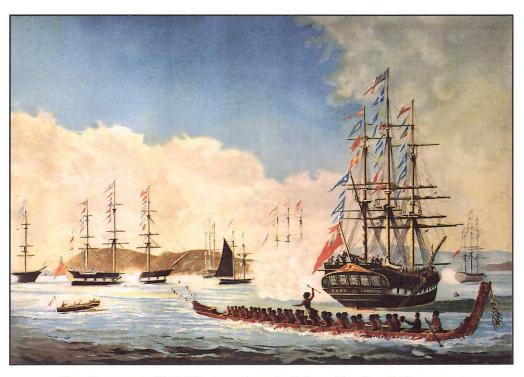


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I am sure you will join with me in expressing our thanks to Joyce Mackenzie for the magnificent job she has undertaken in writing, editing and publishing the previous seven aditions of the Society's magazine, the Bulletin. Included in Joyce's many achievements was installing the magazine on the computer and introducing the attractive front and back colour covers. Thank you Joyce.

#### THE FOUNDERS' CREED

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

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### THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The highlight of the year under review was the Millennium Dinner which followed the Annual Meeting in July 2000. The dinner was held in the Great Hall at Parliament Buildings. The Society is very grateful to the Right Honourable Jonathan Hunt who, as Speaker of the House, allowed us to use the hall and to issue the invitations in his name. The Speaker joined us for dinner and addressed us on the importance of the heritage of the building as the seat of government for the country. Eighty-six members and guests attending the dinner enjoyed a guided tour of the restored building prior to the dinner.

During the year I had the pleasure of visits to two Branches. First, I travelled to Masterton to join with the Wairarapa Branch in their Christmas Lunch at Lansdowne House, and in April I joined with members of the Taranaki Branch in the annual celebration of the arrival of the first European settlers. In addition to the pleasant lunches I was able to see examples of successful efforts by local Branches to ensure that the work of the settlers is suitably commemorated. In Masterton, thanks to the efforts of the Wairarapa Branch and in particular Maurice Watson, a small park has been dedicated to the memory of the first European arrivals in the district. In New Plymouth there has been a memorial on the foreshore at Ngamotu Beach since the early 20th century. Advancing industrial development threatened the site and nearly resulted in the memorial being relocated to a less prominent position. Strong representations by Taranaki Branch resulted in the port company agreeing to upgrade the surroundings of the memorial on its original site. These two projects show what can be achieved by Founders in marking and preserving the heritage we all believe in.

In Wellington, a correspondent to the "Evening Post" enquired as to what had happened to the regular annual celebration at the Bolton Street Cemetery of the death of Edward Gibbon Wakefield. During his term of office as Governor-General in the 1930s Lord Bledisloe took a great interest in the colonial history. His best known contribution was to purchase the Treaty House and grounds at Waitangi. When his term of office expired, he left a sum of money to pay for a wreath to be laid on Wakefield's grave each year. By 1991 the fund had dwindled to the point where it was insufficient to keep the event going. The ceremony was discontinued and a small balance of the fund was to be used for an inscription on the gravestone.

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At the 2000 Annual Meeting concern was raised at the Government's intention to develop a campaign of education of the public in the Treaty of Waitangi. Members who had attended such seminars were concerned at the line being taken. I was instructed to write to the Prime Minister expressing concern and the hope that such education would be balanced. It was with some trepidation that I started to draft the letter knowing as I do that any criticism of this kind is likely to attract accusations of racism and even complaints to the Race Relations Office. As the matter is of sufficient importance I am attaching to this report copies of my letter to the Prime Minister and of the reply from the Honourable Margaret Wilson to whom the Prime Minister had referred the letter. The reply was a recognition of our concerns in a way that was gratifying. We cannot claim credit for the Government's abandonment of the "Closing the Gaps" policy but it does seem that public concern, of which my letter was only a tiny part, is beginning to be recognised by the Government.

Also raised at last year's Annual Meeting was the question of some form of Family Membership. Generally our membership is decreasing. The most likely source of new members is amongst our own families who are after all descendants of Founders. Robin Ward has done a lot of work in developing a Family Membership scheme. Replies to direct approaches to members by the National Executive indicate that the members as a whole support the Family Membership concept. (315 replies have been received/937 envelopes posted.) Family Membership is but one way of seeking to increase membership. Unless this happens the Society will be in danger of continuing decline. Members' subscriptions are also vital to the financial health of the Society as the Annual Accounts clearly show.

Two members of the National Executive Committee will be standing down this year. Rob Ward joined the Society in 1978, became National President 1989-1992, and has served on the National Executive for 23 years, which must be a record. Rob was made a Life Member in 1998.

Ray Greville joined Founders in 1992, served as National President from 1997-1999, served on the Executive Committee from 1994-2001 and Wellington Branch Committee member 1992-1997. We shall miss them, for the wealth of experience they brought to the meetings and Rob's keen mind for detail.

This year has seen the retirement of one of our Branch stalwarts, Mrs Joyce Mackenzie of Wanganui. She edited the Founders' Bulletin from 1994 to 2000 as well as being the mainstay of the Wanganui Branch. In 2000 she wrote a History of the New Zealand Founders Society which will be of great value to future officers and members of the Society who will be able to refer to it for information about the achievements of the Society in its first 60 years. Joyce Mackenzie was made a Life Member of the Society in recognition for her work.

During the year Sidney Lewis Moses died. He served on the following committees - Dominion Council since 1973, the Finance and House Management, Society's representative on the new Wakefield House Board of Directors, Past President 1976-79.

We also remember those Society members who have passed away or resigned due to age or poor health during the year and on behalf of the New Zealand Executive I thank those members for their long and hardworking support over the years.

It is with pleasure that I advise that the Colonial Cottage Museum Society has received the 2000 Research Award for the book titled "Making Good on Shaky Ground, a story of Colonial Wellington, William Wallis and his Cottage".

