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*Where  
it all  
began . . .*

**WHAT  
LIES  
AHEAD  
IN A  
LAND OF  
NEW HOPES  
AND  
FRESH  
BEGINNINGS**



*Settlers from  
"Aurora" make  
their way ashore  
happily.*

# OUR SOCIETY'S FOUNDING DOCUMENT:

## Inaugural Meeting.

Minutes of the inaugural meeting held to form the New Zealand Founders Society in the Board Room at the offices of Messrs. Clark, Menzies & Co., No. 102 Rattray Street, Wellington, on Wednesday March 1st, 1939, at 8 p.m.

There were approximately 50 persons present.

The Convenor of the meeting, Mr. D. Hope-Johnston, opened the meeting and proposed that Mr. C. D. Ball take the Chair and that for the purposes of the meeting Mr. D. D. Ball act as Secretary.

Mr. Ball then took the Chair, and introduced Mr. Hope-Johnston as the originator of the idea of a New Zealand Founders Society, thanking him for his efforts in this direction.

The Acting Secretary read the published Notice concerning the meeting, and Mr. Hope-Johnston, after to the newspapers of the 14th February 1939, setting out the objects of the proposed Society.

Mr. Hope-Johnston then addressed the meeting giving six reasons for convening it, and urging the value and desirability of the proposed Society.

After general discussion, the following motions were submitted to the meeting, and were dealt with in the manner indicated:

Moved by Mr. Hope-Johnston, and seconded by Mr. Reynon: That the New Zealand Founders Society be formed, on the lines and with the aims and objects set out in Mr. Hope-Johnston's letter of the 14th February 1939, as published in the Press.

## Membership.

Moved by Mr. Hope-Johnston, and seconded by Mr. Reynon: That members of the Society be open to both men and women, and be confined to residents or persons who arrived in any of the original provinces of New Zealand within ten years of the founding of the Province, as a principle of settlement in that Province.

Concurrence: The following amendment to the motion was moved by Mr. Reynon, and seconded by Mr. D. D. Ball: That a Committee be set up to consider the question of eligibility and to bring down recommendations at a general meeting of the Society.

The amendment was defeated.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and was carried.

## Positions and Officers.

The following positions and officers were discussed and were left to be filled at a later date:

Patron:  
Vice-Patron:  
Chairman:  
Vice-Presidents (additional to those elected):  
Hon. Secretary:  
Assistant Hon. Secretary:  
Hon. Historical Advisors:  
Hon. Life Members:  
Hon. Life Victors:

## Subscription.

It was resolved that the annual subscription be 10/6, and that the Society's subscription year commence on January 1st.

1000  
and Officers

Committee:  
Moved by Mr Hope-Johnston, seconded by Mr. Woods, that the committee of the Society shall consist of nine persons, of whom five shall be men and four women, and that any five members of the committee present at a meeting of the Committee shall form a quorum.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Staggard, that the election of a committee for the Society to be deferred until the holding of a further meeting, and that in the meantime the acting secretary be open to receive written nominations for the committee and for any other unfiled offices.

Carried.

The following officers were elected:

Founder: (An Honorary Life Member, and an ex-officio member of the Committee)  
Mr. D. Hope-Johnston.

President:

Mr. Clive Bell  
His Honour Mr. Justice Johnston.

Deputy President:

Mr. L. O. H. Dripps  
(Subject to this approval) Mayor of the City of Auckland  
Mr. Eric Lindsay Ford  
(More to be elected later.)

Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. D. R. Manjiva  
Deputy Hon. Secretary: Mr. D. C. Ward

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Election of Officers

a Hall in which to hold a further meeting on March 15th 1939 at 8 pm, and to take the necessary steps to advertise such meeting.

The meeting then closed.

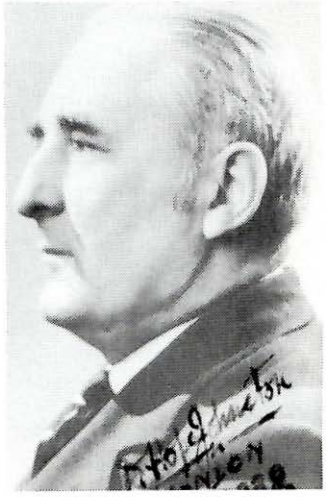
Confirmed *Lucas Hall*  
President

15/3/39

# Our Beginnings . . .

This edition is to mark:

- (a) the start 150 years ago in 1840 of the planned European Settlement of NZ under the NZ Coy Scheme, at Petone Beach.
- (b) the beginning of the NZ Founders Society (Inc) 50 years ago by our Society's Founder, Mr Douglas Hope-Johnston in Wellington.
- (c) some branch anniversaries.



Mr D Hope-Johnston  
Founder of Founders



Photos: Ewen Hay-Mackenzie

*President, Robin Ward, asked Mrs A.V. McSweeney (Canterbury branch) to cut the cake at the Society's 50th Birthday and Christmas Party held at historic Turnbull House on 24 November 1989. On this and the next page are random glimpses of members able to attend the celebration of this significant milestone.*





Two long-serving Past National Presidents — Mrs Hilary Olsen and Mr Don Harper — reminisce upon the changes in buildings along The Terrace and the happy times known at Wakefield House, the Society's former National Headquarters. Mayor Jim Belich unveiled the plaque marking Wakefield House, an office block at 90 The Terrace, as the site of the Wakefield residence, 128 years after Edward Gibbon Wakefield died there. He organised the NZ Company and inspired settlement of several New Zealand cities, including Wellington and Hutt where he eventually became an M.P. with a reputation for visionary singlemindedness and a driving ambition. The plaque, funded by the NZ Lotteries Board, was the idea of the NZ Founders Society and, interestingly enough, is the only public monument to New Zealand's principal founder — Edward Gibbon Wakefield.



**Local National Executive Members at the Society's 50th Birthday Party**

Standing: F. McBeth, E. Hay-MacKenzie, R.G. Ward (President), Mrs M.S. Buick-Constable, Mrs J.M. Holloway, Miss S. Clarke, C.A. Holloway, L.M. Buick-Constable  
 Seated: Mrs E.G. Olsen, Mrs M.E. de Readt, Mrs J.G. Gordon, Mrs D. Anderson (Nat. Secretary), Miss A. Burnett, Mrs A.R. Burleigh, Mr C.J. Burleigh



**NZ Founders  
National Council members  
hold their final meetings on the  
8th floor of Wakefield House and  
join with the Wellington  
members to sadly bid adieu  
to activities there.**



**FIFTY YEARS OF PAST-PRESIDENTS**

1939-44 Mr Cheviot W.D. Bell  
 1944-45 Major P. de B. Brandon, O.B.E., J.P.  
 1945-47 Hon. Sir Harold Johnston, QC  
 1947-50 Mr Arthur Seed  
 1950-51 Mr J.W. Carr  
 1952-54 Mr Duff Daysh, C.B.E.  
 1954-55 D.J. Riddiford, M.C.  
 1955-56 Mr R.D. Greenwood  
 1956-58 Mr Max Wall  
 1958-62 Mr A.H. Macandrew

1962-63 Mr E.L. Benseman  
 1963-64 Mr R.A. Mansford  
 1964-66 Mr L.H. Pollock  
 1966-69 Mr A.B. Diamond  
 1969-73 Mr L.M. Buick-Constable, Q.S.M., J.P.  
 1973-76 Mr I.D. Cameron, O.B.E., C.St.J., J.P.  
 1976-79 Mr S.L. Moses, C.B.E.  
 1979-82 Mr G.H. Bridge, J.P.  
 1982-85 Mr D.E. Harper  
 1985-89 Mrs H.P.M. Olsen

# A FOUNDERS WHO'S WHO

(in alphabetical order)

## **BUICK-CONSTABLE**

**Mary Sutherland**

(nee Gordon)

**Born: 21.8.1919**

**at Wellington**



Educated at Seatoun School, Wellington Girls College. National Councillor since 1989 serving on both Wellington activities and publicity committees.

Principal Founder Ancestor: Colin McKenzie Gordon of Dingwall, Scotland in 1862 from Melbourne after gold-prospecting in Canada and Australia. Became Sheriff of Otago, Dunedin. Major occupation: Retired Accounts Clerk.

Community Involvement: Girl Guides Commissioner, Suva, Fiji; former Pres., East Harbour Women's Club, Eastbourne; former Sec. and Vice-Pres. Waimanu Croquet Club; Lower Hutt Civil Defence; mem. Eastbourne Womens Bowling Club; Red Cross; Amateur Theatre; Pres, Aranui Players, Lowry Bay; mem. East Harbour Environmental Assn.

Family: m. Lindsay M Buick-Constable 1940; one daughter, two sons (one deceased)

Private Address: 3(b) Taumaruru Avenue, Lowry Bay, Eastbourne.

## **BUICK-CONSTABLE**

**Lindsay Mostyn,**

**QSM, J.P., FPRINZ**

**Born: 10.12.1919 at Napier.**



Joined Founders 24.9.1956. Inaugural Pres. Manawatu branch. Served on Wellington Nat. Exec. from mid-1960s.

Nat. Pres. 1969-73. Founders Bulletin Editor from 1965. Awarded Societys Life Service & For Service Medallion.

Principal Occupations: 20 years teaching service (primary, secondary, tertiary), Diplomatic Service, Public Affairs Officer, Canadian High Commission in Wellington from 1966 until retirement in 1984. Principal Founder Ancestors: Wm. Buick, farmer from Arbroath, Scotland on 'Arab', Port Nicholson

*What manner of men and women lead the Society at this point in time — toward the close of 1990?*

*What backgrounds, interests & concerns make up today's multi-generational New Zealanders?*

16.10.1841; and Izaac Mason Hill, a machine fitter from Birmingham, England on 'Fifeshire' at Nelson via Wellington on 1.2.1842. David Buick, Palmerston North pioneer, was M.P. for P. North 1907 until 1918.

Served 5 years WW2 (inc. 3rd Div.2 NZEF, Pacific).

Voluntary community service includes: Sec. PN Jaycees; Pres. PN Free Kindergarten Assn.; Exec. Mem. PN War Memorial Campaign; PN Community Chest; Friends of the Aged & Sunset Homes Schemes; Maori Community Centre; PN Civic Centre; PN Photographic Society; Manawatu Repertory Soc.; NZ Players Found. (PN Br.); British Drama League Br.; Chairman, Fiji Council of Social Services (1959-64); District Commissioner, Suva Scouts (1957-63); Member Scout Council of Fiji; Vice-Pres. Fiji Youth Centre; Chairman, Samabula Community Centre, Suva; Hon. Sec. Tamavua Bowling Club (1959-62); Member Fiji Bowling Council; Co-Founder Fiji Family Planning Assn.; Sec. Fiji Society (1961-64); Member Fiji Govt. Health Educ. Cmte.; Education Dept. Liaison Officer, Fiji Broadcasting Commission (1957-63); A/Camp Commandant, Games Village, 1st South Pacific Games (12.9.63); Chairman Fine Arts Section Fiji Arts Club (1959-60); President, Wellington Lions Club (1973/74); District Chairman, Lions District 202B (Youth Exchange) 1976-77; Nat. Chairman, UN Human Rights Year Campaign (1968); Nat. Exec. Sec. National Youth Council of NZ (1965-68); Hon. Sec. Kelburn Progressive Assn. (1965-69); Civil Defence Control Officer, Western Suburbs (1966-70); Civil Defence Control Officer, downtown Wellington (1970-84); Exec. Mem. Management Cmte, Stepping Stones (1969-71); Pres. Wellington Br. United Nations Assn. (1971-72); member Fundraising & Publicity Cmte. Nat. CORSO Appeal Executive (1972-74); Chairman Wellington Br. Public Relations Institute of NZ (1972); Chairman Combined Commonwealth & Kindred Societies (1970); member Nat. Management Cmte, Public Relations Institute of NZ (1971-73); Exec. Mem. NZ Asia-Pacific Assn. (1971-73); Exec. Mem. Canada-New Zealand Society (1967-73); mem (Cdn Rep) NZ University Grants Commonwealth Scholarship Cmte

# An Extract from a Speech BY SIR GRAHAM LATIMER ON FOUNDER'S DAY

Monday 19 February 1990 at the Beehive, Parliament Grounds, Wellington

When asked why he had accepted the invitation to speak to the Founders, given that he was having such difficulty in finding time in which to prepare his talk, he said it was so that we could "retain the dignity of our heritage".

Princess Te Puea dreamed of seven waka for 1940 celebrations. Only one was built. At a count about a year ago, it was found that there were five waka available. Therefore only two more were needed if seven were to be involved in the 1990 Waitangi celebrations. As it turned out 20 (?) were launched.

Knowledge of choice of tree and the art of canoe building has been passed on through the generations. A kauri tree was needed — DOC became involved — came and took the group to view the tree that they had selected — "it was majestic, gleaming in the sunshine . . ." The old Maori with the group came up to me and said in Maori "The tree's no good. We must go up to the tree on the ridge . . . it is hammered on the westerly side with the wind and the rain. It will float with the westerly side at the bottom." Eventually DOC was persuaded to provide the tree on the ridge. When it was put in the water, the old man said "Put marks in . . . cut it here, cut it there" and it floated. As a "creature of administration" Sir Graham wondered how you could do it without rulers.

New Zealanders should know what the old ways are about. No maps, no charts etc . . . just the knowledge.

The Waitangi celebrations brought people of all groups together . . . after the wakas came ashore, Sir Graham found that one of the chiefs in one of the wakas was Duncan McIntyre . . . there were Black Power members . . . a Canadian tanned up so brown . . .

