

Mungaroa Inn / Hotel **Bloomfield House & Tea Rooms - Bloomfield Farm Company**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Time line</u>
1851	James Collins built the Mungaroa Hotel on Section 112
1851	James Collins was granted a bush license for the Mungaroa Hotel
1858	James Collins lost all his sheep in a major flood
1859	James Collin receives from David Hart Section 113
1861	James Collins died New Zealand
1861	Anne Collins widow of James became proprietor of Mungaroa Inn
1866	Annie's daughter Margaret married William Wise Leach
1871	Inquest held at house of Annie Collins called the Mungaroa Hotel
1874	Anne's daughter Jane married Thomas Croom Mabey
1874	Annie still operating the Mungaroa Hotel
1875	Jane & Thomas Mabey managed the hotel for aging Anne Collins
1875	Police opposed renewal of Mungaroa Hotel licence for Annie Collins
1875	Thomas Mabey became proprietor of Mungaroa Hotel
1876	James C Young became proprietor of Mungaroa Hotel
1876	Inquest held at the house of James C Young called the Mungaroa Hotel
1876	Mungaroa Hotel referred to as the Kaitoke Hotel
1876	Thomas Wagg became proprietor of Mungaroa Hotel
1877	Thomas Wagg licence renewed for the Mungaroa Hotel
1878	Thomas Wagg retired from operating the Mungaroa Hotel
1878	Mungaroa Hotel closed in September 1878 and the hotel license ceases
1878	William Collins places a newspaper advert to let or sell the Mungaroa Hotel
1879	The Benge family purchase section 112 and part 181 from William Collins
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1879	Annie Collins widow of James former Mungaroa hotel landlady dies in Upper Hutt
1880s	Edward & Annie Benge reside in former hotel renamed Bloomfield House
1880s	The former hotel operated as Bloomfield Tea rooms and accommodation
1884	Edward (Ned) & Annie's son Thomas George Benge was born in Bloomfield House
1918	Benge family sold section 112 & part 181 to the Bloomfield Farm Company Limited
1921	Bloomfield Farm Company Limited received their Certificate of Incorporation
1929	John Thomas Harris was the manager at Bloomfield Farm
1929	Amy Harris wife of John continued to operate the Tea Rooms at Bloomfield House
1931	Bloomfield tea rooms were burnt down in 1931 – Not confirmed perhaps demolished
1932	Te Marua Golf Club opened Saturday 16 April 1932 (rented part section 121)
1937	Job Mabey Benge former farmer of Bloomfield Farm Company Limited died
1945	William Ernest Albert Gill former Managing Director of Bloomfield Farm Company died
1955	Bloomfield Farm Company Limited wound up
1950s	Bloomfield House former Mungaroa Hotel perhaps demolished
1950s	William's Hotel (never existed) Kaitoke demolished – perhaps it was Mungaroa Hotel

Mungaroa Inn – Mungaroa Hotel

In 1851 James COLLINS built the *Mungaroa Hotel* later on Section 112 in the Te Marua district of Upper Hutt. The hotel was once situated on Main Road North past the present Te Marua golf course near to the road leading to the Te Marua stock car track and Twin Lakes.

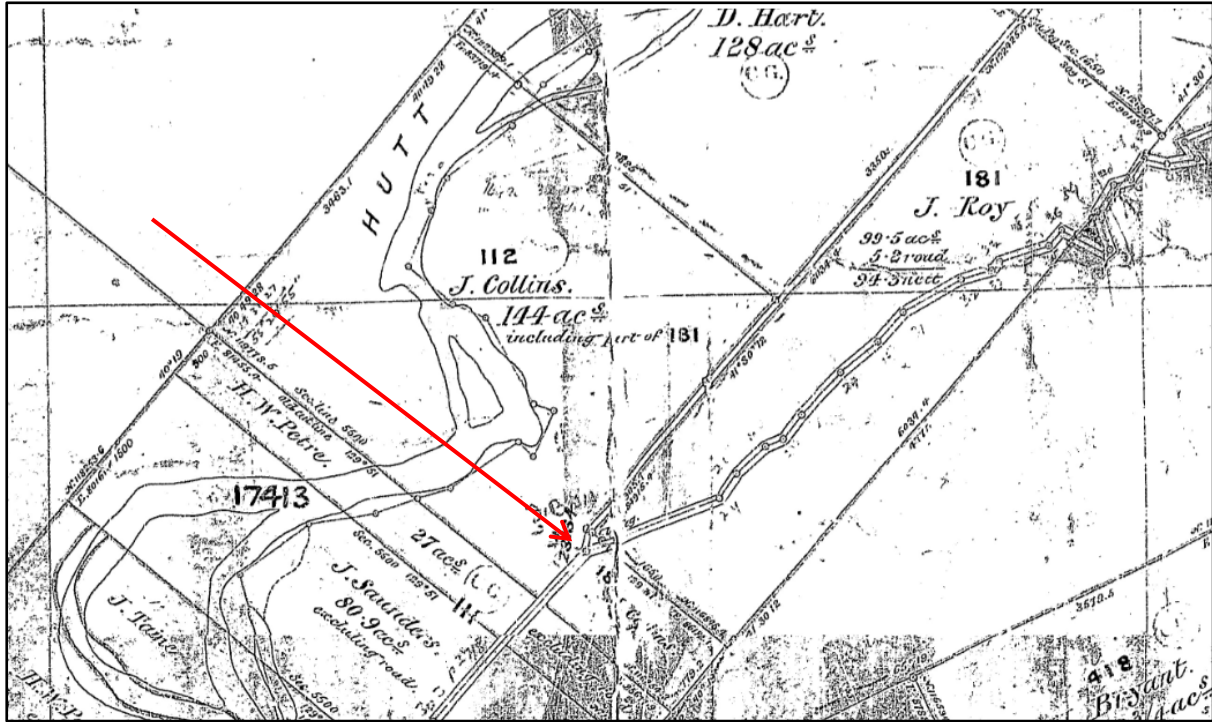
To the north, past the golf course entrance almost mocking the past is a road in to a stock car track. It marks the location of the old Mungaroa Hotel.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 163)

Mungaroo's correct spelling is Mangaroo but in the early years of settlement the area was spelt Mungaroo and sometimes Maungaroo.

Information about James Collins and his family is located at the end of this document under the section "People connected to the hotel and farm".

Section 112 Mungaroo



(Reference 1864MAPUHMungarooJGillardWN_SO_10986_1_1.jpg)

The red arrow marks the area where the Mungaroo Hotel was once situated on Section 112.

"Timber from this mill was thought to have been used to build the Mungaroo Hotel (later Bloomfield House) on the main road north of the present Te Marua turn-off. Collins creek ran on one side of the pit mill.

He [David Benge] moved to Mangaroo at the turn-off to Te Marua plateau in 1857. Here he bought into a small mill said to have been built by Rory Wale's grandfather."

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher pg 60 & 62 ref [23] son Len Benge quoted by B Flewett, Te Marua pg 68)

Information about Rory WALE is located at the end of this document under the section "People connected to the hotel and farm".

James Collins made an application on 22 January 1851 and was granted a Bush Licence on 22 July 1851 for the "Mungaroo" Hotel. When the Mungaroo ceased operating as a hotel it became known as Bloomfield House and later became known as the Bloomfield Tea Rooms. Later in 1921 the property and land became part of the Bloomfield Farm Company Limited.

22 January 1851 – Memorial from James Collins

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council of New Zealand

The Memorial of James Collins of the Mungaroo in the district of the Hutt in the Southern Division of New Zealand Stock Keeper.

Herewith – That your Memorial is anxious for the grant of a bush licence for the sale of spirituous liquors wine ale and Beer at his House and Premises situated at Mungaroo aforesaid and now in his own occupation the House and land being the property of your Memorial.

That your Memorial list has been a Resident in Wellington and its neighbourhood for a period of ten years and that the said House and Premises poses every accommodation necessary for the carrying on of the business of a Licences Victualler.

That in consequence of the large and increasing Traffic between Wairarapa and the surrounding District the want of the Houses of Accommodation is seriously felt by Parties traveling to and fro and on many occasions has been to them a cause of great inconvenient and at their earnest request your Memorialist has been induced to memorialize your Excellency for the Grant of a Bush Licence in order to obviate existing inconvenience.

That your Memorialist begs to name to be his sureties and if required to enter into the usual recognizances.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be adopted in order that a Bush Licence may be granted to your Memorialist - And your Memorialist will every pray.

James COLLINS

Wellington 22 January 1851

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24517028 ACFP 8217 NM8 44 [115] 1851/155 Mr James Collins River Hutt Wellington 04 February 1851 Memorial for a Bush Licence at the Mungaroo in the Hutt 1851)

04th February 1851 Received - Mr James Collins River Hutt Memorial for a Bush Licence at the Mungaroo in the Hutt District

Wellington 22 January 1851

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Memorial for the Grant of a Bush Licence for the sale of liquor at the Mungaroo and beg to request you will lay the same before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor

I have the honour to be Sir

Your most obedient servant

Alfred Domett Esquire Colonial Secretary Wellington

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24517028 ACFP 8217 NM8 44 [115] 1851/155 Mr James Collins River Hutt Wellington 04 February 1851 Memorial for a Bush Licence at the Mungaroo in the Hutt 1851)

04 February 1851 – Testimony for James Collins

As the undersigned Residents, Landowners & Stations in the valley of the Hutt the Mungaroo and the Wairarapa District beg to bear testimony to the serious inconvenience experienced by us on many occasions from want of the means of Accommodation requested for Parties traveling through the above named Districts – And we beg to recommend the Memorialist James Collins to the notice of your Excellency as a fit and proper Person to be licensed for the sale of Spirituous liquors win ale and Beer on the House and Premises which are now in the occupation of them Memorialist and situated as before described And further we beg to add that in our opinion the Premises in question from their convenience and situated are in every respect well adapted for the purpose of a Licences House.

Charles Clifford

Donald Cameron

Fred Weld

Thomas Northerring

W S Donald

M O Scully

Benjamin Ling

R Collins

M S Scully

C F Nairn

George Crawford

J M Sayer

C A Wallacey

Hugh Morison

A M McMasters

Joseph Kelly

[I apologise for any errors as some signatures are hard to transcribe]

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24517028 ACFP 8217 NM8 44 [115] 1851/155 Mr James Collins River Hutt Wellington 04 February 1851 Memorial for a Bush Licence at the Mungaroo in the Hutt 1851)

19 August 1851 The Colonial Secretary in Council

Recommending that Bush Licence be granted to James Collins

That a Licence be issued to James Collins at the same conditions as that of the year ending the 30 June last to commence the 1st July 1851

Licence prepared 28 August 1851

And forwarded to Treasury 22 August 1851

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R24517828 ACFP 8217 NM8 48 [122] 1851/1097 The Colonial Secretary in Council 19 August 1851 recommending that bush licence be granted to James Collins)

Former Mungaroa Hotel built 1851 – renamed Bloomfield House 1880s



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Recollect Old House Te Marua Bloomfield House coaching stop P3-9-31)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 03 April 1852
Memorial of the Settlers of Wellington and the neighbouring districts on the Land claims ordinance and pasturage regulations – [New Zealand Company]

James COLLINS land and stockowner

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 03 April 1852)

15 July 1852 James Collins Application for renewal of Bush License

To His Excellency Sir George Grey KCB Governor in Chief in and over the Islands of New Zealand

The humble Memorial of James Collins of Mungaroa in the District of Port Nicholson New Zealand Settler.

Sheweth

That Your Memorialist is desirous of renewing his License for the above Premises and Prays a license may be granted for the Sale of Spiritues Liquors wine ale and beer agreeably to the previsions of the amended licensing Ordinance on such towns and conditions as Your Excellency and the Executive Council shall deem meet And Your Memorialists as in duly bound.

Will ever pray

James COLLINS (signature)

License prepared 09 August 1852

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24519157 ACFP 8217 NM8 56 [80] 1852/951 James Collins Mungaroa 15 July 1852 application for renewal of bush license)

08 November 1852 Wellington

James Collins signed his name along with other settlers for the election of a Superintendent.

The 02 February 1853 correspondence below does not list the district but all other records in the same folder refer to Auckland. Perhaps it refers to an Auckland James Collins and it not relevant to James Collins of the Mungaroa Hotel in Upper Hutt.

02 February 1853

The Honourable – The Colonial Secretary

Sir

I beg leave to state that James Collins is dangerously unwell, in the most destitute state & that he is an object of charity & a fit person to be admitted into the Colonial Hospital

I have the honour too remain Sir – Yours obedient Servant

(signature) Richard Matthews

Written in red - 02 February 1853 R Matthews Surgeon for admission of James Collins into Colonial Hospital – Referred to Dr Davies to know whether this patient can be admitted - No room in the wards at present – notice will be given (signature) M Davies Col Surgeon 03 February 1853

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23521888 ACGO 8333 IA1 113/ 1853/292 [289-300] R Matthews Surgeon for admission of James Collins into Colonial Hospital)

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 April 1853

Election of Superintendent – James Collins

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 April 1853)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 12 October 1853

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned Publican's Special Licenses for the current year, ending 30th June 1854 are ready for issue:-

James Collins the Mungaroa

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 12 October 1853)

1853-1864 Hutt Electoral Roll

- James COLLINS Mungaroa Publican Freehold Hutt district

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Wellington Independent newspaper 18 November 1857

From a letter which Mr James Collins of this Town has received from his son who is at the Aorere Gold Field's and which is dated the 2nd instant we extract the following - "*Last night a man came down with seven pounds of gold and another party with 800ozs. I should advise all you know not to come here till Christmas. The rivers are so high that we cannot move our things and carriage is £25 per ton to the Ranges*".