W.N. Sheat, National President.

N	1emb	ership	as	at	31	March	2001	was:-

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Auckland	84	85	83	72
Bay of Plenty	117	114	145	148
Canterbury	48	45	44	49
Hawkes Bay	247	244	244	191
Northland	37	32	29	-
Poverty Bay	45	40	37	41
Taranaki	98	77	83	68
Waikato	113	122	112	103
Wairarapa	168	161	136	136
Wanganui	126	123	129	121
Wellington	262	253	251	239
	1317	1285	1226	1168

The Bulletin is printed in multiples of 8 pages at a time, 40 pages in all. Janet Robinson, the National Secretary, produced 36 of these pages and I have done the last four to make it up to 40.(pages 4A, 4B, 36A, 36B). I have used my own Wanganui photos of historic places as there was no time to prepare anything else. The New Members for Wanganui were inadvertently omitted which is why they also appears here. There are more than the following new members but they are inaccessible as the Wanganui member who holds the records is away on holiday.

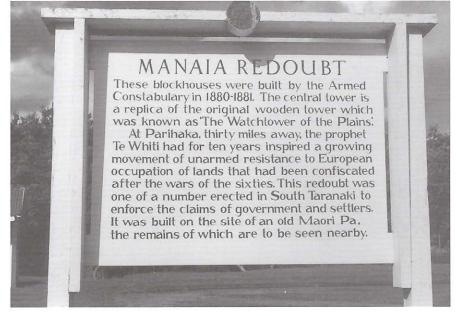
Joyce Mackenzie

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

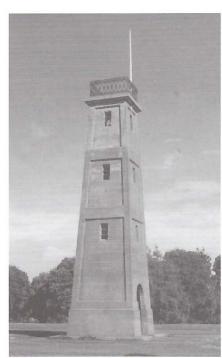
Wanganui			
Name	Ship	Date	Ancestor
Mr P M Cameron	Blenheim	1840	Moses & Jessie CAMPBELL
	Bolton	1840	John & Emma WICKSTEED
Mrs R L Cameron	Derwentwater	1860	William James PEARCE
	Electric	1863	Daniel & M E GILCHRIST
	Berar	1865	Donald George CLARKE
Mrs K M E Elliot	Viola	1865	George & Grace BAIN
Mr R S Elliot	Matoaka	1860	Stewart GIBB
	Brisk	1862	Robert Morris ROBERTS
	Accrington	1863	Helen LINDSAY
	British Empire	1864	Sarah Elizabeth BAXTER
Mrs H L Glengarry	Bolton	1842	John & Amelia KIDSON
Mr M J Hunter	Bolton	1840	John & Emma WICKSTEED
	Young America	a 1860	Moore HUNTER
Mr J H Marshall	Chile	1862	Elizabeth MONTGOMERIE
Mr E H Mason	Cheviot	1862	Archibald & Annie MASON
Mrs L Mason	Zealandia	1858	Alfred & Ann DRAYTON
Miss W K Pettigrew	Bruce	1860	John PATTERSON
	Victory	1863	Margaret McVICAR
Mr J A Ross	Berar	1865	Robert ROSS
Miss J A Ross	Berar	1865	Robert ROSS
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<sup>&</sup>quot;What experience and history teach us is this – that people and governments never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it" - Georg Hegel. 1770-1831.

<sup>&</sup>quot;History is just the portrayal of crimes and misfortune." - Voltaire. 1694-1778.



Manaia is a small town, 15 kilometres west of Hawera. The tower is on the golf course, 35 feet high, made of concrete and replaces the original one which was destroyed in a wind storm in 1912. Many of the old trees in the area are said to have been planted by the soldiers stationed there.



Status of Me	mbers			
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Honorary	272	265	251	254
Life	61	57	58	57
Senior	861	838	804	751
Junior	2	2	2	4
Associate	97	99	89	80
Hon. for Ser.	23	24	24	22
	1317	1285	1226	1168

#### **BRANCH REPORTS**

#### Auckland

Auckland Branch reported another successful year of luncheons with speakers on historical or family tree matters, which included one member relating her interest in "radio ham" work. The greatest project for the Branch was the production of a book containing the stories of Auckland members, with occasional pieces about their immediate forebears. The project took two years to completion and of the 250 copies printed, only five remain. There are sufficient articles left over and with the willingness and enthusiasm of secretary/treasurer, Carolyn Rhodes, to publish another book hopefully in 2002.

John Webster, Branch Chairman

#### Bay of Plenty

The AGM was held in February 2000 at the Historic Village, Tauranga, where Betty Theriault gave a talk.

Rosalie Smith spoke on historic sites in Katikati at the Katikati R.S.A. in April.

The March meeting was held at the Tokoroa Cosmopolitan Club where four Branch members spoke about their family histories.

At the Regal Geyserland, Rotorua in August John Keaney spoke on thermal activity to the meeting.

In October Phyllis Meade gave a talk on her trip to the Himalayas at the Te Puke Club.

In December the meeting was held at the Armitage, Tauranga, where Jeanette Thomas spoke on the early history of transportation on the Waikato River.

John Mathieson, Branch Chairman

#### Canterbury

A mid-winter smorgasbord lunch was held at the Riverview Restaurant in July.

On 30th July 2000, Canterbury-West Branch represented Founders at the Lyttelton Anglican Parish 150 years anniversary celebration parade and service of the Farewell Breakfast given to the departing Canterbury Colonists at Blackwall on 30 July 1850. Founders members held a commemorative lunch at the Royal Hotel, Lyttelton.

In September a steam train trip from Waipara to Waikari, followed by a generous lunch at the Waikari Hotel, proved popular.

In October, the Branch visited the Springbank Winery, north-west Rangiora at Cust for lunch and a brief look at the old homestead. This was followed by a visit to Sparks Family Farm, Northwood Museum, to view their large and varied collection.

