

## HIGHLAND HOME HOTEL- RAILWAY HOTEL TRENTHAM HOTEL - QUINNS'S POST HOTEL

The original Highland Home hotel was built on Fergusson Drive between Fortune Lane and Ward Street. The hotel was later rebuilt on the corner of Fergusson Drive and Ward Street but is now situated in Ward Street.

Ward Street was firstly known as Reserve Road, then Wallaceville Road, Mungaroa Road and finally Ward Street. Fergusson Drive was previously known by various names including New Zealand Company road, Company road, Wellington to Wairarapa road, Wellington to Napier road, Main Hutt road, Hutt road, Main road, Main road South and other sections along Fergusson Drive were named Military Road, Old Military Road and Main Road North.

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1858	John McHardie licensed victualler Upper Hutt
1859	<b>Highland Home Inn</b> built by John McHardie
1860	John McHardie granted publicans license
1865	John Wilkins
1872	<b>Railway Hotel</b> (name change from Highland Hotel)
1872	Thomas Barton
1873	Isaac Wilkins
1881	George Isaac Wilkins
1883	William Cramner
1886	William McCrossan
1887	Isaac Wilkins
1888	Victor Granville
1888	Mary Williams
1889	David Maloney
1891	Mary Maloney
1891	Edward Pelling
1892	Charles Williams (owner)
1895	Francis Paul
1896	Samuel Carson
1897	Samuel Carson
1898	Annie McGovern (owner)
1900	George Thomas Ross
1901	Thomas George Walsh
1901	New Hotel built by owner Francis Joseph McGovern
1903	<b>Fire</b> (old Hotel burnt down just as new hotel was completed)
1903	<b>Trentham Hotel</b> (official name change from Railway Hotel)
1906	Michael McGovern (son of Francis)
1907	Charles Benzie (Annie McGovern owner)
1911	James Cress (Annie McGovern owner)
1914	Richard Quinn
1914-1918	<b>Trentham Hotel also locally known as Quinn's Post Hotel</b>
1918	John William Robinson
1918	Richard Ingram Low/Lowe
1919-1921	Patrick Joseph Crosgrove
1921	James Mclaughlin
1923	John Jason Marriott
1924	Hilda Ellen Nicholls
1928	Thomas Quinn
1928	Elizabeth Rairdon
1929	Joseph Quinn
1931	Norman Roland Butler
1932	Edward Perry
1933	Nellie Gordon

1935	Annie McGovern (owner)
1938	Annie McGovern (owner) lease MacCarthy's Brewery Limited
1938	Maccarthy Brewery Limited lease to Nellie Gordon
1942	Joseph Quinn
1945	Walter Frederick Albrecht
1946	Edward Stephen Flanagan
1950	P A Courtenay
1954	Young
1956	Stanley Alan Hebdon
1957	Isobel Hebdon (widow)
1957	<b>Quinn's Post Hotel</b> (official name change from Trentham Hotel)
1958	George Robert Lamb
1959	Brian Ronald O'Riley
1961	Bryan Wynn Sheehan
1962-1965	Leslie Ernest Tickner
1970	<b>Quinn's Post Hotel</b> (name change)
1971	<b>Quinns Red Coaches Restaurant</b>
2015	Quinn's Post Tavern (still operating)

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Some people believe the Highland Home hotel began operations in 1855 but I have been unable to locate any documentation to confirm this year.

In 1856 John McHardie (born Scotland) was a Storekeeper in River Hutt and in 1857 was a licensed victualler again in River Hutt which was an early name for the Lower Hutt district.  
*(Reference New Zealand Gazette Province of Wellington 1856 New Zealand Gazette Jurors list & Wednesday 04 February 1857 volume IV No 2 page 12)*

By August 1857 John McHardie was resident in Upper Hutt. In February 1858 John was listed as a licensed victualler abode Upper Hutt.  
*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington LS-W2 6 1857/325 John McHardie Upper Hutt 28 August 1857 Authority to Charles Mabey to receive script 1957 & New Zealand Gazette Province of Wellington Thursday 04 February 1858 volume V No 4 page 34)*

By April 1859 John McHardie had built and was operating the Highland Home hotel in Upper Hutt. In 1860 John was granted a publicans license.

Wellington Independent newspaper 01-08 April 1859

Loyal Rose of Sharon Lodge No 4675 IOOFMU - The Officers and Brethren are respectfully informed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the above Lodge will be celebrated by a Dinner and Ball on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> April at Host McHardie's Highland Home Upper Hutt, when all who can make it convenient are invited to attend. Dinner on Table at half past Six o'clock, Ball to commence at nine. Tickets 6s each may be had of the Stewards and at the bar of the Inn – By order of the NG Wm Pearce Secretary Hutt 29 March 1859

and

Loyal Good Intent Lodge No 4405 IOOFMU – The Officers and Brethren are respectfully informed that the Anniversary of the above Lodge will be celebrated by a Dinner and Ball on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> April at Host Buckridge's Albion Inn Taita when all who can make it convenient are invited to attend. Dinner on Table at 6 o'clock. Dancing to commence at 9. Tickets 6s each may be had at Mr McHardie's Highland Home Upper Hutt, Mr Corbett's Aglionby Arms and at the bar of the Albion – By order of the NC William Cleland Secretary Hutt 21 March 1859

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 01 April 1859 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 18 October 1859

Upper Hutt – On Friday evening the 7<sup>th</sup> October a public meeting was held at Mr McHardie's the Highland Home called by inhabitants to take into consideration the signing a memorial to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor praying him to dissolve the Council and for an immediate election.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 18 October 1859 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 01 May 1860

Publicans Licenses – March being the General Annual Licensing month the following Licenses have been granted - John McHardie Hutt Highland Home – Robert Wyeth Hutt Barley Mow

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 01 May 1860 page 5)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 May 1860

Coroners Inquest – Last Friday at the house of Mr John McHardie The Highland Home Upper Hutt an inquest was held before Mark Kebbell Esquire the Coroner for the District on view of the body of a female child in infant of Edward and Jane Henn who was found dead in bed on the previous morning (Thursday) From the medical and other evidence adduced it seemed that the child died from suffocation in all probability from the female parents having overlaid it during the night and the Jury returned a verdict accordingly. The Mother's evidence could not be received the jury considering that she suffered too much from mental derangement (and has been in the same state we regret to say for some time past) so that her testimony would have been of no value

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 May 1860 page 3)*

In the early years of settlement it was quite common for inquest to be held at hotels.

Wellington Independent newspaper 22-29 May, 01-15 June 1860

Highland Home – Upper Hutt – To be let or sold with immediate possession the above named Hotel with 40 acres of cleared grassed and well fenced land. For terms and further particulars apply on the premises to John McHardie Highland Home Upper Hutt 22 May 1860

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 May 1860 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1861

Magistrates Court – This the Annual Licensing day of granting Publican's Licenses. The following were granted – John McHardie Hutt the Highland Home (plus various names etc.)

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1861 page 5)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 06 June 1862

Magistrate Court - John McHardie examined - I am a publican and reside at the Upper Hutt; I know the prosecutor, Mary Ann Webb within the last three years. (Plus full court case details)

*(Reference Papers Past website Wellington Independent newspaper 06 June 1862 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 28 April 1863

Annual Licensing Meeting – (various details) – application of John McHardie to be considered at the Upper Hutt on the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 28 April 1863 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 01-04 August 1863

To Storekeepers and Others – Notice – My wife Selina McHardie of the Upper Hutt having left me and her children of her own free will and accord on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1863 I do hereby declare I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract from the date above – John McHardie Upper Hutt 28 July 1863

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 01 August 1863 page 2)*

Wellington Independent 02 February 1864

Meeting to be held at Mr John McHardie's Highland Home Upper Hutt on Saturday 13 February 1864 at 12 o'clock noon

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent 02 February 1864 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1864

Resident Magistrates Court Wellington – Annual Licensing Meeting for renewing and granting Publican's Licenses was held today – John McHardie Highland Home

*(Reference Papers Past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1864 page2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 06 August 1864

Notice – Mungaroa Road District Upper Hutt – For cutting 45 chains of bridle path 5 feet wide. Plans and specification may be seen at John McHardie's Highland Home, Upper Hutt and at Mr J H Wallace's Office Wellington

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 06 August 1864 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 18 August 1864

Resident Magistrates Court – Upper Hutt – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1864 - Selina McHardie v John McHaride – Assault Fined 40s and costs and bound over to keep the peace

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 18 August 1864 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 05 November 1864

Notice – The Horses left with the undersigned by Mr Spencer P Peacock if not taken away in fourteen days from this date will be sold to pay expenses – John McHardie Highland Home Upper Hutt 18 October 1864

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 05 November 1864 page 1)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 02-21 February 1865

Tuesday 21 February 1865 – Extensive Land Sale – Mr J H Wallace is instructed to sell by public auction on Tuesday 21 February 1865 at the Land Mart Lambton Quay at 2 o'clock precisely – That valuable freehold – The Highland Home Upper Hutt John McHardie Proprietor with twenty acres of land attached a good garden and laid down English grass fenced in with stables and outhouses and every convenience. Immediate possession can be given and the stock taken at a valuation – Term Liberal

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 February 1865 page 2)*

By April 1865 John Wilkins held the licence for the Highland Home

Wellington Independent newspaper 08 April 1865

Eighth Anniversary Dinner and Ball of the Loyal Rose of Sharon Lodge No 4675 IOOFMU - The Officers and Brothers are respectfully informed that the eighth anniversary of the above Lodge will be celebrated by a Dinner and Ball at host Wilkin's Highland Home Upper Hutt on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April when all who can make it convenient are invited to attend – Dinner on table at 6 o'clock. Dancing to commence at 8. Tickets 6s. W M Lawrence Secretary 07 April 1865

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 08 April 1865 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 April 1865

Resident Magistrates Court – Saturday 22 April – Annual Licencing Meeting the following application were considered – 1<sup>st</sup> Mr John Wilkins to whom was granted a licence for the Highland Home Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 April 1865 page 5)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 23-30 November 01- December 1865

Land Sale Wednesday 20 December 1865 – Section 93 Upper Hutt adjoining Mr Haslam's Saw Mill and opposite Mr Wilkins, Highland Home subdivided into convenient lots of about 10 acres. Each allotment having a road and river frontage

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 23 November 1865 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866

Trip to the Wairarapa – (various information and details) Passing Highland Home Inn we reached Brown's Criterion Hotel where a change of horses is effected

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866 page 6)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1866

Annual Licencing Meeting – List of Applicants – John Wilkins Upper Hutt The Highland Home

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1866 page 5)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 23 April 1868

Annual Licencing Day – Licenses renewed – John Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 23 April 1868 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 30 March 1869

Upper Hutt – Our Country friends are determined not to be behind hand in reception matters. A Meeting was held at the Highland Home on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> when the following gentlemen were appointed to carry out the programme agreed to – (various names)  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 30 March 1869 page2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1870

Licensing Bench – renewals granted – J Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 April 1870 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 September 1870

Mungaroa Road Board – The Annual meeting if the ratepayers of Mungaroa Road District will be held on Tuesday 25 October 1870 at 12 o'clock noon at the house of Mr John Wilkins Highland Home Upper Hutt for the purpose of declaring a rate electing a Board of Wardens and other business – J H Wallace Chairman – Wellington 26 September 1870  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 September 1870 page 1)

In the publication Old Wellington Hotels it states that “*At Upper Hutt the first of the town hotels then in operation, the Railway was built in 1870 with Sam Carlson in charge.*” I have been unable to locate any records to confirm this statement.