He spoke of the concerns that the Waitangi Day celebrations should go well and then of praying for this. ". . . You do pray — make no mistake about it — that the day will not go wrong."

A report presented in 1982 identified the difficulties ahead of Maoridom on land talks — Treaty itself is the instrument that has sought the partnership. Both sides have faltered along the road . . . Note the Orakei marae in Auckland, the tribes trustees had not carried out their requirements under the Treaty — also government had not adhered to it.

"At times we have stood back and looked at it and seen ourselves as strangers in our own land."

"There is no real good in standing off and looking at one another."

When they signed the Treaty, the Crown asked for purchase of the land having negotiated with the tribe. There was no accurate measurement, just A to B to C to D, therefore "x" acres.

General land was on sold to Europeans in a fair manner. Other holdings were Maori land — because the Maori land has not been accurately surveyed — they cannot gain accurate and definitive title. Therefore no collateral. Therefore land not used and not developed. Therefore no capital gain. Maori people have not developed land that could have been on sold — this is economically the worst thing but ancestrally the best thing. "While the intent was good — the system was wrong."

What is the future of the land classified as ancestral in New Zealand? How does the Crown sell off Maori land when it does not have clear title? The Crown has to be part of the negotiations whether it likes it or not.

Ten percent in perpetuity should be held in trust for the Maori people.

What we need to do is to sit down and talk in a common sense way.

Sir Graham Latimer then read an extract from his father's notes. The quote was from Petronius Arbiter in 210BC.

— *extracted from notes taken by National Council member Adrienne Burleigh during this special Wellington 1990 activity for local members*



Methodist Mission, arriving on 'Triton' 1840, Hokianga; Francis Otterson, farming merchant, arrived from England on 'Lord Auckland' 27.2.1840 at Nelson and Wilson Gibson, farming, arrived from England on 'Cornwall' at Wellington/ Nelson 9.9.1849.

Community service, interests and memberships include the Registered Nursing service, Regional Council, NZ Historic Places Trust and NZ Forest and Bird Protection Society; Pres. Nairn St. Colonial Museum. Retired.

Recipient Founders Society Medallion for Service and made Hon. Life Member.

Private Address: 65A Moxham Avenue, Hataitai, Wellington.

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## DE RAADT

**Mary Eileen (nee Payne)**  
**Born: 1934, Masterton**



Joined Founders 1950. Served on the Nat. Exec. since 1978. During that time has been member of Membership, Library and Wellington Activities Committees. Has two daughters.

Principal Founder Ancestors: Mrs Mary Chew (formerly Mrs Wrigley) from Yorkshire, England, a housewife on the 'Louis and Miriam' arriving NZ 1.11.1848 at Port Nicholson (Wellington); Christopher Bennington from Grimsby, Lincolnshire, farmer. His daughter, Sarah, married James Wrigley (son of Mrs Chew) from Yorkshire, shoemaker (1852). First bootmaker in Masterton. Community interests, hobbies etc: Royal Forest and Bird member, politics and local affairs, gardening, fine arts, antique collecting and books. Private Address: Te Pari Pari Road, Pukerua Bay.

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## GARROD

**Ronald M Jack**  
**Born: 1943, Hastings**



Joined Founders 1990. Elected to Nat. Exec. October 1990.

Major Occupation: Insurance and Financial Product Broker.

Principal Founder Ancestor: Garrod, a hotelier from England arrived on the 'Oriental' at Wellington on 31.1.1840. Our newly-elected Nat. Councillor's wife is Pamela Mary and they have one son and one daughter.

Community activities, interests, hobbies: Director, Wellington Rotary; Trustee Te Hopai Home for the Elderly; Committee of Wellington Branch International Police Assn.; Past Electorate Chairman of Miramar National Party; Past Chm.

Seatoun School Cmte; former member City of Wellington Pipe Band; member RSA.

Recreation: golf, yachting, fishing.

Private Address: 28 Burham Street, Seatoun, Wellington.

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## GORDON

**Joan Grace**  
**Born: 1915**  
**New Plymouth**



Major Occupation: retired former speech therapist at Wellington Hospital and at the Education Department. Joined Founders July 1974. Served on Nat. Exec. for past 12 years including running Founders quiz contests for schools etc. and other Wellington activities. Academic distinctions include Master Diploma Phonetics (London), Licenciante British College of Speech Therapy.

Community service: Nat. Pres. Altrusa (Ladies Auxillary).

Principal Founder Ancestors: Mary Simpson arrived from Edinburgh (Leith), Scotland in 1849 at Nelson. (Another, a sea captain, was believed to be associated with the first steam vessel to Australia).

Private Address: 7 Newman Court, 16 Tinakori Road, Wellington.

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## HARPER

**Don Edward**  
**Born: 27.2.15**  
**Petone**



Educated: Wellington College, Victoria University graduating BCA to add to his FRSA (London). Joined Founders early 1971. Nat. Pres. during early 1980s. Has served on National Executive on most sub-committees but especially as Chairman Finance Committee.

Principal Founder Ancestors: David Benge, earliest of settlers in Upper Hutt. David born in Marding Beach, Kent, England arrived with wife Sarah and three children on the 'Catherine Stewart Forbes' in June 1841. After clearing land at Taita, severe flooding by Hutt River, moved to Mungaroa to establish a saw mill. Don Harper married Elizabeth Rothschild.

Major Occupation: Lower Hutt accountant. Earlier he worked in Govt. Audit Office which included three years in Western Samoa. Served in 2nd NZEF in Egypt, North Africa, Italy and Syria returning as a Lt. Colonel. He has spent some years in local body politics including the Hutt Valley Energy Board.

Interests, charities and community involvement: Past Pres. Rotary Club of Hutt and long serving Pres., Hutt Valley Horticultural Society. Awarded

Society's Life Membership and For Service Medallion. 1990 recipient of a Hutt Civic Award. Private Address: PO Box 30-221, 2 Bloomfield Terrace, Lower Hutt

### **HAY-MACKENZIE**

**Ewan**

**Born: 1916**  
**Wellington**

Joined Founders 1953. Com. mem., Treasurer, Pres. Younger Founders 1953-57. Wellington Nat. Councillor from mid-1960s. Recipient Founder Society's Hon. Life Membership and 'For Service' medallion, 1981. (Founders Hon. Photographer and Archivist of Society's oral-historical recordings of guest speakers etc over many years, providing several illustrations for the 'Founders Bulletin' including this edition). Major Occupation: 1935-52 Dept. of Scientific & Industrial Research; 1952 until retirement in 1976 with Govt. Audit Dept.

Principal Founder Ancestors: Robert & Sara Cameron, flourmiller from England on 'Himalaya' which arrived initially 23.12.1843 at New Plymouth, thence Nelson (12.1.1844) and Wellington (1.2.1844); also Himalaya Cameron was born at Nelson, 17.1.1844 named after the ship at Captain's suggestion.

Interests, community involvement: Awarded Hon. Life Membership by Northland Memorial Community Centre (1978) and also by Northland Indoor Bowls Club (1970); mem. Northland Progressive Assn (1940-47/1972/87); mem. Northland Historical Society during its existence (1974-77); Kelburn Bowling Club over 1947-67 thereafter Wellington Bowling Club to date and Northland Indoor Bowling Club.

Private Address: 15 Putnam Street, Northland, Wellington.



### **HOLLEBONE**

**Elizabeth, Margaret**  
**Born: 1943 at Gisborne**

Joined Founders 1989. Nat. Councillor.

Principal Founder Ancestors: Andrew Reeves, farmer, from Dumfries, Scotland arrived on 'Southern Cross' 1857 at Wellington and his wife arriving on 'Nelson' 31.12.1864. Also Fraser, farmer, from Scotland on 'Eastern Empire' at Lyttleton 4.1.1865

Current family details: m. Neil Hollebhone, two sons, one daughter.

Principal Occupations: mother, hobby farming.



Interests: Pony Club activities, tennis.  
Private Address: Takapu Road, Tawa

### **LAING**

**Duncan James Simpson**  
**Born: 1952**  
**Wellington**

Joined Founders 1988. Served on Nat. Exec. since until elected Deputy Nat. Pres., October 1990. Has been Society's Legal Advisor.

Principal Founder Ancestors: William & Jane Tonks, from England, occupation unknown. Arrived on the 'Birman' 1842 at Wellington

Current family details: m. Marie Anne (nee O'Sullivan). Two sons.

Major Occupation: Solicitor BA/LLM.

Private Address: 15 Pitt Street, Wadestown, Wellington



**McBETH**  
**Ferguson, JP**  
**Born: 24.8.1915**  
**Wanganui**

Joined Founders 1950s. Served on Exec. Bay of Plenty branch. Nat. Councillor, Wellington, since 1983.

Principal Founder Ancestors: John Frame McBeth from Alloa, Scotland, on the 'Bengal Merchant' arrived at Port Nicholson 20 Feb 1840. John McBeth became an early merchant in Thorndon, Wellington.

Major Occupation: Chartered Accountant. He saw service in Egypt and Italy during WW2. Family: wife Patricia Owen (nee Knight), one son.

Community interests etc: Territorial local bodies involvement included Deputy Mayor of Te Puke, Rotary Club member (1954 etc); lawn bowler. Private Address: 3/23 Phillip Street, Johnsonville, Wellington



**OLSEN**  
**Hilary Prudence Mary**  
**(nee Hayhurst)**  
**Born: 1925**  
**Waitara, Taranaki**

Joined Founders 1962. Served on Nat. Exec. since 1964. Convenor various sub-committees including Founders Annual Study Grant. Vice-Pres. 1982-85, Nat. Pres. 1985-89.



Awarded the Founders For Service medallion and Hon. Life Membership.

Major Occupations: many and various.

Principal Founder Ancestors: Henry Richards, doctor, from England on the 'Sir George Seymour', 16.12.1850 at Lyttelton and John Hayhurst, a landowner from England listed in Pre-Adamite File, National Library, as arriving in 1848. (Elsewhere it is noted that John Hayhurst was first owner of Simons Pass Station, McKenzie Country — also owner of Gray Hills and Blue Cliffs Stations. He was first to sow English grasses in the McKenzie Country; established the first boiling-down works; a flour mill; the first to instal power for domestic power in Temuka and was Timaru member of the Canterbury Provincial Council).

Interests and hobbies: Antiques, particularly silver, furniture and early marine paintings; gardening; sewing and local church; research of families; reading and politics.

Family: Mr Geoffrey Olsen, JP, General Manager Royal Insurance (NZ) Ltd now retired. Three daughters.

Private Address: 55 Everest Street, Khandallah, Wellington

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## **WARD**

**Robin Graham**

**Born: 1930 in Wellington**

Joined Founders 1978. Exec. service includes Nat. Councillor 1978-89, Deputy Nat. Pres. 1985-89, Nat. Pres. 1989-91.

Principal Occupation: Assistant Director Retail and Wholesale Merchants Assn.

Principal Founder Ancestor: Bennett, merchant from Yorkshire on 'Bernicia' in 1848 at Wellington.

Interests and community service: Past Pres. Lions of Karori (member for 20 years), music, photography.

Family: m Beverley Daughne (a Founders member in her own right), receptionist at NZ Historic Places Trust, Antrim House, Boulcott Street, Wellington. One son, one daughter.

Other interests: gardening — with Bev the past two years have been spent landscaping the garden and stream at our new townhouse.

Private Address: Unit 1, 44 Allington Road, Karori, Wellington.

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**OUR 50TH YEAR PRESIDENT  
MR ROBIN WARD**

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***Remember to Get That New Member***

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## AUCKLAND BRANCH

This report covers the period from our 1989 AGM until today.

### Membership

The membership appears to remain steady, with a number of new members joining at almost the same numbers as those resigning or dying. We still notice a lack of attendance at our luncheons. Since our departure from 'Farmers' almost five years ago we have never recovered the loss of members at functions. In the last two years of functions here in this hall we have never gone over 50, whereas we never had very much less than 80 in days gone by. I am sorry to say that I think there are still some members who believe that when we left 'Farmers' it was the end of Founders in Auckland. Newsletters have been still produced that show this idea is incorrect — we did not cease then, we do not now, and will not in the foreseeable future.

### Luncheons

As usual the year has been composed of daytime luncheons. The first meeting for the year was a picnic held at the home of Ken and Keitha Marriott at Whangaparaoa, in February. The AGM was held in March, followed in April by a very successful "Show & Tell" when we had Angela Lassig, of Auckland Museum, return to share information with us on many of the items. In May our speaker was Brenda Gamble who related the history of the Auckland City Art Gallery over its last 100 years. Captain M. Plummer of the Salvation Army spoke in June on his work and experience at 'Hodderville' dealing with children involved in substance abuse. In July Edwinia Thorne spoke of her work experiences as a Jazz musician here and in the United States of America. August was organised at the last minute as our intended speaker was unable to attend, so the Chairman read and explained the origins of certain familiar phrases, followed in September by a talk on the history of photography in Auckland. A nautical theme was the subject in October when sea-historian Cliff Hawkins spoke on the story of HMS Coromandel. In November we had two speakers on the same subject — Alice Palmer & Esmá Gordon on the Graham family and their reunion. In December we once again shared a Christmas party with the Pioneer & Descendants Club. An interesting year, and just a reminder that we are always on the lookout for speakers, so if you can speak, or know someone who will, please let your chairman or committee know.

