

Halfway House - Shepherd Tavern - Shepherd Inn - Criterion Hotel 1849-1902

Time Line	Owners, proprietors and events
1848	James Brown Halfway House
1850	James Brown Shepherd Tavern
1858	James Brown Shepherds Inn
1859	James Brown Criterion Hotel
1868	Thomas Waldin licence
1869	His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh had lunch at Hotel 14 April
1871	Andrew Brown son of James
1874	Alexander Cornfoot was perhaps a Barman in Hotel
1875	Charles Harris proprietor
1875	James Martin son-in-law of James
1876	Alexander Cornfoot was landlord of Hotel
1876	Small fire at back of Hotel no damage to hotel
1877	Thomas George & Anne Elizabeth Dugard publican June
1877	John Albert Chancy landlord July
1878	Henry Border landlord March
1881	Henry Border no longer landlord
1894	Rifle Club ball held at new Criterion Hall
1902	The Criterion was demolished

James BROWN made an application for a Bush Licence on 22 March 1848. On 01 April 1848 the bush licence was granted for the "Halfway House" in the Upper valley of the Hutt. The house was built by James, with the assistance of his two sons George and James junior.

22 March 1848 [1849] James Brown Application for Bush Licence

To His Excellency Edward John Eyre Esquire
Lieutenant Governor of New Zealand
The Memorial of James Brown Settler River Hutt Your Memorialist came to the Colony in 1840 with a wife and family - At present he has 6 children Several of them being able to assist him in farming.
Your Memorialists leased a section of land from the New Zealand Company in the lower valley of the Hutt on very adventurous terms but the Company having expressed an urgent desire for it he gave it up on receiving another for it near the Maungaroa where you Memorialist proposed to open a House for the accommodation of the Public at a distance of 12 miles from the Hutt bridge.
Your Memorialist may venture to state that during the last disturbance and on all other previous he has never been backward in offering his assistance in aid of the Government.
Your Memorialist proposes to lay down Paddocks for the convenience of Parties to and from the Wairarapa & as such accommodation is much wanted on that part of the line.
May it please Your Excellency to consider this application and to grant him the privilege of a Bush Licence.
And your Memorialist shall ever pray Sir
James Brown (his X mark)
22 March 1848 [sic]

Application carried a fee of five pounds to be charged
22 March 1849
Licence prepared and sent to treasury 28 March 1849

We the undersigned by respectfully to recommend James Brown to his Excellency favourable consideration in the matter of the enclosed memorial
(Signatures) A Ludlam JP – Wm Smith JP – William Fox JP

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 37 [85] 1849/894 The Lieutenant Governor 26 August 1849 Minute relative to tools supplied for their store = plus addition correspondence)

James BROWN on 11 July 1849 made an application for the renewal of his bush licence for the house known by the name of "Halfway House" situated in the Upper Valley of the Hutt.

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 37 [37] 1849/802)

11 July 1849 James Brown Application for renewal of Bush Licence

To His Excellency, Edward John Eyre Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Munster

The Humble Memorial of James Brown therewith that on the first day of April last your memorialist obtained a bush licence for a house in the Upper valley of the Hutt for the accommodation of travellers called the Halfway House = This licence expired on the thirteenth day of June and your memorialist prays for a renewal of the same from the first day of this present month for the year.

And your memorialist will ever pray

James Brown

Witness H Taylor

Wellington 11 July 1849

I am of the opinion that it may be granted (some signatures unknown)

William Wakefield [sic] – Dr A Domett Cotter – Dr D Waterfield – A W – Henry Petre

Licence Innkeeper sent to necessary [sic] for renewal 4th August 1849

Approved 17 July 1849

Recommended for renewal at a fee of five pounds

Henry Petre Wellington 14 July 1849

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 37 [37] 1849/802 James Brown 11 July 1849 Application for renewal of Bush Licence)

James Brown on 29 May 1850 made an application for the renewal of his bush licence for the house now known by the sign of "Shepherd Tavern" situated on the Wairarapa Road.

(Refer 29 May 1850 reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 40 [79] 1850/428)

29 May 1850 James Brown

To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary of the Southern Province of New Zealand
The humble petition of James Brown of the "Shepherd Tavern" near Mungaroa showeth.
That your Petitioner has for the last fifteen months kept a licence house of public establishment known by the Sign of the "Shepherd" and Situated on the Wairarapa road near to Mungaroa and your Petitioners licence will expire on the first day of July next.
Your Petitioner therefore begs for a renewal of his bush licence for his house as above mentioned

Dated this 29 day of May 1850

James Brown his X mark

Reported to the Resident Magistrate Wellington for April as to character. (Signature unknown) date 29 May 1850. Recommended for renewal at the original fee of five Pounds (signed) Henry Petre 04 June 1850

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 40 [79] 1850/428 Andrew Brown 03 June 1850 Soliciting renewal of Bush Licence [enclosed application for bush licence from James Brown, Archibald Cameron, Edward Boulton] 1850)

