

RED CROSS

100 years of the Red Cross in New Zealand

1863

League of Red Cross

The year 1863 saw the foundation of the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva. This was as a direct result of the Battle of Solferino in Italy with all its cruelty and carnage. Since 1863 the Red Cross has brought aid on a totally impartial basis to millions of people in peace and war alike. People of all nationalities, races and creeds have been given life and hope through the humanitarian service of the Red Cross.

1915

New Zealand Red Cross

On 10 November 1915 the first official meeting of the New Zealand Red Cross was held. The organisation began with the outbreak of World War One as a branch of the British Red Cross. During WWI Volunteers sent food parcels, clothes and medical supplies to sick and wounded service personnel in hospitals overseas. While here in New Zealand they assisted with the 1918 influenza epidemic. Currently the New Zealand Red Cross provide meals on wheels, first aid education, disaster relief, community transport for doctor and hospital appointments and various other services. When the Red Cross is needed this valuable voluntary organisation is there. The New Zealand Red Cross is celebrating its 100th birthday this year.

1922

Upper Hutt Red Cross

The Upper Hutt Branch of the British Red Cross Society was proposed by Dr F W Kemp in 13 March 1922. The Upper Hutt Branch of the Red Cross celebrated its golden jubilee with a church parade and luncheon around 1972. The minutes taken by Dr Kemp at that first meeting and the following meetings between 1922 and 1948 are recorded in 3 exercise books held at the Upper Hutt Office of the Red Cross.

Upper Hutt Red Cross Honours Board Red Cross Rooms Princess Street Upper Hutt



| Upper Hutt Branch | | Red Cross - Upper Hutt Branch | | | |
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| <u>Patrons</u> | | <u>Legacies</u> | <u>Presidents</u> | <u>Secretaries</u> | |
| 1940–62 | Lt. Col. Dr Kemp | F.W. Wakelin | 1922–40 | 1923–24 | Mr A Harper |
| 1965–66 | Dr W.W.Akroyd | Cecily Pickerill | 1940–41 | 1924–26 | Mrs F.E. O'Brien |
| 1967–85 | Dame Cecily Pickerill | Allan Strang | 1943–47 | 1926-27 | Mrs R A Smith |
| 1985–03 | Lady Beattie | Judy Wilson | 1948-55 | 1927-30 | Mrs G Smith |
| 2003–08 | Mrs J Uniacke | Dorothy Louisa Kruger | 1955-56 | 1930-32 | Mrs Stroud (Ass/Sec) |
| 2008–11 | Dr Judy Wilson | May Elizabeth Nichol | 1956-61 | 1932-35 | Mrs M K Gibbs |
| 2011 | Mr T Leckie | Irene Riddler | 1961-62 | | Miss E Taylor)Ass/Sec) |
| | | Eva Price | 1962-63 | 1935-40 | Miss E Taylor |
| | | Joselyn Hornabrook | 1963-68 | | Mrs Gibbs (Ass/Sec) |
| | | Betty Boyes | 1968-77 | 1940-42 | Miss E Taylor |
| | | Norma Alison Auld | 1977-79 | | Mrs Herrington (Ass/Sec) |
| | | | 1979-84 | 1942-48 | Miss E Taylor |
| | | | 1984-86 | 1957-58 | Miss A.J. Gunter |
| | | | 1986-87 | 1958-68 | Mrs E Hammond |
| | | | 1987-89 | 1968-70 | Mrs P. Whitaker |
| | | | 1989-91 | 1970-75 | Mr M. Douglas |
| | | | 1991-93 | 1975-77 | Mr N. Buck |
| | | | 1993-06 | 1977-78 | Miss L Gilbert |
| | | | 2006-12 | 1978-80 | Mrs B Topham |
| | | | 2012 | 1980-81 | Mrs D Morgan |
| | | | | 1981-84 | Mrs B Jefferies |
| | | | | 1984-04 | Mrs I.M.Burleigh |

1926 Upper Hutt Red Cross Nurses - V.A.D. (Voluntary Aid Detachment)



(Reference "Upper Hutt the History" by J A Kelleher page 249)