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 18 November 1857)

In 1857 James and Annie's oldest living son Charles was only 12 years old. Perhaps the James Collins in the newspaper article is not the James Collins in Mungaroa.

In 1858 there was major flooding in the Hutt Valley. James Collins lost all his sheep.

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 January 1858

The Hutt - [From our Correspondent] Hutt, 10th January 1858

On the east side of the Remutaka, some 20 slips have taken place and it will take fifty pounds to clear and repair the road to its former position. On the west side of the hill little injure is done, five pounds will reinstate it in its former position. The Pakuratahi River rose about 5 feet higher than it had been known to do upon any former occasion. Hodder's had great difficulty in saving their horses from being drowned. It will take fifty pounds to repair the damage done to the road between Hodder's and Collin's. Mr Collins has lost all his sheep and has found 53 carcasses. The river was ten feet higher than he had ever known it before. Upon crossing the Mungaroa the river, been 6 and 8 feet above the main line of road. Nearly opposite Petre's Saw Mill, the river has made new channels, and has swept whole fields of grain and Potatoes away. On this side of the Mill the main road is blocked up with the wreck of houses and drift timber. The Maories were picking out their apparel and goods to dry. Some of the Pakeha's, whose dwellings were washed away, it is said, would have lost their lives had it not been for the Maories. From six to ten feet of

water has been rushing over the road; Mr Burton has lost considerable number of sheep, all the Maori Pa's were well supplied with a number of sheep's carcasses. Near the silver stream the devastation becomes more apparent, the fences are gone, huge pieces of timber lay across the road, the crops are borne down and at the East abutment of the Bridge is a log stretched across the road about six feet in diameter, but upon reaching Wyeth's, the force of the flood is marked, not only by the disappearance of dwellings but by the loss of life. The flood at the Silver Stream first rushes across the road in a South East direction and then rolls back to the river at Wyeth's, and such was the force of the flood that it carried away several dwellings belonging to Mr Wyeth and the inmates, who were drowned, to the number of 13. At 5 pm 7 bodies had been found and a Coroner's Inquest is to sit at 2 o'clock this day the 20th, upon their bodies. The following are the names given of those that are drowned. Mr. Stannaway, wife and five children, Mr Charles Sillary, his wife and child, Mrs Hagin, and her new-born infant, also Mrs Price the nurse, a person named Hartley, succeeded in swimming to a tree and saved his life by hanging to the tree about 14 hours. The bodies found are, Mr Sillary, wife and child, Mrs Hagin, (Mr Dew's daughter), Mrs Price, with the infant in her arms, only born at six o'clock the same morning, and one of Mr Stannaway's little girls, about six or seven years old, six of Mr Stannaway's family are not yet found. Four of the bodies are at Blade's, the Traveller's and three at Mr. Dew's. No lives were lost at the lower Hutt, but considerable damage has been done to property. The Aglionby Arms is tipped endways into the river, and the river has found a new course near Buckridge's public house. The Hutt Bridge stands but the Waiwetu is carried from the piles and swept away

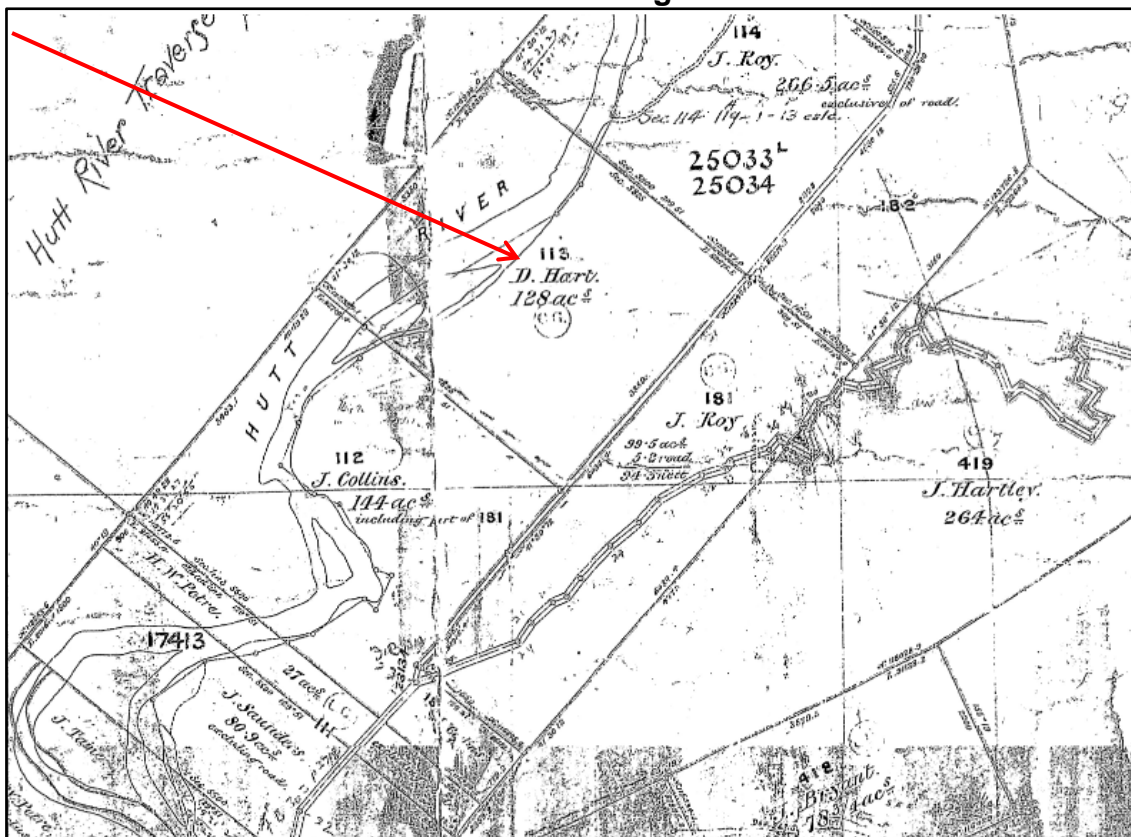
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 January 1858)

1858 Hutt Electoral Roll

- James COLLINS Mungaroa Publican Freehold Hutt district

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Section 113 Mungaroa



(Reference Section 113 Image saved as 1864MapUHMungaroaJ Gillard WN_SO_10986_1_1.jpg)

23 July 1859

David Hart Authority for James Collins to receive Crown Grant for Section No 113 Upper Hutt District

Lower Hutt 02 February 1859

I David Hart of the Waiwetu Lower Hutt do hereby authorise James Collins of the Mungaroa to Receive the deed of Grant in my favour for that Section No 113 at the Mungaroa

David Hart (signed)

Signed before me

The 02nd of February 1859

A Lutham [sic] J.P.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24433938 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 8/ 1859/263 David Hart Lower Hutt 23 July 1859 Authority for James Collins to receive crown grant for section No 113 Upper Hutt year 1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper 17 April 1860

List of names drawn for the Militia 16 April 1860 (various names) James Collins Mungaroa publican

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 17 April 1860 page 3)

David and Philadelphia and their family were resident in Mungaroa when their daughter Philadelphia BENGGE was born on 20 March 1859. They were neighbours of the Collins family. I read that the Bengge and Collins family's residents were opposite each other. The Collins family resided in the Mungaroa Hotel and the Bengge family resided in the cottage named "Stonestead". The Stonestead homestead has survived and is situated at number 3 Plateau Road in the Te Marua district of Upper Hutt.



(Reference [James] Bragge's Wellington and the Wairarapa by William Main 1974 & Digital NZ Between Upper Hutt and Maoribank taken by James Bragge c1875 Te Papa image Collection Registration No D 000026 from glass plate)

In an area which cherishes its legends, Collins hotel was remembered for its hold up, when a couple of over-night guests on stolen horses tried to relieve James Collins of his Cash but were foiled by a young son running off to raise the alarm at the nearer mill. The hold-up was usually referred to by a grand-daughter, Mrs L Salvin, when she recalls her childhood there.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 165)

I have been unable to locate the date of the hold-up but it would have been before 1861 as James Collins was mentioned in the newspaper article and he died in 1861.

Mrs Louisa SALVIN was the granddaughter of Annie and James COLLINS. Louisa's parents were Agnes nee COLLINS and Robert GORDON. Information about Mrs Louisa SALVIN is located at the end of this document under the section "*People connected to the hotel and farm*".

A hold-up became a legend. The gun was produced by young male guests, on horses later found to have been stolen at Napier. The guests may have gained the impression overnight that another guest had left money with James Collins. One of the two presented a gun at Collins in the bar. A child Charles Collins escaped through a window from a room in which he was held, and ran off in the direction of the local sawmill. The pair then took to their horses.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 70)

The Bull - As Mrs Salvin of the Jolly team saw it, the Collins bull would push the Benge bull backwards down the whole mile of main road to the Plateau. The Collins bull apparently never tired of these reverses and Jolly never lost his enthusiasm confirming his status. Some farmers used the road to send cattle to the Wairarapa for fattening. All the drovers knew what a fighter Jolly Collins was and would send word on ahead to Mrs Collins asking for Jolly to be locked up. After the death of his father it was Charles Collins who would usher Jolly into a stable and barricade the door with planks. Jolly would make a terrible noise and try to bunt the place down. He would remain confined till the mob was well up the Mungaroa hill. On one occasion he got free and did pursue a mob almost to the top of the hill. It took two men on horseback with three dogs to get him back. Jolly was so tired after this excess that he lay for three days at the hotel's bar door with patrons climbing over him or opting to go round to the back door to get to the bar. Of course no one was so inconvenienced as to miss their drink.

Jolly was not nearly as interested in anything related to work. This became an issue when the Collins family approved to use of Jolly in the Benge team hauling big logs out of the bush to the mill. Jolly's estrangement from the Benge's mill drover became all the more pertinent.

It came to a head when Jolly had the good fortune to meet drover Darkie Thompson in a narrow cutting on the road. The drover climbed a steep face and hangs on by his fingers until help arrived and Jolly was made to back off.

The saga of Jolly the Collins bull ended when he ate tutu and died of poisoning.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 165 & 167 [29] Mrs Salvin lived at 8 Rodney Street Northland Wellington when she wrote to the author in September 1959)

They were soon at work at Benge's sawmill at Mungaroa and Charles [Hercock] and his wife Ann (Baldwin) has established a home at Upper Hutt. Within a year son William had married Kate Reid (15) of Mungaroa. These were the Hercocks who became part of the legend of the Mungaroa Hotel for their convivial company. The oldest child children of Annie and William were among the first at Upper Hutt School.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 208)

I have been unable to locate any information regarding why the Hercocks became part of the legend of the Mungaroa Hotel for their convivial company. Information about the Hercocock family is located at the end of this document under the section "*People connected to the hotel and farm*".

The accommodation house-cum hotel was at a site which would become entrance to a motorcycle and stock-car speedway. Runaway sailors hiding till their ships had sailed always found a job at the Collins wood heap. Pat Crockery the coach-driver was a regular in the Long Room. Frequent callers including the neighbouring Benge's, the first Hercocock's, Billy Jones, and two men who married Collins girls, Harry Freeman and William Leach

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 70)

James and Annie's older daughter Margaret COLLINS married William Wise LEACH 09 August 1866 at the Cathedral by the Bishop. James and Annie's younger daughter Jessie COLLINS married Henry (Harry) FREEMAN 1879 in New Zealand.

Various 1861 newspapers were full of details about Colour Sergeant James Collins who killed Ensign and Adjutant William Alexander of H.M. 65th Regiment in Wanganui. This man has

nothing to do with the Collins family in Mungaroa. There are coroner's inquest records held at Archives New Zealand in Wellington but I have not signed them as they have nothing to do with the James Collins of the Mungaroa Hotel.

(Reference Archives NZ R25761112 AAAR 27339 W6101 box 4 [16] Coroner's Inquest Case Files Wellington James Collins)

James COLLINS died 09 November 1861 Wellington (perhaps Hospital) New Zealand

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1861 folio website 1861 folio website 1861/3173 age 54 born about 1807)

1861 Will of James COLLINS

This is the last will and testament of me James Collins of the Mungaroa in the Province of Wellington Licensed Victualler. I give devise and bequeath all my Real and personal estate and property of every kind and description Unto William Henry Rotermund and James H Williamson both of the City of Wellington and the survivor of them his executors and administrators. On Trust to permit my wife Annie to receive and take the rents issued and profits of my freehold lands and Public House during her natural life should she so long continue my widow And from and after her demise or marriage which ever shall first happen On trust to apply the rents issues and profits thereof to and for the maintenance and education of my children both sons and daughters in equal shares and proportions until my youngest son William Henry shall attain the age of twenty one years And then In Trust as to Section No 112 and part of No 181 Upper Hutt to and for the use of my said son William Henry and his heirs and as to Section No 113 Upper Hutt to and for the use of my eldest son Charles James and his heirs And as to all my personal estate and effects to and for the use and benefit as far as regards the profits thereof my daughters and my grandson Charles H Webb in equal shares and portions each one of my said daughters and my grandson to have an aliquot proportion of my said personal property on attaining their respective age of twenty one years or marriage the share of any one dying before that age or marriage to be divided equally among the others of them And I hereby nominate and appoint the said William Henry Rotermund and James H Williamson to be executors of this my Will.