(Reference Old Wellington Hotels – Some History Personalities and Anecdotes by Pat Lawlor 1974 page 72)

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1871

Annual Licensing Meeting – Country Houses - Highland Home Upper Hutt John Wilkins  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 April 1871 page 2)

In 1872 the Highland Home hotel also became known as the Railway Hotel.

1872-1873 Directory for Upper Hutt - John Wilkins Highland Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1872

The application for the transfer of the license of the Highland Home to be known now as the Railway Hotel from P [sic] Wilkie to Thomas Barton was granted.  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1872 page 2)

In February 1872 Thomas Barton held license for the Highland Home / Railway Hotel

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 February 1872

The application for the transfer of the license of the Highland Home to be known now as the Railway Hotel from P Wilkie to Thomas Barton was granted.  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 February 1872)

Wellington Independent newspaper 17 April 1872

Rural Licenses - The following Licenses were granted – Thomas Barton Railway Hotel Upper Hutt  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 17 April 1872)

Evening Post newspaper 17 July 1872

A very large meeting was held at the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on Monday evening to consider the expediency electing a warden for Ward No 7.  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 July 1872 page 2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 14-17 January 1873

Free Ball and Supper will be given at the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant – Music will be provided  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 January 1873 page 3)

In January 1873 Isaac Wilkins held the license for the Railway Hotel but still referred to by its previous name the Highland Home

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 January 1873

Resident Magistrates Court - Licensing Meeting – Highland Home Hutt – The application of Isaac Wilkins for a license for this hotel was granted

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 January 1873 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 16 April 1873

Licenses permitting the sale of liquor till ten o'clock at night were granted to the (various hotels) Railway Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 April 1873 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 16 August 1873

The Hairless Horse – Caoutchouc – This great living wonder captured in a mob of wild horses in Queensland will be on Exhibition at the Upper Hutt at Wilkin's Railway Hotel on Tuesday 19 August Open afternoon and Evening Admission 1s children 6d

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 August 1873 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 03 November 1873

Short stoppages were made at the Highland Home and Mungaroa to rest the hoses and by half past 7 we were landed at the Pakuratahi (Wagg's) in splendid fettle for dinner

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 03 November 1873 page 2)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 15-16 January 1874

Free Ball – A free Ball and Supper will be given at the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant – Isaac Wilkins 14 January 1874

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 15 January 1874 page 3)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 12-14 March 1874

Publican's Annual Licensing meeting - List of Application for Publicans Licenses 1874-1875 Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt – EB Baker Clerk of Court Resident Magistrates Court Wellington 11<sup>th</sup> March 1874

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 March 1874 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 23 April 1874

Country Licenses - The following licenses were granted Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 April 1874 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 20 February 1875

We learn from the police that about nine o'clock yesterday morning Wilkins Railway Hotel at the Upper Hutt has a very narrow escape from being destroyed by fire. Constable Lyster was standing about 100 yards from the house when he saw flames issuing from the roof. He raised the alarm and with the assistance of the neighbours the flames were quickly extinguished there being fortunately plenty of water available. The fire was caused by sparks out of the chimney falling on the shingle roof.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 February 1875 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1875

Hutt Licensing Court – Licenses granted Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1875 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 09-30 October, 03-26 November, 02-30 December 1875 & 1876

The pure bred Clydesdale young Lofty – Upper Hutt at Wilkin's Railway Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 October 1875 page 4)*

Evening Post newspaper 04-10 January 1876

The pure bred Clydesdale young Lofty – Upper Hutt at Wilkin's Railway Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04-10 January 1876)*

Evening Post newspaper 22 March 1876

Mr ARJ Duncan has received instruction to sell by public auction at the Blacksmiths shop adjoin Mr Wilkie's Hotel Upper Hutt on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> instant at 11 o'clock. (Items listed)  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 March 1876 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877

The following licenses were granted no opposition being made in regard to them – Railway Hotel (Upper Hutt) Isaac Wilkins  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 25 June 1877

Selling Liquor on Sunday – Isaac Wilkins appeared on an information charging him with a breach of the Publican's Act by selling liquor in his licensed house the Railway Hotel at the Upper Hutt on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr Buckley appeared for the defendant. Constable Gillespie, stationed at the Hutt, deposed that early on the evening of the date referred to he entered, the hotel, and saw 'several men drinking in one of the rooms. A person named Sircom was there amongst the number, with Hagan, Valentine, and others the defendants was not quite sober, although he could not be called drunk. To Mr Buckley, Was sure that the parties in the room were not all travellers several of them might have had their meals in the house. Sircom, for instance, but Valentine was not quite in a fit state to have been served with drink. Richard Hagan deposed to having been in the hotel on the day referred to he went in on business with Mr Wilkins, and when talking with him Valentine offered to shout, and he, accepted a drink, immediately on which the constable came in none of them were drunk, although they were slightly merry, Valentine was not drunk, and witness did not see him tumble off his horse. To Mr Buckley, He had walked from Silver Stream, and in all had walked about six miles that day; Valentine had also come in from the Lower Hutt and as for Sircom, he stayed at the hotel on Sundays. To Mr Atcheson, Sircom seemed sensible enough to speak to, although witness could not exactly tell whether he was sober or not. Samuel Desforges was the next witness, and before giving evidence, he asked who was to pay his expenses. Mr Crawford said he could not give him a reply. On being examined, this witness stated that he was certainly outside the house on the evening in question, but a mile away he saw Valentine, but at the distance referred to from the house, and he did not see him leave it. This was the case for the prosecution. Mr Buckley stated that he did not think he had any case to answer, the parties in the house at the time being travellers according to the Act. He, however, would call evidence to that effect. John Ross, who had come a distance of some miles to the house, deposed that those who were there were travellers; the landlord was perfectly sober at least such was his opinion. Martin Miller, who had likewise called at the house, deposed that he always called there on Sundays and had his meals, being a bachelor. Walter Valentine, who had been in the house as already mentioned, deposed that he rode to the house from some distance and had a drink he was not, perhaps, quite sober, although he knew perfectly well what he was about; the horse shied at a log after leaving the house, and he was thrown off. The defendant deposed that the parties in the house were .all travellers, and as such he served them he believed, however, that a trap had been laid for him, so that he might be caught: he considered Mr Valentine perfectly sober at the time, or he would not have served him. Mr Crawford said that there were only two points in the case one as to whether a person walking from Silver Stream could be called a traveller; and the other whether it was right that persons having dinner in a hotel on Sundays should be supplied with beer. He thought it rather hard that persons should not have a glass of beer when dining at a hotel, and there being considerable doubts in the matter, as regarded the other point, he would dismiss the case. The defendant was accordingly discharged.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 June 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 02-08 October 1877

Mr J H Wallace will sell by public auction at his sale room Hunter Street on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> October at 2 o'clock The building and martials of the sawmill (late Hasleins) at the Upper Hutt nearly opposite Mr Wilkins' Railway Hotel (various details)  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 October 1877 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 16-30 March, 01-24 April 1878

The above Valuable Properties with the exception of 222 and 223 are approachable by a well-made public road known as No 3 line from the main Hutt and Wairarapa Road close to Mr Wilkins' Railway Hotel. (Other details including all the lot and section numbers)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 March 1878 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Court was held yesterday when the following licenses were renewed – Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 01-08 March 1880

Hutt County Notice Engineers Office 28 February 1880 – Plans and specification may be seen at County Council Chambers Wellington and Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt (other details)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 March 1880 page 3)*

In February 1881 George Isaac Wilkins held the licence of the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1881

The usual quarterly meeting of the Licensing Bench takes place on Tuesday next.

Applications for the transfer of licenses will be made as follow – From Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt to George Isaac Wilkins

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1881 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 09 March 1881

A transfer was granted from Isaac Wilkins to George Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 March 1881 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 12 February 1883

The Third charge – Prisoner (Mark Baylis alias Herman Sauls) was further charged with having defrauded Isaac Wilkins of the Upper Hutt by means of a valueless cheque for £2. Accused pleaded that he was non compos mentis when the offence was committed being then under the influences of liquor. The prosecutor owner of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt deposed that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., prisoner visited his place and asked him to cash a cheque stating that he had plenty of funds in the Bank and could give a cheque for over £100. The prisoner informed him that the lessees of the hotel would not cash his cheque without an endorsement and on the strength of the statement that he had money to his credit witness endorsed the document. One of the lessees then cashed the cheque. It had not been met and witness understood that he would have to pay the lessees the amount. At this stage prisoner pleaded Guilty and was sentenced to three months imprisonment cumulative

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 February 1883 page 2)*

June 1883 William Cramner applied for the publican's license of the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 04-05 May 1883 page 3

I William Cramner of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at Mungaroa on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's License for a house situated at Upper Hutt known as the Railway Hotel containing 11 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family – dated 03<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1883 William Cramner.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1883 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 06 March 1883

An application for the transfer of the license of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt from George Wilkins to William Cramner was granted. (Meeting of the Mungaroa district Licensing Committee)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 March 1883 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1884

A movement is on foot to form a cricket club for the Upper Hutt. A meeting with that object is called for Wednesday evening next at Cranmer's Railway Hotel  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1884 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1884

A meeting will be held at Mr Cranmer's Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on Wednesday 24 September at 7.30 pm for the purpose of forming a Cricket Club in that district  
(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1884 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1885

At the Annual meeting of the Upper Hutt Licensing Bench yesterday the following applications for renewals of licenses were granted – Charles Cudby Provincial Hotel – William Cranmer Railway Hotel – James Martin Kaitoke Refreshment Rooms  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1885 page 3)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 10 February 1886

I Benjamin Isen of Featherston Publican being the holder of a Publicans License in respect of the house and premises situated at Featherston do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Featherston on the first day of March 1886 apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to William Cramner my Appointee – Dated the 06<sup>th</sup> day of February 1886 B Isen – Borough of Greytown  
(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 10 February 1886 page 3)

In August 1886 William McCrossan / Crossan held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 30 August 1886

Dr Johnston and a jury of six of whom Mr WP Barber was chosen as foreman held an inquest on the body of Jack Herrick on Saturday at Mr Crossan's Railway Hotel Upper Hutt. (Details)  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 August 1886 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 09 September 1886

An information was laid by Constable Harnett last week against William McCrossan licensee of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt for having sold liquor to John Herrick while the latter was in a state of intoxication. (Full details results case was dismissed)  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 September 1886 page2)

26 August 1886 Coroner's inquest into the death of John HERRICK records "inquest held in house of McCrossan known as *"The Railway Hotel"*. There are additional details regarding the coroner's inquest in the document on the same website as this document.

