

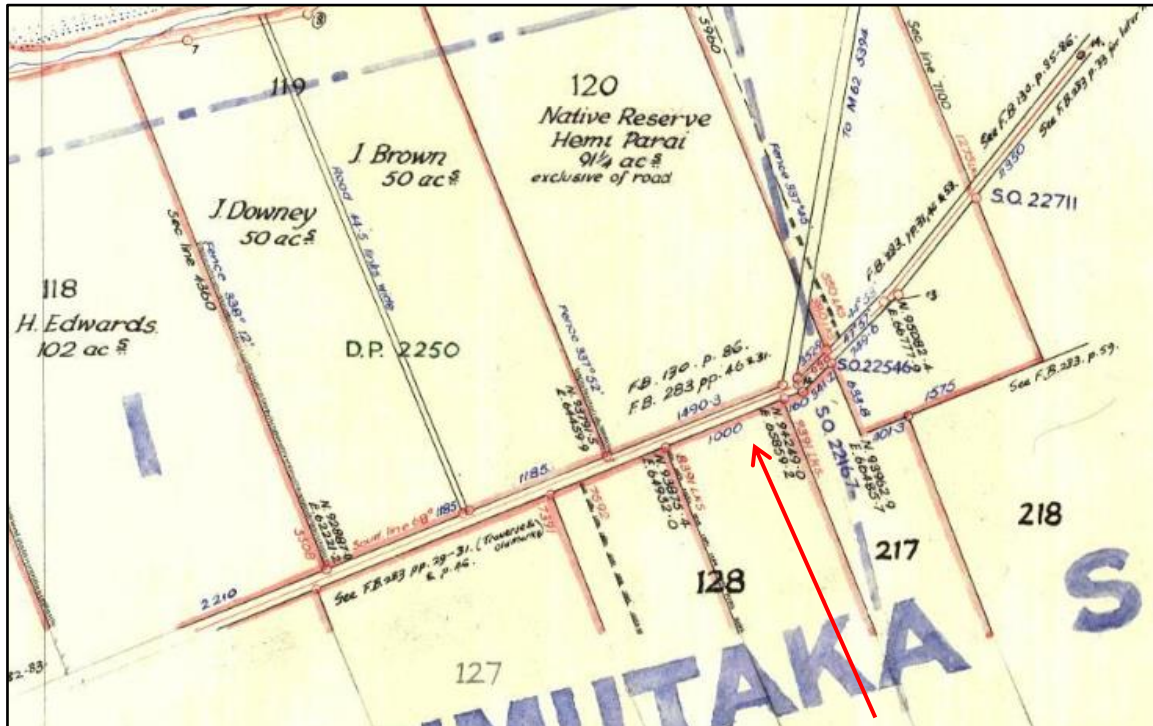
## Clouston Corner Building – 168 Main Street

Part Section No 128 Lot 5 Property No UNKNOWN DP 375 & DP 15209

### The Land – Section 128 Lot 5

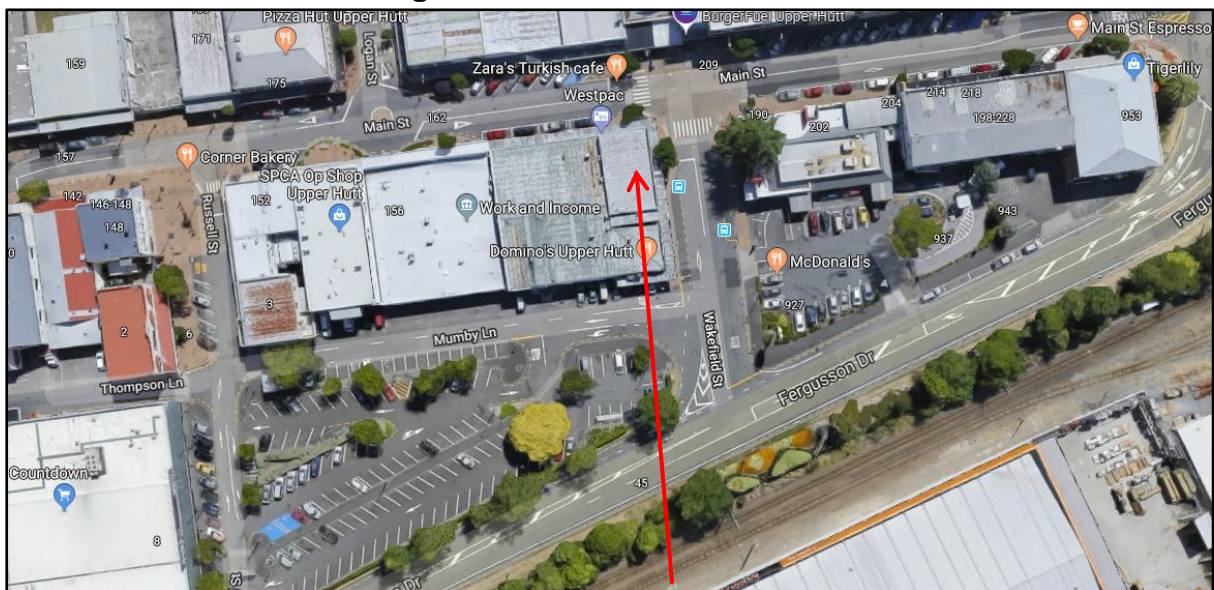
Crown Grants were issued for part Section No 128 consisting of 50 acres to James Brown (left) and the remainder part section 128 containing 50 acres to John Downey (right). The Clouston building was built on the land (red arrow on the right) originally granted to John Downey.

### Section 128 Rimutaka Survey district Upper Hutt



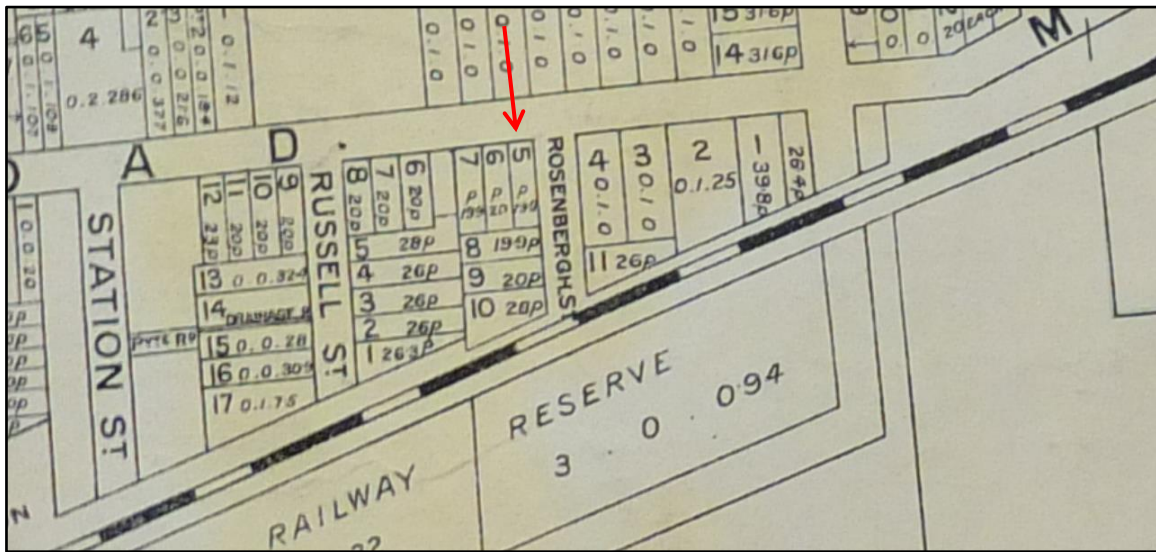
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### Clouston Corner Building corner 168 Main Street & Wakefield Street - 2019



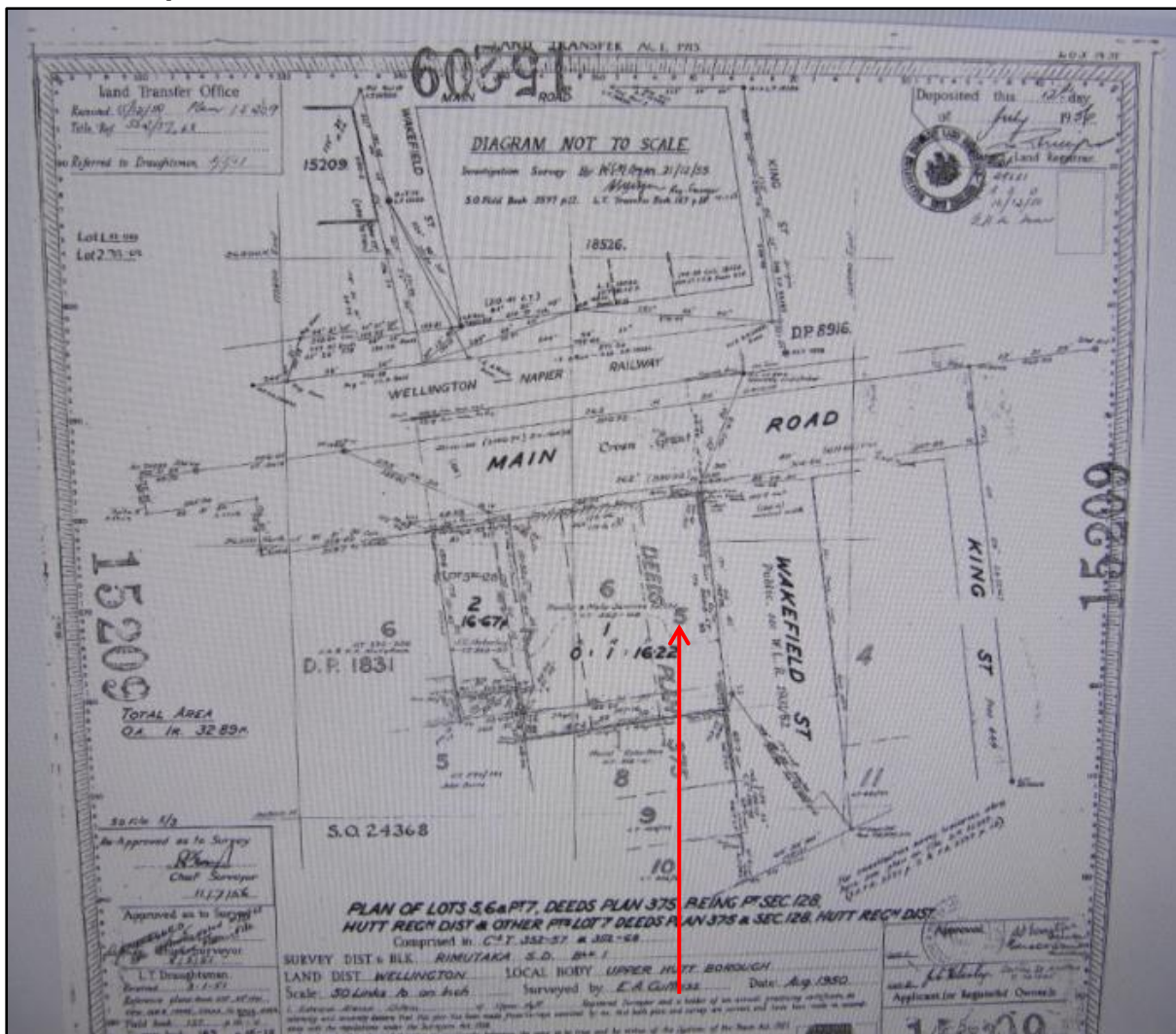
(Reference Google Maps Upper Hutt)

### 1927 part Section No 128 Lot 5 corner Main Road & Rosenberg Street



(Reference 1927 Map of Upper Hutt saved as 1927UHMapDSCF556.JPG)

### 1950 part Section No 128 Lot 5 corner Main Road & Wakefield Street



(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Quick Maps website DP 15209 saved as IMG\_3255)

The Deed Plan 15209 above dated August 1950 was surveyed by Edward Alfred Cuttriss or Cultriss. The application recorded owner A Clouston. Other brief details are - Land Transfer Draughtsman 03 January 1951 & Land Registrar Deposited 12 July 1956 DP 15209 - Deed Plan 375 part Section 128 Lot 5 & 6 Tractor and Motor Services Ltd CT 352-68 & Muriel Robertson CT 352-61.