19 June 1851 James Brown

19 June 1851 James Brown Memorialist praying renewal of Bush Licence Wairarapa Road
To His Excellency Sir George Grey KCB Governor in Chief of the Islands of New Zealand
The Memorial of James Brown of the Upper Hutt Licensed Victualler
Herewith

That your memorialist is the holder of a special licence for the sale of any Spirituous Liquors Wine Ale or Beer in any quantity at his House on the Wairarapa Road near the Mungaroa. In the terms and conditions herein expressed and that such License will expire on the thirtieth day of June instant

That your memorialist is desirous for a renewal of such License in respect of the same premises on the same terms and conditions – such new License to commence and take effect from the first day of July next and to continue in force for the space of twelve calendar months thence next ensuring

Your Memorialist therefor humbly prays that your Excellency will be pleased to give directions for the issue to your memorialist under the seal of this Province of such new License accordingly – And Your Memorialist will ever pray Sir

James Brown

Upper Hutt 14 June 1851

We the undersigned beg to recommend the Memorialist as a fit and proper Person to be licensed as prayed in that forgoing Memorial

E Daniel JP – A Ludlam JP – R Barton

License prepared 30 June 1851

Forwarded to Memorialist 01 July 1851

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 47 [41]851/791 James Brown 19 June 1851 Memorial praying for bush licence Wairarapa Road)

01 May 1852 James Brown Application for renewal of Bush Licence Upper Hutt

Upper Hutt 28 April 1852

Sir

I beg to enclose my application for a renewal of the licence, I at present hold, of the Shepherd's Tavern, and have to request you will continue the same to be laid before His Excellency The Governor in Chief

I have the honour to be Sir

Your most obedient Servant

James Brown (signature)

Alfred Domett Esquire

Colonial Secretary Wellington

(Written in red "Licence prepared 22 June 1852")

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 54[147] 1852/553 James Brown Upper Hutt 01 May 1852 Application for renewal of Bush Licence 1852)

To His Excellency Sir George Grey KCB

Governor in Chief of the Islands of New Zealand

The Memorial of James Brown of the Upper Hutt Licences Victualler

Herewith

That your Memorialists is the Holder of a Licence for the sale of Spirituous Liquors Wine Ale and Beer in any quantity on the Premises known as 'The Shepherd's Tavern' situated at the Upper Hutt aforesaid – and that such Licence will expire in the thirtieth day of June next ensuring.

That your Memorialists is anxious for the renewal of such Licence upon the same terms and in respect of the same Premises said new Licence to commence and take effect from the first day of July next and to continue in force for the space of twelve calendar Months thence next ensuring.

Your Memorialist be humbly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to give directions for the issue to the Memorial under the public seal of Province of New Munster of such new Licence according.

And your Memorialist will ever for pray

James Brown (his signature at end of page with other signatures)

I beg to recommend the Memorialist as a fit and proper person to be Licensed.

(Signatures)

E Daniel JP – Unknown JP - A Lewsham JP

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACFP 8217 NM8 54[147] 1852/553 James Brown Upper Hutt 01 May 1852 Application for renewal of Bush Licence Upper Hutt 1852)

Wellington Independent newspaper 30 November 1853 – 29 March 1854

For Sale 2000.000 shingles and about 10,000 posts and rails – James Brown Shepherd's Tavern Upper Hutt – Wellington 16 November 1853

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 30 November 1853 – 29 March 1854)

SEARCH if Matthew SHARLEY held the Licence in 1857 or he may have been a bar man at the Hotel.

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 January 1859

(in an item for Mr Mabey) At Browns Shepherd's Inn Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 January 1859 page 7)

The Brown's Shepherd Inn Upper Hutt paddocks and stables were used for horses to stand.

(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper October & November & December 1858 & January 1859)

The name was changed from the Shepherd's Inn to the Criterion Inn / Hotel between January 1859 and March 1859.

Wellington Independent newspaper 02 March 1859

Notice – Whereas some person or persons did on Saturday February 26th ultimo, cut on the forehead with a tomahawk or axe, my two years old Entire Horse in my paddock. Whoever will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the offender or offenders shall receive a Reward of Fifty Pounds – James Brown Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt 01 March 1859

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02, 05, 08 March 1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper March, April, May, June, July, August, September 1859

To Be Sold – The Inn known as the Criterion Hotel late the Shepherd Inn in the Upper Hutt with stables and outbuildings and one hundred acres of land 50 of which are cleared and laid down in grass. Part of the purchase money may remain on mortgage on the premises. – For particulars apply to James Brown on the premises or to A de B Brandon Lambton Quay Wellington 25 February 1859.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper March, April, May, June, July, August September 1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 August 1859

Criterion Hotel – Upper Hutt – J Brown begs leave to acquaint his friends and kind Patrons that he opens his new Commercial Room at the above Hotel on Thursday the 1st September next with a Dinner and Ball when he hopes to have a numerous meeting of his friends and supporters. Dinner on the Table at half past four o'clock. Ball to commence at half past six o'clock. Single ticket for Dinner and Ball 5s, double do., for Lady and Gentleman 7s 6d. And to be obtained at Mr McIntosh, South Sea Hotel Wellington, at Whitewood's Hotel Hutt, and at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. 18 August 1859.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 August 1859 page 2 etc.)