Evening Post newspaper 19 April 1887

A meeting of creditors of William McCrossan late publican at the Upper Hutt was held at the Official Assignee's Office this morning. The debtor submitted the following written statement – I have been a hotelkeeper. I commenced business at the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt about 18 months ago – 24<sup>th</sup> August 1885. At the time I commenced business I was out of debt except a bill of £30 to Cranmer Arnold & Co the former proprietors of the hotel. (Full details including that he was married with five young children)  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 April 1887 page 2)

In May 1887 Isaac Wilkins again held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 14-17 May 1887

Notice of Application for a Publicans license – I Isaac Wilkins of the Upper Hutt Settler do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next meeting of the holden at the Upper Hutt on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1887 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publicans Licenses for a house situated at or near Upper Hutt aforesaid known as the Railway Hotel containing 12 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family and that I am the owner of such house. Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1887 Isaac Wilkins  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 May 1887 page 4)

The Evening Post newspaper article regarding the bankrupt of William McCrossan former proprietor of the Railway Hotel states that the owner of the hotel was Mr Wilkins.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 June 1877 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1887

William McCrossan hotelkeeper of Upper Hutt who was subject to public examination in the Bankruptcy Court on Thursday again came before Mr Justice Richmond this morning.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1887 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1887

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held yesterday at the schoolroom, Upper Hutt. Present Messrs. Cotter (in the chair), Whiteman, Haybittle, M'Culloch, and Small. Renewals were granted without opposition to James Martin for the Kaitoke Refreshment Rooms and to Charles Cudby for the Provincial Hotel. The renewal of the license of Isaac Wilkins was opposed on the ground that the applicant was an invalid and that his wife had no idea of the business. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the license should be granted conditionally for three months, on the understanding that the applicant dispose of his interest before then. The committee, however, afterwards altered its decision and granted the license on condition that the licensee, employ a competent manager. Constable Harnett reported favourably on all the hotels.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1887 page 2)*

In March 1888 Victor Granville held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 06 March 1888

The quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the School house Upper Hutt yesterday – An application for a transfer of the license of the Railway Hotel from Isaac Wilkin to Victor Granville was received and granted

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 March 1888 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 07-09 May 1888

Notice of application for a publicans license – I Victor Granville of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the 08<sup>th</sup> day of June 188 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of renewal of a Publicans License for the house situated at Upper Hutt the property of Victor Granville known by the sign of the Railway Hotel containing 12 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family – dated this 04<sup>th</sup> day of May 1888 Victor Granville

*(Referenced Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1888 page 3)*

In October 1888 Mary Williams became the owner and held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1888

We understand says the Nelson Colonist of yesterday that Mr Victor Granville has commenced an action against Mrs Williams of the Upper Hutt for issuing a writ against him for obtaining money under false pretences in connection with the sale by him to her of an hotel in that district. The writ was issued by a Wellington solicitor upon the information of Mrs Williams but was immediately withdrawn upon Mr Granville telling his story and producing certain documents.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1888 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1888

The quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Courthouse Lower Hutt yesterday – Victor Granville applied for a transfer of the license of the Railway Hotel from him to Mrs Mary Williams. Constable Harnett reported favourably as to the conduct of the hotel but mentioned to the Committee it would be a desirable thing if the new licensee could keep a man to look after the stables attached to the hotel. At present visitors were put too much inconvenient through the absent of proper attendance. Mrs Williams stated that the stables were so very seldom required that it would not compensate her to keep a man. The

Committee did not think they could make a recommendation in the face of Mrs Williams's statement. The transfer was granted.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1888 page 2)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 12 December 1888

The quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Court House Lower Hutt yesterday – Victor Granville applied for a transfer of the licence of the Railway Hotel from himself to Mrs Mary Williams. Constable Harnett reported favourable as to the conduct of the hotel but mention to the Committee it would be a desirable thing if the new licensee could keep a man to look after the stables attached to the hotel. At present visitors were put too much inconvenience through the absence of proper attendance. Mrs William stated that the stabled were so very seldom required that it would not compensate her to keep a man. The Committee did not think they could make a recommendation in the face of Mrs Williams' statement. The transfer was granted. This was all the business.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 December 1888 page 2)*

In May 1889 David Maloney held the publican license for the Railway Hotel

#### Evening Post newspaper 06-9 May 1889

I David Maloney of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to be holden at Upper Hutt on the 03<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1889 apply for certificate authorising the issue of renewal of a publican's license for the house situated at Upper Hutt the property of Mary Williams and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel containing rooms exclusive of those required for the sue of the family. Dated this day of April 1889 David Maloney

#### Evening Post newspaper 09-11 May 1889

Notice of Application for a Publicans License – I Mary Williams of the Upper Hutt Publican being the holder of Publican's License in respect of the house and premise situated at the Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Upper Hutt on the 03<sup>rd</sup> day of June next apply for a transfer of the said license from myself to David Maloney my appointee – dated the 09<sup>th</sup> day of June 1889 – Mary Williams

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1889 page 3)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1890

At a meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee held on Saturday at the School house Upper Hutt a transfer of the license of the Provincial Hotel from W F Richards to Edward Till was granted without opposition from the police and the new licensee was granted a renewal of the license to carry on the business. A renewal was also granted to David Maloney of the Railway Hotel.

*(Reference Paper Past website Evening Post newspaper 09 June 1890 page 2)*

In March 1891 Mary Maloney held the license for the Railway Hotel

#### Evening Post newspaper 12-14 March 1891

Notice of application for transferred of License – I David Maloney of Upper Hutt being the holder of a publicans license in respect of the house and premises situated at Upper Hutt and known as the Railway Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Schoolhouse Upper Hutt in June next apply for a transfer of the said license form myself to Mary Maloney of Upper Hutt my appointee – dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1891 D Maloney

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12-14 March 1891 page 3)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 27-29 April 1891

I Mary Maloney of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Upper Hutt on the 02<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1891 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a renewal of a publicans license for the house situated at Upper Hutt the property of Mary Williams and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel

containing 12 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family – Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891 Mary Maloney

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 April 1891 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 01 July 1891

Mary Maloney of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt was charged with allowing billiards to be played after hours upon her premises on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. The bench after hearing evidence considered the offence proved and fined the defendant 5 s and cost 17s.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 July 1891 page 3)*

In November 1891 Edward Pelling held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 03-04 November 1891

I Mary Maloney Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publicans License in respect of the house and premises situated at Upper Hutt and known as the Railway Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will, at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Resident Magistrates Court on the 01 day of December 1891 apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Edward Pelling of Upper Hutt Cordial Manufacturer my appointee – Dated the 03<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1891 – Mary Maloney

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1891 page 4)*

Evening Post newspaper 09-11 May 1892

Notice of Publication for a Publicans License – I Edward Pelling of Upper Hutt do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at Wallaceville on the 07<sup>th</sup> day of June 1892 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a renewal of a Publicans Licenses for the house situated at Wallaceville the property of Mary Williams and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel containing we rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family – Dated this 09<sup>th</sup> day of May 1892 – Edward Pelling

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1892 page 4)*

In November 1892 Charles Williams held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 01-03 November 1892

Notice of Application for Transfer of License – I Edward Pelling of Upper Hutt being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situated at Wallaceville known by the name of the Railway Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and well at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the School house Wallaceville on the 06<sup>th</sup> day of December 1892 apply to transfer of the said license from myself to Charles Williams my appointee – Dated the 01<sup>st</sup> day of November 1892 – Edward Pelling

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 November 1892 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1892

An application to transfer the license of the Railway Hotel from Edward Pelling to Charles Williams was granted

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1892 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1893

Public Notice – Hutt County Council Office Wellington 01<sup>st</sup> March 1893 – Notice hereby given that Mr Charles Williams Railway Hotel Upper Hutt has been appointed by this Council Pound keeper of the public pound at the Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1893 page 4)*

Evening Post newspaper Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1893

The following tenders have been accepted by the Committee of the Wellington Racing Club for the privileges connect with the ensuring season's race meetings – Nos 1 and 2 publicans' booths under the outside stand C Williams (Railway Hotel Upper Hutt)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1893 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 13-17 October 1893

Upper Hutt Trotting Club Opening Meeting to be held on the Club's Course Trentham  
Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> November 1893 Nominations for Principle Events Close with the Secretary at  
the Railway Hotel Trentham on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> inst., at 9 pm C William Secretary.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper Evening Post newspaper 13 October 1893 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1894

There were favourable police reports on the applications of (various names & hotels) -  
Charles William (Railway Hotel Trentham)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1894 page 2)*

In June 1895 Francis Paul held the license for the Railway Hotel

Manawatu Herald newspaper 06 June 1895

Otaki Licensing Committee - The following transfers were granted - Francis Paul Railway  
Hotel Wallaceville

*(Reference Papers past website Manawatu Herald newspaper 06 June 1895 page 2)*

Manawatu Herald newspaper 04 June 1896

Otaki Licensing Committee – The annual meeting of the Otaki Licensing Committee was held  
at Otaki yesterday – Trentham – Francis Paul to Samuel Carlson for Railway Hotel Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Manawatu Herald newspaper 04 June 1896 page 2)*

In February 1896 Samuel Carson held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 28 February 1896

Mr J Williams' interest in the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr S Carlson late of Martinborough.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 February 1896 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 06-08 May 1896

I Charles Williams of the Railway Hotel Trentham being the holder of a Publicans License in  
respect of the house and premises situated at Trentham and known by the name of Railway  
Hotel do her by notice that I desire to obtain and will at the Magistrates Courthouse at Otaki  
on the 03<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1896 apply for a transfer for the said Licenses from myself to Samuel  
Carlson my appointee – Dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1896 C Williams  
and

I Samuel Carson of Trentham do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next  
Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Court House at Otaki on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1896 apply  
for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publican License for a house situated at Trentham  
and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel containing 17 rooms exclusive of those required  
for the use of the family. Dated 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1896 – S Carson Mr Williams is the owner of  
these premises – T Young Solicitor Wellington

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 May 1896 page 4)*

Evening Post newspaper 09-12 May 1896

Notice of Application for transfer of License – I Francis Paul of the Railway Hotel Trentham  
being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the house and premises situated at  
Trentham and known by the name of Railway Hotel do herby give notice that I desire to obtain  
and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrate's Courthouse apply for a  
Transfer of the said Licenses from myself to Samuel Carson my appointee – Dated the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 1896 – C Williams – T Young Solicitor

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1896 page 4)*

[1897] Railway Hotel (Samuel Carlson, proprietor), Main Road, Trentham, Upper Hutt. This  
hostelry, which had been established about thirty years, is a two storey wooden verandah  
building, having seventeen rooms in addition to those required for the host and his family. There  
are eleven good bedrooms, a cherry dining room, capable of seating about thirty five guests, two  
sitting rooms, and a billiard room, having one of Allcock's three quarter tables. Behind the hotel  
there are coach houses and stables, containing four loose boxes and five stalls. The landlord  
who was born in Sweden came to the Colony in 1891 per ship :Lady Mabel" to Westport. Mr

Carlson was brought up to a seafaring life. Since settling in New Zealand he had had experience as cook at the Empire Hotel, Feathertson, and at Mr Baton's station in the Wairarapa. He became licensee of the Railway Hotel early in 1896.

