

Akatarawa cemetery

Fairview Drive off Akatarawa Road Birchville district Akatarawa

Time line of Akatarawa cemetery

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| 1896 | Samuel William Bengé donates 3 acres land to Hutt County Council |
| 1896 | Upper Hutt's first public cemetery off Akatarawa Road |
| 1896 | Hutt County dedicated cemetery - September |
| 1896 | 1 st burial Jacob C Cruywagen - December |
| 1903 | Oscar Poulson buried in cemetery (not 1 st burial but thought to be 1st) |
| 1905 | Cemetery Trustees J Whiteman, J W Cudby, J A Hazelwood & J B Dalton |
| 1907 | Samuel William Bengé died buried in cemetery |
| 1913 | New trustee G J Taylor |
| 1930 | Upper Hutt County Council take charge of cemetery from Hutt County |
| 1949 | R.S.A. Soldiers Lawn cemetery established |
| 1950 | 1 st R.S.A. burial Joseph Stringer in soldier's lawn cemetery |
| 1951 | Decision to employ sexton at cemetery |
| 1950s | David Whiteman new cemetery sexton (check) |
| 1957 | Install cattle-stop at cemetery |
| 1961 | Mr Kent supplies cherry trees to plant along cemetery Avenue |
| 1966 | Upper Hutt City Council responsible for cemetery |
| 1966 | Additional land purchased for cemetery expansion |
| 1978 | David Whiteman retires as sexton |
| 1978 | Neil Whiteman son of David new sexton |
| 1998 | crematorium built at Akatarawa cemetery |
| 1999 | Stillborn memorial plaque placed in cemetery |
| 2003 | Unveiling of plaque by Mayor Wayne Guppy & sexton Neil Whiteman |
| 2014 | Constriction on new chapel and crematorium began |
| 2020s | New entrance to cemetery from Fairview Drive off Akatarawa Road (check) |
| 2020s | Construction of river-stone walls and archway entrance to cemetery (check) |
| 2021 | Neil Whiteman still sexton of cemetery (43 years) |

The Akatarawa Cemetery land of 3 acres was donated to the Hutt County Council by Samuel William Bengé in June 1896. The cemetery was situated on part Section No 215 Block 14 in the Akatarawa Survey District and was dedicated in September 1896.

Samuel William Bengé (1855-1907) was a practicing Brethren. He was concerned that there was no public burial place in the Upper Hutt district for Brethren. In the early years the Anglicans had St John's churchyard and the Roman Catholic had St Joseph's churchyard.

The Akatarawa Cemetery would be the first and in 2022 the only public cemetery in the Upper Hutt district. In later years the Wallaceville Presbyterian cemetery was established.

Evening Post newspaper & New Zealand Times Newspaper 10 June 1896

Local and General - An offer by Mr S Bengé to give three acres of land at Akatarawa for the purposes of a public cemetery has been accepted by the Hutt County Council.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper & New Zealand Times newspaper 10 June 1896 page 5)

New Zealand Mail newspaper 11 June 1896

Hutt County Council - An offer from Mr S Benge of three acres of land at Akatarawa for the purpose of a public cemetery was accepted with thanks

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 11 June 1896 page 28)

Evening Post newspaper 10 & 17 & 24 September 1896

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that part of Section 215 of Block 14, Akatarawa S.D., is now dedicated and open as a Cemetery, to be known as the Akatarawa Cemetery.

Dated this 9th day of September, 1896.

By order of the Hutt County Council.

H. D. ATKINSON,
Clerk.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 September 1896 page 6)

The first access to the three acre cemetery was off Akatarawa Road. Over the years the cemetery has expanded and access to the Akatarawa Cemetery is now from Fairview Drive off Akatarawa Road in the Birchville district of Akatarawa.

Section No 215 Hutt District

| Number. | Date of Instrument. | Nature of Instrument. | PARTIES | Date of Instrument | Where recorded. | Reference. | Diagram |
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| G. 498 Crown Grant No. 6373 (unregd) in Deeds Box No. 498. Fees outed. | | | | | | | |
| 51600 | 3pm 23 June 1886 | Conveyance | Hooper to Benge Acra | 3 Nov 1879 | 89D432 | | D.2165 |
| 52949 | 1pm 22 Dec | Probate | S. Benge | 15 Aug 1876 | 3F 675 | | D.2164 |
| 55785 | 2pm 4 July 1888 | Conveyance | Jno. Benge to Seal. Benge | 17 July 1887 | 96D58 | | |
| 70884 | 11am 29 Sept '96 | Conveyance | S. Benge to Chairman of Hutt County | 5 Sept 1896 | 119D24 | 3/503 | ← |
| 80375 | 3pm 15 Feb 1901 | Conveyance | S. Benge Anar to H. Benge | 9 Feb 1901 | 131D286 | 3/720 | |
| 102788 | 11am 19 June '09 | Probate | G. J. Benge decd. | 25 Jan 1908 | 10W 368 | | |
| <u>PROCLAMATION No. 1011 TAKING PART AS A ROAD. ENTERED 21st DECEMBER 1915 AT 800G.</u> | | | | | | | |
| 127580 | 10am 14 Aug '20 | Conveyance | C. Francis to H. Benge | 22 Dec 1919 | 234D360 | (Bal.) | |
| <u>PROCLAMATION No. 1473 TAKING PART AS A ROAD PRODUCED 18th NOVEMBER 1924 AT 11.50 a.m.</u> | | | | | | | |
| ORDER IN COUNCIL 1151 AND PROCLAMATIONS 1475 and 1476 PRODUCED 1st DECEMBER 1924 at 10 a.m. DECLARING PART OF THE WITHIN LAND TO BE A GOVERNMENT ROAD STOPPING THE HATCHED PART ADJACENT THERE TO AND DECLARING SAME TO BE CROWN LAND. | | | | | | | |
| Brought into the possession of the Land Transfer Act No. Vol. 542 Vol. 281 7/19 10/12 | | | | | | ✓ | A.L.N. |

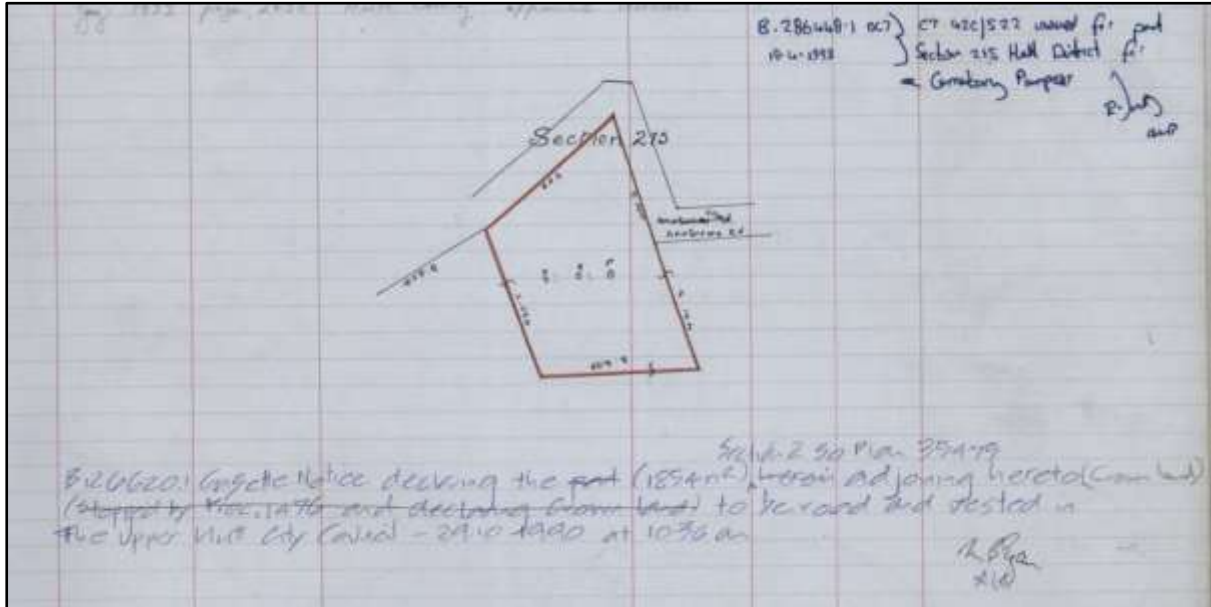
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R20163322 AFIH 22394 W5691/44 LINZ Land Information New Zealand Deed Index Register Volume 3 folio 502)

Number 8806 - receipt of Instrument 3pm 22 March 1904 – Nature of Instrument Conveyance – Parties Hutt County to The King – date of instrument 08 March 1904 – where recorded Deed 148 folio 561 – reference (blank)

[Transcribe Deed 148 folio 561 at Archives New Zealand Wellington Office LINZ Deed room]

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington LINZ Land Information New Zealand Deed Index Register volume 3 folio 502)

Akatarawa Cemetery part Section No 215



(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R20163322 AFIH 22394 W5691/44 LINZ Land Information New Zealand Deed Index Register Volume 3 folio 503)

At the beginning of December 1896 Jacob C Cruywagen became the first person to be interred in the Akatarawa cemetery. Jacob was a farmer with freehold land on part section No 207 in the Trentham area.