Again in 1859 the Brown's Shepherd Inn Upper Hutt paddocks and stables were used for horses to stand.

(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper October, November 1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 July 1860

The meeting was again challenged if any wished to withdraw their names when Mr James Brown of the Criterion Hotel said he objected to serve for the district of Wellington but he would serve for the district of the Hutt but as there was no district for the Hutt he requested his name to be scratched from the list (Volunteer Rifle Corps).

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 July 1860)

Information in a publication stated that the Duke of Edinburgh stayed the night at the Criterion Hotel in 1867 but this is incorrect. The Duke of Edinburgh only had lunch at the Criterion Hotel and it was in 1869 not 1867.

14 January 1868 Thomas WALDIN was listed as a licensed victualler and landlord of the Criterion Hotel. Later he became the pound keeper.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 January 1868 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 17 April 1869

The Prince's Visit to the Hutt - His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, KGK, honoured the Lower and Upper Hutt with a visit on Wednesday, the 14th inst. At the Lower Hutt, the inhabitants had erected a triumphal arch across the road between the turn at Mr Fitzherbert's and the Bridge. The arch was truly New Zealand in its character, being composed of fine specimens of the nikau palm, fern trees and toi toi. At noon his Royal Highness arrived, driving four in hand, followed by his Excellency the Governor in his carriage they were escorted from Petoni by the Hutt Cavalry. At the arch he was received by the Hutt and Taita Volunteers and Hutt Cadets on passing through the line formed by them, the Volunteers received him with a royal salute, the Hutt Band playing the National Anthem on the other side of the arch the school children were placed in two lines and sung God Save the Queen; the day was fine, with a bright sunlight. His Royal Highness proceeded to the Upper Hutt, escorted by the Cavalry, and was received at that place by the inhabitants, who had erected a very fine triumphal arch. After visiting a very beautiful reach of the Hutt River, his Royal Highness returned to Wellington. The settlers turned out well and gave the Queen's son a most loyal welcome.

Upper Hutt 06 April - Yesterday was quite a fate day in our hamlet. The morning threatened rain, but afterwards cleared up for a quiet dull day. We all turned out to admire and finish the decoration of our triumphal arch, which we are vain enough to think did us much credit. Four of the largest telegraph poles formed the piers of the centre arch, which was flanked by two smaller ones. The whole was covered with fern set off by flowers and a device at the crown. A sort of approach was made at one end by six very tall flag poles from which waved large flags of unknown nationality, and on the other by immense tree ferns and other shrubs set in the ground. Seats were made on either side for our women and children, and we waited with what patience we could for the Duke. He came at last numerously escorted by the Hutt cavalry, who however, did not look very military. The Duke's driving was too much for their grass fed horses, some trotting, some at that nondescript pace called in the colony a canter, and all looking the worse for it. The Duke, the cynosure of all eyes, looked affable and answered our greeting pleasantly. The party drove on to Waldin's comfortable inn, where host and hostess did the honours with a will. After a stroll the party, which included the Governor came back and gave us another chance of seeing a royal prince in the flesh. I think we shall all know him again. The remainder of the daylight was spent in providing for creature needs and the holiday gossip which is so pleasant to indulge in. We did not bore his Royal Highness by a spoken address, but the following was written by the Rev. Dan Desbois and presented to him. We are graciously promised an answer to it.

To his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh - The dwellers in a poor district of a poor colony hail your Royal Highness's coming amongst them with far higher joy than their means allow them to show. The visit of the Queen's son is very cheering to us, and much tends to keep alive those feelings of loyalty and love to her Majesty and our Fatherland which we are proud to cherish and desirous to hand down to our children. We wish your Royal Highness health and length of days and the full enjoyment of God's blessing. We also wish your Highness a pleasant sojourn amongst us and a safe return home." We were to have had some fireworks, but unluckily they miscarried. A sad accident marred our otherwise happy day. The stables at the Criterion hotel caught fire and were burnt down to the ground. Most of the contents were saved, and we hear the buildings are partially insured.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 17 April 1869 page 3)

Daily Southern Cross newspaper 23 April 1869

The Duke of Edinburgh in New Zealand – The Proceedings at Wellington
He lunched at the Criterion Hotel then returned to Wellington

