

BARLEY MOW INN – SILVERSTREAM

The first Barley Mow Inn was built in the 1850s and was situated near the former Silverstream hospital and road leading to the Silverstream land fill. The section of land went from the Silverstream land fill to County lane in Silverstream where the golf range is now situated. In those early years Silverstream was formerly known and recorded as Silver Stream.

The Publican licenses for 1848 were the responsibility of Henry W Petre the Colonial Treasurer of the Treasury Office in Wellington. In 1849 the Publican licenses became the responsibility of Alfred Domett the Colonial Secretary of the Colonial Secretary Office in Wellington. In 1850 the Publican licenses became the responsibility of the Resident Magistrates Court in Wellington.

In 1851 Robert Wyeth purchased land in Silverstream but continued to work in Wellington.

Robert WYETH applied for a bush licence on 27 November 1851 to operate the Barley Mow Inn and details are located in New Munster correspondence files. I believe that the Barley Mow Inn was established early in 1852.

Robert's wife Jane and family moved to Upper Hutt around 1854. In 1856 when their daughter Elizabeth was born Robert's occupation was recorded as Innkeeper of Upper Hutt. In a mortgage deed dated 06 December 1856 it gave Robert's occupation as Licensed Victualler.

In 1858 the publican of the Barley Mow Inn was Robert Wyeth. On his property at Silver Stream Robert had various buildings including three dwellings that he rented to three families.

In one dwelling there was Thomas and Sarah STANAWAY and their five children, Richard, Sarah, Jane, Fanny and Eliza.

In the second dwelling there was Charles and Mary Ann SOLLERS and their infant son Charles Samuel James.

In the third dwelling was James HAGAN and wife Charlotte (formerly DEW). They had a boarder Mr HARTLEY. Charlotte was expecting and when she was close to her confinement the nurse / midwife Mrs Sarah PRICE came to stay. A baby boy was born during the night of 17 & 18 January 1858.

On Sunday 17 January 1858 it began to rain heavily and the Hutt River rose resulting in flooding around the Silver Stream area. On 18 January 1858 the three dwellings owned by Robert Wyeth were swept away the floods and thirteen members from these households drowned. Only James HAGAN and his boarder Mr HARTLEY survived.

Some other buildings on the property were also damaged. The public house named Barley Mow was moved to Stokes Valley where Robert Wyeth continued as publican. In 1860 Robert advertised the property for sale.

Around the 30 April 1860 Charles MUDGWAY was recorded as the proprietor of the Barley Mow Inn but by December 1860 he was the proprietor of the "Farriers Arms". The Barley Mow Inn name was not changed to the Farriers Arms as both Inns were operating in December 1860.

By 1869 there was another flood in Upper Hutt near the site of the old Barley Mow Inn (newspaper quote) and a bridge at Silver stream was washed away. Many years later this newspaper article was often miss quoted and stated that the Inn was washed away.

I have been unable to locate any further information about the Barley Mow Inn.

Barley Mow Inn Information, References & Sources

Robert WYETH - Memorial for a Bush Licence Upper Hutt

Wellington 27 November 1851

Sir

I will thank you to lay the enclosed Memorials before His Excellency the Governor in Chief at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be Sir

Yours most obedient servant Robert Cheeseman

To the Honourable The Colonial Secretary

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 51[59] 1851/1607 Robert S Cheeseman Wellington 27 November 1851 Memorial for Amos Burr for Grant of land at Manawatu and for Robert Wyeth for Bush Licence and George Jeffs for Compensation for damages 1851-1852)

To his Excellency Edward John Eyre Esquire Lieutenant Governor in and over the Southern Division in HM Colony of New Zealand the humble Memorial of Robert Wyeth of Lambton Quay Wellington in the Province of New Zealand Storekeeper Herewith.

That your Memorial is desirous of Establishing a Public house situated upon the Section number "81" in the Upper Hutt District a Moiety of which said section is the freehold Property of your Memorialist.

That your Memorialist will within three months from the date hereof erect a substantial building, in order that the public may obtain the usual accommodation of a Road side Inn. Your Memorialist refers your Excellency to the Memorial and Settlers who have attached their names to the recommendation hereunto annexed and prays that a licence may be granted for the Sale of Spirituous Liquor wine ale and beer agreeably to the Premises of the amended Licensing Ordinance on such terms and conditions as your Excellency and the Council shall deem meet and should your Memorialist obtain a Licence will enter into the required recognisance and your Memorialist.

As in duty bound will we Pray,

R Wyeth (his signature)

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We the undersigned recommend the said Robert Wyeth as a fit and Proper Person to conduct and manage a Public House.