Dated this third day of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty one

James Collins (signed)

Signed by the said James Collins as and for his last will (the word freehold estate being crossed out in the first page & in our presence present together who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Charles B Borlase solicitor Wellington

J A Williamson Clerk Wellington

(Archives NZ Wellington R22206993 AAOM 6029 W3265 box 4/ 146 James Collins probate records)

I James Hendry Williamson of Wellington in the Province of Wellington Clerk swear that I knew James Collins of Mungaroa in the Province of Wellington, Licenced Victualler when alive and that the said James Collins was resident within this district and the said James Collins died at Wellington aforesaid on or about the ninth day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

F H Williamson (signed)

Sworn a Wellington this seventh day of January 1862 before me Robert Strang Registrar

(Archives NZ Wellington R22206993 AAOM 6029 W3265 box 4/ 146 James Collins probate records)

Inventory of James COLLINS

Inventory of the Estate of the late James Collins Mungaroa deceased

Household Furniture & Effects – Agricultural Implements – Horses & Cattle at Mungaroa

(As per Valuation taken by Mr John H Horner) = £192 15s 0d

30 head of mixed Cattle depasturing in Wairarapa

Book Debts (all doubtful) = £153 2s 9d

House and Outbuildings

Land Sections No 112, 113 & part of 181 Upper Hutt district

We Henry W Rotermund and James H Williamson declare the above to be true and correct

Inventory of the above Estate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Archives NZ Wellington R22206993 AAOM 6029 W3265 box 4/ 146 James Collins probate records)

1861 Second copy of James COLLINS Will (different archive reference)

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Charles B Borlase solicitor Wellington

J A Williamson Clerk Wellington

(Archives NZ Wellington R24008158 AAAR 24723 W3558 225/ 1054 Probate James Collins probate records)

17 January 1862 - In the Supreme Court of New Zealand Middle district

Be it known to all men that on this Seventh day of January in the year 1862, The Last Will and Testament of James Collins deceased , a copy of which is hereunto annexed, hath been exhibited read and proved before Alexander James Johnston Esquire Judge of the Supreme Court and administration of the personal Estate Effects and Credits of the deceased hath been and is hereby granted to Henry William Rottermund and James Henry Williamson the Executors in the said Will and Testament named being first sworn faithfully to Execute the said Will by paying the Debts and Legacies of the deceased as far as the property will extend and the law binds and also to exhibit unto this Court a true and full and perfect Inventory of the said property on or before the Seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty to – and file a true account of their Executorship on or before the Ninth day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty two. Given under the Seal of the said Supreme Court of New Zealand this seventh day of January 1862

Signed Robert R Strand Registrar

Stamped with the seal of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

(Archives NZ Wellington R24008158 AAAR 24723 W3558 225/ 1054 Probate James Collins probate records)

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 & 28 January & February 1862

Notice – All Accounts due by the late James Collins Mungaroa are requested to be sent to the undersigned within one month from this date and all debts due to the Estate are requested to be paid forthwith

H W Rothermund – J H Williamson

Executors Wellington 20th January 1862

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 & 28 January & February 1862)

When James COLLINS died in 1861 his widow Anne COLLINS became the Licence of the Mungaroa Hotel.

06 December 1861

A letter from Edmund Anderson regarding the employment of Whiteman as a Survey labourer for work on the Mungaroa Valley does not mention any details about the hotel.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24434745 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 10/ 1861/425 Edmund Anderson Upper Hutt 06 December 1861 As to the engagement of a Survey labourer for work in the Mungaroa)

18 April 1863

The report from David McEwen enclosing specifications of the Upper Hutt Mungaroa Road to the Mungaroa Valley and does not mention any details regarding the hotel.

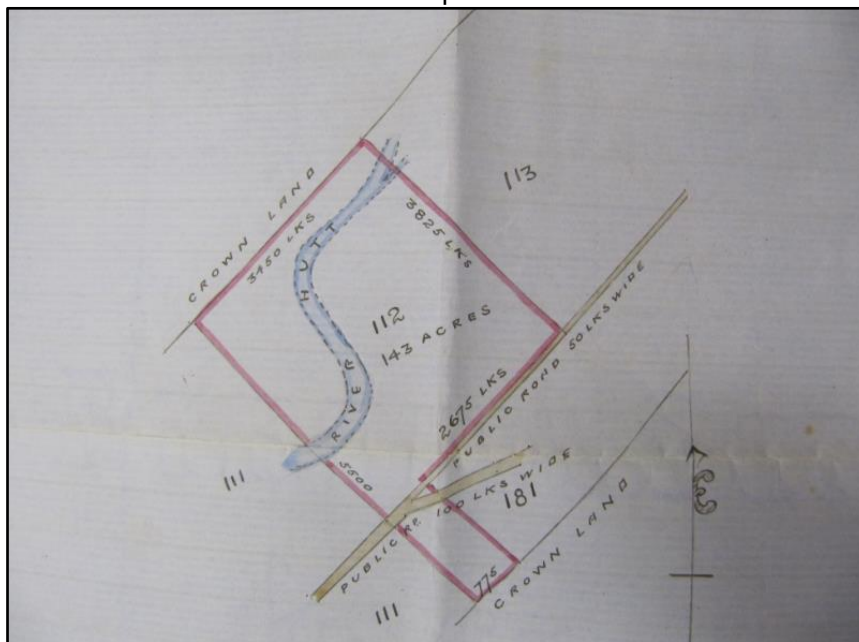
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24435468 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 12 1863/324 David McEwen Belmont 18 April 1863 enclosing specifications of the Upper Hutt Mungaroa Road to the Mungaroa Valley with report etc. year 1863)

17 May 1863

The letter by James Hartley who gave his residence as Rimutaka Hill near Featherston, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands regarding the survey of the Mungaroa Hills and does not mention the hotel.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24435473 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 12/ 1863/329 James Hartley 17 May 1863 requesting that the Mungaroa Hills may be surveyed and put the market as it is some time since he applied for it years 1863)

Section 112 and part Section 181



(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24008157 AAAR W3558 24723 box 225 1053 appointment of new trustees – James Henry Williamson and Annie Collins to James Wallace years 1879 image saved as IMG_2824 on 22/03/2019)

27 June 1864

[Appointment of new trustees]

This Deed made the Twenty seventh day of June One thousand eight hundred and sixty four Between James Henry Williamson of the city of Upper Hutt storeman of the first part and Annie Collins of the Mungaroa in the Province of Wellington widow of the second part and James Wallace of the said City of Wellington Storekeeper of the third part Whereas James Collins husband of the said Annie Collins departed this life in the month of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty one having previously by his last Will and Testament dated the third of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty one appointed William Henry Rotermund therein described and the said James Henry Williamson and the survivor of them his Executors or administrators to be the Trustees or Trustee of all his real and personal property And whereas the said William Henry Rotermund is now dead and the said James Henry Williamson is desirous of being discharged from the Trusts of the said Will and Whereas the said Annie Collins is the person for the time being beneficially entitled in possession under the Trusts of the said and is desirous to have the said James Wallace appointed as a Trustee in the place of the said William Henry Rotermund and James Henry Williams Now this Deed witnesseth that in pursuance of the powers contained in the Conveyance Ordinance in force in New Zealand and at the request of the said Annie Collins testified by her being a party to and executing there presents He the said James Henry Williamson Doth hereby appoint the said James Wallace his

heirs executors or administration to be a Trustee or Trustees of the hereditaments and property mentioned in the said Will in the place or stead of the said William Henry Rotermund and of him the said James Henry Williamson In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto subscribed their names.

(signed) Annie COLLINS her X mark

Signed by the said Annie Collins by making her mark the same having been first read over and explained to her in the presence of -

Clerks to Solicitors D Coleman and A M Bolase (signatures)

(signed) James Henry WILLIAMSON

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24008157 AAAR W3558 24723 box 225 1053 appointment of new trustees – James Henry Williamson and Annie Collins to James Wallace years 1879)

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866

A Trip to the Wairarapa – The Mungaroa Inn was reached in due time. At the foot of the Mungaroa Hill the male passengers were requested to alight and had to walk until they reached the summit.

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

Wellington Independent newspaper 03 November 1866

A Tramp through the Hutt - In the morning, I started on to Mungaroa, where a steady downpour of rain, which has now lasted, without intermission, for thirty-six hours, kept me a guest of Widow Collins but I could not desire a better retreat during that proverbial time of misery a wet Sunday in the country.

Just before reaching Mrs Collins Mungaroa Inn, I passed over a bridge thrown across the Mungaroa River a little above where it falls into the Hutt River. The view up and down the stream is the prettiest I have seen for a long time.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 03 November 1866 page 5)

Wellington Independent newspaper 16 March 1867

I cannot omit mentioning that, since my visit to the Wairarapa last year, great improvements have been effected in the hotel accommodation of the district. Mrs Collins, of the Mungaroa Inn, has made a large addition to her house. Mr W Hodder has erected a spacious hotel, fitted up in the best style and Mr Abbott, of Featherston, has also largely added to his accommodation. In fact, the hotels here could provide for the necessities of a large number of visitors. I must also remark that the roads in the district are kept in capital order.

(Reference Papers Past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 March 1867 page 5)

Annie and the late James' daughter Margaret COLLINS married the local roadman William LEACH.

Wellington Independent newspaper 11 August 1866

Marriages – Leech – Collins – At the Cathedral on the 09th August by the Bishop, Mr William Leech to Miss Margaret Collins both of Mungaroa.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 11 August 1866)

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 October 1868

Found Straying at Mrs Collins, Mungaroa a Bay Gelding white hind foot, brand W off shoulder. The owner can have the horse by paying expenses.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 October 1868)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 11 September 1869

Hotels on the Main Road – The Wairarapa Correspondent of the "Wellington Independent" states that as a rule the accommodation travellers receive in the public houses on the road between Wellington and Wairarapa and in the townships situated within this district is not of the best description. We regret we cannot agree with him in this uncalled for aspersion. Anyone who has stayed at Mr Osgood's in the Hutt, at Mrs Collins at Mungaroa, at Mr Mason's Pukuratahi, at Mr Abbott's Featherston, at Messrs Fuller's and Hammerich's Greytown, at Messrs Tuck's and Jones' Masterton or at the various roadside Inns, the Tauherenikau, Messrs Hodges, Kemble's, Ray's, Cadwallader's, Watson's and Groves will testify to the truth of our assertion that there is

very little to be desired, either in the welcome given to the traveller or in the manner in which himself and his horses are housed and fed

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 11 September 1869)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 18-29 September & 06-23 October 1869

Notice – On and after Monday next a coach will leave Mrs Collins Mungaroa Hotel for Wellington at 6.30 every morning returning the same evening – Walter Harris Upper Hutt 18 September 1869

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 18 September 1869 page 2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 January 1870

Challenge – The undersigned is prepared to make a match with Duncan McMaster for £10 to run a mile or more within a fortnight from this date. To be heard of at Mrs Collins Mungaroa.

Thomas WYETH 28 January 1870

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 January 1870)

Wellington Independent newspaper 21 September 1871

Fatal Accident - Yesterday a fatal accident occurred at the Mungaroa Hill to a road labourer named John Hartley. A mass of earth and rock suddenly slipped from the face of the sideling where the unfortunate man was at work, completely burying him, and killing him on the spot. Mr Fuller, who was passing, conveyed the remains to the Mungaroa Hotel, where they await the holding of an inquest.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 21 September 1871 page 2)

21 September 1871 Thursday - Coroners report on John HARTLEY

Information of witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of John HARTLEY at the dwelling house of Annie COLLINS known by the Name of The Mungaroa Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Thursday the twenty first day of September One thousand eight hundred and Seventy one before John George Fred. WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of John HARTLEY then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

William LEACH being sworn said that

I have been employed as roadman lately in company with deceased John HARTLEY. On Wednesday September 20th I was working on the road with deceased, I was about six yards from him, he was removing the hill-side getting metal when I heard some earth fall, looking round I witnessed HARTLEY and father who was alongside shouted that HARTLEY might be under the earth that had fallen. We removed the earth & found him lying on his face, deceased never survived or breathed after we got him out.