Upper Hutt Leader 04 September 1952

Mayor's comment on Gazette delay - The report of the Council Investigating Committee which recently enquired into the delay in having the notice of intention to take land owned by Tractor & Motor Services Ltd., and Akatarawa Sawmills Ltd., gazetted, was the subject of comment by His Worship the Mayor Mr G H Williams, when interviewed today.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 04 September 1952)*

Arthur Clouston was the Director of Tractor & Motor Services Ltd and Akatarawa Sawmills Ltd.

Later Arthur Clouston was also the Director of the Maidstone Motor and Service Station Ltd.

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### **Rosenberg Street renamed Wakefield Street**

Rosenberg Street no longer exists. Rosenberg was a district in Germany and during World War Two Dr Alfred Rosenberg was one of Hitler's chief advisors. The Returned Service Association new rooms were officially opened on Saturday 24 May 1941 in Rosenberg Street and they requested that the street be renamed.

Upper Hutt Leader 27 November 1941

At the Council meeting last week Councillor F Streeter brought forward the matter of alteration of the name of Rosenberg Street to something more appropriate. He stated that at the present time the name of Rosenberg was much in the news, the owner of the name in Germany was known as one of the worst men in modern times and the Council should immediately get the name erased from the town. The street so named in Upper Hutt housed the new RSA and if it could not be changed to Anzac Avenue why not Kain Avenue in remembrance of "Cobber" Kain. Councillor Rendle, Crete Avenue or some such name would be a standing memorial to many of our boys. It was decided to contact the RSA and get their views on the matter.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 27 November 1941)*

Between 1944 and 1946 Rosenberg Street was renamed Wakefield Street. Clouston's Building is situated on the corner of Main Street and southeast Wakefield Street formerly named Rosenberg Street.

Main Street was named as it is the Main Street of the Upper Hutt business district. The first road from Wellington to Taita was completed in 1843 and to Upper Hutt in 1844. Various sections of the road and in-between have been given different names and over the years have changed numerous times. The road through the Upper Hutt district has been recorded as, New Zealand Company Road, Company Road, Military Road, Old Military Road, Great North Eastern Road, Wairarapa Road, Hutt Valley Road, Hutt Road, Main Hutt Road, Main Road, Main Road North, Main Road South, and finally Fergusson Drive. The exception is the section through the Central Business district of Upper Hutt which is now Main Street.

## Early occupation and buildings on part Section No 128 Lot 5

What was on the land before Arthur Clouston established the building on the corner of Main Street and Wakefield Street?

By locating information about the people who owned and occupied the land and/or the owners and staff employed in the business that occupied the land we will all learn more about part Section No 128 Lot 5 and Upper Hutt' early history.

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### Dominion Coach Factory owner - John Thomas (J T) BENGE - 1911

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911

District News - Mr P Robertson who has been associated with G McIlvride at Lower Hutt has taken over the Dominion Coach Factory and veterinary forge from Mr J T Benge. He also will carry on the business of undertaker. Mr Robertson bears an excellent reputation for workmanship and intends to maintain the high standard of the establishment. Rubber-tyring is one of his specialities.

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

Upper Hutt Leader 12 June 1947

A Pioneer Passes – Seventy seven years ago at Te Marua, at the old home known as "Stonestead" the house with its quaint steep two gabled roof, which is still standing there was born John Thomas Benge. His father John Benge, together with his three brothers Sam, Ned and Dave ran a saw mill and when the bush was cleared, engaged in farming. Upper Hutt and its surroundings was dense forest when this band of stalwarts from Devonshire England carved out their primitive dwellings. John Thomas or as he became generally known J T was the first pupil to enrol at the Te Marua School, but being eager to go to work he left school when he had passed Standard 4. At the early age of 14 years he got a job bush felling at Ashhurst. On returning home he joined his father and uncles in the sawmilling business. At the age of 20 he married Miss Emily Collett of Mangaroa. Two sons and two daughters were born to them. His activities were next expended in running a milk round at Petone. Following this he took up farming on his own account at Mangaroa. Here he had the misfortune to have his home burnt, the old-fashioned wood-shingle roof being ignited by a spark from a railway engine. A new dwelling was built, which was family home until 1907 when the farm was disposed of and Upper Hutt became the headquarters. At this time the late Mr Frank Whiteman was engaged in sawmilling at Akatarawa and again Mr Benge rallied to a call for help in handling a tough bush proposition. His next venture was that of blacksmith coachbuilder and undertaker, the shop being located where Gibb's Chemist Shop now stands, but transferred later across the street to the premises so long occupied by the late Mr P Robertson. In 1911 Mr Benge entered the business partnership with Mr J A Hazelwood in which he continued until the business changed ownership in 1944. In 1921 he took a business trip to USA which proved of success in obtaining of agencies which later on resulted in his making trips time after time to all principal towns of New Zealand. Such was his remarkable strength and energy that since his retirement from business three years ago he chose to take on the breaking up and draining of the swampland at Wallaceville Valley (an area- of 782 acres), and was actively engaged on this work until two weeks before his death on Friday last. He was a man of genial and loveable disposition and a great lover of little children, never missing an opportunity to greet them with his bright smile and appropriate words. First and foremost of all his varied interests and activities was his long years

of devoted service in the cause of the Church at the Gospel Hall. Here as an elder and member for close on half a century he was "a man greatly beloved." His funeral service was one of the most largely attended that our district has ever known. The service at the Gospel Hall was conducted by Mr J A Hazlewood and Mr A E Salisbury and at the Akatarawa Cemetery by Mr W N Pepperell and Mr S A Edwards. The deceased leaves a widow, two daughters, one son, thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Among those present at the funeral were Mr J Maher MP and Mrs Maher, Mr J Blewman Mayor of Upper Hutt, Councillors K S Geange and J Purvis, Mr K Arthur present manager of J A Hazelwoods & Co., numerous members of the farming community, including the President of the local Federated Farmers Mr Les Andrews, Sir Kenneth Douglass, Mr B M Wilmsihurst Town Clerk also a large number of the business community - The Passing of Mr J T Benge - When Mr Benge was laid to rest last Sunday about 80 cars followed the cortege. After a busy life of 78 years he has laid aside his trials and is in peace at picturesque Akatarawa, where the magic brush of Mother Nature has painted a picture truly beautiful to behold. Nearby the river sings a merry song ever hurrying to the sea and the night fowl calls to his mate as the darkness comes over the earth. J T as he was affectionately known by the people was a lover of little children. How often have we seen him bending down to shake the hand of some tiny tot or say a cheery word peeping into the pram to greet a little new stranger. We shall miss the happy smile and nod of Mr J T Benge - Ruakawa.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 12 June 1947)*

0- **John Thomas BENGE** born 09 May 1870 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 06 June 1947 Palmerston North New Zealand married 09 July 1890 New Zealand Emily Alice COLLETT born 21 December 1871 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 15 March 1966 Palmerston North New Zealand (5 Issue)

For further information about the family refer to the website (address top left corner of this document) click on "*Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies*" under this section scroll down and click on the "*Benge and Collett Family*" or his ancestors "*Benge and Roberts Family*" document.

### **Dominion Coach Factory and Veterinary Shoeing Forge**



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street J D Benge Wakefield Street P3-147 – 626)*

Blacksmiths shop (Robertson's) Upper Hutt taken about 1910, where Clouston's building service station stands now. Presented by Mrs N Kibblewhite on 22 February 1922 the daughter of Alick Wills. From left front, Hector Bengé (boy), Alick Wills, J D Bengé (owner) - back Jack Collie. According to a letter from George Robertson in the 26 August 1970 Leader, his father a wheelwright took over the business in 1911. The letter accompanied the third instalment of Albert Cooper's memories of Upper Hutt School. He said that somewhere around 1909 an attempt had been made to relocate the original building from opposite McHardie Street to the Brown Street site, the three pieces were being towed by traction engine over planks and rollers, but before they reached the site an overnight storm collapsed them. Mr Robertson said some of the school timber had gone into the smithy's structure. The existing Clouston's Building is on the corner of Wakefield Street, opposite McDonald's and dated 1953. The original description suggested this was Clouston's building, but Arthur Clouston was only about three years old.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street J D Bengé Wakefield Street P3-147 – 626)*

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### **Dominion Coach Factory employee - Alick John WILLS blacksmith**

Employee identified in early 1910s photograph with J T Bengé

**0- Alick John WILLS** born 13 December 1877 Longbeach New Zealand died 10 March 1933 Taumarunui New Zealand married 1903 New Zealand Sarah Jane COLLIE born 06 August 1882 New Zealand died 1977 New Zealand

#Alec [sic] John WILLS born 13 December 1877 Longbeach New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio 662 website 1878/2479 parents Harriett and William Wills

#Sarah Jane COLLIE born 1882 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1882 folio website 1882/10808 parents Margaret and John Collie

#Alick John WILLS married 1903 New Zealand Sarah Jane COLLIE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1903 folio 2382 website 1903/2745

#Alick John WILLS Masterton blacksmith & Sarah Jane WILLS (hard to read) Street Masterton married 1905-1906 Masterton Electoral Roll

#Alick John WILLS Main Road Upper Hutt blacksmith & Sarah Jane WILLS Main Road Upper Hutt married 1911 & 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Alick John WILLS Blacksmith Upper Hutt classification F (married with married with 5 or more children) NZ Army WW1 Second Reserves page 1781

#Alick John WILLS Main Road Upper Hutt blacksmith & Sarah Jane WILLS Main Road Upper Hutt married 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Alick John WILLS Ohura farmer & Sarah Jane WILLS Ohura married 1928 Waimarino Electoral Roll Bay of Plenty

#Alick John WILLS died 1933 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio website 1933/5902 age 55 born about 1878

#Headstone Alick John husband of Sarah Jane WILLS died 10 March 1933 age 55 – cemetery register Alick John WILLS born 1878 died 10 March 1933 buried Ohura cemetery Taumarunui New Zealand

