

## Time Line Draft

### Police Stations - Court Houses - Constables

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- 1860 — Constable David LYSTER (No 2) appointed to Upper Hutt
- 1860s — Residential Magistrate Court Upper Hutt held in Blockhouse
- 1877 — Andrew Eyre SAMPSON Bailiff Resident Magistrates Court Wellington, Lower Hutt & Upper Hutt
- 1881 — Constable David LYSTER transferred — Upper Hutt Police Station closed
- 1881 — Upper Hutt Police Station closes — district administered by Lower Hutt Constables
- 1881 — Constable MACKEY appointed 1881 to 1885 (Lower Hutt)
- 1885 — Constable Patrick Leahy HARNETT appointed 1885 to 1890 (Lower Hutt)
- 1890 — Constable James O'CONNOR appointed 1890 to 1890 (Lower Hutt)
- 1890 — Constable Alexander CRUICKSHANK appointed 1890 to 1900 (Lower Hutt)
- 1891 — Upper Hutt Police station reopened — Stipendiary Magistrates Court held every fourth Wednesday — Courthouse corner Main & Station Street building previously a Post Office
- 1891 — Constable William Hector MACKINNON appointed
- 1896 — Constable William Hector MACKINNON transferred
- 1896 — Constable William Patrick PATTON appointed
- 1900 — Constable William Patrick PATTON transferred
- 1900 — Constable William David Lawrence THOMPSON appointed
- 1904 — Constable William David Lawrence THOMPSON transferred
- 1904 — Constable John NASH appointed
- 1908 — Constable John NASH retired
- 1908 — Constable Denis MAHONEY appointed
- 1914 — Constable Denis MAHONEY (deceased Benge & Pratt explosion)
- 1914 — Constable John Walter MCHOLM appointed
- 1915 — Two Constables stationed at Upper Hutt district during WWI
- 1915 — Sydney Benjamin GURDEN appointed (2<sup>nd</sup> Constable)
- 1918 — Constable John Walter MCHOLM transferred
- 1918 — Constable James Michael GUMMINGS appointed
- 1919 — Sydney Benjamin GURDEN transferred
- 1919 — One constable stationed at Upper Hutt after WWI
- 1920 — Constable James Michael GUMMINGS transferred
- 1920 — Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE appointed
- 1920 — New Police residence & Police Station transferred from Station Street to Main Street
- 1920 — Telephone in Station Street residence moved to Courthouse
- 1923 — Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE transferred
- 1923 — Constable David WALLACE appointed
- 1927 — Constable Charles JOSS (No 1641) appointed
- 1928 — Constable David WALLACE transferred
- 1929 — Constable Charles Forbes STEWART appointed
- 1929 — Two Constables stationed at Upper Hutt (Joss & Stewart)
- 1932 — Court house (former old Post Office building) destroyed by fire 28 July
- 1935 — Traffic Inspector John Edward AINSWORTH appointed
- 1936 — Constable Charles JOSS (No 1641) transferred
- 1936 — Constable Frederick John WILLIAMS appointed

- 1937 — Traffic Inspector Claude Anton Joseph PETERSON appointed
- 1938 — Traffic Inspector Claude Anton Joseph PETERSON transferred
- 1939 — Traffic Inspector Matthew KEHOE appointed
- 1939 — Traffic Inspector Clarence Louis DAVIS appointed
- 1939 — Trentham Police Station established in Palmer Crescent Heretaunga
- 1939 — Constable Benjamin WATSON appointed (Trentham Police Station)
- 1940 — Constable Charles Forbes STEWART transferred
- 1940 — Constable Charles Edward James TANNER appointed
- 1941 — Traffic Inspector John Edward AINSWORTH transferred
- 1941 — Constable Frederick John WILLIAMS transferred
- 1941 — Traffic Inspector Clarence Louis DAVIS transferred
- 1941 — Constable Stephen Charles HIGGINS appointed
- 1941 — Sergeant Francis FORSEYTH appointed
- 1941 — Sergeant Francis FORSYTHE transferred
- 1941 — Constable/Sergeant James GRACEY appointed
- 1943 — Constable Charles Edward James TANNER transferred (Sergeant)
- 1943 — Constable Albert Thomas MORRISON No 3129 appointed
- 1943 — Traffic Inspector John Kennedy CRAWFORD appointed
- 1944 — Traffic Inspector Matthew KEHOE transferred
- 1945 — Constable Benjamin WATSON transferred (Trentham station)
- 1945 — Traffic Inspector John KEHOE appointed
- 1947 — Constable Stephen Charles HIGGINS transferred
- 1947 — Traffic Inspector John Kennedy CRAWFORD transferred
- 1947 — Constable Trevor McGregor WRIGHT appointed
- 1947 — Constable Richard Robert GREIG appointed
- 1947 — Constable R GREY appointed (transfer details unknown)
- 1949 — Traffic Inspector John KEHOE transferred
- 1949 — Constable William Robert ANTILL appointed
- 1949 — Constable Gordon William BORLASE appointed
- 1952 — In February 1952 a Police Station was established in Palmer Crescent Heretaunga
- 1952 — Constable BUICK stationed Trentham (no other details)
- 1953 — Constable Gordon William BORLASE resigned
- 1954 — Constable James GRACEY (died in office)
- 1954 — Constable Albert Thomas MORRISON transferred
- 1954 — Sergeant/Constable Gideon TAIT appointed
- 1954 — Constable William Edward Huck AULD appointed (Trentham & Upper Hutt)
- 1954 — Sergeant/Constable Colin Robert GUPPY appointed (Upper Hutt & Dog unit)
- 1954 — Detective Sergeant William Alfred PARISH appointed
- 1954 — Sergeant/Constable George Edward TWENTYMAN appointed
- 1954 — Constable Francis Walter GODFREY appointed
- 1954 — Upper Hutt Police station accommodated inside Court House - staff of four
- 1954 — Trentham Police station reverts to one Constable
- 1955 — Upper Hutt Police Station shifted from courthouse to Royal Street (15 Sept UH Leader)
- 1955 — Constable Trevor McGregor WRIGHT transferred
- 1955 — Constable George James TAYLOR appointed (Trentham)
- 1956 — Royal New Zealand Police College opens in Trentham (Howards Book page201)
- 1956 — Police driving school / Traffic department established in Trentham
- 1956 — Police Dog unit established in Trentham by Sergeant Riley & Miska from England
- 1956 — First 2 NZ dog handler Sergeant Colin Robert GUPPY (Dante)
- 1956 — First 2 NZ dog handler Sergeant Alan Idris SYMES

- 1956 — Senior Sergeant Alan Idris SYMES appointed (dog unit Trentham)  
1956 — Sergeant Peter John DAWE appointed  
1957 — Constable William Robert ANTILL transferred  
1957 — Constable Leonard Alfred SATHERLEY appointed  
1957 — Constable Barry Thomas GILL appointed  
1957 — Detective/Constable Howard Edward SMITH appointed  
1957 — Sergeant John Lawrence MCCORMACK appointed  
1957 — Senior Sergeant Harold Clifford RICHARDSON appointed (Training School/Upper Hutt)  
1958 — Sergeant Gideon TAIT transferred  
1958 — Sergeant Charles William BOWLEY appointed  
1959 — Police Station established at Trentham Military camp  
1959 — Constable George James TAYLOR retired (Trentham)  
1959 — Constable Leonard Alfred SATHERLEY transferred  
1959 — Senior Sergeant Charles William BOWLEY transferred  
1959 — Constable Eric James MURRAY appointed (Trentham/Upper Hutt)  
1960 — Senior Sergeant George Ellis Stanley KELLY appointed (police training school)  
1961 — Senior Sergeant Harold Clifford RICHARDSON transferred  
1961 — Senior Sergeant George Ellis Stanley KELLY transferred  
1961 — Senior Sergeant Bryan Joseph COURTNEY appointed  
1961 — Sergeant James Francis QUIRKE appointed  
1961 — Sergeant James Francis QUIRKE transferred  
1961 — Senior Constable Kevin Maurice BROWNE appointed  
1963 — Constable Richard Robert GREIG transferred  
1963 — Sergeant George Edward TWENTYMAN transferred  
1963 — Constable Francis Walter GODFREY resigned  
1963 — Sergeant John Lawrence MCCORMACK transferred  
1963 — Constable Ian Richard SMITH appointed  
1963 — Detective Sergeant Bruce Josiah PERIGO appointed  
1963 — Constable Edward John JORDAN appointed  
1964 — Detective Sergeant William Alfred PARISH retired  
1966 — Police station 12 staff including officers  
1969 — Detective Leon Grant MICKELSON appointed  
1970 — Constable William Charles MCDERMOTT appointed  
1971 — Constable Robert Brian FLEMING appointed  
1972 — Constable Ian Richard SMITH transferred  
1975 — Constable William Edward Huck AULD retired  
1975 — Constable William Henry MCGUINNESS appointed  
1976 — Constable Robyn Jean ABRICOSSOW appointed  
1978 — Constable Barry Thomas GILL transferred  
1978 — Detective Sergeant Bruce Josiah PERIGO transferred  
1978 — Inspector Walter Kevin EGAN appointed  
1978 — Chief Inspector Brian Frederick DAW appointed  
1978 — Constable Grant Anthony HENDERSON appointed  
1978 — Constable Manu Korero DIAMOND appointed  
1978 — Detective Michael GREEN appointed  
1979 — Photo of Upper Hutt staff NZ Police collection in Publication Hutt Valley Police  
1981 — New police training college opened April 1981 in Porirua  
1981 — Sergeant/Constable Kahu Michael RATANA appointed  
1981 — Inspector William Malcolm DUNN appointed  
1982 — Senior Sergeant Alan Idris SYMES retired

- ~~1983 — New Police Station opens Fergusson Drive~~
- ~~1985 — Sergeant Colin Robert GUPPY retired~~
- ~~1986 — Sergeant Peter John DAWE retired~~
- ~~1988 — Constable William Charles MCDERMOTT retired~~
- ~~1988 — Headquarters Hutt Police District moved to Upper Hutt Police Station~~
- ~~1989 — Constable Sam Kaiwai W MCLEAN appointed~~
- ~~1992 — Senior Constable Kevin Maurice BROWNE retired (31 years at UH)~~
- ~~1993 — Inspector William Malcolm DUNN transferred~~
- ~~0000 — Detective/Constable Howard Edward SMITH transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Eric James MURRAY transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Senior Sergeant Bryan Joseph COURTNEY transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Edward John JORDAN transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Detective Leon Grant (Joe) MICKELSON transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Robert Brian FLEMING transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable William Henry MCGUINNESS transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Robyn Jean ABRICOSSOW transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Inspector Walter Kevin EGAN transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Chief Inspector Brian Frederick DAW transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Grant Anthony HENDERSON transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Manu Korero DIAMOND transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Detective Michael GREEN transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Kahu Michael RATANA transferred or retired unknown~~
- ~~0000 — Constable Sam Kaiwai W MCLEAN transferred or retired unknown~~

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- 1860 Constable David LYSTER (No 2) appointed to Upper Hutt
  - 1860 Police Station opens at Blockhouse access from Fortune Lane
  - 1862 Resident Magistrates Court held in Blockhouse
  - 1875-8 Post Office built corner Main and Station Street Upper Hutt on Crown land for Railway Department (later used as Court House)
  - 1875-8 Police Station and Constables dwelling built in Station Street
  - 1877 Andrew Eyre Sampson appointed Bailiff Resident Magistrates Wellington & Upper Hutt
  - 1881 Constable David LYSTER transferred
  - 1881 Upper Hutt Police Station closes – administrated by Lower Hutt Constables  
Constable MACKEY (Lower Hutt)  
Constable HARNETT (Lower Hutt)
  - 1882 Mr Blackburn applied to use Police Station Upper Hutt for Sunday school
  - 1882 Upper Hutt Police Station used 3 monthly as Licensing Court house for Mungaroa Licensing District - Constable MACKEY has the keys (Lower Hutt)
  - 1890 Deputation request for again having a Constable in charge of Upper Hutt district
  - 1891 Upper Hutt Police Station reopens
  - 1891 Constable William Hector MCKINNON appointed
  - 1894 First Upper Hutt Magistrates Court opens 16 August 1894 situated in old Post office building corner Main & Station Street (1881 PO was transferred to UH Railway station)
  - 1896 Constable William Hector MCKINNON transferred
  - 1896 Constable William Patrick PATTON appointed