*(Reference NZETC website 1897 The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand Upper Hutt and Surrounding Districts page 842)*

Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1897

Sad Drowning case at Upper Hutt – Yesterday morning Miss Annie Josephine Schultz until lately living with her brother at Oriental Bay but who has been stopping for a few days holiday at Trentham went out for a walk. As she did not return to lunch search was made for her but without success until this morning when her body was found in the Hutt river with the feet caught in submerged roots. The unfortunate girl had evidently slipped into the water as she was fully dressed even to her hat. An inquest will be held at the Railway Hotel Trentham

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1897 page 5)*

Trentham Hotel = Annie McGovern acquired by conveyance 75356 dated 26 September 1898 from Charles Williams

*(Archives New Zealand Wellington Office reference AADM 678 W2874 78/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed premises files Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham 1951-1975)*

I do not know when the Railway Hotel became known as the Trentham Hotel but there is an undated photograph of the Trentham Hotel in the publication Old Hotels in Wellington.

*(Reference Old Wellington Hotels – Some History Personalities and Anecdotes by Pat Lawlor 1974 page 76)*

Evening Post newspaper 09 March 1900

Mr Justice Edwards heard argument today in connection with an appeal made by Jacob Semeloff commercial traveller against a judgment by Mr Kenny S.M. The action was one brought against Samuel Carlson, hotelkeeper at Trentham, near the Upper Hutt, for the recovery of £39 19s value of goods alleged to have been taken out of a van which had been placed, with Carlson's consent, in a shed forming a part of the hotel premises. Mr Kenny decided that, there had been negligence on Semeloff's part, and he therefore gave judgment for defendant, and it was this decision which was now appealed against. Dr Findlay appeared for the appellant and Mr Young for respondent. His Honour reserved his decision.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 March 1900 page 4)*

Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1900

Mr Justice Edwards gave judgment this morning in the case in which Jacob Semeloff, of Wellington, appealed against a decision of Mr H Eyre Kenny, S.M., disallowing a claim against Samuel Carlson, licensee of the hotel at Trentham, for the value of goods stolen from a van which had been placed in a shed forming a part of the hotel premises. It was admitted during the hearing of the case in the Magistrate's Court that the hotel keeper had told a man named Smith to show Semeloff where he could put his van. Mr Kenny held that Carlson was not informed that there were goods in the van, nor did he take charge of the goods. His Worship gave judgment in favour of Carlson on the grounds (1) that Semeloff had failed to establish that the goods were in charge of Carlson as an innkeeper, and (2) that Semeloff had been guilty of negligence in the care of his property. Mr Justice Edwards held that there was evidence to justify the Magistrate in, finding that the loss would not have happened if Semeloff had taken care to place the goods in Carlson's hands for safe custody in the hotel. His Honour therefore dismissed the appeal with costs (£7 7s). Dr Findlay was for the appellant and Mr. Young for the respondent.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1900 page 4)*

In May 1900 George Thomas Ross held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 08 May 1900

Notice of Application for transfer of License – I Samuel Carlson of Wallaceville being holder of a Publicans licenses in respect of the house and premises situated at Wallaceville and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court Otaki on the 01<sup>st</sup> day of June 1900

apply for a Transfer of the said Licenses from myself to George Thomas Ross my appointee  
Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1900 S Carlson – Young and Trip Solicitors  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 May 1900 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 09-10 May 1900

I Samuel Carlson of Wallaceville being the holder of a Publicans License in respect of the house and premises situated at Wallaceville and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court Otaki on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1900 apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to George Thomas Ross my appointee – dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1900 S Carlson – Young and Tripe Solicitors Wellington

And

I George Thomas ROSS of Trentham do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court at Otaki on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1900 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publicans License for a house situated at Trentham and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel containing rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1900 G T Ross – Mr McGovern is the owner of these premises – Young and Tripe Solicitors Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1900 page 8)

In February 1901 Thomas Joseph Walsh held the license for the Railway Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 08, 09 February 1901

I George Thomas Ross of Trentham Hotelkeeper being the holder of a Publicans License in respect of the house and premises situated at Trentham and known by the sign of the Railway Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court Otaki on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1901 apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to Thomas Joseph Walsh my appointee – dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1901 – G T Ross – Young and Tripe Solicitors Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1901 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 20 March 1901

George Thomas Ross, on remand from Greytown North, appealed at the Magistrate's Court today, before Messrs Levoi and Davis, Justices, on a charge that on, or about 6th April 1900, he obtained by false pretences from Coleman Phillips, of Greytown North, £30 by false pretences. Mr Gray appeared for the prosecution and Mr Cooper defended. The prosecution alleged that accused obtained the money from Mr Phillips on security of certain furniture and a mare named Whitefoot, which he was subsequently proved not to possess, the furniture being seized by the D.I.C. Company. The money was owed under a bill of sale for £40 (including £10, a previous debt), and £12 had been repaid. The furniture, which was packed up, was shown by accused to Phillips in a room of the Foresters' Arms Hotel at Greytown, and the £30 was borrowed for the stated object of assisting accused to secure a hotel at Trentham. Mr Gray, having stated the facts, called Coleman Phillips, whom he examined at length. The witness was under cross-examination by Mr Cooper at the mid-day adjournment.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 March 1901 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1901

The hearing of the charge against George Thomas Ross, late of the Railway Hotel, Trentham, of obtaining £30 by false pretences from Mr Coleman Phillips, of Greytown, was continued after we went to press yesterday afternoon. A A Corrigan, manager of the D.I.C., said accused got the furniture in question from the D.I.C., but as he did not keep up his payments they took possession of the greater part of the goods. He did not know that Ross had given a bill of sale over them. Ross had no power to do so, and had never consulted the D.I. C. about it. In January, 1900, they had warned him by better not to deal with the goods. At 4.30 p.m. the further hearing of the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 March 1901 page 4)

The Railway Hotel was also referred to as the Walsh Hotel after the proprietor of the hotel

#### Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1901

A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon, when Corporal Fowler, of the Nelson Company, sustained a severe concussion of the brain, and had several ribs fractured by a fall from a horse. He was riding one of the horses returning from the farriers at the Upper Hutt when the animal bolted, and Fowler either jumped or fell off. He was taken to Walsh's Railway Hotel, and there attended by Surgeon Major Burns and Surgeon Captain Dawson, who were in the vicinity of the accident at the time. On enquiry this morning, we learn that Fowler passed a good night, and is doing as well as can be expected.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 March 1901 page 5)*

June 1901 Mr McGovern plans to rebuild the Railway Hotel so a publican licence was granted

#### Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1901

An objection by local Justices of the Peace, was made in respect of Trentham Hotel, Mr Greenfield, S.M., Chairman of the Committee, said he could not treat the objection as a legal one, as it was not made in the proper form. Mr McGovern, the owner of the premises, said the house was to be rebuilt, and the license was granted. The license of the Upper Hutt Hotel was granted subject to Messrs. Staples and Co., who have purchased, the premises, adding a bathroom, sitting room, and three extra bedrooms.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1901 page 4)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 01-03 October 1901

To Travel Upper Hutt district The Draught Stallion Lord Roberts rising 3 years has good action, bone and a beautiful temper. Good paddocking 1s per week. Terms £3 Payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1902, groomage 5s, to owner W Walker, Kaitoke. For pedigree and full particulars apply to Owner or Groom in charge. Tom Welsh, Railway Hotel Trentham Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 October 1901 page 6)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 26 & 31 March & 11 February 1902

To Builders – Plans and Specifications for Erection of a Hotel at Wallaceville for Mr F McGovern can be seen at my office where tenders will be received up to noon on Saturday. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted – Everard C Farr Architect 10 Featherston Street 24<sup>th</sup> March 1902

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 March 1902 page 7)*

#### New Zealand Times newspaper 01, 02 April 1902

To Builders

Plans and Specifications for erection of a Hotel at Wallaceville for Mr F McGovern can be seen at my office, where tenders will be received up to noon on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Everard C Farr Architect  
10 Featherston Street 24<sup>th</sup> March 1902

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01, 02 April 1902)*

A new Hotel was built but was not occupied. On Sunday 31 December 1902 the old hotel caught fire and was burnt down.

#### Fielding Star & Hawera & Normanby Star newspaper 06 January 1903

The old Trentham Hotel was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The new building had just been completed nearby, and it's removal was about the take place. Both were owned by Mr F McGovern and Mr G J Walsh was the licensee. Insurances on the furniture and stock £200, on the building not known. The cause of the fire is unknown/

*(Reference Papers past website Hawera & Normanby Star & Fielding Star newspaper 06 January 1903)*

#### New Zealand Times newspaper 07 January 1903

The Trentham Hotel owned by Mr F McGovern and occupied by Mr T J Walsh was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. The licensee and several boarders were sitting in a front room at 11

o'clock when one of the party detected a smell of burning. The party ran to the back of the building and found that the place was on fire. Those inmates who were in bed were immediately aroused and attempts were made to save the furniture but with little success as the flames spread very rapidly. The boarders had no time even to save their clothing. The house was a very old one. The furniture was insured for £150 and the stock for £50 in the South British Office. The insurance on the building is unknown.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 07 January 1903)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 08 January 1903

Dr McArthur, SM, held a sitting in the Magistrate's Court at the Upper Hutt yesterday. Two charges were brought by Inspector Ellison against the licensee of the Railway Hotel, Trentham (T J Walsh) - (1) selling drink to Henry Tennent, a person under 16 years of age, and (2) permitting drunkenness on his premises. There was not sufficient evidence to secure a conviction on the second charge, but Walsh was fined 40s and costs upon the first charge. Four youths were concerned in these cases, one being 15 years of age, another 16, and two 18.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 January 1903 page 4)*

#### Around 1903 Railway Hotel changed its name to the Trentham Hotel

In June 1903 the Trentham Hotel was also known as McGovern's Hotel after the owner Francis Joseph McGovern

#### Free Lance newspaper 13 June 1903 page 3

Host McGovern, of the Trentham Hotel and his family, had a busy time last week, for it was on the grounds behind their house that the first meeting of the Wellington and Suburban Coursing Club was held. Mr McGovern has made great changes in Trentham since he went out there three years ago. He then had a large paddock covered with gorse to-day that paddock is as clean as an English meadow. Towards the close of last year the original Trentham Hotel was destroyed by fire, the new Trentham Hotel is a commodious, up-to-date house equipped with a water service and an installation of acetylene gas. Mr McGovern is well known as a licensed victualler. He has been Mine Host down the West Coast, at the Taita, and at Kaawarra, and has a host of friends. He is keenly interested in coursing and has a hound or two of decent pace. Quite recently he had a very severe illness but showed by his activities last week that there is a lot of vitality left in him yet.