#Mr A J Wills - Quite a gloom was cast over Ohura and district when it became known that Mr Alick J Wills of Ohura died in the Taumarunui Hospital on 10 March at the age of 55 years. Mr Wills went into hospital four weeks ago, but his case was not considered serious, and the news of his death came as a great shock to his wide circle of friends. Mr Wills had lived in Ohura for 14 years. Previously he was in the Upper Hutt and Masterton districts. He had served on the Ohura Town Board since 1928 and had been its chairman since 1930. He was a member of the Unemployment Board since its inception, and of the local Boy Scout

Committee. He also belonged to the Ohura Masonic Lodge. In addition to the widow, there are the following children - Mrs Lilburn (Ohura), Mrs H S Kibblewhite (Mokoia), Miss A Wills (Hawera Hospital), Miss B Wills (Ohura), Mr Alick Wills (Te Wera) and Master Billy Wills (Ohura) reference Auckland Star newspaper 18 March 1933

#Sarah Jane WILLS died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/51435 born 06 August 1882

0-1- Alick Albert Thornton WILLS born 01 March 1904 New Zealand died 1961 New Zealand married 1932 New Zealand Eva Margaret BIRKETT born 14 November 1906 died 1993 New Zealand

#Alick Albert Thornton WILLS born 1904 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1904 folio website 1904/22245 parents Sarah Jane and Alick John Wills

#Alick Albert Thornton WILLS married 1932 New Zealand Eva Margaret BIRKETT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1932 folio website 1932/8986

#Alick Albert Thornton WILLS died 1961 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1961 folio website 1961/29134 age 57 born about 1904

#Eva Margaret WILLS died 1993 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1993 folio website 1993/38679 born 14 November 1906

0-2- **Margaret Helen WILLS** born 07 June 1905 New Zealand died 1978 New Zealand married 1925 New Zealand Harold Sydney **KIBBLEWHITE** born 1903 died 1968 New Zealand

#Margaret Helen WILLS born 07 June 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/4919 parents Sarah Jane and Alick John Wills

#Margaret Helen WILLS married 1925 New Zealand Harold Sydney KIBBLEWHITE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1925 folio website 1925/1185

#Harold Sidney KIBBLEWHITE died 1968 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1968 folio website 1968/35750 age 65 born about 1903

#Margaret Helen KIBBLEWHITE died 1978 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1978 folio website 1978/36099 born 07 June 1905

0-3- Jane Ogilvie WILLS born 19 November 1907 New Zealand died 1985 New Zealand married 1927 New Zealand Henry Philp LILBURN born 14 December 1903 died 1977 New Zealand

#Jane Ogilvie WILLS born 19 November 1907 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1907 folio website 1907/21579 parents Sarah Jane and Alick John Wills

#Jane Ogilvie WILLS married 1927 New Zealand Henry Philp LILBURN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1927 folio website 1927/1886

#Henry Philp LILBURN died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/51943 born 14 December 1903

#Jane Ogilvie LILBURN died 1985 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio website 1985/28556 born 19 November 1907

0-4- Harriet Aileen WILLS born 27 June 1912 New Zealand died 1946 New Zealand married 1939 New Zealand Kenneth James MCGLASHAN born 15 October 1912 died 2009 New Zealand

#Harriet Aileen WILLS born 1912 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/13498 parents Sarah Jane and Alick John Wills

#Harriet Aileen WILLS married 1939 New Zealand Kenneth James MCGLASHAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio website 1939/2020

#Harriett Aileen MCGLASHAN died 1946 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1946 folio website 1946/28288 age 34 born about 1912

#Kenneth James MCGLASHAN died 2009 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2009 folio website 2009/422 born 15 October 1912

0-5- Barbara Louisa WILLS born 04 May 1917 New Zealand died 1991 New Zealand married 1936 New Zealand David George MCCRACKEN born 01 Marc 1912 died 1995 New Zealand

#Barbara Louisa WILLS born 1917 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio website 1917/16812 parents Sarah Jane and Alick John Wills

#Barbara Louisa WILLS married 1936 New Zealand David George MCCRACKEN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1936 folio website 1936/5762

#Barbara Louise MCCRACKEN died 1991 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1991 folio website 1991/30136 born 04 May 1917

#David George MCCRACKEN died 1995 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1995 folio website 1995/31794 born 01 March 1912

Alick John and Sarah Jane WILLS looked after other children in their home. The children attended Upper Hutt School and Alick was recorded as their guardian.

- Constance POCOCK birth date 28 March 1907 guardian Alick Wills address Upper Hutt admission date 27 April 1915 last day 08 October 1915 destination Wellington Register 1927 Upper Hutt School
- Myrtle Iris DYKINS birth date 23 March 1905 Guardian Alick J Wills address Upper Hutt admission date 30 August 1910 last day 15 December 1910 destination Mangaroa register number 1355 Upper Hutt School
- Henry H W YOUNG birth date 15 February 1905 guardian Alick J Wills address Upper Hutt admission date 30 January 1911 last school Terrace last day 25 September 1911 destination Wellington register number 1383 Upper Hutt School
- Henry H N YOUNG birth date 15 February 1905 guardian Alick J Wills address Upper Hutt admission date 06 October 1911 last day 01 December 1911 destination comment Government Receiving Home Wellington register number 1496 former 1383 Upper Hutt School
- **Arthur CLOUSTON** birth date 27 October 1907 guardian Alick J Wills address Upper Hutt admission date 19 May 1919 last school Boys Train Farm Nelson Last day 11 July 1919 destination Wellington comment Rec. Home register number 2646 Upper Hutt School

Comment - One of the children that Sarah and Alick Wills took care of in their home was Arthur Clouston. Perhaps the Wills family influence Arthur's decision to settle in the Upper Hutt district.

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### **Dominion Coach Factory employee – John (Jack) COLLIE blacksmith**

Employee identified in early 1910s photograph with J T Benge

0- **John (Jack) COLLIE** born 1865 Taieri New Zealand died 1942 Masterton New Zealand married 1902 New Zealand Jessie Janet DOUGLAS born 1881 New Zealand died 1950 Masterton New Zealand

#John COLLIE was born about 1865 in Taieri New Zealand to parents were Margaret Ogilvie (1841-1907) & John Collie (1833-1893) and his siblings were William George born 1867, Alexander born 1868, Leslie Middleton born 1871, Mary Elizabeth born 1876, Rose Ethel Stevenson born 1880, Sarah Jane born 1882, Ormond Edward Scott born 1884 and Helen Flora Isabella born 1886

#John COLLIE junior residential Pakuratahi settler & John COLLIE residential Pakuratahi farmer & Alexander residential Pakuratahi farmer 1890 Hutt Electoral Roll



- #John COLLIE junior Pakuratahi settler residential & Alexander Pakuratahi farmer residential 1896 Otaki Electoral Roll
- #Jessie Janet DOUGLAS born 1881 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio website 1881/3213 parents Georgina and George Douglas
- #John COLLIE married 1902 New Zealand Jessie Janet DOUGLAS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1902 folio website 1902/3866
- #John COLLIE Kaitoke farmer & Jessie Kaitoke married 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll
- #Also in the 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll were family Leslie Middleton COLLIE Kaitoke shearer & Emily COLLIE Kaitoke married & Ormond COLLIE Kaitoke farmer & Alexander COLLIE Pakuratahi farmer & Margaret COLLIE Pakuratahi – Leslie & Alexander & Ormond were the children of Margaret and John Collie so perhaps they were also the parents of the blacksmith John Collie
- #John COLLIE Manakau farmer & Jessie Janet COLLIE Manakau married 1911 Otaki ER
- #John COLLIE Upper Hutt blacksmith & Jessie Janet COLLIE Upper Hutt married 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll
- #Jessie COLLIE Upper Hutt Married 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll
- #John COLLIE Dyerville blacksmith & Jessie Janet COLLIE Dyerville married 1914 & 1919 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
- #John COLLIE Dyerville farmer & Jessie Janet COLLIE Dyerville married 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
- #John COLLIE Kempton's Road Greytown farmer & Jessie Janet COLLIE Kempton's Road Greytown married & Leslie Stewart COLLIE Kempton's Road Greytown farm labourer 1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
- #John COLLIE "The Cliffs" Masterton farmer & Jessie Janet COLLIE "The Cliffs" Masterton married & Leslie Stewart COLLIE "The Cliffs" Masterton farm labourer 1938 Masterton ER
- #John COLLIE died 1942 Masterton New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1942 folio 1725 website 1942/22883 age 77 born about 1865
- #Obituary Mr John Collie – The death has been occurred at East Taratahi Masterton of Mr John Collie. He was born at Taieri 77 years ago coming to Wellington subsequently with his parents the late Mr and Mrs John Collie. After living in Wellington for a number of years he took up farming at Kaitoke and Martinborough. The late Mr Collie is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter and there are two grandsons reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 May 1942
- #Jessie Janet COLLIE Dalefield Carterton widow 1946 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
- #Jessie Janet COLLIE Martinborough widow 1949 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
- #Jessie Janet COLLIE died 1950 Masterton New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio 4493 website 1950/26537 age 69 born about 1881
- 0-1- John Holton COLLIE born 1903 New Zealand died 1956 New Zealand
  - #John Holton COLLIE born 1903 New Zealand RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/3887 parents Jessie and John Collie
  - #John Hollis COLLIE birth date 17 July 1902 parents John Collie address Upper Hutt admission date 16 February 1909 last day 18 October 1912 destination Martinborough register number 1214 Upper Hutt School
- 0-2- William Douglas COLLIE born 1904 New Zealand died 1965 New Zealand
  - #William Douglas COLLIE born 1904 New Zealand RGO NZ birth registration 1904 folio website 1904/20554 parents Jessie Janet and John Collie
- 0-3- Kenneth Middleton COLLIE born 1906 New Zealand died 1907 New Zealand
  - #Kenneth Middleton COLLIE born 1906 New Zealand RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/20177 parents Jessie Jannet and John Collie
- 0-4- Jessie Margaret COLLIE born 1908 New Zealand

- #Jessie Margaret COLLIE born 1908 New Zealand RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/8807 parents Jessie Janet and John Collie
- 0-5- Leslie Stewart COLLIE born 1910 New Zealand died 1957 New Zealand  
#Leslie Stewart COLLIE born 1910 New Zealand RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/648 parents Jessie Janet and John Collie
- 0-6- Charles Douglas COLLIE born 1915 New Zealand died 1946 New Zealand  
#Charles Douglas COLLIE born 1915 New Zealand RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/7785 parents Jessie Janet and John Collie

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### **Dominion Coach Factory boy – Hector John BENGE**

Boy identified in early 1910s photograph with J T Benge

The young boy in the 1910s photograph was Hector John Benge. His parents were Elizabeth nee Mabey and George Isaac Benge. Hector's uncle was John Thomas (J T) Benge the older brother of Hector's father George. John Thomas (J T) Benge was owner of the Dominion Coach Factory before Peter Robertson.