- 1900 Constable William Patrick PATTON transferred
  - 1900 Constable William David Lawrence THOMPSON appointed
  - 1902 Registrar of Births and Deaths begins in Upper Hutt (Police Constables duty)
  - 1904 Constable William David Lawrence THOMPSON transferred
  - 1904 Constable John NASH appointed
  - 1907 Court House (old Post Office) moved back from corner into Station Street next to Police Station dwelling
  - 1907 new Post Office built on corner Main and Station Street Upper Hutt
  - 1908 Constable John NASH retired
  - 1908 Constable Denis MAHONEY appointed
  - 1909 Renovations to Police Station
  - 1911 James Brown offers to sell various sections for new Court House in Upper Hutt
  - 1914 Repairs to Police Station
  - 1914 Constable Denis MAHONEY (deceased – Bengie & Pratt explosion)
  - 1914 Constable Josiah / John Walter MCHOLM appointed
  - 1918 Constable Josiah / John Walter MCHOLM transferred
  - 1918 Constable James Michael CUMMINGS appointed
  - 1920 Constable James Michael CUMMINGS transferred
  - 1919 Constable GURDEN (perhaps HQ Wellington)
  - 1919 purchase Section 11 on DP No 1336 part section 127 CT volume 134 folio 175 Main Road from Mr James Judd (Tane Eketahuna) £150 – site for new UH Police Station
  - 1919 purchase Section 12,13 14 on DP No 1336 part section 127 CT volume 137 folio 107 Main Road from Mr Roger Bacon Harakeke Nelson £500 – site for new UH Police Station
  - 1919 purchase of land for Wai-tako Prison (renamed Remutaka)
  - 1920 Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE appointed
  - 1920 new Police Station & Constables Cottage built on part section 127
  - 1920 Telephone from old Police cottage transferred to Courthouse
  - 1920 old Police Station at Upper Hutt vacated 1920 let to tenants was built in 1878 – recommendation to demolish around 1949
  - 1923 Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE transferred
  - 1923 Constable David WALLACE appointed
  - 1928 Constable David WALLACE transferred
  - 1928 Constable Charles JOSS (No 164I) appointed
  - 1929 Constable Charles Forbes STEWART appointed
  - 1929 (2) Constables stationed at Upper Hutt - Joss & Stewart
  - 1930 new Courthouse built 76 Main Street Upper Hutt opened 13 August
  - 1930s Returned Services Association lease former Court House (old Post Office building)
  - 1932 former Court house (old Post Office building) was gutted by fire 28 July
  - 1936 Constable Charles JOSS (No 164I) transferred
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- 1939 Constable F J WILLIAMS
  - 1940 Constable C E TANNER & P TANNER & S TANNER
  - 1941 Constable HIGGINS
  - 1941 Police Station residence (cottage) Upper Hutt repairs and renovations
  - 1943 Constable B MORRISON or A MORRISON or A T MORRISON
  - 1941 Police Station & cell block Upper Hutt repairs
  - 1947 Constable GREIG
  - 1947 Constable S HIGGINS
  - 1947 Constable WRIGHT

- 1949 Constable William Robert ANTILL appointed
- 1949 recommend demolishing the former old Police Station in Station Street
- 1950 Constable A T MORRISON No 3129
- 1950 Former old Police station in Station Street demolished by Railway Department (April)
- 1950 Police Residents Upper Hutt corner Main & Royal Street
- 1950-4 Police department own a 1½ storied concrete house built on ¼ acre of land officially described Lots 4 & 5 DP 2250 corner Main Road and Royal Street Upper Hutt [plan] – 19 Royal Street Upper Hutt – Constable A T Morrison
- 1951 Sergeant J GRACEY
- 1951 Constable Gordon William BORLASE appointed
- 1952 Four Police Officer stationed in Upper Hutt Court House Upper Hutt
- 1952 Constable BUICK at Trentham Police Station
- 1952 proposal to build new Police Station, garage & lockup South side of Court House
- 1953 Constable Gordon William BORLASE resigned
- 1954 Constable W TATE (later Sergeant occupied Police Residence 19 Royal Street)
- 1954 Constable Trevor WRIGHT
- 1954 Constable William Edward Huck AULD transferred (Trentham)
- 1954 Constable William Edward Huck AULD appointed
- 1954 Constable C GUPPY
- 1954 Sergeant G TAIT – Police residence 19 Royal Street
- 1954 Police Residence corner Main street & 19 Royal Street Upper Hutt part Section No 119 Hutt District Lot 4 & 5 DP 2250 OR Lot 50 part 51 DP 2250
- 1954 proposal to build Police Station in front of Police residence in Royal Street
- 1955 Police Residence Lot 155 Brentwood Street Upper Hutt – inspection [Training School Department house]
- 1955 Police residence new brick house situated 19 Royal Street occupied by Sergeant G Tait shifted into house 28<sup>th</sup> July 1955
- 1955 Police residence corner Main and Royal Street converted into Police Station offices
- 1955 Constable G TAYLOR appointed (Trentham)
- 1955 Mr Hawkes was appointed permanent Registrar of Birth, Deaths and Marriages
- 1956 Police Residence – Sgt Claridge Brentwood Street – Sgt Burnside Brentwood Street – Warrant Office Rosie Brentwood Street – Sgt Dunlop Merton Street – Sgt Hotham Brentwood Street [I believe these gentleman are part of the Police Training School situated in Trentham Military Camp]
- 1956 Police Residence for Police Training School Trentham - Brentwood Street [lot 147 DP 18032 part section 89-90 Hutt District CT 525/298& 20 Merton Street purchases
- 1956 Police Houses 2 of 5 for staff at Police Training School Trentham [lot 19 DP 18032 part sections 89-90 Hutt District CT 525/298 & Lot 24 DP 18032 part sections 89-90 Hutt District CT 525/298
- 1957 Constable William Robert ANTILL transferred
- 1960 3 Carroll Grove purchased for Senior Sergeant Kelly appointed staff training school
- 1960 8 Ruahine Street repairs Police residence for Constable A Symes
- 1960-9 Police Residence 3 Carroll Grove Trentham –repairs [Senior Sergeant Kelly Staff of Police Training School 1960]
- 1961 old Court house demolished at 76 Main Street Upper Hutt
- 1961 temporary Court house at Armidale Private Hotel 54 Main Street (now UH Mall)
- 1961 new Court house built at 76 Main Street
- 1962 new Court House opened 11 December 1962
- 1965 plans to build new UH Police station behind Court House
- 1965 Police property / Residence 20 Martin Street Upper Hutt

1966	Upper Hutt attains City status
1966	Police Residence 66 Brentwood Street Trentham - repairs
1967	Police Residence 73 Brentwood Street Trentham - repairs
1967-76	Police Residence 25 Palmer Crescent Trentham repairs
1968	Police Residence 57 Brentwood Street Trentham - repairs
1968	Police Residence 80 Holdsworth Avenue Upper Hutt replace sink
1969	Senior Sergeant Dawe in charge Upper Hutt
1969-76	Police Residence 25 Palmer Crescent Trentham repairs
1970	Office extension to Police Station corner Main and Royal Street
1971	Police Residence 869 Ferguson Drive Upper Hutt replace electric stove
1971	Police Residence 863-873 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt [Lots 56, 58, 60, 61 DP 1336] clear section noxious weeds
1972	Police Residence 867 & 871 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt – demolish & removal
1973	Proposed new Upper Hutt Police Station Lots 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 DP 1336 part Section No 127 Borough of Upper Hutt situated Fergusson Drive comprising of 2 roods 36.7 perches [plan] – present UH Police operate from three separate premises old house in Main Street [royal] a temporary building erected on same site in 1970 and an area of space in an office block across the street
1974	Police College Trentham buildings 210 and 211 repairs (accommodation block)
1974	Police Residence 48 [lot 40 DP 28498] & 52 [lot 42 DP 28498] Holdsworth Avenue sections - plan to build a house
1974	Police Residence 82 Holdsworth Avenue section - plan to build a house
1975	Constable William Edward Huck AULD retired
1975	Constable W MCGUINNESS residence Holdsworth Avenue Trentham
1975	Police Residence 1 [Lot 2 DP 29901] Flavia Grove section - plan to build a house
1975	Police Residence (87-91) Holdsworth Avenue Upper Hutt inspection
1976	Police Residence 19 Royal Street Upper Hutt repairs – tenants Mr & Mrs Spicer
1976-4	Police Residence 66 Brentwood Street inspection
1976-7	Police Residence 3 Mitre Grove Upper Hutt report leak
1977	Police Residence 869 Ferguson Drive Upper Hutt report demolition of building

## 1860

The first Police Station in Upper Hutt was situated in the Blockhouse with access from Fortune Lane off the road now known as Ferguson Drive.

The first Upper Hutt Police Constable was David Lyster who joined the Police Force in 1859 registration number 2. Six months later in 1860 David and his family settled in Upper Hutt and resided in the Blockhouse where 4 of their 7 children were born.

## 1862

The Resident Magistrates Court was held in the blockhouse in Upper Hutt

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 February 1862

The Late attempt to murder – An information was filed by Private Lyster AP on Wednesday last at the Resident Magistrates Court Upper Hutt, HS Wardell Esq., R M and R Barton Esq JP on the Bench

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 February 1862)*

## 1875-1878

The Upper Hutt Police Station was built in Station Street Upper Hutt. Constable Lyster and his families moved into the building which was also part of their family home. The building was described in a 1949 Ministry of works correspondence.

## 1876-1877

Resident Magistrates Court Wellington 14<sup>th</sup> July 1876

Sir

Having dismissed the Bailiff of this Court I have the honour to request that you will be kind enough to inform me without delay what salary will be paid to his successor.

I would suggest that the salary be not lower than at present as the duties of the Bailiff of this Court together with his duty as Sheriffs Officer are very large.

I have the honour to be Sir Yours obedient Servant (signed) Resident Magistrate

To the Hon The Minister of Justice Wellington

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R243504560 ACGS 16211 J1 199 ai 1877/180 from Resident Magistrate Wellington 12 January 1877 subject has appointed Mr A E Sampson Bailiff of Resident Magistrates Courts at Wellington and Lower and Upper Hutt years 1877)*

New Zealand Justice received 14 July 1876

From R M Wellington

Subject Enquiries what Salary should be paid to Successor of Bailiff whom he has dismissed – I thinks it should not be decreased

Memorandum The present salary is £165 I think a new man should have £150. The Sheriffs officer is not paid by the Government but by fees – (signed) R G 14 July 1876

Approved 14 July 1876

No 485 R M Wellington 14 July 1876

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R243504560 ACGS 16211 J1 199 ai 1877/180 from Resident Magistrate Wellington 12 January 1877 subject has appointed Mr A E Sampson Bailiff of Resident Magistrates Courts at Wellington and Lower and Upper Hutt years 1877)*

Resident Magistrates Court Wellington 10<sup>th</sup> January 1877

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day appointed Mr Andrew Eyre Sampson last messenger at Government Buildings to be Bailiff of the Resident Magistrates Court at Wellington, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt.

I have the honour to be Sir your obedient servant (signed) James Resident Magistrate

The Hon The Minister for Justice

[written in red Has appointed Mr A E Sampson Bailiff of R M Courts at Wellington and Lower and Upper Hutt - Issued General Authority 12 January 1877 - At what salary 13 January 1877 - £150 13 January 1877 - General Authority Issued 13 January 1877]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R243504560 ACGS 16211 J1 199 ai 1877/180 from Resident Magistrate Wellington 12 January 1877 subject has appointed Mr A E Sampson Bailiff of Resident Magistrates Courts at Wellington and Lower and Upper Hutt years 1877)*

## 1880-1881 Hutt Electoral Roll

- David LYSTER Constable residential Upper Hutt

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)*

Constable David Lyster was transferred from Upper Hutt Police Station to Porirua district around end of 1881.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 January 1896 page 2)*

Constable David Lyster had served the Upper Hutt district from 1860 to 1881 a total of 21 years.



**0- David LYSTER** born 20 June 1828 Birmingham England died 30 April 1896 Judgeford Pahautanui New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1855 Kings Norton Worcestershire England **Ann NICKLESS** born 1827 England died 1871 Upper Hutt New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1881 New Zealand **Louisa Caroline HELLEN** born 1840 England or Australia died 17 September 1896 Judgeford Pahautanui New Zealand

#David and Ann had 6 children Selina born 1856 Warwickshire England, Samuel born 1858 Warwickshire England, Ann born 1859 New Zealand, William born 1861 Upper Hutt New Zealand, Clara born 1862 Upper Hutt New Zealand, Elizabeth born 1864 Upper Hutt New Zealand and David born 1865 Upper Hutt New Zealand

#Note for full details on Lyster family refer to HVUHGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z & HVFLysterNickless document on website www.lynly.gen.nz

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## 1881

In 1881 a decision was made to close the Upper Hutt Police Station. Deputation from Upper Hutt residents failed to stop the closure. The Justice Department stated that as the railway and telegraph lines made travel and communications easier and with less serious crime the Upper Hutt district could be administered by the Constables at the Lower Hutt Police Station.

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## 1882

New Zealand Constabulary - Memorandum

Received 08 May 1882

From Officer in Charge Wellington

Subject Mr Blackburn applied for use of Police Station Upper Hutt for Sunday school purpose.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24430991 ACIS 17627 P1 156 1882/1269 from Officer in Charge Wellington received 08 May 1882 subject Mr Blackburne applies for use of Police Station Upper Hutt for Sunday School purpose year 1882)*

The Parsonage Upper Hutt 02<sup>nd</sup> May 1882

Dear Sir

I beg respectfully to apply for the use of the Police Station at the Upper Hutt for the purpose of carrying on a Sunday school in a portion of the building on Sunday afternoons.

The Police Station as you may possibly be aware is not occupied at the present time for we have no resident constable.

I may add that should any request be granted I will make myself responsible for the place being kept clean as long as it is used by us & I will take care that no injury is done to the property by the children.