I have heard deceased speak of having a brother in Australia. He has no relatives in New Zealand (signed) *William LEACH*

George Wise LEACH being sworn corroborated the evidence of the previous witness giving the jury the exact position of deceased when the earth was removed from him (signed) *G W LEACH*
Colony of New Zealand To wit:-

An Inquisition indented taken for of our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Annie COLLINS known by the name of "The Mungaroa Hotel" Mungaroa in the said Colony on the Twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy one before John G F WILFORD one of the coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of John HARTLEY, then and there lying dead upon the oath of John WILKINS foreman – Thomas BARTON – Charles COLLINS – William T SPACKMAN – George HALL – John EDWARDS – Thomas WALDIN – Phillips DAVIS – John BENGGE and, Robert HOOPER – Edward MORGAN – Peter ATKIN

Good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when, how and by, what means the said John HARTLEY came to his death do upon their oaths sat – That

The Deceased John HARTLEY was accidentally killed by the fall of some earth whilst following his usual occupation of road-maker on Wednesday the twentieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said Jurors aforesaid have hereunto set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and

J G F WILFORD Coroner

John WILKINS foreman – Edward MORGAN – W T SPACKMAN – Charles Collins – Thomas WALDIN – John EDWARDS – Robert HOOPER [sic] – John BENGÉ – John BARTON – Peter AITKENS – George Hall – Phillip DAVIS

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24287969 ACGS 16211 J1 116 / at 1871/2394 Coroner Hutt 23 September 1871 Inquest proceedings on John Hartley)

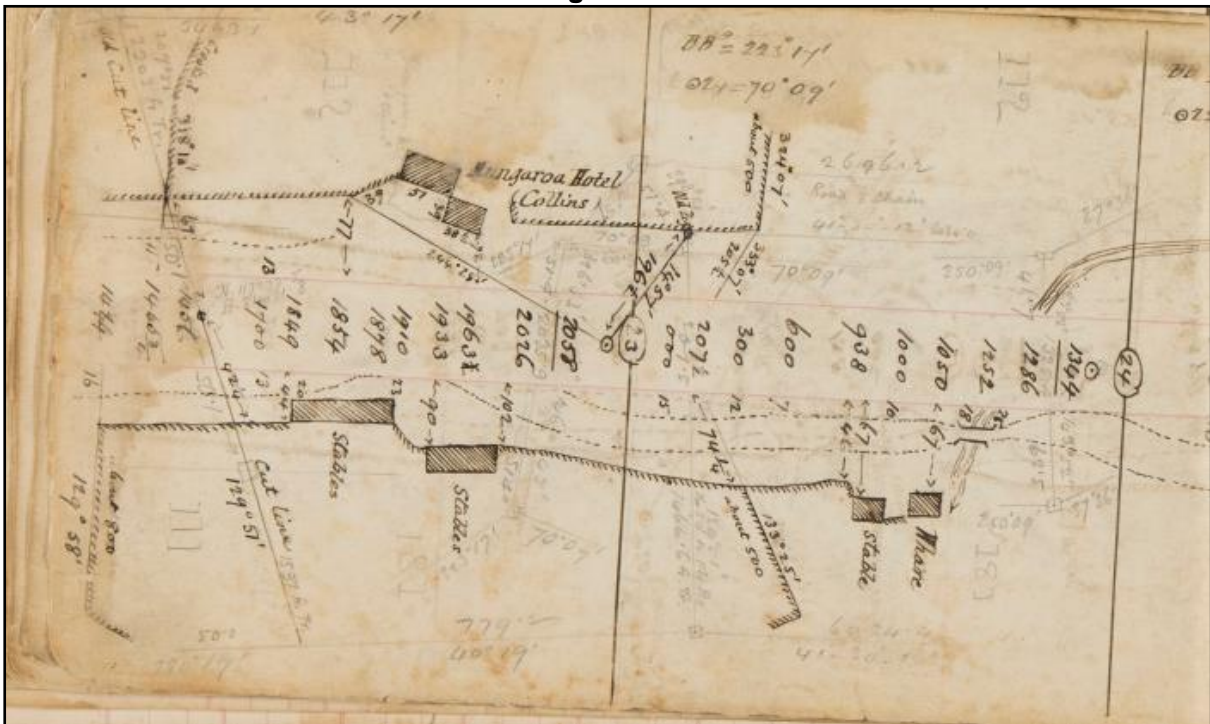
The witness at the inquest was William Wise LEACH the son-in-law of Annie and the late James COLLINS.

Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1872

Coaches will leave Hatfield's Royal Hotel daily at 4 pm and Collins' Mungaroo Hotel at 6.15 am

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 June 1872 page 2)

1874-1875 Mungaroo Hotel - Collins



(Reference LINZ website fieldbook J Sircom Jnr Upper Hutt & Pakuratahi 1874-1875 WN_303-0032 page 28)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper

1874 Directory – Growth – (various details covering Petone and Upper Hutt) - Above the Gorge - Mangaroo had five families, J Bengé sawmiller, J Martin grazier, C Collins sawyer, W Collins labourer and Mrs Collins Mangaroo Inn

(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 26 August 1911 page 4)

Wellington Independent newspaper 13 February 1874

Important Sale of Freehold Land situated at the Upper Hutt and Mungaroo

George Thomas had been favoured with instructions from R M Cleland Esq to sell by public auction on Monday the 23rd of February immediately after the sale of Truck's estate at the Empire Hotel

250 acres of good land near the main road just opposite Mrs Collins Mungaroo Hotel

The line of railroad as laid down will go through this land, which will greatly enhance its value.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 February 1874)

Evening Post newspaper 23 April 1874

Licensing Court – Country Licenses – The following licenses were granted – Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt, Annie Collins Mangaroa Hotel Mangaroa – Thomas Wagg Pakuratahi (Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 23 April 1874 page 2)

In 1874 Annie Collin's daughter, Jane married Thomas Croom MABEY. In a later newspaper article it refers to Mr Mabey and the Mungaroa Hotel.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1874 folio website 1874/9895 & Papers past website New Zealand Times & Evening Post newspaper 20 September 1875)

New Zealand Times newspaper 02 February 1875

Resident Magistrate's Court

Monday 01 February (Before J C Crawford Esquire KM)

Threatening to Kill - George Kane was charged with threatening to kill John Buchanan on Thursday 3rd January. Mr Gordon Allan appeared for the prisoner. Prosecutor deposed that he was formerly a police constable, when he had occasion to arrest the prisoner. On the 3rd January he met Kane at Kaitoke, who followed him to Collins', Mungaroa Hotel. When Kane came into the hotel, witness went out, because he wished to avoid any quarrel with the prisoner. Kane, however, followed him out, and asked him if he was as good a man as when he was in the police at Wellington. Witness asked him what he meant. He said he wanted to have it out with witness for locking him up in Wellington. He said he had a good mind to make witness go down on his knees and beg his pardon for what he had done, at the same time using insolent and threatening language. Prisoner had his right hand on his revolver all the time. The landlord of the house told Kane to go away, to which he replied that he might as well have it out then as at any other time, as he meant to be hung for witness yet. Was afraid that he might carry out his threat, and desired that he should be bound over. In answer to Inspector Atchison, witness stated that when he arrested the prisoner on the occasion alluded to, he had a revolver on him, with five barrels loaded with ball. Mr Allan addressed the Bench, and called the following evidence - Joseph Corbett, contractor, said he had known Kane about six months. On the 3rd January witness was at the Mungaroa Hotel with Buchanan when Kane came in. Kane had pants and shirt on, no vest or coat, but witness saw no sign of a pistol. He had his hand in the breast of his shirt. When Kane came down he asked witness to tell Buchanan to come out as he wanted to fight him, and witness advised him not to raise a disturbance on the Sabbath day. When they went into the hotel witness and Buchanan came out again, and Kane followed them. He asked Buchanan whether he was as good a man as when he arrested him in Wellington. Buchanan replied that he wanted nothing to do with him. Didn't hear Kane say that he would hang for Buchanan. Cross-examined by Inspector Atchison - Buchanan asked witness to take Kane away, as he was a dangerous man. The first thing Kane said was that he wanted to fight Buchanan. Never heard of any men leaving the works, in consequence of Kane's temper. Thos. Ferguson, a railway sub-contractor, said that Kane had been in his employ for six months. He was a sober, quiet, peaceable man, who never made a disturbance with any one. Saw Kane on the 3rd January, and he then had no appearance of excitement, nor was there any sign of a pistol about him. Robert Gordon, Ferguson's partner, said Kane was a man rather of a quiet than excitable character. Witness had seen him grossly insulted on one occasion, when he walked away rather than create a disturbance. Sergeant Monaghan said that on a former occasion Kane was arrested on suspicion of lunacy, in consequence of certain complaints. He had been examined by two medical men, but was too cunning for them, and evaded a committal. He had undergone a month's imprisonment in Canterbury for vagrancy, and had also been charged with lunacy there, on account of his violent behaviour. When arrested in Wellington on the last occasion he had in his possession a revolver with five barrels, loaded with bullets. The police retained possession of the revolver, and only gave it up to him upon an order of the Bench. Since that time he had obtained a permit to purchase ammunition, although the police had cautioned all the vendors of powder and shot against supplying the prisoner with either one or the other. Inspector Atchison applied that the pistol should be forfeited. His Worship said he should have no hesitation in stretching the law in such a case, as the prisoner was undoubtedly a dangerous man. He did not, however, see how he could declare the pistol to be forfeited. He did not regard the charge as a criminal offence, at the same time the prisoner had shown by his conduct in court on previous occasions that he was neither sane nor insane, but that he was a

very dangerous man there was not the slightest doubt. He would, therefore, be bound over to keep the peace for six months, himself in £50 and two sureties in £50 each.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 February 1875)

Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1875

On Saturday evening last a meeting was held at the Mungaroa Hotel by Mr McKirdy's employees on the Mungaroa railway contract. It was well attended by workmen and sub-contractors, and the proceedings were conducted in the most orderly manner. The object of the meeting was to discuss the advisability of forming an accident fund in connection with the Mungaroa section of the railway works. Mr Price was elected to the chair, and fully explained the object in view. The following resolution was proposed by Mr Fergusson, sub-contractor at Kaitoki, "That this meeting deemed it advisable to form a fund in connection with the Mungaroa section of the Wellington and Masterton railway, such fund to be raised by weekly or fortnightly payments as may be afterwards decided, such fund to be available in cases of accident on the works." Carried unanimously, Mr McLuckie proposed, "That this fund be called the Mungaroa Accident Fund, to be raised by subscriptions of sixpence per week from all workmen employed on the section," which was carried.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 February 1875)

Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1875

The application of Annie Collins, for the Mungaroa Hotel was opposed by Inspector Atchison, on the ground that Mrs Collins was an unfit and improper person to keep, the house, which always was in a filthy state, and a perpetual scene of drunkenness and fighting Sundays included. Recently when a party of travellers, seven or eight in number, called there, refreshment at first was refused to them, and on persisting, all they could get was a loaf and a tin of salmon. He himself had passed recently, and saw a number of drunken men laying about outside, several with black eyes, who evidently had been fighting. Altogether the place was conducted in a disgraceful manner. Constable Lyster corroborated this account. Mr Buckley, for the applicant, objected to the Inspector's statement that she was an improper person. He admitted she was unfit being old and feeble, and he did not deny or excuse the former conduct, but if the license was granted it would be transferred immediately to Mr Mabey. Inspector Atchison objected to Mabey also, unless he would show what improvements he proposed making. The Commissioners adjourned the case for a fortnight, to enable the new applicant to bring up his plans.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1875 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 June 1875

Hutt Licensing Court – Wednesday 09 June before JC Crawford, A Ludlam, W Beetham & G Beetham Licensing Commissioners. The Commissioners took their seats on the bench at noon.

Mungaroa Hotel

The renewal of the license for this house was opposed by the police. Mr Buckley appeared on behalf of the applicant Mrs Ann Collins. Inspector Atchison said he opposed the application mainly on the ground that the applicant was not a fit person to have charge of the house, which was a constant scene of drunkenness and rowdyism. In order to give the Bench an idea of the way in which the house was managed, he might mention that on the 23rd May last a party of visitors from town went up to the Mungaroa, and called at Collins, where a tin of salmon and a loaf of bread were put down for dinner. Drunkenness and fighting were kept up all the evening by a lot of men who usually hung about the place, and these orgies were kept up till the small hours of the morning. On Monday morning, he (Inspector Atchison) passed in the coach, and saw the results of the previous evening's debauch, in the shape of several men lying about outside drunk. The management of the house was so bad that no respectable person could go into it. Constable Lyster supported the statements of Inspector Atchison, adding that there were no stables attached to the house, and that travellers frequently complained of the accommodation. The fact of the matter was that Mrs Collins had nobody to assist her in the management of the house, and that although she did her best, she was not equal to the necessities of the position, being rather an old woman. Mr Buckley was prepared to admit that the management had not been all that could be desired. Mrs Collins was quite prepared to make way for another and a more active tenant, provided the Bench granted the license. As a matter

of fact, arrangements had been made to let the house to Mr Mabey, who was present, and he hoped therefore the Bench would grant the license. Inspector Atchison had his doubts whether Mr Mabey possessed qualifications for hotel keeping in any way superior to those of Mrs Collins. His objections in these cases applied as much to the capacity of the applicant as to the fitness of the house, but he would not then dwell further upon that point. What he would suggest was, that the Bench should adjourn the application for fourteen days, so that the applicant should have time to bring forward plans for improvements, and give some guarantee that accommodation for the public should be better attended to in the future. The Bench coincided in these views, and adjourned the application for a fortnight

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 June 1875)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 10 June 1875

At the Hutt Licensing Court today the following applications were opposed by the police – Anne Collins Mungaroa Hotel, Walter and Frederick Hodder Golden Fleece Pakuratahi and Charles Harris Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. All the opposed cases were adjourned for fourteen days. Evidence was given of the houses being badly conducted and the adjournment was to afford an opportunity for amendment all other applications being granted.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 10 June 1875 page 2)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 12 June 1875

Inspector Atcheson opposed the Mungaroa House on the ground of want of proper accommodation and unfitness of the applicant Mrs Collins from advancing years to control it.