As in the past we have been represented on the Central Committee of Auckland Patriotic Societies and some members have attended the Hobson Memorial Service at St Paul's in Symonds Street, and the recent Commonwealth Day Service at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Also, as usual I represented the branch at the Founders National Council meeting and AGM. Our secretary also attended these functions with me in Wellington.

Thank you to the members who have attended our meetings. I thank Delma Brewer for her job as hostess and Vida Cox as pianist, and also to the rest of our committee who have helped in the kitchen, set up the tables and cleaned up afterwards. I thank Ian Madden and Pat Buddle and Ken Marriott for sitting at the door to gather the money for the luncheons. Thanks also go to Joan Tattersfield for folding the newsletter and posting it out to members. Thanks to Rita Carr for printing some newsletters and making the computer programme to print the addresses for the newsletters. We must not forget Esmá Gordon for her secretarial skills and Doreen Bawden for keeping our accounts in order. All these people have been most efficient in their work on our behalf.

The past year has not been easy, although in many ways it was easier than the last, as we have slowly settled into a new way of working. We have come through and survived. May we continue to do so for the sake of our Branch and for the NZ Founders Society in general.

**J.P. Webster**  
Chairman

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**WEBSTER, John.** b.1945 at Devonport, Auckland. Joined Founders 1965, elected to the Auckland Branch Executive 1967 becoming Branch President 1976. Elected to the National Council since 1976-77. Principal occupation: Curator of NZ Historic Places Trust Property "EWELME COTTAGE", Parnell, Auckland, since 1973. Family details given as "Not married; two dependent cats! Aged 16 & 9!" Pte. Address: 14 Ayr Street, Parnell, Auckland.

Principal Founder Ancestors: \*William Joiner, probably from USA (see below) a sailor, ship's name unknown, arriving Bay of Islands or Auckland in 1839; also Wm and Catherine Meehan from Scotland on the 'Jane Gifford' October 1842 at Auckland.



- \* Evidence gathered in the last two years suggests he came from Virginia, USA, and was one of several deserters, in the Bay of islands and Auckland, from the ships (U.S. Navy) of Commodore Charles Wilkes who was in NZ Waters 1839-1840, during his six-year exploring expedition to the 'South Seas'. Evidence now seems to back up family tradition that Joiner was in the Antarctic regions in 1838-39 and probably at the Treaty of Waitangi!

Community activities, hobbies etc: Committee mem. (and Chairman since 1983 of Auckland Historical Society Inc.; Auckland Maritime Society Committee mem. and Secretary since May 1990; Ord. mem. Auckland Institute and Museum; Ord. mem. Auckland Medical Historical Soc.; Ord. mem. Friends of Auckland City Art Gallery; Ord. mem. Bolton Street Cemetery, Wgtn; Ord. mem. Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Soc., Wellington; Com. mem (since 1982) Kinder House Society; Ord. mem. NZ Historical Assn; Ord. mem. NZ Federation of Historical Societies; Ord. mem. NZ Archives & Records Assn.; Life mem. Norfolk Island Hist. Soc.; Ord. mem. Hakluyt Society. Eng based; (was for 2 years) on Com. Auckland Working Party, NZ Dictionary of Biography; Editor Auckland-Waikato Historical Journal (since 1982); Ord. mem. Auckland Maritime Museum Friends; Author — "The Rata Tree: A Biography of Patuone" (1966) and "Guide to Ewelme Cottage" (1976). Other interests: writing, historical research and travel.



**GORDON, Esma Frances (nee Short).** Born 1912. Joined Founders 1980. Executive member Auckland branch; Subscription Secretary 1985; Branch Secretary from 1988. Awards, Distinctions etc: Associate London College of Music (Elocution) Degree ALCM. Principal Founders Ancestors: George and Jane Graham, Captain Royal Engineer Surveyor from Frogmore Windsor, England on H.M. Brig "Victoria" — 1839 and then in 1840 (his wife and family) at Kororareka, Bay of Islands, Northland, NZ; William Frances Short, woodcarver and cabinet ... H.J. Brown married Mary Lane ... daughter Charlotte married George Grahamson ... Robt Thompson who was a farmer and surveyor, formed

the first track to the top of Rangitoto and farmed for his father on Waiheke Island where he met Charlotte Brown ... Esma Gordon's interests, associations include: Foundation member (41 years) of Auckland's Trefoil Guild; Hon Life Member of NZ Pioneers and Descendants Club, Auckland; Foundation Member New Lynn Folk Dancing Group; Founder of Girl Guides/Brownies of Titirangi; former District Commissioner for 10 years; over 60 years member of the Guide Association; Member Auckland Girls Grammar School Assn; Member Lopdell House Society Inc. and the Waitakere Arts and Crafts Centre.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

1. Thanks for all patience shown with the time taken to marshal the material and to those who provided full details of their present day family. As you can see lack of space prevented its publication in this edition but all is not lost — since it seemed a pity not to ensure such matter was preserved, everything sent will be filed in an appropriate file in the Society's Library. This way the spirit of this edition — the wish to pass down an indication of how direct descendants of our intrepid pioneers have turned out after several generations in this land of so much promise.
2. When in 50 years time (2040AD) another 22 January re-enactment may be undertaken, it is hoped that those concerned will find a ready-made narration and attendant background data of some help and encouragement — even a measure of re-inspiration.

## CANTERBURY & WESTLAND BRANCH

We had a variety of outings for 1990, some well attended, others not so.

A visit to the Arts Centre with its many stalls of arts and crafts was a wonderful display of colour and activity. Wood-turning, leather work, knitting and sewing stalls; food and ice-cream available with china and silverware, were just a few of the many stalls that tourists and locals were attracted to.

In May a bus trip to Onuku, past Akaroa, was arranged for the re-enactment of the signing of the Treaty. Then in June we attended a mid-winter luncheon in conjunction with Canterbury Museum and in September members met at the Russley Hotel for Canterbury's Anniversary Dinner.

We were very happy to have Hawkes Bay Branch visit us in October. We spent all too short a time with just a chat and dinner owing to their bus itinerary. Let's hope they will be able to come for a longer visit next time they venture to the South Island.

We joined the "Borough of Sumner" welcome back to former residents in November and saw the very exciting display put on by the Sumner Lifeguard with their new lifeboat.

Later we joined with Sumner and Redcliffs Historical Society for our Christmas Dinner and the beautiful gifts donated for the raffles made everyone want to buy a ticket. Father Christmas greeted all present with sweets and best wishes with members expressing delight at the wonderful traditional atmosphere.

Our President and Committee send greetings to all Founder members and hope more branches will visit us.

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### **McSWEENEY, Agnes Veronica (nee Prenderville)** **Born 1927, South Island**

Year joined Founders: 1963. Served on the Executive of the Canterbury and Westland Branch and has been Branch Secretary-Treasurer for 15 years. Major occupation: housewife, tea lady. Principal Founder Ancestors: Baucke, a missionary from Germany arrived on the "Juliana" at Akaroa 1842. Present family: m. William John McSweeney. Five daughters, three sons, 10 grandchildren. Main community interests activities centre on church and family. P.vte. Address: 57 Matipo Street, Christchurch.



**THWAITES, K:** Branch President. P.vte. Address: 39 Balgay Street, Riccarton, Christchurch 4.

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Riccarton in 1850.

The Deans Brothers' property. The first homestead to be built on the Canterbury Plains.

Canterbury Museum.

## MANAWATU BRANCH

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Manawatu branch of the NZ Founders Society for the year ending 31 March 1990.

Membership of the branch stands at 38 senior members, 5 associate members and 2 junior members. Four resignations were received during the year and one name was removed from the roll. It was with deep regret the branch recorded the passing of two of our members — Mr B O'Connor and Mrs L Taylor. Mr O'Connor was a member for over 30 years and Mrs Taylor, a member for ten years, will be remembered as a keen member who took an active interest in branch activities. Condolences were sent on behalf of the branch to the families of these members. To other members who have suffered losses during the year may I offer the sincere sympathy of the members of the Manawatu branch. As this year of 1990 unfolds some of our members are active in preparing for family and other reunions — we extend our best wishes to them and trust that such occasions will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Branch finances are in a healthy state as will be seen from the Financial Statement.

Members will be aware that we have met less frequently as a branch this year. Both your President and Secretary regret that ill health kept them both less active than they would have wished to be. We have however, enjoyed a visit to Apti (despite the cold), a pot luck luncheon at Mrs Penny's home in Ashhurst, afternoon tea with Mrs Boman who shared her trip to England and Scandinavia with us, a meeting when we talked of our ancestors and their reasons for coming to New Zealand, and an evening when the President spoke of her search for the "Australian Cousins". Members attended the rededication of that part of the Palmerston North Square known as Te Marae O Hine, and the President was appointed a member of the Caccia Birch Trust Board.

It is hoped that the branch will be able to sponsor some event to mark this sesquicentennial year —perhaps the incoming Committee can arrange a function/display, happening to mark this special year.

Finally, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to the Secretary for her labours on branch matters, to the Committee for their loyal support and to those members who actively support the branch in its endeavours. To the incoming Executive I offer my best wishes for a fruitful year and I extend my thanks and good wishes to you all.

**Marian Sullivan**  
**President**

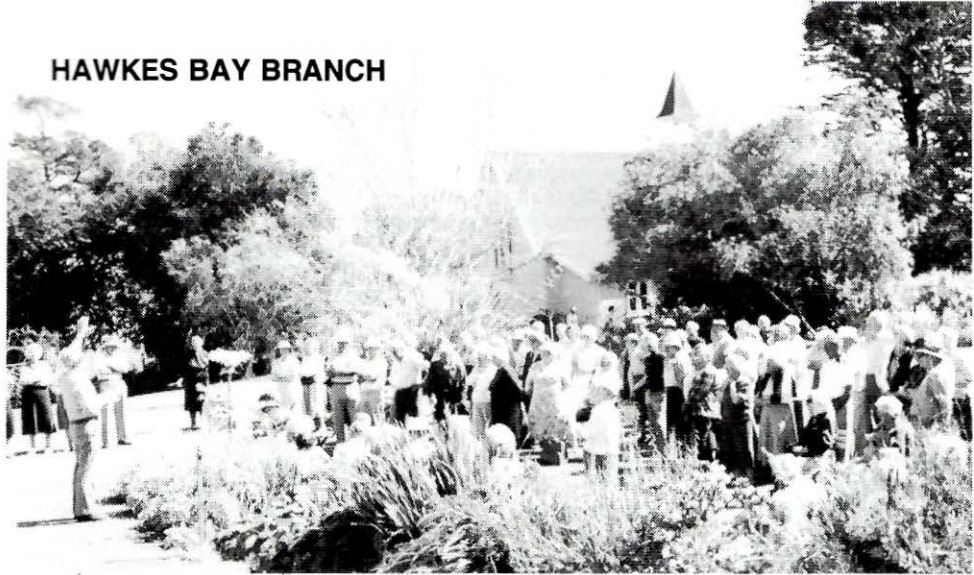
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**SULLIVAN, Marian Alison (nee Howe).** Joined Founders 1979. National Councillor since 1979. Secretary Manawatu Branch 1979/87. Elected Branch President 1988. Major Occupations: retired School Teacher, Church Organist. Qualifications: ATCL and L.T.Ch diplomas (music) and Teachers Certificate. Principal Founder Ancestors: John Howe, labourer/brickmaker of Brigstock, Northants, England arrived Port Nicholson on the 'Clifton' 17th February 1842 and Elizabeth Mace (wife of John Howe) arrived same tall ship as her husband ... also William Martin, from South Yarra, Victoria, Australia by ship 'Pekin' 1849. Present-day family details: m. Graeme Sullivan, 1954 (descendant of Benjamin and Esther Lovell who arrived Nelson 1842 on the 'Lord Auckland'), family of 4 daughters and two sons. Community interests, hobbies etc: church organist for over 40 years (Wgtn, Lower Hutt, Palmerston North); professional music teacher and accompanist; accompanist for Palm. Nth. Choral Society and Manawatu competitions; mem. Caccia Birch Trust (P. Nth.); keen on geneology, family and local history, choirs, needlework.

**CHANDLER, Barbara, Ellen (nee Sullivan).** b.1955. (daughter of Graeme and Marian Sullivan). Joined Founders 1985. Cte. mem. Manawatu Branch 1985-86, Branch Secretary 1987 to present. Major occupation: dairy proprietor. Principal Founder Ancestor: Benjamin Lovell, labourer, of Mangatsfield, Bristol, England arrived Nelson on the 'Lord Auckland' on 26th February, 1842 and John Howe who left Brigstock, Northants, England, on the 'Clifton' arriving at Port Nicholson 17 Feb 1842. Present day family details: m. Bruce Chandler in 1984 previously married to Michael O'Rourke. Family of two daughters. Community activities, hobbies, interests: mem. Church Choir 1970-72; Choral Society of Palm. Nth. 1974/76; Kindergarten cmte. Secretary Tokoroa 1977-80; Kindergarten Council Representative, Tokoroa, 1980; Kindergarten Executive Council, New Plymouth, 1981-82. Member Palm. Nth. Radio Communications Team with affiliations to Civil Defence. P.vte. Address: 34 Keith Street, Palmerston North.

(NO PORTRAIT PHOTOS — WE BREAK CAMERAS!!)

## HAWKES BAY BRANCH



*A local identity addresses Hawkes Bay members outside the Puketapu Church on a typical trip of Peter Harding's touring party, one of the many which have been taken by branch members throughout New Zealand — even abroad to Norfolk Island.*

**HARDING, Peter Roy.** b.1921 at Waipukarau. Executive service with Founders Society: Foundation President of HB Branch. Still President 10 years later. Principal occupation: sheep farmer.