I am yours faithfully John Blackburne  
Colonel Reader Defence Offices Wellington

The Commissioner AC – The Upper Hutt Station is only used once every three months as a Licensing Court house for the Mungaroa Licensing District Constable Mackey has the Key

I am Andam i/c & pso i/c Insp date 08 May 1882

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24430991 ACIS 17627 P1 156 1882/1269 from Officer in Charge Wellington received 08 May 1882 subject Mr Blackburne applies for use of Police Station Upper Hutt for Sunday School purpose year 1882)*

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## Administered from Lower Hutt Police Station

1881-1891

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## 1884

New Zealand Gazette 02 January 1885

Rangers appointed Wellington - Colonial Secretary's Office Wellington 29<sup>th</sup> December 1884  
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be  
Rangers under "The Animals Protection Act 1880" for the District of Wellington

Constable William Thomas COLLERTON	Sergeant Henry MCARDLE
Constable James O'CONNOR	Constable John HEALEY
Constable Robert DARBY	Constable Joseph ECCLETON
Constable Frederick Charles SMITH	<u>Constable Josiah Gilbert MACKEY</u>
Constable Patrick O'FARRELL	Constable John CULLINANE
Constable Patrick Henry DUNCAN	Constable Maurice ROCHE
Constable Alfred Edward REMER	Constable John O'DONOVAN
Constable Patrick LEAHY	Constable George STEWART

Edward Richardson (for the Colonial Secretary)

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Gazette 02 January 1885 No 1 page 8)*

Officers under "Salmon and Trout Act 1867" appointed Wellington  
Colonial Secretary's Office Wellington 29<sup>th</sup> December 1884  
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be  
Officers under "The Salmon and Trout Act 1867" for the Management and Protection of Salmon  
and Trout within the Provincial District of Wellington

Constable William Thomas COLLERTON	Sergeant Henry MCARDLE
Constable James O'CONNOR	Constable John HEALEY
Constable Robert DARBY	Constable Joseph ECCLETON
Constable Frederick Charles SMITH	<u>Constable Josiah Gilbert MACKEY</u>
Constable Patrick O'FARRELL	Constable John CULLINANE
Constable Patrick Henry DUNCAN	Constable Maurice ROCHE
Constable Alfred Edward REMER	Constable John O'DONOVAN
Constable Patrick LEAHY	Constable George STEWART

Edward Richardson (for the Colonial Secretary)

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### **Administered from Lower Hutt Police Station**

Constable Mackey and Constable Harnett were stationed at the Lower Hutt Police Station. Both Constables were responsible for the Upper Hutt district between 1881 and 1891.

New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 June 1883

Lost in Bush - They all reached the Upper Hutt at 10 am on Saturday Constable Mackey reports that there is not the slightest foundation for the statement that the lad who was in Hagans company on Tuesday had declined to assist in the search

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 02 June 1883 page 1 supplementary)*

New Zealand Mail 26 March 1886

At the Hutt Resident Magistrates Court Wednesday before Mr Wardell RM, William McCrossan and Henry Graham were charged by Constable Harnett with cruelly ill-treating a horse at the Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail 26 March 1886 page 10)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 31 January 1887

The guard cautioned them and as they took notice of him he telegraphed to Wellington and from thence a telegram was sent to Constable Harnett of the Upper Hutt who arrested ten of these gentry who upon arrival in Wellington they were marched off to the lockup.

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 31 January 1887 page 2)*

Evening Post newspaper 13 September 1887

A contradiction to the Editor Sir I beg through the columns of your valuable paper, to contradict the statement made by Constable Harriett [sic Harnett] at the last meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee that between the Upper Hutt and Featherston a distance of 24 miles there is no accommodation for man or beast. The house known as Cooper's Accommodation house is still the same. There are always there bedrooms with good beds ready for travellers and stabling for 20 horses if needed and plenty of paddocks for sheep and cattle. The house is nine or ten miles from Upper Hutt, and no traveller with or without a horse has been refused accommodation. I am & c G Cooper Pakuratahi 9th September

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 September 1887 page4)*

Evening Post newspaper 12 February 1889

A Disputed Ownership - Some little complication which has arisen out of a dispute about the title of certain land at the Upper Hutt resulted yesterday in the arrest by Constable Harnett of two natives named Marino and Makeno alias Martin upon a charge of arson. It appears a man named James Robert Kells alleges that he has recently purchased from a Mr Duncan of Wanganui a part of a section of Maori land at Upper Hutt occupied by these Maoris and a number of others and when entering into occupation was opposed by the Maoris who drove himself and his cattle off the ground threatening him with violence should he persist in going on the land. He further states they tore down an old shed which stood on the section and fired the debris in order to show what they consider their undoubted ownership. Kells thereupon charged them with arson and a warrant was forwarded in due course to Constable Harnett who yesterday effected their arrest. It was anticipated that some trouble would be experienced in arresting the accused and an additional constable was despatched from town at the request of the complainant Robert James Kells but this extra assistance was not needed, the natives having already been taken into custody by Constable Harnett when his assistant arrived from town. The natives went with the officer quite willingly and were rather anxious than otherwise to be brought into Court so that an opportunity might be afforded for deciding the disputed title. As showing the friendly feeling of the Maoris towards the police it may be mentioned that one of them took Constable Harnett in a punt across the river which was flooded and after the arrest was obliged to put the officer and his prisoners back over the river again.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 February 1889 page 2)*

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## 1890

Evening Post newspaper 27 January 1890

A deputation introduced by Dr Newman MHR waited upon the Minister of Justice at noon on Saturday to point out the necessity of having a constable placed again in the charge of the Upper Hutt district. The Minister promised to give the matter his attention and communicated the result. The deputation thanked the Minister and then withdrew.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 January 1890 page 2)*

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## 1891

In 1891 Constable William Hector McKinnon was transferred to the Upper Hutt district and the Upper Hutt Police Station was reopened.

New Zealand Police Gazette 25 February 1891

### Station reopened Upper Hutt Wellington District

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Police Gazette volume XV issue 4 date 25 February 1891)

### New Zealand Times newspaper 20 February 1891

Constable McKinnon who has been removed to the Upper Hutt has already left Wellington

(Reference Papers Past website New Zealand Times newspaper 20 February 1891 page 2)

### In 1892 the Constable of Police in Upper Hutt was W H McKENNEDY [sic McKinnon]

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R11836384 AAMK W3074 869 box 184 d 6/57 2 Maori Reserve Land – Pakuratahi years 1884-1907 1909)

### New Zealand Gazette 31 March 1892

Inspectors of Factories and workrooms appointed Bureau of Industries Wellington 30<sup>th</sup> March 1892 His Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint the under mentioned persona to be Inspectors of Factories and Workrooms under “The Factories Act 1891” and to assign to them the districts set opposite their names namely – Name William Hector McKinnon – District Upper Hutt [other names listed]

(Reference New Zealand Gazette 31 March 1892 page 545)

### 1893 Otaki Electoral Roll

- William Hector MCKINNON Upper Hutt police constable residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

### 03<sup>rd</sup> September 1894 Department of Justice Wellington

Memorandum for the Treasury and Audit

Please note that Constable William Hector McKinnon has been appointed to be Clerk of the Magistrate’s Court Upper Hutt. This is a new Court

Signed C J A Haselden Under Secretary

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(Reference Archives NZ Wellington T1 90 1893/1313-1800 Inwards correspondence 1893 for Treasury department Image saved as IMG\_2594.jpg)

### New Zealand Gazette 16 August 1894

Clerk of Magistrates Court appointed Department of Justice Wellington 09<sup>th</sup> August 1894 His Excellency the Governor has been please to appoint Constable William Hector McKinnon to be Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt A J Cadman

(Reference New Zealand Gazette 16 August 1894 page 1299)

### 1894 Otaki Electoral Roll

- William Hector MCKINNON Upper Hutt police constable residential

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

In January 1896 Constable William Hector McKinnon transferred from Upper Hutt to Wellington.

0- **William Hector MCKINNON** born 03 September 1861 Isle of Skye Quebec Canada died 28 August 1937 Palmerston North New Zealand married 1881 Hokitika New Zealand **Frances Jane MOFFET** born 1862 Melbourne Victoria Australia died 11 September 1937 New Zealand

#William Hector and Frances Jane had 12 children William born 1882, Margaret born 1884, William Donald born 1886, Frances born 1887, William Hector born 1889, Frances Janetta

born 1891, John Kenneth born 1893, Myra born 1895, Farquhar Neil Roderick born 1901, Isabel born 1904, Flora born 1916 and Mary born 1916 all born in New Zealand  
#Note for full details on Constable McKinnon refer to HVUHGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1896

In February 1896 Constable Patton was transferred to the Upper Hutt Police station.

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1896

Constable Patton who for some years has acted as watch-house-keeper at the Central Police Station Lambton Quay goes to the Upper Hutt replacing Constable McKinnon who has been transferred to Wellington.

Constable M Cox will fill the vacancy at Petone created by the retirement of Constable Lyster.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1896)*

Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1896

The members of the Wellington Police Force yesterday presented Constable Patton, who has been transferred to the Upper Hutt with a handsome case of pipes. Constable Patton has been stationed here for many years past and is most popular amongst his fellow-members of the Force while his unflinching courtesy and obliging nature have earned for him the goodwill of all with whom he has been brought in contact. Constable Murphy spoke of those characteristics of the departing comrade in making him the presentation and wished the recipient every sort of good luck for the future. Constable Patton replied suitably expressing regret at leaving those with whom he had for so long been on such good terms.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1896 page 2)*

Wellington 12 February 1896

His Excellency the Governor if respectfully advised to appoint

Constable William Patrick Patton

To be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt from the 10<sup>th</sup> February instant vice Constable McKinnon transferred.

[Gazetted 05 February 1896 plus various other notes on the covering page not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24567446 ACGS 16211 J1 552 f 1896/185 from Governor date 12 February 1896 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1896)*

New Zealand Police Department (Commissioners Office)

Memorandum Wellington 08 February 1896

The Under Secretary Justice Department No 90

The appointment of Constable William Patrick Patton as Clerk of the Court at Upper Hutt is recommended vice Constable McKinnon transferred. The Constable takes charge on 10<sup>th</sup> instant

Commissioner ACGS 16211

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24567446 J1 552 f 1896/185 from Governor date 12 February 1896 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1896)*

18 February Memorandum for the Superintendent Magistrate Wellington

I have the honour to forward herewith warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor appointing Constable W P Patton to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt from the 10<sup>th</sup> instant vice Constable McKinnon transferred.

Patton will be paid the usual allowance of £10 per annum and will be required to give security in the sum of £100. I enclose a form to the Standard Insurance Company Dunedin. The Government will pay the premium.

Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24567446 ACGS 16211 J1 552 f 1896/185 from Governor date 12 February 1896 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1896)*

Standard Fire & Marine Insurance Company Dunedin 06<sup>th</sup> March 1896  
The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

Sir

Herewith I beg to hand you Guarantee Policies No 3040/1 in the names of D Mackae and W P Patton and in favour of Her Majesty the Queen which I trust you will find in order.

I am Dear Sir Yours Faithfully Thomas Ashley [sic] General Manager

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24567446 ACGS 16211 J1 552 f 1896/185 from Governor date 12 February 1896 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1896)*

1896 Otaki Electoral Roll

William Patrick PATTON Upper Hutt constable residential

Mary PATTON Upper Hutt married women residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1897

Three People Drowned in the Hutt River - Inspector Pender has received a telegram from Constable Patton of the Upper Hutt conveying the sad intelligence that Mrs Hope (wife of Mr Joseph Wm Hope a settler in Stokes Valley) her step-daughter and a little child were found drowned in the Hutt River this morning. Mrs Hope had driven her husband to the railway station on his way to Wellington and was returning home with her stepdaughter and the child when it is supposed the horse jibbed and backed the cart into the river. The bodies which were found by Mr McCulloch were lying under the cart and must have been there for an hour before he made the discovery. No further particulars were to hand up to the time when we went to press.

1897 Otaki Electoral Roll

William Patrick PATTON Upper Hutt constable residential

Mary PATTON Upper Hutt married women residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 November 1897

A man named Isaac Monkhouse a woollorter was found on the road over the Rimutaka between Kaitoke and the Summit on Monday afternoon with his throat cut. The injury which was of a serious character was temporarily dressed by the stationmaster at Kaitoke and others and by last night's train the man was brought to Wellington by Constable Patton who had gone up from the Upper Hutt for that purpose. Monkhouse who was able to walk was met by Dr Cahill and Inspector Pender the doctor ordering his immediate removal to the Hospital. His injury was attended to by Dr Ewart but at an early hour next morning the man's condition was critical. Monkhouse lives at Petone and has a wife and family. It is supposed that he was walking from Featherston to Wellington when he attempts to commit suicide.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 November 1897 page 23)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 13 November 1897 (also other date and newspapers)

The Silverstream Tragedy – Hawthornes Fate Revealed – His body found buried near the Camp – Exhumed and Brought to Town – Charge of Murder to be Referred – The Story of a Terrible Crime – Constable Cruickshank of the Lower Hutt who has been indefatigable in his efforts to solve the mystery accompanied by Constable Patton of the Upper Hutt who has been in charge of searching the bush then left the scene together with Messrs Alfred Perry, George Perry, Stewart Menzies and McCulloch [full details not transcribed]

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 13 November 1897 page 3)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 15 November 1897

A lunatic tied to a tree - More excitement in the Hutt valley - Sensation follows sensation in the Hutt Valley as Mounted Constable Cruickshank was coming into town this morning to report himself in connection with the Silverstream case he was informed that a coloured man had been found in a state of madness this morning on the property of Mr Walker at Kaitoke and the settlers had tied him to a tree pending the arrival of the police. He was so violent that it took four men to perform this operation. Kaitoke is in Constable Patton's district and he also is in town in connection with Hawthorne's case. On receipt of the news the Department sent out Constable Bree to secure the lunatic. It appears that the alleged lunatic's name is Isaac Brown and it will be remembered that some two or three weeks ago he appeared repeatedly before the Magistrate first as a deserter from the barque *Cornuvia* when he accused the skipper and the mates as well as the seamen of cruelty. Brown was twice ordered back on board his vessel but was eventually sentenced to 14 days imprisonment. On the 16th September and again on the 15th October he received a sentence of seven days imprisonment. Since serving his last term Brown has gone out to seek work in the Hutt district.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 November 1897 page 5)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1898

Constable Patton has reported to the Police Office the burning of a shed and contents at Silverstream yesterday morning the total value being £59. Messrs C and R Haybittle who are in possession of the property upon which the fire occurred, rent the place from Mr H Knigge of Marton who has an insurance in the New Zealand Alliance Office on the dwelling and outbuildings.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1898 page4)*