Andrew BROWN was the proprietor of the Criterion in 1871

Thomas WALDIN proprietor from 1868 still proprietor in 1874

17 March 1874

Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt - 17 March 1874

To the Honourable – The Colonial Secretary - Government Buildings

Sir

I trust that it will only be necessary for me to bring the cruel case in which I find myself before you in order to obtain from you such relief as your wisdom may suggest. I am the holder of a Bush licence from the Province of Wellington on which I pay the maximum duty of thirty pounds a year. In common with many other persons I was ignorant of the change in the licencing laws introduced by the Honable Mr Fox's Act of last session. I now find to my dismay that in order to obtain a renewal of my licence on which the means of livelihood for my family depends on application should have been lodged with the Resident Magistrate for the Hutt not later than the first Tuesday in this month. I believe the clerk to the Resident Magistrate in the City of Wellington, sat till midnight on that day to receive applications from persons in the Town who like myself had been in ignorance but were warned at the last moment. In the country no notice within a few Towns could reach me. I enclose the form of application duly signed and humbly pray that my omission through unavoidable ignorance to lodge it earlier may be received as you shall best think of.

I am Sir Your most obedient Servant

Signed Thomas Waldin

Other written words around the letter are transcribed below.

Petition Govt. to accept this notice of application in a licence.

The Hon the Col Secretary has suggested on a letter from the Supt. Of Auckland a remedy for such case signed

For the Minster of Justice

I think Mr Waldin should be recommended to submit his application to the Clerk of the Bench in order that the Licencing Court may on the third Tuesday April if they think fit consider the possibility of not to appeal [sic] in dealing with such a case as this.

Attached to the letter is a petition signed by 24 residents in the Upper Hutt district [petition was transcribed and saved in section HV ERD Elect-Direct-Census-Petitions of website under document 1874 Upper Hutt Residents Petition]

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R24321036 ACGS 16211 J1 153/bk 1874/788 - Thomas Waldin Upper Hutt 17 March 1874 petitions Government to accept his notice of application for a licence)

1875 Mr Charles Harris

Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1875

The application of Charles Harris for the Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt, also was opposed by the Inspector, in consequence of the evidence given in recent police cases that men had been supplied with liquor until helplessly drunk and then turned out into the road and robbed. Mr Buckley said that was in the time of the former owner. The present applicant was effecting a reformation as fast as he could. It was impossible to do it in one day. This case also was adjourned for a fortnight, and the Court then to so.

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

Star newspaper 20 January 1874

Larceny – James Devin was brought up on charges of larceny stealing a watch belonging to E H Polack steward of the ss Tararua, a pair of trousers and pencil case belonging to Alexander Cornfoot barman at the Golden Fleece Hotel (plus other details)

(Reference Papers past website Star newspaper 20 January 1874 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 09-27 February 01-15 March 1875

Billiards – Pool Every Evening – Alexander Cornfoot begs to announce to the public that having taken that large and commodious Billiard Room of Mr Urwin's Post Office Hotel he hopes by strict attention and civility to gain a share of the public patronage. A visit to the above room will oblige – Yours respectfully Alex Cornfoot.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 February 1875 page 2)

J MARTYN (Martin) became the proprietor in 1875

Evening Post newspaper 14 October 1875

Tuesday 19th October – Important Sale by Auction – George Thomas has received instructions from Mr Charles Harris proprietor of the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt to sell by public auction the entire household furniture of the above hotel in consequence of his having let the same to Mr James Martyn, who intends to refurnish it with entirely new furniture prior to his taking possession (further information on furniture etc.)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 October 1875 page 3)

Hutt Licensing Court middle of 1875

- Criterion Hotel (J Martyn)

There was a small fire on 28 February 1876 at the back of the Hotel but it was put out quickly so there was no damage to the Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 27 March 1876

Residential Magistrates Court – This Day – A Fire Raiser – Robert Wheimeger was charged with a breach of the Assaults on Constables Act. Constable Lyster deposed that on the 22nd instant he arrested prisoner at the Upper Hutt on a charge of threatening to set fire to the Provincial and Criterion Hotels he was very violent, and struck witness on the head, about half an hour afterwards he asked for a cup of tea, and when witness handed the cup to prisoner, he threw it at his head he also threw a bucket at witness. The same prisoner was then charged with threatening to burn down the Criterion Hotel. He pleaded not guilty. Alexander Cornfoot, landlord of the hotel, stated that prisoner went to his house and asked for a drink, but as he was already drunk, witness would not give it to him, after some words had passed, he said, I'll set fire to your house, I'll burn it down witness then gave him into custody. Prisoner was sentenced to one months imprisonment on the first charge, and bound over to keep the peace for three months, in two sureties of £10 each and his own recognizance of £20, on the second.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 March 1876 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 13-19 January 1877

The party who took a Swag with a blue blanket outside, White blanket and carpet bag inside, from Cornfoot's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt will do well by returning same as he is known and will be prosecuted should he retain it after this notice

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 January 1877 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1877

Mr Alexander Cornfoot, licensed victualler of the Upper Hutt has called a meeting of his creditors for Thursday 1st February

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1877

In the matter of The Debtors and Creditors Act 1876 And of the Bankruptcy of ALEXANDER CORNFOOT of the Upper Hutt the Provincial District of Wellington Licensed Victualler a Debtor.