Top left to right Grace Whiteman - Elsie Milligan - Ethel Croft
Middle L to R Latta Blair - Grace Smith - Mrs Tidswell - Mrs Hunter - Nessie Anderson
Front L to R Mrs V B Anderson - Teresa Golder - Ruby Smith - Mrs Hercock - Ida Keys - Mrs Edward

Nessie Anderson

Agnes Johnston (Nessie) Anderson was born 14 June 1908 in New Zealand. Her parents were Christina Thompson nee Innes and Henry Allan Millar (Allan) Anderson. Agnes attended Upper Hutt School between 05 November 1913 and 1922. In September 1914 there was a flower show and Nessie came 4th in the children class.

Nessie (Agnes Johnston) Anderson became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Merit Medallion UH Elementary Section Miss Nessie Anderson & Elementary Home Nursing UH Miss Nessie Anderson. In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Team work UH Miss Nessie Anderson, Intermediate class UH Miss Nessie Anderson, Intermediate First Aid UH Miss Nessie Anderson. In December 1929 the Red Cross awards were published = UH class Advances (medallion) Miss Nessie Anderson & Home Nursing Bar to Advance (fourth year) UH Miss Nessie Anderson.

Agnes Johnston Anderson married James Alexander Ross 1932 in New Zealand. They resided in Elm Street and Hay Street in Upper Hutt. Two former Red Cross nurses Mrs J Ross (Nessie Anderson) and Mrs H Humphrey (Latta Blair) were members of the 1964 Upper Hutt School reunion committee. Agnes's husband James Alexander Ross died in July 1977 and Agnes Johnston Ross died on 21 October 2003 in Upper Hutt.

Mrs V B Anderson

Violet Beatrice Luscombe was born 30 September 1888 in New Zealand. Her parents were Susan Jane nee Perring and Roger Bond Luscombe. Violet attended Omohi School in North Canterbury and in 1921 passed the Trinity College of Music London Preparatory examination with 78 points.

Violet B Anderson became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1923 the Red Cross awards were published = Home nursing senior division UH Mrs V Beatrice Anderson & First Aid Senior Division Elementary UH Mrs V B Anderson. In December 1925 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Advanced Course UH Beatrice Anderson, First Aid Advanced Course & Elementary Course UH Mrs V B Anderson. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = First Aid Medallion Bar to First Aid Medallion Mrs V Beatrice Anderson & Bar to Medallions Home Nursing UH Mrs V Beatrice Anderson. In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Team work UH Mrs V B Anderson & Hygiene and Sanitation Elementary Section UH Mrs V Beatrice Anderson.

Violet Beatrice Luscombe married Robert Esther Anderson on 23 November 1911 in Wellington. During World War One they were resident at Newmans Farm Kaitoke. During World War Two Violet lost her oldest son Roger K Anderson who died of wounds in Libya on 28 November 1941. Violet's husband Robert Ester Anderson died 1943 Upper Hutt New Zealand and Violet Beatrice Anderson died 1981 Hutt Valley New Zealand.

Latta Blair

Latta Blair was born 18 August 1908 New Zealand. Her parents were Elizabeth Janet and Hugh Blair.

Latta Blair was a Red Cross nurse. In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Team work UH Miss Latta Blair & Intermediate First Aid UH Miss Latta Blair

Latta Blair married Harold Norman Humphrey 1935 in New Zealand. Two former Red Cross nurses Mrs J Ross (Nessie Anderson) and Mrs H Humphrey (Latta Blair) were members of the 1964 Upper Hutt School centennial reunion committee. Harold Norman Humphrey died 1968 and Latta Humphrey died 1996 New Zealand.

Ethel Crofts

Ethel Crofts was born 08 July 1910 Leigh England. Her parents were Martha Alice nee Ashcroft and Thomas Kendall Crofts / Croft. Ethel attended Upper Hutt School between 1915 and 1922. The Crofts family resided in Gibbons Street Upper Hutt.

Ethel Croft became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursling Medallions Merit Medallion UH Miss Ethel Crofts & Intermediate Home Nursing UH Miss Ethel Crofts. In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Team Work UH Miss Ethel Crofts, Intermediate Home Nursing UH Miss Ethel Crofts & Intermediate First Aid UH Miss Ethel Crofts.