#### Evening Star newspaper 16 April 1898 (plus other dates and newspapers)

The Commissioner of Police has made the following awards in connection with the Silverstream murder case – Detective Neil £10, Sergeant Wright £6, Constable Cruickshank £6, Constable Patton £3.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Star newspaper 16 April 1898 page 2)*

#### New Zealand Times newspaper 28 October 1898 (other dates and newspapers)

On the following morning Mr Joseph Hodge father-in-law of Baker rode to the Hutt and stated the facts of the case to Constable Patton. The latter at once rode to Silverstream on his bicycle and found Mrs Baker at her father's house. After making investigation the constable went to look for Baker whom he found about to take a cart to Trentham. The officer asked him what had occurred between himself and his wife and Baker replied by alluding at the outset to the neglect of his wife in not delivering the note he had entrusted to her to deliver. He then said We were in the bedroom and I picked up the gun and said See here Polly I'm if I know what the prevents me from shooting you like this. And I let fire at the washing jug. I then threw the gun on the bed and walked out. Constable Patton arrested Baker and took charge of the gun a single-barrel breech loader. There was a fresh cartridge in it a fact to which he drew the man's attention. Baker made some excuse about this and then said The first opportunity I get I will cut my throat or else make a job of it like Chemis. The man appeared as if he had been recently drinking. There were wild rumours about the city last night that Mrs Baker had been badly injured but as a matter of fact she only sustained a small bump on the head and a scratch over the eyebrow. The prisoner was brought to town yesterday afternoon and will appear at the Magistrate's Court this morning.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 28 October 1898 page 3)*

#### 1899 Otaki Electoral Roll

William Patrick PATTON Upper Hutt constable residential  
Mary PATTON Upper Hutt married women residential  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1900 Otaki Electoral Roll

William Patrick PATTON Upper Hutt constable residential  
Mary PATTON Upper Hutt married women residential  
(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1899

How the capture was made - The fugitive's movements for the week - Alridge while undergoing three years imprisonment at the Terrace Gaol escaped from custody on Monday last only a day or two ago a reward of £25 was offered for his recapture and during the whole of the week the police have been untiring in their efforts. After all it is a constable's son who has done the trick. Yesterday morning Constable Patton stationed at the Upper Hutt received information that Alridge had passed through there at 5 o'clock - three hours previously. Patton at once mounted his horse and rode over the Rimutaka without however seeing the fugitive but as will be subsequently shown it was only by good luck that the latter kept out of sight. Patton having informed Constable Carlyon of Featherston rode back empty handed though still keeping a keen look-out. (Full details not transcribed)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 February 1899 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1899

Constable Patton of Upper Hutt when chasing the man Phillips on Wednesday fell and ruptured some of the sinews of his left arm. The injury is serious and will disable him for some time.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 September 1899 page 6)

New Zealand Times newspaper 22 November 1899

Inspector Pender received a telegram from Constable Patton stationed at the Upper Hutt last night stating that a four-roomed house was burnt down at Whiteman's Valley at five o'clock that evening. The house was occupied by Wm Johnston whose six-months-old child perished in the flames.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 22 November 1899 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 23 November 1899

The burning to death of the four months old child Leslie Johnson at Whiteman's Valley on Tuesday evening was reported to the District Coroner but as the occurrence was outside a radius of 20 miles it was beyond his jurisdiction. He however intimated that an inquest was advisable and Constable Patton accordingly made arrangements for an enquiry to be presided over by a Justice of the Peace and to be held this afternoon.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 November 1899 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 13 March 1900

Consequent on the promotion of Constable Cruickshank of the Lower Hutt to the rank of sergeant in Wellington Constable Patton of the Upper Hutt has been transferred to the Lower Hutt and Constable Thompson who had been doing relieving duty for some time (latterly in Greytown) has been appointed to succeed Patton.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 March 1900 page 4)

In March 1900 Constable William Patrick Patton was transferred from Upper Hutt to Lower Hutt.



0- **William Patrick PATTON** born 1860 Kerry Ireland died 08 July 1943 Wellington New Zealand married 1886 New Zealand **Mary DREW** born 1860 Kerry Ireland died 20 June 1942 Lower Hutt New Zealand

#William Patrick and Mary PATTON had 5 children Mary Catherine born 1887, John Drew born 1889, Eileen Margaret born 1891, Isabel Evelyn born 1894 and Annie Pauline born 1895 all born in New Zealand

#Note for full details on Constable Patton refer to HVUHGGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1900

In January 1900 Constable William David Lawrence Thompson was transferred to the Upper Hutt Police station.

Marlborough Express newspaper 11 January 1900

Police Department – Constable Thompson of Wellington who has been relieving Constable Nash incapacitated by an accident for a year returns to Wellington to-night. Constable Thompson has been most assiduous in performing his duties and though strict he has gained the respect and esteem of everyone in Picton. His departure will be generally regretted.

*(Reference Papers past website Marlborough Express newspaper 11 January 1900 page 2)*

New Zealand Police Department (Commissioners Office)

Memorandum for the Under Secretary Justice Department Wellington 15 March 1900

The following appointments are recommended

Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt vice Constable William Patrick Patton transferred

and

Constable William Patrick Patton to be Clerk of Court and Clerk of Licensing Committee at Lower Hutt and Sergeant Alexander Cruickshank transferred

J M Hau [sic] for Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24592491 ACGS 16211 J1 636 ag 1900/282 from Governor Wellington date 15 March 1900 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff at Lower Hutt and Constable William David Lawrence Thompson Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt year 1900)*

1900/282 No 24<sup>th</sup> March 1900

Memorandum for the Treasury Wellington

Please note that Constable William Patrick Patton has been appointed Clerk of the Magistrates Court at the Lower Hutt from the 14<sup>th</sup> instant vice Sergeant A Cruickshank and Constable William David Lawrence Thompson has been appointed Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt vice Constable W P Patton transferred

F Waldegrave Under Secretary

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1900/282 No 24 March 1900

Memorandum for the Stipendiary Magistrates Wellington

I beg to transmit to you the accompanying warrants appointing Constable W P Patton and W D L Thompson to be Clerks and Bailiffs of the Magistrates Courts at Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt respectfully.

Constable Thompson will require to give security in respect of his appointments and I enclose from of application for a guarantee policy which he should fill up and transmit to the General Manager of the Standard Insurance Company Dunedin. The Government will pay the premium.

The usual allowance of ten pounds per annum accompany the appointments

F Waldegrave Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24592491 ACGS 16211 J1 636 ag 1900/282 from Governor Wellington date 15 March 1900 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff at Lower Hutt and Constable William David Lawrence Thompson Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt year 1900)*

Wellington 15<sup>th</sup> March 1900

His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to appoint

Constable William Patrick Patton

To be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Lower Hutt on and from the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March vice Sergeant A Cruickshank transferred and also

Constable William David Lawrence Thompson

To be Clerk and Bailiff for the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1900 vice Constable W P Patton transferred

James McGowan

[Gazetted 29 March 1900 other notes around the page not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24592491 ACGS 16211 J1 636 ag 1900/282 from Governor Wellington date 15 March 1900 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff at Lower Hutt and Constable William David Lawrence Thompson Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt year 1900)*

J1900/282 No 1991 The Treasury New Zealand Wellington 29 August 1900

To The Under Secretary Justice Department

Memorandum from The Accountant to the Treasury

A copy of Law Trust cash work for period ended the 18<sup>th</sup> instant has been received from the Magistrates Court Lower Hutt Signed d by W P Patton A A Cruickshank is registered As the Accounting officer in respect of that office vice you be good enough to indicate if any change has been made

A H Callium [sic] Accountant to the Treasury

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24592491 ACGS 16211 J1 636 ag 1900/282 from Governor Wellington date 15 March 1900 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff at Lower Hutt and Constable William David Lawrence Thompson Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt year 1900)*

J1900/282 30<sup>th</sup> August 1900

Memorandum for the Accountant to the Treasury Wellington

In reply to your memorandum of yesterday's date I beg to inform yor that the Treasury was informed by memorandum dated the 24<sup>th</sup> March instant that W P Patton had taken charge of the Lower Hutt Court vice A Cruickshank

F Waldegrave Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24592491 ACGS 16211 J1 636 ag 1900/282 from Governor Wellington date 15 March 1900 subject Appointing Constable William Patrick Patton Clerk and Bailiff at Lower Hutt and Constable William David Lawrence Thompson Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt year 1900)*

Evening Post newspaper 16 May 1900

Constable Thompson telegraphed from the Upper Hutt last night that a six-roomed house belonging to Edward Whiteman of Mungaroa had been destroyed by fire. The building was insured for £150 and the furniture for £50 in the Commercial Union.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 May 1900 page 4)*

Evening Post newspaper 11 June 1900

Constable Thompson telegraphed from the Upper Hutt this morning that Mr W Robinson's house and furniture has been destroyed by fire at Whitemans Valley. The house was insured for £200 in the London and Lancashire Office and the furniture for £100 in the Commercial Union.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 June 1900 page 4)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 26 February 1901

A labourer named Alfred Rayner living at Trentham attempted to cut his throat with a razor at 9.30 o'clock last night and succeeded so far as to inflict an ugly wound. Medical attendance was however procured and to-day the injured man was brought by Constable Thompson to the hospital where he is progressing favourably.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 February 1901 page 5)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 24 July 1901

A man named A M'Stea was apprehended by Constable Thompson at Upper Hutt for being drunk and using obscene language at Mungaroa on Monday and was brought before Messrs V Jensen and C Rawson Justices and sentenced to seven days imprisonment

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 July 1901 page 4)*

#### 1902 Hutt Electoral Roll Wellington

- William David Lawrence THOMPSON Upper Hutt police constable
- Alice Amy THOMPSON Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### New Zealand Mail newspaper 25 November 1903

The vigilance of the search parties out to assist in the recovery of the body of the lad drowned in the Hutt river recently is commendable. Long and tedious work it has been probing every likely and unlikely spot for miles with grappling irons and dynamiting the deeper pools here and there along rocky ledges of thin high embankments nature has provided but alike with scant success. Men riding men walking. The services of Constable Thompson are inestimable in a place like the Upper Hutt, whereas police officer, court orderly and various other things he incessantly and uncomplainingly labours with a will which alone in this instance makes his position a happy one. Such officers it is as these who help to make the police force of New Zealand respected in any community. One night I called on him and he looked real fagged after a hot day's dragging the river in a fruitless endeavour to ascertain the whereabouts of the lad mentioned and was going to ride several miles again that night to make further inquiries about an alleged rumour to the effect of the body being found at Belmont. I know him to be a little adverse to publicity in its fulsomeness but. think he needs a word of encouragement now and then.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 25 November 1903 page 11)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1904

Constable Thompson for a number of years stationed at Upper Hutt is being transferred to Picton and Constable Nash of Picton will take charge of the Upper Hutt. The changes will probably take effect in about a week's time

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1904 page 4)*

#### New Zealand Mail newspaper 27 July 1904

Upper Hutt – The districts is this week losing the services of Constable Thompson who is exchanging station with Constable Nash of Picton.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 27 July 1904 page 29)*

In July 1904 Constable William David Lawrence Thompson was transferred from Upper Hutt to Picton.

0- **William David Lawrence THOMPSON** [HATCH] born 1867 died 05 May 1927 Wellington New Zealand married 1899 New Zealand **Alice Amy ROSS** born 1878 New Zealand died 30 May 1912 Wellington New Zealand

#William David Lawrence and Alice Amy THOMPSON had 6 children David Ross born 1900, Ernest William born 1902, Philip Arthur born 1903, Herbert John born 1904, Lawrence Trevor born 1906 and Isabel Margaret born 1908 all born in New Zealand

#Note for full details on Constable Thompson refer to HVUHGGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1904

In 1904 Constable John NASH was transferred to the Upper Hutt Police station.

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1904

Constable Thompson for a number of years stationed at Upper Hutt is being transferred to Picton and Constable Nash of Picton will take charge of the Upper Hutt. The changes will probably take effect in about a week's time

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1904 page 4)*

New Zealand Mail newspaper 27 July 1904

Upper Hutt – The districts is this week losing the services of Constable Thompson who is exchanging station with Constable Nash of Picton.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 27 July 1904 page 29)*

New Zealand Police Department (Commissioners Office)  
Wellington 28 July 1904

Memorandum the Under Secretary Justice Department

The appointment of Constable William David Lawrence Thompson as Clerk of Court at Picton vice Constable John Nash transferred is recommended.

The Constable arrived at Picton on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant – W Dinnie [sic] Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

New Zealand Police Department (Commissioners Office)  
Wellington 28 July 1904

Memorandum the Under Secretary Justice Department

The appointment of Constable John Nash as Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt vice Constable William David Lawrence Thompson transferred is recommended.

The Constable will arrive at Upper Hutt today – W Dinnie [sic] Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

06<sup>th</sup> August 1904

Memorandum for A McArthur Esq S.M. Wellington

I have the honour by direction of the Minister of Justice to transmit to you the accompanying Warrants appointing Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt vice Constable W D L Thompson transferred.