Principal Founder Ancestor: Harding a cooper from England on the 'Birman' arriving at Port Nicholson in March 1842. Distinction and Awards include RSA Merit Award and Gold Star in notching up 21 years on the Executive Committee, Waipukarau and 15 years as Senior Vice-President RSA. Family: m. Mary, one daughter (Rosemary) and five sons (Timothy, David, John, Richard and Nicholas). P.vte. Address: 'Mount Vernon', Waipukurau, RD3.

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I have much pleasure in presenting the eleventh Annual Report of the Hawkes Bay Branch.

We continue to be very active, a factor which contributes to our steady growth in membership, now standing at 370. Let us make it 400 by this time next year! Incidentally, the Poverty Bay members now total 35, which is heartening after our efforts in Gisborne.

Our long weekend trip to Wellington was most successful, even though the number of Wellington members who joined us for dinner in Porirua was disappointing. However, we all enjoyed the gathering. This year we have planned a six day trip to the South Island. This will include a dinner with the Canterbury Branch — the only branch we have not visited. Also included will be a trip on the Trans Alpine Express through the Southern Alps, followed by visits to Greymouth, Nelson and Picton. We will be limited to 44 members.

All our activities have been well supported. If we have fewer than 120 members at a function we start to wonder what has gone wrong!

Once again, I thank the Committee for their hard work during the year. We are most fortunate to have such an enthusiastic band of people, including of course our very hard-working Secretary, Molly Fergusson. Our finances are in a very sound condition thanks to the services of Treasurer, David Sorenson.

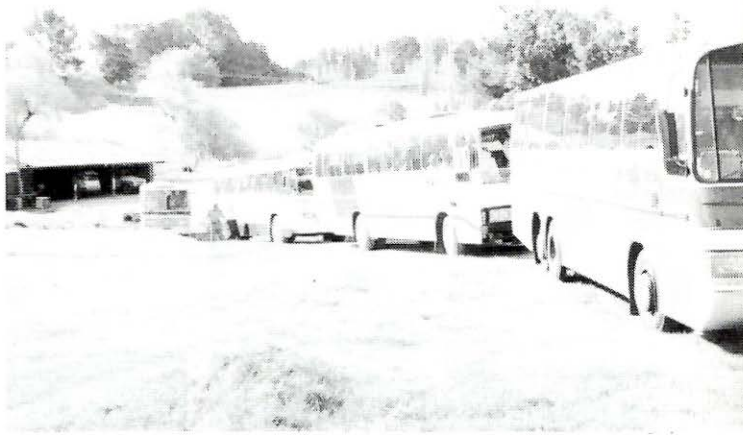
As this has been our 10th birthday year we have subsidised most of our activities and given donations to the Hawkes Bay Whaka at Porangahau and the Child Cancer Fund.

Our 1990 programme is not yet complete, but members will be notified of forthcoming events in plenty of time. We look forward to seeing you all at most of our outings during the year.

**Peter Harding**  
**President**

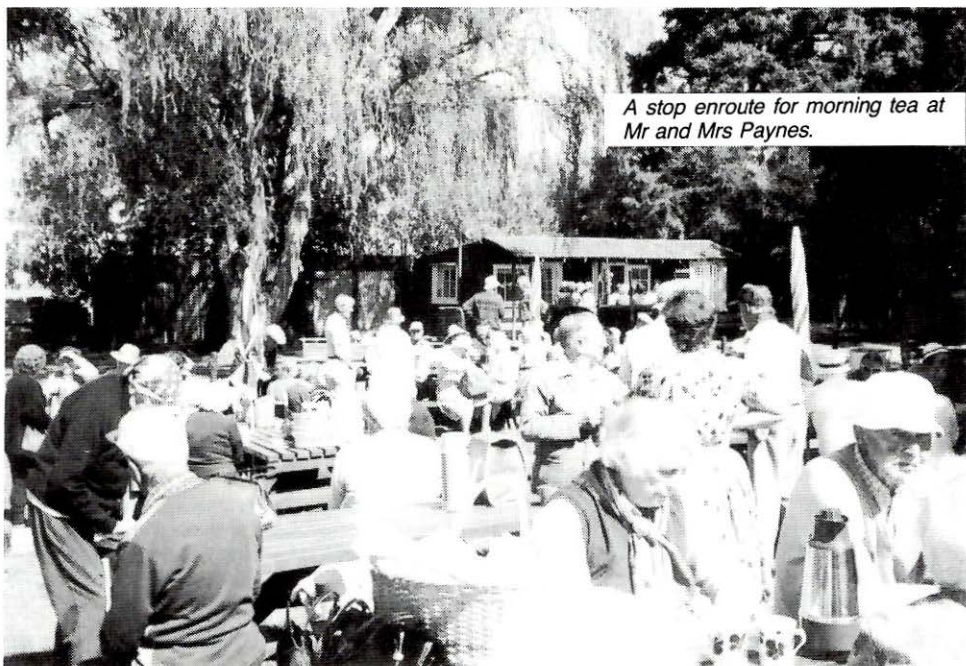


*The reason why Hawkes Bay branch voted against the extension of the membership eligibility date. Four buses were required to transport the 176 members. Where do we stop?*



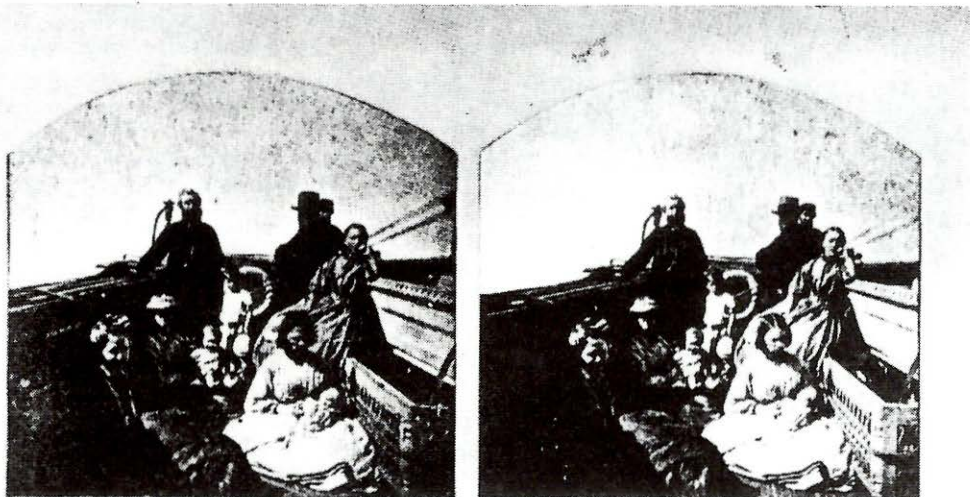
**FERGUSSON, Molly (Patricia R — nee Field).**

Born 1915. Joined Founders 23.2.1979 (Foundation Member therefore of Hawkes Bay Branch sponsored by Mrs Eccles of the Wairarapa Branch). Subsequently became Secretary of HB Branch for its first decade. Awards and community service involvement: Long Service Award Catholic Womens League (15 years as Secretary); Volunteer kitchen duties for 20 years with local Little Theatre; Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, etc. Principal Founders Ancestors: George Maxted and Elizabeth Spicer arrived 'Lord William Bentinck' 1841; William and Mary Vallar on 'Gertrude' 3.11.1841 at Port Nicholson (Widow Spicer's son Richard married Jane Vallar; Thomas and Harriet Bassett arrived Port Nicholson 1856 on the Oliver Lang. Wm. Beech arrived 'Egmont' at Lyttleton 1856. Pvt Address: 20 Mt Herbert Road, Waipukarau, Hawkes Bay. (NOTE: The Bassetts settled in Ohariu Valley. Molly Fergusson has authored a booklet on the above early families 1990).



*A stop enroute for morning tea at Mr and Mrs Paynes.*

Northland members and others — especially those descended from Waipu settlers who arrived from Nova Scotia, as followers of the Rev. Norman McLeod — will be interested. This rare card-slide from a Victorian stereoscope collection published in a Canadian "Remember Yesterday" series could well have never been reproduced in NZ before.



*An 1867 stereoscope: Presbyterian missionaries leave Halifax for New Zealand.*

## NORTHLAND BRANCH

It is with pleasure that I present the Seventeenth (17th) Annual Report of the Northland Branch of the New Zealand Founders Society.

I must thank our President Mrs Joan McInnes for standing in for me for the first three months of this year while I was tripping overseas. I enjoy being your President and endeavour to keep the meetings informal interesting and happy. Attendance has been excellent which is very heartening.

We have had a good variety of subjects at our meetings with travel predominating through members having overseas trips during the year. We have travelled in Australia with Mrs Isabel Carter, to Canada and USA with Mrs Joan McInnes, to England and Alaska with Pam and Eleanor Berry and to the Great Barrier with Mercia Churton. Mrs Judy Russell, whose husband Rev. Ken Russell was on exchange to USA and Canada, gave a most interesting and amusing talk on her shopping sprees in those countries. On a more serious note, Mrs Joan Howse spoke on her duties as a JP and prior to the local body elections Mr Derek Collier gave a comprehensive and enlightening talk on the changes to District Council. Members took part on three occasions, with their recollections of the depression of the 1930s and "Show and Tell" always a popular subject and which encourages all members to take part.

Our Christmas luncheon this year was a great success. The change to the smaller hall, new caterers, the wonderful help of the ladies from the Women's Division serving the food and the two ladies who entertained us with their accordeon playing made a very happy day.

Our library is still popular and I would like to thank those members who through their generous donations, have enabled us to secure some very interesting books. Special thanks to Mrs Jocelyn Singleton and Mrs Nancy Hughes our faithful librarians. With permission from the Lupton family we have donated the volumes of the NZ Encyclopaedias to the Whangarei Girls High School and have received a letter of thanks from the Headmaster.

Two of our members, Alison and Neil Hume, celebrated their emerald wedding anniversary during the year.

On 11th March we were invited to join the Victoria League at a Commonwealth Day church service. I am pleased to say there was a good representation from our Society. After the service the Victoria League entertained us with a delicious morning tea.

We are pleased to welcome several new members over the year. We are sorry that one of our well loved members Mrs Jo Procter has, through health reasons, had to move to Wellington. Jo is still a financial member and keeps in touch with us. Sadly a great number of our earlier members are confined to rest homes and can no longer attend our meetings. Many members have had family bereavements —to them I extend my sympathy.

We have again donated \$50 to the Heritage park. Our financial position is adequate.

I would like to acknowledge the considerable contribution of our Secretary, my thanks to our efficient Treasurer and to members of the Committee for their loyal support over the year. A special thanks to those members who have volunteered for making the sandwiches and helping in the kitchen for the coming year. This will be a great help to our finances. Our aim is gathering together in friendship with the common bond of feeling proud of our pioneering ancestors. Thank you all.

**Pam Berry**  
**President**

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**BERRY, Pamela.** b.17.12.20 at Dargaville. Joined Founders 1974 and been Northland Branch President for the past eight years. Major occupation not stated but in any event now retired. Never married. Travelled — making a trip to England to visit and stay in the village. Principle Founders ancestor left in 1809 to prepare for his Northland Pioneer Missionary calling: Rev. John (and Hannah) King from Oxfordshire on the 'Active' arriving in the Bay of Islands, NZ in 1814. P.vte. Address: 30 Tuatara, Kamo, Whangarei.



**WALSH, Barbara Lorraine (nee Walker).** b.1940 at Tauranga. Joined Founders 1975. Secretary, North Branch for 10 years. Principal occupation: Housewife. Family data: married to Peter Walsh (retired builder), son Graham Yardman and daughter Marlene (grocery manager). Principal Founder Ancestor: Tapp from England — Army Pensioner Fencible, arrived NZ on 'Oriental Queen' 18th Sept. 1849 at Auckland (my mother's family tree goes back to 12th cent.). Community interests etc: Helped with Brownie pack and Secretary of Guiders Committee before marriage started and took Tikipunga Brownie Pack for 3 years; three years Guiders Local Assn; three years as Secretary for Kamo Table Tennis Club, Whangarei. Vice-President, Tikipunga Plunket Committee; 2 years on Committee Tikipunga School, Parent-Teacher Assn. Joined WDFP 1971, since then Branch Secretary. Branch Vice-President for three years. Dominion Conference Cmte. 1982 (Auckland); Provincial Vice-President for three years. Provincial Secretary currently; Arthritis Division. Hobbies: Knitting, Crochet Floral Art, Fabric Painting and Painting. P.vte. Address: 6 Thompson Street, Tikipunga, Whangarei.

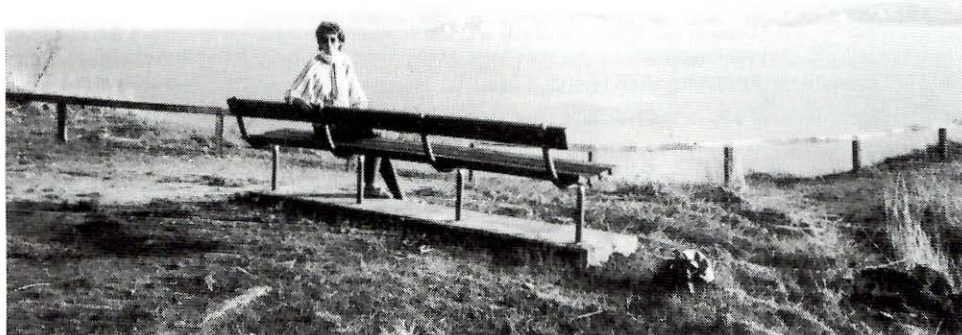
## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR SERVICE MEDALLION

(Established 1971)

First Recipient: Patron and Member Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Holyoake, GCMG, CH., P.C.