(Reference Papers Past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 12 June 1875 page 2)

New Zealand Time newspaper 22 June 1875

The first quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Railway Accident Club was held on Thursday evening 17th June at eight o'clock in the Mungaroa Hotel. Votes of thanks were accorded to the committee, secretary and treasurer and also to Mrs Collins for the assistance afforded to the club by allowing the use of her rooms.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 22 June 1875)

Evening Post newspaper 23 June 1875

Jane [sic] Collins license was granted on condition that it is transferred to Thomas Mabey at the next quarterly licensing meeting and that alteration be made in the building

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 June 1875 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 June 1875

The adjourned meeting of the Hutt Licensing Bench took place yesterday at noon when consideration of the applications of Walter Hodder for a license for the Golden Fleece Hotel Pukuratahi, Charles Harris Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, and Jane Collins for the Mungaroa Hotel was resumed. The license for the Mungaroa Hotel was granted on condition that it should be transferred to Mr Mabey at the next licensing meeting and a condition was attached to the licenses for the Criterion and the Golden Fleece which were granted to the effect that certain improvements must be made before next licensing day.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 June 1875)

Evening Post newspaper 16 September 1875

Notice had been given by Inspector Atchison that he should apply to the Court to cancel the license of the Mungaroa Hotel held by Anne Collins on the ground that that house was improperly conducted.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 September 1875 page 2)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 18 September 1875

At the Quarterly Licensing meeting for the Hutt district on Tuesday last a quorum of Commissioners were not present. Mrs Collins license for the Mungaroa Hotel was to be opposed by the police on the ground of the house being improperly conducted.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 18 September 1875)

Widow Ann Collins had sold [hotel] to her son-in-law Tom Mabey in 1875.

(Reference Upper Hutt – The History by J A Kelleher page 78)

Annie did not sell the hotel to Thomas MABEY in 1875 but Thomas did take over the hotel license. The property was not sold until 1879. According to the next newspaper article Mr Mabey was operating the Mungaroo Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 27 September 1875

Thursday 30th September – Mr J Duncan has receive instructions from Mr C Collins to sell by auction, at his saleroom, on above date, at 2 o'clock - 128 acres land at Mungaroo, situate on the main trunk line of road, and within a short distance of the new railway station. Nearly the whole of this valuable property is level land (all excepting 5 or 6 acres), principally covered with good timber, and adjoining Mr Mabey's Mungaroo Hotel. Further particulars and plans may be seen at the auctioneers. After which will be offered.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 September 1875 page 3)

There is description of the land for sale and according to James Collin's Will he bequeath Section 113 to his son Charles COLLINS. The hotel was situated on Section 112.

Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1875

The case of Ann Collins of the Mungaroo Hotel was first considered. The Inspector of Police had made an application to the Licensing Bench to cancel the license for failing to carry out the conditions on which the license had been granted at the annual meeting. Mr Buckley appeared on behalf of Ann Collins. The Inspector of Police drew the Commissioners attention to the fact that at the annual meeting the license was granted on condition that the license should be transferred to Mr Mabey as soon as possible. A further condition was made that certain improvements to the house should be made, and plans were then submitted to the Bench, indicating the improvements required. These improvements were to have been commenced without delay but instead of the license being transferred to Mr Mabey, Mrs Collins continued in occupation, and the business had not been conducted in a proper manner. Mr Buckley stated that Mr Mabey had taken possession of the house on the 7th of this month. He admitted that what had fallen from Inspector Atchison was correct, but that Mr Mabey having now taken possession of the house, the improvements required would be carried out in fact, the work had already commenced, and would be completed in six weeks. He would venture to say that in the hands of Mr Mabey the house would be properly conducted. The Commissioners stated that if Ann Collins had been still in possession of the house they would have cancelled the license but under the altered circumstances, they would consent to the transfer being given to Mr Mabey.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1875 page 3)

New Zealand Times newspaper 19 November 1875

128 acres land at Mungaroo (adjoining Mr Mabey's Hotel) the whole of which is level and covered with good timber except 5 or 6 acres

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 19 November 1875)

Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1876

The meeting of the Licensing Court held this afternoon when the license held by J Mabey was transferred to W Young for the Mungaroo Hotel.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 04 February 1876 page 4)

Around 1876 Annie Collins daughter Jane Laura and her husband Thomas Croom (Tom) Mabey leased section 94 in Upper Hutt. Section 94 is near the Blockhouse and in between Fortune Lane and Ward Street. Annie went to live in Upper Hutt and so the hotel would have been leased out.

In 1876 James C YOUNG took over the license of the Mungaroo Hotel. A Wellington district newspapers around this time period recorded W Young and A Young. Perhaps they have some connection to James C Young. An inquest was held at the dwelling place of James R Young known by the name of Mungaroo Hotel.

Wednesday 10 May 1876

Information's of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of Henry Hodgson at the dwelling-house of James R Young known by the name of The Mungaroa Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above-mentioned on Wednesday the 10th day of May One thousand eight hundred seventy six before one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Robert Edward being sworn said that I was coming from the Mungaroa Hotel on Monday 08th May when I noticed the deceased lying in the ditch foam was coming out of his nose. I saw him breathe three times, on seeing him I ran towards the Hotel and called out the inmates & drew their attention to deceased, we turned deceased over and as we turned him he breathed his last – This was about one o'clock pm I had seen deceased about seven o'clock in the morning, he had a flask of brandy in his pocket which I opened for him, deceased was quite sober at the time, deceased told me he had been on the place for five weeks but he did not complain of ill health at all, I saw deceased the day previous, he walked down the road with me and as we walked he was taken with a giddiness in the head & fell down, I assisted him & he soon was all right again, deceased divided his time between the Upper Hutt, Mungaroa & Pakuratahi & about a fortnight he spent in Wairarapa

(signed) Robert Edwards

George M Kirk being sworn Saith that I was coming along the Mungaroa Road on Monday 08th May when I came upon deceased lying at the side of the road, I accompanied him and some of those cronies from the Hotel tried to get a spoon full of brandy down his throat, deceased was alive when I came up but died within two or three minutes, deceased was a very quiet made that much advice to drink, I noticed a bruise on the crown of his head, his knee not broken but discoloured, I also noticed two or three old bruises about his face, foam was coming from his nostrils, deceased was lying on his left side near a pool of water not in the water.

(signed) George M Wick

John Pegrau being sworn saith that I was coming out from Benge's Mill on Monday about one o'clock just as I came on the road near deceased coming up the road, I spoke to him and he said he was going up to the public house to get some beer, about an hour & a half afterwards I heard deceased was dead, deceased was in his usual state when one the space really nervous and shaky, he made no complaint of any kind, deceased lived in the same house with me when at work but the last five weeks being in the space he had not been at house. Never knew deceased take any drugs to pat him night after a heavy drunk.

Don't know where deceased slept the night previous to his death. It could not have been many minutes after I saw him that he met his death.

(signed) John Pegrau made X if mark witness David Lyster & Horace Amies

John C Young being sworn saith that the last time I saw deceased alive was on Sunday morning about 8 o'clock, he came into the bar & had a pint of beer, he took away with him a flask of brandy, deceased was sober but very shaky, he has been a good deal at the house during the last month deceased has been in the habit of sleeping in the stable at the Mungaroa Hotel

(Signature) John C Young

Alfred Kingcome [sic] Newman been sworn saith I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner resident in Wellington I have made a post mortem examination of deceased Henry Hodgson & find that the cause of death was rupture of blood on the brain I examined the stomach, heart, liver and other internal organs, I found them notably not healthy, specially so to allow deceased to live, the arteries of the brain I found in such a circulation that they were found to burst presser or later any extra exciter would be likely to precipitate miss [sic].

(signature) Alfred K Newman MB

The above named Depositions of

Robert Edwards - George M Wick - John Pegrauc [sic] - John C Young Alfred K Newman

Written on five pages on paper numbered consecutively from one to five and by me affixed together were taken and sworn before me at Mungaroa Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the tenth day of May 1876

(signed) J G F Wilford

(Reference Archives NZ R24348191 ACGS 16211 J1 187 as 1876/1533 Coroner Hutt 17 May 1876 with inquest proceedings on Henry Hodgson year 1876)

Note the inquest recorded John R Young at the beginning but when John gave evidence he recorded his name and signed it as John R YOUNG. So now we know it is John R Young that held the licence for the Mungaroa Hotel in 1876.

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 08 June 1876

At the Hutt Licensing Court to-day, Young's application for the Mungaroa Hotel was adjourned for a fortnight, the police opposing.

(Reference Papers Past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 08 June 1876 page 2)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 10 June 1876

The Licensing Court for the Hutt Licensing district was held on Wednesday. Only one application was opposed namely that of **Young's Kaitoke Hotel**. Inspector Atchison objected to the license being granted in consequence of several complaints having been made to the district constable at the Upper Hutt that the house was improperly conducted. It appeared that Mr Price, Mr McKirdy's overseer had informed the constable that **Mr Young** had kept one of his men drinking for a week to the injury of the contract and that after the man had spent all his money **Young** accepted a lever watch as payment for a further supply of liquor. It was stated further that an unfortunate who had been drinking at the hotel for some time on one occasion was supplied with a flask of brandy on the morning of his death. As the intention on the part of the police to object to his license, Inspector Atchison asked for an obtained an adjournment of the application for fourteen days in order that due notice might be given.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 10 June 1876)

This is the first time I have found the Mungaroa Hotel referred to as the Kaitoke Hotel. Perhaps this is why a publication mention two hotel's in the same district but in reality there was only one. There are no records of a hotel license ever been granted to a Kaitoke Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 28 June 1876

At the Hutt Licensing Court to-day Mr Young's license was granted

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 28 June 1876 page 2)

Information about the Mr Youngs' is located at the end of this document under the section titled "*People connected to the hotel and farm*".

In 1876 Thomas WAGG took over the license of the Mungaroa Hotel.

Information about Thomas WAGG and his family is located at the end of this document under the section titled "*People connected to the hotel and farm*".

Evening Post newspaper 07 September 1876

At a Licensing Court held at the Hutt yesterday there were two applications for the transfer of licenses which were unopposed and granted. The Taitai [sic] Hotel was transferred to Mr Worth and the Mungaroa Hotel to Mr Wagg

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 07 September 1876 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 30 December 1876

Picnic and Ball

A Picnic will be held in the Paddock adjoining the Mungaroa Hotel on the 01st January next to be followed by a Ball in Wagg's Mungaroa Hotel same evening

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 30 December 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1877

The other case was slightly more serious, a man named James Sullivan being charged with wilfully damaging the door of the Mungaroa Hotel. His excuse was that he wanted a bed on that occasion and Mr Wagg the proprietor of the hotel would not let him in. Mr Wagg on the other hand stated that defendant wanted him to give him a flask of liquor. His Worship remarked that even if defendant had been in search of a bed his desire for such was scarcely sufficient reason

for his breaking in the door of a hotel. He was therefore fined 40s and costs and ordered to pay 60s for damage done. In default to go to prison for fourteen days.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 12 March 1877

A Public Ball will be given at the Mungaroa Hotel on Friday the 16th instant being the eve of St Patrick's Day

Thomas WAGG – Mungaroa Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 March 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877

The Licensing Court sat at noon yesterday – Renewals - The following licenses were renewed, no opposition being made in regard to them Albion Hotel J H Corbett, Golden Fleece Hotel R F Petford, Railway Hotel N Valentine, Railway Hotel (Upper Hutt) Isaac Wilkins, Mungaroa Hotel Thomas Wagg.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877 page 2)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 16 June 1877

Mungaroa Hotel

The application for a license for the above hotel Mungaroa was granted

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 16 June 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1877

Lost, stolen or strayed, a black Mare branded 8 on near shoulder with white fetlock on right hind foot. Above reward will be paid on delivery to Mr Wagg or Mr J Marten Mungaroa Hotel

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1877

09th November – Prince of Wales Birthday

A Ball will be held at the Mungaroa Hotel Mungaroa on the above date – T WAGG

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 17 December 1877

Stealing from a Tent – Thomas Freeman [Darkey Tom] and Thomas Williams were charged with stealing from a tent at Mungaroa.

Phoebe WAGG wife of the landlord of the Mungaroa said the prisoners each charged a note with her on the 08th instant.

Constable Lyster said that when the prosecutor complained of his loss witness made inquiries and as the result arrested prisoners in the Mungaroa Hotel.

I did not transcribe the full newspaper article.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 December 1877)

Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1878

Ball at Mungaroa

A Ball will be held at Wagg's Mungaroa Hotel Mungaroa on Monday 18th March

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 March 1878)

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1878

Hutt Licensing Court 0 Wednesday 05 June

Thomas Wagg, Mungaroa Hotel Upper Hutt. No objections. Granted

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1878)

Evening Post newspaper 24 August 1878

Tuesday 02nd September at 1 o'clock - Sale at Mungaroa Hotel

Mr J H Wallace is instructed by Mr Thomas Wagg (who is retiring from the hotel) to sell by public auction at the Mungaroa Hotel Upper Hutt on Tuesday 03rd September at 1 o'clock

The whole of the household furniture and effects in the Mungaroa Hotel Upper Hutt together with horses, pigs and sundries

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 August 1878 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 29 August to 03 September 1878

Tomorrow Mr J H Wallace will sell as advertised at the Mungaroa Hotel Upper Hutt household furniture and effects for Mr Thomas Wagg who is retiring from the hotel business Bloomfield House

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 August to 03 September 1878)

Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1878

To-morrow Mr J H Wallace will sell as advertised at the Mungaroa Hotel Upper Hutt household furniture and effects for Mr Thomas Wagg who is retiring from the hotel business

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1878)

The Mungaroa Hotel license was not renewed after Thomas WAGG retired in 1878.