Constable Nash will be paid the usual allowance of Ten Pounds per annum

J Waldegrave Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

06<sup>th</sup> August 1904

Memorandum for the Treasury Wellington

Please note Constable John Nash has been appointed to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July last vice Constable W D L Thompson who has been appointed to succeed Constable Nash as Clerk etc. at Picton as from the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

J Waldegrave Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

08<sup>th</sup> August 1904

Sir

Policies Nos 2435 and 3540

I beg to inform you that Constable John Nash has been appointed to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 28<sup>th</sup> July last vice Constable W D L Thompson who has succeeded Constable Nash as Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrate Court at Picton on and from the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

I shall therefore be obliged if you will kindly endorse their respective policies to cover the new appointments (Policies herewith)

I have the honour to be Sir Your most obedient servant F Waldegrave Under secretary

To The General Manager if the Standard Insurance Company Dunedin

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

Wellington 03 August 1901 - His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to appoint

Constable William David Lawrence Thompson

to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Picton on and from the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1904 vice Constable J Nash transferred

Constable John Nash

to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1904 vice Constable W D L Thompson transferred

Jams McGowan [sic]

[Gazette 11 August 1904 other notes around the page not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

Standard Fire & Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand Dunedin 11<sup>th</sup> August 1904

Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

Dear Sir

In reply to your favour of the 08<sup>th</sup> instant I beg to return Guarantee Policy No 2435 and No 3540 duly endorsed to cover Constable John Nash and Constable W D L Thompson in their new positions. Trusting same will be found in order

I am dear Sir Yours truly Thomas Hislop [sic] General Manager

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24619454 ACGS 16211 J1 716 bk 1904/1076 from Governor Wellington date 03 August 1904 subject Appointing Constable William David Lawrence Thompson to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Picton and Constable John Nash to be Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1904)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 27 September 1904

Information has been received by the police head office that John Moulden farmer of Akatarawa has been missing from his home since Sunday at midday. Carrying a gun he went away to look for some cattle on the eastern side of the Upper Hutt-Waikanae road between seven to ten miles from the Upper Hutt. As he did not return on Sunday night search parties were sent out. Under instructions from headquarters Constable Nash stationed at the Upper Hutt has gone to join the searchers.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 September 1904 page 4)*

#### 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll

John NASH Upper Hutt police constable

Clara Elizabeth NASH Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### New Zealand Times newspaper 21 July 1906 (other dates and newspapers)

Arrested - Constable Nash, stationed at Upper Hutt said that on Monday 28th June at 11 am he arrested accused outside the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt. He was riding a bicycle. Witness asked him where he had come from and he said Masterton. Denied that his name was Mielsch saying it was Remner. He said he was on his way to Wellington and denied having passed through the Hutt on the previous day. Witness asked him if he had a wife in Wellington. He answered that he was not married. Witness saw him pass through the Hutt on the previous day and told him so. Took prisoner to the lock up. Went to get somebody to identify him and was about three quarters of an hour away. On returning found prisoner lying on the floor of the cell in a pool of blood. On examination found his throat was cut and also his wrist. Found a small pocket-knife covered with blood the point of it still in the wound. Called in Doctor McGuggan of HMS Encounter who dressed the wound. Searched prisoner on first taking him to the cell and took another knife from him. He must have had this one concealed. Mielsch reserved his defence and pleaded not guilty. He was committed for trial.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 July 1906 page 2)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 22 October 1906 (other newspapers)

An old age pensioner named Michael Burn died on a train between Ngahauranga and Wellington yesterday. Deceased had been living in a hut at Akatarawa and for some years had been employed by Messrs Whiteman Bros. On Saturday he was found to be very ill. Mr Whiteman reported the matter to Constable Nash and subsequently the sufferer was placed on the train to be conveyed to the Wellington Hospital. Dr Purdy visited him on the train at the Lower Hutt and found that he was dying. Deceased expired before he got to Wellington and the body was taken to the Morgue where an inquest will be held.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 October 1906 page 6)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 08 January 1907

A shooting tragedy - Young man's death - A farm hand named Albert Edward Nowdick employed by Mr Thomas Macarthy at Akatarawa about 10 miles from the Upper Hutt shot himself with a gun about 3.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Deceased was 34 years of age and had a wife and four young children who lived with him on the farm. He came out here from England about twelve months ago and had been working at Akatarawa about eight or nine months. Several of his fellow employees witnessed the sad affair. They were on one side of the river haymaking and they saw deceased on the other side walking up and down the bank for some time. Subsequently deceased went into a vegetable garden and sat down. The men heard one shot and on looking in the direction of deceased saw his straw hat fly into the air and heard a second shot. On approaching deceased they found that he had shot himself in the head. An inquest will

be held by the coroner to-morrow afternoon at the Upper Hutt where the body had been, taken by Constable Nash.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 January 1907 page 4)*

Constable Nash's wife Clare [sic Clara] Elizabeth NASH died 07 November 1908 in Upper Hutt New Zealand. She was buried at Karori cemetery in Wellington.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1908 folio website 1908/7861 age 56 born about 1852)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1908

Constable Nash of Upper Hutt who has also been Clerk of the Court immediately retires on superannuation and Constable D Mahon. of Woodville succeeds him.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1908 page 9)*

Constable Nash retired from the Upper Hutt Police station in December 1908 but he was also recorded on a later Hutt Electoral Roll with occupation Constable residing Upper Hutt.

Wairarapa Newspaper 15 January 1909

Police Pensions Wellington 14 January – Three pensions were authorised today to members of the Police Force by the Police Provident Fund Board. Constable Nash (Upper Hutt) £89 11 s 6d (plus two other details not transcribed)

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Newspaper 15 January 1909 page 5)*

Evening Post newspaper 21 January 1909

Constable Nash who was in charge of the Upper Hutt district on election day said he was about the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on the day of the election but was chiefly in the polling booths. He lived at the hotel. He was only some forty yards away from the booth. From witness's own observation he could say that the bar was closed all the afternoon. Witness was across there several times during the afternoon. The stables at the back of the hotel were in the occupation of Mr Henry Edwards. The hotel proprietor had no control of them.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 January 1909 page 3)*

1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

John NASH Upper Hutt police constable

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

0- **John NASH** born 1845 Ireland died 25 May 1911 Wellington New Zealand married 1879 West Coast New Zealand **Clara Elizabeth EATON** born 1852 Dorset England died 07 November 1908 Wellington New Zealand

#John and Clara Elizabeth had 9 children John born 1880, Margaret born 1881, Clara born 1884, Alice born 1886, Julia born 1887, Charles born 1889, Frederick born 1892, Dorothy born 11 November 1894 and Eva Louisa born 1897 all born in New Zealand

#Note for full details on Constable Nash refer to HVUHGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1908

In 1908 Constable Denis Mahoney was transferred to the Upper Hutt Police station.

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1908

Constable Nash of Upper Hutt who has also been Clerk of the Court immediately retires on superannuation and Constable D Mahoney of Woodville, succeeds him.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 December 1908 page 9)*

New Zealand Police Department (Commissioner's Office) Wellington 19 December 1908  
Memorandum for the Under Secretary Justice Department  
The appointment of Constable Denis Mahoney as Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt vice Constable John Nash retired is recommended

The Constable arrived at Upper Hutt on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant

M Wright [sic] for Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24679077 ACGS 16211 J1 788 bp 1908/1564 from Governor Wellington date 21 December 1908 subject Appointing Constable Denis Mahoney to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1908)*

New Zealand Magistrate Court Wellington 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1908

Memorandum for Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

I am directed by Dr McArthur, Stipendiary Magistrate to inform you that he has appointed Constable Denis Mahoney Deputy Clerk of Court and Deputy Bailiff of the Upper Hutt. Please notify the Treasury to this effect so that Constable Mahoney may open the Law Trust Account in his name

A Moore [sic] Clerk of Court

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24679077 ACGS 16211 J1 788 bp 1908/1564 from Governor Wellington date 21 December 1908 subject Appointing Constable Denis Mahoney to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1908)*

Magistrates Office Upper Hutt 08 December 1908

To A McArthur Stipendiary Magistrate Wellington

Sir

I respectfully beg to inform you that I have been returned from the Police Force on the 05<sup>th</sup> instant having reached the age limit of 65 year.

I therefore tender my resignation as Clerk of Magistrates Court and Bailiff at Upper Hutt.

At present I am on three months leave and will not leave Upper Hutt until the 15<sup>th</sup> instant and up to that date I can continue the duty as Clerk and Bailiff.

Constable Mahoney is appointed to this Station and will be here on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant when I presume he will be appointed Clerk of Court and Bailiff.

John Nash Constable 228

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24679077 ACGS 16211 J1 788 bp 1908/1564 from Governor Wellington date 21 December 1908 subject Appointing Constable Denis Mahoney to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1908)*

24<sup>th</sup> December 1908

Memorandum for the Treasury Wellington

Please note that Constable Denis Mahoney has been appointed Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt from the 15<sup>th</sup> instant vice Constable J Nash.

C B Brown for Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24679077 ACGS 16211 J1 788 bp 1908/1564 from Governor Wellington date 21 December 1908 subject Appointing Constable Denis Mahoney to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1908)*

Wellington 21<sup>st</sup> December 1908

His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to sign the accompanying Warrants appointing

Constable Denis Mahoney

To be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1908 vice Constable J Nash retired

(signed James McGoway [sc] 23 December 1908

[Gazetted 14 January 1909 other writing on page not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24679077 ACGS 16211 J1 788 bp 1908/1564 from Governor Wellington date 21 December 1908 subject Appointing Constable Denis Mahoney to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1908)*



Standard Fire Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand Limited Dunedin  
11 January 1909 The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

Dear Sir

Herewith enclosed I beg to hand you Guarantee Policy No 4473 covering D Mahoney as Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt and trust same will be found in order.

I am Dear Sir Thomas Hislop [sic] General Manager

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24679077 ACGS 16211 J1 788 bp 1908/1564 from Governor Wellington date 21 December 1908 subject Appointing Constable Denis Mahoney to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrate Court Upper Hutt year 1908)*

Denis MAHONEY died in the Benge & Pratt Explosion on 29 March 1914 in Upper Hutt New Zealand. He was the first Upper Hutt Constable to lose his life in a line of duty.

0- **Denis MAHONEY** born about 1873 Ireland died 29 March 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1905 New Zealand **Mary Kate DENNEHY** born 1885 New Zealand died 09 September 1977 Konini New Zealand (Mrs Denis BROSNAHAN)

#Denis and Mary Kate Mahoney had children 4 Mary born 1906, Atholstan born 1908, Cedric born 1910, Denise Josephine born 1914 all born in New Zealand

#Note for full details on Constable Mahoney refer to HVUHGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1914

In May 1914 Constable John Walter McHolm was transferred to the Upper Hutt Police Station to replace the late Constable Mahoney.

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1914

Constable McHolm who left Port Ahuriri on Saturday to take charge of the Upper Hutt station was last Thursday presented with an umbrella a case of razors and a razor strop as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the force at Napier. Detective Sergeant Kemp made the presentation on behalf of the police force in the Napier district and spoke in eulogistic terms of the splendid work which Constable McHolm had done at Port Ahuriri.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1914 page #)*

New Zealand Police Department Wellington 04 May 1914

Memorandum The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

The appointment of Constable John Walter McHolm as Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt from 04<sup>th</sup> May 1914 vice Constable D Mahoney deceased is recommended

M Eilission [sic] Superintendent for Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24676488 ACGS 16211 J1 888 1914/677 from Governor Wellington date 07 May 1914 subject Appointing Constable Josiah Walter McHolm to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1914)*

19 May 1914 Memorandum for the Treasury J1914/677

Please note that Constable John Walter McHolm has been appointed to be Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the fourth day of May 1914 vice Constable D Mahoney deceased.

C B Jordon Under secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24676488 ACGS 16211 J1 888 1914/677 from Governor Wellington date 07 May 1914 subject Appointing Constable Josiah Walter McHolm to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1914)*

19 May 1914 J1914/677

Memorandum for The Stipendiary Magistrates Wellington

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor appointing Constable John Walter McHolm to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the fourth of May 1914 vice Constable D Mahoney deceased. The usual allowance of £10 per annum accompanies the appointment. Constable McHolm will be required to give security in the sum of One hundred pounds and I enclose from of proposal for a guarantee policy which he should fill in and forward so the General Manager of the Standard Insurance Company High Street Dunedin. The Government will pay the premium

C B Jordon under secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24676488 ACGS 16211 J1 888 1914/677 from Governor Wellington date 07 May 1914 subject Appointing Constable Josiah Walter McHolm to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1914)*

Wellington 07 May 1914

His Excellency the Governor respectfully advised to sign the accompanying Warrants appointing  
Constable John Walter McHolm

To be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the fourth day of May 1914 vice Constable D Mahoney deceased

Thaton [sic] Thomas [sic] For the Minister of Justice

[Gazetted 28 May 1904 other notes around the page not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24676488 ACGS 16211 J1 888 1914/677 from Governor Wellington date 07 May 1914 subject Appointing Constable Josiah Walter McHolm to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1914)*

Standard Fire Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand Limited Dunedin  
22 May 1914 The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

Dear Sir

Herewith enclosed I have pleasure in handing you Fidelity Guarantee Policy No 5099 covering John Walter McHolm as Clerk and Bailiff at Upper Hutt and trust same may be found in order.

Yours truly T M Hoff's [sic] pro General Manager

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24676488 ACGS 16211 J1 888 1914/677 from Governor Wellington date 07 May 1914 subject Appointing Constable Josiah Walter McHolm to be Clerk and Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1914)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 29 May 1914

Constable J W McHolm has been appointed Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 29 May 1914)*

1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

John Walter MCHOLM Police Station Upper Hutt constable

Margaret Tweedie MCHOLM Police Station Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Evening Post newspaper 23 August 1916

Births – MCHOLM On the 09<sup>th</sup> August 1916 at Ru Rua Hospital 29 Marion Street to Mr and Mrs J E McHolm Upper Hutt a son

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 August 1916 page 1)*

1917 World War One Army Reserves 2<sup>nd</sup> division list

John Walter MCHOLM Constable Police Station Upper Hutt

*(Reference NZ WW1 Army Reserves 2<sup>nd</sup> Division classification B (married 1 child) year 1916-1917 page 1031)*

Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1918

Births – MCHOLM On 27<sup>th</sup> January 1918 at Ru Rua Hospital Marion Street to Mr and Mrs J E McHolm Upper Hutt a daughter.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 January 1918 page 1)

In February 1918 Constable John Walter McHolm was transferred to the Carterton Police Station.