(Reference Jacob C CRUYWAGEN Upper Hutt farmer freehold part section 207 Upper Hutt 1893 Otaki Electoral Roll)

Evening Post newspaper Saturday 05 December 1896

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Jacob C Cruywagen are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral which will leave the Upper Hutt Railway Station to-morrow Sunday at 2.30 pm for Upper Hutt Public Cemetery – E Morris Junior Undertaker Taranaki Street

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper Saturday 05 December 1896 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 07th December 1896

The first interment made, in the new cemetery at Akatarawa, Upper Hutt, the ground for which was presented by Mr. S. Benge, took place yesterday, when the late Mr. J. C. Cruwaygen, a very old settler, who died in the Wellington Hospital last week, was buried there. The service was conducted by Mr. C. H. Hinman, and a large number of settlers were present.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1896 page 4 column 7)

Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1896

Local and General – The first interment made in the new cemetery at Akatarawa Upper Hutt, the ground for which as presented by Mr S Bengé took place yesterday, when the late Mr J C Cruwaygen, a very old settler, who died in the Wellington Hospital last week, was buried there. The service was conducted by Mr C H Hinman, and a large number of settlers were present.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1896 page 4)

There is no headstone bearing the name of Jacob C CRUYWAGEN in the old burial section of the Akatarawa Cemetery.

Akatarawa Cemetery early burial ground (red arrow)



(Reference Goggle maps 2022 Akatarawa Road cemetery in middle)

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 September 1902

Hutt County Council - The tender of F Childs at 10s 6d a chain, was accepted for the work of fencing the Akatarawa cemetery and supplying posts. There were three tenders.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 September 1902 page 3)

A 2003 Upper Hutt Leader newspaper recorded that the first interment in Akatarawa Cemetery was carried out on the 16th of March 1903 for Oscar Poulson. According to Oscar's death registration he died on 16 February 1903 one month earlier.

Oscar Poulson was born 13 May 1900 and died 16 February 1903 New Zealand. His parents were Sarah nee Johnson and Carl Julius Poulson.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 13 May 1900 folio website 1900/7158 & RGO NZ death registration 16 February 1903 folio website 1903/3244 age 2 years born about 1901)

Question: Which is correct the newspaper article or the RGO NZ death registration? Perhaps we should purchase a copy of the death registration or try to locate the burial register for the correct answer. In 1903 the Hutt County Council was responsible for the Akatarawa cemetery.

Evening Post newspaper 08 September 1903

Hutt County Council – Authority was given to Councillor Whitemans to call a public meeting at the Upper Hutt to recommend the appointment of suitable persons as trustees for the Akatarawa Cemetery.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 September 1903 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 09 September 1903

Hutt County Council - For the administration of the Akatarawa cemetery authority was given for the calling of a public meeting at the Hutt and the appointment of three or more trustees.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09 September 1903 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 October 1903

Hutt County Council – The Council decided to ask for an Order-in-Council authorising the appointment of trustees for the Akatarawa Cemetery.

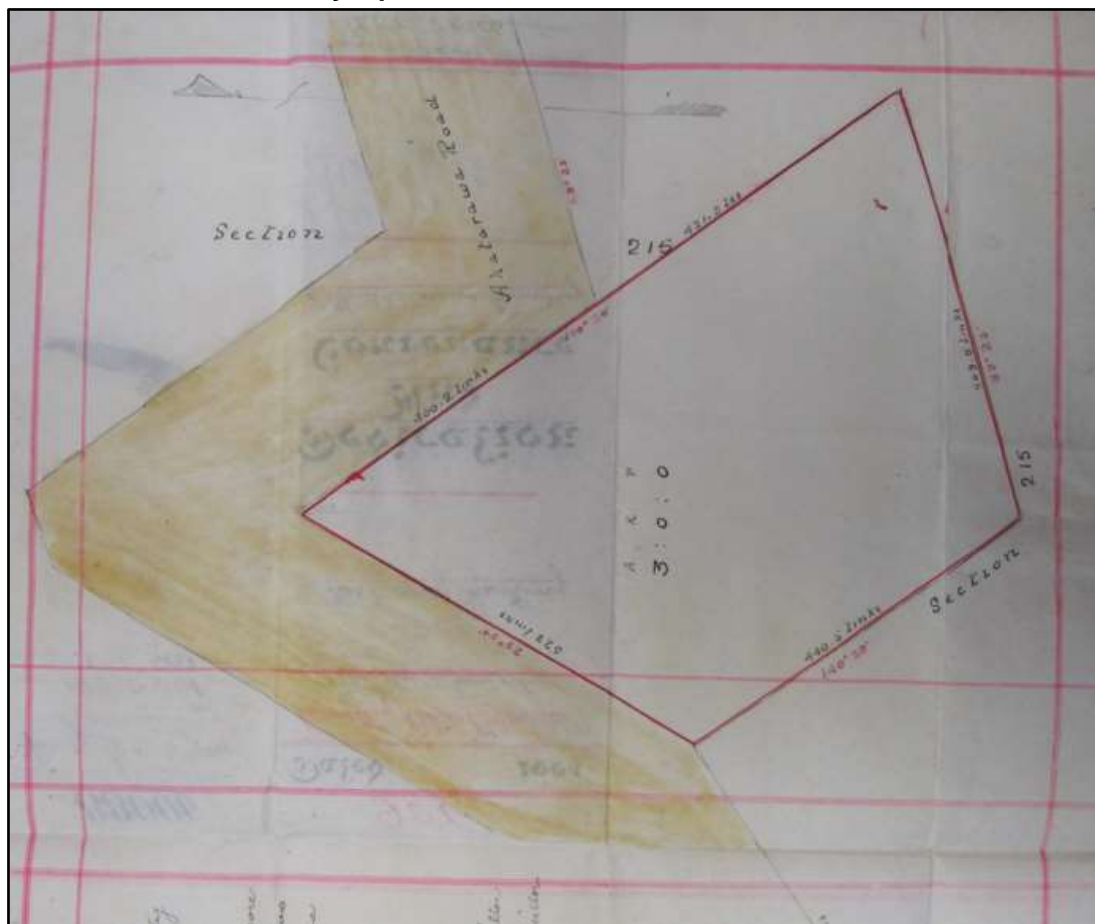
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 October 1903 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 24 December 1903

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the later Frederick Anderson are invited to attend the Funeral procession which will leave his residence on Saturday the 26th for the Cemetery at Akatarawa at 2 o'clock p.m. – Charles Cudby Senior Undertaker. Frederick's wife Polina Anderson died 08 April 1906 and was buried alongside her husband in the Akatarawa cemetery.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 December 1903 page 6)

Cemetery – part Section No 215 Akatarawa District



(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABWN W5279 8102 Box 349 WGN 906 Part Sec 215 Akatarawa dates 1905)

Conveyance [05 September 1896 - 08 March 1904]

This Deed made the eight day of March One thousand nine hundred and four Between The Chairman Councillors and Inhabitants of the Hutt County (hereinafter called the County) of the one part and His Majesty The King of the other part Agree by deed bearing the Fifth day of September One thousand eight hundred and ninety six [1896] Register Number 70884 one Samuel Benge conveyed and assured unto the County the lands described in the Schedule hereto upon Trust for the public use as a Cemetery under the provisors of "The Cemeteries Act 1882" and any Acts amending the same And Whereas in the months of September and October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six the said piece of land was duly declared to be dedicated and open as a Cemetery And Whereas it is considered desirable that the management of such Cemetery should be undertaken by Trustees living in or near the district in which the same is situated and to enable the appointments of such Trustees the County has determined to make the dedication and conveyance hereinafter set out Then Therefore this Deed Witnessed that in consideration of the premises The County doth hereby dedicate to the public use as a Cemetery under "The Cemeteries Act 1882" and for that purpose doth hereby convey and assure unto His Majesty The King All Those the land and hereditaments described in the Schedule hereto and more particularly delineated in the plan drawn hereon and therein bordered With all the appurtenances thereunto belonging In Witnesses whereof the Common Seal of the County hath been affixed the day and year first above written.

The Schedule above referred to All That piece of land containing three acres (3ac) more or less and situated in and being part of the Section Two hundred and fifteen (215) on the plan of the Akatarawa District. The Common Seal of the Chairman Councillors and Inhabitants of the Hutt County was hereto affixed by Patrick Mungavin and Frederic Townsend two of the Councillors in pursuance of a resolution passed on the eight day of March 1904 In the presence of H D Atkinson Clerk to the Hutt County Council Wellington.

(signed) by P Mungavin Councillor & F Townsend Councillor.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABWN W5279 8102 Box 349 WGN 906 Part Sec 215 Akatarawa date 1905)

New Zealand Times newspaper 13 April 1904

Hutt County Council - "from the Undersecretary for Lands accepting the dedication of Akatarawa Cemetery".

(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 13 April 1904 page 3)

Questions – According to the 1896 newspaper article the cemetery was dedicated. Eight years later the cemetery is dedicated again. I wonder if the dedication of the Akatarawa cemetery was published in the New Zealand Government Gazette.