Ethel Croft married Arthur Charles Ellender 1936 in New Zealand and they resided in Upper Hutt. Arthur Charles Ellender died 1974 New Zealand and was buried Taita cemetery Lower Hutt. In 1981 Ethel a widow was resident in Greymouth. She moved to America in 1994 where she died in September 2009 at Marion USA.

Mrs Edwards

Alice Olivia Ashcroft was born 29 April 1886 New Zealand. Her parents were May Ann and William Ashcroft. Alice attended Petone Central School.

Mrs Alice Edwards became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1923 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Senior Division UH Mrs A Olivia Edwards
In December 1930 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing UH Advance (medallion) Mrs A O Edwards

Alice Olivia Ashcroft married William Henry Edwards 1906 in New Zealand. William Henry Edwards died 1936 New Zealand and Alice Olivia Edwards died 20 March 1958 New Zealand.

Teresa Golder

Teresa Isabella Golder was born 14 June 1893 New Zealand. Her parents were Jane nee Martin and John Golder of Upper Hutt. Teresa attended Upper Hutt School along with her brothers and sisters.

Teresa Isabella Golder became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1925 the Red Cross awards were published = Intermediate Course UH Miss Teresa I Golder. In December 1926 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing UH Advanced section Miss Theresa Golder & Advanced Section & Bar to advanced section Miss Teresa Golder. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Bar to First Aid Medallion UH Miss Teresa I Golder & Bar to Medallions Home Nursing UH Miss Teresa I Golder. In December 1932 the Red Cross awards were published = Senior Home Nursing UH Advanced (medallion) Miss Teresa Golder, Senior First Aid UH Advanced (medallion) Miss Teresa Golder

Teresa never married and resided all her life on Golder cottage Main Road (now Fergusson Drive) Upper Hutt. Teresa Isabella Golder died 1988 and was buried at St Joseph Church cemetery in Upper Hutt.

Mrs Hercock

Freda Mabel Clifford was born 24 July 1887 in Christchurch New Zealand. Her parents were Sarah Emily nee Stanley and Fredric Augustus Clifford. Freda attended Wallaceville School between 1894 and 1900.

Mrs Freda Mabel Hercock became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1923 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Senior Division UH Mrs F M Hercock. In December 1925 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Advanced Course UH Mrs F M Hercock. In December 1926 the Red Cross awards were published = UH Elementary Course Mrs Hercock & Bar to home nursing medallions Mrs Hercock & Bar to Medallion Mrs Hercock. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Intermediate Home Nursing UH Advanced Home Nursing (Bar to Medallion) Mrs Hercock.

Freda Mabel Clifford married Frank Frederick Hercock 1913 in New Zealand. The family resided in Palfrey Street Upper Hutt. Freda Mabel Hercock died 07 October 1947 in New Zealand and her husband Frank Frederick Hercock died 1953 and they are both buried at Wallaceville cemetery in Upper Hutt

Mrs Hunter

Ethel May Smith born about 1880. I do not know who her parents were. Ethel May Smith married Harold James (dick) Hunter 1905 in New Zealand. They had two children and resided in Wellington then later Upper Hutt.

Mrs Ethel May Hunter became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1926 the Red Cross awards were published = Intermediate Home Nursing UH Mrs Ethel Hunter. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Merit Medallion UH Elementary section Mrs Ethel Hunter & Elementary Home Nursing UH Mrs Ethel Hunter.

Ethel's husband Harold died 07 September 1926 in Martin Street Upper Hutt. Ethel May Hunter (widow) married Arthur Edward Campbell 1933 in New Zealand. Her husband Arthur died 1940 and Ethel May Campbell died 30 October 1959 New Zealand and were both buried in Masterton.

Ida Keys

Ida Alice Keys was born 23 December 1902 New Zealand. Her parents were Elizabeth nee Blake and William Richard Keys. Ida attended Upper Hutt School between 1908 and 1915.