New Zealand Times newspaper 31 January 1919

Police Appointments – Constable J W McHolm (Carterton) promoted to sergeant and transferred to Wellington

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 31 January 1919 page 3)

0- **John Walter MCHOLM** born 1879 New Zealand died 1958 Hutt Valley New Zealand married 1912 New Zealand **Margaret Tweedie CAMPBELL** born 1888 Reefton New Zealand died 1969 New Zealand

#John Walter and Margaret Tweedie MCHOLM had 3 children Donald Joseph born 1912, Alfred John born 1916 and Lorna Margaret born 1918 all born in New Zealand

#Note for full details on Constable John Walter McHolm refer to HVUHGOVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1918

In February 1918 Constable James Michael Cummings was transferred to the Upper Hutt Police Station.

Evening Post newspaper 16 February 1918

Constable J M Cummings who has been promoted to the charge of the Upper Hutt station was farewelled by his confreres of the Marlborough Police Force at the Blenheim Station-house on Tuesday. Sergeant Kelly in presenting Constable Cummings with a wristlet watch spoke of the good feeling existing between Constable Cummings and his colleagues. He was an energetic worker and had always taken a deep interest in his work and it must be gratifying to him to know that his superiors had taken note of his energy and zeal. Constable G Williams endorsed the sergeant's remarks and Constable Quayle also paid a tribute to the sterling qualities of their friend and comrade.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 February 1918 page 6)

New Zealand Police Department Wellington 19 February 1918

Memorandum The Under Secretary Justice Department

The appointment of Constable James Michael Cummings as Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt from 16<sup>th</sup> February 1918 vice Constable J W McHolm (transferred) is recommended

D Donovan Commissioner of Police

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24680911 ACGS 16211 J1 944 1918/309 from Governor General Wellington date 27 February 1918 subject Appointing Constable J M Cummings to Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1918)

05 March 1918 J 1918/309 Memorandum for the Stipendiary Magistrate Wellington

I am directed by the Minister of Justice to forward herewith Warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor General appointing Constable J M Cummings to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt as from the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1918 vice Constable J W McHolm transferred. The usual allowance of £10 accompanies the appointment.

It will be necessary for Constable Cummings to furnish security in the sum of £100 and I forward herewith a form of proposal for a guarantee policy which should be filled in by him and forwarded

to the General Manager of the Standard Insurance Company Dunedin. The Department will pay the premium.

C B Jordon Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24680911 ACGS 16211 J1 944 1918/309 from Governor General Wellington date 27 February 1918 subject Appointing Constable J M Cummings to Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1918)*

Standard Fire & Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand Limited Dunedin  
09 March 1918 The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith I beg to hand you Fidelity Guarantee Policy No 5497, 5498 and 5499 issued in favour of the Department and covering - James M Cummings, Andrew Johnston and John Scannell, respectively and trust same may be found in order.

Yours truly Arthur Fisher General Manager

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24680911 ACGS 16211 J1 944 1918/309 from Governor General Wellington date 27 February 1918 subject Appointing Constable J M Cummings to Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1918)*

Wellington 27<sup>th</sup> February 1918

His Excellency the Governor General is respectfully advised to sign the accompanying warrants appointing

Constable James Michael Cummings

To be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1918 vice Constable J W McHolm transferred

Thomas M Mumford [sic] Minister of Justice - (signed Liverpool 01 March 1918)

[Gazetted 07 March 1918 – noted in Staff Book – noted in Nominal Roll – noted on Salary Card - other notes around the page not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24680911 ACGS 16211 J1 944 1918/309 from Governor General Wellington date 27 February 1918 subject Appointing Constable J M Cummings to Clerk and Bailiff of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt year 1918)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 08 November 1919

Upper Hutt Social - In responding to the toast of the visitors Senior Constable Cummings who is going on sick leave humorously ventured the opinion that for sociability the Upper Hutt came very near to Picton (his former place of residence).

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 08 November 1919 page 3)*

1919 Hutt Electoral Roll

James Michael CUMMINGS Station Road Upper Hutt police constable

Mary CUMMINGS Station Road Upper Hutt married

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 January 1920

Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre has been appointed clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt vice Constable J M Cummings transferred.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 January 1920 page 3)*

On 28<sup>th</sup> November Constable James Michael CUMMINGS was transferred and replaced as Clerk of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt..

0- **James Michael CUMMING** born 12 April 1886 Timaru New Zealand died 10 November 1926 Christchurch New Zealand married 1912 New Zealand **Mary RYAN** born 1886 New Zealand died 09 June 1964 Wellington New Zealand

#James Michael and Mary CUMMINGS had 3 children Mary Ellen born 1914, Thelma May born 1916 and James Edward born 1917 all born in New Zealand

#Note for full details on Constable James Michael CUMMINGS refer to HVUHGOPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1920-1920

### Memorandum Magistrates Office

16<sup>th</sup> August 1920 to The Stipendiary Magistrate Wellington

I beg to inform you that the Police Department have purchased a house for a Police Station here and it is a good distance from the Courthouse and no doubt I will be shifting into same at an early date from this house which is next door to the Courthouse.

I beg to make application for the telephone which is now in the Police Cottage to be removed into the Courthouse as there is none in Courthouse at present and it will not be needed in new Police Station as it is already connected with telephone and it will be very useful if shifted into courthouse. (signed) C S Le Fevre Clerk of Court - For the Under Secretary

Installation of the telephone at the Court House recommended (signed) Riddell 17.8.1920

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24683149 ACGS 16211 J1 981 1920/977 from S M [Stipendiary Magistrate] Wellington date 17 August 1920 subject for removal of telephone from old Police residence to Courthouse Upper Hutt year 1920)*

On 28<sup>th</sup> November Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre was appointed Clerk of Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt.

Evening Post newspaper 10 January 1920

Constable C L Le Fevre has been appointed Clerk of the Magistrates Court Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 January 1920 page 6)*

### Governor General

Whereas by the Magistrates Courts Act 1908 it is enacted that there shall be a Bailiff or such Bailiffs as may be necessary for each Court constituted under the said Act who shall be appointed by an hold office during the pleasure of the Governor General.

Now therefore I the Governor General of the Dominion of New Zealand in pursuance and exercise of the said recited power do hereby appoint

Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE

To be Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt to hold and exercise the duties of such office during pleasure on and from the twenty eighth day of November 1919. As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor General this day of December one thousand nine hundred and nineteen for the Minister of Justice

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

### Governor General

Whereas by the Magistrates Courts Act 1908 it is enacted that for each Court constituted under the said Act who shall be a Clerk who shall be appointed by and hold office during the pleasure of the Governor General.

Now therefore I the Governor General of the Dominion of New Zealand in pursuance and exercise of the said recited power do hereby appoint

Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE

To be Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt to hold and exercise the duties of such office during pleasure on and from the twenty eighth day of November 1919. As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor General this day of December one thousand nine hundred and nineteen for the Minister of Justice

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

New Zealand Police Department Wellington 11<sup>th</sup> December 1919  
Memorandum for the Under Secretary Justice Department  
The appointment of Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre as Clerk of Court at Upper Hutt from 28<sup>th</sup> November 1919 vice Constable Cummings transferred is recommended  
D Donovan Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

Extract from NZ Gazette No 4 15<sup>th</sup> January 1920  
Clerk of Magistrates Court appointed - Department of Justice Wellington 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1919  
His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint  
Constable CHARLES STEPHEN LR FEVRE  
To be Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1919  
vice Constable J M Cummings transferred

J G Coates Minister of Justice  
*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

17 February 1920 - Memorandum for the Stipendiary Magistrate Wellington  
I am directed to inform you that Constable C S LeFevre has been appointed to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 28<sup>th</sup> November last in place of Constable J M Cummings transferred. I enclose herewith an extract from this weeks Gazette confirming the appointment. The usual allowance of £15 accompanies the appointment. It will be necessary for Constable LeFevre to give security in the sum of £100 and I enclose from of proposal for the Guarantee Policy which should be filled in and forwarded to the General Manager if the Standard Insurance Company Dunedin. The Department will pay the premium.

E F Hawthorne for Under Secretary  
*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

Standard Fire & Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand Limited Dunedin  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 1920 The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington  
Dear Sir  
Herewith enclosed I beg to hand you Fidelity Guarantee Policy No 5684 in respect to Mr Charles Le Fevre's appointment as Clerk and Bailiff and trust same may be found in order.

Yours truly General Manager  
*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

Extract from NZ Gazette No 14 12<sup>th</sup> February 1920  
Bailiff of Magistrates Courts appointed - Department of Justice Wellington 11 February 1920  
His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint  
Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE  
To be Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1919 vice Constable J M Cumming transferred – J G Coates Minister of Justice

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

Wellington 23rd December 1919

His Excellency the Govern or General is respectfully advised in pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon him by the Magistrates Court Act 1908 to appoint

Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre

To be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the twenty eighth day of November 1919 vice Constable J M Cumming transferred.

Blades [sic] Minister of Justice (signed Liverpool 22 December 1919)

[Gazetted 08 January 1920 - noted in staff book – noted on salary card – noted in Nominal Roll other notes not transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24682591 ACGS 16211 J1 971 1920/3 from Governor General Wellington date 23 December 1919 subject appointing Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt years 1919-1920)*

1922 Otaki Electoral Roll

Charles Stephen LE FEVRE Police Station Upper Hutt police constable

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Evening Post newspaper 15 June 1923

Constable Le Fevre of Upper Hutt has been transferred to Lyall Bay to replace Constable Wallace who has been transferred to Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 June 1923)*

0- **Charles Stephen LE FEVRE** born 1878 Burham Kent England died 03 November 1957 New Zealand married 1907 New Zealand **Mary Frances SLATTERY** born 1878 New Zealand died 20 July 1958 1958 New Zealand (no issue)

#Note for full details on Constable Charles Stephen LE FEVRE refer to HVUHGVPoliceConstablesUHA-Z

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## 1923

In 1923 Constable David WALLACE was appointed Clerk of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 15 June 1923

Constable Le Fevre of Upper Hutt has been transferred to Lyall Bay to replace Constable Wallace who has been transferred to Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 June 1923)*

New Zealand Magistrates Court Upper Hutt - Memorandum for the Clerk of the Court  
I beg to inform you that I have received instructions that I am transferred to Lyall Bay and proceed there on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant Constable Wallace is replacing me at Upper Hutt

C S Le Fevre Bailiff 18 June 1923

Noted in red – For Stipendiary Magistrate Wellington please arrange for the appointment of Constable David Wallace as Bailiff to the Upper Hutt Court. J B Jameson Clerk of Court Upper Hutt 19 June 1923

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

New Zealand Magistrates Court Wellington 21<sup>st</sup> June 193

Memorandum for The Under Secretary Department of Justice Wellington

I shall be obliged if the appointment of Constable David Wallace as Bailiff at Upper Hutt can be made as from today. I attach a memo from the Clerk of the Court on this matter.

Signed Stipendiary Magistrate

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

Police Department Wellington 05<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Memorandum for Wellington Secretary Justice Department

The appointment of Constable David Wallace as Bailiff at Upper Hutt from 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo vice Constable Le Fevre (transferred) is recommended

A Wright Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

Extracted from NZ Gazette No 58 19<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Bailiff of the Magistrates Court approved Department of Justice Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> July 1923

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint

Constable David Wallace

To be Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1923 vice Constable C S Le Fevre transferred

C J Parr Minister of Justice

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

20<sup>th</sup> July 1923 J21923/971 - Memorandum for the Stipendiary Magistrate Wellington

I am directed to inform you that Constable David Wallace has been appointed to be Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1923 vice Constable C S Le Fevre transferred. An extract from the New Zealand Gazette notifying the appointment is forwarded herewith

C E Matthews Under Secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

Wellington 15<sup>th</sup> July 1923

His Excellency the Governor General is respectfully advised in pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon him by the Magistrates Courts Act 1908 to appoint

Constable David Wallace

To be Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1923 vice Constable C S Le Fevre transferred

Signed Minister of Justice

[Gazetted 19 July 1923 page 2054- noted in staff book - other word on page to transcribed]

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

17 November 1923

Memorandum for The Clerk of the Magistrates Court Lower Hutt

In reply to your memorandum of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant I have to inform you that the appointment of Constable Wallace as Officer Cleaner at Upper Hutt is approved as from the 01<sup>st</sup> of October 1923

E F Hawthorne Under secretary

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*



New Zealand Magistrates Court Upper Hutt 15<sup>th</sup> November 1923

Memorandum for the Under Secretary Justice Department Wellington

Re Office Cleaner at Upper Hutt Court

I beg to advise that Mrs Wallace cleaner at this Court died on 21<sup>st</sup> October last. During her illness and since her death Constable Wallace has attended to the cleaning of this office. As it is impossible to get the services of a suitable woman may I suggest that Constable D Wallace is appointed at the salary of £10 per annum

Signed F B Jameson [sic] Clerk of Court

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24672263 ACGS 16211 J1 1033 1923/971 from Governor General Wellington date 10 July 1923 subject Appointing Constable D Wallace to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1923)*

Evening Post newspaper 22 October 1923

Deaths – WALLACE On the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1923 at Wellington Hospital Sally beloved wife of Constable D Wallace Police Station Upper Hutt aged 39 years

*(Reference RGO NZ papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 October 1923)*

Evening Post newspaper 14 January 1928

A large and representative gathering of residents of the Upper Hutt district was present at the Independent Hall Upper Hutt, on Monday evening to bid farewell to Constable D Wallace who has been transferred to Wanganui East. The Mayor of Upper Hutt (Mr P Robertson) presided and a very pleasant evening was spent musical items being provided by Messrs O'Flaherty, Todd, Smith, Massey, Piri and Bucknell. The Mayor on behalf of the residents presented Constable Wallace with a dinner service, pantry set, and set of dinner and dessert knives and spoke in eulogistic terms of his work during his term of service in the district and of the general regret of the residents at his departure. Councillors Greig and Jameson also expressed their regret that Constable Wallace's duties necessitated his transfer from Upper Hutt. Constable Wallace returned thanks.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 January 1928)*

In January 1928 Constable David Wallace was transferred to Wanganui East Police Station.