Evening Post newspaper 11 April 1905

A humorous instance of the casualness and let-it-slide philosophy of the colonies came to light at this morning's meeting of the Hutt County Council A communication was received from the Lands Department pointing out that in connection with the Akatarawa Public Cemetery no regulations for its management had been made no scale of fees fixed no chairman elected, no graves plotted out no meetings held and the price of plots only agreed upon in an informal manner. No nothing in fact commented a member. The Department mentioned that the Trustees were appointed on the Council's recommendation and it suggested that some enquiries should be made. Councillor Whiteman who is one of the Trustees said that there had been one burial that of a suicide and the Government had not paid the fee. The finances of the Trustees were very vague. We have two or three pounds said Councillor Whiteman and we owe five. The Council came to no decision on the matter.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 April 1905 page 4)

New Zealand Times newspaper 12 April 1905

Hutt County Council – Akatarawa Cemetery - The following letter, dealing with the Akatarawa cemetery, was received from the Department of Lands and Survey; I have the honour by direction of the Hon Minister of Lands, to inform you that his attention has been called to the fact that no regulations for the management of the cemetery have been made, no scale of fees fixed, no chairman elected, no graves plotted out, no meetings held, and the price of plots only agreed upon in an informal manner. The trustees are Messrs John Whiteman, John Walter Cudby, James A Hazelwood, and John B. Dalton, and as they were appointed on the recommendation of the Hutt County Council, I think you should, ask them to explain why the responsibilities of the trust are being ignored. Please inquire also if any burials have been made in the cemetery. I have etc., William C Kensington, Under-Secretary.” The reading of the letter caused some amusement. In answer to the chairman, Councillor Whiteman (one of the trustees) said they had two or three hundred iron pegs on order for marking the ground. These would cost about £5; and he thought the trustees had about £4 in hand. Only one body had been buried in the cemetery since the trustees took charge - that of a man who committed suicide near the cemetery. After some further discussion the matter was allowed to drop.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 12 April 1905 page 2)

The full names of the trustees of Akatarawa cemetery were - John Walter Cudby - John Benjamin Dalton - James Alfred Hazelwood - John Whiteman

In 1905 Councillor Whiteman states that only one body had been buried in the Akatarawa Cemetery and that was a man who committed suicide near the cemetery. There was no mention of the child Oscar Poulson 1903 burial a few years previous.

Question: Who was the man that committed suicide and was said to have been buried at Akatarawa Cemetery? The death would be between September 1903 and April 1905. Perhaps the coroner’s inquest will give us the answer.

Perhaps the man who committed suicide was Henry Bellinger who died 25 November 1904.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1904 December quarter registration place Upper Hutt 1904 folio 2383 website 1904/7006 age 37 years of age born about 1867)

Evening Post newspaper 02 December 1904

Accidents and Fatalities Found Drowned - The body of a young man about thirty five years of age was found in the river at Silverstream yesterday. A Gisborne Post Office Savings Bank book was found in his possession bearing the name of Henry Bellenger. Deceased had two cuts in the throat and his shirt was torn into strips and used to tie his hand behind his back and to tie a boulder round his neck. The police believe the case to be one of suicide and are at present making enquiries about the deceased’s relatives etc. The body has been removed to the Upper Hutt where an inquest will be held probably by a Justice of the Peace.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 December 1904 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1904

An inquest was held at the Upper Hutt yesterday concerning the death of the young man found in the river at Silverstream. Evidence showed that there were no means of identification beyond the name Henry Bellenger inserted in a Gisborne Post Office Savings Bank book found on deceased. A verdict of suicide by drowning was returned.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1904 page 5)

Particulars of the Estates of Deceased Person which have been placed under the Charge of the Public Trustee for Management during the Month of December record – No 4 - Name of deceased Henry Bellenger – colonial residence Trentham Wellington – supposed British or Foreign Residence (blank) – Date of order or date of filling of Election to administer 23 December 1904 – time of deceased's death 25 November 1904 – remarks (blank)

Dated the 17th day of January 1905 – J W Poynton Public Trustee

(Reference Ancestry website Notices of Deceased Estates)

New Zealand Times newspaper 13 February 1907

Hutt County Council – At the Akatarawa cemetery a road should be made to the back plots and the trustees asked the Council to assist to the extent of £10. The report was adopted.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 13 February 1907 page 9)

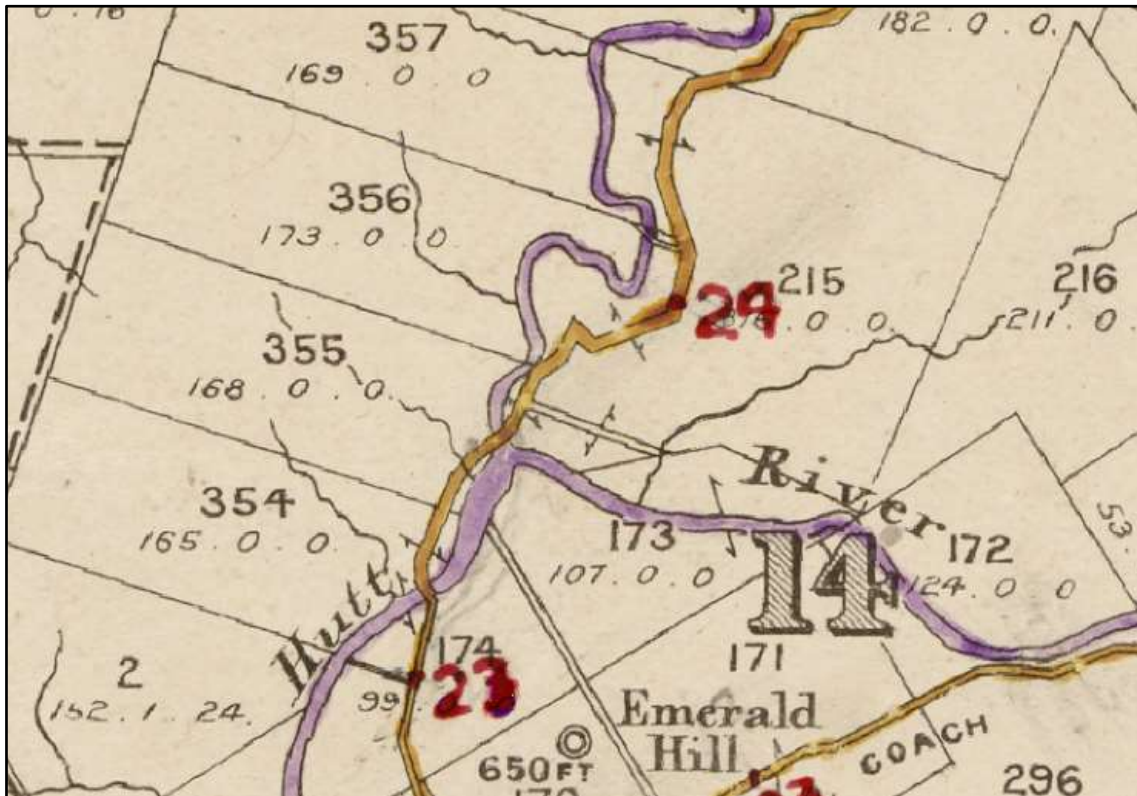
Evening Post newspaper 30 December 1907

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the late Samuel William Benge are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, which will leave his late residence, Mungaroa, on Wednesday 01st January, 1908, at 1 p.m., for Akatarawa Cemetery – G McIlvride and Son Sanitary Undertakers Lower Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 December 1907 page 8)

Samuel William Benge had donated the 3 acres of land for the Akatarawa Cemetery in 1896 and 11 years later in 1907 he was buried in the cemetery, on land that he once owned.

1909 Map showing Section No 215 Akatarawa



(Reference Maps Past website Upper Hutt 1909 Akatarawa)

The survey map records Section No 215 in the Akatarawa Survey District and Akatarawa Road (marked in brown). The road crossing over the west side of the river and back is now known as Bridge Road. The two bridges crossing over the river were named 'black bridge'.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 June 1913

Cemeteries Akatarawa Public - Trustees J W Cudby, J B Dalton, J A Hazelwood, J Whiteman.
Secretary J W Cudby Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 28 June 1913 page 2)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 23 August 1913

G J Taylor has been gazetted a member of the Akatarawa Cemetery Board, vice J B Dalton.
Busybodies please note.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 23 August 1913 page1)

The new member of the Akatarawa Cemetery Board was George Joseph Taylor (1861-1943).

1915 Map of Manoeuvre Area Neighbourhood of Trentham Camp Wellington



(Reference NZDF Map Library Map of Manoeuvre Area Neighbourhood of Trentham Camp Wellington 1915 IMG_4592)

Hutt News newspaper 17 January 1929

Local and General – Monthly meeting of Hutt County Council - It was decided to inquire into the matter of who was responsible for the Akatarawa cemetery.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt News newspaper 17 January 1929 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1930 page 14)

Upper Hutt Borough Council – Mr John Cudby and Mr Taylor waited upon the council as a deputation from the Akatarawa Cemetery Board, asking the council to take control of the cemetery. The board was in a sound financial position / cemetery, subject to the consent of the Hutt County and the Minister of Health.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1930 page 14)

In September 1930 the Upper Hutt Borough Council took over control of the Akatarawa cemetery from the Hutt County with the approval of the Minister of Health.

Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1930

Upper Hutt Borough Council – The Minister of Health and the Hutt County Council wrote approving of the council's taking over of the control of the Akatarawa Cemetery, the Hutt County stipulating that there should be no difference in the charges to Hutt County residents.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1930 page 15)

Evening Post newspaper 21 January 1933

A complaint that cattle had been wandering in the Akatarawa Cemetery was referred to the overseer with power to act.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 January 1933 page 15)

Later there were articles about cattle stops been place at the entrance to the Akatarawa Cemetery.

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 March 1936

Correspondence Akatarawa Public Cemetery Sir, Through the medium of your much appreciated weekly paper I would like to take the opportunity of bringing to the notice of the responsible authorities the sadly neglected state of this cemetery the last resting place of some of our splendid old pioneers and the only Public Cemetery (to my knowledge) in the Upper Hutt District. Some two years ago I approached the Borough Council in regard to this matter and was successful (through our progressive and energetic Councillor Mr P Keys) in getting them to make a move in clearing away the gorse and rubbish and making decent paths, and for a while this little cemetery was a real credit to the Borough. However nothing has been done to it for months with the consequence that it is getting overgrown with gorse and bracken and the paths are positively a disgrace. At various times I have approached the Mayor and spoken to one or two Councillors re-erecting some sort of a tank to ensure a water supply. At present the nearest place is at the river a steep climb of 15 minutes for young folk and absolutely impossible for a man of my age (in the 70's). Now surely a tank could be erected at a small cost to provide water all the year round. The upkeep of the cemetery would not be a matter of squandering hundreds of the rate-payers money especially if it were not permitted to get into such a neglected and untidy state. Indeed one wonders at times what benefits the ratepayers do receive besides the obvious sanitation and water fees. In the hope that something may be done to remedy things I am etc., Ratepayer

(Reference Papers last website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 20 March 1936 page 4)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 01 May 1936

Akatarawa Cemetery - A letter in our Correspondence Column of March 20th by "Ratepayer" complaining of the neglected and untidy state of the cemetery the last resting place of some of our splendid pioneers has been the means presumably of prompting the Works Committee to action. We understand a visit to the cemetery will be undertaken by this alive body who will make an inspection of the burial ground and report at the next meeting of the Council (unless as sometimes happens a resolution is forgotten pigeon-holed or otherwise disposed of). The Works Committee are asked to report upon cleaning the grounds and footpaths and how best to arrange a water supply. We believe Councillor Keys has moved in the matter and therefore with assistance from members of the Works Committee we look forward to this report, after which we shall possibly look further forward and wait the time when these improvements are an accomplished fact. It seems a pity and a waste of Councillors valuable time that they should have to be gathered together and transported to the cemetery (alive) and brought back again

(still alive) to compile a Report! What a task - what a word! What an excuse for the ineptitude of statesmen, politicians, commissions and Borough Councillors. Wait! Taihoa! Is it possible there might be an employee of the Council who could make tidy this picturesque God's acre if told to do so or a local plumber who could make a tap?

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 01 May 1936 page 4)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 15 May 1936

Report from Works Committee

Members: His Worship the Mayor, Crs. Blewman, Guthrie and Purvis.

(1) Unused portion of land at Akatarawa Cemetery: Your committee recommends that Mr Leon Benge be given the use of the land for a term of 5 years with six months' notice on either side on condition that he fences the portion he is to occupy and keeps it free from noxious 'weeds.

(2) That the occupied portion be fenced to include the plots served by the four paths.

(3) Water-Cemetery: That a grating and tub be provided. The tub to be sunk above the present drain pipe culvert.

(4) Cleaning Paths Hedge Trimmed: Your committee recommends that the paths be cleaned up on the used portion of the Cemetery; also noxious weeds be cleared away and the hedge trimmed.

(5) Scale of Charges: The committee is considering the scale of charges pertaining at the Taita Cemetery.

(6) Notice Board at Cemetery: That a wooden plate be put on the present board with the words "Apply to Town Clerk." Councillor Greig asked what the charges were at present as regards burial at the Cemetery. Councillor Purvis gave him the figures, but stated that according to the present standard rates, the whole matter had to be revised. It was decided that the committee get a scale of charges and the notice board be attended to. After further discussion all clauses were agreed to. The second portion of the Works Committee report was taken as follows.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 15 May 1936 page 1)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 12 June 1936

Upper Hutt Borough Council – Akatarawa Cemetery: The committee recommends that the following shall be the charges at the Akatarawa Cemetery Interments still born 17/6; every other interment £1 12/-. Except on Sundays and Holidays. Sundays and holidays £2; dis-interments and re-interments £2/10/-; extra depth of graves (two interments only) 7/6 per foot.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 12 June 1936 page 1)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 09 April 1937

Councillor Keys asked if it was possible to do something to Akatarawa Cemetery regarding a supply of water. The Overseer (Mr Golder) stated that the blackberry and gorse had been cleaned up but no water had been laid on.

(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 09 April 1937 page 2)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 28 August 1947

Akatarawa Public Cemetery – The Council approved of the following fees for the above cemetery [full details not transcribed]

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection website Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 28 August 1947)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 20 January 1949

Upper Hutt Borough Council – (7) For the extension of Akatarawa cemetery (Law Cemetery) The Soldiers Section already cleared and graded and pegged.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 20 January 1949)

Upper Hutt Leader 22 June 1950

Servicemen's Cemetery at Akatarawa - At last night's meeting of the Council the servicemen's plot at the Akatarawa cemetery came under discussion after a letter had been received from the Department of Internal Affairs withholding the maintenance grant of £25 owing to the very poor state of the cemetery. The Borough Engineer reported that to lack of labour maintenance could not be carried out at the present time and he recommended that the matter be referred back to the Internal Affairs Department. After discussion Cr F P Keys moved that the Committee meet the Executive of the Returned Soldier's Association to enquire into the matter further.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader newspaper 22 June 1950 volume XII number 25)

Upper Hutt Leader 17 August 1950

Lawn Cemetery At Akatarawa – First Burial of Returned Serviceman – The First burial in the Soldiers Cemetery at Akatarawa took place on Tuesday afternoon when an old digger, Joseph Stringer, age 61 years, who died on Saturday at Trentham, was laid to rest in the first grave of the new Lawn Cemetery. The late Mr Stringer was a returned man of the First World War, having served with the Wellington regiment. Several of Mr Stringer's old comrades were present and acted as pall bearers at the Cemetery. A service c by the Rev W M Smallfield was held in the Mortuary Chapel of Mr Spring-gays. The pall bearers at the chapel were representatives of the Upper Hutt R.S.A. of which Mr Stringer was a member. At the Cemetery, after Padre Smallfield had pronounced the last rites, Capt. S Rogers, recited the Anzac ode and members of the R.S.A. passed the graveside dropping their poppies on the coffin. This plot of land at the Cemetery set aside for the burial of returned service personnel is at the knoll of the hill, which is very flat and will no doubt be used for the purpose set out in the future. The Cemetery which is under the control of the Council has the cooperation of the local R.S.A. in anything they do to make it an ideal lawn cemetery. The driveway up to the Cemetery is at present very rough, but the R.S.A., are in hopes of getting it tar sealed in the near future.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Upper Hutt Leader 17 August 1950 volume XII number 33)

Trooper Joseph STRINGER 11/1496 Wellington Mounted Rifles died 12 August 1950 New Zealand and was the first to be buried in the RSA Section 1 of the Akatarawa cemetery

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio website 1950/32599 age 64 born about 1886)

Upper Hutt Leader 17 August 1950

Akatarawa Cemetery Servicemen's Plot - As a result of negotiations between the Upper Hutt R.S.A. and the Upper Hutt Borough Council the council have decided to put the Servicemen's Plot in Akatarawa cemetery in order and the R.S.A. has arranged the necessary labour to maintain the area which will be paid for by the council. The borough council have co-operated excellently with the R.S.A. in this matter and the borough engineer has arranged to start operations immediately.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader 17 August 1950)

Upper Hutt Leader 26 April 1951

Highly Unsatisfactory - Cr Butler at the last meeting of the Council stated that he had visited the Soldier's Cemetery at Akatarawa and the supposed Lawn Cemetery was highly unsatisfactory. He said that although the grass had been cut there was nothing but gorse coming through and also other noxious weeds it was a waste of time sending a man up to mow it under the present circumstances and the Council should do something about it right away. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Reserves Committee who would report back what proposed action should be taken.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection Upper Hutt Leader 26 April 1951)

Upper Hutt Leader 28 June 1951

Ex-Servicemen's Cemetery Akatarawa - The Borough Engineer has been empowered by the Council to transfer a suitable man from the outside staff to undertake proper care of the Akatarawa Cemetery and act as sexton. This matter came forward when the Department of Internal Affairs advised the Council that the Servicemen's portion of the cemetery was in a neglected condition and they were withholding £25 subsidy. The Mayor pointed out to members of the Council that the Servicemen's portion of the cemetery had been put in order and suggested that the Department be advised of the fact and the subsidy be re-applied for.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader 28 June 1951 volume XIII number 26)