Evening Post newspaper 02 & 03 September 1878

To Let or Sell the Mungaroa Hotel. Possession will be given about 7th September. For full particulars apply to William Collins Upper Hutt

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 02 & 03 September 1878)

William the son of Annie and the late James COLLINS advertised the hotel to let or sell after Thomas Wagg vacated the property. William's newspaper article only appeared in the September 1878 Evening Post. After this date nothing appeared in the Evening Post newspaper or any other newspaper.

The hotel passed to son William Collins, then was sold to Ned Benge for £2,026. He called it Bloomfield House, and had it when its licence expired

(Reference Upper Hutt – The History by J A Kelleher page 78)

Edward (Ned) was the son of David and Philadelphia BENGÉ who by 1864 were resident in the Mungaroa district in the homestead "Stonestead" and has been neighbours of the Collins family.

On the 23 May 1879 William Henry COLLINS sold section 112 which was the property of the Mungaroa Hotel to brothers John BENGÉ, David BENGÉ, Edward BENGÉ and Samuel BENGÉ.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington LINZ Room 1879 Deed volume 57 folio 476 & 478)

It was the BENGÉ brothers who jointly purchased section 121 and part section 181 from the Collins estate but Edward (Ned) was the brother who settled on the former hotel property.

The Mungaroa Hotel was situated on Section number 112 and when the section was sold in 1879 the hotel licence ceased. Edward's wife Annie began to run the former hotel as tea rooms and accommodation. The building became known as the Bloomfield Tea Rooms and Bloomfield House.

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 04 January 1884

Reminiscences of the Early Wairarapa Settlers

At this time the road was made as far as Barton's gate Upper Hutt but had been formed as far as the fern ground to Petre's mill some good while before and therefor a bog. Starting early in the morning we made good progress calling of course at the Travellers Best Taita where Mr Buck gave us a cheering word. At Barton's gate we said we had come to the end of the then known world and plodded on to the Shepherd's Arms, where the Criterion Hotel now stands, Mr Brown we found (true to his signboard clad in shepherd's garb and very civil. Reaching what is now Cruickshank's mill we had to mount on the flat above. From this to the Mungaroa River a line road had certainly been laid off. There had been a bridge over the river but it was washed away. This was the first bridge built between Lower Hutt and the Wairarapa. Mounting the north bank we had another mile of swamp before reaching Collin's Hotel here we thought we had earned out dinner and had it. After refreshment and a little more swamp we reached the foot of the Mungaroa hills. Here we were all right with a good side cutting all the way up but the descent was not so favourable as there were many flats with I may say no road. Mounting the Pakaratahi flat we had another mile of swamp before us. That done we reached the Golden Fleece, where

Mrs Hodder welcomed us. We just took refreshment and started again. Crossing the Pakaratahi River we had another mile or more of swamp. Coming to the foot of the Rimutaka we were all right again. Here we made good tracks until within about two miles of the Summit where dusk overtook us. There used to be deserted blacksmith's shop and roadman's whares which were burnt in later year, here we took up lodging.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 04 January 1884)

The Mungaroa Hotel closed in September 1878

Anne COLLINS widow of James Collins died 02 March 1879 Upper Hutt New Zealand and was buried at Catholic Mount Street cemetery Wellington.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 179 folio website 1879/1502 age 70 born about 1809 & Mount Street cemetery Wellington website)

Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1879

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Mrs COLLINS are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral which will leave by the 11 am train from the Upper Hutt on Wednesday 5th Inst., and will leave the Railway Station Wellington at 12.30 same day – E Butler Undertaker

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1879 page 3)

According to Annie's late husband James Collins 1861 Will, upon the death of Annie quote;
"trust to apply the rents issues and profits thereof to and for the maintenance and education of my children both sons and daughters in equal shares and proportions until my youngest son William Henry shall attain the age of twenty one years And then In Trust as to Section No 112 and part of No 181 Upper Hutt to and for the use of my said son William Henry and his heirs and as to Section No 113 Upper Hutt to and for the use of my eldest son Charles James and his heirs".

In 1863 one of the trustees died and a new trustee was appointed.

1879 Will of Annie COLLINS (very hard to read terrible writing)

This is the paper writing referred to and produced to Philips Vaulier and Charles J Kemble at the court of their swearing affidavit of this day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine before me a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

Instruction in my will to be taken as a Will in case I should die before a new formal one is executed, I leave to my daughter Margaret Leach three hundred pounds – I leave to my other daughter Agnes Gordon two hundred pounds – I leave to Charles Collins my son one hundred pounds - to William Collins another son six hundred pounds - I leave to Jessie Collins another daughter five hundred pounds - I leave to Jessie Collins my house and land she having all my debts and funeral and testimonials charges which debt I assign as my said cost [sic] - Executors already made from my one other accountant [sic].

Dated 16 February 1879 – Annie (her X mark) Collins

Witnesses Philip Vaulter Accountant Wellington & C J Kemble Law Clerk Wellington

Signed by the said Annie Collins by making her mark in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the forgoing instructions having been previously read over to the said Annie Collins who appeared to properly understand the same

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R22205561 AAOM 6029 W3265 26/ 1293 Annie Collins Probate & Family search website)

In the Will of Annie Collins deceased 14 March 1879

Mr Brandon to move in Chambers on Friday the fourteenth day of March 1879 – Probate to issue to Charles Collins and Jessie Collins Executor and Executrix named in the Will of the late Annie Collins

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R22205561 AAOM 6029 W3265 26/ 1293 Annie Collins Probate & Family search website)

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand Wellington District

In the matter of Annie Collins deceased

I Thomas Charles Butler of the Upper Hutt in the Hutt County carpenter Swear - That I knew the above named Annie Collins of the Upper Hutt on the Hutt County widow when alive and that the said Annie Collins was resident at the Upper Hutt aforesaid within this District and that the said

Annie Collins died at the Upper Hutt aforesaid on or about the Second day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy nine

T C Butler (signed) witness J S Cruickshank J.P.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R22205561 AAOM 6029 W3265 26/ 1293 Annie Collins Probate & Family Search website)

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand Wellington District

In the Matter of Annie Collins late of the Upper Hutt in the Hutt County widow deceased.

We Charles Collins of the Upper Hutt in the Hutt County Settler and Jessie Collins of the same place spinster on the instructions for the will hereinafter mentioned called "Jesse" Severally swear - That we believe the paper writing now produced bearing date the 10 February 1879 to be instructions for the last Will and Testament of the above named Annie Collins and that we are the Executor and Executrix therein named and we believe that no formal will was executed by the said Annie Collins

We swear That we will faithfully execute the said Will by paying the debts and legacies of the deceased as far as the property will extend And the law binds - That the value of the property for which Probate is sought is over the value of One hundred pounds

(signatures) Jessie Collins & Charles Collins

Sworn at Wellington this seventh day of March One thousand eight hundred and Seventy nine before me – Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand (signature)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R22205561 AAOM 6029 W3265 26/ 1293 Annie Collins Probate & FamilySearch website)

On the 23 May 1879 William Henry COLLINS sold section 112 which was the property of the Mungaroa Hotel to brothers John BENGGE, David BENGGE, Edward BENGGE and Samuel BENGGE. They were the sons of David and Philadelphia BENGGE of the homestead named Stonestead on part Section 181.

Bloomfield House – Bloomfield Tea Rooms

On the 23 May 1879 William Henry COLLINS sold section 112 and section 181 to brothers John BENGGE, David BENGGE, Edward BENGGE and Samuel BENGGE.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington LINZ Room 1879 Deed volume 57 folio 476 & 478)

It was the BENGGE brothers who jointly purchased the property from the Collins estate but Edward (Ned) BENGGE was the brother who settled on the former hotel property on Section 112.

Edward's wife Annie began to run the former hotel as tea rooms and accommodation. The former hotel building became known as the Bloomfield Tea Rooms and Bloomfield House.

Tom [Thomas George Bengge] was one of nine children born to Edward (Ned) Bengge and Mary Ann Mabey of Taita, where Ned was born. He [Tom] was born in Bloomfield House Te Marua, he recalled in conversation "The house I was born in at Te Marua on 10 February 1884 was a two storeyed place which was also a sort of hotel or boarding house once owned by a Mr Collins. It was right on the main road on the left side going north at Bloomfield as it was known then opposite Stonestead. My mother ran the boarding house which was used by drovers and other travellers to and from Wairarapa. Bid mobs of cattle used to come through from Featherston. We had holding yards for them. Some of them were pretty wild I remember.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 200)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911

District News - Notice to Tourists and others. As most of the Settlers have run short of food of late owing to increase in family, the following may be useful when touring or seeking work.

1. Accommodation House, 2 miles from here known as "Bloomfield House" good feed, (towards Featherston).
2. Railway-guide to Stations, at all Rly Stations, price threepence.
3. Tourist Guide at Tourist office in all cities giving price for Fishing, Shooting, Localities, Coach fares and distances through Colony, price sixpence.

4. Names of places in New Zealand and general guide to complete New Zealand Index with Directory, Wise & Co., Lambton Quay, Wellington, opposite Dominion Newspaper office, Dominion Avenue.

5. Dog Boxes attached to Railway Vans see conditions in No. 2 as above.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911 page 2)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 18 January 1913

District News – May Morn Sports on February 22nd at the Bloomfield House paddocks. Particulars later.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 18 January 1913 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 20-27 February 1913

May Morn Sports to be held on Saturday 22nd of February at Bloomfield Farm Upper Hutt. Blackberries in abundance on the Farm, Great Chopping and Foot Running and all sorts of Amusements. Geange's Brakes will meet morning trains and run to sports and back for 2 return. H Hall Secretary

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 February 1913 page 8)

Evening Post newspaper 14 August 1913

Big Scheme – Sawmilling and Settlement – May Morn Estate at Mangaroa - From the sawmill, with its immense steel chimney stack, nearly as high as the destructor chimney in the city, a standard gauge light railway, properly sleepereed and ballasted, with 40 lb steel rails, runs down the Mangaroa Valley to its junction with the valley of the Hutt River at Bloomfield House, some five miles from Upper Hutt.

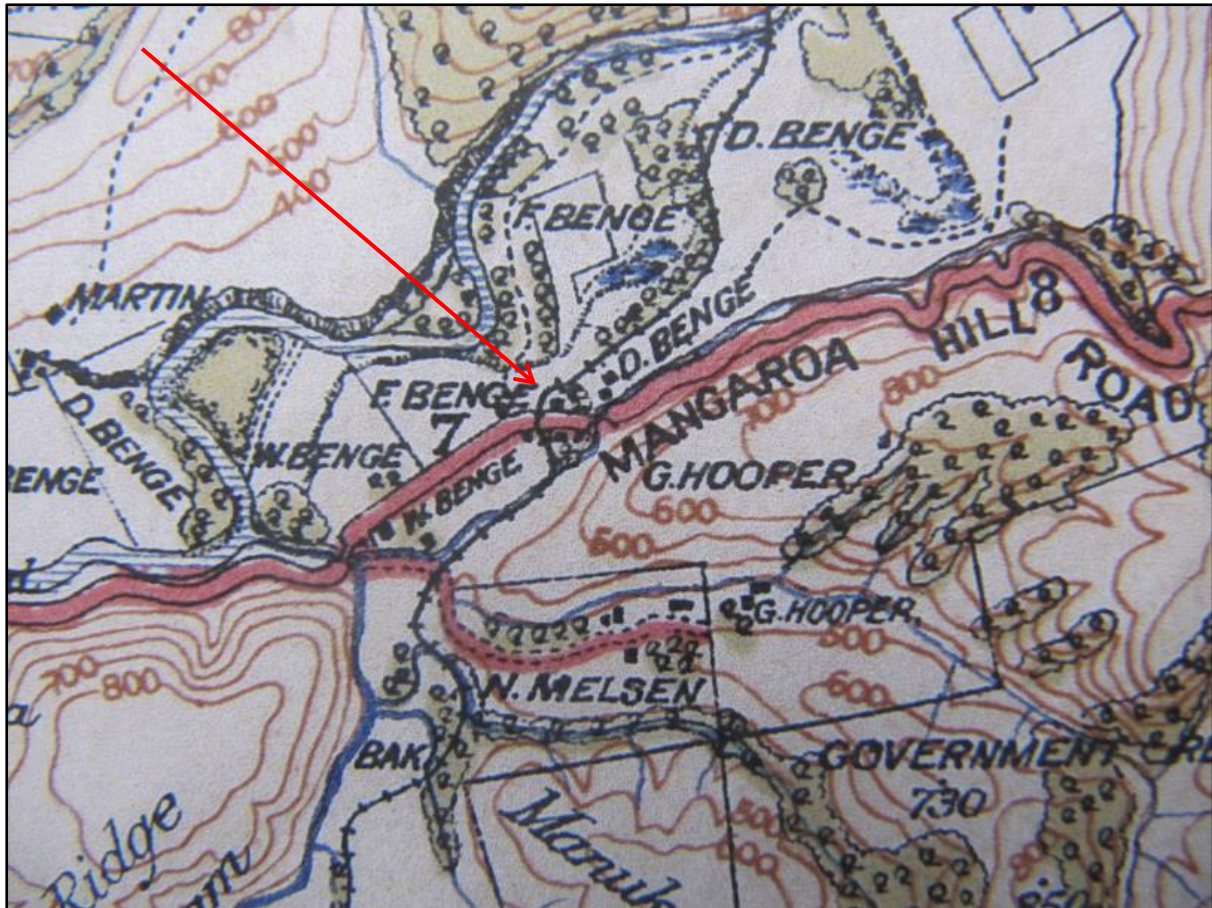
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 August 1913 page 3)