0- **David WALLACE** born 1884 New Zealand died 28 April 1939 Wanganui New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1915 New Zealand **Sarah GILL** born 1884 place unknown died 21 October 1923 Wellington New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married 1928 New Zealand **Alexina Blyth RUSSELL** born 1894 place unknown died 23 September 1946 Wanganui New Zealand  
#David and Sarah WALLACE had 4 children Jean born 1916, James Gill born 1918, David Edward born 1919 and stillbirth children 1921 all born in New Zealand – there were no issues for the second marriage between David and Alexina.

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## 1928

In January 1928 Constable Charles Joss was appointed to Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt.

New Zealand Police Gazette volume LIII issue 6 date 15 February 1928

Bailiff appointments – Constable Charles Joss Upper Hutt (See New Zealand Gazette 1928 page 358)

Police Department Wellington 01 February 1928

Memorandum for the Under Secretary Justice Department

The appointment of Constable Charles Joss (No 1641) as Bailiff at Upper Hutt from 15<sup>th</sup> January 1928 vice Constable Wallace (transferred) is recommended

Signed Commissioner of Police

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24647165 ACGS 16211 J1 1125 1928/120 from Governor General Wellington date 03 February 1928 subject Appointing Constable Charles Joss to be Bailiff Magistrates Court Upper Hutt year 1928)*

Extract from NZ Gazette No 9 09<sup>th</sup> February 1928 page 258

Bailiff Appointed Department of Justice Wellington 03<sup>rd</sup> February 1928

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased in pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon him by the Magistrates Courts Act 1908 to appoint

Constable Charles Joss

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F J Rolleston Minister of Justice

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13<sup>th</sup> February 1928 J1928/120

Memorandum for J H Salmon Esq S M Wellington

I am directed to inform you that Constable Charles Joss has been appointed to be Bailiff of the Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt on and from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1928 vice Constable D Wallace transferred. An extract from the New Zealand Gazette notifying the appointment is forwarded herewith.

R P Ward Under Secretary

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Signed Rolleston Minister of Justice

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Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1929

Inadequate Court Room - The inadequacy of the present Upper Hutt Courthouse was apparent at the sitting of the Magistrate's Court there yesterday and the erection of the new courthouse which has been authorised will come as a relief to all concerned. The small room yesterday was packed to its utmost capacity. It was a case of standing room only for the two benches for the public would hold scarcely more than a dozen and there must have been almost three times that number of spectators. Many of the solicitors also had to stand for the one small table for the use of the Clerk of the Court the police the Press and counsel would not hold thorn all. It was a big sitting many of the cases being defended and much time was spent by the Court in trying to find out how long each case would take so that each solicitor would know when his case would be heard. Although the Court sat all day from 10 am till almost 5.45 pm with less than an hour for lunch many cases had to be adjourned for hearing at a later date.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1929)*

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 December 1936

Presentation to Constable C Joss - A public meeting- convened by Cr Greig to farewell Constable C Joss who has been transferred to Wadestown was held on Friday evening in the Council Chambers. Among those present were the Mayor (Mr A J McCurdy), Crs Greig, Guthrie, Purvis, Messrs Station (Postmaster), Findlay (manager of Bank of Australia), H Ryder, R J Cotter, W McCarthy, R Styles, F Henry, W Jones, R C Major, Inspector Ainsworth (Highways Board) and Constables Stewart and Williams. Apologies were received from Messrs P Robertson and E Quinn. Cr Greig said that when the news came that Constable Joss was to be transferred to Wadestown a petition was signed by the JP's of the district, councillors and residents and sent to the Police Department urging that the transfer be reconsidered. A letter had been received from the Department regretting that owing to exigencies of the service it was not possible to accede to the request. Tonight they had met to say how much they all regretted the departure of both Mrs Joss and himself and at the same time to make a presentation with all good wishes from the people of Upper Hutt. Mr Findlay said that as Bank Manager for Constable Joss's department he had come into contact with him frequently and it was a pleasure to work with him. Cr Guthrie said that Constable Joss had carried out his duties in a fair and impartial manner and there was a warm welcome awaiting both him and Mrs Joss if they came back to Upper Hutt at a later date. The Mayor was called upon to make the presentation and before doing so introduced Constable Williams who had taken over at Upper Hutt. He assured him of a royal welcome and said he would find Upper Hutt a very quiet place compared with Wadestown. Speaking of Constable Joss the Mayor said he had been associated with him for the past nine years. All classes of the community recognised the good work he had performed in the district. It was his pleasure to be present to make the last official act in presenting to Mr Joss a very nice wallet. In conclusion he would say that Constable Joss was in no way behind the best of any policemen they had had in this district. (Cheers) Constable Joss in reply said he hardly knew what to say in answer to all the nice things said about him. It had been embarrassing to sit and listen but he would say he had always endeavoured to do his duty and what he thought was right. If he did not please everyone it was not his fault. He thanked one and all for the presentation and hoped they would give Constable Williams the same solid support as they had given him. Cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Joss and their health was musically honoured. Constable Stewart who has been associated with Constable Joss for the past eight years in Upper Hutt said he always found him a wonderful comrade and wished him everything he could wish for himself. Constable Williams thanked those present for the hand of friendship and stated that he would do his best to carry out his duties satisfactorily.

*(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 December 1936 page 4)*

Charles JOSS

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## 1929

In 1929 decision were made to build a new Court house in Upper Hutt. The building would occupy Lot 11-14 part Section No 127 at 76 Main Street in Upper. The site was directly across from Pine Avenue and St Joseph's Church.

Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1929

Inadequate Court Room - The inadequacy of the present Upper Hutt Courthouse was apparent at the sitting of the Magistrate's Court there yesterday and the erection of the new courthouse

which has been authorised will come as a relief to all concerned. The small room yesterday was packed to its utmost capacity. It was a case of standing room only for the two benches for the public would hold scarcely more than a dozen and there must have been almost three times that number of spectators. Many of the solicitors also had to stand for the one small table for the use of the Clerk of the Court the police the Press and counsel would not hold thorn all. It was a big sitting many of the cases being defended and much time was spent by the Court in trying to find out how long each case would take so that each solicitor would know when his case would be heard. Although the Court sat all day from 10 am till almost 5.45 pm with less than an hour for lunch many cases had to be adjourned for hearing at a later date.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1929)*

In 1929 Constable Charles Forbes Stewart (No 2618) was appointed to Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 05 November 1929

Accidental Death Whitemans Valley Evidence at Inquest – (Edward James Ian Elton and wife Margaret Craig Elton both age 63 victims of motor accident Whitemans Valley Road on Sunday afternoon 27<sup>th</sup> October 1929 – Constable Stewart of Upper Hutt said that the accident took place on a bend where the cars passed the road was about 14 feet wide.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 November 1929)*

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## 1930

In 1930 tenders from Sullivan and Gormack were accepted to build a new courthouse on Lot 11-14 part Section No 127 at 76 Main Street in Upper Hutt.

Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1930

The construction of the new Courthouse at Upper Hutt will be undertaken by Messrs Sullivan and Gormack whose tender was accepted by Cabinet yesterday.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1930)*

Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1930

New Courthouse Upper Hutt's Progress – The Building Opened – Upper Hutt's new courthouse was opened this morning before a large gathering of the public and the legal profession. The building is a handsome concrete one standing well back from the main Hutt road near the centre of the town. In comparison with the old courthouse it is commodious in the extreme. Besides the courthouse proper the building contains a public office magistrate's room and waiting room. The furnishings throughout are in rimu. The Mayor (Mr Robertson JP) on behalf of the Upper Hutt Borough Council and the local justices welcomed the Magistrate members of the Bar and local constables to their new quarters. In 1916 he said the Minister of Justice had acquired the land for the Court and frequent representations by the Borough Council had at last secured the building. They had had the unique experience of a Minister poking his stick through the old courthouse and saying that it would not lend dignity to a justice let alone a magistrate. The building of the new courthouse was a fitting climax to the interest taken in the district by Sir Thomas Wilford. He asked Mr W H Woodward SM to convey to the Justice Department the hearty appreciation of the borough for providing the building. In a short speech the senior Justice of the Peace r P D Davis traced the history of the council's efforts to secure the new building. Mr R H Webb spoke on behalf of the legal practitioners. He congratulated the borough on having acquired such a handsome addition to its building as the present Courthouse. Mr Woodward added his felicitations to those already given and promised to convey to the Justice Department

the borough's appreciation. That the council had got a new building he though was largely due to its own efforts and to the goodwill of Sir Thomas Wilford.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1930)*

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## 1932

The early courthouse building situated in Station Street was burnt down on the morning of 28 July 1932. At this time it was being used as a clubhouse by the Returned Services Association.

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932

Fire at Upper Hutt old building destroyed – A small building in Station Street Upper Hutt built at least fifty years ago and used until recently as the Courthouse was almost completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Since the erection of the new Courthouse the old building has been used as a clubhouse by the Returned Soldiers Association. Mr A W J Kearns sleeps on the premises and he was awakened at about 3 am by the smell of smoke and the noise of the burning. The Upper Hutt Fire Brigade soon arrived but was able to save only the shell of the building. Mr Kearns's wife who also lived on the premises was away last night. The building which was owned by the Department of Justice was insured for £100 and the furniture and effects were insured for £100.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932 page 12)*

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## 1936

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 11 December 1936

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Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1940

Constable C Stewart who has been transferred from Upper Hutt to Ohakune was farewelled recently by his colleagues at a function held at Upper Hutt. Senior Sergeant Payne occupied the chair and presented Constable Stewart with a smokers outfit on behalf of members of the force

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1940 page 14)*

In May 1940 Constable Charles Forbes Stewart was transferred to Ohakune.

0- **Charles Forbes STEWART** born 04 March 1902 New Zealand died 18 October 1976 Auckland New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> married 1928 New Zealand **Irene Elizabeth STRONG** born 1900 New Zealand died 14 August 1960 Auckland New Zealand 2<sup>nd</sup> married New Zealand **Beryl Emily SHERSON** born 19 December 1902 New Zealand died 1992 New Zealand

#Charles Forbes STEWART born 04 March 1902 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1902 folio website 1902/1909 parents Catherine nee Gwynne and Charles Forbes Stewart

#Appointments as Constables 01 March 1924 No 2618 Charles Forbes Stewart (other names not transcribed) reference New Zealand Police Gazettes volume XLIX issue 9 date 05 March 1924

#Irene Elizabeth STRONG born 1900 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1900 folio website 1900/12656 parents Matilda and Henry Strong

#Charles Forbes and Irene Elizabeth had 2 sons Charles Forbes Stewart and Robin Stewart

#Charles Forbes STEWART married 1928 New Zealand Irene Elizabeth STRONG reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio website 1928/10496

#Charles Forbes STEWART Police Station Buckle Street constable & Irene Elizabeth STEWART 30 Scarborough Terrace married 1928 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

#Baigent reported the matter to the police and later when the three men returned through Upper Hutt they were pursued by Constable C F Stewart and Baigent in the latter's car reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 04 March 1932 page 6

#Charles Forbes STEWART Main Road Upper Hutt police constable & Irene Elizabeth Main Road Upper Hutt married 1935 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Charles Forbes STEWART Main Road Upper Hutt police constable & Irene Elizabeth Main Road Upper Hutt married 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Constable C F Stewart said that at the meeting on 09 July he went with Mr Black the racecourse detective to that portion of the ground near Camp Road used for training purposes reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 July 1938

Not sure #Constable Stewart accompanied by Mrs Stewart has arrived to take charge of the Te Karaka district during the absence of Constable Greggan on annual leave reference Papers past website Gisborne Herald newspaper 13 March 1940 page 8

Not sure #Constable Stewart who has been relieving at Te Karaka in the absence of Constable Greggan returned to Gisborne this week reference Papers past website Gisborne Herald newspaper 06 April 1940 page 13

#Constable C Stewart who has been transferred from Upper Hutt to Ohakune was farewelled recently by his colleagues at a function held at Upper Hutt. Senior Sergeant Payne occupied the chair and presented Constable Stewart with a smokers outfit on behalf of members of the force reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 May 1940 page 14

#Charles Forbes STEWART & Irene Elizabeth STEWART 11b Campbell Street married 1946 Karori Electoral Roll

#Irene Elizabeth STEWART died 14 August 1960 Auckland New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio 2634 website 1960/26327 age 60 born about 1900

#Charles Forbes STEWART died 18 October 1976 Auckland New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1976 folio website 1976/47622 born 04 March 1902

#Constable Charles Forbes STEWART (retired Police Constable) Police files reference Archives NZ Wellington R19727970 ACIS 17698 W2538 P38w2538 box 21 year 1962

#Beryl Emily SHERSON born 19 December 1902 Auckland New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/18532 parents Mary and Thomas Chermiside Sherson

#Beryl Emily STEWART died 1992 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1992 folio website 1992/49435 born 19 December 1902

1936

Constable WILLIAMS

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Constable WILLIAMS

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**1955**

In 1955 Mr Hawkes became Upper Hutt's permanent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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**1956**

The duties of the Constables in stationed in Upper Hutt began to change and is explained in the newspaper article below.