*(Reference Papers past website Free Lance newspaper 13 June 1903 page 3)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 23 July 1903

The Court reserved judgment until next Tuesday in the case of T and W Young v Francis J McGovern, a claim of £50, balance of account for goods supplied. Defendant counter claimed for the same amount, being the balance claimed for the rent of the Trentham Hotel, which had been in the occupation of the plaintiff's tenant. The rent had been fixed at £2 10s a week, but defendant, as owner of the hotel, raised it to £10 in lieu of being unable to regain possession from plaintiff's tenant, and he now counterclaimed for the extra £7 10s a week for four weeks £30. Plaintiffs dispute the defendant's right to increase the rent. Mr T Young appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr Treadwell for McGovern.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 July 1903 page 5)*

In 1904 the McGovern's Hotel was situated on the corner of Mungaroo Road (Ward Street) and Main Hutt Road (Fergusson Drive).

*(Reference Hutt City Archives Hutt Heritage Ephemera Collection Plan of the township of Trentham The Lady Bentinck Estate Hutt District 255\_Arch\_72719\_Lady Bentinck Arch72719-1 [Image of the subdivision](#))*

#### Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904

The Upper Hutt - Mr John Wilkin, now of the Lower Hull, where his figure is a familiar one on the local Magisterial Bench, stands out prominently as an authority on matters pertaining to the growth of the Upper Hutt. The timber in the grand forest that once covered the land was of the very best - and Mr Wilkin as a sawyer can give an expert opinion. The timbers chiefly used were matai, rimu and totara and there was probably no better forest in the colony. Many

of the trees were 100 feet high and the totara of which there was plenty was five and six feet through. But there as lower down the valley the floods did great damage and carried away much of the richest land. The timber then ran up to about 12s 6d per 100 feet in Wellington as it cost nearly as much to get it to town as the price paid at the mill. The best men at the mills got 7s a day but 5s was the average. Mr Wilkins has earned as much as 10s a week sawing and he had a contract with two sawmills for seven years during which he averaged about £1 a day. It cost from 2s to 2s 6d a hundred weight to get goods up from Wellington. Beef was sixpence a pound, mutton eight pence, flour sent as high as £2 a cwt a little Dutch cheese would cost 10s 6d while 28s was the cost of a very rough pair of boots locally made. Clothes also were very dear. Among the oldest buildings in the district now are those where once Cruickshank sawmills ran merrily by water power. These are now much dilapidated. Mr Cruickshank was sent out by Lord Peters to manage the mill.

The unoccupied dwelling house situated on the site at the back of the old mill has - it is strange to learn in this prosaic age - the reputation among the superstitious of being "haunted". The orchard in the adjoining grounds looks far more as though it had been "haunted".

Thirty eight years ago Mr Wilkins purchased outright the old Highland Home Hotel which later became the Trentham Hotel was destroyed by fire a year or two ago and has now been replaced by an up-to-date hostalery. Mr Wilkins was there some years before selling out. There was then at the Upper Hutt the Criterian Hotel which stood about where the new Town Hall is while later the Provincial Hotel was built by Mr Joseph Ames. The township was a very busy one when the line over the Rimutaka was in course of formation and now with improved means of communication with the city it is growing very rapidly and new houses may be seen on all sides. Now we are promised a new township of Trentham.

It is interesting to learn that part of an old stockade used in the troublous times with the natives still exists at the rear of the property known as "Homewood" which was recently sold by auction.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1904)*

In 1906 Francis Joseph McGovern the proprietor died and his son Michael McGovern was granted the license for the Trentham Hotel

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration Francis Joseph McGovern 1906 folio website 1906/8393 age 50 born about 1856)*

Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1906

A meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee at the Lower Hutt today. Mr Bunny applied for permission for Michael McGovern to hold the license of the Trentham Hotel until 06<sup>th</sup> March. The license was formerly held by his father who is now deceased. The application was granted. (Plus various other hotels and details)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1906 page 8)*

In October 1907 Charles Benzie held the license for the Trentham Hotel

Dominion newspaper 07-29 October & 01-04 November 1907

Trentham Hotel under new management - The Home of the Sporting - Tourist Good Fishing and Shooting. Good Accommodation. Grounds. The very Best of Liquors, Wines etc., kept. Chas. Benzie Proprietor

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 07 October 1907 page 1)*

Dominion newspaper 04-05 December 1907

The quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held yesterday at the Court House Lower Hutt - Formal transferred were granted to Messrs C Benzie Trentham Hotel (plus other names and hotels)

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1907 page 6)*

Evening Post newspaper 18 December 1907

Petone and Hutt News - Coursing - A fairly large number of coursing enthusiasts met last night at Petone with the object of forming a coursing club. Mr C Shaurer presided. At the

outset, the convener of the meeting Mr C Gough, in explaining that suitable grounds at Trentham might be easily acquired, stated that he had received an offer of grounds from Mr Benzie. This included the right to use the dog boxes on the ground, and various other accessories. On the motion of Mr Quinn, it was decided to form a club, and fifteen present at the meeting signified their willingness to become members immediately. A provisional committee, consisting of Messrs. Gough, Pollock, Beale, Fitzgerald, Evans, and Shaurer, was appointed to interview Mr Benzie, and arrange all matters pertaining to the leasing of the old coursing clubs grounds at the back of the Trentham Hotel. Mr Evans was elected secretary pro tern. A vote of thanks was passed to the convener of the meeting and to the chairman.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 December 1907 page 8)*

#### Dominion newspaper 09-12 May 1908

Notice of Application for a Publicans License – I Charles Benzie of Trentham Hotel keeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court Lower Hutt on the 03<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1908 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publicans License for a house situated at Trentham in the County of Hutt and known by the sign of Trentham Hotel containing 15 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family – dated 08<sup>th</sup> day pf June 1908 (signed) Chas , Benzie. The Public Trust is the owner of these premises address of owner Wellington – J J McGrath Solicitor Wellington

*(Reference Paper past website Dominion newspaper 09 May 1908 page 1)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1908

Renewals of licenses were granted as follows – Trentham J Benzie (plus others)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1908 page 8)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 07-08 June 1909

The annual sitting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held in the Police Court Lower Hutt at noon today – transfers were granted C Benzie Trentham hotel (Trentham).

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 June 1909 page 8)*

#### Evening Post 06 June & Dominion newspaper 07 June 1910

Renewals were granted in the following cases – Trentham Hotel C Benzie

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 07 June 1910 page 6)*

#### Dominion newspaper 24 June 1910

The necessity for keeping a watchful eye on the movements of the undesirable class who occasionally visit the town was shown in an alarming manner on Tuesday evening, says the Dannevirke Evening News. An unknown person took up lodgings in the coal shed at the rear of Benzie's Private Hotel, and, having it seems a keen sense of aptitude for making the best of things, made a fire in a wooden box mid partook of a supper consisting of roasted potatoes and cake. After regaling himself with those delicacies, the intruder evidently went to deep and woke to find the box which he had set alight burned to ashes, and then decamped. When members of the household arose early in the morning they were much alarmed to see the outhouse filled with smoke, and on investigation it was found that not only had one box been burnt away but another which lay against the wall of the building was on fire. In the foreground wore the ruins of the night's banquet, but the guest had departed.

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 24 June 1910 page 5)*

#### Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 January 1911

Telephone Exchange – Following for business connections – C Benzie (Trentham Hotel)

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 12 January 1911 page 3)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1911

Social at Trentham - One of the largest and most representative gathering of Hutt Valley settlers ever assembled at Trentham met at Benzie's Hotel last evening to bid au revoir to the proprietor (Mr C Benzie) and his son, Mr Robert Benzie, who are leaving the district shortly. Mr Thos. Edwards acted as chairman, and made several presentations first to Miss Benzie and her companion (Miss Mitchell), of a gold brooch each, and then to Mr Bob Benzie, of a

handsome leather travelling companion, also a case of pipes for his father, who was absent in Dannevirke. Each recipient was toasted with musical honours. Mr Edwards voiced the sentiments of those present, and referred to the high esteem in which the Benzie family is held in the district. He wished them every success and happiness. The following toasts were duly honoured Our Guests, Old Settlers (coupled with the names of Messrs. Edwards, Brown, and Wilkins, who were present), The Farmers (coupled with the name of Mr M Welch), The Press, Mine Host, and The Chairman. These were interspersed with songs of Messrs. Routley and Blake, and an instrumental item by Mr H Minchen.

*(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1911 page 3)*

In April 1911 James Cress held the licenses for the Trentham Hotel

Dominion Newspaper 04 April 1911 & Wairarapa Age newspaper 05 April 1911

Mr James Cress of Masterton had taken over the Trentham Hotel and will continue racing as formerly. The Benzie family in taking their departure were the recipient of a souvenir each presented on behalf of the residents in the Upper Hutt district with whom they have been exceedingly popular since coming to Trentham three years ago.