This is to notify that Alexander Cornfoot of the Upper Hutt in the Provincial District of Wellington Licensed Victualler has this day filed a statement that he is unable to meet his engagements with his creditors. The first meeting of creditors to be held at the Grand Jury Room of the Supreme Court at Wellington on Thursday the first day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven – Dated this twenty fifth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven O H C Wilmer Deputy Registrar Hour of meeting 11 o'clock am Messrs Hart and Buckley Solicitors for the Debtor

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1877 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 23 March 1877

To Hotel Keepers and Others – For Sale or To Let - The Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. The house contains 19 rooms has stables for 50 horses and 18 acres of grass paddocks. For further particulars apply to – George Thomas Auctioneer and General Merchant Lambton Quay Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 March 1877 page 3)

In 1877 Thomas George and his wife Anne Elizabeth Dugard became the publicans of the Criterion Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 14 June 1877

Criterion Hotel (Upper Hutt) – Thomas George Dugard applied for a renewal of his license for the above hotel. He was represented by Mr Quirk. Constable Lyster reported that the hotel was not well conducted. On the 14th of last month several drunken men were turned out of the house which was noted for rows and disturbances. The constable further stated that the applicant had kept a man named Robinson in the house till he had spent £12 10 s in drink &c., in seven days. Robinson had told the constable that Dugard had taken charge of the money and he knew that he had not spent so much. Robinson was not in attendance. Thomas George Dugard the applicant was then examined. He denied that his house was not well conducted. With regret to the case of the man Robinson he made the following statement. Robinson went to the hotel in company with a friend and the latter took the money from him and handed it to the landlady to take charge of. He remained in the house drinking and shouting for all and sundry until his money was gone. Robinson told him (Dugard) that Constable Lyster had said he would make the money matter a case against him. Constable Gillies stated that he lived near the hotel and he did not consider it a rowdy house. There had only been one row there since Mr Dugard had kept it and that was not a serious affair. Robinson had spoken to him (the constable) about the £12 10s and he advised him to have a settlement with Mr Dugard. At the time Robinson was in a muddled state. Mr Quick pointed out that there was a discrepancy between the evidence of the two constables and he thought that Constable Gillespie who lived near the hotel was the best judge as to whether it was well conducted or not. The Bench took the same view of the case and expressed the opinion that Robinson should have been present. The license was granted

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

Evening Post newspaper 25 June 1877

Charge of perjury against a Constable - David Lyster, a constable at the Hutt, was charged with having, on the 13th inst., whilst giving evidence in the Licensing Court at the Lower Hutt, on the occasion of an application for a publican's license for the Criterion Hotel by Mr Dugard, falsely, wickedly, and corruptly sworn to the following effect: "That the landlady, if she is Mrs Dugard, kisses men for drinks I was in the Criterion with Constable Carroll and Constable Smart and others on the day they came to the Upper Hutt, and she kissed Constable Carroll; he put his arms round her neck, and she kissed him. Mr Barton appeared to prosecute, and Mr Buckley appeared for the defence. The following evidence was taken Thomas George Dugard, a publican, at the Upper Hutt, deposed that he was married man, his wife's name being Annie Elizabeth Dugard he kept the Criterion Hotel on the 13th inst., last he applied at the Licensing Court at the Hutt for a license for his hotel and during the hearing of the case the accused was examined as a witness on oath the, magistrates then present on the bench were Mr Crawford and Mr Beetham, whom he did not know; the accused objected to the granting of the license, on the ground that it was a rowdy or badly conducted house; he swore that the landlady, if she was Mrs Dugard, kissed men for drinks. The inference was that she was not witness's wife. When asked who she kissed for drinks, the question being put by Mr Quick, he pointed out a brother constable named Carroll, who was in the body of the court. The occasion of the kissing was that which Constables Smart and Carroll were on a visit to the Upper Hutt. The statement was that Carroll put his arms round her neck and she kissed him. To Mr Buckley – Witness was in Wellington at the time the alleged kissing took place the accused, was sworn in the usual way but witness was not sure who administered the oath; he was not aware from his own knowledge whether the statement was true or not, further than that Constable Carroll and his wife both denied it; he believed his wife's statement in preference to what the accused had stated, and therefore the reason why he laid the