Mr T.A. Bishop, J.P.	Mr C.W. Putt	Mrs H.P.M. Olsen
Mr G.H. Bridge, J.P.	Mr E.B. Gilberd, Q.S.O., K.St.J.	Mrs C.D. Marks
Mr L.M. Buick-Constable, Q.S.M., J.P.	Mr D.E. Harper	Mrs I. Piper
Miss A.N. Burnett	Mr E. Hay-MacKenzie	Mr L.H. Pollock
Mrs H.O. Carr	Mr P.H. Mowbray, J.P.	Mrs J.W. Tattersfield
Mr W.L. Faull, J.P.	Mr S.L. Moses, C.B.E.	Mrs H.O. Wills
Mr M.L. Standish	Mrs D. Newberry	Mrs J. Wharton

## POVERTY BAY BRANCH



*See story about the above viewing seat donated by our newest branch on page 66*



### **HYAMS, Lynley Norma (nee Holyoake)**

Principal Founder Ancestor: Richard Holyoake (born 2 June 1808 at Walmouth). Richard made several voyages to New Zealand in the 1830's before finally leaving Kent, with his wife Eliza and infant son, Richard for New Zealand. They arrived on 6 February 1843 at Nelson on the 'Indus'. Three other great grandfathers arrived in Nelson during the same period, William Eves on 'London' 10 April 1842, James Gibbs on 'Bolton' 15 March 1842, Thomas Jacka on 'Admiral Grenfell' on 12 August 1843. Thomas Jacka became headmaster of Riwaka School, a member of the Riwaka Roads Board and a member of the Nelson Provincial Legislative Council. Father, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Sir Keith Holyoake was made an honorary Life Member of the New Zealand Founders and was the first recipient of the Founders Medallion Badge of Service in 1971.

Born in the Nelson province and now residing in Gisborne, became interim President of Poverty Bay branch in 1988 and when branch formed and confirmed as President in 1989. While still a teenager attended a conference in South America as a delegate for Moral Re-Armament and have continued this interest in travel and politics. Have been involved in the arts, particularly choral singing. Have been a representative in both netball and athletics and hold athletics coaching and adjudicating qualifications. Interests and activities include in the United Kingdom, membership of the National Trust, Friends of Highgate Cemetery and Life Membership of Friends of St. Georges Chapel, Windsor. In Gisborne, membership of Victoria League (Committee), Royal Overseas League (former committee), Stamp Club (former committee), National Heart Foundation of NZ (committee), Life Membership of Eastwood Hill Arboretum and Friends of Chelsea Hospital. Member of Federated Farmers, Historic Places Trust and Poverty Bay Horticultural Society. District 993 Rotaract Council Certificate acknowledging a close involvement with Rotary and in particular Rotaract through husband Peter Hyams (Justice of the Peace and Paul Harris Fellow).



### **SCHOLES, Athol Clifford.** b.1922, Lyall Bay, Wellington.

Joined Founders 1981. Executive Service, Secretary, Poverty Bay branch. Retired. Principal Founder Ancestors: Clifford from York England, farmer, gold prospector, on the 'William Miles' in 1860 at Lyttleton; Scholes from Burnley, England, farmer, on the 'Oliver Lang' in 1858 at Wellington; Symons from Plymouth, England, inspector Royal Navy on the 'Catherine Stewart Forbes' in 1841 at Wellington. Community activities and interests: Gisborne competitions Society of Performing Arts, Mountain Safety, Video, Photography. Family: Wives name Edith, five children. P.vte. Address: 190 Fox Street, Gisborne.

## **GISBORNE'S OLDEST GOLDEN OLDIE**

**by Mrs M. Brodie (a daughter of Gisborne)**

*Held over from previous edition*



Mrs Ellen Jessie May Scott of Gisborne, believed to be the oldest member of the NZ Founders Society recently celebrated thirteen years of residence, the longest, in the Dunblane Home for the aged in Gisborne. Ellen was born in Gisborne on 7th May 1890, the youngest child of Thomas Fraser senior and his wife Ann (nee McQueen).

Both her parents come from Strathdearn Inverness-Shire where they had a long tradition of farming. Thomas sailed in the *Eastern Empire* for New Zealand in 1864, followed two years later by his fiancée Ann McQueen in the *Blue Jacket*. They settled in the Amuri district North Canterbury, where 11 of their 12 children were raised. Their cob cottage is now the Pioneer Museum in Waiau. In 1865 Thomas Fraser senior and two other Highland shepherds from Strathdearn Inverness-Shire took sheep over the Southern Alps and nearly perished on the trip when they were caught in a late blizzard.

In 1887 the Fraser family moved to the Poverty Bay district where they took up part of the Pouawa Block and pioneered Glenchoile Station from the virgin bush. Later Glenchoile Station boasted the first wool press in Poverty Bay. Previously the wool was trodden down by foot. In those days there was no road up the coast, and it was round the rocks in a buggy when the tide was out and many an exciting tale was told of rogue waves swamping the buggy and its occupants, and of parcels being retrieved as they floated past on the receding tide. Nellie Fraser received her education in Gisborne and remembers as a secondary school girl attending a function for the turning of the first sod for the Gisborne to Napier railway. She also remembers helping to collect funds to build the first local school baths in Gisborne. Nellie's father owned one of the first cars in Poverty Bay, an Oldsmobile which cost £800. The Fraser's town house boasted a telephone and one of the first plunge baths in the district. People came from near and far to see it. On leaving school Nellie joined the legal firm of Chrisp and Chrisp, but as more telephones were installed in the district she became a telephone exchange operator, the glamour job for young ladies of that era, and it was there that she met her future husband Robert Irvine Scott who was at that time the youngest supervisor in NZ. Later they bought a farm of 460 acres as a side line. Unfortunately her husband did not live to enjoy his retirement and died at the age of 58. Their eldest daughter Rona Coen and her family now live in Laguna Beach California, the younger son Thomas and his family in Matamata, and Robert the elder son was killed in action in Florence in WWII. Mary the younger daughter and her husband Charles live in Gisborne.

It is remarkable that Ellen can recall events in her parents and her own life, now in her 100th year. Always proud of her pure Highland extraction and pioneer descent, she has lived to see Gisborne grow into a thriving city.

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## **BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH**



**MUIR, George James JP.** b.1918, Onehunga. Joined Founders: 1990, President, Bay of Plenty branch. Principal Founder Ancestor: Muir, farmer from Scotland on "Duchess of Argyll" arrived 1842 at Auckland.

WW2 Service: 3 yrs in Pacific. Major Occupation: farmer & orcharding. m. Valmai (also a Founder descendent) 2 daughters, 2 sons. Community service and interests: RSA, school com., Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Probus Club, also bowls. P.vte. Address: 41 Cameron Rd, Te Puke.



**HADDOCK (nee Yule), Margarett Jean.** b.1930, Palmerston North. Housewife. Joined Founders 1984; 2 years as Secretary/Treasurer, Bay of Plenty Branch. Principal Founder Ancestors: Yule from Paisley, Scotland, Sawyer, arrived Petone Beach, Wgtn. Harbour on 'Bengal Merchant' 20th February 1840 and Thomas Revell, farmer, Ireland with Margaret (Braddock) Revell on 'Minerva' at Lyttleton.

One daughter, 2 sons. Community service and interests: Member, Bay of Plenty Branch, NZ Embroiderers Guild, Rotorua Operatic Society. P.vte Address: 11 Jervis Street, Rotorua.

## TARANAKI BRANCH

It is my privilege to present to you the 34th Annual Report of the Taranaki branch of the NZ Founders Society.

Regretfully I have to record the deaths of Mrs E Chambers and Mr Allan K Surrey. One of our members, Mrs Holland, is Mr Surrey's daughter. We extend our sympathy to their relatives.

Our membership of 170 reflects a slight increase and a number of applications are pending.

We express our appreciation to the Taranaki Saving Bank for their valued donation to our funds. This, along with donations from members and proceeds from raffles, has boosted our finances. Our thanks, also, to members who have donated raffle prizes. The previous sound financial position is again reflected in our balance sheet.

The monthly meetings have been very well attended, particularly those held in the afternoons. Our sincere appreciation to our guest speakers who gave us interesting and enjoyable addresses. Our end of year function held at "The Butlers" in November was, as usual, a very relaxing and friendly gathering.

The Rev. R.E. Penno, a member of our branch, conducted our Anniversary service in St James Church, Moturoa. Our Immediate Past President, Mr M.L. Standish, read the lesson. We certainly missed the presence of our National President and Secretary but, unfortunately, Mr and Mrs Ward and Mrs Anderson were unable to attend either our service or the luncheon which followed it at "The Butlers". Sixty-two attended the luncheon when our guest speaker was Ms Mary Donald, Archivist at the Taranaki Museum, gave a very interesting talk. At the conclusion our Vice President, Mr Malcolm Belcher, presented "For Service" badges to Messrs M.L. Standish, C.W. Putt and W.L. Faull.

We have no specific 1990 project in view of our own celebrations next year. Our 1991 projects are:

1. Moral support to the restoration of the historic facade of the White Hart Hotel.
2. Efforts to have the Murray Moorhead articles on early local history published in book form.
3. Support by provision of cards and information for the Taranaki Museum's proposed index system.

Unfortunately, as I was hospitalised in Auckland and New Plymouth for some time, I was unable to carry out the duties of my office. May I express my gratitude to you all for kind messages, flowers and visits. My special thanks to Mr Don Standish, Mrs Ida Piper and Mr Malcolm Belcher for so cheerfully and willingly carrying an extra burden. I thank each one of you for your loyal support throughout the year—especially the busy kitchen workers.

**W.L. Faull**  
President

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**FAULL, Wilfred Lewis JP.** Born 19 August 1912 at New Plymouth. Joined Founders 1956 — Executive Committee Taranaki Branch since that year; Branch Vice-President 1973 to 1988; Branch President from 1989. Principal Founder Ancestors: Richmond Faull, tin miner from Cornwall, England on the 'William Bryan' arriving at New Plymouth 31 March 1841 and Simon Andrew of Cornwall, England on the 'Timandra' 2 November 1841 at New Plymouth. Another significant ancestor is Admiral Lord Nelson. Family: wife Phyllis Thelma (nee Rogers), died 1.8.86, five sons. Principal occupation: dairy farmer (8 years), general storekeeper (43 years) and State Insurance office. Other community service and interests etc: (wartime) Waiouru Military Camp Brass Band, Anglican Lay Officer, Taranaki Rugby League Rep., Dance Band and Orchestral, Anglican Church Vesty-man, Waitara Parish, local church, hall and school committees. P.vte. Address: 7 Truby King Street, Merriland, New Plymouth.



**PIPER, Ida Ethel Mary (nee McNeish).** Born 1910 at Tologa Bay. Joined Founders 1962 (Assoc. mem.); 1966 as full member. Awarded Founders 'For Service' medallion and Hon. Life Membership in 1982. Served on Taranaki Branch Executive (Secretary/Treasurer) in 1962, since then a branch secretary only. Principal Founder Ancestors: David McNeish who arrived at Raglan between 1830-1840; McArtney a tinsmith from Dundee, Scotland, in 'New Zealand' at Nelson; also Wm. & Harriet Tustin at Wellington. Major occupation: housewife. Family: m. Ian Arthur Piper (died 1966) who was member of Taranaki Branch Cte. One son and two daughters (all members of branch). P.vte. Address: 3 Kauri Street, New Plymouth.

## WAIKATO BRANCH

I welcome you to this AGM of the New Zealand Founders Society. It has been a successful year, membership is at 117 and our finances good. During the year our luncheons have been held at the Ferrybank Lounge. Our programme has been a varied one.

**13 April 1989** — Our guest speaker was Mr Jim Hodgetts of the Astronomical Society whose subject was entitled "Beyond the Earth". A very thought provoking address enjoyed by an excellent attendance.

Following the luncheon our AGM took place. Those elected to office were: W.A. Bridgman (Chairman), D. Joll (Deputy Chairman), P.H. Mowbray (Secretary/Treasurer), Mrs A.J. Donovan (Hon Auditor). The Committee were: Mrs J.E. Cameron, Mrs D. Little, Mrs A. Sandford, Mrs D.M.E. Clark, Mrs E.W.C. Lofthouse, and J. Nickle.

**15 June 1989** — Our guest speaker was Mr Jack Corbett, whose theme was "Development of Coinage in NZ". This was a lively and humorous address.

**10 August 1989** — was a well attended luncheon. Guest speaker, Mr John Scott on "50 Years of Research and Recreation at Ruakura". John was for 35 years the Scientific Liaison Officer at Ruakura Research Centre.

**19 October 1989** — We took a bus to Waiuku and visited the old world museum. An enjoyable day.

Our Christmas party was held at the Ferrybank. We were entertained by Margaret Simpson's delightful singing group from Sacred Heart College.

**17 February 1990** — we went to the country to a garden party at the Gordonton home of your Chairman. We were entertained with song and music from "Ann's Company of Singers".