Also In October the chairman attended the book launch of <u>Isabella Hercus</u> - the Sixth Ship by John Hercus and Vivienne Allan in Lyttelton.

On 26 November the Founders contribution of two rose bushes to the Rose Garden in Beverley Park, Avonside, was recognised with the formal opening of the garden to mark the 150th Anniversary of Canterbury. A plaque acknowledges our contribution.

The Christmas Luncheon was held at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens cafe. In February we visited Tiptree Cottage (named after the Tiptree location in England), in Savills Road. This is a cob cottage built in the 1860's from local materials, 3 storeys high, with contents set out as the family of 8 lived originally. It has a B classification with the Historic Places Trust. Membership has remained steady during the year. The Branch regret to advise the death of Miss P. Haylock, an original founding member of Canterbury/Westland Branch who assisted and supported the Society throughout her life.

The Branch donated \$600 to the Brunnerton School (West Coast) for their outdoor education programme during the year.

John McSweeney, Branch Chairman

#### Hawkes Bay

Hawkes Bay Branch has enjoyed a good year with an increase in numbers at outings and meetings. Unfortunately, there were several deaths including three long-standing and loyal members, Mrs Nanoya Smith, Mr Alfred and Mrs Olive Benge.

Hawkes Bay Branch/Continued

The AGM was held at St Lukes, an old Parish Church, and included a talk about its history.

In April a visit was made to "Kopanga" a Chambers Homestead in Havelock North where they were informed of the history of the house.

A previously undiscovered film on the "History of Napier" (prior to 1936) in Film" was shown by archivist David Turnbull in May.

The annual Winter Luncheon in June included a talk on Street Names by Mr Ian Mills.

In August Mrs Christine Brooker gave a talk on her family connection with the James Craig Line.

At the October meeting a large group enjoyed lunch at the Makotuku Hotel and heard author Tom Wheeler given an informative commentary about the old stations and railways on "Following the Rail Track from Hastings to Makotutu". The Christmas lunch in December was held at Tradgard where the gardens could be explored and view a display of quilts.

The Founders Day Dinner was held in February in Waipawa's historic Town Hall with speaker Mr Peter Fleming talking about his recently published book "Waipukurau".

Nanette Roberts, Branch Chairman

#### Poverty Bay

At the AGM meeting in March Keith Redstone exhibited beautiful lithographs of early New Zealand paintings.

On 20th February a bus trip was organised to travel to Rere Falls. After crossing the Wharekopae River a splendid view up the Makaretu Valley to the site of the Battle of Makaretu Pa which was fought just before the battle of Ngatapa Hill in the Te Kooti Wars.

Members visited the colonial mansion of the Acton Estate where Frank Gaukrodger gave an interesting history of the estate and locality.

In May Ethel Korte gave an absorbing talk on the early German pioneers at Matawai.

The mid-winter Pot Luck Dinner was held at Bonnie Dwyer's home.

Several Branch members attended the National Council and AGM in Wellington.

Visits were also made to Golders Colonial Cottage, Upper Hutt, the Maritime Museum and Nairn Street Cottage.

In July Maureen Potroz gave a talk on her musical career and producing local light musical concerts.

#### Poverty Bay Branch/Continued

The August meeting heard Josy Melleliu gave an entertaining talk about her experiences on the English canals.

In September Winston Hustler described his Outward Bound experiences as an "older" participant.

In October Barbara Fisher gave an interesting talk about representing New Zealand at the AGM of the Order of St John.

The Christmas Luncheon was held at the Sandown Hotel where Bonnie Dwyer told the meeting about her recent trip to Scotland and the history of her McKenzie family.

In February a bus trip was arranged to Matawai and Motu with lunch in the Hustler's garden where Winston talked about the local history.

Beryl Currie, Branch Chairman

#### Taranaki

It is with regret the Branch recorded the end of an era with the death of Wilf Faull on 5th May 2000. Wilf was the last of the "originals" who had attended the founding meeting of the Taranaki Branch on 11 April 1956. He served the Branch well for 34 unbroken years as either committee member, Branch President or Vice-President. He was awarded Life Membership of the Founders Society for his services.

The programme for 2000 featured an excellent range of speakers during the year. Leo Carrington spoke on the settlement of Stratford in the 1870s; Trevor Bright recalled some of his land survey experiences in Taranaki from 1953 to 1985; Judith White told of her family involvement in the founding of Inglewood in 1875; David Medway, President of the NZ Ornithological Society, gave an illustrated talk on the kakapo recovery programme on Maud Island; Murray Moorhead led a tour of military flags and hatchments in St Mary's Church; the Stratford area manager of DOC spoke on the centennial of Egmont National Park and a representative of Neighbourhood Support also gave a talk. The Branch's commemorative luncheon was held in April with the guest speaker, Ian Dudding, tracing the story of the historic 1880s stock tunnel under the White Cliffs. Unfortunately, bad weather kept us from carrying out the usual com-memorative service at the Pioneer Memorial, which overlooks the spot where the first Plymouth Company settlers made their landfall after 132 days at sea on board the 312 ton barque *William Bryan*.

During the year, the replica of Cook's barque *Endeavour* visited Port Taranaki, and visited by many of our members. What most impressed people was its small size and restricted space available to the 96 people.

#### Taranaki Branch/Continued

All of this was put into proper context when it was realised the Endeavour was 100 tons larger than the *William Bryan*, and that the latter carried, besides its crew, 148 passengers along with all their baggage.

Trevor Bright, Branch Chairman

#### Wanganui Branch

In May the Branch recognised the services rendered to the Society for their work on committee Marjorie (29 years) and Bill Purves (9 years) and Vera Thrush (9 years).

In June a bus trip was organised to visit Massey University followed by lunch at the Whareata Homestead. An afternoon visit was made to the Manawatu Museum and Art Gallery.