information; the accused had likewise thrown out the imputation that Mrs Dugard was not his wife; Constable Smart likewise denied the kissing imputation and Carroll stated that the accused was a d___ liar. Mr Buckley Had you any reasons for suspecting that, any, one else kissed Mrs Dugard? Witness at first declined to answer the question. He afterwards denied that he had ever accused a person named Fulton of having had an improper intimacy with Mrs Dugard. He however, turned that man out of the house, but had never seen him with his arms round his wife's waist. Mr Barton objected to this line of cross examination, as altogether irregular. Mr Buckley held that he was perfectly entitled to examine as he was doing in as much as it was his proper line of defence to show that there previously had been kissing for drinks. To the witness – Did you charge Fulton with having had an improper intimacy with Mrs Dugard, and threaten to shoot him in consequence? Mr Barton objected, as it could, not surely be said that kissing for drinks was having an improper intimacy (laughter). Mr. Crawford ruled that the witness was obliged to answer as to whether he had ever threatened to shoot Fulton. The witness admitted the fact of his having threatened to shoot Fulton for coming into his house and creating a disturbance between him and his wife; as to the intimacy, he considered the question was altogether irrelevant. Mr Buckley stated he intended calling evidence to show that the statement made by the accused was perfectly true. He, however, would not press the question about improper intimacy. Mr Quick, solicitor, deposed that he appeared for the prosecutor at the last licensing meeting at the Hutt, when the accused was sworn to give evidence in support of his report against the granting of the license the accused then swore that drunkenness and fighting were allowed in the house, also that Mrs Dugard, if she was so he did not know whether she was or not allowed herself to be kissed for drinks; witness asked the accused if he was speaking of his own knowledge, when replied that he was, as he saw it he stated there had been several men in the bar, and one of them had said he would shout all round if Mrs Dugard would give him a kiss the person referred to was said to have put his arms round her neck, and she kissed him witness asked the accused if he was the man, but he denied the imputation, although he, named several constables who were present. Constable John Gillespie, stationed at the Upper Hutt, who had been in the prosecutor's hotel on the occasion of the alleged kissing on the 14th May, deposed that, as he was leaving, he heard something said about that at the time the landlady, who had just been after serving drinks, kissed her hand to them, but there was no other familiarity between her and Carroll whilst he was present, as he left shortly afterwards. Wm. Hall, who had been in Court on the occasion referred to, having been brought down there for fighting at the Upper Hutt, deposed to the statement alleged against the accused in the information. At this stage the Court adjourned for half an hour. On resuming, the following additional evidence was taken Annie Elizabeth Dugard, wife of the prosecutor, deposed that she knew the accused, whom she had frequently seen in the hotel, occasionally drinking with her husband, and shaking Yankee grab for drinks; he called at the house on the 14th ult., and she showed him over it; Constables Carroll and Smart were likewise in the house, they called at the hotel to inquire about a house, and then went away, returning shortly afterwards; she had been landlady of the house between two and three months; she did not think she had been in the habit of kissing men for drinks she had not kept a hotel before prior to going to the Hutt she had been residing in Wellington since her arrival from London in the Avalanche; it was not true that she had kissed men for drinks, no one could say so; the statement that she kissed Constable Carroll was false; it was likewise untrue that he put his arms round her neck she knew the other constable present as Big Davie witness here detailed the circumstances in connection with their visit and calling at the house, stating that some remarks were passed about the brandy supplied being draught and not bottled brandy, upon which "Big Davie" remarked that if she kissed Constable Carroll he would take the brandy; the table was between them, and she replied, Oh, all right, at the same time kissing her hand to him that was all; Carroll never put his arms round her neck. Mr Buckley, Did you ever kiss Mr Fulton Witness, in an excited manner, declined to answer the question, stating that she had known that gentleman from her infancy in fact since she was four years old; she considered that had nothing to do with the case. The question was not pressed, and the case for the prosecution was then closed. Constable David Smart, mentioned in the evidence as Big Davie, deposed that he remembered being at the prosecutor's hotel with Constable Carroll on the date referred to; George Fulton was likewise there, and the accused witness was in plain clothes

Mrs Dugard served them with drinks; they were all jolly together Constable Carroll appeared displeased about something, and witness said to the lady, Go and give him a kiss she then went forward and put her arms round his neck, but he could not swear positively whether she kissed him or not he did not remember saying he would shout for all hands if she kissed Carroll, but he thought she intended to do so. Mr Buckley, Just describe how the kissing appeared. You have been kissed by a woman before; I've no doubt (laughter). Witness, who looked the picture of robust innocence, smiled a reply. To Mr Barton. Considered that a constable had as much right as any other man to enjoy a joke when in plain clothes; there was nothing very improper in what he saw, although there were two ways in looking at the facts of its being afterwards brought in evidence before the Licensing Court; there was nothing, however, in his mind which occurred when he was present to be a ground for refusing to grant the license? The case was still proceeding as we went to press.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 June 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1877

Of the bankruptcy of Alexander Cornfoot of the Upper Hutt Licensed Victualler a debtor – A first and final dividend in the above estate will be payable at my office on and after Monday the 13th August to all creditors who have proved their claims – T Kennedy MacDonald Creditor's Trustee

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1877 page 3)

