

## SECTION 125 WALLACEVILLE

Township of Bentinck

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1840s Alderman William Thompson / inherited Earl of Bective Thomas Taylour / gift daughter Lady Olivia Caroline Amelia Bentinck nee Taylour wife of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck (all absentee owners) – 1904 (perhaps squatters O’Riley, Boyer, E Greenwood, Mrs Greenwood) -

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1870s Wallaceville Railway Station -

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1904 Township of Trentham (Lady Bentinck Estate), Main Hutt Road (Fergusson Drive), Richmond Street, William Street (Martin Street), Melrose Street, Maclean Street, Mungaroa Road (Ward Street)

1904 Township of Wallaceville, Seddon Street, Wilfred Street, Lane Street, Mungaroa Road (Ward Street)

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### 1840-1850

Section No 125 Hutt Valley (Upper)

- This Section was selected by Henry St HILL for William THOMPSON the original owner of Preliminary Land Order No 891
- A Supplementary Land Order for 75 acres has been issued in England to Alderman William THOMPSON for this Land Order. Alderman W THOMPSON had 5 Land Orders the rural selections for three of them were selected in the Manawatu one of which No 1095 and another 780 selected in Ohariu thrown up and reselected at Rangitiki but this selection seems to have excepted notice Also the Townland under the Land orders are claimed and granted and script issued for all the Supplementary Land Orders. This Section added by the Crown to the Claim as below and two of the Manawatu Sections 14 & 15 Reported as below. Claimed by alderman William THOMPSON Claim No 645 Report No 1580 Grant No 4675

*(Source Archives New Zealand Wellington reference ADXS 19555 LS-W65 3 43 register of Hutt Valley selections and also outwards letters October 1848 to November 1850)*

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### 1850-1860

Section 125 had absentee owners. Some of the early settlers grazed their stock on the absentee land and a few built shelters and squatted on the land. It was not till 1904 that section 125 was developed.

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### 1870-1880

Between 1873-1876 the Government took part of section 125 Block I Rimutaka district to construct part of the Wellington to Napier railway line and to build Wallaceville railway station.

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### 1900-1910

Lady Bentinck developed and subdivided Section 125 and advertised the lots for auction on 02 March 1904. The Township of Trentham subdivision also known as the Lady Bentinck Estate streets were Richmond, Melrose, Maclean and Williams Street which later became merged into Martin Street.

1903-1905 Section 125 Township of Bentinck

- 1903 from Minister of Lands - matter of The Town’s Main Streets Act 1902 In pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 2 of “The Towns Man Street Act 1902” I do hereby authorise the laying off of the main streets in the Town of Bentinck wellington Land District being part section 125 Hutt District of a width of sixty six feet instead of ninety nine feet as prescribed by section 17 of “The Land Act 1892”dated at Wellington this day of 1903
- 21 May 1903 from Stafford Treadwell & Field to Minister of Lands – Sir Lady Bentinck whose attorneys we are is the owner of part section 125 Hutt District and purposes dividing it into allotments for sale. It is proposed to call the divided area the “Town of Bentinck” and to lay off the roads shown on the enclosed tracing of the proposed subdivision of a width of 66 feet in place of 99 feet as prescribed by section 17 of “The Land Act 1892”. Before going to the

expense of surveying the land we desire to be informed whether there is any objection to the proposed name for the Town and whether you will under section 2 of "The Town's Main Streets Act 1902" sanction the proposed streets being sixty six feet wide in place of 99 feet. The plan of the subdivision when made will be sent for the Governor's approval. An early reply is respectfully desired