Upper Hutt Leader 09 February 1956

Growth of Upper Hutt - The advertisement in I his issue of the Leader for a cadet for the Justice Department is a still further indication of the recent growth of Upper Hutt and the results of that growth. There has been a Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt since 1894. Up to 1930 the Courthouse was behind the Post Office building on the corner of Station Street the old Courthouse was formerly the old Post Office. The new Courthouse was erected on its present site in 1930. What a wealth of local history must have been revealed or made in the old building. What far reaching changes it must have witnessed. Up to 1955 a succession of police officers tilled the position of Clerk of the Court or later Registrar of the Magistrate's Court and what a job they made of their dual roles. However the police work and the court work had both grown to the stage where a civilian Registrar was needed. With the court work still increasing and the Births, Deaths and Marriages registration and Electoral work taken over the present building is much too small and additions are now being planned but who in 1930 could have foreseen the growth of the 1950s. We take courts and their work so much for granted that it is useful sometimes to pause and consider just what courts mean to the community. One of the first things done when New Zealand became a British possession was to set up a judicial system and from New Zealand's earliest days there has always been a judiciary unfettered by political or administrative control in the exercise of its judicial duties. But if by some mischance there were no courts, how would the community enforce sanctions against offenders? What sanctions could the police use? How would penal institutions receive their prisoners? We could perhaps have the concentration camp and the secret police but would they be possible under our Parliamentary

system? The only answer to the absence of courts seems to be dictatorship. Indeed we are inclined to underestimate and undervalue the worth of the judiciary. The court staff is the right hand of the judges and magistrates and whoever is the youth selected for the staff of the Upper Hutt Court he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he is serving the community in a rewarding role. Youth of today have great opportunities. They start their working life at a time when slump, war and aftermath of war have successively robbed employing authorities of a continuous line of young staff. As a result today's youth will rise rapidly to top positions. They have great opportunities and grave responsibilities.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 09 February 1956)*

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## 1961

Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961

Courthouse New Premises - Due to the proposed demolition of the Courthouse the offices of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Registrar of Electors and Returning Officer, Clerk of the Heretaunga Licensing Committee are now situated in the building formerly known as the "Armidale Private Hotel" 54 Main Street Upper Hutt (opposite St Hilda's Church), which has been appointed as the Courthouse. W O Hawke Registrar etc., 04<sup>th</sup> May 1961

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961)*

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| 1939 | Constable F J WILLIAMS   |
| 1940 | Constable C E TANNER & P TANNER & S TANNER                                   |
| 1941 | Constable HIGGINS  |
| 1943 | Constable B MORRISON or A MORRISON   |
| 1947 | Constable GREIG  |
| 1947 | Constable S HIGGINS  |
| 1947 | Constable WRIGHT   |
| 1949 | Constable William Robert ANTILL appointed                                    |
| 1957 | Constable William Robert ANTILL transferred                                  |
| 1951 | Sergeant J GRACEY  |
| 1951 | Constable G BORLASE  |
| 1952 | Constable BUICK  |
| 1954 | Constable W TATE   |
| 1954 | Constable Trevor WRIGHT  |
| 1954 | Constable William Edward AULD  |
| 1954 | Constable C GUPPY  |
| 1955 | Mr Hawkes was appointed permanent Registrar of Birth, Deaths and Marriages   |
| 1960 |  |
| 1961 | old Court house demolished at 76 Main Street Upper Hutt                      |
| 1961 | temporary Court house at Armidale Private Hotel 54 Main Street (now UH Mall) |
| 1961 | new Court house built at 76 Main Street                                      |
| 1962 | new Court House opened 11 December 1962                                      |
| 1966 | Upper Hutt attains City status   |
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## Upper Hutt Magistrates Court and Police Station

1860 Police Station situated in Blockhouse end of Fortune Lane  
1878 Police Station built in Station Street  
1894 Police Station situated in Railway Street (now Geange Street)  
1919 new Police Station built (WHERE)  
1920 old Police Station in Station Street vacant then let to tenants  
1949 Police Station was in the Court House  
1950 old Police Station in Station Street Upper Hutt to be removed  
Police Station corner of Main Street and Royal Street  
Police Station Fergusson Drive

1860 Court proceeding held in blockhouse  
1894 Magistrates Court situated in old Post Office building corner Main & Station Street  
1907 Magistrate Court moved (old PO) building into Station Street  
1907 New Post Office built on site of former Court House corner Main and Station Street  
1911 Enquiries about building a new Court house begin – James Brown offers to sell sections  
1949 Court House Main Street (looks down Pine Avenue)

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### 1909-1975

Upper Hutt Police Station (1<sup>st</sup> Police Station was in the blockhouse) (old Police Station 1878 to 1920) (new Station 1919 to unknown) (1949 Police Station was in the Court House).

This set of 1909-1975 records and correspondence is about the Upper Hutt Police Station. The old police station was built in 1878 and was vacated in 1920 then let to tenants from time to time. A new Station was built in 1919. I have only transcribed part of this large set of records.

- 17 February 1909 referring to the building
- 02 March 1909 renovations required for building
- 17 May 1909 tender for repairs Mr J Harrison Upper Hutt, Mr M McNab Upper Hutt, Mr H Shaw Upper Hutt, Messrs Pulsford & Goodman Upper Hutt and Messrs Emery and Corbett Trentham (Emery & Corbet lowest recommended)
- 17 April 1914 urgent need of repairs
- 26 May 1914 Public Works Department schedule of repairs and cost
- 11 May 1918 urgent report render the house habitable until provision can be made for a new station
- 24 February 1919 value and costs of sections No 12,13,14 for new police station (main road) property of Mr Gill at Upper Hutt, land belongs to Roger Francis Bacon residing in Nelson report by Constable Gurden & section 11 owned by James Judd of Ekatahuna  
Note Land is on Section 127 Hutt District
- 22 August 1919 Payment to Mr Bacon & Mr Judd (also Upper Hutt Town Board receipt)

- 11 October 1919 plan of section and building placement site on Main Road between Princess Street and Wilson Street.
- Various document covering building Police Station Cottage outbuildings and lock up
- 06 February 1943 account for repairs including chimney damaged by Earthquake
- Various other documents about state of building
- 31 October 1949 letter about the old building built 1878 vacated 1920 then let to tenants from time to time
- 16 November 1949 building 50 years old comprising of two bedrooms kitchen dining room bathroom sitting room and outside washhouse and lavatory. The section would make an excellent site for a new Police station. The present Police Station is in the Court House.
- 05 January 1950 old Police Station at Station Street Upper Hutt up for demolition and/or removal (tender Evening Post Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1950)
- Various 1950 correspondence Railway demolished building in error believed it was theirs so Police claimed compensation for the removal of the building
- 1950 & 1952 correspondence about Police Station, garage and lock up for prisoners to be built next to Court House south side
- 26 March 1954 Lots 4 & 5 DP 2250 corner Main Road and Royal Street Upper Hutt proposed that be erected in the front of existing building for Police Office (plan of section)
- NZ Gazette 16 February 1956 No 8 page 182 Proclamation for land (above)
- 12 May 1964 proposal for stand by power plant (generator) for Station later installed further correspondence covers operations for the generator to 1966
- New Upper Hutt Police Station Plans in envelop marked 25/95
- 1971 extensions to Police station and proposal for new at 867-871 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt
- Building Police Station, Prison & Reception block began 1974 and plan of building on file between 22 July 1974 & 19 July 1974 letters
- Final letter 26 August 1975 covering target date for completion.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAQB W3950 889 box 598 25/95 1 Upper Hutt Police Station 1909-1975)*

## **Magistrates Court House - Upper Hutt District**

The first Upper Hutt Court house was situated in the Blockhouse with access from Fortune Lane off the road now known as Ferguson Drive. The first Upper Hutt Clerk and Bailiff was Constable David Lyster.

New Zealand Times newspaper 13 September 1894

The first sitting of the Upper Hutt Magistrate's Court was held in the old Post Office yesterday, before Mr Martin SM and Messrs J Cudby and J Wilkins, J'sP. Mr Haselden, Under-Secretary for Justice also sat on the Bench. Mr Wilford on behalf of the residents in the district welcomed Mr Martin to the Upper Hutt. His Worship in reply said that he had no power to represent the Government but he knew of the Justice Department's wish to bring the Courts as near to the doors of the people as possible. The following cases were dealt with Ernest Urwin charged with firing a gun in a public place was ordered to pay the costs and witness expenses. Thomas Phillips charged with using insulting and provoking language towards Henry Smith (for whom Mr Wilford appeared) was convicted and committed to St. Mary's Industrial School Nelson. Frank McCurdy for ill-treating a horse at the Upper Hutt was fined 40s and costs. Judgment was given for the plaintiffs in the following civil cases - E Wilkie v Manthall £3 12s 7d costs 14s - E Butler v Thompson £1 12s 5d, costs 16s. Mr Wilford appeared for the plaintiffs.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 13 September 1894)*

The next Court House was situated on the corner of Main Street and Station Street but was moved down into Station Street and a Post Office was built on the site on the corner of Main Street and Station Street which was renamed Geange Street..

The next Court house situated in Station Street (renamed Geange Street) behind the Post Office on the corner of Main Street and former Station Street (renamed Geange Street).

In 1930 another Court house situated in Main Street opposite Pine Avenue was opened on 13 August 1930. Around 1961 this courthouse was demolished and a temporary Courthouse was opened in the former Armidale Private Boarding house on Main Road (now Mall site) opposite St Hilda's Church (now McDonalds).

Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961

Old landmark to go

An advertisement in this issue draws attention to a further historical even indicating the growth of Upper Hutt and district. On Friday last when the Courthouse closed its doors to the public, it was more than the end of the day and of the week – it was the end of an era! The last business had been transacted in a building which had been a landmark in the community since it was opened in 1930. When this building was erected, it was expected that it would serve the district for many more year than has been so but for some years past the building has been too cramped and the quarters insufficient for the volume of business now required to be transacted there. There has been a Magistrates Court at Upper Hutt since 1894 And up to 1930 the then Courthouse behind the Post Office building on the corner of Station Street – the old Courthouse was former the old Post Office. It is now proposed to demolish the present Courthouse and on its site erect a new Courthouse, a public building of which the community may well be proud, suitable for the present-day requirements of the district and it is hoped for many more years to come. Pending the completion of the new Courthouse the Department of Justice has taken over the former Armidale Private Hotel building for use as a temporary Courthouse and the Registrar and staff of the Magistrates Court and all records have been transferred to that building. The first sitting of the Magistrate's Court in its new location was a special fixture held by Mr J R Drummond SM on Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> May while the normal fortnightly sitting was held on Wednesday.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library website Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961)*

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*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961)*

Upper Hutt Leader 06 December 1962

Opening of New Courthouse – The Public are cordially invited to attend the official opening of the new Magistrate's Court Upper Hutt by the Honourable J R Hanan Minister of Justice at 9.45 am on Tuesday 11 December 1962

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 06 December 1962)*

A new Courthouse was built on the site of the former courthouse on Main Street opposite Pine Avenue and opened on 11 December 1962. The courthouse was built by Strickland and Pawson Ltd the company contracted on 18 August 1961 at a price of £33,892 The Courthouse was closed on 03 October 2012. This was due to the 22 February 2011 Christchurch Earthquake as there were concerns about its safety. On 14 November 2016 the building survived the Kaikora earthquake which affected many new building in Wellington.

The Upper Hutt Courthouse remains intact and in 2020 it was standing tall but still unoccupied.

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New Zealand Police Gazette 19 March 1919

Prison proclaimed - Liverpool Governor General – A Proclamation

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled the Prisons Act 1908 it is provided that the Governor General may by Proclamation published in the Gazette declare any house, building enclosed or placed to be a prison and from and after gazetting of any such Proclamation or from any time later specified in the Proclamation such house, building, enclosure or place shall be deemed a prison.

Now therefore I Arthur William de Brito Saville Earl of Liverpool the Governor General of the Dominion of New Zealand in pursuance of the above recited power and authority do hereby declare that the area of land described in the Schedule hereto and all buildings and enclosures used or occupied thereon shall from and after the date of the publication of this Proclamation in the Gazette be a prison known as the Wi Tako Prison within the meaning and for the purposes of the Prisons

Schedule

All that piece of land in the Wellington Land District containing by admeasurement 362 acres 1 rood 27 perches more or less situated in Block I Rimutaka Survey District and being parts of sections numbered 96, 100, 104, 105, 106, 108 and 206 Upper Hutt Registration District. Bounded towards the north-west by the railway reserve and generally towards the east south and west by other parts of the aforesaid sections. As the said piece of land is more particularly delineated on a plan numbered 40/19 deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Wellington and thereon edged purple.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Saville Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor General and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion at the Government House at Wellington this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

Thomas M Wilford Minister of Justice

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Police Gazette 19 March 1919 page 180)*

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## 1920

New Zealand Police Gazette 21 January 1920

Constables Charles Stephen Le Favre and James Francis Murphy have been appointed to be Clerks of the Magistrates Courts at Upper Hutt and Putaruru respectively.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Police Gazette 21 January 1920)*

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## 1949

*"This building is about 50 years old comprising two bedrooms, kitchen/dinning room, bathroom, bathroom, sitting room and outside washhouse and lavatory. The section is approximately 1/8 of an acre, level and would make an excellent site for a Police Station. The present Police Station is in the Court House"*

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R20125429 AAQB W3950 889 box 598 25/95 1 Upper Hutt Police Station 1909-1975)*

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## 1950

Evening Post newspaper 15 April 1950

TBT demolish old Police Station

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 April 1950)

The Police residence situated on Main Street Upper Hutt have details about the maintenance of the building beginning in 26 May 1950.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R18649819 AATE W3402 28024 box 12 10/6 Ministry of Works Department Trentham Police Residences Upper Hutt years 1950-1977)*

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