Upper Hutt Leader 27 November 1952

Unsatisfactory - Due to the unsatisfactory condition of the Servicemen's Lawn Cemetery at Akatarawa the Department of Internal Affairs has advised the Borough Council that the department will cancel indefinitely the annual grant of £25 for maintenance purposes. In a letter to the Council the Department said that the cemetery had been inspected by officers of the War Graves Division and that their report had been unsatisfactory. At a recent meeting of the Public Services and Reserves Committed of the Council the Park Caretaker (Mr A T. Porter) submitted a full report on the condition of the cemetery which stated that sheep were being deliberately put into the grounds by farmers. Lack of transport from Upper Hutt was also a reason for the unsatisfactory maintenance of the area. When the subject was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Council last night a recommendation was received from Mr Porter that the Council employ a part time caretaker for the cemetery at an annual salary of approximately £200. Objecting to such a course Cr McCurdy said that for the sake of a miserable £25 the department was putting a pistol at the head of the Council. For the retention of £25 we are being asked to expend £200 a year he said. He asked what action had been taken to impound the sheep and said that if such action had not been taken it should be on all future occasions. The Council decided to refer Mr Porter's suggestion to the Finance Committee.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader 27 November 1952 volume IX number 47)

Upper Hutt Leader 03 October 1957

Akatarawa Cemetery erection of Cattle Stop – The Town Clerk reported having received a reply from the Hutt County Council to the effect that the County was prepared to pay £11 towards the cost of a cattle stop which is estimated to cost £33.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader 03 October 1957 volume XIV number 38)

Press newspaper 21 & 28 May 1960

Superintendent of Parks and Reserves Borough of Upper Hutt – Details of duties and terms of appointment are available upon request, but basically the appointee will be required to undertake responsibility for the maintenance and development of Maidstone Park, which is of 12 acres, and provides for various sports, 13 smaller reserves now largely underdeveloped, and the Akatarawa Cemetery and the Public Baths.

(Reference Papers past website Press newspaper 21 & 28 May 1960 page 22)

Research: Alexander Turnbull Library, Quick Maps website - DP 22263 & DP 20303 & DP 148-561 this could be a CT148-561 and Certificate of Titles CT826-11 & CT793-24 & CT793-24

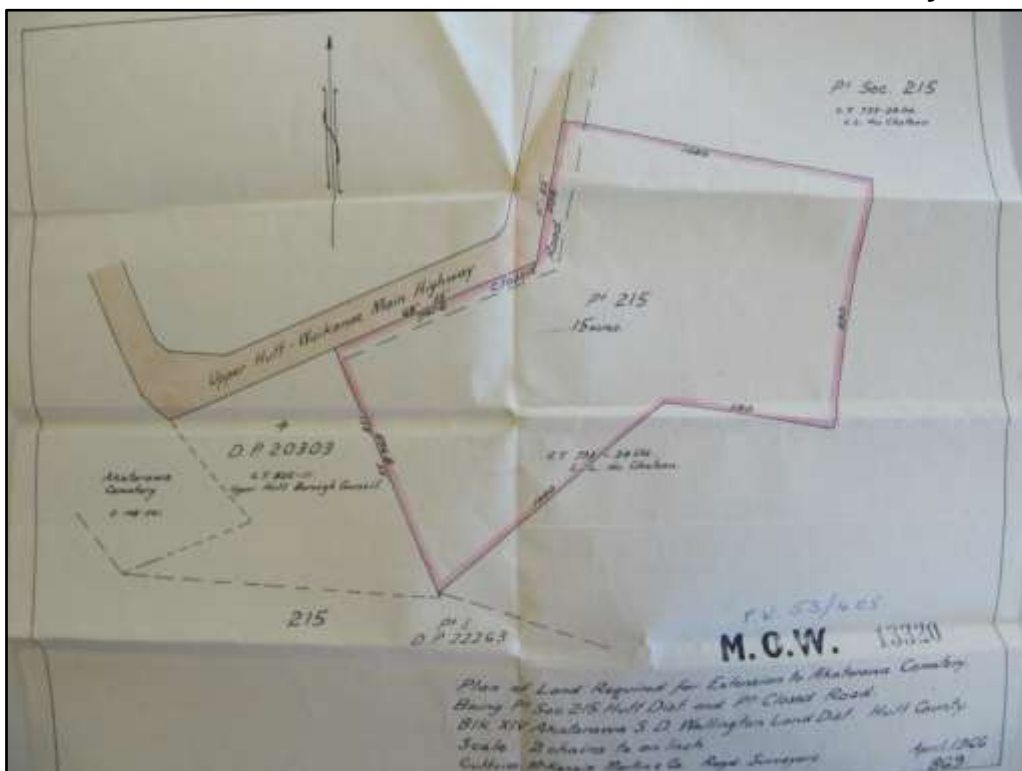
Upper Hutt Leader 28 September 1961

An offer by Mr Kent of Kent's Nurseries to supply sufficient flowering cherries to plant an avenue along the entrance road to Akatarawa cemetery has been gratefully accepted by Council

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader 28 September 1961)

The 1966 extension of the Akatarawa Cemetery included the purchase of part Section No 215 owned by Leonard Leopold (1905-1990) and Mavis Myrtle de CHATEAU (1908-1986).

1966 Plan of Land for Extension to Akatarawa Cemetery



(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABKK W4357 889 box 409 53/405 2 Local Bodies – UH City Council dates 1954-1967)

In 1988 a crematorium was built at Akatarawa cemetery

(Reference Stuff newspaper website 12 March 2014)

Akatarawa Cemetery Memorial for Stillborn Babies 1999



Ray Walker (left) – Memorial for Stillborn Babies (centre) - Grant Clark (right)

(Reference UH City Library Heritage Collection Akatarawa Cemetery memorial for stillborn babies UH Leader 1999 10 06 3)

Akatarawa Cemetery is helping to ease the pain for mothers of stillborn babies, and is putting right the injustices of the past, says the man whose company produced it. Grant Clark of Wellington Memorials Ltd said a memorial headstone, installed at the cemetery late last year, had become a focus of grief for those who have suffered such a loss. He said around 30 stillborn babies were buried at the cemetery. "In the past stillborn children were quickly taken away and put in a corner of a cemetery in unmarked graves." Mr Clark says.

(Reference UH City Library Heritage Collection Akatarawa Cemetery memorial for stillborn babies UH Leader 1999 10 06 3)

On the 16 March 2003 a plaque was unveiled at the Akatarawa Cemetery to commemorate the donation by Samuel W Benge to the Crown, of the original block of the Akatarawa Cemetery and the first interment at Akatarawa Cemetery. This plaque was erected by the Upper Hutt City Council and unveiled by His Worship the Mayor Wayne Guppy on the 16th March 2003.



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Akatarawa Cemetery centenary 2003)

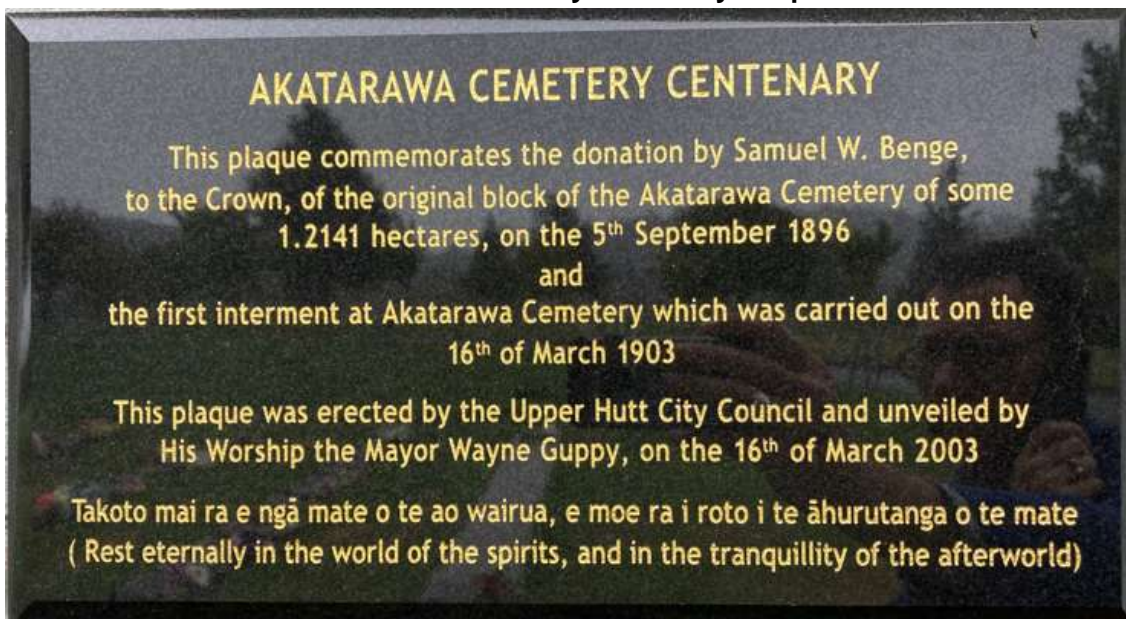
Neil Whiteman (left) – Plaque (centre) – Mayor Wayne Guppy (right)

Also attending the unveiling was Neil Whiteman. He had been the sexton at the Akatarawa Cemetery for over 40 years. Neil's father David was the sexton at the Akatarawa Cemetery before Neil took over the position when his father David retired. Neil's great grandfather Edward's older brother John was one of the first Trustees at the Akatarawa Cemetery.