(Signatures)

George Moore JP – Robt _ _twaitt [sic] - W M Bannintine - William Lyon

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There is a note at the bottom of the page which reads - There is a Tavern at the Taita "The Travellers Bush" within 4 miles on this side of the locality named on this memorial and a Licensed Bush House (Brown's) about 4 miles in the further side thereof – Henry

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Wellington Independent newspaper Wednesday 20 January 1858

Disastrous Flood at the Hutt - 14 Lives Lost – It is our painful duty to chronicle the most disastrous flood which has ever yet occurred in the Valley of the Hutt, resulting in the loss of fourteen lives. On Sunday evening last it rained heavily and continued with little intermission during the whole of that night and Monday, accompanied with a strong wind from the N W. About daylight on Monday, the river began to rise, and at 5 o'clock had swollen sufficiently to flood the valley from Mungaroa Hill to below the Hutt Bridge. On no former occasion has the river risen so rapidly and occurring at an early hour, when the whole population were in bed, the loss occasioned by it has been heavier than it would have been had the settlers had time to make ordinary provision for the safety of themselves and property. The loss of life which distinguishes this flood from all former ones occurred in the neighbourhood of the Barley Mow a few miles beyond the Taita. The rapid rise of the flood induced the occupants of the several

houses to make for the roof, and on the lower portions being carried away they were unfortunately drowned the course of the river preventing any help being afforded to them. One family named Stannaway, consisting of the man, woman, and five children were thus lost, the only survivor of the family being a young girl, living with Mrs Roy in another part of the valley. The other names we have heard are those of Mr and Mrs Price, Mrs Hagan (daughter of Mr Dew), and child, and three others whose names are unknown to us. Mr Hagan was fortunately rescued though much exhausted. Dr Buck the coroner, proceeded to the spot on Tuesday afternoon, and we will shortly learn fuller particulars. The road at the Gorge, is we hear, entirely carried away leaving the face of the rock bare, stopping all cart communication, between the Upper and Lower Valleys for some time. Nearer town the river has formed a new channel and swept away Butler's house besides damaging more or less several small bridges. The Hutt Bridge has fortunately sustained little injury, but the approach on the town side has been carried away some twenty feet. Corbett's public house is a complete wreck and has fallen into the river sideways, thus forming a temporary breakwater and preventing more serious damage to the roadway. The water is out on the Petoni [Petone] side as far as the bridge near to Cudby's, and on the other side has carried away the Waiwetu and Second River bridges. Almost everyone has suffered some injury to their fences, crops, or cattle. Mr Barton has we are told, lost about 300 sheep, Mr Mason a number of young stock, Mr Riddiford about 100 sheep, and various other settlers have met with similar losses, authentic particular of which have not yet reached us.

Immediately on the news reaching town, steps were taken by the Government, to remove as much as possible the inconvenience which resulted from the stoppage of communication. Yesterday afternoon the bridleway was made passable for foot passengers, and we hope the vans will run to town as usual to-morrow morning. It will necessarily occupy some time before the communication with the Upper Hutt can be again resumed. No slips of any consequence have taken place on the Petoni [Petone] road, nor have we heard of any other than slight damage to the Ngahauranga line.

and

The Hutt - [From our Correspondent] - Hutt 10th January 1858 - On the East side of the Remutaka, some 20 slips have taken place and it will take fifty pounds to clear and repair the road to its former position. On the west side of the hill little injure is done, five pounds will reinstate it in its former position. The Pakaratahi river rose about 5 feet higher than it and been known to do upon any former occasion. Hodder's had great difficulty in saving their horses from being drowned. It will take fifty pounds to repair the damage done to the road between Hodder's and Collin's. Mr Collins has lost all his sheep and has found 53 carcasses. The river was ten, feel higher than he had ever known it before. Upon crossing the Mungaroa, the river had been 6 and 8 feet above the main line of road. Nearly opposite Petre's Saw Mill, the river has made new channels, and has swept whole fields of grain and potatoes away. On this side of the Mill the main road is blocked up with the wreck of houses and drift timber. The maories were picking out their apparel and goods to dry. Some of the Pakeha's, whose dwellings were washed away, it is said, would have lost their lives had it not been for the Maories. From six to ten feet of water has been rushing over the road. Mr Barton has lost considerable number of sheep, all the Maori Pa's were well supplied with a number of sheep's carcasses. Near the silver stream the devastation becomes more apparent, the fences are gone, huge pieces of timber lay across the road, the crops are borne down and at the East abtinent of the Bridge is a log stretched across the road about six feet in diameter, but upon reaching Wyeth's, the force of the flood is marked, not only by the disappearance of dwellings but by the loss of life. The flood at the Silver Stream first rushes across the read in a South East direction and then rolls hack to the river at Wyeth's, and such was the force of the flood that it carried away several dwellings belonging to Mr Wyeth and the inmates, who were drowned, to the number of 13. At 5 pm 7 bodies had been found and a Coroner's Inquest is to sit at 2 o'clock this day the 20th, upon their bodies. The following are the names given of those that are drowned. Mr Stannaway, wife and five children, Mr Charles Sillary, his wife and child, Mrs Hagin, and her new born infant, also Mrs Price the nurse, a person named Hartley, succeeded in swimming a tree and saved his life by hanging to the tree about 14 hours. The bodies found are Mr Sillary, wife and child, Mrs Hagin (Mr Dew's daughter), Mrs Price, with the infant in her arms, only born at six o'clock the same morning,