We remember with regret the passing of four of our members. Mrs Beryl MacDiarmid, Mrs Vera Mannington, Mr Alfred Main, and Mrs Frances Brodie. Also Mrs Noline Lofthouse's mother, Mrs Emily Skewes and Mrs Leola Lake's husband.

Wakefield House, of which we owned two floors, has gone through dramatic changes. We have had to sell our headquarters and move to Wool House. This has been a great uprooting for the Society. I hope we come out of it financially better off, but I have my doubts.

My thanks to the Committee, and especially to Peter Mowbray, who have run this branch successfully. This is my last year as Chairman. I said I would do it for two years. The time has come, it has been a good two years. I will always be interested in our Society and will be available at all times. I thank Maureen Kempster of the Ferrybank Lounge for the way she has cared for us.

### W.A. Bridgman Chairman

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**JOLL, Douglas Gordon.** b.1906 at Havelock North. Joined Founders 1984. On Waikato branch executive and now (from 1990) branch President. Principal occupation: retired Environmental Health Officer. Awards and distinctions: community activities etc, member of the Royal Society of Health London by examination (MRSH); Past President and Life Member of the NZ Institute of Environmental Health Officers (LMNZIEHO); Past President, Past Member of the Rotary Club of Napier. Family: wife Marjorie Joyce (deceased), one son and two daughters. Hobbies: woodwork, lapidary and copper work. Principal Founder Ancestors: Samuel and Elizabeth Joll, farmer, from Tumble Farm, Egloskevvy, Cornwall, UK, arriving on the 'Timandra' — 382 tons — on 23 February 1842 at New Plymouth and William and Harriet Harrison arrived 31 March 1841 at New Plymouth. P.vte. Address: 45 Storey Avenue, Hamilton.



**MOWBRAY, Peter Harris, JP.** Born 1917 at Auckland. Joined Founders 1972. Nine years as Waikato branch Chairman, then 2-3 years branch Secretary/Treasurer. National Councillor (Waikato repr.). Major occupations: Retired Insurance Officer (43 years service) but have several retirement interests. Family: like other Founder leaders throughout NZ, the Founders Society is part of a way of life with both husband and wife holding office in voluntary executive work and for local body affairs. Mrs Margaret (Betty) Beatrice Mowbray, holder of high office on the Hamilton City Council, recipient (1990) of a Queens Service Medal for 45 years of community

service, was the first Waikato branch Secretary. Peter Mowbray's community activities include: National Vice President, Insurance Institute of NZ; Past President, Waikato JP Association; School Board; 19 years association with St. Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton including chairman of the School Board's Finance Cte.; a term of President of St. Pauls Collegiate Assn; Secretary/Treasurer of the Insurance Institute Hamilton district, very rare elected a Life Membership in 1981; A co-ordinator of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Appeal, a Past Chairman of King's College (Old Boys Waikato district Inaugural President, St Andrews Lions Club, Hamilton; active in many Lions initiated appeals and activities including being Convenor of Charity Golf Tournaments that have raised substantial sums of money for such causes as wheelchair minibus for the Travellyn Home-Hospital, Life Member of his club a unique Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust Award from Lions International, a marriage celebrant; company director etc.

Family details: Peter and Betty have two sons and two daughters, all married. Principal Founder Ancestors: Mowbray of Edinburgh, Scotland, businessman, writer of the Signet (WS) sailed on 'British Trident' arriving at Auckland 3.11.1864; Cargill from Edinburgh (who became first Superintendent of the Province of Otago) sailed on the 'John Wickcliffe' arriving at Port Chalmers 23.3.1847

*(Note: Our Society's Library has a reference book: History of Mowbray family in New Zealand. Also Peter has researched and written the History of the Mowbray family back to 1066).*

Pvte. Address: 31 Marnane Terrace, Hamilton

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#### **SEVENTEEN YEARS JOINTLY AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

*(Left to right): Mr George H Bridge (1979-82), Mr Don E Harper (1982-85), Mrs Hilary P M Olsen (1985-89), Mr Lindsay M Buick-Constable (1969-73), Mr Sid L Moses (1976-79)*



## WANGANUI BRANCH



*(Left to right) Nat. President Robin Ward, Branch President Joyce Mackenzie, Past President Mrs C Marks and Mrs Kathleen McDonald on the occasion of Mrs Marks receiving her Hon. Life Medallion for Service*

Our membership remains steady at 115, including 73 ordinary members, 7 life members, 28 honorary life members and 7 associate members. New members this year are Messrs Ross Glennie, John Rockell (transferred from Wellington), Michael Condon (associate), Hugh McKenzie (associate) and Mrs Mollie Simpson. We regret the deaths of Mrs Rachel Gerrie and Mrs Norma Conder, our treasurer. We also offer our sympathy to Mrs Cynthia Hughes-Johnson and Mrs Shirley Wilson on the death of their husbands.

Activities have followed the same pattern as other years. Visits were made to the homes of Mr and Mrs Ross Richardson at Waitotara and of Mr and Mrs Maurice O'Connell, to the garden of Mrs Eleanor Burgess and to the Stratford Pioneer Village. Other outings were to the Repertory Theatre to see several short plays and to the New Zealand Room of the Alexander Library. Our Christmas luncheon was at Purnell House.

Speakers were Mrs Vera Thrush on a trip to the Middle East, Mrs Jenny Tolhurst on a visit to Thailand, Mr Kevin Morgan on Anglican Social Services, Mrs Jean Bauld on the history of the Repertory Theatre building, Mrs Hilary Wooding on the research material in the library and Mr Robin Ward, the National President, who also presented Mrs Dorothy Marks with a "For Service" badge after her 14 years as Secretary and her 5 years as President.

Only a short newsletter was produced in 1989 but our 1990 book is now with the printers and should be available at our "Writing by Candlelight" presentation on 19th May. The 1990 Commission has given us \$500 to help with printing cards.

I would like to thank the Committee for their help, both in telephoning members and in suggesting outings and speakers. Three committee members do not wish to be nominated this year. Mr Conder (a Vice-President), Miss Barbara McLean and Mr Bert Tonks. We are grateful for the long service they have all given to our branch. Mrs Beth Pratt who was elected assistant Treasurer last year took over the duties of Treasurer when Mrs Conder died and has been most efficient. Mrs Kathleen McDonald does not wish to carry on as Secretary. I thank her for all her work over the years, especially for her interesting newspaper reports.

**Mrs I Mackenzie**  
Chairman



**Mackenzie, Nancy Joyce (nee Gigg)**. b.1926, Hastings. Joined Founders 1979. Served on Wanganui branch executive from 1988; Branch President 1989/90. Principal Founder Ancestors: Ann Phillips from Cornwall (widow), arrived on 'William Bryan', 31 March 1841 at New Plymouth and George Humphries (labourer) from Wiltshire, arrived on the 'Westminster' 1 April 1843 at Auckland. Education: graduated from Victoria University, Wellington. Major occupation: school teacher (retired) m. Hugh Mackenzie. Family: two sons, two daughters (ten grandchildren: 5 boys, 5 girls). Community service, hobbies and interests: member Federation of University Women, Genealogical Society, collecting stamps and seashells, stone polishing, photography, gardening, family research. P.vte. Address: 23 Balgownie Avenue, Wanganui.



**THRUSH, Vera (nee Madeley)**. B.England. Joined Founders 1987. (Associate Member through husband H.S. Thrush). Branch Secretary, Wanganui branch. His Principal Founder Ancestor: Thrush, farmer from England arrived Auckland on the 'Steinwarder' 14 October 1864. Mrs Vera Thrush's major occupation: teacher (retired), F.I.P.S. London, i.e., commercial teacher's diploma. Community service and interests include: Red Cross, mah jong club, Repertory Society, Victoria League, church. P.vte. Address: 120 Gonville Avenue, Wanganui.

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**ADDRESS BY EWAN HAY-McKENZIE**  
**at the 50th Jubilee Luncheon of the**  
**Wairarapa Branch in the Gladstone Hall on 28 April 1990**

Greetings to you all and to the Wairarapa branch of the NZ Founders Society in particular on this historical occasion — your 50th Jubilee.

It is regretted that due to prior engagements the National Executive is not represented at a higher level at this very important function. However it is with the greatest pleasure that we three members of the Executive were able to be present and to join in your festivities and our congratulations are extended to your branch on your achievement. Of course, your branch and the Wellington members have been very close in more ways than one — some of you have taken part in our functions and we certainly hold very dear our association with your late delegate to the National Council — Mrs Eccles — who we knew very well. Although the Acting National President and his wife Mary were unable to be here today we prevailed upon Lindsay to write a few words to our Wairarapa members and I will now read his message.

"May I send through the National Councillors here the special personal greetings of Mary and I. Having on more occasions than once had the pleasure of your hospitality in your domain I know I am missing a great treat. On behalf of our Society, our National President Robin Ward currently abroad, our three National Councillors here today, above all. I want to congratulate the branch on lasting for and in such worthwhile effort for half a century.

Wairarapa must be delighted that over the past 50 years your valient branch members have done so much to record, mark and celebrate in so many ways the almost 100 years of European settlement prior to the formation of your branch. Without your efforts much would have been lost forever. Stand tall. As tall as the tall trees that covered so much of your territory — the celebrated 40 Mile Bush for instance through which my grandfather David Buick and his family travelled in the early 1880s enroute from the Buick farm Petone via the Manawatu Gorge to the clearing that Palmerston was then to help start pioneering the Manawatu. (His elder brother William had a newly pioneered part of your branch's area — Pirinoa etc.)

Congratulations and best wishes for the next few generations.

**Acting National President**

## WAIRARAPA BRANCH

The enthusiasm and attendance at all functions has been very encouraging to my committee who have given a lot of thought to drawing up a varied programme which is interesting, but inexpensive.

The annual general meeting, held in the Red Cross rooms, was well attended. The usual AGM was done with despatch, then Sister Monica enthused about the Golden Years Expo to be held in June. The Expo was held in the stadium and proved very popular. We did not have a stall but had a display in the library which proved interesting to those visiting the library.

In April a bus load of members spent the weekend in Hawkes Bay where we were entertained by the Hawkes Bay branch. It proved a most enjoyable trip with visits to a private museum in Takapau, the homestead of the Hawkes Bay branch President, Mr P.R. Harding, at Waipukurau. We dined in the R.S.L. rooms in the evening. Next day we visited gardens and historic buildings in Havelock North. A bus load of members visited South Wairarapa in May visiting the Paua factory in Carterton, Cobblestones in Greytown, the Nyco chocolate factory in Featherston. We had lunch in the Anzac hall where the deputy Mayor made us welcome.

In June following a pot luck lunch Mr Rex Andrews, one of our members, gave us a very interesting talk on India. Mrs Inkster who was in China during the students' riots, related her experience in that vast country which is anxious to attract tourists.

In August Mr Moriarty gave us a timely talk on civil defence and what to do in a major earthquake. Some of the executive attended the AGM of the national body. It was sad to realise that the nation's financial climate had forced the NZ Founders Society to move from Wakefield House to more affordable premises. It was encouraging to learn that all branches were in good heart and going from strength to strength.

In September members had lunch at the Archways Restaurant, from which they visited the agricultural training farm where they had afternoon tea after a look around.

We had an unusual experience in October when we attended a live show of Sale of the Century at Avalon, after having two hours of free time in Upper Hut.

In November Mrs Vaughan talked to a well attended tea meeting held in the Red Cross rooms. Her subject was Alaska, the vastness of which must be seen to be appreciated.

In December we again had our festive function at Solway Park. The newly elected President of the NZ Founders Society, Mr Robin Ward, and his wife honoured us by attending and an enjoyable evening was had by all, although some members expressed a preference for the smorgasbord dinner.

On 22nd January we took a bus load of members to take part in the celebration of Petone Day. It was a very moving experience to see the re-enactment of the arrival of the tall ships "Aurora" and "Helena". We celebrated Waitangi Day at Mrs Camerons, "Waimoana", Glenburn.

I wish to thank all those who made this past year such a successful and happy one, the Red Cross Society and the Masterton Centennial Ladies Bowling Club for providing venues for our meetings, our speakers for informative talks and those who extended their hospitality to members. I thank my officers and committee for their untiring effort and to the members for their support.

**G.A. Barr**  
President



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**BARR, George Arthur.** Born 2.6.1910 at Masterton. Joined Founders: 15.11.1982. Served on executive of our Wairarapa branch in branch Auditor and now President. Principal Founder Ancestor: Jerimah Oxembarn, spinster, from Gravesend, London on the 'Aurora' arriving 22 January 1840 at Petone, Port Nicholson. Major occupation: retired insurance assessor. Holds Senior Public Service Exam. Family: wife Eileen Joan Barr (Founders member in her own right. Founder Ancestor: Smith, 2 sons, 1 daughter). Community involvements, interest: Past President of Lions Pakeke Club, Masterton; Wairarapa branch Civil Service Assn; Wairarapa

College Old Students Assn; ex-Secretary Heritage Inc; ex-Treasurer, Masterton Bowling Club; member Royal NZ Numismatic Society (specialising war medals and decorations; member NZ Historical Places Society). P.vte. Address: 48 College Street, Masterton



**WATSON, Violet Myna.** Born 1910, Masterton. Joined Founders: 1978. Branch Secretary since 1978. Principal Founders Ancestor: Wm B. Buick, farmer, Arbroath, Scotland on the NZ Coy vessel 'Arab' arriving Port Nicholson October 1841. Principal Occupation: librarian, Masterton Public Library for 30 years. Community service, interests: Life Member Mahunga Golf Club; Vice-President Masterton Senior Citizens; member Victoria Society; Arthritic Society, Masterton Centennial Bowling Club; St John's Indoor Bowling Club. P.vte. Address: 182 D Chapel Street, Masterton.