Unfortunately information on the Akatarawa Cemetery Centenary plaque was not correct regarding the first burial. The correct first burial was for Jacob C Cruywagen on Sunday 06 December 1895 at 2.30 pm.

Descendants of the Poulson families attended the unveiling of the plaque. It was believed by all the descendants that Oscar Poulson was the first to be buried at the Akatarawa cemetery in 1903.

Akatarawa Cemetery Centenary Plaque



In 2014 construction on a new chapel and crematorium began.

(Reference Stuff newspaper website 12 March 2014)

Akatarawa Cemetery entrance



(Reference Google Maps website Akatarawa Cemetery)

The stonework entrance on Fairview Drive to the Akatarawa Cemetery was built by Daniel Kidd of Paraparaumu.

The Akatarawa cemetery is now managed by the Parks and Reserves department of the Upper Hutt City Council and still in the care of the sexton Neil Whiteman.

A – Z People associated with the Akatarawa Cemetery

Frederick ANDERSON

Funeral Notice – The Friends of the later Frederick Anderson are invited to attend the Funeral procession which will leave his residence on Saturday the 26th for the Cemetery at Akatarawa at 2 o'clock p.m. – Charles Cudby Senior Undertaker

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 December 1903 page 6)

- 0- Frederick ANDERSON** born 10 December 1832 Trondheim Sor-Trondelag Norway died 24 December 1903 Upper Hutt New Zealand married Polina Surname unknown born 09 January 1839 Frosta Municipality Nord-Trondelag Norway died 08 April 1906 Upper Hutt New Zealand
#Frederick ANDERSON Mungaroa farmer residential 1894 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Frederick ANDERSON Mungaroa farmer residential 1896 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Frederick ANDERSON Mungaroa farmer residential & Polina ANDERSON Mungaroa domestic duties residential 1899 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Frederick ANDERSON Mungaroa farmer & Paulina ANDERSON Mungaroa domestic duties & Frederick ANDERSON Mungaroa farm assistant 1902 Hutt Electoral Roll
#Frederick ANDERSON Mungaroa farm assistant 1903 Hutt Electoral Roll
#Frederick Anderson age 71 born about 1823 died 24 December 1903 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1903 folio 2433 website 1903/7330 age 71 born about 1823
#Frederick and Polina Anderson are both buried in Akatarawa Cemetery

NOTE - The Anderson family history document is located in the folder "UH Family History & Genealogies" and saved as UHFAndersonPolina.doc

Henry BELLINGER

Hutt County Council – Akatarawa Cemetery - Only one body had been buried in the cemetery since the trustees took charge - that of a man who committed suicide near the cemetery.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 12 April 1905 page 2)

- 0- Henry BELLINGER** born 1867 place unknown died 25 November 1904 Upper Hutt New Zealand
#Henry BELLINGER Motu labourer 1902 Waiapu Electoral Roll East Cape
#Henry BELLINGER Motu labourer 1903 Waiapu Electoral Roll East Cape
#Henry BELLINGER Motu labourer 1905-1906 Waiapu Electoral Roll East Cape
#Henry BELLINGER died 25 November 1904 reference RGO NZ death registration 1904 December quarter registration place Upper Hutt 1904 folio 2383 website 1904/7006 age 37 years of age born about 1867
#Accidents and Fatalities Found Drowned - The body of a young man about thirty five years of age was found in the river at Silverstream yesterday. A Gisborne Post Office Savings Bank book was found in his possession bearing the name of Henry Bellenger. Deceased had two cuts in the throat and his shirt was torn into strips and used to tie his hand behind his back and to tie a boulder round his neck. The police believe the case to be one of suicide and are at present making enquiries about the deceased's relatives etc. The body has been removed to the Upper Hutt where an inquest will be held probably by a Justice of the Peace reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 December 1904 page 6
#An inquest was held at the Upper Hutt yesterday concerning the death of the young man found in the river at Silverstream. Evidence showed that there were no means of

identification beyond the name Henry Bellenger inserted in a Gisborne Post Office Savings Bank book found on deceased. A verdict of suicide by drowning was returned reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1904 page 5

#Henry BELLENGER Labourer Gisborne died 25 November 1904 Wellington Court archives NZ Wellington agency AAOM series 6029 probate number 9225 filed date 22 December 1904 intestate (Letters of administration)

#Particulars of the Estates of Deceased Person which have been placed under the Charge of the Public Trustee for Management during the Month of December record – No 4 - Name of deceased Henry Bellenger – colonial residence Trentham Wellington – supposed British or Foreign Residence (blank) – Date of order or date of filling of Election to administer 23 December 1904 – time of deceased's death 25 November 1904 – remarks (blank) - Dated the 17th day of January 1905 – J W Poynton Public Trustee reference Ancestry website Notices of Deceased Estates

Samuel William BENGÉ

Local and General - An offer by Mr S Bengé to give three acres of land at Akatarawa for the purposes of a public cemetery has been accepted by the Hutt County Council.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper & New Zealand Times newspaper 10 June 1896 page 5)

- 0- Samuel William BENGÉ** born 11 February 1855 Taita Hutt Valley New Zealand died 29 December 1907 Upper Hutt New Zealand 1st married 1875 New Zealand **Matilda STOODLEY** born 1854 place unknown died 1882 New Zealand 2nd married 1884 New Zealand **Flora MACDONALD** born 1868 place unknown died 1891 New Zealand 3rd married 1894 New Zealand **Matilda Jane HOOPER** born 1871 place unknown died 1923 New Zealand
- #Samuel William Bengé born 11 February 1855 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1855 folio website 1855/3234 parents Philadelphia and David Bengé
- #Samuel William BENGÉ married 1875 Matilda STOODLEY reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to marry application 1875 agency BDM series 20 item 20 page 311 line 167 Greytown district
- #Samuel William BENGÉ married 1875 New Zealand Matilda FLOODLEY [sic] reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1875 folio website 1875/416
- #Matilda BENGÉ died 1882 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1882 folio website 1882/3615 age 28 born about 1854
- #BENGÉ issue [1] James Samuel born 1875 [2] Beatrice Catherine born 1876 [3] Henry born 1877 [4] Allan Samuel born 1879 [5] Joseph Samuel born 1881 all born in New Zealand to parents Matilda and Samuel William Bengé
- #Samuel William BENGÉ married 1884 New Zealand Flora MACDONALD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1884 folio website 1884/966
- #Flora BENGÉ died 1891 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1891 folio website 1891/3843 age 23 born about 1868
- #BENGÉ Issue [1] Muriel Blanch born 1885 [2] Bessie Elliott born 1885 [3] Isabella born 1889 [4] Grace born 1891 all born in New Zealand to parents Flora and Samuel William Bengé
- #Samuel William BENGÉ married 1894 New Zealand Matilda Jane HOOPER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1894 folio website 1894/1441
- #Samuel BENGÉ Upper Hutt farmer residential 1896 Otaki Electoral Roll
- #Samuel William Bengé died 29 December 1907 Mangaroa Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1907 folio website 1907/8208 age 52 born about 1855
- #Samuel William BENGÉ buried Akatarawa Cemetery Upper Hutt
- #Matilda Jane BENGÉ died 1923 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1923 folio website 1923/5075 age 52 born about 1871
- #BENGÉ issue [1] Robert Daniel born 1897 [2] Gordon William born 1903 all born in New Zealand to parents Matilda and Samuel William Bengé

NOTE - The Benge family history document is located in the folder "UH Family History & Genealogies" and saved as UHFBengeRoberts.doc

Jacob C CRUYWAGEN

Local and General – The first interment made in the new cemetery at Akatarawa Upper Hutt, the ground for which as presented by Mr S Benge took place yesterday, when the late Mr J C Cruwaygen, a very old settler, who died in the Wellington Hospital last week, was buried there. The service was conducted by Mr C H Hinman, and a large number of settlers were present.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1896 page 4)

0- Jacob C CRUYWAGEN born date and place unknown died 1896 New Zealand

Unsure #Wellington Independent newspaper 06 July 1865 page 4 – List of Unclaimed Letters for the Quarter ending 30th June - James CRUYWAGEN

#J C CRUYWAGEN Hutt (Upper Hutt) 1880-1881 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory

#1887 Otaki Electoral Roll Jacob C CRUYWAGEN freehold Upper Hutt farmer

#1887-1888 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory Christian John CREWAGEN settler Trentham