The winter luncheon was held at the Racecourse Function Centre with John McGrail and Margaret Seabrook on the keyboard.

In September members introduced family heirlooms and gave a short talk on their history.

The Christmas luncheon was well attended at Liffiton Castle Restaurant. The owner gave a short talk on the historic aspects of the castle. Mrs Thelma McGowan was presented with a bouquet of flowers to mark her 100th birthday. In January members enjoyed a trip up the Wanganui River Road as far as the old flour mill with a commentary provided by Don Adams of the various historic sites along the road. On the return journey a stop was made at the McIntyre Home where people could view the gardens and sample home-made chocolates.

Jack Glengarry, Branch Chairman

#### Waikato Branch

Mr Bruce Martin, former editor of the "Waikato Times", supplied all members with a specially printed copy of the First Edition of the "Waikato Times". In June four Branch members gave interesting insights of their family history. In August the Branch heard Mavora Hamilton, Chamber of Commerce, talk about the Role of the Chamber relating to business development.

In October Don Dudson talked on "Security of Every Description". His knowledge being that of an expert (a reformed burglar, at one time highly sought after).

The Christmas Lunch was held in November followed by a talk given by Royce Barclay on his visits to Mainland China.

During the year many members have shared their family histories.

Waikato Branch/Continued

Following the AGM, Delcie Dodds, Immediate Past Chairman, gave a fascinating and colourful account of her family history.

Lynley Hyams, National Councillor

#### Wairarapa Branch

Following the AGM in Masterton Art Club's Victoria Gallery in March, Mrs Johnson spoke on the duties of a Dog Control Officer.

In April a visit was organised to Blairlogie Homestead followed by afternoon tea. The 25 year-old time capsules from Queen Elizabeth Park were opened. In May the luncheon at South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club proved popular. June saw Mr Ken Scadden attend our winter luncheon at Lansdowne House and talk on "Early Arrivals and Sea Journeys".

In July we celebrated Vi Watson's 90th birthday with a much deserved birthday presentation on behalf of members.



Maurice Watson, Vi Watson, George Barr

Local visits to "Llandaff", an 1880's house and garden being restored by Liz Tennent, and the home and nut garden of members Heather and Gordon Tarrant, provided interesting venues for August and October.

In November Heidi Ward, veterinarian, gave a talk, then a wet visit to Kathleen Simmond's garden followed by a tour of Breadcraft where members followed the journey of a loaf of bread.

The Christmas Luncheon was well attended. Mr Bill Sheat and his wife were guests and following the meal Mr Bill Sheat told of his approach to Government on behalf of our forebears' efforts in the early settlement days.

#### Wairarapa Branch/Continued

On Waitangi Day 2001 members visited "The Old Gladstone Store" to experience the ancient art of wheelwrighting and carriage building by Greg Lang, the only traditional Wheel and Carriage Works in New Zealand.

Nola Jones, Branch Chairman

#### Wellington Branch

In January members enjoyed a tour of the Colonial Cottage, Nairn Street, followed by tea and freshly baked scones.

The AGM and luncheon at Premier House in April was a popular venue.

In November members enjoyed a BBQ and the opportunity to visit Beryl and Ian Gentlemen's home at Snapper Point and experienced a ride in the cablecar on one of the steeper house sites in Wellington. The first 50 metres of the cable rises 45 degress which tapers off to 17 1/2 for the remaining 30 metres.

The Christmas luncheon was held in conjunction with Wellington Historical and Early Settlers Society at the Museum of Wellington City & Sea. The Mayor, Mark Blumsky, gave a short talk on the achievements of Wellington.

Members donated \$100.00 towards the repointing of the marble plaques on the Founders Memorial Gates at the main entrance to Wellington Botanic Garden, Glenmore Street.

During the year Michael McBeth-Thompson stood down from the position of chairman and Neil Hollebone was persuaded to return as chairman.

Neil Hollebone, Branch Chairman



Wellington Branch provided an information stand in the Wellington Public Library as part of the Heritage Month activities on the topic - Immigration and People.

#### **OBITUARIES**

The Society regrets the passing of the following members who served as Past Presidents of the Society.

#### SIDNEY LEWIS MOSES

Born in 1907. Auckland, Principal Founder ancestor: Charles Davis, a businessman from the UK who arrived at Auckland in 1844. Sidney Moses served on Dominion Council since 1973, serving on Finance and House Management; Society's representative on the new Wakefield House Board of Directors, and Past President 1976-79.

Community interests include: Past President & Life member of both the NZ Chambers of Commerce and the NZ National Travel Assn; Life member, NZ Retailers Federation; Chairman, Decimal Currency Board; Director, Tourist Hotel Corporation; Trustee, Wgtn Savings Bank; Charter member, Wgtn (Host) Lions club, 2 NZEF (1942-44).

NZ motor-cycle and road racing champion (1931-33-34), representedd NZ 10M International TT Races in 1933. Survived by 1 son and 1 daughter. Died: October 2000, aged 93 years.

NZFS Bulletin vol. 19/1 No. 51, Spring 1976, p.10.

#### LINDSAY BUICK-CONSTABLE, JP, FNZPREI.

Founding Ancestor William BUICK who arrived at Wellington on the Arab. Lindsay was born in 1919 at Napier where he attended Napier Boys' High School before moving to Wellington in the mid-1930's. Lindsay became a member of the Society in 1956, was our National President from 1969 to 1973 and produced the Society's Bulletin for 20 years. In 1974 he was awarded Honorary Life Membership and the For Service Medal. Lindsay was initially a school teacher and training college lecturer and later worked for advertising agencies before spending many years as public affairs officer with the Canadian High Commission in Wellington. His war service includes stints with the NZ Army HQ intelligence unit and the army education and welfare services. He was a senior officer in the Fijian education service and while in Fiji was a leading light in Scouting. In New Zealand he oversaw youth leadership training for the National Council of Churches.