In July 1877 John Albert CHANCY became the Landlord of the Criterion Hotel

Evening Post newspaper 12 July 1877

Shortly before one o'clock this afternoon Mr Dugard, who recently figured somewhat prominently in the noted kissing case before the Resident Magistrate's Court, was the principal actor in another public scene this time, however, in the street, and under somewhat different circumstances. It appears that he has lately sold his hotel the Criterion at the Upper Hutt to a person named Chancy and this getting to the ears of a few of his creditors he was pretty closely watched and this morning was pounced upon in Willis Street when endeavouring to make his way into the Melbourne Hotel. Collared fairly on both sides, Dugard was, as can be easily imagined brought up all standing, and a judgment summons thrust in his face, but he took the matter with praiseworthy coolness and as a matter of course, declined to pay. Sergeant Price coming in sight the matter was easily explained, and Mr Dugard, with a thorough appreciation of discretion being the better part of valour under the circumstances, accompanied his friends to the Resident Magistrate's Court where the bailiff having been duly informed of how affairs stood, steps were taken to bring the matter before the notice of the Court shortly afterwards. During the afternoon Mr Dugard was called on to answer a judgment summons for £33 0s 4d, issued at the instance of Messrs Pascoe and Co., brewers, of this city. Mr Pascoe, on being examined, stated that he had every reason to believe the defendant wished to make his escape in the barque Australind, for Newcastle, which was ready to sail in the afternoon, and that he had sufficient money to pay the debt due to his firm, having, as he fully believed, jewellery to the amount of £150 or £200 in his possession. Mr Pascoe stated that he had had private information in regard to the matter, and, acting upon it, secured the defendant in the street. In answer to the defendant, he stated he could not swear he had really taken his passage in the Australind, but passages had been engaged for one lady and gentleman, which he had good reason to think meant the defendant and his wife. His Worship made an order for payment to be made forthwith or in default one month's imprisonment. A similar order was made in cases brought by G Dixon for £7 1s, J M'Dowell and Co. for £6 0s 7d, and N J Isaacs for £4 11s 4d. The defendant declined to pay the money, and shortly afterwards, as our reporter left the Court, the bailiff announced his arrest for debt. He was shortly afterwards taken to gaol.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 August 1877 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 26 July 1877

The Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt, has been taken by Mr J A Chancy, late of the Cricketer's Arms who announces that he is ready to receive visitors and lodgers to an unlimited extent. The hotel is in close proximity to the railway station, and stands in the midst and

neighbourhood of lovely scenery, rendering it a very attractive place of sojourn for country tourists. The house has been repaired and renovated, thus every comfort can be ensured to those who stay there, and there is ample accommodation for lodgers of every class.

And

A meeting of creditors in the estate of George Thomas Dugard, of the Upper Hutt, publican, was held today, Captain Thomas in the chair. Mr Kerby (representing Messrs J M'Dowell & Co.) was appointed trustee, and the meeting then adjourned until Wednesday next. The liabilities are stated at £422; assets, £394.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 July 1877 page2)

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1877

Wanted, a strong girl as general servant. Apply to Mrs Chancey, Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1877 page 3)

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(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 July 1877 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 06 February 1878

In Bankruptcy - In the matter of The Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876, and of the Bankruptcy of John Albert Chaney, of the Upper Hutt, Licensed Victualler, a Debtor. This is to notify that John Albert Chaney, of the Upper Hutt, Licensed Victualler, has this day filed a statement that he is unable to meet his engagements with his creditors. The first meeting of creditors to be held at the Grand Jury Room of the Supreme Court House, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 13th day of February, 1878. Dated this 6th day of February 1878. Alex. S. Allan, Registrar. Hart & Buckley, Solicitors for the Debtor.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 February 1878 page 3)

In March 1878 Henry Border purchased the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 25 March 1878

Mr George Thomas on Saturday sold to Mr Henry Border the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. The price has not been allowed to transpire. Mr Thomas also purchased Mr Border's farm at Makara for £800.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 March 1878 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1878

At the Hutt Licensing Court yesterday all the old licenses were renewed. With respect to the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt it was stated that the house was in a very dilapidated condition. Mr Border the landlord explained that he was now having the premises put in thorough repair and the license was renewed on condition that the work should be completed as soon as possible.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1878 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879

The annual meeting of the Hutt Licensing Court was held yesterday when the following licenses were renewed – W Bishop Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt – Henry Border Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt – Isaac Wilkins Railway Hotel Upper Hutt – The application of George Jones for a renewal of the lease the Pakuratahi Hotel was refused owing to the fact that the application was not sent in at the proper time.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 27-29 July 1881

All persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to make payment within 14 days from date and all claims to be furnished up to that date – 10th August 1881 – Henry Border
Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt – 27 July 1881

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 July 1881 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 01 August 1881