Dominion newspaper 16 October 1913

Wanted a strong Working Housekeeper wages £1 no objection to child address Bloomfield House Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 16 October 1913 page 1)

1915 Map of Manoeuvre Area
Neighbourhood of Trentham Camp Wellington 1915



(Reference 1915 Map of Manoeuvre Area Neighbourhood of Trentham Camp Wellington IMG_3004)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 February 1915

Peeps into the Past – Oddfellows Rose of Sharon Lodge - The opening of the Rose of Sharon Lodge, No 4675, of the Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Oddfellows, took place on 25 April 1857 fifty eight years ago. At that time the township (such as it was then) being located in the neighbourhood of the blockhouse which is still to be seen in rear of the Trentham post-office. There were a number of "Inns" in the upper end of the Hutt Valley in those days the Coach and Horses at Silverstream, the Highland Home (afterwards named the "Railway Hotel and subsequently destroyed by fire) on the east side of Kitchen's store, the Shepherd's Inn afterwards re-named the Criterion Hotel, dismantled at a later date and known as Dalton's Hall and remodelled to serve as the Upper Hutt Coach Factory, the Mungaroa Inn now Bloomfield House, and another at the Pakuratahi (since, burnt down) on the place where Stevens manager now lives. The Shepherd's Inn was established by James Brown, senior, a Paisley man, (father of James and Andrew Brown and Mrs Alexander Martin senior, of Upper Hutt). It was at this inn then called the Criterion Hotel that the Duke of Edinburgh stayed when he visited Upper Hutt in 1865. The minutes of the first meeting show that the opening ceremony took place at Upper Hutt at the house of Matthew Sharley sign of the Shepherd's Inn, and that GM Brother Canning installed the following officers of the new Bro Perry VG, Bro Hinds, Sec Bro Wilson RHS to V G, Bro J Condon LHS to NG Bro R B Loughton, RHS to VG Bro Crabb L, HS to VG Bro R Humber. The minutes record that the following were then initiated as members of the Rose of Sharon Lodge, having been previously proposed in the Loyal Good Intent Lodge - Walter Lee, George Harrison, George Freeman, James Wall, Thomas Simmonds and Robert Wilson. The members admitted in 1857 were Bros, Hirst, Prescott, Selby, McLaughlin, Aldred, McHardie, Hackett, Williams, Nelson, Morgan, Hercock, Greenwood and Cruickshank. Among those admitted to membership were Richard William Pearse (full member) and Richard Barton (honorary) in 1858. In 1858, the Lodge was removed to Host McHardie's Highland Home Inn.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 February 1915 page 4)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 08 January 1937

Obituary - Job B Benge - The death occurred early on Monday morning last of Mr J B Benge, of Ebdentown, at the age of 59. Mr Benge, who had been ill for some time, was at Nurse Nelligan's [sic] private hospital, at Victoria Street, Upper Hutt. He was well-known in the Upper Hutt district, having lived there most of his life, and his death came as a great blow to many of his friends. Born at Taita, Lower Hutt, he was the son of the late Edward Benge, one time sawmiller and farmer in the Hutt Valley. Up to a few years ago Mr Benge was farming at Bloomfield Farm, at the foot of the Kaitoke Hill. Mr Benge leaves a widow, two sons, Messrs L and K Benge, and two daughters, Mrs Haggerty (Auckland), and Mrs J Golding (Upper Hutt). He was a brother of Mrs Harper, Mrs Burrell and Mr T Benge, all of Upper Hutt. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, under very adverse conditions, but notwithstanding the weather there were over 50 cars in attendance. The Rev G V Kendrick, Church of England, conducted the service, the first part in the church, and the latter at the graveside. Among those present were members of the farming and business community of Upper Hutt and surrounding district. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including some from the members of the family. The sympathy of residents is extended to the widow and family in their bereavement.

(Reference Papers Past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 08 January 1937 page 2)

Please refer to my website (address top left side of page) under the section "Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies" click on document titled "Benge and Roberts" Family.

Bloomfield Farm Company Limited



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Recollect Bloomfield Farm Te Marua now golf course and speedway P7-1-71)

It was owned later by Bloomfield Farm Company, a trio of Wellington businessmen who included a brewery executive. They were as interested in Friesian cattle breeding as in finding a role for the old hotel. They did give Bloomfield House a last run as tearooms, run by a Mr and Mrs Harris. Harris was in charge of the stud. The former pub was burned down, and the property was divided up

(Reference Upper Hutt – The History by J A Kelleher page 79)

Around 1916-1918 Mr Burke and Mr Gill began purchasing land around the Mungaroa district which included section number 112 which was once the property of the late James Collins of the Mungaroa Hotel.

John Thomas HARRIS was appointed farm manager of the Bloomfield Farm. In the 1920's John's wife Amy was operating the Bloomfield Tea Rooms.

Evening Post newspaper 06 December 1920

Wanted good Woman, Girl or Married Couple, one child not objected to, homely people. Apply Bloomfield Farm Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 06 December 1920 page 1)

For information about Amy and James HARRIS please refer to the end of this document in the section titled "People connected to the hotel and farm".

In 1921 the Bloomfield Farm Company Limited was registered as a Company and the farm manager John Harris also known as Jack held one share.

Bloomfield Farm Company Limited Certificate of Incorporation was dated 08 March 1921. The company breed various farm animals, entered stock competitions and won many prizes for their stock. The Company wound up on the 21 February 1955.

Over the period 1921-1955 the shareholders in the Bloomfield Farm Company Limited were - Robert AITKEN - Jeffrey Mervyn ANDREW - Catherine Cecilia BOURKE - Michael Francis BOURKE - Leo Charles CARROLL - Jack Ronald DENTON - Gordon DUNCAN - William Archibald FULLER - John Owen GILL - William Ernest Albert GILL - Winifred Elsie GILL - Jack HARRIS - Thyra Ruskin HOSKING - Brown McMahon LEYDON - Williams Stanley LOWE - Alistair Donald MACLAREN - Maurice Patrick O'CONNOR - George Coleman PHILLIPS - Thomas ROMAIN - Harold Purser POOLE - Russell Edward POPE - Agnes PRIESTMAN
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R20465244 ADSN 17631 CO-WW3445 245 1921/14 Bloomfield Farm Company Limited Upper Hutt years 1921-1955)

Evening Post newspaper 24 October 1927

A son of the late Mr Hodder of the Golden Fleece is Mr James Hodder senior, of Dalefield Wairarapa, who bears well his advancing years, and who remembers the chain of hotels in the old Hutt Valley. In addition to his father's at Pakuratahi, he remembers a hotel at the Mungaroa (the building of which, he says, still survives as Bloomfield House, now an afternoon tea institution), two at Upper Hutt, and one at Taita, but the Golden Fleece was of special importance as a place for changing horses.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 24 October 1927 page 10)

Evening Post newspaper 26 January 1929

Wanted to Sell, Quantity Black and White Fowls and Ducks, good condition, laying, also Afternoon Tea Tables and Chairs, etc.; manager leaving. Apply J Harris, Bloomfield Farm, Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 26 January 1929 page 1)

Bloomfield House and Farm (where the golf course and stock cars appeared) and Stonestead (at the start of the road to the Plateau) were all owned by a single syndicate, from the mid-1920s to the early 30s with pedigree Friesians on the farm, Bloomfield House serving teas (Mrs Harris in charge) and a bull paddock round Stonestead.

(Reference Upper Hutt - The History by J A Kelleher page 167)

I can confirm that the Company rented sections on their land holdings from 1944 to 1954 to Whiteman & Sons, J Maher and the Te Marua Golf Club. They may have rented land before this date but I only located information regarding these years.

Part of the Te Marua Golf Club is situated on the same section as the former Mungaroa Hotel. For additional details about land owners and occupiers I would have to research the Upper Hutt district Valuation records.

In 1924 as guests of Mr W E A Gill a group of golf enthusiasts got together to set out an area sufficient to play golf on. The Te Marua Golf Club was established on the property known as Bloomfield Stud Holmstein Farms. In 1926 the Club was still a private one of Mr Gill and his friends. Mr Gill agreed to a club being formed on 11 September 1931. By 1931, 9 holes had been formed. In 1948 the first contact was made to Bloomfield Farms for the purchase of the property. In 1949 the club became fully established. The club had been renting the property and it was not until 1954 that the club finally purchased the property. The club house was opened on Prize-giving Day 23 November 1968.

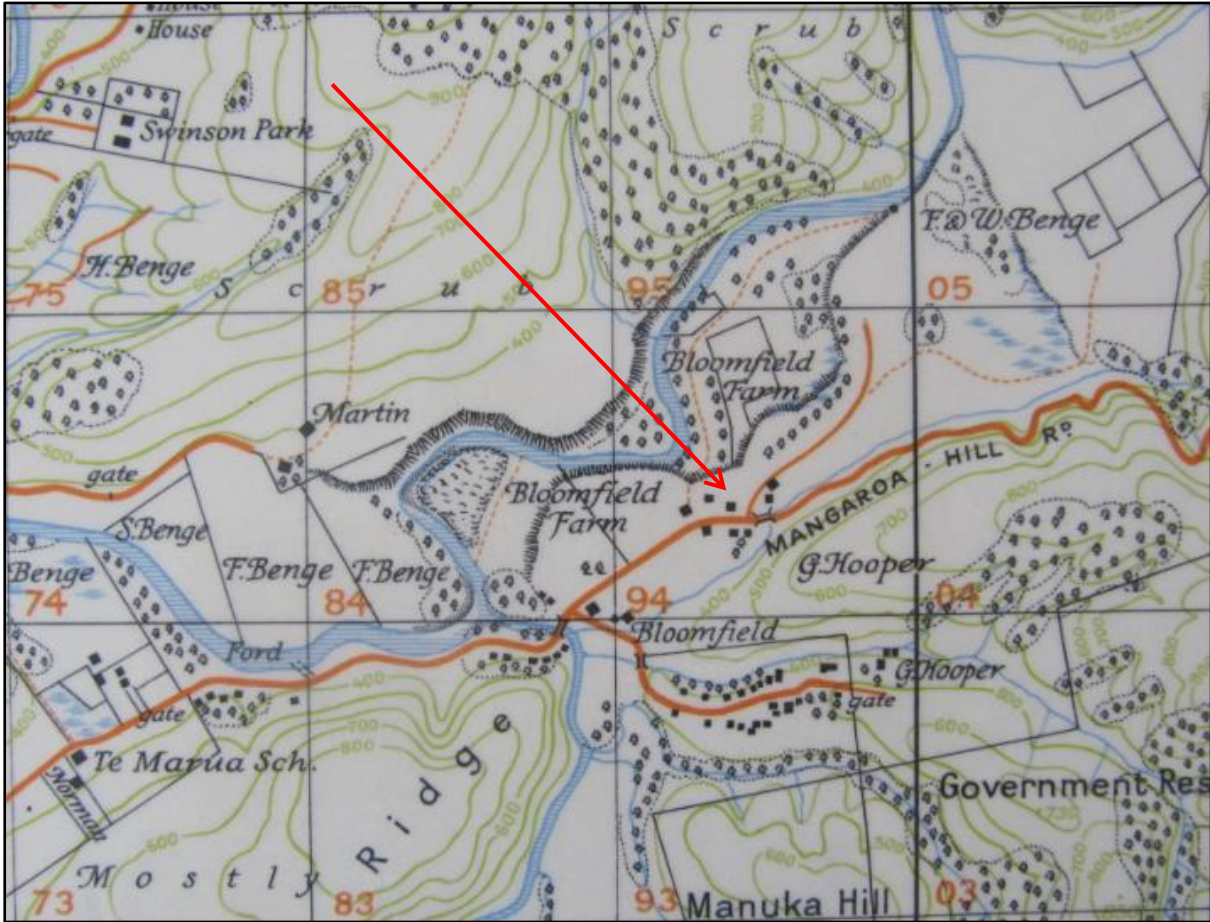
(Reference publication Te Marua Golf Club Inc., Golden Jubilee 1931-1981 at Upper Hutt Library)

Evening Post newspaper Tuesday 19 April 1932

The official opening of the Te Marua Golf Club near Upper Hutt took place last Saturday afternoon. The links are situated in picturesque surroundings and are in good condition. At the present time only 16 holes are played but two more are being prepared.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper Tuesday 19 April 1932)

1929 Trentham Manoeuvre Map



(Reference 1929 Trentham Manoeuvre Map saved as IMG-2999)

Evening Post newspaper 11 July 1945

Obituary - Mr W E A Gill - One of Wellington's best-known businessmen, Mr William Ernest Albert Gill, died last night at the age of 70. He had been for many years a principal of the accounting firm of Rowley, Gill, Hobbs, and Glen. Mr Gill was born in Middlesboro, Yorkshire, and came to New Zealand in 1887. He joined the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company in Auckland, and was subsequently on the staff of the Commercial Union, Standard, and Phoenix Insurance Companies. He joined the firm of Badham and Biss and managed the Northern Assurance and Canton Company under that firm for 10 years. He later joined the firm of J H G Rowley, who acted as attorneys for the Norwich Union office. In 1924 he became controlling officer for New Zealand of the Phoenix, Norwich, and Union Marine companies, being manager of the Norwich Union for many years. Mr Gill had many sporting and social interests. He was a life member of the Miramar Golf Club, the Star Boating Club, and the Wellesley Club. He served for many years on the New Zealand Golf Council, and was a member of the Wellington Racing Club. He had strong musical inclinations and was in earlier days an enthusiast of amateur theatricals. He was managing director of the Bloomfield Farm Company in the Hutt Valley, chairman of directors of the Scoullar Company, and a director of the Wellington Investment Company. Mrs Gill predeceased him two years ago, and he is survived by two daughters, Mrs J N S Wallens of Sydney, and Mrs T R Balharry of Wellington, and one son Mr J O Gill of Hawera.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 July 1945 page 8)

The Bloomfield Farm Company Limited was wound up on 21 February 1955. Information about William Ernest Albert GILL and his family is located at the end of this document under the section titled "People connected to the hotel and farm".