Lindsay was involved with many community societies and projects and served as President of The Colonial Cottage Museum, The Wellington Lions' Club and The Wellington Historical and Early Settlers' Association.

Died: 4 July 2001, Dunedin. Ref: Bulletin, Vol.26, No.64, 1990/91 edition.12

#### **RESILIENCE - A PIONEER REMEMBERS**

My first pioneering experiences befell me when the family drew by ballot a section at Arapae, at Te Kuiti. The whole family, father, mother, sisters and brothers, put in for the ballot. One sister had the quaint notion of putting a four-leafed clover into her application. It was she who drew the section. My father was old, and my mother could not leave him, so the new farm had to be manned by my two young brothers. They drove the stock down from the Waikato. The place was without fences, dwellings or access by road.

My brothers - they had no experience - pitched a tent, and I was sent to keep house for them.

I was met in Te Kuiti by my brother with two horses. I was hoisted up on a man's saddle and supposed to ride the ten miles. Presently, my horse's hoof sank in the deep mud. My brother said, "Oh that's nothing. You only get het-up because its the first. You'll get used to holes soon." But I couldn't get used to them and insisted on walking the last eight miles. At long last we saw the welcome little yellow light glimmer through the canvas, half-hidden by the tea-tree.

Never will I forget that home-coming. Little fourteen-year-old tried to be very big-boyish and indifferent, but he couldn't keep it up. It ended in a complete break-down, and between sobs one heard, "Oh, it has been so lonely."

They had taken endless trouble to make me comfortable. There was even a dressing-table in my little tent, the top made from tea-tree sticks of more or less even size. The legs were not driven into the ground like those of the kitchen table. This, they explained, was because they remembered my habit of moving things around. This table was almost capable of moving itself around in some of its wobbliest moods.

In the morning I told myself that at least the air was fresh and sweet, though it was still raining. The canvas sagged temptingly over my head, so I drew my finger along it to dislodge the tiny dew drops that had collected on the inside. Immediately a stream of water rushed down the finger-mark on to my face.

There was for our sustenance wild pork and rabbits, a fine variety of wild fruits from trees planted long before by the missionaries, and vegetables which grew well in our small garden. The only woman I knew was a Mrs Rawlinson, who lived near Pio Pio.

Now to begin the pioneering work. I wondered, even at that age, about the profit of this business. My father was it seemed, keeping two homes. I suggested to the boys that they should bring in six cows with their calves, and we would make butter for sale. But how? We had no bails, no dairy, no separator. But we had not come from pioneering stock for nothing.

The cows were brought in, and as they were old milking cows, they were easily taught to stand to be milked. There was a big hawthorn tree near the river, with wide-spreading branches; of this we would make a dairy. I split as many bags as I could find to serve for walls and roof. The boys trimmed the lower branches and made a bench of straightish rails to hold the milk basins. I milked the cows, scalded the milk over the camp fire in a kerosene tin and poured it into the basins that the cream might rise. (Chips were pushed under the pans to keep them straight.) After twenty-four hours I skimmed it with a piece of tin that a brother had made holes in, and beat it into butter with a flat stick. Later they rode into Te Kuiti and sold it to Green & Colebrook's store... (Mrs Sharp, Aria.)

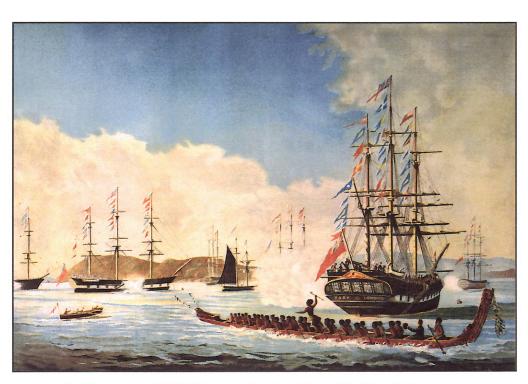
An extract from: Brave Days: Pioneer Women of New Zealand, published by the Women's Division of the New Zealand Farmers' Union.



Continuation from p.35 "THE WIZARD - Don Carlos de Rivere is, par excellence, the Wizard of the day, as the performances last evening verified. In selecting for special commendation any of the numerous deceptions practised upon the audience by this inimitable professor of the cabalistic art, the difficulty is not what to mention, but what to omit noticing, the most astonishing and incomprehensible however, seemed to be the raising of an apple tree from a pip to full maturity in a few minutes; the magic ring; the wonderful rabbit transformation; the magic wine and water, were we to enumerate all the clever things done. We can confidently say that those who honour the Wizard with their patronage will come away hight gratified. We would remind the public generally that Monday evening is bona fide the last night, as the professor leaves on Tuesday." - Wellington Spectator, March 10.



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#### THE RANGOON - A STORMY VOYAGE

The Rangoon left the East India Docks, London, on 26th November 1863, under the command of Captain Pearman, having on board 110 passengers. However, owing to the late arrival of some dispatches, the vessel was compelled to remain at Gravesend until 4th December 1863 and did not take her final departure from the Downs until 10th December 1863.

The following day the Rangoon came into collision with the barque, the *Lord Maidstone*, and had her bows stove in and headgear wrecked. The *Rangoon* began to sink immediately, and her captain lost no time in signalling for assistance. A tug was speedily dispatched from Ramsgate, and the Rangoon was towed into Deal. It was found that the barque was extensively damaged and it was not until 13th January 1864 that repairs had been carried out and she was able to proceed to sea. The *Rangoon* took her second departure from the Downs on 24th January 1864 and passed the meridian of the Cape 45 days after clearing Start Point.

In running down her easting\* the barque met a succession of southerly gales, accompanied by terrific seas and heavy hail storms.

The Cape of Tasmania was sighted on 18th May and severe weather was then encountered for the next two weeks.