and one of Mr Stannaway's little girls, about six or seven years old, six of Mr Stannaway's family are not yet found. Four of the bodies are at Blade's, the Traveller's rest and three at Mr Dew's. No lives were lost at the lower Hutt, but considerable damage has been done to property. The Aglionby Arms is tipped endways into the river, and the river has found a new course near Buckridge public house. The Hutt Bridge stands but the Waiwetū is carried from the piles and swept away.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 January 1858 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 April & 01 May 1860

Publicans Licenses – March being the General Annual Licensing month the following Licenses have been granted (various other people and public houses) including

George Buck Taita Travellers Rest

Robert Buckridge Hutt Albion

Robert Jillet Hutt Whitewood's Hotel

John McHardie Hutt Highland Home

Robert Wyeth Hutt Barley Mow

John Blutchford Hutt Aglionby Arms

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 April & 01 May 1860)

Wellington Independent newspaper 06 March 1860

To be let or sold – The public house known by the sign of the Barley Mow situated in Stokes Valley Hutt. The house contains ten rooms with garden attached. There is Stabling for six horses, Cow sheds, Stock yards and other Out buildings. There are about 45 acres of land divided into Paddocks and mostly laid down with artificial grasses. For further particulars apply to. – R Wyeth on the premises or to – S Cemino Storekeeper Molesworth street – 06 March 1860

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 06 March 1860)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 10 February 1847

List of all persons qualified to serve as Jurors for the District of Port Nicholson for the year 1847 (various names) Robert Wyeth Lambton Quay shopkeeper

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 10 February 1847 page 1)

Wellington Independent newspaper 11, 18, 25 January 1851

On Sale 300 Bushels V D L Oats @ 4s. 6d. per bushel R Wyeth 3rd January 1851 – and - Saddle Horses for Sale – 5 Saddle Horses well broken 1 Gig and Harness nearly new – Robert Waitt Wellington 10 January 1851

(Reference Papers past newspaper Wellington Independent newspaper 11, 18, 25 January 1851 page 2)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 29 June & 02, 13 July 1853

To the Electors of the City of Wellington and of the Hutt District - Candidate for the Provincial Council – (large list of names) – R Wyeth

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian newspaper 13 July 1853 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 & 10 & 14 & 17 October 1857

Committee for the Hutt District – Robert Wyeth

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 & 17 October 1857 page 2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 08 December 1858

Residence Magistrates Court 04 December 1858 - The following transfer of Publicans Licenses was granted upon the application of (various people) and Mr Robert Wyeth of Upper Hutt whose late residence had been partially washed away by the recent flood at the Upper Hutt aforesaid.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 08 December 1858 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 06 May 1859

Electoral District of the Hutt – The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained on the List of Voters for the Electoral District of the Hutt – (various

names and details) – Robert Wyeth Lambton Quay Household Hutt district No qualification as described having removed from the house for which qualification was claimed.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 06 May 1859 page 8)

Wellington Independent newspaper 06, 20, 23, 27, 30 March & 06 April 1860

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(Reference Papers past newspaper Wellington Independent newspaper 06 March 1860 page 2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 01 May 1860

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(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 01 May 1860 page 5)

Wellington Independent newspaper 01 May 1860

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(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 01 May 1860 page 5)

Ellen Mudgeway Barley Mow Upper Hutt 30 April 1860

Province of Wellington District Hutt to Wit

An Inquisition Indexed taken for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria before the me Mark Kebbell Coroner for the said Province and district of Wellington at the House of one Charles Mudgeway known by the sign of Barley Mow and situated in the district of the Hutt in the Province of Wellington in the district and Province aforesaid on the 30th day of April In the year of our lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty and the twenty third of her Majesties Reign on view of the body of Ellen Mudgeway then and there lying dead upon the oaths of Robert Robinson foreman, John Daysh, James Bennett, James Hosil, George Busk, William Harwood, William Sparks, John Leverton, Peter Krather, Matthew Hamilton, Matthew Gaskin, George Spackman good and lawful men of the said province and district of Wellington and who being then and there duly sworn do upon their oaths say that the said Ellen Mudgeway came by her death by the accidental falling of a tree