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*Wairarapa Branch of the New Zealand Founders Society marked their 50th Jubilee with a celebration luncheon on Saturday 28th April 1990 at the Gladstone Sports Complex*



*(from left) Life Members, Mrs Irene Ball and Miss Helen Tankersley cut the Jubilee cake*



*(from left) Miss Vi Watson, Secretary, and Mrs Amy Goodin, Treasurer, enjoy their meal*

**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 approximately the beginning of October 1990.

Name	Address	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Mr J O Bishop	Morrinsville	Caroline	1832	William M PALMER
		Wild Duck	1861	Mr & Mrs BURTON BOYS
Mrs A R Burleigh	Wellington	Mariner	1849	Dennis & Lydia FROST
	<b>(Transhipped to William and Alfred for Nelson)</b>			
		Indus	1843	William & Mary DOUGLAS
		Essex	1843	Richard & Jane OLD(S)
Mr C J Burleigh	Wellington	New Zealand	1842	John & Agnes ALLAN
Dr A M Tonks	Wellington	Birman	1842	William & Jane TONKS
Mr N A Greig	Lower Hutt	Sevilla	1862	Joanna ANDERSON
Mrs H F Wright	Wellington	London	1842	Uriah & Leah BATCHELOR
		Bernicia	1848	William & Charlotte WALKER
Mrs S P Richardson	Wellington	Mary Anne	1842	George & Ellen McRAE
		Ralph Bernal	1846	Alexander MOUAT
Mr H K Pitcher	Norfolk Island	Active	1814	Rev. Thomas KENDALL
Miss K A Fairweather	Wellington	Indian Empire	1864	George Gleigg GARDNER
		Sebastopol	1863	Margaret Eliza McKINLAY
Mrs M E Carter	Rotorua	Metropolis	1863	George & Ann HARRIS
Mr A C Carter	Rotorua	Associate		
Mrs N M Young	Rotorua	Birman	1842	William & Jane TONKS
Mrs J W King	Tauranga	Clifford	1842	John & Emma WATSON
Mrs Y B Smith	Rotorua	Bengal Merchant	1840	John & May NISBET
Mrs J Saunders	Tauranga	Adelaide	1840	Thomas KEMPTON
		Birman	1842	William & Mary DUNN
Mrs M Tregilgas	Rotorua	Sir Robert Sale	1847	John BRYAN
Mrs E M Pitman	Christchurch	Lord William Bentinck	1841	John & Charlotte WHITEHOUSE
Mrs I M Maguire	Gisborne	(Burgess Roll)	1843	William & Mary VILLERS
		Philip Laing	1848	James & Isabella PATRICK
		Stately	1852	Ebenezer & Violet BROWN
Mr B W Maguire	Gisborne	Associate		
Mrs O M Mabin	Napier	Travancore	1851	John & Mary CAMPION
		Cashmere	1855	William & Maria WATSON
Mr M B Mabin	Napier	Associate		
Mr F W Jull	Waipawa		1863	Leonard & Elba Amelia WHITTINGTON
Mr T B Duke	Hastings	Associate		
Mr J Barraclough	Auckland	Duchess of Argyll	1842	William Lang & Mary THORBURN
Mrs J E Nichol	Bell Block	Bolton	1842	John & Caroline MORTIMER
		Sir Charles Forbes	1842	John & Eliza HUMPHREYS
Mrs A Bendall	Eketahuna	Lady Nugent	1841	Susan FUTTER
Miss M A Heays	Taradale	William Bryan	1841	Edward & Jane TUCKER
Mrs T M Murphy	Hastings		1858	Daniel & Catherine WOODS
Mr A L Kronfeld	Waikanae	Lady Nugent	1841	James & Frances FOOTER
Mrs L Y Taylor	Wellington	Sir Edward Paget	1856	Mr & Mrs Peter BAYNE
Mr M P Condon	Wanganui	Associate		
Mrs E Anderson	Wellington	Associate — Hon.		
Mrs J M Smart	Te Awamutu	Egmont	1858	George CRUICKSHANK
		Telegraph	1863	Amice John BERTRAM
Mr L J Gregory Hunt	Upper Hutt	Thomas Harrison	1842	Joseph TAYLOR
Miss R E M Delany	Wellington	Sir George Seymour	1850	Dr Henry Slater RICHARDS
		?	1848	John HAYHURST
Dr D S Loeber	Wellington	Aurora	1840	Joseph & Elizabeth PUDNEY
Mr M F Petheram	London, England	Arab	1840	John & Caroline HOOPER
Mrs B E Wild	Auckland	Amelia Thompson	1841	Edward & Susannah HUNT

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		Star Queen	1861	John HARDGRAVE
Mrs W S Ashenden	Auckland	Clontarf	1858	William Henry BUCKLEY
Mr J H Sutherland	Waihou	Bredalbane	1858	James SUTHERLAND
Mrs J D Leach	Auckland	Ramillies	1846	Charles JEFFERSON & Harriet BESWICK
Mrs E M Simpson	Wanganui	Born Mt Crawford	1855	Mary Ann ATKINSON
Mrs M W Hebbend	Hamilton	Westminster	1843	William & Sarah ROSE
		Gazelle	1853	Mrs Murdoch MCKENZIE
Mr M W Watson	Masterton	Thomas Sparks	1843	Abraham & Elizabeth VOLLER
		Thomas Harrison	1842	Robert LUCAS
		Levant ex Sydney	1846	William George ABBOTT
Mrs A I Morris	Masterton	Thomas Sparks	1843	Abraham & Elizabeth VOLLER
		Thomas Harrison	1842	Robert LUCAS
		Levant ex Sydney	1846	
Mrs O L Michell	Masterton	Thomas Sparks	1843	Abraham & Elizabeth VOLLER
		Thomas Harrison	1842	Robert LUCAS
		Levant ex Sydney	1846	
Mrs Y L Edgecombe	Waipukurau	London	1842	William & Mary Ann BARRATT
Mr G C Edgecombe	Waipukurau	Associate		
Mr V M Mortensen	Norsewood	Associate		
Mr E W Richardson	Wellington	Associate		
Mrs P E Crimp	Wellington	New Zealand (Whaler)	1820	Gilbert MAIR
Mrs S M Spence	Napier	Hope	1840	Mary Ann BEARD (later Hogan)
Mr W H McLean	Hastings	Prince of Wales	1842	Archibald & Catherine McLEAN
Mrs E M Hunt	Waipukurau	George Fyfe	1842	Mary Ann COSTER (nee Dockery)
Mr T H Spence	Napier	Nimroud/Nimrod	1863	George & Christina SPENCE
Mrs D M McLean	Hastings	Associate		
Mr G K Hunt	Waipukurau	Associate		
Mr B J Straka	Auckland	War Spirit	1863	Paul STRAKA
Mrs W A Russell	Auckland	Merchantman	1855	John & Hannah DENIZE
		Ganges	1863	James & Charlotte BEAVER
		Trading Vessel	1833	William POTTER
		North Star	1845	Ellen Eliza CUNNINGHAM
Mrs G I Patterson	Rotorua	Fifeshire	1842	Thomas & Rebecca BERRY
		Fifeshire	1842	John & Elizabeth GIBSON
Mrs R F Brice	Carterton	Southern Cross	1857	Henry & Eliza BURGESS
Mrs C B G Parker	Hamilton	Surat	1864	Edward & Caroline ROLLERSON
		Sealer "Glory" Canoe	1825	Capt. Robert BROWN Te Wharerimu
Mr S C L Woodman	Wellington	Bolton	1840	Thomas & Mary WOODMAN
Mrs E M Hollebone	Wellington	Southern Cross	1857	Andrew REEVES
		Eastern Empire	1865	Thomas FRASER
Mrs C D Keay	Wellington	Birman	1842	William & Mary DUNN
		Adelaide	1840	Thomas KEMPTON
Mrs V S Burt	Waikanae	Arab	1841	John HOOPER
		Arab	1841	James WALKER
		Slains Castle	1841	George FELLINGHAM
			By 1837	Edward BOULTON
Mr R M J Garrod	Wellington	Oriental	1840	Henry & Mary Anne GARROD
Mr N M R Hollebone	Wellington	Associate		
Mrs J O'Connor	Masterton	George Fyfe	1842	Charles & Emma LEWER
Mr D T O'Connor	Masterton	Associate		
Mrs L A Cowan	Auckland	Louisa Campbell	1842	Caleb & Sarah ROBINSON
		Sir George Pollock	1859	Margaret O'BRIEN

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Mrs I R Anderton	Waipukurau	Bolton	1840	William & Sarah Ann CLARKSON
Mr C H Anderton	Waipukurau	Lord William Bentinck	1850	Amy Wilhelimia Bentinck HEAD later Mrs Charles ANDERS(T)ON (source says 'S', members says 'T')
Mrs B H Milner	Havelock North	Slains Castle	1841	John & Marion Thomson WATERS
Mrs J L Little	Tokoroa	Mooltan	1849	James McNEIL
Mrs E R Burns	Whangarei	?	1841	Thomas CANTY
Mrs E M Hepburn	Hamilton	Duke of Roxburgh	1840	William & Mary Ann KNIGHT
Mrs E M Gordon	Hamilton	William Bryan	1841	William HENWOOD
Mr J G Gordon	Hamilton	Associate		
Mr H A Christensen	Masterton	London	1842	Henry BURLING
Miss D J McLeod	Masterton	Cuba	1840	Robert WYETH
Mrs J E Brooks	Carterton	Bengal Merchant	1840	Alexander YULE
Mrs C I Hewson	Martinborough	Martha Ridgway	1840	George & Susan SAYWELL
		Thomas Harrison	1842	James & Ann HAYCOCK
		Chrysolite	1861	ALEXANDER family
Mr I S Clarke	Martinborough	?	By 1854	Benjamin STEVENS
Mrs J A Clarke	Martinborough	Associate		
Mr A J McKenzie	Carterton	Bengal Merchant	1840	Thomas & Mary Ann REID
Mr G L Reeves	Wellington	?	1850's	Edward REEVES
Mrs C H Cameron	New Plymouth	Slains Castle	1841	Augustus Octavius CARRINGTON
Mr I A Perry	Wairoa	Amelia Thompson	1841	John & Frances PERRY
Mrs E J Hay	Hastings	Associate		
Mr O H Freeman	Auckland	Helvellyn	1863	Edwin FREEMAN
		Clydersee	1840	Daniel CARRAN
Mrs A E Page	Wellington	Lord William Bentinck	1841	David SPEEDY
Mrs A E Morrison	Carterton	Indus	1842	Thomas BLICK
Mrs B Nichols	Masterton	Eleanor	1841	Joseph MASTERS
Mr N H Robinson	Napier	Associate		
Mrs K M Thomson	Waipukurau	Sir George Osborne	1826	Rev. & Mrs WILLIAMS
		Devonshire	1863	William NELSON
Dr C H Thomson	Waipukurau	Associate		
Mrs C F Cuthbert	Auckland	Pladda	1861	Matthew & Margaret ANDREW
Mrs A E C Negri	Te Puke	Cashmere	1851	Albin & Jemima MARTIN
Mrs J M Bray	Christchurch	Clifford	1842	John Waring SAXTON
Mrs J Dyson	Napier		1845	George FIELD
		Charlotte Jane	1850	Louisa Jane NIPPRESS (2nd husband: G Field)
Mrs D N Chambers	Napier	William Bryan	1841	Edward TUCKER
Mrs J H Bragg	Napier	Olympus	1841	Douglas Mary Dunsmore McKAIN
Mrs T B Walker	Napier	Olympus	1841	Douglas Mary Dunsmore McKAIN
Mrs N D Armstrong	Napier	Olympus	1841	Douglas Mary Dunsmore McKAIN
Mrs P D Metcalfe	Thames	William Bryan	1841	Mr & Mrs John LYE
		Timandra	1842	Henry HOOKER
Mrs G M Jessep	Upper Hutt	Lord Auckland	1842	Matthew Prince HARGREAVES
Mrs L K McPherson	Upper Hutt	Lord Auckland	1842	Matthew Prince HARGREAVES
Mrs R C Asher	Upper Hutt	Philip Laing	1848	Francis & Margaret MARSHALL
		Philip Laing	1848	Charles & Elizabeth CRAWFORD
Mr R A Vickers	Hamilton	Duke of Roxburgh	1840	William & Mary Ann KNIGHT
Mrs B A E Dent	Whangarei	Oriental Queen	1849	Theodore HAULTAIN