#J C CRUYWAGEN Upper Hutt - No of Sheep on 31st May 1887 20 & No of Sheep on 31st May 1888 Nil reference The New Zealand Gazette Wellington District [No62] page 1236

#1890-1891 & 1892-1893 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory John CREWAGEN settler Trentham

#1893 Otaki Electoral Roll Jacob C CRUYWAGEN Upper Hutt farmer freehold part section 207 Upper Hutt

#1894 Otaki Electoral Roll Jacob J CRUYWAGEN Upper Hutt farmer Freehold part section 207 Upper Hutt

#1894-1895 & 1896-1897 Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory John CREWAGEN settler Trentham

#Jacob C CRUYWAGEN died 1896 December quarter Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1896 December quarter folio 2020 no trace of website registration

Not Sure if related below to above

0-0- Cornelia Hendrike Appeldoorn CRUYWAGEN born 7 November 1866 Wellington New Zealand died 22 April 1950 Kroonstad South Africa married Theophilus Christiaan DONGES born 1863 died 24 July 1949 Kroonstad South Africa

John Walter CUDBY

Hutt County Council – Akatarawa Cemetery - The trustees are Messrs John Whiteman, John Walter Cudby, James A Hazelwood, and John B. Dalton, and as they were appointed on the recommendation of the Hutt County Council, I think you should, ask them to explain why the responsibilities of the trust are being ignored.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 12 April 1905 page 2)

0- John Walter CUDBY born January 1860 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 05 June 1943 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 18 August 1887 Upper Hutt New Zealand **Mary MARTIN** born 25 January 1864 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 23 June 1904 Upper Hutt New Zealand

#John Walter CUDBY born 1860 folio website 1860/6927 parents Elizabeth Payne (1837-1885) and Charles Cudby (1835-1914)

#John CUDBY married 1887 New Zealand Mary MARTIN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1887 folio website 1887/424

#1894 Otaki Electoral Roll John Walter CUDBY Upper Hutt labourer residential

#1896 & 1900 Otaki Electoral Roll John Walter CUDBY Upper Hutt roadman residential & Mary CUDBY Upper Hutt married women residential

#1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll John Walter CUDBY Upper Hutt roadman

#Mary CUDBY died 1904 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1904 folio website 1904/23 age 39 born about 1865

#1911 & 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll John Walter CUDBY Upper Hutt roadman

#1919 Otaki Electoral Roll John Walter CUDBY Upper Hutt roadman

#1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll John Walter CUDBY Upper Hutt inspector of works

#John Walter CUDBY died 1943 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1943 folio website 1943/30236 age 83 born about 1860

#John and Mary 4 children Mary Frances born 1892, Winifred Mary born 1892, David John born 1899, Zeta Isabel born 1903 all born in New Zealand

NOTE - The Cudby family history document is located in the folder "*UH Family History & Genealogies*" and saved as *UHF Cudby Payne.doc*

John Benjamin DALTON

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(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 12 April 1905 page 2)

0- John Benjamin DALTON born 19 September 1864 New Zealand died 31 August 1939 Wellington New Zealand married 24 December 1884 New Zealand **Sarah BLANDFORD** born 02 May 1861 Bromley Middlesex England died 12 May 1945 Palmerston North New Zealand
#John Benjamin DALTON married 1885 New Zealand Sarah BLANDFORD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1885 folio website 1885/3036

#1890 Hutt Electoral Roll John B DALTON residential Trentham bootmaker

#1897 Otaki Electoral Roll John B DALTON Trentham bootmaker residential & Sarah DALTON Upper Hutt housewife residential

#1908 Hutt Electoral Roll John Benjamin DALTON Upper Hutt bootmaker

#1919 Otaki Electoral Roll John Benjamin DALTON Station Road Upper Hutt bootmaker & Sarah DALTON Station Road Upper Hutt married

#John Benjamin DALTON died 1939 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1939 folio website 1939/18274 age 75 born about 1864

#Sarah DALTON died 1945 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1945 folio website 1945/18683 age 85 born about 1860

#John and Sarah 7 children Ada Edith born 1887, George born 1888, Edward John Benjamin born 1888, Lily May born 1889, Ethel Louisa born 1889, Vernon Elliot born 1919, William Leslie Vogel born 1919 all born in New Zealand

NOTE - The Dalton family history document is located in the folder "*UH Family History & Genealogies*" and saved as *UHF Dalton Blandford.doc*

Leonard Leopold DU CHATEAU & Mary Mavis Myrtle DU CHATEAU

The 1966 extension of the Akatarawa Cemetery included the purchase of part Section No 215 owned by Leonard Leopold and Mavis Myrtle de CHATEAU.

0- Leonard Leopold du CHATEAU born 15 September 1905 Paddington New South Wales Australia died 10 October 1990 Rotorua New Zealand married 1928 **Mary Mavis Myrtle**

BROOKS born 26 August 1908 Wairarapa New Zealand died 30 April 1986 Rotorua New Zealand

#Leonard Leopold du CHATEAU departed Australia with parents and arrived New Zealand 11 November 1913 and settled in Wellington

#Myrtle BROOKS born 26 August 1908 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/16774 parents Cecilia Mary and Albert Edward Ernest Orlando Wellington Brooks

#Leonard Leopold Du CHATEAU married 1928 New Zealand Mary Mavis Myrtle BROOKS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio website 1928/2316

#1949 Otaki Electoral Roll Leonard Leopold de CHATEAU Palmers Crescent Heretaunga Company director & Mary Mavis Myrtle de CHATEAU Main Road Heretaunga married

#1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Leonard Leopold de CHATEAU Main Road Heretaunga company director & Mavis Myrtle de CHATEUA Main Road Heretaunga married

#1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Leonard L DE CHATEAU Main Road Akatarawa Company director & Mavis M DE CHATEAU Main Road Akatarawa married

#1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Leonard Leopold du CHATEAU Main Road Akatarawa Company Manager & Mavis Myrtle du CHATEUA Main Road Akatarawa married

#In 1966 part Section No 215 became part of the extension to the Akatarawa Cemetery

#1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Leonard Leopold du CHATEAU Main Road North Company director & Mary Mavis Myrtle de CHATEAU Main Road North married

#1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Leonard Leopold du CHATEAU TeTawka Main Road framer & Mavis Myrtle du CHATEUA TeTawka Main Road married

#Mavis Mary Myrtle Du CHATEAU died 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/36606 born 25 August 1908

#Leonard Leopold du CHATEAU died 1990 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1990 folio website 1990/47844 born 15 September 1905

James Alfred HAZELWOOD

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(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 12 April 1905 page 2)

0- James Alfred HAZELWOOD born 1875 New Zealand died 1969 New Zealand married 1897 New Zealand **Margaret Ada BENNETT** born 1878 New Zealand died 1951 New Zealand

#James Alfred HAZELWOOD born 1875 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1875 folio website 1875/3547 parents Elizabeth and Walter Thomas Hazelwood

#Margaret Ada BENNETT born 1878 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio website 1878/955 parents Margaret Ann and James Bennett

#James Alfred HAZELWOOD married 1897 New Zealand Margaret Ada BENNETT reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1897 folio website 1897/2716

#1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll James Alfred HAZELWOOD Upper Hutt storekeeper & Margaret Ada HAZELWOOD Upper Hutt married

#1914 Hutt Electoral Roll James Alfred HAZELWOOD Main Road Upper Hutt storekeeper

#Margaret Ada HAZELWOOD died 1951 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1951 folio website 1951/31083 age 73 born about 1878

#1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll James Alfred HAZELWOOD 41 Queen Street Upper Hutt retired

#James Alfred HAZELWOOD died 1969 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1969 folio website 1969/24898 age 93 born about 1876

#James and Margaret 7 children Ethel May born 1898, James Thomas born 1901, Myrtle born 1903, Hector Gilbert born 1912, Wilson Alfred born 1912, Norman Bennett born 1915, Edith Rosetta born 1920

NOTE - The Hazelwood family history document is located in the folder "UH Family History & Genealogies" and saved as UHFHazelwoodBaker.doc

Carl Julius POULSON

The (2003) Upper Hutt Leader newspaper recorded that the first interment in Akatarawa Cemetery was carried out on the 16th of March 1903 for Oscar Poulson. The newspaper burial date for Oscar was one month after he died.