- 0- **Hector John BENGE** born 1901 New Zealand died 1970 New Zealand married 1938 New Zealand Lorna Ruby MORLEY born 1914 New Zealand died 1958 New Zealand  
#Hector BENGE born 1901 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1901 folio website 1901/17463 parents Elizabeth and George Isaac Benge  
#Hector BENGE birth date 05 October 1901 parent George Benge address Upper Hutt admission date 12 November 1906 last day 16 December 1914 destination Wellington College register number 1017 Upper Hutt School  
#Lorna Ruby MORLEY born 1914 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/17388 parents Agnes Stewart and James Leslie Morley  
#Hector John BENGE married 1938 New Zealand Lorna Ruby MORLEY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1938 folio website 1938/3386  
#Lorna Ruby BENGE died 1958 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1958 folio website 1958/36458 age 44 born about 1914  
#Hector John BENGE died 1970 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1970 folio website 1970/29155 age 68 born about 1902 (buried 03 March 1970 St John's Anglican churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt)

For further information about the family refer to the website (address top left corner of this document) click on "*Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies*" under this section scroll down and click on the "*Benge and Roberts Family*" document.

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### **Dominion Coach Factory Owner - Peter ROBERTSON –1911 - 1939**

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

**P. ROBERTSON,**  
**DOMINION COACH FACTORY.**  
**VETERINARY SHOERING FORGE.**  
**UPPER HUTT.**  
Vehicles of every description built to  
order or repaired.  
Mill and Builders' Ironwork done.  
Rubber Tyres a Speciality.  
Signwriting and Decorative Painting  
in all branches.  
TELEPHONE No. 7.

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**P. ROBERTSON,**  
**UNDERTAKER AND FUNERAL**  
**FURNISHER.**  
**UPPER HUTT.**

*(Reference Papers Past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 10 June 1911)*

I believe the photo below was taken in Rosenberg/Wakefield Street. On the left is the St Hilda's original Sunday School Hall. St Hilda's Church was built in 1910 on land given by Philip David Davis. In 1927 the Sunday school hall was removed to Rata Road Akatarawa (St Nicholas) and replaced with half of a military hut from Featherston Camp. The house on the right was the once the property of Muriel Robertson wife of Peter Robertson as drawn on the 1950 DP 15209 lot 8 CT 352-61. The Tractor & Motor Services Co Ltd occupied Lot 5 CT 352-68 before the Dominion Coach Factory building (exact dates unknown). The railway shed on the other side of the railway line is shown on the 1917 photo on the following page (highlighted in red).

*(Reference St Hilda's Church Upper Hutt D H Thomas November 1984)*

### **Peter Robertson - Rosenberg / Wakefield Street**

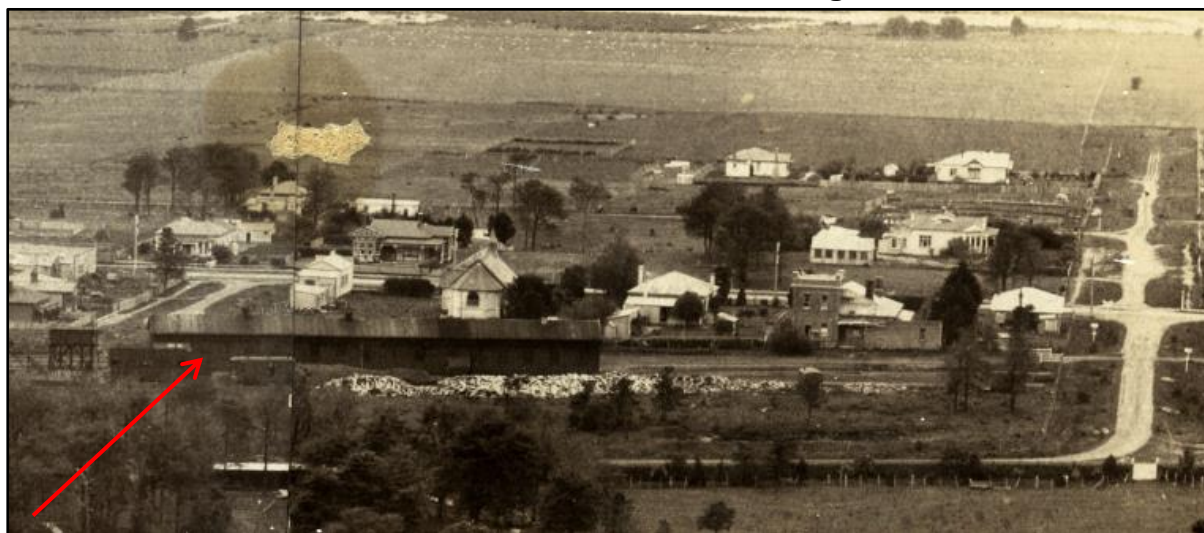


*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Mayor Peter Robertson P2-25-40)*

Probably the southern end of Station Street with the pre-war RSA at left. Originally described as looking south to the hill behind Maidstone Park, along Wakefield Street (which was renamed from Rosenberg Street during or just after World War II). There are three possible streets, Russell Street, Dwelling on right belonged to Mr and Mrs Wakelin, painters of that name are listed in electoral rolls as living in Russell Street but their house was different from the one pictured here, a picture shows different veranda posts. Wakefield Street, The RSA was not there until 1941. The street was originally Rosenberg Street. Leader 27 November 1941, Councillor F Streeter brought forward the matter of alteration of the name of Rosenberg [sic] Street to something more appropriate. He stated that at the present time the name of Alfred Rosenberg was much in the news, the owner of the name in Germany was known as one of the worst men in modern times (Reich Minister for the Occupied Eastern Territories, among other notoriety), and the Council should immediately get the name erased from the town. Names suggested were Anzac and Cain (Pilot Cobber Cain) or Crete the RSA would be consulted. The street was renamed Wakefield around 1943, but the old name persevered. Station Street, Building on left is the RSA Hall, straight ahead is the railway engine shed. Before the RSA built a hall in Rosenberg Street in 1941 their premises were leased, the 30 November 1939 Leader places the obviously well-known RSA rooms in Station Street, and the building at left could be that clubroom. Man on right was mayor and blacksmith Peter Robertson. In his 1938 mayoral photo he's white-haired, so this picture is earlier, from his 1927-1931 term. Peter Robinson died in 1939. Fordson tractor with trailer fitted. Donor remembers some connection with Campbell's Timber Yard, but no current employees of Campbell's Timber Yard can identify these men. From the cylinder-head shape, this is a 1917-1928 Fordson Model F; the wheels are non-standard. The original photo was held in Harry Tinsley & Son's Mower Centre, 50 Montgomery Crescent; (Murray) Tinsley's Mower Centre later moved to Fergusson Drive.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Mayor Peter Robertson P2-25-40)*

### 1917 view corner Main Road/Street & Rosenberg/Wakefield Street

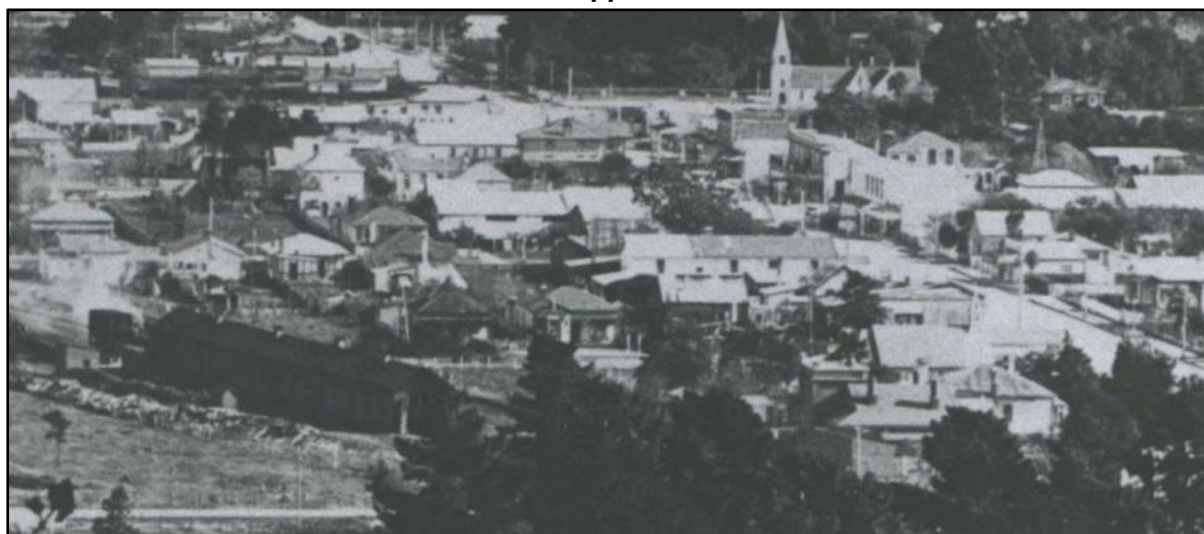


*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website UH from Maidstone Hill 1917 P5-55-643)*

The above photo shows clearly that on the corner of Main Road and Rosenberg/Wakefield Street there is no building of the Dominion Coach Factory. Was it demolished or was it the building on the Main Road/Street just back from the corner of Rosenberg/Wakefield Street and Main Road/Street.

There is another photograph taken in 1925 which also shows the long railway shed, St Hilda's church and the building on the earlier building on corner of Rosenberg (Wakefield) & Main Road.

## 1925 Upper Hutt



(Reference Digital NZ website Hocken Collection Upper Hutt ID 17425 neg c/nE6062/20 file 1430\_01\_006A)

In the obituary of J T Benge it reads – “His next venture was that of blacksmith coachbuilder and undertaker, the shop being located where Gibb’s Chemist Shop now stands, but transferred later across the street to the premises so long occupied by the late Mr P Robertson”.

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1930

Tenders are invited for the Erection of a 6-rd. Dwelling at Upper Hutt Plans and specification may be procured from the owner Mr J Rodgers at the State School and from Robertson and Dick Carriers Upper Hutt. Tenders close 26<sup>th</sup> July 1930 The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1930)

In the 1939 “Will” of Peter Robertson it was stated by John Thomas Benge that he sold the Dominion Coach Factory to Peter Robertson and partner Robert Charles Dick. When Robert Dick died in 1930, Peter Robertson purchased the shares from his former partner’s estate. Robert Dick’s sole beneficiary was his widow Ellen Mary Dick who died 31 May 1935.

Questions and Comments – Was the photograph of the early Dominion Coach Factory and Veterinary Shoeing Forge building established on the Main Road/Street just back from the corner of Rosenberg/Wakefield Street and Main Road/Street? When was the building demolished? Was the building demolished before 1917?