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Mrs B Tennant	Whangarei	Associate		
Mrs N I M Stevens	Martinborough	Bolton	1840	Abraham & (Sarah) HARRIS (source says 'Sarah' member says 'Sophia')
Miss M I E Tildesley	Masterton		By 1856	Richard GEANGE
Mrs B Pointon	Masterton		By 1856	Richard GEANGE
Mr N J Oliver	Haumoana	Amelia Thompson	1841	James & Ruth OLIVER
Mrs E M Blackwood	Tawa	Olympus	1842	James & Eleanor (Ellen) KNAPP
Mr J W Young	Upper Hutt	Philip Laing	1848	Francis Weaver MARSHALL & Margaret Crawford MARSHALL
		Philip Laing	1848	Charles & Elizabeth CRAWFORD
Mrs Y Wales	Hamilton	Matoaka	1859	John FREAR
Mr G C MacLachlan	Rotorua	Blenheim	1840	Dugald & Jane McLACHLAN
Mrs R L Hood	Palmerston North	Union	1843	Mary Anne NEALE
Miss J A Hamblyn	New Plymouth	Duke of Portland	1855	Thomas HAMBLYN
Mr F N White	Otane	Bolton	1842	Thomas & Jane HOPGOOD (HOP(W)OOD?) (Member says 'Wood')
Mrs M White	Otane	Associate		
Mrs D E Stuart	Napier	Martha Ridgway	1840	James & Hannah WR(A)IGHT
		Comte de Paris	1840	Joseph & Clemance LIBEAU
Mr D G Stuart	Napier	Lord William Bentinck	1841	John & Ann HOWELL
Mrs A C P Everett	Wanganui	Blenheim	1840	Dugald & Jane McLACHLAN
Mrs B M McCook	Havelock North	Zealandia	1859	Sarah Ann HARRINGTON
Mrs D P M Darby	Havelock North	Zealandia	1859	Sarah Ann HARRINGTON
Mr R L Blackwood	Wellington	Associate		
Mrs E C Lindsay	Wellington	Aurora	1840	Joseph & Sarah Anne CARTER
Mr W G Purves	Wanganui	Associate		
Mrs V Thrush	Wanganui	Associate		
Mrs N E Hine	Wanganui	Duke of Roxburgh	1840	William & Mary Ann KNIGHT
Mrs R N Hovey	Wanganui	Blenheim	1840	Capt. Moses & Jessie CAMPBELL
Mr C M Webster	Waiouru	Amelia Thompson	1841	James WEBSTER
Mrs V G Roper	New Plymouth	William Bryan	1841	John & Grace LYE
		Timandra	1842	John HOOKER
Mrs J F M Davis	Cambridge	New Zealander	1824	Gilbert MAIR
Mrs L R Chapman	Turangi	Timandra	1842	Susannah NORTHCOTT
		Essex	1843	Richard & Mary SCANDLYN
		Thomas Harrison	1842	George & Hannah CASTLE
Mrs R M Hulme	Te Puke	Skiold	1844	Hans Heinrich Conrad BUSCH
Miss E Tapsell	Maketu	Asp/New Zealander	1823/8	Hans Homman Felk (Philip) TAPSELL
		King of Italy	1865	Joseph Edwin DALTON
Also claim but not checked:		Te Arawa		Hine-a-Turama
		Takitimu & Horouta		Ani Taurete
Mrs C M Storer	Australia	Cornwall	1849	Betsy HARPER and mother Maria PRATT
		Royal Stuart	1864	William & Mary MORLEY
			1852	Malcolm Mure WEBSTER
Mrs R L Wallis	New Plymouth		1861/2	William Nielson SYME & Catherine SYME
Mr A D Walker	Masterton	Aurora	1840	George PETHERICK
Mrs N A Walker	Masterton	Olympus	1841	George & Ann WILKIE
Mrs E Fraser	Wanganui	Associate		
Miss J C Campbell	Wanganui	Blenheim	1840	Capt. Moses & Jessie CAMPBELL
Mr M H McBeth- Thompson	Raumati	Bengal Merchant	1840	James McBETH



Name	Address	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Miss E M Tait	Napier	Aurora	1840	Rowland DAVIS
		Oriental	1840	John SUTHERLAND
		Duke of Roxburgh	1840	Thomas & Margaret U'REN
		Castle Eden	1851	Christopher CALVERT
		Adelaide	1840	William N CAMPBELL
		Duke of Bronte	1851	F Noble CAMPBELL
Mr E W Chambers	Napier	Minerva	1853	Louisa PARSONS
		Associate		
		Will Watch	1841	Henry FRY
Mr N L Gibbs	Waipukurau	Brampton	1823	Archdeacon Henry WILLIAMS
Mrs J Chatfield	Waipukurau	Bengal Merchant	1840	Grace YULE
Mrs M N Roigard	Hamilton	Lady Nugent	1841	William Scott MILNE
		Associate		
Mr I B Poole	Waipukurau	Tory	1839	T W TANKERSLEY
Mrs D M Poole	Waipukurau	Aurora	1840	Sarah DRAPER
		Cameo	1859	William & Betty REID
Mrs A F Robertson	Waipukurau	Aurora	1840	Sarah OXENHAM
Mrs L M Orange	Masterton	Associate		
Mr K J Orange	Masterton	Olympus	1842	Ishmael & Elizabeth CLARK
Mrs G M Brown	Onerahi	Indian Empire	1862	Edward BASSETT
Mrs I W Hunter	Whangarei	Strathallan	1864	Murdoch & Barbara McKAY
Mrs D V Gilmour	Havelock North	Strathallan	1864	Murdoch & Barbara McKAY
Mrs B M Sharples	Hastings			
Mr M Henderson	Havelock North		By 1846	Robert & Frances COOMBES
		Matoaka	1862	Thomas & Jane HENDERSON
Mrs P L A Feickert	Havelock North	Louisa Campbell	1845	Frederick John TIFFEN
		Duke of Roxburgh	1840	Lucy Eleanor MONTEITH
Mrs D M Spence	Taradale	Fancy	1849/	Isaac & Sarah CRIPPS
			1850	
Mrs R I Reeve	New Plymouth	Amelia Thompson	1841	Samuel OLIVER
		Amelia Thompson	1841	William & Prudence ALLEN
Mrs M Willis	New Plymouth	William Bryan	1841	Mr & Mrs Nicholas PEPPERELL
Mrs M R Fletcher	New Plymouth	(no proof of ship)	1863	Samuel Biddle TAYLOR
Dr I H Fletcher	New Plymouth	Victory	By 1850	Isaac Samuel FLETCHER
			1851	Frances BATEMAN
Mrs N J Bethune	Dunedin	Dominion	1851	Charles John READER & Harriet READER (nee HOWES)
		Amelia Thompson	1841	John JOHNSON
		William Bryan	1841	Paul INCH & Mary MARSHALL
Mr C F Carrel	Wanganui		By 1841	Carl Eberhard SUISTED
Mr J A Patrick	Takapuna	Jane Gifford	1842	John & Janet MORISON
Mr R J Viles	Shannon	Arab	1841	Sophia VILE
Mr W R Wright	Christchurch	Comte de Paris	1840	Joseph LIBEAU

**Note:** Every possible effort has been made to verify names and ships. Slight differences are, wherever possible, given alternate spellings where information supplied is in any way indecipherable.



## CHASING THE HARBOURS WHERE THE SHIPS LANDED

The 1989/90 year for the library and Library Committee is more notable for its failures than its successes, but some things have been achieved against extraordinary obstacles.

It has not been possible to update the list of ships distributed this time last year. The research on checking a further 80 ships is completed but unfortunately there was no funding to allow the edition distributed in August 1989 to be updated and corrected. It has been agreed that as new names of ships appear in the membership lists that were not on the 1989 list the name of that ship plus tonnage e.g. Gil Blas (174) will indicate to readers of the Founders' Bulletin that a particular ship should be edited into their own 6th edition.

Some progress has been made in collecting printed lists of passengers for the Founders' files. In four or five years time those lists will be a valuable in-house resource for checking the names of people as they arrived in New Zealand. The most valuable acquisition during the year for this collection was the list of passengers from Timaru's first five ships. These were too early to be printed in the newspaper and include passengers arriving on the Strathallan (1859), Echunga (1862), Lancashire Witch (1863), Victory (1863), Ivanhoe (1864).

It is unfortunate the library still does not hold a copy of Scholefields Dictionary of NZ Biography, 2v, 1940 or McNabs Murihiku. They are both vital to the checking of new member applications.

A lot of effort has been put in by the Library Committee during the year to listing publications of the Society, collecting relevant cuttings from newspapers and organising the family trees and obituaries.

We are very grateful to receive a number of family trees from families holding reunions this year. Two items of special note are the Hansen family history covering over 5000 descendants acquired by a donation from a member of the Founders' Executive. The other was the most recent edition of the Cargill family tree given to us by a descendant who was a member of the Library Committee. It is quite unusual in that it is in a circular format. I trust that next year this work will continue.

Finally, it is important to point out that the task of listing ships which arrived in New Zealand before December 1865 has only just begun. As a basis of a ten year plan for the Society I would like to suggest that the shipping project should be divided into the following periods:

- (a) A list of Maori canoes.
- (b) A list of ships arriving between Tasman (1642) and the Britannia (1791), the first sealing ship.
- (c) A list of ships arriving between the Britannia (1791) and 9th May 1833.
- (d) A list of ships arriving between the HMS Imogene (9th May 1833) at Bay of Islands, and September 1839.
- (e) A list of ships arriving from overseas at official ports between 21st September 1839 and 31st December 1865.

This year members of the Library Committee have made a start on covering the last period. The typed booklet you will receive at the AGM called Provincial Primer First Edition covers the first 12 months of the main ports of seven out of ten provinces. I hope this coverage can be extended next year.

A word of warning about the extent of the research yet to be covered. In the period up to 1865 a far larger number of official ports had been opened than in the first ten years of the first six provinces. The records of many of these ports are not readily available — in some cases they may no longer exist, so the lists of boats that arrived from overseas and were entered in their customs records is a long way from complete. In fact the actual list of ports may be open to some debate.

Here then, is a draft list of official NZ ports opened before December 1865. Aotea, Akaroa, Auckland (Waitemata), Bluff, Chatham Islands (Waitangi), Collingwood, Greymouth, Havelock, Hokianga, Hokiitika, Invercargill (New River), Kaikoura, Kaipara, Kawhia, Lyttelton, Mangonui (Mongonui), Molyneux, Napier (Port Ahuriri), Nelson, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Onehunga, Picton, Port Chalmers, Port Ross? Port Waikato, Riverton, Russell, Taieri, Timaru, Waikouaiti, Wairau, Wanganui, Wellington, Whangarei.

If there are any members of the Society who have a special knowledge of the early shipping arrivals at any of these ports the Library Committee would be very pleased to be informed. A burden shared is a burden halved.

NZ's 150th birthday may not have been the year in which the Society's Library Committee achieved the goals set at the beginning of the year but I trust the door has at least been kept open for future progress.

**Sandra Clarke (Chairperson, Library Committee, 1990)**

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY

It was a step back into last century at the "Disembarkation Party" held by the Hawkes Bay branch of the NZ Founders Society. Members met at the Waipawa Town Hall dressed in the period of the 1840s to the 1860s, the arrival date of their ancestors.

Skilled workmen, engineers, labourers, sturdily clad in working clothes and tweed caps. Others in very faded morning coats or evening tails, rusty bowlers or top hats. A pot man complete with grubby singlet and apron. The earlier arrived Irish immigrant became the official 'greeter' and his ships bell heralded his eagerly awaited advice.

The ladies were splendid in their dress, some were authentic belonging to a past page, others put together with imagination and attention to detail, one had 15 petticoats. There was a pretty barmaid (who worked hard all day), Cornish and Scottish lassies, one in Norwegian dress, another Polish. There were picture hats, poke bonnets, frilled and plain mop caps, and lots of lace and shawls.

This very happy occasion was to celebrate the 10th year in Hawkes Bay and the 50th year of the Society in New Zealand. A social hour preceeded a hearty lunch of the time, served from old fashioned oval boilers and very large saucepans, fresh vegetables, shepherds pie and cold pickled pork with apple sauce, apple shortcake and steamed puddings and custard. Lovely extras made by a member were delicious, oversized rabbit pies and freshly caught fish made also in pies. The soiree entertainment with a background of native flax arranged by Mrs Merle McCrae recommenced with items by boys from Te Aute College, with a song of welcome. The Waipukurau Orchestral Society narrated and played a sequence of melodies embarking on the English coast, to the shipboard concerts with La Triviata. The Bay of Biscay pioneer building of homes with country gardens, evenings of Scottish songs and dances and the Waltz Laras theme with the audience participation in the previously reboarded floor space. Other guest artists were men of Red Coats, Waipawa.

Mrs Pam Hewitt and Mr Alister Jones, both of Waipukurau, duet of TickTock Grandfathers Clock and Loves Old Sweet Song. Mrs Judith Howlett of Napier sang a classical selection.

A striking stage arrangement of antique travel bags, hats and wicker baskets formed a perfect background for the very many photographs, while a nearby corner display of patchwork and calico goods were for admiration only.

To commemorate the branches 10th year Mr Hugh Tankersley, of Levin, spoke of his part in the inaugural meeting at Waipukurau called by the late Mrs G Stalwarber and Mrs G Coles from the Wairarapa branch.

Presentations were made to Mr Peter Harding, still the original president, of a sheepskin lazy boy chair cover, Mr David Sorenson 10th year accountant — a book token, Mrs Molly Fergusson organiser and secretary/treasurer of eight years — a gift of flowers and a silken scarf. The 140 members present joined hands for Auld Lang Syne and the afternoon tea of homemade shortbread and fruit cake was served by the local caterers the Red Cross Society.

Very special mention of a very special cake made and decorated by member Miss Molly Spence of Taradale. She told the story in iced figurines of the Hawkes Bay Founders north of Wairoa with a map naming all the larger towns, a wagon, sheep yards, cliffs and rocks of the seaside right through to Dannevirke, plus, of course, 10 candles.

(See also the front cover of the last Bulletin, No.63)

— Written by Mrs Molly Fergusson (Secretary, Waipukurau)



The 1940 re-enactment depicted above shows that not much has changed — only the cost of postage!