On 2nd June 1864, the *Rangoon* put into Sydney for supplies. After a visit of two days, she resumed her voyage to Napier and enjoyed fine weather until 13th June, when a heavy gale and a tremendous cross sea was experienced; the vessel being at that time in the Bay of Plenty. The following day the Rangoon was struck on the port beam by a terrific sea, which made a clean sweep of the decks, taking everything movable over the side. Several boats were smashed to matchwood.

After meeting further stormy weather, the *Rangoon* finally dropped her anchor at Napier on 23rd July 1864.

White Wings, Sir Henry Brett, page 169, Volume 2.

\*Easting - in an easterly direction, Concise Oxford Dictionary.

#### THE TONKS FAMILY OF TE ARO

Once again Wellington faces the prospect of some of its heritage buildings being demolishing to make way for a new 'bypass' of the city. The proposed route will allow traffic coming off the motorway a one-way system travelling to the Basin Reserve using Vivian Street and returning via Buckle Street-Arthur Street to The Terrace Tunnel.

The 'bypass' will destroy two signficant heritage areas: the Abel Smith/Willis Street junction and the intersection of Arthur Street/Cuba Street and Tonks Avenue - one of the oldest, undisturbed inner-city junctions in New Zealand. Tonks Avenue presents a rare array of family homes and workers' cottages.

One of the cottages was built and lived in by early settlers William and Jane Tonks and their five children who arrived in Wellington on 1st March 1842 on the *Birman*. The Tonks family was very active in helping build the new town.

William Tonks soon established one of the largest and longest-lasting brickworks in upper Cuba Street, many were made on Mt. Cook by prison labour. William Tonks junior secured the contract to reclaim 13 acres from Panama Sreet to the north of Waring Taylor Street, including the construction of a sea wall, which was completed in June 1867 for the sum of \$24,792. The Council granted permisson to Mr W. Tonks make to build a tramway for conveying the fill for the reclamation of land. Soil for filling-in was obtained from the hillside at the rear of the Lambton Quay sections, Kumutoto (now Woodard St) to Boulcott Street. Mr Tonks also obtained permission to lay a tramway via Manners Street and Cuba Street to Webb Street to bring soil from there.

In 1871 the Wellington City Council leased the Queen's Wharf to Messrs W. Tonks, Jackson & Graham for the period 1872-1875. The Tonks family also established a New Zealand and trans-Tasman shipping service.

Two other streets in Wellington are named after William Tonks' sons - Arthur and Frederick Streets.

Refs: The Streets of My City by F.L. Irvine-Smith & The Carr Family Saga

#### VOGEL HOUSE, 75 WOBURN ROAD, LOWER HUTT

Wellington Branch held its 2001 AGM at Vogel House on Monday, 30th April. Vogel House was gifted to the Crown by Mr James Edward and Mrs Jocelyn Vogel in 1965. The Deed of Gift expressed the wish that the property "will be kept intact as an entity for such purposes as the Government of New Zealand may, from time to time, see fit".

It was built in 1933 soon after Mr and Mrs Vogel were married, designed by Christchurch architect Heathcote Helmore of the firm Helmore & Cotterill and built by Dyer and Halse of Lower Hutt.

In 1977 renovations were carried out by the Ministry of Works to make the house more suitable as a Prime Minister's residence. These included extending the study to provide a conference room, enlarging the dining room and adding a self-contained flat in the upstairs estension for the incumbent Prime Minister. Vogel House is the official residence of Jim Anderton, Deputy Prime Minister.

#### MEMORIES OF OEO HOTEL

Over coffee at the Annual General Meeting of 2001, the National President, Bill Sheat, and Whanganui Branch President Jack Glengarry, recalled early association with the Oeo Hotel in South Taranaki. Jack's grandfather was the hotel proprietor in the 1920's and 1930's. Bill's family farmed a couple of hundred metres away, from 1884. The hotel has not always been on its present site on the bank of the Oeo River. In the 19th century it used to be at the mouth of the river. Unfortunately, the lights from the hotel became a hazard nearly causing a number of shipwrecks when passing vessels changed direction believing the hotel lights to be navigation signals. The hotel was jacked up onto sledges and dragged up river to its present site.

On the main road just up the hill to the south of the hotel was a sign reading "J.Dahinden, Winemaker". A winemaker in the South Taranaki in the first half of the 20th Century? Jack's aunt, Lillian Glengarry, recalls that one of the Dahinden's worked in the German Embassy after the war so the family may have come originally from Germany.

Incidentally, Oeo means "place of the louse".

Following the move to the new Parliament House in 1922, the old Government House was used mostly by Bellamy's. After being in service for 98 years the building was pulled down in 1969 to make way for the Beehive.



#### GARDEN FOR THE YEAR

In my garden I would first plant five rows of peas;

patience

promptness

perseverance

politeness, and

prayer.

Next to them I would plant three rows of squash:

squash gossip,

squash criticism,

squash indifference.

No garden is complete without turnips:

turn up for meetings

turn up with a smile,

turn up with a new idea, and turn up with determination.

#### AND HERE'S TO A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Mrs Mary Pratt, Bay of Plenty Branch Member 26

#### A POTTED HISTORY OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

The National Annual General Meeting was held in The Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings, Wellington on Monday, 24th July 2000. Given below are some historical notes on the various buildings.

The first recorded building on the site is in 1840 when Colonel William Wakefield built his house there.

In 1857 a large, wooden building, known as the Provinicial Chambers was built near where the Parliamentary Library now stands. For a time it housed Wellington's provincial government but in 1865 Wellington became the capital city and the central government bought the building and renamed it the General Assembly Building for Parliament's use.