The Building - Mungaroa Hotel later Bloomfield House

The Mungaroo has retired from its licensed era, and had retired even as tearooms, when it burned down in 1931.

(Reference Upper Hutt – The History by J A Kelleher page 78)

The only details regarding a fire in 1931, that I could locate was a fire that destroyed the tearooms at the top of the Rimutaka Hill.

Evening Post newspaper 03 July 1930

A fire at Upper Hutt early yesterday morning totally destroyed a five roomed dwelling owned and occupied by Mr F Renshaw. The house burned fiercely and the occupants just had time to escape in their night attire. The building was insured for £800 and the furniture and effects for £200 both in the State Fire Office.

Another fire which occurred in Upper Hutt between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, completely gutted a four roomed unoccupied house owned by Mrs Bengé. The insurance are not available

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 July 1930 page 11)

Evening Post Newspaper 29 January 1931

Tea-Rooms Burnt – The well-known tea and refreshment rooms at the top of the Rimutaka Hill were destroyed by fire either on Tuesday night or early yesterday morning. The little wooden building will be missed by motorists. For some years it has been a popular stopping-place, in fact, it was seldom that one or more cars were not to be seen parked outside at most times of the day.

(Reference Papers Past Website Evening Post Newspaper 29 January 1931 page 12)

Evening Post Newspaper 30 January 1931

[Photo of Rimutaka's tea and refreshment rooms]

On the Summit of the road over the Rimutakas' – The well-known tea and refreshment rooms on the summit of the Rimutaka shown in the photograph were destroyed by fire late Tuesday night or early on Wednesday morning. For some years this little building has been a popular stopping place for motorists and it was seldom that one or more cars were not to be seen parked outside.

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post Newspaper 30 January 1931)

I have been unable to locate any information about Bloomfield House the former Mungaroo Hotel being destroyed by fire in 1931.

Perhaps it was the building that was demolished in the photographs held on the Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website John Walker collection under the heading "*William's Hotel Kaitoke*".

Williams Hotel Kaitoke

Where was Williams Hotel in Upper Hutt?

On Upper Hutt City Library website Recollect collection there are five (5) photos not dated with the heading "*Williams Hotel Kaitoke*".

(Reference UHCC Library website Recollect collection Williams Hotel Kaitoke (possible) 001 John Walker collection)

I have researched and can confirm that there was only one hotel in the area and that was the "*Mungaroo Hotel*" in Te Marua. Further north at Pakuratahi now known as Kaitoke was the Golden Fleece Hotel but it was not demolished it was burnt down in 1880 and never rebuilt.

The question we now asked is where was the "*Williams Hotel*"? Was the building being demolished the Bloomfield House which was originally the "*Mungaroo Hotel*"?

Information about John Michael WALKER the former owner of the image collection is located at the end of this document under the section titled "*People connected to the hotel and farm*".

Records searched but have no connection with the Hotel

1863 – Details about road from Stokes Valley to Mungaroa & Mungaroa Valley but there are no details regarding the Hotel, the Mungaroa area, or any residents

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24435468 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 12 1863/324 David McEwen Belmont 18 April 1863 specification of the Upper Hutt Mungaroa Road to Mungaroa Valley with report etc. year 1863)

1868 – Letter from J H Wallace Chairman Mungaroa Road Board to Crown Land Office Survey Department - requesting map of Mungaroa Road District but no other details

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24437970 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 18 1868/46 J H Wallace Wellington 05 November 1868 Applying for map of Mungaroa Road District)

In 1886 the Mungaroa Licensing committee were Thomas Cotter JP, William George Haybittle, Alexander McCulloch, George McHattie and John Whiteman.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24529823 ACGS 16211 J1 398 Y 1886/358 Returning Officer Hutt 24 February 1886 No election for Mungaroa Licensing District year 1886)

For additional information about the Mungaroa district I recommend researching the Mungaroa Licensing committee records.

1895-1899 – various records covering Mungaroa and Whiteman's Valley Roads Hutt County but not the Mungaroa area in Te Marua

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R23992040 ADXS 1483 LS-W1 288 13727 Mungaroa and Whitemans Valley Roads Hutt County years 1895-189)

William's Hotel Kaitoke

Where was the William's Hotel in Kaitoke? The only hotels in the Kaitoke district were the Mungaroa Hotel and Golden Fleece but their license were never held by a Mr William's. In 1892-1894 Charles WILLIAMS was the proprietor of the Railway Hotel later renamed the Trentham Hotel and finally the Quinn's Post Hotel. In 1881 there was a William's Hotel in Taita. I believe the images below were actually the Mungaroa hotel and/or Bloomfield House when it was demolished and someone made an error when identifying the photographs.



(Reference UHCC Library website Recollect collection Williams Hotel Kaitoke (possible) 001 John Walker collection)



(Reference UHCC Library website Recollect collection Williams Hotel Kaitoke (possible) 005 John Walker collection)



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An earlier 1875 newspaper article records that a man named Richard Waygood was employed at Williams Hotel in the Upper Hutt district. By researching Richard's genealogy and the Coroner's report we can perhaps locate additional information about the "Williams Hotel".

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 19 October 1875

The Times of yesterday says – a determined case of suicide is reported from Upper Hutt. A man named Richard Waygood employed at William Hotel got up about six o'clock and after performing some necessary work retired into the taproom and with a double barrelled gun shot himself through the chest. He appears to have acted very deliberately, for it is surmised that he had a rope to the trigger and turned the piece towards his body, pulled the rope and fell mortally wounded. An inquest will be held to-day before Dr Wilford coroner. The man is well known to the police authorities but no can be assigned

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 19 October 1875)

The mention of William's Hotel in the newspaper article is referred to in the next newspaper article as the Railway Hotel. In this time period Isaac Wilkins not Williams was the proprietor of the hotel which began as the Highland Home followed by the Railway Hotel, then Trentham Hotel and finally Quinn's Post Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1875

An inquest was held at the Upper Hutt yesterday before Dr Wilson Coroner and a Jury on the body of Richard Waygood Hawkins who deliberately shot himself through the body at the Railway Hotel on Friday last. Several witnesses were examined who stated that the deceased was in comfortable pecuniary circumstances but has been in very low spirits lately in consequence of a love affair. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased destroyed himself while labouring under temporary insanity.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1875)

Colony of New Zealand wit.

Information's of Witnesses severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Land the Queen touching the death of **Richard Waygood HAWKINS** at the dwelling House of Isaac WILKINS known by the name of The Railway Hotel in the Province of Wellington in the Colony above mentioned on Monday the eighteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners for the said Colony on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of Richard Waygood HAWKINS then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

Thomas ROWLAND being sworn saith that I am a lodger at Wilkins Hotel deceased was employed about the hotel as General Servant. I have known deceased a fortnight, I sleep in the same bedroom with him. I never noticed anything peculiar about him, until last Wednesday night when he loaded his gun & went out into the garden about ten o'clock, I followed him & kept alongside him wondering what he was going to do, he walked around the garden and then returned to the house, placing his gun in the corner of the store house leaded, he then went to bed. On Friday night after we went to bed he began telling me how he was going to shoot Mr Brown if ever he saw him do something, or other again, he did not explain himself, this was the last time I saw deceased alive. I was much surprised to hear him talk so wildly. I have often noticed him gloomy & low spirited. On Saturday morning before I was out of bed I heard a report in the room below the bed room and after the report a grown & the smell of smoke, I came quickly down stairs & found deceased lying flat on his back on the floor, the gun lying also on the floor in front of him with a piece of rope round the trigger I noticed a bullet wound in the pit of his stomach, deceased was quite dead when I first saw him - *(signed) William Rowland*

Isaac WILKINS being sworn saith that I am landlord of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt deceased was my servant, has been with me about six months, two years ago he was in my service about four months, deceased was a god Servant but very excitable when anything annoyed him he was apt to do many wild things I considered when excited he was not master of his actions. Two or three times on Tuesday I had to check him when having altercations with people, On Saturday morning I got up about six o'clock on coming down I saw deceased he was going to feed a horse, I went with him to the paddock to catch the horse, he took the horse into the stable a few minutes after as I was standing in front of the house, I heard a report & on going inside the saw

the Servant Ellen open the door & said Dick had shot himself. I went through into the Storeroom and as I went in, I saw a narrow gap through the body & he was dead. I noticed nothing particular about him when we went to the paddock to catch the horse, he seemed to be as usual, deceased was a really quite man when nothing put him out but very clearly excited and when excited deceased to lose all command of himself, deceased was very fond of a girl. I never notices that deceased was fond of the girl Ellen – (signed) *Isaac Wilkins*

Charlotte WILKINS being sworn saith that I am landlady of the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt I never noticed the deceased shown any signs of been fond of the girl Ellen He might have been but I never noticed it Deceased was very strange in his manner at times, & when any trifle upset him he succumbed to lose all commanded of himself. I don't think deceased was always accountable for his actions. Deceased had had a quarrel with Mr Brown because Mr Brown wanted breakfast too early in the morning (*her X mark*) *Charlotte Wilkins - witnesses by William Burt & David Lyster*

Ellen GEANGE being sworn saith that I am general servant at Wilkins Hotel have known deceased four or five months, during the last two or three months deceased was a te totaler, for some time I have thought him rather queer, about three weeks ago he shot his dog in a rage, never noticed him lowly or low spirited, never knew deceased pay her Addacpes [sic] to her or any other girl. About half past six I was starting cooking breakfast in the kitchen deceased came to one & asked me did I like him? I answered Yes I liked everybody that liked me. Then deceased went into the next room, I shouted to him had he feed the fowls, he answered 'Not yet', from the other room and immediately after I heard a report I ran then to Mr Wilkins. When deceased came to me in the kitchen he put his arm round me & kissed me I have never been out with him on any evening (signed) *Ellen Geange*

Ellen GEANGE being sworn back saith that deceased quarrelled with Mr Brown about the breakfast, Mr Brown wanted breakfast at six o'clock in the morning, on Friday last. Mr Brown gave me a Kiss when I laid his breakfast. I foolishly told the deceased – (signed) *Ellen Geange*
Colony of New Zealand wit – The above maned Depositions of Thomas BOWLANDS – Isaac WILKINS – Charlotte WILKINS – Ellen GEANGE written on six pages of paper numbered consecutively from one to six and by me together were taken and sworn before me at Wilkins Railway Hotel in the said Colony on the eighteenth day of October 1876 (signed) *J G F Wilford*
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347273 ACGS 16211 J1 179 bw 1875/2999 Corner Hutt 05 November 1875 Inquest proceedings on Richard Waygood Hawkins years 1875)

18 October 1875

An Inquisition indented taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at the house of Isaac Wilkins at Railway Hotel Upper Hutt in the said Colony on the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five before John G F WILFORD one of the Coroners of our Sovereign Lady the Queen for the said Colony on view of the body of Richard Waygood HAWKINS then and there lying dead upon oath of William BURT foreman, Felix P Jones, George WYETH, John WHITEMAN, Swift HALL, George FRANCES, George PERKINS. James STEVENS, James BEVEN, John BUTCHER, Richard GEANGE and Charles ROUSE good and lawful men of the neighbourhood duly chosen and who being there and then duly sworn and charged to inquire for our Lady the Queen when how and by what means the said Richard Waygood HAWKINS came to his death so upon their oaths say that – Richard Waygood HAWKINS whilst labouring under a fir of temporary insanity shot himself at the Railway Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday the sixteenth of October 1875.

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the said aforesaid have set and subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written (signatures)

I G F WILFORD Coroner *William BURT foreman*

James STEVENS (his X mark) - James BEVEN (his mark) - John BUTCHER (his mark)

John WHITEMAN - Richard GEANGE (his mark) - Charles Rouse (his mark) - George PERKINS

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24347273 ACGS 16211 J1 179 bw 1875/2999 Corner Hutt 05 November 1875 Inquest proceedings on Richard Waygood Hawkins years 1875)

Although all newspaper articles from 1872 to 1875 recorded Richard WAYGOOD the Coroner's Inquest article recorded his name as Richard Waygood HAWKINS and this was the name recorded on his death registration.

Information about Richard WAYGOOD also known as Richard Waygood HAWKINS and his family are located at the end of this document under the section titled "*People connected to the hotel and farm*".