0- **Peter ROBERTSON** born 14 May 1880 Bendigo Victoria Australia died 14 May 1939 Upper Hutt New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1906 Lower Hutt New Zealand Hilda Beatrice Maude ENGLAND born 04 August 1882 Lower Hutt New Zealand died 09 October 1930 Wellington New Zealand (5 issue) 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage 1932 New Zealand Muriel FINLAY born 07 January 1899 New Zealand died 30 May 1975 Upper Hutt New Zealand (2 issue)

#Peter ROBERTSON born 14 May 1880 Eaglebank Bendigo Victoria Australia. His parents were Anna Margretta Rita nee WESELOP and Martin ROBERTSON who married 1879 in Victoria Australia reference Ancestry website RGO Australia 1880Sandhurst Victoria Australia register number 18471

#Hilda Beatrice Maud ENGLAND was born 04 August 1882 New Zealand. Her parents were Martha nee Russell and George England who married 1869 in New Zealand reference RGO

NZ birth registration 1882 folio 3378 website 1882/10797 parents Martha and George England

#Peter ROBERTSON married 1906 Lower Hutt New Zealand Hilda Beatrice Maude ENGLAND reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1906 folio 4478 website 1906/4557

#Hilda Beatrice Maud ROBERTSON died 09 October 1930 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio website 1930/9813 age 48 born about 1882

#Muriel FINLAY was born 07 January 1899 New Zealand. Her mother was Isabella Finlay reference RGO NZ birth registration 1899 folio website 1899/2943 mother Isabella father not recorded

#Peter ROBERTSON married 1932 New Zealand Muriel FINLAY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1932 folio website 1932/9947

#Peter ROBERTSON died 14 May 1939 Wellington Hospital New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1939 folio website 1939/14456 age 59 born about 1880

#Muriel ROBERTSON died 30 May 1975 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1975 folio website 1975/36203 born 07 January 1899

#Peter ROBERTSON served 1912-1914, 1918-1919 Member of the Town Board & 1915-1939 Member of Wellington Education Board & 1914-1918 Chairman of Town Board & 1927-1931, 1938-1939 Mayor of Upper Hutt & 1938-1939 Member of Hutt Valley Electric Power Board these details are recorded on his headstone at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

For further information about the family refer to the website (address top left corner of this document) click on "*Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies*" under this section scroll down and click on the "*Robertson and England and Finlay Family*" document.

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### **Dominion Coach Factory employee - Frank JACKSON**

Employee of Peter Robertson

Upper Hutt Leader 03 February 1949

Farewell to Mr and Mrs F Jackson and Family - Several functions were held recently in Upper Hutt to farewell Mr and Mrs F Jackson and family, who have gone to reside at Stewart Island. The Upper Hutt Branch of the Hutt Valley Builders Association, held a farewell gathering to them in the Rose of Sharon Hall, when Mr Jackson was presented with a very handsome wall chiming clock. Mr Cleary President of the Branch made reference to Mr Jackson's ability as Secretary, and wished him every success for the future. Several other members of the Branch spoke of the good work done by their late Secretary. Friends from the Railways also gave Mr and Mrs Jackson a send-off in the Railway Social Hall on Saturday 22 January. Messrs I Ross, G Simpson, J.Fahey and Bob Cliff all spoke of the good fellowship that existed between them, stating they would miss the Jackson family. Mr Jackson suitably replied. The Church of England Choir of which Mr Jackson was a member also farewelled Mr and Mrs Jackson and family. Mr Jackson first came to Upper Hutt district in 1910 when his father who was a Railwayman was transferred to the Summit. In 1915 he was employed by the late Peter Robertson as a blacksmith's assistant, working with Alec Wills. Mr Jackson joined the New Zealand Railways in 1920 and after 20 years-service, went into business in Upper Hutt taking over the Tip Top Milk Bar. He was also associated with Mr L G Williams builder. He was a member of the Upper Hutt Male Choir, Church of England Choir, was Secretary of the EFCA for seven years, President of the Upper Hutt Home and School Association for two years and a member of the School Committee for many years. Mr Jackson was the first President of the Upper Hutt Retailors Association, and also Secretary of the local Builders Association. On leaving the district Mr and

Mrs Jackson and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the people of Upper Hutt who have been associated with them in the past years whilst they were in business.

(Reference Upper City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 03 February 1949)

0- **Frank JACKSON** born 04 October 1899 place unknown died 1977 Tauranga New Zealand married 1923 New Zealand Myrtle Mary DICK born 1901 New Zealand died 1982 Tauranga New Zealand

#Myrtle Mary DICK born 1901 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1901 folio website 1901/14777 parents Ellen Mary and Robert Charles Dick

#Frank JACKSON married 1923 New Zealand Myrtle Mary DICK reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1923 folio website 1923/748

#Frank JACKSON 17a Wellesley Road railway fireman & Myrtle Mary JACKSON 17a Wellesley Road married 1928 Napier Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON 18 Brown Street Upper Hutt fireman NZR & Myrtle May JACKSON Brown Street Upper Hutt married 1935 & 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON Brown Street Upper Hutt fireman NZR & Myrtle May JACKSON Brown Street

Upper Hutt married 1946 & 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON Halfmoon Bay hotelkeeper & Myrtle Mary JACKSON Halfmoon Bay married 1949 & 1954 Awarua Electoral Roll Southland (Ferndale House)

#Frank JACKSON 8 Heriot Row maintenance foreman & Myrtle Mary JACKSON 8 Heriot Row married 1957 Dunedin Central Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON 17 Lisbon Street Greerton retired & Myrtle Mary JACKSON 17 Lisbon Street Greerton married 1963 Tauranga Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON 25 Lisbon Street Greerton retired & Myrtle Mary JACKSON 25 Lisbon Street Greerton married 1969 Tauranga Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON 25 Lisbon Street retired & Myrtle Mary JACKSON 25 Lisbon Street housewife 1972 Tauranga Electoral Roll

#Frank JACKSON died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/30964 born 04 October 1899

#Myrtle Mary JACKSON 25 Lisbon Street housewife 1978 Tauranga Electoral Roll

#Myrtle Mary JACKSON 1021 Aberdeen Road Gisborne Super-annuant 1981 Gisborne Electoral Roll

#Myrtle Mary JACKSON died 1982 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio website 1982/29908 born 23 June 1901

#Frank JACKSON age 77 died buried 19 March 1977 & Myrtle Mary JACKSON age 80 died buried 16 February 1982 Tauranga cemetery

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### **Robertson and Dick Carriers – Robert Charles DICK 1911 - 1930**

In partnership with Peter Robertson of Dominion Coach Factory

In the 1939 "Will" of Peter Robertson it was stated by John Thomas Bengé that he sold his business to Peter Robertson and partner Robert Charles Dick. When Robert Dick died in 1930, Peter Robertson purchased the shares from his former partner's estate. Robert Dick's sole beneficiary was his widow Ellen Mary Dick who died 31 May 1935.

**Robertson & Dick**  
**CARRIERS.**  
**UPPER HUTT.**  
Telephone—City 43-439  
Upper Hutt 20.  
Parcels may be left at City  
Agents—  
**McEWEN & CARTER,**  
Customhouse Quay.  
**DAILY DELIVERIES** from Wel-  
lington to Silverstream, Tren-  
tham, Wallaceville, and  
Upper Hutt.  
**Good Dry Storage.**  
**Furniture Removals a Speciality.**

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt News newspaper 08 August 1929)*

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1930

Tenders are invited for the Erection of a 6-rd. Dwelling at Upper Hutt Plans and specification may be procured from the owner Mr J Rodgers at the State School and from Robertson and Dick Carriers Upper Hutt. Tenders close 26<sup>th</sup> July 1930 The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1930)*

0- **Robert Charles DICK** born 1878 New Zealand died 01 July 1930 New Zealand married 1901 New Zealand Ellen Mary born 1881 New Zealand died 31 May 1935 New Zealand  
#Robert Charles DICK born 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio website 1878/16641 parents Matilda and Robert Dick  
#Ellen Mary COLLETT born 1881 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio website 1881/17970 parents Mary Ann and Thomas George Collett  
#Robert Charles DICK married 1901 New Zealand Ellen Mary COLLETT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1901 folio website 1901/5817  
#Robert Charles DICK Mungaroa saw-miller & Ellen Mary DICK Mungaroa married 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll  
#Robert Charles DICK Brown Street Upper Hutt saw-miller & Ellen Mary DICK Brown Street Upper Hutt married 1911 & 1914 & 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll  
#Robert Charles DICK Brown Street Upper Hutt saw-miller & Ellen Mary DICK Brown Street Upper Hutt married 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll  
#Robert Charles DICK 18 Brown Street Upper Hutt gasworks foreman & Ellen Mary DICK 18 Brown Street Upper Hutt married 1928 Wairarapa Electoral Roll  
#Robert Charles DICK died 01 July 1930 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1930 folio website 1930/6885 age 51 years  
#Robert Charles DICK born 1878 died 1930 buried St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt parents Matilda and Robert Dick and spouse Ellen Mary Dick  
#Ellen Mary DICK died 31 May 1935 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1935 folio website 1935/16858 age 54



#In loving memory of Robert Charles DICK died 01 July 1930 age 51 also Ellen Mary DICK his beloved wife died 31 May 1935 age 54 Headstone St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

0-1- Myrtle Mary DICK born 23 June 1901 New Zealand died 1982 New Zealand married 1923 New Zealand Frank JACKSON born 04 October 1899 place unknown died March 1977 New Zealand

#Myrtle Mary DICK born 1901 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1901 folio website 1901/14777 parents Ellen Mary and Robert Charles Dick

#Myrtle Mary DICK married 1923 New Zealand Frank JACKSON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1923 folio website 1923/748

#Frank JACKSON died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/30964 born 04 October 1899

#Myrtle Mary JACKSON died 1982 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio website 1982/29908 born 23 June 1901

0-2- May Evelyn DICK born 1910 New Zealand died 1960 New Zealand married 1937 New Zealand Keith Fisher BARTLEY born 14 July 1913 place unknown died 1977 New Zealand

#May Evelyn DICK born 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910 folio website 1910/12642 parents Ellen Mary and Robert Charles Dick

#May Evelyn DICK married 1937 New Zealand Keith Fisher BARTLEY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1937 folio website 1937/1143

#May Evelyn BARTLEY died 1960 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio website 1960/38324 age 49 born about 1911

#Keith Fisher BARTLEY died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 19677folio website 1977/39616 born 14 July 1913

0-3- Leonard Albert DICK born 05 August 1915 New Zealand died 1999 New Zealand

#Leonard Albert DICK born 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/14285 parents Ellen Mary and Robert Charles Dick

#Leonard Albert DICK died 1999 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1999 folio website 1999/6989 born 15 August 1915

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### **Robertson and Dick Carriers operator - William Henry EDWARDS 1936**

Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1936

Lorry's Fall Karapoti Gorge Accident Driver Killed - A tragic accident .happened in the Karapoti Gorge beyond Upper Hutt yesterday afternoon when a lorry laden with timber fell from the narrow gorge road into the bed of the stream below. The driver of the lorry William Henry Edwards of Martin Street, Upper Hutt aged 58 a married man with four children received injuries which must have caused immediate death. The lorry was smashed to matchwood. Three other men were in the truck at the time of the accident. They were Christopher Marshall, Alfred Francis Cooper and Joseph Alfred McHugh. McHugh and Cooper were riding on the outside of the lorry, but Marshall was with Edwards in the cab. The accident happened about 3.30 pm at a spot half-way between the new mill and the site of the old mill, about three miles from the junction of the gorge road leading to the sawmill and the main road. At the spot where the accident happened there is a rocky bluff, and the lorry had just passed through this when it left the road. The gorge road is a narrow one, but at this spot it is better than in most places and one who knows the road well says it is about ten feet wide at the point concerned. The lorry laden with timber was travelling from Campbell's mill at a slow speed when it started to leave the road the three men who were passengers in it managed to jump clear. They are unable to give any reason for the accident. There are steep cliffs above at this place and below they are so steep that it is impossible to climb down them. The men returned to the mill and telephoned to the Upper Hutt police who

arrived at 4.30 pm and the Free Ambulance, which arrived at 4.45. Block and tackle had to be rigged before the rescuers could descend the cliff and bring up the body of the driver. Very severe head injuries had been received. The truck was smashed almost beyond recognition. The steep cliff was marked with signs of its descent and debris was scattered about the bottom of the gorge. There was nothing to check the fall of the vehicle once it left the road. The deceased is a well-known resident of Upper Hutt. He was in the employ of Messrs Campbell Bros., saw-millers of Karapoti and for the past ten years had been driving along the gorge road. He had lived in Upper Hutt all his life and his father was one of the early residents of the district. The late Mr Edwards was formerly a well-known carrier and carried on the business now known as Robertson and Dick. The bank over which the lorry fell is .200 feet high. An inquest will be held.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1936)

0- **William Henry EDWARDS** born 29 October 1878 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 29 October 1936 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 15 September 1906 Petone New Zealand Alice Olivia ASHCROFT born 29 March 1886 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 20 March 1958 Upper Hutt New Zealand

0-1- Noeline Olivia EDWARDS born 27 March 1919 Upper Hutt New Zealand

0-2- Neville William EDWARDS born 03 March 1921 Upper Hutt New Zealand

0-3- Joyce Isobel EDWARDS born 28 October 1922 Upper Hutt New Zealand

0-4- Gordon Thomas EDWARDS born 07 June 1925 Upper Hutt New Zealand

For further information about the family refer to the website (address top left corner of this document) click on "*Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies*" under this section scroll down and click on the "*Edwards and Ashcroft Family*" and/or his ancestors "*Edwards and Jones Family*" document.