From 1865 until 1873 several, mainly wooden, additions were added to the building, such as a new chamber for the House of Representatives, a library, and offices. A brick addition was built in 1883 intended as a library but became the first Bellamy's restaurant! The library had to wait until 1899 for its brick addition, some of which still stands as part of the east wing.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the site, where the Beehive now stands, a large and imposing Government House had been finished in 1871. The Governor lived there until a disastrous fire on 11th December 1907 which destroyed the wooden General Assembly Building, except for its brick chimneys. The fire gutted most of the brick additions but amazingly some parts of the library were saved by an early version of a fire door. Government House was then used as a temporary home for Parliament - and it too was added on to and altered for government purposes.

In 1911 a design competition for a new parliament building was won by architects John Campbell and Claude Paton, which gave us the Edwardian neo-classical building which exists today. It took eleven years to complete the buildings mainly because of the shortage of materials and manpower caused by World War I.

A new, and more authentic image, by the sculptor Anthony Stone and made for the Seville Expo was sought for the Millennium. A bronze reproduction was purchased by Bill Williams and family, local benefactors and descendents of Bishop Williams. A new site was found for the real Captain Cook on the west bank of the Turanganui River where he once stood briefly on the day of his landing. Nearby is a statue of Nicholas Young who was credited with having sighted the coast of New Zealand on 6th October 1769. He points to the white cliffs which bear his name -Young Nick's Head.



The new Cook Statue stands astride a globe displaying his voyages of discovery, leaving his "stand-in" on Kaiti Hill to present the view to thousands of visitors.

Keith Redstone, Poverty Bay Branch.

#### GISBORNE'S TWO CAPTAIN COOKS

If Captain James Cook could sail into Poverty Bay today he wouldn't recognise the place. Where he first confronted the Maori there's mountains of wood chips and stacks of pine logs for export. On the hill overlooking his landing place there is a statue of an Italian gentleman at the Lookout. Since 1969 he has been presenting the view to visitors and has been a worthy imitation of Captain Cook which once adorned the Captain Cook Brewery in Khyber Pass, Auckland.

To celebrate the 200th year of James Cook's landing the bronze replica was made for the City Council and The Historic Places Trust. The Lookout was opened by Queen Elizabeth on a wet and windy day and the handsome impostor unveiled. The statue has withstood attacks by tanga-whenua and lately by the recent politicallycorrect critics.



A white disc, with the stars of the Southern Cross inside the circle, was added in 1900, making the Blue Ensign consistent with the Red Ensign, the flag flown by merchant ships.

By the early 1900s the Blue Ensign with the Southern Cross, although a maritime flag, was being used increasingly on land, instead of the Union Jack. Uncertainty existed over which flag to use. To regularise this situation, the New Zealand Ensign Act 1901, effective in 1902, declared the Blue Ensign with the Southern Cross to be the recognised flag of the colony for general use on shore within the colony and on all vessels belonging to the Government of New Zealand. A notice in the New Zealand Gazette of 27 June 1902 gave the dimensions of the New Zealand Ensign (as the flag was then called) and the size and position of the stars of the Southern Cross featured on it.

Originally the intention was for the New Zealand Ensign to be used for all purposes on land and at sea. The British Admiralty, however, objected to this as the authorised flag for merchant ships was the Red Ensign. Approved in 1899, the Red Ensign with the Southern Cross represented by four white stars remains today as the proper flag for all merchant ships registered in New Zealand. Its white disc was removed from the flag in 1903, to make the design match that of the national flag.

The use of the New Zealand Ensign and the Red Ensign remained regulated by the 1901 Act and a succession of Shipping and Seamen Acts until 1981, when the Flags, Emblems and Name Protection Act was enacted. It received the Royal Assent while The Queen was visiting New Zealand in October 1981, and came into effect in 1982. The Act formally declares the New Zealand Ensign to be the New Zealand Flag and states the conditions for its use.

The New Zealand Flag published by Department of Internal Affairs

#### THE NEW ZEALAND FLAG

The design of New Zealand's national flag emerged gradually over a number of years before being officially approved in 1902. Efforts to create a national flag can be traced back to the early days of European settlement.

In 1833, soon after his arrival in New Zealand, the British Resident, James Busby, suggested that a national flag be adopted. An authorised flag was urgently needed by ships built in this country, as one vessel, the *Sir George Murray*, had already been seized in Sydney for sailing without proof of nationality.

A flag was chosen in 1835 from several designs by a meeting of northern Maori Chiefs. It became known as the "Flag of the Independent Tribes of New Zealand", and closely resembled a flag shown by the New Zealand Missionary Society, which had been active in New Zealand since 1814. This flag was recognised by King William IV and a description of it was published in the New South Wales Gazette.

The "Flag of the Independent Tribes" was thus recognised as the national flag, and it was used by the early settlers until 1840 when New Zealand became a colony of Great Britain. After the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, the Union Flag ("Union Jack") superseded the earlier flag. It remained an official flag on land, for all occasions, until 1902.

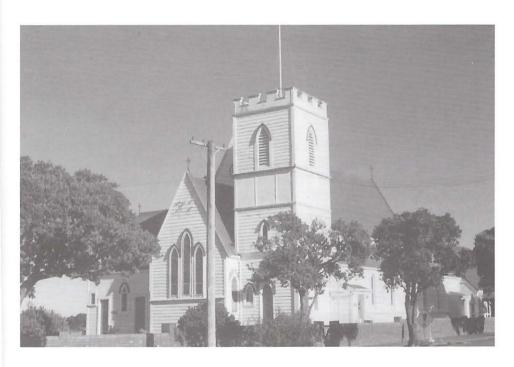
At sea, New Zealand ships were authorised to use the British naval and maritime ensigns until 1865. In that year the British Government instructed all vessels belonging to or permanently in the service of the colonies, to use the Blue Ensign with the seal or badge of the colony in the fly. As New Zealand had no recognised badge, New Zealand Government vessels continued to use the Blue Ensign without distinguishing marks. In 1868 Governor Grey proclaimed the letters "NZ" in red and surrounded by a margin of white to be the colony's badge on the Blue Ensign.