Ida Keys became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1925 the Red Cross awards were published = Elementary Course UH Miss Ida Keys & First Aid Elementary Course UH Miss Keys. In December 1926 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing UH Elementary Course Miss I Keys & First Aid Intermediate section Miss I Keys. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Medallions UH Miss Ida Keys, Merit Medallion UH Advanced Section Miss Ida Keys & Advanced Home Nursing Miss Ida Keys.

Ida Alice Keys married Lionel Herbert Stroud 1928 in New Zealand. Lionel Herbert STROUD died 1997 and Ida Alice STROUD died 2002 New Zealand.

Elsie Milligan

Elsie May Martin Milligan was born 26 February 1910 New Zealand. Her parents were Maria nee Churcher and Thomas Martin Milligan. Elsie attended Upper Hutt School.

Miss Elsie Milligan became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1926 the Red Cross awards were published = UH First Aid Elementary Course Miss E Milligan. In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Team work UH Miss Elsie Milligan, Intermediate Home Nursing UH Miss Elsie Milligan & Advanced First Aid (Medallion) UH Miss Elsie Milligan.

Elsie May Martin Milligan married Edward Albert Harrington 1939 New Zealand and they resided in Upper Hutt. Elsie remarried in 1954 to William Barbour Bruce McDowell and they resided in Golders Road Upper Hutt. Elsie's husband William died 1994 and Elsie May Martin McDowell died 1997 in New Zealand.

Grace Smith

Grace Gladys Smith was born 1906 New Zealand. Her parents were Emma nee Bonham and Edward James Smith.

Grace Gladys Smith became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1927 the Red Cross awards were published = Intermediate Home Nursing UH Miss G Smith. In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Team work UH Miss Grace Smith, Advanced Home Nursing Medallion UH Miss Grace Smith & Advanced First Aid (Medallion) UH Miss G Smith.

Grace never married and was residing in Petone Hutt Valley before she died. Grace Gladys Smith died 12 February 1933 at Ewart Hospital Wellington. Grace was buried at Karori cemetery Wellington New Zealand.

Ruby Smith (maternity nurse)

Ruby Agnes Jane Clark was born 12 August 1893. Ruby married George Edward Smith 1925 in New Zealand. They both lived in Victoria Street Upper Hutt.

Ruby Agnes Jane Smith became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1926 the Red Cross awards were published = UH Elementary Course Bar to advanced section Mrs Smith, Bar to Home nursing medallion Mrs Ruby Smith & Bar to advanced section Mrs Ruby Smith. Ruby became a well-known maternity nurse in the Upper Hutt district. In 1933 the Braeburn maternity home was opened in Victoria Street Upper Hutt.

Ruby's husband George died 03 March 1931 New Zealand. Ruby never remarried but remained a widow for the rest of her life. In 1957 Ruby occupation nurse resided at 32 Gibbons Street Upper Hutt. Ruby Agnes Jane SMITH died 13 August 1974 New Zealand and was buried with her husband at St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.

Mrs Tidswell

Frances Jane Stevenson was born 1881 New Zealand. Her parents were Janet Souter and James Stevenson. Frances Jane Stevenson married David Tidswell 1907 in New Zealand and they had 5 children. Mrs D Tidswell of Upper Hutt was the sister and next of kin of WWI Private William Alexander Stevenson 10/259 who served in Gallipoli and was invalided home. Frances and her husband David resided in Gibbons Street Upper Hutt between 1914 & 1919.

Mrs Frances Jane Stevenson became a Red Cross nurse. In August 1926 the Red Cross Society examination results were = Home nursing Elementary Section Mrs Tidswell. In 1928 a certificate was presented to Mrs Tidswell at the Upper Hutt British Red Cross Society for Intermediate Home Nursing.

Frances and her family resided in Main Road, Seddon Street and Wilford Street Upper Hutt between 1928 and 1949. David Tidswell died 1951 and by 1954 Frances resided in Lower Hutt. Frances Jane Tidswell died 1959 and was buried at Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

Grace Whiteman

Grace Elizabeth Whiteman was born on 31 March 1898 in Upper Hutt. Her parents were Mary Ann nee Greenwood and Francis (Frank) Whiteman of Mungaroa Upper Hutt. She was educated at Upper Hutt School between 1905 and 1912. In September 1911 Grace took part in a concert to raise funds for Upper Hutt School. In 1913 the Wellington Technical College Pass certificate was awarded to Grace Whiteman for Domestic Economy First Year. In June 1915 during World War One Grace Whiteman of Upper Hutt donated 6 pillow slips towards the Patriotic fund.