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## Tractor & Motor Services Limited 1944 - 1976

### Tractor & Motor Services Limited 1944 - 1976

The Certificate of Incorporation of the Maidstone Motors & Services Station Limited was issued on 02 June 1944. The Register of changes and memoranda records date of registration 27 September 1944 date of creation 07<sup>th</sup> July 1940 mortgage 248328 for acquisition of the property all the land in CT 352/68 Wellington Registry John T Bengé. The Articles of Association form dated 27 May 1944 record shares 1-450 Arthur Clouston 5 Araiki Street Lower Hutt saw-miller and 451-900 Leonard Lansdown Te Marua Upper Hutt saw-miler total 900 shares.

The Annual Return dated 15 September 1945 records Clifford Ulris Plimmer 4 Massey Avenue Lower Hutt Company Manager 300 share, Arthur Clouston 5 Arika Street Lower Hutt saw-miller 300 shares & Leonard Lansdowne Te Marua saw-miller 300 shares. Arthur and Leonard transferred 150 shares each to Plimmer. The 28 August 1946 Annual Return recorded Arthur Clouston 899 shares and Norma Patricia Clouston 1 share. The Mortgage gave description of land part Section No 128 Lots 5 & 6 and part of lot 7 Deeds Plan 375 and Certificate of Title volume 352 folio 68. The following Annual Return recorded Arthur Clouston 899 shares and Norma Patricia Clouston 1 share. The 22 December 1965 Annual Return recorded Arthur Clouston 11887 shares and Norma Patricia Clouston 13 share and all the following Returns to 1975. The Tractor & Motor Services Limited was struck off the Registrar of Company and notice placed in the New Zealand Gazette 30 April 1976

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R15432211 ADSN 17631 W2348 CO-W1 1147 9501 1944/55 Tractor and Motor Services Company Limited years 1944-1976)

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## Clouston Corner Building – Arthur CLOUSTON - 1953

Arthur Clouston built the Clouston Corner building on the corner of Main Street and Wakefield Street in 1953.

On 21 October 1954 in the New Zealand Registered Closed Company files the director of Clouston Construction Company Limited was Arthur CLOUSTON address Main Road Upper Hutt. Arthur Clouston was also recorded as Director of Akatarawa Sawmilling Company Limited, Tractor & Motor Services Company Limited, Earth Movers and Contractors Limited, Maidstone Motors & Service Station Limited, Upper Hutt Motor Bodies Limited all of Main Road Upper Hutt his business occupation was recorded as Saw-miller.

For additional information about the closed files of the above and other Upper Hutt Companies refer to the website (address top left corner of this document) click on “*Upper Hutt Historical Projects*” under this section “*Building, Business, Hotels & Infrastructure – Upper Hutt District*” scroll down to “*Businesses*” and click on the “*Company Closed Files 1900-1950 Upper Hutt Businesses*” and/or “*Company Closed Files 1950-1980 Upper Hutt Businesses*” documents.

## Clouston Corner building taken from former St Hilda’s Church land - 1975



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Clouston's 1975\_circa\_Upper\_Hutt\_Main\_St\_017)

Photograph taken by Bill Wallace, who took a series of photographs along Main Street, to keep record at time when things were changing, with the construction of Maidstone Mall Wakefield Street in the foreground.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Clouston's 1975\_circa\_Upper\_Hutt\_Main\_St\_017)

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Photograph taken by Bill Wallace, who took a series of photographs along Main Street to keep record at time when things were changing with the construction of Maidstone Mall. Wakefield Street in the foreground.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Clouston's 1975\_circa\_Upper\_Hutt\_Main\_St\_016)

0- **Arthur CLOUSTON** born 23 August 1907 New Zealand died 31 January 1979 New Zealand  
1<sup>st</sup> married 1933 Lower Hutt Myrtle BARTLETT (later O'Connell) born 19 August 1909 New Zealand died 1999 New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1945 New Zealand Noma Patricia RYAN born died

For further information about the family refer to the website (address top left corner of this document) click on "*Upper Hutt & Hutt Valley Family Histories and Genealogies*" under this section scroll down and click on the "*Clouston and Creighton Family*" document.

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### **Maidstone Billiard Saloon – Charles Henry CHANNING**

The Maidstone Billiard Saloon occupied by Charles Henry (Charlie) Channing occupied the area upstairs in the Clouston building.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner Building photographer Brian Pearce #158)

The known Billiard Saloon's in the Upper Hutt district were Maidstone Billiard Saloon, Majestic Billiard Saloon, Plummer's Billiard Saloon and Mr J Williamson's Billiard Room Camp Road also known as Trentham Billiard Saloon.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website various Upper Hutt Leader newspapers)

### **Main Street upstairs in Clouston Corner building – 1950s**



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street early 1950s 11/2 Jackson Collection P-M-03-1location 5A)

Main Street Upper Hutt early 1950s, looking west Wakefield Street and beyond. Number plates are 1951-1956 pattern.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street early 1950s 11/2 Jackson Collection P-M-03-1location 5A)

The Billiard Saloon occupying the Clouston Building (marked in red) was situated upstairs with the doorway entrance from Main Street.

The Town and Country Planning Act 1953 Hearing of objection to the Upper Hutt Borough recommended Reviewed District Scheme contained many details and some business of interest that were recorded were - A Clouston (Billiard Room) - A Clouston (Clouston's Building) - Maidstone Motors Service Station Ltd – Tractor Motor Services.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 05 September 1963)

0- **Charles Henry CHANNING** born 26 June 1906 Hamilton New Zealand died 30 March 1984 New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1928 New Zealand Cathrine/Catherine Rose GANDY born 1911 Birmingham Warwickshire England died 1963 Upper Hutt New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married New Zealand Violet Florence surname unknown born 11 June 1905 died 1978 New Zealand  
#Charles Henry CHANNING born 1906 Hamilton New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio 3031 website 1906/13177 parents Prudence A and James Channing  
#Charles Henry CHANNING Tutanekai Street Rotorua clerk 1928 Rotorua Electoral Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING married 1928 New Zealand Cathrine Rose GANDY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio 9534 website 1928/7645  
#Charles Henry CHANNING 408 Whitehead Road Hastings labour & Catherine Rose CHANNING 408 Whitehead Road Hastings married 1935 & 1938 Hawkes Bay Electoral Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING Upper Hutt timber worker & Cathrine Rose CHANNING Upper Hutt married 1946 Otaki Electoral Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING Odlin's Mill Upper Hutt timber worker & Cathrine Rose CHANNING Odlin's Mill Upper Hutt married 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Charles H CHANNING 21 Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt Billiard Pr. & Catherine Rose CHANNING 21 Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt married 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING 21 Main Road Akatarawa bil. Rm. Mgr. & Cathrine Rose CHANNING 21 Main Road Akatarawa married 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Charles H CHANNING 97 Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt Billiard Pr. & Cathrine R CHANNING 87 Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt married 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Cathrine Rose CHANNING died 1963 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 193 folio website 1963/27277 age 52 born about 1911  
#Cathrine Rose CHANNING died 28 August 1963 aged 52 years – Maureen Ellen CHANNING (DEWHURST) loved mother, sister and friend born 29 September 1931 died 25 July 1987 Here lies or Mom headstone plot 595 block 2 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt  
#Charles Henry CHANNING 27 Henry Street Billiard saloon ptr & Violet Florence CHANNING 27 Henry Street married 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING 173 King Street Cambridge retired & Violet Florence CHANNING 173 King Street Cambridge married 1972 Waikato Electoral Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING 209 King Street Cambridge retired & Violet Florence CHANNING 209 King Street Cambridge married 1978 Waipa Electoral Roll  
#Violet Florence CHANNING died 1978 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1978 folio website 1978/35949 born 11 June 1905  
#Charles Henry CHANNING Ruakaka Beach Road Raukaka retired 1981 Kaipara Elect Roll  
#Charles Henry CHANNING died 30 March 1984 buried Hautapu cemetery Waikato

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### **Clouston Corner building - Maidstone Motors & Service Station Limited**

The Maidstone Motors and Service Station Ltd opened 03 June 1953 in the Clouston Corner building. Arthur Clouston was the Director of the Company. It is not known who was employed to operate the Service Station for Arthur Clouston.