0- Carl Julius POULSON born died married Sarah JOHNSON born died

0-0- **Oscar POULSON** born 13 May 1900 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 16 February 1903 Upper Hutt New Zealand (died young never married)

#Oscar POULSON born 13 May 1900 Reference RGO NZ birth registration 13 May 1900 folio website 1900/7158 parents Sarah and Carl Julius Poulson

#Oscar POULSON died 16 February 1903 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 16 February 1903 folio website 1903/3244 age 2 years born about 1901

NOTE - The Poulson family history document is located in the folder "UH Family History & Genealogies" and saved as UHFPoulsonJohnson.doc

Joseph STRINGER

Lawn Cemetery At Akatarawa – First Burial of Returned Serviceman – The First burial in the Soldiers Cemetery at Akatarawa took place on Tuesday afternoon when an old digger, Joseph Stringer, age 61 years, who died on Saturday at Trentham, was laid to rest in the first grave of the new Lawn Cemetery. The late Mr Stringer was a returned man of the First World War, having served with the Wellington regiment. Several of Mr Stringer's old comrades were present and acted as pall bearers at the Cemetery. A service c by the Rev W M Smallfield was held in the Mortuary Chapel of Mr Spring-gays. The pall bearers at the chapel were representatives of the Upper Hutt R.S.A. of which Mr Stringer was a member. At the Cemetery, after Padre Smallfield had pronounced the last rites, Capt. S Rogers, recited the Anzac ode and members of the R.S.A. passed the graveside dropping their poppies on the coffin. This plot of land at the Cemetery set aside for the burial of returned service personnel is at the knoll of the hill, which is very flat and will no doubt be used for the purpose set out in the future. The Cemetery which is under the control of the Council has the cooperation of the local R.S.A. in anything they do to make it an ideal lawn cemetery. The driveway up to the Cemetery is at present very rough, but the R.S.A., are in hopes of getting it tar sealed in the near future.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Upper Hutt Leader 17 August 1950 volume XII number 33)

0- **Joseph STRINGER** born 03 January 1886 Dannevirke New Zealand died 12 August 1950 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1919 New Zealand Vivienne Constance HOWARD born 1898 New Zealand died 1923 Wellington New Zealand

#Vivienne Constance HOWARD born 1898 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/17997 parents Alice and Thomas Philip Howard

#Joseph STRINGER married 1919 New Zealand Vivienne Constance HOWARD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1919 folio website 1919/1886

#Vivienne Constance STRINGER 123 Holloway Road married 1919 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

#Joseph STRINGER 123 Holloway Road Mitcheltown canvasser & Vivienne Constance STRINGER 123 Holloway Road Mitcheltown married & Henry STRINGER 123 Holloway Road carter & Mabel STRINGER 123 Holloway Road married 1922 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

#Vivienne Constance STRINGER died 1923 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1923 folio website 1923/1586 age 24 born about 1899

#Joseph STRINGER Merton Street Upper Hutt labourer 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Joseph STRINGER died 12 August 1950 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio website 1950/32599 age 64 born about 1886

#Trooper Joseph STRINGER service number 11/1496 Wellington Mounted Rifles labourer age 64 denomination Anglican died 12 August 1950 buried RSA 1 Akatarawa cemetery

#STRINGER issue [1] Alice Marie born 1920 [2] Howard Joseph born 1920 [3] Edward Joseph born 1921 [4] Thomas Nelson born 1922 all born in New Zealand to Vivienne Constance and Joseph Stringer

George Joseph TAYLOR

G J Taylor has been gazetted a member of the Akatarawa Cemetery Board, vice J B Dalton. Busybodies please note.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 23 August 1913 page1)

0- George Joseph TAYLOR born July 1861 Bromley Kent England died 02 July 1943 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 30 July 1892 Wellington New Zealand **Isabella SUTHERLAND** born 11 November 1859 Shetland Scotland died 29 November 1932 Wellington New Zealand #1887 Thorndon Electoral Roll George Joseph TAYLOR resident Murphy Street gardener #1890 Wellington Electoral Roll George Joseph TAYLOR resident Murphy Street gardener #George Joseph TAYLOR married 1892 New Zealand Isabella SUTHERLAND reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1892 folio website 1892/2655 #1896 Wellington Electoral Roll George Joseph TAYLOR 29 Tinakori Road gardener residential & Isabella TAYLOR Queens Street married women residential #1905-1906 & 1908 & 1911 Hut Electoral Roll George Joseph TAYLOR Upper Hutt gardener #Town Board Elections – Candidates have been nominated for the vacant seat on the Town Board in the following order – George Joseph Taylor by W Burrell, G Bengé, J T Bengé, Alfred Keys, T Burrell, J Gillies, G Johnson, J M Emery and R T Mabey reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 June 1911 page 1 #George Joseph Taylor gardener Upper Hutt father of one of the victims described the noise of the explosion as a terrible roar which ceased suddenly. At the time of the explosion he was in the bake-house at the rear of the building. He did not hear a word spoken by anyone about insurance reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 April 1914 page 8 (Benge & Pratt explosion 1914 seven deaths) #1914 Hutt Electoral Roll George Joseph TAYLOR Upper Hutt gardener & Isabella TAYLOR Main Road Upper Hutt married #1919 Hutt & Otaki Electoral Roll George Joseph TAYLOR Main Road Upper Hutt gardener & Isabella TAYLOR Main Road Upper Hutt married #Isabella TAYLOR died 1932 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1932 folio website 1932/12081 age 72 born about 1860 #George and Isabella 4 children George William born 1894, Emily Margaret born 1896, Arthur Frederick born 1898, Isabella Charlotte born 1901 all born in New Zealand #George Joseph TAYLOR died 1943 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1943 folio website 1943/21406 age 82 born about 1861

#In loving memory of George Joseph beloved husband of Isabella TAYLOR died 02 July 1943 age 82. In loving memory of George William dearly beloved son of George Joseph and Isabella TAYLOR died 29 March 1914 age 19 years & 10 months. In loving memory of Isabella wife of George Joseph TAYLOR passed away 29 November 1932 age 72. In loving memory of Betty Gertrude daughter of Arthur and Alice TAYLOR died 31 May 1926 aged 17 months. Erected by the employees of the N.Z. Railways buried Wallaceville Cemetery Mangaroa Valley Upper New Zealand

John WHITEMAN

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(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Time newspaper 12 April 1905 page 2)

0- John WHITEMAN born 1850 New Zealand died 1934 New Zealand married 1875 New Zealand **Matilda Jane SYMONS** born 1860 New Zealand died 1947 New Zealand

#John WHITEMAN born 1850 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1850 folio website 1850/852

#[1870] To the Commissioner of Crown Lands Wellington - I hereby authorise Mr John Whiteman to receive the Crown Grant for the 60 acres of Land purchased by me from the Crown on the 22nd day of July 1870 and lying in the Mungaroa Valley in the Hutt District – Dated this 23rd day of July 1870 - Thomas his X mark Reed – witness [hard to read] reference Archives NZ Wellington R24439169 ADXS 19480 LS-W2 21/ 1871/357 from Thomas Reed Hutt District date 23 July 1870 subject Authority for John Whiteman to receive grant for 60 acres Mungaroa Valley

#John WHITEMAN married 1875 Matilda Jane SYMONS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1875 folio website 1875/1856

#John WHITEMAN married 1875 Jane Matilda SYMONDS reference Archives NZ Wellington intention to marry application 1875 agency BDM series 20 item 20 page 295 line 189 Wellington district

#John WHITEMAN died 1934 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1934 folio website 1934/1614 age 84 born about 1850

#John WHITEMAN Wellington probate files 1934 Wellington High Court reference Archives NZ Wellington 1934 Probate agency AAOM series 6029 box 818 record 55637

#Matilda Jane WHITEMAN died 1947 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1947 folio website 1947/26694 age 87 born about 1860

#Matilda Jane WHITEMAN Wellington probate files 1948 Wellington High Court reference Archives NZ Wellington 1948 Probate agency AAOM series 6031 box 39 record 0214/1948

#John and Matilda 10 children John Morsehead born 1876, Matilda Ellen born 1878, Francis born 1881, Frederick Arthur born 1883, Albert George born 1886, Charles born 1889, Percival born 1892, Mabel Annie Elizabeth born 1896, Isabel Mary born 1898, Gladys Minnie born 1902, all born in New Zealand

NOTE - The Whiteman family history document is located in the folder “UH Family History & Genealogies” and saved as *UHFWhitemanMartin.doc*

Neil Alfred WHITEMAN

Neil Alfred WHITEMAN was the current sexton at the Akatarawa Cemetery in 2003 and in 2022.

0- Neil Alfred WHITEMAN

#Neil the current sexton at Akatarawa Cemetery took over when his father David retired

0-0- David WHITEMAN (1913-1982 & Annie Catherine PHILLIPS (1884-1955)

#Neil's father David was the previous sexton at the Akatarawa cemetery

0-0-0- Alfred Arthur WHITEMAN (1882-1961) married Annie Cecilia PHILLIPS (1884-1955)
#Neil's grandfather was Alfred

0-0-0-0- Edward WHITEMAN (1856-1927) married Hannah COLEMAN (1855-1886)
#Neil's great grandfather was Edward and Edward's brother was John

0-0-0-0- John WHITEMAN (1850-1934) married Matilda Jane SYMONS (1860-1947)
#John was one of the first Trustees for the Akatarawa Cemetery

0-0-0-0-0- George WHITEMAN (1828-1905) married Eliza HOOPER (1832-1912)

#Neil's great great grandfather was George who discovered Whitemans Valley

NOTE - The Whiteman family history document is located in the folder "*UH Family History & Genealogies*" and saved as *UHFWhitemanHooper.doc*

Reference Source

The majority of reference source are recorded in italic front size 8 below the information recorded in this document. There are a few other valuable sources that hold information about the history of the Akatarawa cemetery including the publication "*Upper Hutt - The History*" by J A Kelleher 1991.