Grace Elizabeth Whiteman became a Red Cross nurse. In December 1923 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Senior Division UH Miss Grace Whiteman.

In December 1925 the Red Cross awards were published = Home Nursing Advanced Course UH Miss Grace Whiteman & Elementary Course UH Miss Whiteman.

In December 1928 the Red Cross awards were published = Bar to Advanced Home Nursing UH Miss Grace Whiteman & Intermediate First Aid UH Miss Grace Whiteman.

Grace never married (spinster on NZ Electoral rolls) and resided Main Road Upper Hutt in 1919, Rosenberg (now Wakefield) Street in 1928 and Queens Street between 1935 & 1949. Grace Elizabeth Whiteman died on 01 July 1951 and was buried with her parents at St Johns Church cemetery Trentham Upper Hutt.

John Golder's grand-daughters present figure of John to the cottage museum



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website John Golder's grand-daughters UH Leader 1998-09-02-14)

Jean (Sister Bertrand) of Auckland left and Irene Wilmshurst of Pukenui near Hamilton pose with a model of John Golder when they visited the Upper Hutt pioneer's home recently.

Sister Bertrand made the model of John and one of his wife Jane (nee Martin), to add dimension to the Golder Cottage Museum at 707 Fergusson Drive. For her it was a labour of love.

The women came to Wellington for the investiture by the Governor General (Sir Michael Hardie Boys) of Mrs Wilmshurst. She received the QSM for her voluntary service to the community over many years in various fields, including **Red Cross**, League of Mothers, Play Centre and helping the elderly.

They are the daughters of John and Jane's 6th son Bertram and by coincidence it was the 110th anniversary of his birth the day they called into the cottage with a group of family members and were shown around by their local niece and cousin, Janice Browne (nee Golder).

City Status procession No 20 Red Cross



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website City Status procession No 20 Red Cross P3-242-1319)

City Status Celebrations. Decorated float for Red Cross Shows Bob Whiteman and Tom Blewman's sports shop and the Brunswick Guest House (later site of Maidstone Mall / Logan Plaza). Sister M Justin and a Sister of Mercy spectator right hand side.

Senior Red Cross Volunteers



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Red Cross Sewing Circle P3-309-1385)

The sewing circle had been started in May 1966 and met monthly in Logan Street and by October 1967 had exported goods and used clothing worth \$12,000 to Western Samoa, Hong Kong, Korea and some leper colonies.

Minutes from the first meeting of the Upper Hutt Red Cross
13 March 1922

Re Public Meeting of Red Cross Society
~~1922~~

A Public meeting of the Red Cross Society was convened by Dr E. H. Morgan held in the Council Chambers Upper Hutt on the evening of the 13th of March. Dr Kemp in the Chair.

After an interesting address by Dr Morgan who pointed out the necessity for a branch Red Cross Society in this district the proposal of forming same was put to the meeting by Dr Kemp.

1. Form a Proposed by A. J. Hopai. Miss Clarke that this Branch meeting form itself into a committee to go into the matter. (Carried)

2. Committee The members of this committee (hereafter to be known as the "Upper Hutt ^{Branch} of the Red Cross Society") are as follows —

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| Mr Dick | Miss Heyford - |
| Mrs Brian | Mrs Crabtree - |
| Miss Clarke | Miss Morgan - |
| Mrs Nicholls | Mr Kemp - |
| Mr A. Hopai | |

3. Proposed Mrs Nicholls. Miss Clarke that Mr A. J. Hopai be elected Hon Secretary (Carried)
Mr Hopai stated that he would be pleased to accept the proposal but as acting secretary as he may be leaving the district shortly.
Mrs Crabtree that a vote of thanks be accorded Mrs Nichol for acting as secretary. Proposed.
Carried unanimously.

(Reference Minutes Book at Red Cross Office Upper Hutt)