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion Newspaper 04 April 1911 page 4)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 December 1911

Telephone Exchange – J Cress Trentham Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 December 1911 page 3)*

Dominion newspaper 06 June 1912

Hutt Licensing Committee – In the following cases transfers of licenses were granted without objection – James Cress Trentham Hotel Trentham

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 06 June 1912 page 3)*

Evening Post 04 June & Dominion newspaper 05 June 1913

Renewals were granted as follow – Trentham J Cress

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1913 page 8)*

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1914

The following applications all of which were granted were dealt with – Renewals – Trentham Hotel (J Cress)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1914 page 8)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 06 June 1914

Dick Quinn had leased the Trentham Hotel.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 06 June 1914 page 1)*

In July 1914 Richard Quinn held the license for the Trentham Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 02-04 July 1914

Notice of Application for Transfer of License – I James Cress of Trentham Hotel keeper being the holder of a Publican's License in respect of the premises situated at Trentham and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrates Court Lower Hutt on or about the 02<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1914 apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Richard Quinn my appointee – Dated at Wellington the 09<sup>th</sup> day of June 1914 (signed) J Cress

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 July 1914 page 1)*

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 August 1914

Staples & Co wrote to say R Quinn had leased the Trentham Hotel and suggested that he and the owners be asked to provide the watering trough at the Hotel. Resolved to adopt the suggestion.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 August 1914 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 04 September 1914

At the statutory meeting of the Hutt Licensing Bench – An application for transfer of license from J Cress to R Quinn (Trentham Hotel) was granted

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 September 1914 page 8)*

Evening Post newspaper 07-10 May 1915

Notice of Application for a Publicans License – I Richard Quinn of Trentham Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court at Lower Hutt on the 02<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1915 apply for a Publicans License for a house situated at Trentham and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel containing 14 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family – Dated the 05<sup>th</sup> day of May 1915 – R Quinn – The Public Trustee is the owner of these premises – (address of Owner) Wellington

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1915 page 2)*

During the World War One period 1914-1918 the Trentham Hotel also became known as the Quinn's Post Hotel after the license Richard Quinn

Dominion newspaper 08 June 1916

Hutt Hotels Licensing Committee – The following licenses were granted - Trentham Hotel (R Quinn)

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 08 June 1916 page 6)*

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1917

Licenses were renewed for the Trentham Hotel (Mrs Quinn)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1917 page 8)*

In May 1918 John William Robinson held the license for the Trentham Hotel

Dominion newspaper 10-13 May 1918

Licensing Notices – Notice of Application for transfer of licenses – I Richard Quinn of Trentham Hotelkeeper being the holder of a Publicans License in respect of the premises situated at Trentham do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrates Court Lower Hutt on the Fifth day of June 1918 apply for a Transfer of the said License from myself to John William Robinson my appointee – Dated at Wellington the 06<sup>th</sup> day of May 1918 – R Quinn

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 10 May 1918 page 10)*

Dominion newspaper 06 June 1918

In the following cases licenses were granted or renewed – Trentham Hotel – J W Robinson (transfer)

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 06 June 1918 page 7)*

Evening Post newspaper 16 September 1918

It is notified in Trentham routine orders that the Trentham Hotel (more commonly known as Quinn's Post) is declared out of bounds for all soldiers until further orders.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 September 1918 page 8)*

Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1918

Upper Hutt Court Sitting - Information against R I Lowe licensee of the Trentham Hotel for permitting drunkenness on the premises was dismissed.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1918 page 2)*

Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918

The following transfers were agreed to Trentham Hotel J W Robinson

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918 page3)*

In December 1918 Richard Ingram Lowe / Low held the license for the Trentham Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 04 December 1918

The following transfers were agreed to Trentham Hotel J W Robinson to R J Lowe  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 December 1918 page 8)

17 January 1919 Richard Ingram Low of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand booth Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January 1919. [Plus various other details]

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)

Dominion newspaper 20 January 1919

At a special meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee held last week Mr Lowe licensee of the Trentham Hotel made application for a conditional license for the Trentham races.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 20 January 1919 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1919

New Licenses were granted as follow R I Low Trentham Hotel

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1919 page 8)

27 June 1919 Richard Ingram Low of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand & public booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of three days the 08<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July 1919. [Plus various other details]

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)

In October 1919 Patrick J Crosgrove held the license for the Trentham Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 04 October 1919

Hutt Licensing District – Notice of Application for Transfer of Licence – I Richard Ingram Low of Trentham Hotelkeeper being the holder of the Publicans License in respect of Premises situated at Trentham do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at Lower Hutt on the third day of December 1919 apply for a transfer of the said License from myself to Patrick Cosgrove of Feilding my appointee – Name of Owner the Public Trust of Wellington – Dated at Wellington the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1919  
R Ingram Low applicant

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 October 1919 page 12)

20 October 1919 Patrick Cosgrove of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the two and Grand Stand booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 27 October 1919. [Plus various other details]

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)

Evening Post 03 December & Dominion 04 December 1919

Transfer were granted of the following licenses – Trentham Hotel R I Low to P Crosgrove

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1919 page 8)

15<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Patrick Joseph Cosgrove of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand, Ledger Stand & Members Stand booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of three days the 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> January 1920. [Plus various other details]

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)

Dominion newspaper 16 January 1920

A special meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held at the Court house yesterday afternoon to consider the application by Patrick Cosgrave of the Trentham Hotel to sell liquor on the Trentham Racecourse during the summer meeting.

*(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 16 January 1920 page 7)*

12 April 1920 Patrick Joseph Cosgrove of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand, Members and Ledger booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of two days the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April 1920. [Plus various other details]

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)*

Evening Post newspaper 11-13 May 1920

Notice of Application for a Publican License – I Patrick Cosgrove of Trentham Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrates Court at Otaki on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1920 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a renewal of Publicans License for a house situated at Main Road Trentham and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel containing 14 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated at Wellington the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1920. P Cosgrove. The public Trustee is the owner of the premises. Address of owner Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 May 1920 page 3)*

07<sup>th</sup> July 1920 Patrick Joseph Cosgrove of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand Ledger Stand & Members Stand booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of two days the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 1920. [Plus various other details]

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)*

15 October 1920 Patrick Joseph Cosgrove of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand Ledger & Members booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of two days the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 1920. [Plus various other details]

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)*

14 January 1921 Patrick Joseph Cosgrove of Trentham being a licensed publican holding a publicans License in respect of the Trentham Hotel situated at Trentham of a conditional license for the Grand Stand Members & ledger booths Trentham Racecourse during the Racing Clubs meeting for a period of three days the 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 1921. [Plus various other details]

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers 1293-060/1 Hutt County Council Records Licenses Hotel Conditions 1-119 years 1914-1960)*

Evening Post newspaper 30 March & 09 April 1921

Lease of Trentham Hotel Quin's Post Wellington – Tenders are invited for a lease for 7 years from 01<sup>st</sup> May 1921 of – All that piece of land situated in the Province District of Wellington containing eighteen acres one rood (more or less) being portion of Section 94 on Plan of Hutt District bounded on the north-east by Mungaroa-road on the north-west by the Main-road from Wellington to the Wairarapa on the south-west by other parts of same section on the south-east by the adjoining Section 98 together with the hotel and buildings thereon known as the Trentham Hotel – This well-known Hotel (also known as Quin's Post) is situated on the Main-road between Wellington and the Wairarapa and within close proximity to the Upper Hutt Railway Station and Trentham Racecourse. The hotel is replaced with modern conveniences and generally up-to-date in the other respects. The property also comprises 18¼ acres of perfectly flat and splendid grazing land. Particulars of lease forms of tender and conditions of tender may be inspected and any further information obtained from the Local Deputy Public Trustee Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Tenders are to be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Lease of Trentham Hotel" and addressed to the undersigned on

or before Noon on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1921 – The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Charles Zachariah Local Deputy Public Trustee Balance-street Wellington  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1921 page 3)

#### Evening Post newspaper 28 May 1921

Visiting trainers to local meetings will be pleased to hear that J McLaughlin the well-known trainer will shortly take over the Quinn's Post Hotel at Trentham. He will continue to train a few horses and intends to renovate the loose boxes attached to the place.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 May 1921 page 12)

#### Evening Post newspaper 07-08 June 1921

As my lease of the Trentham Hotel expires at the end of this week I have decided to clear my well assorted stock of wines and spirits at greatly reduced prices (full list of items) P Cosgrove Proprietor.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1921 page 12)

In June 1921 James McLaughlin held the license for the Trentham Hotel / Quinn's Post

#### Evening Post newspaper 09-11 May 1922

Notice of Application for a Publican's License – I James McLaughlin of Trentham Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrates Court at Otaki on the 01<sup>st</sup> day of June 1922 apply for a house situated at Trentham and known by the sign of the Quinn's Post or Trentham Hotel containing 14 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated at Trentham the 09<sup>th</sup> day of May 1922 J McLaughlin. Messrs Staples and Co Ltd., are the owners of the premises. (Address of Owner) Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1922 page 3)

In October 1923 John Jason Marriott / Marriett held the license for the Quinn's Post Hotel

#### Evening Post newspaper 18 October 1923

Four charges of breaches of the Licensing Act in respect to Quinn's Post Hotel, Trentham, were heard yesterday, before Mr E Page, SM, at Upper Hutt. A youth was charged with being on licensed premises after hours, Constable Wallace having found him in the kitchen in the act of receiving a bottle of wine from the cook. He was convicted and fined £2 and 7s costs. The cook pleaded guilty to supplying him, and was convicted and ordered to pay the costs 7s. The wife of the licensee, whose defence was that she thought the cook wanted the wine for her own use, and gave it to her, was also convicted of supplying, and ordered to pay 7s costs while the licensee, J Marriott, was convicted of selling after hours, and was fined £5 and 7s costs, the Bench remarking that his wife acted as his agent and he must accept responsibility.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 October 1923 page 6)

#### Evening Post newspaper 18 January 1924

The monthly sitting of the Upper Hutt Magistrate s Court was held on Wednesday before Mr C R Orr-Walker, SM. n charges of selling liquor after hours and of keeping open for the sale of liquor after hours, J J Marriott, licensee of the Quinn's Post Hotel, Trentham was convicted and fined £2 and 11s costs on the first charge and is costs only on the second charge. The facts were that the licensee's daughters had supplied a man, who had been working at the hotel with a bottle of beer, and the man had been caught by Constable Wallace coming away from the hotel. The defence was that the licensee, who had been in his office next the bar, knew nothing of the transaction. The Magistrate stated that there was no doubt the liquor had been sold. There was a presumption at law that where liquor was sold it was sold on behalf of the licensee, and it rested upon the licensee to satisfy the Court that the liquor was not sold on his behalf. It remained for the Court to say if these ladies were the agents or implied agents of the licensee. The licensee in his evidence had practically admitted that he had given his daughters a free hand, and it would practically reduce the whole of licensing law to a nullity if the licensee could say he was not responsible. It could not be overlooked that the licensee had admitted a conviction for a similar offence, and it was quite clear that he had not

got the control of his hotel that he should have. It showed that the proprietor was not quite fit to be the licensee of a hotel but that, of course, was a matter for the Licensing Committee. The two married daughters of the licensee were each convicted and fined £3 and 11s costs for supplying liquor after hours.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 January 1924 page 11)*

Between 1924 and 1925 Hilda Ellen Nicholls held the licence for the Quinn's Post Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 17 June 1925

Wanted young woman as general country hotel. Apply Mrs Nickolls Trentham Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 June 1925 page 1)*

The Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1925 stated that = A sitting of the Hutt Licensing Committee was held yesterday at which a transfer of the license of the Trentham Hotel was granted from Mrs McInnes to Charles Pritchard. The same newspaper dated 05 December stated that the transfer of the hotel license was the Taita Hotel not the Trentham Hotel as stated