Upper Hutt Leader 02 July 1952 (plus other dates)

Maidstone Motors and Service Station Ltd Clouston Corner Petrol Oil Greasing Punctures Repaired Batteries Charged Car Accessories Agents for Cars Humber De Soto Trucks Commer De Soto Tractors David Brown Cropmaster and Crawlers Europa and Shell Service  
*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Upper Hutt Leader 02 July 1952)*

Upper Hutt Leader 10 March 1955

Begin your season with a David Brown Tractor for Power, Economy and Price you cannot do better see them at Maidstone Motors Service Station Ltd Clouston's Corner Upper Hutt Ph. 4748  
*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 10 March 1955)*

### **Clouston's Corner building - Maidstone Motors & Service Station Limited**



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street from Wakefield Street P1-1152-3542)

A later view shows the Clouston's Corner service station on the corner of Wakefield Street replaced by a sweet shop. Nearest car a Ford Cortina estate. Taken from the veranda of Queen's Chambers, where Revelle Jackson had a studio, St Hilda's churchyard in the foreground.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street from Wakefield Street P1-1152-3542)

#### Maidstone Motors and Service Limited 1953-1977

The Certificate of Incorporation of the Maidstone Motors & Services Station Limited was issued on 13 May 1953 with Arthur Clouston holding 1 share and Tractor & Motor Services Company Limited holding the remainder 499 shares making a total of 500 shares. The Annual Return of 30 November 1961 details the 499 shares being transferred to Rodney John Poultney of 51 Ebdentown Road Upper Hutt and Arthur Clouston's 1 share transferred to Trevor Parsons of 39 Shakespeare Avenue Upper Hutt. On the return it also recorded 250 shares being transferred from John Leslie Rowe of Lower Hutt. The following returns only record Rodney John Poultney Ebdentown Road 499 shares and Trevor Parsons 26 Cottle Street 1 share making a total of 500 shares. The Company was wound up voluntarily and struck off the registrar of companies around 28 April 1977.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R15432671 ADSN 17631 W2348 CO-W1 1224 / 9963 1953/168 Maidstone Motors and Service Limited year 1953-1977)

#### **0- Rodney John POULTNEY**

#Rodney John Poultney address was 51 Ebdentown Road Upper Hutt on the annual return of the shareholders in the Maidstone Motor and Services Limited

#Rodney John POULTNEY 20 Miro Street traffic officer & Joan Barbara POULTNEY 20 Miro Street married 1963 New Plymouth Electoral Roll

#Rodney John POULTNEY 18 Longmuir Street traffic officer & Joan Barbara POULTNEY 18 Longmuir Street housewife 1972 Riccarton Electoral Roll

#Rodney J POULTNEY 139 Stapleford Crescent traffic officer & Joan B POULTNEY 139 Stapleford Crescent Ns 1978 & 1981 East Coast Bays Electoral Roll Auckland

#### 0- Trevor PARSONS

#Trevor PARSONS address was 26 Cottle Street Upper Hutt on the annual return of the shareholders in the Maidstone Motor and Services Limited

#Trevor PARSONS 26 Cottle Street Upper Hutt Public Accountant & Marie T PARSONS 26 Cottle Street Upper Hutt married 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Trevor PARSONS 26 Moonshine Road Upper Hutt Public Accountant & Marie Trevor PARSONS 26 Moonshine Road Upper Hutt married 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Trevor PARSONS 16 Arnot Avenue Chartered Accountant & Marie Trevor PARSONS 16 Arnot Avenue married 1972 & 1978 & 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

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### Maidstone Motors & Service Station - Robert Michael Leonard GRIFFEN

Robert Michael Leonard (Bob) GRIFFEN may have managed the Maidstone Motors and Service Station for Arthur Clouston in 1970.

Bob Griffen had advertised his modernised Maidstone Motors and Service Station Limited here, in advertisements starting in March 1970

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner Building photographer Brian Pearce #158)*

#### 0- Robert Michael Leonard GRIFFEN

#Robert Michael L GRIFFEN 187 Main Road Manager & Mavis Rose GRIFFEN 187 Main Road housewife 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Robert Michael L GRIFFEN 6a Merton Street real estate agent & Vicky Helen GRIFFEN 6a Merton Street supervisor 1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Robert Michael Leonard GRIFFEN 3 Down Grove Company Rep & Vicky Helen GRIFFEN 3 Dawn Grove housewife 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

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### Clouston Corner building Neighbours

The 1955 & 1959 *Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories* record the names of the businesses and neighbours near the Clouston Building.

1955 left side [southeast] on Main Road from Wakefield Street going towards Wellington

- Maidstone Motors & Service Station - Petrol, oils, battery charging & servicing. Agents Humber cars & David Brown Wheel & Crawler tractors phone 4748 PO Box 15
- Akatarawa Sawmilling Co Ltd - Sawmillers & timber merchants phone 3235 PO Box 15, Mills Akatarawa phone 5839
- Tractor & Motor Services Ltd - Motor & general engineers Specialists in all motor & tractor repairs 24 hour tow service. Gas & electrical welders. Phones 3235 After hours 3410 PO Box 15)
- Earthmovers & Contractors Ltd - All earth moving jobs contracted for & roading undertaken. Ring for suggestion & estimates. Office Chapman Ross & Co Phone 3131 PO Box 15
- Upper Hutt Motor Bodies Ltd
- Royal Art Furnishers (NZ)
- Jacobs Elec Co Ltd
- Franks Restaurant
- Askews Bidgs.
- National Bank of New Zealand Ltd Phone 4055 PO Box 12 (The) National Bank
- McCulloch & McCulloch accts.



- Gospel Hall
  - Upper Hutt Borough Council
- Here to Russell Street

*(Reference Ancestry website Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories 1955 page 949 scanned image 1158)*

#### 1959 Left side [southeast] on Main Road from Wakefield Street going towards Wellington

- Maidstone Motors & Service Station - Petrol, oils, battery charging & servicing. Agents Humber cars & David Brown Wheel & Crawler tractors phone 4748 PO Box 15 [Clouston's building]
- Akatarawa Sawmilling Co Ltd (Sawmillers & timber merchants phone 3235 PO Box 15 Mills Akatarawa phone 5839)
- Tractor & Motor Services Ltd (Motor & general engineers Specialists in all motor & tractor repairs 24 hour tow service. Gas & electrical welders. Phones 3235 After hours 3410 PO Box 15)
- Maidstone Billiard Saloon (upstairs above Service station)
- Earthmovers & Contractors Ltd (All earth moving jobs contracted for & roading undertaken. Ring for suggestion & estimates. Office Chapman Ross & Co Phone 3131 PO Box 32)
- Upper Hutt Motor Bodies Ltd
- Royal Art Furnishers (NZ)
- Felix Knoef Watchmakers
- Upper Hutt Fish Supply Ltd
- McCulloch & McCulloch public accountants
- Gospel Hall
- Webb Bryan & Bryan (barristers & solicitors, notary public. Reginald Herbert Webb notary public Commissioner for Affidavits for all Australian States and Fiji. Percy Kenneth Bryan, Kenneth Alistair Bryan BA LLB phones office 4216 residence 5010 telegraph add "Webrico" Main Office 248 Lambton Quay opposite DIC Wellington)
- Bank of New South Wales (phone 5090 corner of Main Road & Russell Street)

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington 1959 Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories)*

There were also businesses and residents in Rosenberg /Wakefield Street behind the Clouston building in 1959.

#### 1955 Wakefield Street left from Main Road

- 5 Barron Fred C Uphlstr.

*(Reference Ancestry website Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories 1955 page 949 scanned image 1158)*

#### 1955 Wakefield Street right side from Main Road

- 4 Bailey Fred strkpr.
- Mancer Clde F uphlstr.
- Carnegh Shoes Ltd ftwr. Mtrs.

*(Reference Ancestry website Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories 1955 page 949 scanned image 1158)*

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### **Clouston Corner building neighbours – Return Service Association RSA**

In August 1940 the Returned Services Association proposed to build new premises. In May 1941 they opened the R.S.A. Hall in Rosenberg (Wakefield) Street on the same side of the street as the Clouston building.

Upper Hutt Leader 22 August 1940

RSA – The proposed new building will be situated in Rosenberg Street and will yet be another asset to the borough.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 22 August 1940)*

Upper Hutt Leader 22 May 1941

That the opening of the new RSA Rooms on Saturday should be well attended by all Returned Services.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 22 May 1941)*

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## **Clouston Corner building neighbours – Hubert Edward HOWARD Real Estate**

Upper Hutt Leader 18 June 1964

H E HOWARD Licensed Real Estate Agents member of the Real Estate Institute of NZ Main Street Upper Hutt We are pleased to advise that we have now opened a business office on the main Street Upper Hutt and warmly welcome all property enquiries. Call in discuss your housing problems. Service satisfaction and information without obligation. H E Howard Licensed Real Estate Agent Member of Real Estate Institute NZ Main Street (Clouston's Corner) Upper Hutt Phones 6638 office – 6156 Res. – 4222 Mr Burrell – 7980 Mr Quinn

Upper Hutt Leader 18 June 1964

Property to Let H E HOWARD Licensed Real Estate Agent Main Street (Clouston corner)  
Phones 6638 Office – 6156 Res. - 4222 Mr Burrell

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 18 June 1964)*

Perhaps H E Howard Real Estate occupied the area between the Clouston building and Weldalls Engineering Works as shown in the photograph on the next page.

0- **Hubert Edward HOWARD** born 03 November 1920 died 2004 New Zealand married Alice Marion Surname Unknown born 29 October 1919 New Zealand died 2002 New Zealand  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD Lawrence Street salesman (WS) 1946 Island Bay Electoral Roll  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD 209 Adelaide Road Com. Tr. (WS) & Alice Marion HOWARD 209 Adelaide Road married (WS) 1949 Brooklyn Electoral Roll  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD 209 Adelaide Road comm.trav. (WS) & Alice Marion HOWARD 209 Adelaide Road married (WS) 1954 Island Bay Electoral Roll  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD 10 Islington Street Trentham salesman & Alice Marian HOWARD 10 Islington Street Trentham married 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD 1 Henry Street Stationer & Alice Marian HOWARD 1 Henry Street married 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Hubert E HOWARD 1 Henry Street land agent & Alice M HOWARD 1 Henry Street married 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD 1 Henry Street Land Agent & Alice Marion HOWARD 1 Henry Street Housewife 1969 & 1972 & 1978 & 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Alice Marion HOWARD died 2002 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2002 folio website 2002/16134 born 29 October 1919  
#Hubert Edward HOWARD died 2004 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2004 folio website 2004/19887 born 03 November 1920

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## **Clouston Corner building neighbours –Weldall Engineering Works**



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street from Logan Street photographer Brain Pearce #150)*

Clouston's Corner building at left on the corner of Wakefield Street, Weldall Engineering Works at right.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street from Logan Street photographer Brain Pearce #150)*

Various Upper Hutt leader newspaper articles record Weldall Engineering Works and Weldall Works. The photograph above show clearly that Weldall Engineering Works was situated south of Clouston's corner building. In various Upper Hutt Leaders it records that the Weldall Works was situated next to the Majestic theatre further south in Main Street.

I can confirm that the phone number 3495 is the same for both Weldall Engineering Ltd and Weldall Works Construction.

Upper Hutt Leader 20 October 1955

Weldall Works Construction Repairs, Welders of Cast Iron, Aluminium, Bronze etc., Will be commencing Business on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October Reasonable, Reliable. Victor Motors Building (next to Majestic Theatre)

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 20 October 1955)*

Upper Hutt Leader 20 December 1957

Carel Van Voorthuysen Weldall Works Welding Specialists Main Road Wish his friends and customers a very Happy Xmas and prosperous New Year – Give is a break and we will fix it. Open during holidays

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 20 December 1957)*

The 1961 Wises Directory records "Weldall Works Repairs & constrictions Wrought iron balustrades & gates. Phone 3495 after hours 4430".

*(Reference Heritage Centre Petone Library [1] 1959 Wises NZ Post Office Directory Volume 2 1959 pages 223-225 & [2] 1960/1961 Wises NZ Post Office Directories Volume 2 pages 220-222)*

Upper Hutt Leader 14 October 1964

Fitter, Welder, Boilermaker, Welder, Good Wages, Overtime Available apply Weldall Engineering Ltd Main Street Upper Hutt phone 3495

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 14 October 1964)

Around 1967 Weldalls Engineering Works were situated at 168-180 Main Street Upper Hutt.

I believe that they were once situated next the Majestic Theatre then relocated to 168-180 Main Road near the Clouston Building.

In 1969 Weldall's moved from 168-180 Main Street to 1a Brown Street in Upper Hutt. Later still they moved to Jupiter Grove and by 1993 Whakatiki Engineering (1984) Ltd owned and occupied the former Weldalls building.