Friday 5th August at 11 o'clock To Hotelkeepers, Framers, Country Settlers & co – Francis Sidey & Co have received instructions from Mr Border to sell by auction at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt (complete details of furniture and miscellaneous items) - Mr Border not going to renew the license.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 August 1881 page 3)

It has been hard to locate any landlords of the Criterion Hotel after Henry Border perhaps this is when the hotel closed and shops were opened in the front of the hotel building

Evening Post newspaper 25 May 1894

The Upper Hutt Rifle Club held its annual ball in the new Criterion Hall Upper Hutt last night. About sixty couples attended. The hall which had been erected by Mr Dalton was tastefully decorated with ferns and figs. Mr E Wilkie supplied refreshments.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 May 1894 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1899

Notice – G Brown will address the Electors in Dalton's Criterion Hall Upper Hutt on Friday next 1st December at 8 pm.

(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1899 page 6)

The Criterion was demolished in 1902. It was the only hotel in Upper Hutt that was not destroyed by fire.

The Land after the Hotel was demolished

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 17 July 1915

Upper Hutt Progress - Pioneer Stables - Bravo, Harry - Away back in the Fifties a Paisley Scot (James Brown) and his family trekked from Alicetown to Rongonui (the place of great reputation) now known as Upper Hutt. There was no road between the two places just a rough track into the dense bush of the Nai-nai and Taita, from the lower valley clearings, a Maori track over the hill into Stokes Valley, across the creek, and up and over the eastern hill (the Hutt river ran at the foot of the cliffs at the northern end) to near the railway bridge, and thence by the track denned by the birch bush on its southern side and totara forest on the north, to the site of the Upper Hutt township (then surveyed into 100 acre blocks) and onward to the distant Wairarapa. Along this tortuous and difficult track came Upper Hutt's Pioneer Settler James Brown, senior, and his family, with their possessions in a small cart - the cart being taken apart and the body and wheels carried by the party over the two intervening ridges to what is now known as the Silverstream. The family put up their first shelter of saplings and sailcloth at "Rongonui" and 1 thus established the pioneer European residence in Upper Hutt. A slab whare replaced the first shelter, and was followed by a dwelling of pit-sawn timber which was later on used as an inn and known as "The Shepherd's Inn". At a subsequent date additions were made to the building and the name was changed to "Criterion Hotel". It was here that the Duke of Edinburgh (brother of the late King Edward VII) stayed in 1865. The hotel was sequently closed and the bulk of the internal walls removed to permit of its being used for entertainment - the tenant (J B Dalton) naming it "Daiton's Hall" and occupying the old bar room as a cobbler's shop. The property at this stage was part of the "Barnard Rhodes Estate". The buildings were pulled down and the block of land having become the property of C T Price, was subdivided and offered at auction. The purchasers of the main road allotment (old hotel ground) being T P Boyd (vacant land and part of bar room site, on which he erected a shoeing forge and, later, added a coach factory), H E Pratt (balance of the hotel site and site of the "pioneer residence) since sold to **W H Edwards**, and

on which he has erected an up to date reinforced concrete stable, offices and motor garage. **M Pudney**, since sold to Boyle Bros., on which reinforced concrete motor repair shop and garage is being erected, and J Brown, since transferred to Len McKenzie, the Wellington chemist. On the boundary line of the last two lots is the well-known oak, grown from an acorn planted there in the Fifties by Pioneer settler James Brown of Paisley, Scotland. The new stables and garage built to the order of **W H Edwards** by F H Luckins, at a cost of over £1000, is one of the best in the Dominion. There is accommodation in a fireproof structure, for a number of cars, stalls for horse's line the opposite side of the central passage, and convenient storage provided for fodder horse-stalls. The whole of the main building is fitted with a high-pressure water service from the town board mains and a complete drainage system has been provided. The remainder of the allotment has been roofed in to provide shelter for carts and other vehicles. Concrete drinking-troughs, a concrete manure-pit, and an acetylene gas-plant are installed in this portion of the establishment. There are two convenient offices on the street frontage and in rear thereof are harness, feed and groom's rooms. A verandah of neat design sets off the exterior to advantage. The proprietor did intend to name the building the "Criterion" Stables, after the hotel that formerly occupied a portion of the allotment, but on hearing from a member of our staff that it was also the site of the abode of the first European settler in the district, he decided to call it the "Pioneer" Stables and Motor Garage to commemorate the fact. Bravo Harry. Here's Luck to your Enterprise.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 17 July 1915 page 4)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 17 July 1915

W H EDWARDS Provincial Stables Upper Hutt – Vehicles on hire all hours Special terms to Picnic Parties . Furniture removed. All charges moderate. General Carrier between Wellington and Upper Hutt. City Agents – McEwen Carter and Co Hunter Street. Telephones 2658 City 20 Upper Hutt. Cabs for Hir

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 17 July 1915 page 3)

Please note that there was a Criterion Hotel in Lambton Quay Wellington so I had to be careful to record only information about the Upper Hutt Criterion Hotel.