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 7 05 December 1925)*

Evening Post newspaper 27 April 1927

Right of Entry An Interesting Point – An interesting point in the Licensing law was discussed at the Petone Magistrates Court this morning. Hilda Ellen Nickolls licensee of the Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham was charged with delaying to give admission to the Police when admission was demanded. Senior Sergeant McKelvey said that he went to the front door and knocked. The Licensee raised an adjoining window and when admission was demanded the window was shut and admission delayed for 8 or 10 minutes. Constables Macnamara and Wallace gave corroborative evidence. The defence raised by Mr J J McGraith was that the police had no right of entry unless; they had reasonable grounds for believing that a breach of the Act was being committed and quoted decisions to that effect. Senior Sergeant McKelvey in reply said that that point had been overruled in the case of Rex v Dobbin where it was stated that provided the police were on an official round of inspection an inspector under the Act had the right of entry and that was the case on this occasion. Decision was reserved.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 April 1927)*

Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1927

The case was one in which Hilda Ellen Nickolls licensee of Quinn's Post Hotel Upper Hutt was charged with having failed on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> February to admit without unnecessary delay, Senior Sergeant McKelvey an inspection under the Licensing Act. I find said Mr Hewitt that on the occasion in question there were visible no suspicious circumstances either from the inside or the outside of the hotel. I find also that the sergeant when seeking to enter was evidently acting in a bona fide manner and in the course of his duties for the purpose of detecting a possible breach of the Act. A fine of £1 and costs was imposed.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1927 page 11)*

Evening Post newspaper 24 June 1927

Hilda Nicholls licensee of Quinn's Post Hotel Wallaceville admitted a similar charge the proof spirit present in the whiskey sold being 2 per cent less than that in the genuine brand. SH was also fined £20.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 June 1927 page 8)*

Evening Post newspaper 22 December 1927

A Licensing Case - Seldom is a case before the Courts in which a licensee is called to answer a breach of the Licensing Act but the question of the responsibility of a licensee for the acts of his servants is raised. On Sunday, 13th November, Senior-Sergeant McKelvie, of Petone, accompanied by Sergeant Reid and Constable Frost, of Lower Hutt, made a raid on the Quinn's Post Hotel at Trentham. No sooner was the presence of the police discovered than three seamen who were then quartered in the military camp made a hurried exit from the bar through a front window. As a result of the raid, Mrs H B Nickolls, licensee of the hotel, appeared at the Petone Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of opening her hotel for the sale of liquor, and of exposing liquor for sale when the premises should have been closed. Mr

J J McGrath, who appeared for the defendant, besides submitting that there was not sufficient proof that liquor had been exposed for sale, contended that, although a licensee was responsible for the acts of his servants in the case of liquor being sold, he was not responsible if, without his knowledge or authority, his servants should expose liquor for sale or open the premises for the sale of liquor. The Magistrate (Mr J H Salmon, SM) reserved his decision.

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 22 December 1927 page 4)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1928

Sunday Trading - Licensee and Barman Fined - At the Lower Hutt Court yesterday reserved judgment, was delivered by Mr J H Salmon, SM, in the case heard at Petone on 12th December, when Mrs H E Nicholls, licensee of the Quinn's Post Hotel, Trentham, was charged with opening the hotel for the sale of liquor on a Sunday, and, together with a barman, Guest, was also charged with exposing liquor for sale on the same day. The facts as submitted by the prosecution were admitted, but the defence was raised that the licensee was not responsible for the act of a servant in opening the premises or exposing liquor for sale without the licensee's authority. The Magistrate did not agree with that contention, for decided cases showed that while a licensee may not be responsible for the unlawful acts of a servant acting outside the scope of his duties, nor for the unlawful acts of any person other than a servant, he was responsible for the unlawful acts of a batman in opening the premises or exposing liquor for sale, since the barman stood in the place of the licensee in respect to the sale of liquor. Hence it would appear that the licensee was responsible for the acts of the barman, even when the latter was acting in disobedience of instructions. In the circumstances of the present case the barman might also have been charged with opening for sale. On the joint charge, Nicholls and Guest were fined £10 and £5 respectively. The charge against the licensee of opening for sale was dismissed.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1928 page 11)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 31 March & 04-14 April 1928

Hotel Lease For Sale by Tender - Alternative Tenders as under are invited for a Lease of the Hotel premises, commonly known as Quinn's Post Hotel, Trentham.

(a) For the goodwill of a five years lease at a rental of £20 per week

(b) For a straight-out lease for five years

Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the District Public Trustee; Wellington, and marked "Tenders for the Purchase of Hotel Lease." Conditions of Tender and particulars of Lease may be inspected at the Office of the District Public Trustee, Wellington, where tenders will close at noon on the 18th April, 1928. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. G E Miller, District Public Trustee, Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 March 1928 page 6)*

In May 1928 Thomas Quinn held the license for the Quinn's Post Hotel

#### Evening Post newspaper 14-16 May 1928

Notice of Application for a publicans license - I Thomas Quinn of Trentham Hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrates Court at Otaki on the seventh day of June 1928 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a (renewal of) a Publicans License for a house situated in the Town of Trentham and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel also known as Quinn's Post Hotel containing eleven rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated at Wellington the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1928. Thomas Quinn. The Public Trustee is the owner of the premises. Address of owner Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1928 page 2)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 18-19 May 1928

Important Auction Sale of the Entire contents of Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham (various lists and details)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1928 page 16)*

Evening Post newspaper 01 August 1928

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*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 August 1928 page 16)*

Evening Post newspaper 14 September 1928

Deal in Furniture - Hotelkeepers at Variance - A case involving a dispute between two hotelkeepers over the sale in May last of the stock-in-trade and furniture of the Trentham Hotel came before Mr Justice MacGregor in the Supreme Court on Wednesday. The plaintiff was Hilda Ellen Nickolls, now of Kaikoura, and the defendant was Thomas Quinn, of Trentham. Mr H F Johnston, with him Mr S W Fitzherbert, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr W Perry for the defendant. In the statement of claim it was alleged that by an agreement early in May the defendant agreed to purchase the stock-in-trade and furniture of the hotel at a price to be fixed by valuers appointed by both sides. The valuers were duly appointed, and all the conditions of the agreement complied with by the plaintiff, but the defendant failed to pay her the purchase money. A claim was made for £361 4s 1d damages said to have resulted, from the defendant's failure to comply with the agreement. The defence was that negotiations had taken place between the parties in regard to the purchase of the stock-in-trade and furniture by the defendant on the understanding that the plaintiff's lease expired on 10th May. A difference arose between the valuers as to whether a player piano should be included in the furniture, the defendant refusing to take it over as he had no previous knowledge that it was to be included. An agreement was entered into by the solicitors for both parties in regard to payment for the furniture, but without prejudice to the plaintiff's claim to enforce the sale of the piano or the defendant's claim to possession. The plaintiff, it was alleged, had refused to give up possession, for 12 days and the defendant was therefore released from the agreement. A counter-claim was made for £209 12s 1d special and general damages through the plaintiff wrongfully remaining in possession. The plaintiff's answer to the counterclaim was that she was unable to give possession as she was unable to sell the furniture through the defendant's failure to comply with the agreement, and she was obliged to remain on the premises until she could dispose of the furniture. After hearing evidence his Honour dismissed both the claim and the counterclaim.

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 14 September 1928 page 17)*

In August 1928 Elizabeth Rairdon held the license for the Trentham Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 31 August, 01-03 September 1928

Notice of Application for transfer of licenses – I Thomas Quinn of Trentham Publican being the holder of a publicans license in respect of the house and premises situated at Trentham and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Magistrates Court Otaki on the 06<sup>th</sup> day of September 1928 apply for a transfer to Elizabeth Rairdon my appointee. Dated at Trentham the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1928. Thomas Quinn

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 August 1928 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1929

As a result of visits by the police to the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, and the Quinn's Post Hotel, Trentham, on the night of 15<sup>th</sup> December, Henry Benge, John Bearman, Mathew Feehan, Harold Kearney, James Maher, Sidney Selwood, James Troughton, and John Noble McKinnon were charged with being found on licensed premises after hours. Each defendant was convicted and fined £1, and McKinnon was fined £2 for giving a wrong name and address. Charges against Henry Marshall, licensee of the Provincial Hotel, were adjourned

until the next sitting of the Court on 6th February. Remarking that this was the tenth or twelfth occasion on which the defendant had appeared before the Court on a similar charge, the Magistrate sentenced Pat Nepia, who was £2 10s in arrears with a maintenance order, to one month's imprisonment, to be released on payment of the arrears and a fine of £2 and costs. Judgment for plaintiffs by default.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1929 page 4)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1929

The case in which the licensee of the Quinn's Post Hotel Elizabeth Rairdon is charged with selling liquor after hours was continued in the Magistrates Court before Mr I B McNeil, SM, to-day. The case, which arose out of the taxi fatality in the Taita Gorge in December last, was partially heard in the Upper Hutt Court on 13th February, and then adjourned to Wellington. Opening his case to-day, counsel for the defendant, Mr J Scott, held that even although a sale had been made the licensee was not liable if it was made without her authority or knowledge by a person who was not authorised either expressly or impliedly to make such a sale. Giving evidence, Mrs Rairdon said that she retired to bed about 10 o'clock on the night in question. She was wakened up by Mrs Walsh, the cook general, who said she wanted the keys of the bar in order to get a drink for herself, as she felt ill. Mrs Walsh, said witness, had no authority, to serve anybody else, and had never served in the bar except on one occasion, when there were special circumstances. The keys were evidently brought back and put under witness's pillow, for they were there in the morning. Mrs Walsh told witness next morning that she had served some people the night before. Mrs Walsh said that the licensee had no knowledge that she was serving people in the bar that, night. She had no authority to serve people, having on one occasion been told by the police not to serve in the bar. The Magistrate reserved his decision.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1929 page 1)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1929

Notice of Application for a publicans license – I Elizabeth Rairdon of Upper Hutt Publican do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held at the Magistrates Court at Masterton on the 03<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1929 apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Publicans License for a house situated in Upper Hutt in the City of Wellington and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel containing fifteen rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated at Wellington the 04<sup>th</sup> day of May 1929. The Public Trustee is the owner of the premises. Address of owner Wellington. – Elizabeth Rairdon.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1929 page 6)*

#### In May 1929 Joseph Quinn held the licence for the Trentham Hotel

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*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1929 page 6)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1929