0- **Carel Hendrick VAN VOORTHUYSEN** born 20 May 1927 Rotterdam Holland died 05 August 1969 New Zealand married Cornelia Apolonia Surname unknown born 24 March 1926 Alphen Aan Den Rijn Netherlands died 13 July 2019 Napier New Zealand

#Carel Van Voorthuysen Weldall Works Welding Specialists Main Road Wish his friends and customers a very Happy Xmas and prosperous New Year – Give is a break and we will fix it. Open during holiday's reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 20 December 1957

#Cornelia A VAN VOORTHUYSEN 57 Cruickshank Road widow 1969 & 1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Carel Hendrick van VOORTHUYSEN died 1969 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1969 folio website 1969/35353 age 42 born about 1927

#Carel Hendrik van VOORTHUYSEN dearly loved husband of Corrie and father of Louisa, Carolyn and Robert died 05 August 1969 aged 42 buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

#Cornelia Aplolnia van VOORTHUYSEN died 2019 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2019 folio website 2019/19308 born 24 March 1926

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### Clouston Corner building – Radford's Furnishers 1973-1982



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner Building photographer Brian Pearce #158)

Clouston's Corner building corner Main and Wakefield Streets Upper Hutt undergoing conversion to retail premises for Radfords Furnishers. The photograph was taken in June 1973 from Wakefield Street, looking west. This building was constructed for local saw-miller Arthur Clouston in 1953. The premises consisted of a service station and adjoining workshop opened on 3 June 1953 as Maidstone Motors and Service Station Ltd., Manager Frank Buster Foster, and there was a billiard saloon upstairs run by Charlie Channing. Bob Griffen advertised his modernised Maidstone Motors and Service Station Limited in advertisements starting in March 1970. Radfords announced their intention to set up a 17 000 square foot (1580 square metres) store here, the 21 February Leader picture showed it occupying the whole western side of Wakefield Street. A before picture was printed on a later page. Radfords opened on 25 October 1973 and closed on 26 March 1982. This photograph was used in the book Upper Hutt - The History by Kelleher (1991) on page 64, but regrettably with errors in the caption.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner Building photographer Brian Pearce #158)*

In 1973 the Clouston Building on the corner of Main Street and Wakefield Street underwent major reconstruction to accommodate a new furnishing business. On the 25 October 1973 Radford's Furnishers opened for business. The shop closed 9 years later on 26 March 1982.

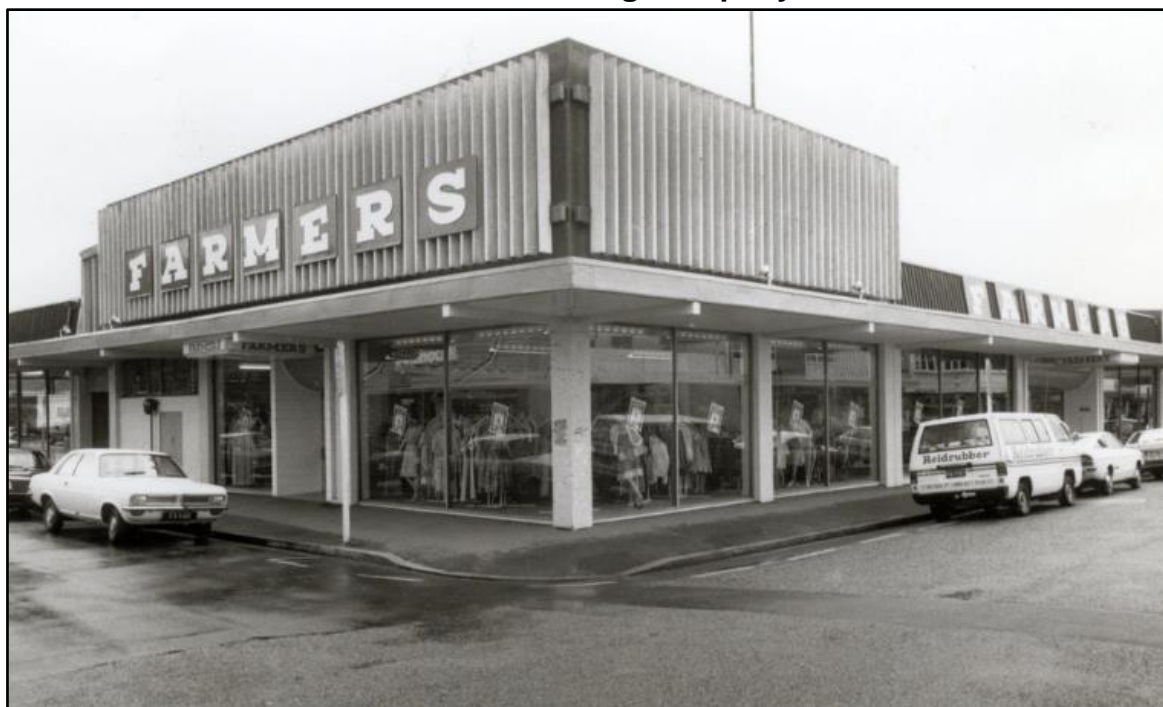
Other Radford Furnishing Co., stores were once situated at 209 Jackson Street Petone and 31 Manners Street Wellington.

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### **Clouston's Corner building - Farmers Trading Company**

The Farmers Trading Company opened for business on 19 April 1982 in the Clouston building. The top facade of the building was covered up and the name "Clouston Corner" could not be viewed.

#### **Farmers Trading Company**



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner building Upper Hutt Leader 1983 09 27 01)*

Farmer's premises corner of Main and Wakefield streets. Photograph published in the Upper Hutt Leader on 27 September 1983. Bob Griffen had advertised his modernised Maidstone Motors and Service Station Limited here, in advertisements starting in March 1970. The former service station had been converted to retail premises by Radfords Furnishers, who opened there on 25 October 1973, they also added the vertical timbers to the upper floor, hiding the Clouston's Corner names on both facades. On 16 February 1982 Radfords announced that its store would close at the end of March, and that Farmers would be moving in. Radfords closed on 26 March 1982. Farmers had moved part of their Upper Hutt business to this site on 19 April 1982. Their last day of trading there was Sunday 30 October 1994. On Wednesday 2 November 1994 Farmers moved this operation to a second floor in the Maidstone Mall. (Information from Brian Pearce and Don McLeod). After Farmers moved out the first floor timbers were removed, and the Clouston's Corner name was again visible.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner building Upper Hutt Leader 1983 09 27 01)*

Farmers vacated the building on 30 October 1994 and reopened in Upper Hutt's Mall on the other side of Main Street on 02 November 1994. The facade was removed and once again locals could see the name of the building again "Clouston's Corner".

### Clouston's Corner building - Uncovering the name



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner building photographer Brian Pearce #114)*

Clouston's Corner building corner Main and Wakefield Streets Upper Hutt photographed in November 1994 from Main Street. The Farmers Trading Company opened here on 19 April 1982 and closed its operation at this site on 30 October 1994 moving that operation to join one in Maidstone Mall which was expanded to two floors. The combined operation opened on 2 November 1994. This picture seems to have been taken while Farmers features were being removed the upper floor had been surrounded by vertical timbers from the time of Radfords (25 October 1973 to 26 March 1982). This photograph with an accompanying article was published in the Upper Hutt Leader on 11 November 2009 under the heading "Farmers 100 years". (Information from Brian Pearce and Don McLeod). Bob Griffen had advertised his modernised Maidstone Motors and Service Station Limited here, in advertisements starting in March 1970.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Clouston's Corner building photographer Brian Pearce #114)*

### Clouston's Corner building – Blockbuster

The Blockbuster Video Tape Rentals opened for business on 30 November 1996 in the building Clouston's Corner". Blockbusters moved 2 doors down the road (southeast) in 2012.

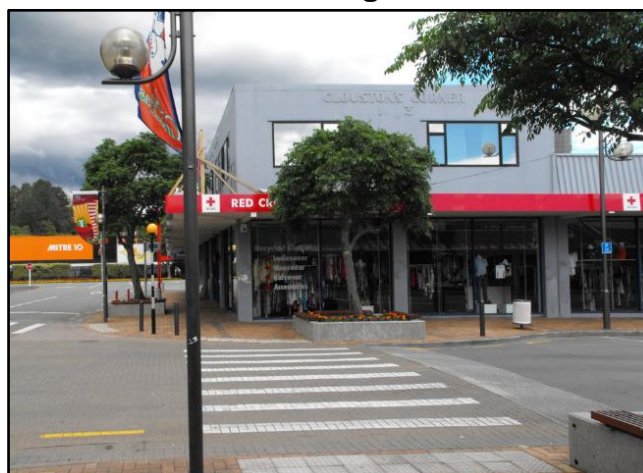


(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street 1997 Blockbuster Aamodt south 35)

The building had been built by Arthur Clouston, and initially housed a service station, with a billiard room upstairs, it was converted for retail sales, and first occupied by Radfords furnishers from 25 October 1973 to 26 March 1982 and then the Farmers. Blockbuster video tape rentals opened on 30 November 1996. Occupants August 2014. The Red Cross Shop which extended into one bay of the next building.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street 1997 Blockbuster Aamodt south 35)

### Clouston Corner building – Red Cross Shop



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street No 168 3 Red Cross shop DSCF0022)

The two storey building began as Clouston's Building with a ground floor service station and a billiard room upstairs. Its upper floor was the first home of the Upper Hutt public library. The building was later taken over by Radfords, furnishings from 25 October 1973 to 26 March 1982, then the Farmers Trading Co, then Blockbuster (video rentals). Blockbuster had moved two doors east by 2012, and have since been replaced there by Goods 2 U. All shops from Wakefield Street to Thai House Express are Number 168, for some reason.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street No 168 3 Red Cross shop DSCF0022)

The Red Cross Shop moved into the Clouston Corner building date around 2014. The Red Cross moved down the street around 2018 and were still operating in 2019.

### Clouston Corner building - Westpac Bank



*(Reference Google Maps Wakefield Street and Main Street)*

In 2018 the Westpac bank moved from the corner of Main Street and north side of Russell Street into the Clouston Corner building situated on the corner of Wakefield Street and Main Street in Upper Hutt. In 2019 the Westpac Bank was still operating from the Clouston Corner building.

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### Clouston's Corner Building – Businesses facing Wakefield Street

In the Clouston Corner building but facing Wakefield Street is two businesses, Domino's Upper Hutt and City Stop Upper Hutt.



*(Reference Google Maps Wakefield Street Upper Hutt)*

Domino's Upper Hutt the Pizza shop opened date unknown and was still operating in 2019  
City Stop Upper Hutt opened date unknown and was still operating in 2019



## **Clouston's Corner building 168-180 Main Street Upper Hutt**

### **Question and Research**

- ❖ Question who owed the land and building before John Thomas BENGÉ
  - ❖ Question who owned the land and business after Peter Robertson
  - ❖ Question what happened to the land and business between 1939 and 1950
  - ❖ Search for Property number then building permits
  - ❖ Search for CT 352-68 and CT352-61
  - ❖ Search Alexander Turnbull Library for 1959 Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories for Wakefield Street
  - ❖ Search Alexander Turnbull Library for all Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directories from 1955 onwards for Main Street
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