two surgeons tracing the course of the ball which had gone quite through him. The assassin was found in his hut pretending to be asleep. When the cap was taken off his musket it smoked, proving that it had been fired within a very few, he was not more than ten yards from him when he fired. Mr King said this was the first blood he had seen shed and had a great effect upon him, the more so it was done in cold blood, he says Captain Shepherd was a very particular man.

Saturday 7th

Parker was called up to the poop this morning before the skipper and the two mates and refused to return to his work. Muggler immediately orders the irons to be brought up and boy - set to work to scrub them up a bit in the interval. Parker took another - of this and made an apology and returned to his duty, whether he will be brought up when we get to Auckland remains to be seen. Latt 45S Long 0

Sunday 8th

Thick foggy weather this means the cold weather really. We are circle sailing and are to run up to 50. The skipper currying favour with Mr Crisp, a narrow, harsh - thief. I believe he is a very good seaman and when that is said all is said. I do not know anyone I despise so thoroughly, he is beneath hatred. Lat 48°S Long 2.23 E.

Monday 9th

The grating of the forecastle carried away last night. "The ugliest night we have had" quoth the skipper. A man stationed on the forecastle to keep a look out for icebergs, angry now about the coffee mill and got it mended, nothing to be got here with civility, all must be done with bullying. Latt 48S Long 7 E.

Tuesday 10th

Saw a new bird this morning.

Wednesday 11th

Weather very cold. Latt 46.25S Long 9.30E.

Thursday 12th

Very cold, misty wet day, most of them seem to think bed the most comfortable place.

Friday 13th

Not a living thing to be seen this morning but a solitary whale. The mast shows the rolling waves beautifully, very much pleased with Longfellow's poems - excuse this writing for I am in an awkward position not sitting nor lying but doubled up in my bunk with the pasteboard for a desk. "Pursuit o' knowledge under difficulties".

Saturday 14th

This morning between one and two we were called up to see some icebergs. They were small but

not the less dangerous on that account, one block was so near that the ship had to be slued round to avoid it, and then it passed under the staysail boom. I do not half like the idea of being in the neighbourhood of such things. The ship was running 10 knots at the time and there is but one thing could happen in case of a collision. Latt 48.10S Long 16.44E.

Sunday 15th

Cold increases, no service this morning.

Monday 16th

Sleet and snow this morning, in bed all day 5 minutes excepted seeing an iceberg supposed to be 15 miles off, it must have been immense. Latt 41.38S Long 29 E.

Tuesday 17th

Passed a large iceberg today covered with snow 5 miles off, supposed to be a mile long. I tried to make a sketch which I will give you below. I got a tolerably correct outline, it reminded me of the outputting pasture at Tyne Head. This is truly proportionate so you may calculate its height. When the sun shone upon it it had the appearance of white satin. When it passed we had an end view of it which reminded me of the Bass, in the afternoon there was a larger one to windward, but a thick fog set in and we saw no more of it. We all feel them to be very unpleasant company especially in such foggy weather, and at night. Latt 44.40 S Long 28.10 E.

Wednesday 18th

Skin'd a whale bird and made a bad job of it. Latt 44.33S Long . 11 weeks today from Gravesend.

Thursday 19th

The Flying Dutchman ahead this morning Latt 49.40 S Long 36.30 E. Penguins swimming astern this evening.

Friday 20th

Two fine icebergs this morning, one of them like a church steeple, here are two sketches of the smaller one; you must imagine the white part on the top covered with snow and the sun shining out of this hole 150 feet high. You can have no idea of their beauty without seeing them. The other one had such a complicated outline, I could make nothing of it, these were between us and the sun. No one on board had seen any in these latitudes before. They have frightened Muggins, and we are all busy - he can not be too careful in the neighbourhood of such things. Latt 49.48 S Long 29.16 E.

Saturday 21st

The longest day and a very stormy one since 10 last night we have been running 11 knots, nothing but the mainsail, foresail and jib set. The foresail was carried away this morning, shorten sail, the gale continued till late at night with a heavy sea breaking over the ship. Latt 51 S Long 50 E.

Sunday 22nd

Gale subsiding. Latt 50 S Long 44.35 E.

Monday 23rd

A large iceberg to windward this morning, bitterly cold. Latt 50.30 S Long 55 E. Taking in sail again.

Tuesday 24th

The gale is past "The wind and rain are over, calm is the noon of heaven over the green hill flies the inconstant sun". The sea still running very high I have often been astonished at the immense strength of ships. When I have seen them on the stocks my wonder is (now that have seen a gale not a storm) how they can be made to hang together at all. The last few days has made the deck leaky and no wonder.

Wednesday 25th

Christmas day.

(To be continued)

NELSON AREA REVISITED

Snippet from a note to the Editor sent from long-term Member and former Dominion Councillor while holidaying in Nelson....

On last Saturday it was a lovely still day so we decided to go to Deleware Bay, the site of historic Maori Pa. I telephoned for permission and we set out, going through a private road to the end. Saw the cutting where water rushes through from the sea to the lagoon, visited a Maori Cemetery on the hillock and enjoyed the peace and the surrounding scenery. Mr Hallowman's garden was a paradise for birds and trees. Tuis and Woodpigeons and huge kowhai and puriri trees. When we returned the key he had some fresh eggs and lemons for us to take home. A very charming and interesting gentleman.

Yesterday was a really fine day so we gave up work to enjoy a trip to TOTARANUI, in the Abel Tasman National Park. We were the only visitors - it was all peaceful and delightful. On the way home, we called at TATA BEACH, and also PATON ROCKS, just north of TAKAKA.

— Winton Bear

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.

THE NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC. National Council (as at end of August, 1984)

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The publication of the bibliography, prepared originally for an American scholar working in the Library, was made possible by a generous sponsorship from the New Zealand Founders Society. The Chief Librarian, Mr Jim Traue, said this was a natural partnership because of the Founders Society's concern for the contribution of the early settlers. He paid a tribute to the generosity of the Founders Society and hoped that the partnership would continue and be developed further.

The bibliography was originally prepared as a working tool for the 1982 Fulbright Scholar at the Turnbull, Professor Sandra Myres from the University of Texas, who was undertaking comparative research in New Zealand on pioneer women. Because the bibliography seemed likely to be of considerable interest to a wide range of people now working in the field of women's studies it was decided to seek a sponsor so that it could be published *and made available at a reasonable cost to as many people as possible*.

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