After Hours Trading - Case at Trentham Barman Convicted - A licensing case heard before Mr T B McNeil, SM, in the Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt yesterday was that in which Joseph Quinn, licensee of the Quinn's Post (Trentham) Hotel, was charged with opening the premises for the sale of liquor after hours, allowing liquor to be consumed on the premises after hours, exposing liquor for sale after hours, and selling liquor after hours. There were similar charges against the barman Torrens McFetridge. Mr J Scott, on behalf of the licensee, entered pleas of not guilty to all four charges, and for McFetridge, also formally pleaded not

guilty. The charges against both men were heard together. Constables C Joss and C Stewart stated that at 4.20 pm on Sunday, 08<sup>th</sup> September, they visited the Trentham Hotel, and went in by the front door, and by a passage into the main bar. Part of the bar was open, giving a clear view of McFetridge inside, and of liquor on the shelves. On the bar counter were three bottles containing beer, stout, and lemonade respectively, and eight glasses, some containing liquor, and some showing signs of recent use. Eight men were standing around the bar. The Police asked for the licensee, and the barman said he was upstairs in bed, and that he had obtained the keys of the bar from the licensee to supply boarders. The licensee was found to be in bed suffering from a cold, and he admitted giving the keys to the barman. The barman said he opened the bar to serve three boarders, and while they were drinking several strangers came in, and then the police arrived. Mr Scott said there was no doubt that McFetridge had offended, and he withdrew the pleas of not guilty on his behalf. Mr Scott submitted that Quinn was in a different position. Quinn and his wife were the only ones to have the keys of the bar. That day there were two boarders in the house, and when McFetridge asked him for the keys he handed them over on the understanding that McFetridge was to supply only boarders. While the liquor was being supplied to them the other men came in and were served. The measure of Quinn's liability was the authority he gave to the barman. Mr Scott submitted that it was only a limited authority to sell to boarders. Before any conviction could be entered it must be proved that McFetridge had acted with the knowledge and authority of Quinn. Joseph Quinn, in evidence, said that McFetridge was in the bar from 9 o'clock to 6 o'clock every day, besides assisting to clean it out in the mornings. McFetridge was a young man, aged 21, who had been at the hotel since April, having had no previous hotel experience. He had never supplied any liquor after closing hours and had no keys to the bar. Quinn said that on the 08<sup>th</sup> September he was in bed all day with influenza. In the afternoon McFetridge asked for the keys of the bar, naming one of the boarders who wanted a drink. He handed over the keys and the police came in soon afterwards. He had no knowledge of what was going on, thinking that only the one boarder was being served. He had given McFetridge no authority for what, he had done. Corroborative evidence was given by McFetridge. The Magistrate decided to dismiss the information's against the licensee, although the circumstances were highly suspicious against him. The barman he convicted and fined £5 for selling after hours, the police with drawing the other charges. Andrew Sharp, George O'Keefe, Henry Clayton, Matthew Reid, and Stanley John William Malone, men who were, found in the bar were, fined £1 each on charges of being found on licensed premises after hours. Two of the men found in the bar, William John Paul and Raymond Samuel George Bengé, were fined £2 each, as this was their second offence of being found illegally on licensed premises.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 October 1929 page 23)*

Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1930

Quinn – On the 31<sup>st</sup> July to Mr and Mrs J Quinn of Quinn's Post Hotel at Nurse Lomas's Upper Hutt – a daughter, both well

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1930 page 1)*

Evening Post newspaper 14 August 1930

Sale after Hours - Barman Convicted - A protracted licensing case occupied the attention of Mr W J Woodward, SM, in the Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt yesterday. Patrick Kelly, was charged with having been found on licensed premises when they were required by law to be closed. Terrence McFetridge, barman at the Trentham Hotel, was charged with having sold liquor, opened for the sale of liquor, and exposed liquor for sale, all after hours, and similar charges were made against the licensee, Joseph Quinn. Mr J Scott appeared for all the defendants and pleaded not guilty to all the charges. Sergeant J W McHolm prosecuted. Constable Joss stated that with Constable Stewart he visited the Trentham Hotel about 10 am on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and in a small room next to the bar he found Kelly and three boarders. Kelly admitted having come for a drink, but denied having had any. In his pockets were a bottle of stout and a bottle of beer, which he said he had just picked up in a paddock behind the hotel, where he had planted them the previous night. Mr Scott altered his plea in this case to guilty, and Kelly was convicted and fined £2. The same, evidence was used against McFetridge and Quinn. Constable Joss added that McFetridge admitted having served the

boarders, but denied having supplied any to Kelly. Quinn was not on the premises at the time. Constable Stewart's evidence supported this. Mr Scott's submission that there was no case to answer was ruled out by the Magistrate, and the case proceeded. The defence raised by Mr Scott was that McFetridge had no authority to supply liquor to anyone during Quinn's absence after hours. On this morning Quinn, before going to church, had opened the bar for McFetridge to scrub it out and for that purpose only. Mr Scott quoted numerous cases, relating mainly to the liability of a licensee for the acts of his servant. Evidence was given by the three defendants, and by J S Cunningham and P O'Connor, two of the boarders. The barman must be convicted of opening for sale. I am unable to believe his story, said the Magistrate. A fine of £5 was imposed and the two other charges against McFetridge were withdrawn. Regarding Quinn, there was a doubt in the Magistrate's mind whether he could be convicted for an act of his servant. Mr Woodward said he would give a reserved decision in Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 August 1930 page 11)*

In May 1931 Norman Roland Butler held the license for the Trentham Public / Quinn's Post Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1931

Notice of Application for Transfer of Licence – I Joseph Quinn of Upper Hutt Hotelkeeper being holder of a Publican's Licence in respect of the premises situated at Main road, Upper Hutt and known as the Trentham Public Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next licencing meeting to be held at the Magistrate's Court Carterton on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1931, apply for a Transfer of the said Licence from myself to Norman Roland Butler of Upper Hutt late of Public Works Department Foreman my appointee. Dated at Wellington the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1931 – J Quinn

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1931 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1931

Notice of Application for a Publican's Licence - Norman Roland Butler, of Upper Hutt, Hotelkeeper, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting, to be held at the Magistrate's Court at Carterton, on the 4th day of June, 1931, apply for a Certificate authorising the issue of a Publican's Licence for a House situate at Main road, Upper Hutt, and known by the sign of the Trentham Public Hotel, containing 13 rooms, exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated at Wellington the 4th day of May 1931. The Estate of Annie M'Govern, care of the Public Trustee, is the owner of the premises. Address of owner Public Trust Office, Lambton quay, Wellington. Norman Roland Butler

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1931 page 2)*

In November 1932 Edward Perry held the license for the Trentham Public / Quinn's Post Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 14-15 November 1932

Notice of applicant for transfer of licence – I Norman Roland Butler of Wellington being the holder of a Publicans Licence in respect of the premises situate at Trentham Main road Upper Hutt, and known as the Trentham Hotel, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Licensing Meeting, to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Carterton, on the 9th day of December 1932, apply for a transfer of the said Licence from myself to Edward Perry, my appointee. Dated at Wellington the 12th day of November 1932 - Norman Roland Butler.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 November 1932 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 09-10 May 1933

Notice of Application for a Publicans License – I Edward Perry of Trentham hotelkeeper do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Licensing Meeting to be held on the 07<sup>th</sup> day of June 1933 apply for a Certificate authorising the issue of a Publicans Licence for a house situated at Trentham Main Road Upper Hutt and known by the sign of the Trentham Hotel containing 10 rooms exclusive of those required for the use of the family. Dated at Trentham the 04<sup>th</sup> day of May 1933. Mrs Annie McGovern of Wellington is the owner of the premises. E Perry.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 May 1933 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1933

Applications for licenses were approved as under Trentham Hotel E Perry (plus other names)  
*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1933 page 13)*

In September 1933 Mrs Nellie Gordon held the license for the Trentham / Quinn's Post Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 08 September 1933

A permanent transfer from E Perry to Mrs Nellie Gordon in respect of the Trentham Hotel was granted.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 September 1933 page 9)*

Evening Post newspaper 30-31 July & 03-10 August 1935

Hotel Lease Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham – Tenders are invited for a three years lease of the Hotel Premises known as Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham. Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the District Public Trustee Wellington and marked Tenders of Hotel Lease – Conditions of tender and particulars of lease may be inspected at the Office of the District Public Trustee Wellington where tenders will close at Noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1935. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted – A R Coad District Public Trustee Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 July 1935 page 16)*

#### Trentham Hotel

- Lease from Annie McGovern to Nellie Gordon 19 September 1935

*(Archives New Zealand Wellington Office reference AADM 678 W2874 78/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed premises files Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham 1951-1975)*

Evening Post newspaper 02-28 July 1938

Lease by Tender Hotel Property The Public Trustee invites Tenders for the Lease of the Hotel Premises known as Quinn's Post Hotel, Trentham, Wellington, together with approximately 19 acres of Farming Land. Conditions of Tender may be inspected at and any further particulars obtained from the Office of the District Public Trustee for Wellington. A deposit equal to three calendar month's rent must accompany each tender. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Tenders close at noon on the 1st day of August, 1938, at the Office of the District Public Trustee, Wellington, to whom tenders are to be addressed enclosed in sealed envelopes and marked Estate of Annie McGovern, Tender for Lease of Hotel. A R Coad, District Public Trustee, Wellington.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 July 1938 page 5)*

#### Trentham Hotel

- Lease A McGovern to Maccarthy's Brewery Limited 19 August 1938
- Lease Maccarthy Brewery Limited to Nellie Gordon 01 September 1938

*(Archives New Zealand Wellington Office reference AADM 678 W2874 78/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed premises files Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham 1951-1975)*

Between 1942 and 1945 Joseph Quinn held the license for the Quinn's Post Hotel

In 1945 Walter Frederick Albrecht held the license for the Quinn's Post Hotel

In 1946 Edward Stephen Flanagan held the license for the Quinn's Post Hotel

#### Trentham Hotel

- Trentham Hotel Edward Stephen Flanagan licence 26 August 1946 to 26 August 1951 owner of Hotel Estate of Mrs Annie McGovern lessee Maccarthy's Brewery Ltd

*(Archives New Zealand Wellington Office reference AADM 678 W2874 78/a LCC/WELL subject Licensed premises files Quinn's Post Hotel Trentham 1951-1975)*

The 1948 newspaper articles have not been scanned so they are not available on the Papers Past website. The newspaper however are available at Alexander Turnbull library but I have not searched any of the newspapers after 1948.

In 1950 P A Courtenay held the license for the Quinn's Post Hotel.

#### Trentham Hotel

- Licensee 1954 Young
- Proposal for alterations and additions to Trentham Hotel for the McGovern Estate dated October 1954 including maps and plans
- Trentham Hotel Stanley Alan Hebdon licence 26 August 1956 to 1957 owner of Hotel Estate of Mrs Annie McGovern lessee Maccarthy's Brewery Ltd

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Around 1970 the name of the Trentham Hotel was officially changed to Quinn's Post Hotel

#### Quinn's Post Hotel (Red Coaches Restaurant 1971)

- Mrs Isobel Hebdon widow been granted licence of Quinn's Post Hotel 26 November 1957
- George Robert Lamb application for licence 07 May 1958
- Brian Ronald O'Riley application for licence 08 June 1959 & 08 June 1960
- Bryan Wynn Sheehan application for licence 14 June 1961
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### **NOTE = The transcription below has not been completed**

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- Annie McGovern acquired by conveyance 75356 dated 26 September 1898 from Charles Williams
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