-In witness whereof the said Jurors as well as the said Coroner have hereunto subscribed their names the day and year first hereinbefore – Robert Robinson foreman – George Spackman – James Bennett – Matthew Hamilton – Peter Trotier [sic] – John Lanenton – Williams his X mark Sparks witness T Braggins & Mark Kebbell – William Harwood – James Hosie – George Buck - John Daysh – Marks Kebbell Coroner for the district of Wellington

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington 1861 J1 13 X 1861/258-268 – Coroner Wellington Inquest proceedings on John Thomas Canty – James Clement – Benjamin Ingram – Manihera – Renfrie Thomas Arundel – Infant child of Edward and Jane Henn – William Martin – Ellen Mudgeway / Mudgway (DJ61/261) – Robert Renall – Sarah Ann Walker)

Information of Witnesses taken touching on the death of Ellen Mudgeway

To whit Information of witnesses taken this the 30th day of April in the district of the Hutt at the dwelling house of Charles Mudgeway known by the sign of the Barley Mow in the said district before Mark Kebbell coroner for the district of Wellington touching the death of Ellen Mudgeway.

-Richard Mudgeway being sworn states that he is the brother to the deceased Ellen Mudgeway states he was in the Bush and his sister the deceased bought him his dinner and she and he and another sister commenced cross cutting a log together when the tree fell on

my sister Ellen and crushed her and I ran for my father I called to my sister Ellen to come towards me as she was running towards me the tree fell upon her - his X mark (witness Mark Hebbel)

-Charles Mudgeway being duly sworn father of the deceased Ellen Mudgeway I was in the bush splitting rails on Saturday with my son Richd. I came out to my dinner when my son and daughter told me that the tree had fell on the deceased I ran directly to the spot I found her between two trees I took and lifted one tree off and released her I took her up and was carrying her home to my house which was a distance of about one mile and half when we was met by Mr Wyeth and my son I was so much overcome I could not get on any further I sent Mr Wyeth into the road to get assistance I sat a long time with the child in my lap until some roadmen came and carried the child home before the deceased reached home the Doctor was waiting at my house I am sure the deceased was dead when I first discovered her and the Doctor states the Childs neck was dislocated – C Mudgway

-All the above information were severally taken and acknowledged this day year and place reported above mentioned before Mark Kebbell Coroner

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington 1861 J1 13 X 1861/258-268 – Coroner Wellington Inquest proceedings on John Thomas Canty – James Clement – Benjamin Ingram – Manihera – Renfrie Thomas Arundel – Infant child of Edward and Jane Henn – William Martin – Ellen Mudgeway / Mudgway (DJ61/261) – Robert Renall – Sarah Ann Walker)

The inquest of James Clement on 07 December 1860 in the dwelling house of Charles Mudgeway known by the sign of the “Farriers Arms” in the Hutt district.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington 1861 J1 13 X 1861/258-268 – Coroner Wellington Inquest proceedings on John Thomas Canty – James Clement – Benjamin Ingram – Manihera – Renfrie Thomas Arundel – Infant child of Edward and Jane Henn – William Martin – Ellen Mudgeway / Mudgway (DJ61/261) – Robert Renall – Sarah Ann Walker)

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 April 1860

Resident Magistrates Court – Tuesday 17th April 1860 – This being the General Annual Licensing day the following Licenses were granted (various hotels and proprietors) Robert Wyeth Hutt Barley Mow & Wednesday 18th April 1860 – (various names and proprietors) Thomas Poads application for his house at the Hutt known as the Farriers Arms, also Michael George Brown, of the Criterion Hotel.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 April 1860 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 02 November 1869

At the Upper Hutt the Silver stream became a torrent and a bridge over the stream near the site of the old Barley Mow Inn being also carried away by the resistless force of the current.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 November 1869 page 2)

Additional Barley Mow Inn Miscellaneous Information

I located information about another three hotels with the same sign of the Barley Mow.

In 1851 the publican of the Barley Mow situated in Waimea Road Nelson was T Smith. Around 1867 Thomas Johnson was the publican of Barley Mow Hotel in Irwell Leeston road Canterbury. There was also a Barley Mow Hotel in Sydney that advertised in New Zealand newspapers from 1862 onwards.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper 26 April 1851

Publicans Licenses – At the General Licensing Meeting on the 15th instant the following licenses were granted - T Smith Barley Mow, Waimea road (on the Race Course) – plus various other publicans recorded.

(Reference Papers past website Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspaper 26 April 1851 page 38)