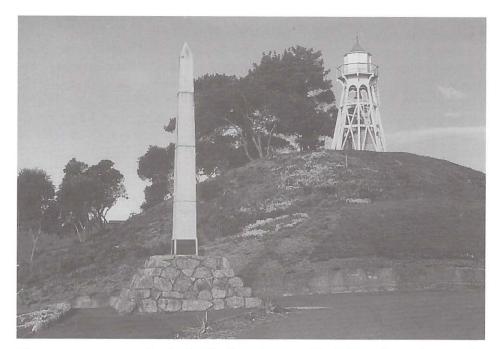
This badge was not popular and in 1869 Governor Bowen replaced it with the Southern Cross represented by four five-pointed red stars with white borders.

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Mr W.B. Mackley	Ann	1848	John Annesley HICKSON
Mrs L.J. Toung	Claremont	1863	John & Ellen MORROW
	Rangoon	1864	George WINDUS
Mrs R.C. Greer	Claremont	1863	John & Ellen MORROW
	Rangoon	1864	George WINDUS
Mr P. Nathan	Slains Castle	1841	Henry & Jane NATHAN
Mrs B. Kemp	Jane Gifford	1842	John HILL
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Mr G.R. Atkins	Lady Nugent	1841	John & Elizabeth STOODLEY
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	Lord William	1841	William & Anne DEW
BAY OF PLENTY			
Mrs M.J. Bodmin	Gala	1860	Robert & Elizabeth McPHERSON
	Matoaka	1859	Charles Henry SMITH
	Avalanche		Susannah ENNIS
Mrs D. Baranauskas	Sir George Pollock	1851	John Thomas & Susanna GREEN
Mrs A. Bird	Bengal Merchant		Archibald ANDERSON
Mrs P. Couch	?	1836	Benjamin Evans TURNER
Mrs A. Wilson	Poictiers	1850	George HEPBURN
Mr G.D. Wilson	Jura	1862	Hector & Johan MORRISON
Mr P. Hickson	General Gates	1819	William Thomas FAIRBURN
Mrs M. Oppenhuis	Duke of Roxburgh	1840	Hart & Jane UDY
**	Indian Queen	1857	William & Hannah PARKER
Mrs P. Chamberlain	Cresswell	1853	William Parsons & Mary Ann COGSWELL
	Berkshire	1850	Thomas & Lydia WILSON
Mrs L. Harris	Lady Grey		William & Elizabeth BRENT
	Pakeha	1864	George Samuel Whitehouse & Martha BAGNALL
Mr G.D. Wagstaff	Martha Ridgway	1840	Joseph John JONES
Mr R.J. Scott	Associate		
Mrs N.M. Wright	General Wyndhan	1865	George Thomas FENWICK*
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St Peters Church is the oldest public building in Wanganui still used regularly. It was consecrated as Christ Church in 1866 and at that time was situated in Victoria Avenue, the main street in Wanganui. It was built of rimu, matai, totara and kauri timber and cost £1,200. 55 years later a new church was built further up Victoria Avenue and it was decided to move the old church to Gonville, a suburb of Wanganui. It was dismantled in sections and transported on lorries, but problems arouse in getting them up the sandhills of Gonville. Horses, flat-topped drays and a traction engine eventually solved the problems and after six months the church was rebuilt and dedicated as St Peters in 1922.

In 1968 the Wahine storm did considerable damage to the church but it was strengthened with steel girders and rods. It was designated a Historic Place in 1977 and given a grant for restoration work. The interior is very interesting and beautiful, with stained glass windows, carvings, embroidery, military hatchments, flags and banners, nearly all donated by benefactors. The annual Battle of Britain service is held there every year. It is now 135 years old and still well used.





These monuments are in Cooks Gardens, just one block from the main street in Wanganui. Cooks Gardens was so named when the area was taken over by the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment (the Yorkshire Regiment) in 1847 because of Maori unrest. The cooks grew their vegetables on the flat land and a stockade was built on the hill. This was demolished in 1870 when the British troops were withdrawn from New Zealand.

The granite obelisk, built on the site of the York Stockade, commemorates those who died in the Boer War (South Africa) 1899-1902 and also the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902 and the N.Z. Premier, Richard Seddon who died in 1906.

On the hill is the old lookout tower built in 1891 by the Fire Brigade for spotting fires. There was a fire bell on the top and a watchman stationed on it every night. It is no longer used as a fire alarm but contains the bells from the old Post Office clock which were removed from the Post Office building as they were consider a hazard after the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake. The bells still chime the quarter hours.

Today the flat land has been enlarged and Cooks Gardens is used mainly for sport, especially cricket and running, and there is a new velodrome for cycling. This is the track on which Peter Snell broke the world record for the mile. Other events such as fireworks displays and band contests are also held there.

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	Euphemus		857	James & Mary Ann TEBBUTT
Mrs R.M. Irvine	Minerva		847	
	Westminster	-	843	
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Mr O.E. Richardson				Daniel RICHARDSON
Mrs G.S. Court	Matoaka			Thomas & Martha CARDON
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CANTERBURY				
Mr W.J.O. Price	Nelson	1	842	Ambrose & Elizabeth RICKETTS
	Ivanhoe	1	864	Christian & Mary DITFORT
	Lyttelton	1	862	Samuel PRICE
Mrs M.R. Harrison	Associate			
Mrs E.A. Wolff	Ravenscraig	1	862	Henry Anthony INGLES
HAWKES BAY				
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Mrs M.J. Natusch	Strathallan			liam & Sarah Sevicke JONES
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	Lady Nugent	1841	Rob	ert & Anne ROBINSON
Mr A.R. Davidson	Lady Nugent	1841	John	n & Sophia SOUTHEE
Mrs B.D. Galloway	Randolph	1850	Isaa	c & Mary PHILPOTT
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POVERTY BAY				
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