- 30 May 1903 from Surveyor General to Stafford Treadwell & Field solicitors Wellington acknowledge receipt of letter
- 30 May 1903 from Surveyor General to Chief Surveyor – Township of Bentinck forwarding tracing of proposed Town of Bentinck at the Upper Hutt for approval. The subdivision would appear to comprise town lots at the northern end and suburban lots at the southern. Please report whether scheme meets with your approval
- PLAN subdividing of section 125 Block Rimutaka – Main Road Wairarapa – No 3 Line – Road to Whiteman's Valley – Wairarapa Railway Saved 23/08/2017 as IMG\_2247
- 13 June 1903 from Chief Surveyor to Lands and Survey department – Township of Bentinck upon consideration of the scheme I think it might be approved as it stands
- 19 June 1903 from Minister of Lands Authoring the laying off of the Main Streets in the Town of Bentinck Wellington Land District of a width of 66 feet. In pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 2 of "The Town Main Streets Act 1902" I Thomas Young Duncan Minister of lands do hereby authorise the laying off of the Main Streets in the Town of Bentinck Wellington Land District of a width of 66 feet instead of 99 feet as prescribed by section 17 of "The Land Act 1892"
- 30 June 1903 from Surveyor General to Chief Surveyor Township of Bentinck scheme approved and published in the New Zealand Gazette No 49 of 25<sup>th</sup> June 1903 page 1442
- 13 July 1903 from Chief Surveyor to Department of Lands and Survey Township of Bentinck scheme approved and published in the New Zealand Gazette No 49 of 25<sup>th</sup> June 1903
- 28 March 1903 from Chief Surveyor to Department of Lands and Survey Trentham Township (should be Bentinck) forwarding plan for Governor approval
- PLAN part of section 125 Hutt District Bentinck Township surveyor R R Richmond [Street named after him] of Mason & Richmond surveyors approved John Strauchan Chief Surveyor 28.3.04 – Main Road – Mungaroa Road or No 3 Line – Maclean Street – William Street – Melrose Street – Wallaceville Station – Wellington Napier Railway – Saved 23/08/2017/as IMG\_2248
- 05 April 1904 from Surveyor General to Chief Surveyor Trentham (Bentinck) subdivision of part of section 125 Hutt District – forwarding plan of Town of Trentham for approval – Trentham is not the name by which this subdivision is officially known (etc. Bentinck)
- 12 April 1904 from Chief Surveyor to Department of Lands and Survey – Bentinck Township subdivision of part section 125 Hutt District acknowledge name amended from Trentham to Bentinck
- 21 April 1904 Wellington His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to sign as approved the accompanying plan of Bentinck Township in terms of section 18 of "The Lands Act 1902" from Minister of Lands
- 28 April 1904 from Surveyor General to Chief Surveyor return plan of Bentinck for approval by the Governor
- PLAN Bentinck Township extension part Section No 125 Hutt District A1501 surveyed for H Savage & Co by Mason & Richmond April 1903 Approved John Strauchan Chief Surveyor 4-2-05 approved Henry Savage & Coy – Wellington Napier Railway – Mungaroa Road – Seddon Street – Wilford Street – Lane Street – Wallaceville Station – Wellington Napier Railway – Saved 23/08/2017 as IMG\_2249
- 03 February 1905 from Chief Surveyor to Surveyor General Bentinck Townships extension forward plan for Governor's approval. It is situated in Upper Hutt and adjoins Bentinck Township – Mungaroa Road (old 66 feet) – Seddon Street ( suggest 99 feet)
- 10 February 1905 from Surveyor General to Minister of Lands – Town of Bentinck Extension Wellington – recommend laying off of Seddon Street (as Main Street) in the Town of Bentinck extension width 66 feet
- 21 February 1905 from Minister of Lands Authorising the laying off of Seddon Street on the Town of Bentinck Extension of a width of 66 feet Department of Lands and Survey Wellington

– In pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 2 of “The Towns Main Street Act 1902” I Thomas Young Duncan Minister of Lands so hereby authorise the laying off of Seddon Street in the Town of Bentinck Extension Wellington Land District of a width of 66 feet instead of 99 feet as prescribed by section 17 of “The Land Act 1892”

- 11 February 1905 Wellington His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to sign as approved the accompanying plan of Bentinck Township Extension in terms of section 18 of “The Land Act 1892” signed Minister of Lands Duncan
- 13 March 1905 from Surveyor General to Chief Surveyor Bentinck Township Extension return plan approved by Governor

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ACGT 18190 LS1 1786 25/78 Township of Bentinck years not dated)*

Between 1903 and 1905 addition land on part of Section 125 was taken by the Railway Department under the Public Works Act 1894 for use near the Wallaceville Railway Station. The land was then owned by Lady Olivia Bentinck.

#### Correspondence records regarding Section 125

- 29 August 1903 = Land required for Railway Purpose A0 R1 P31.7 portion of section 125 situated in block I colour on plan green situated in Rimutaka S.D. Hutt County Council
- 11 September 1903 = The Chief Surveyor Wellington herewith I forward plans and schedule of land at Wallaceville proposed to be taken by Proclamation for Railway purpose. Will you kindly certify same and return to me
- 11 September 1903 = Surveyor E W Seaton description Land taken for Railway part section 125 Block I Rimutaka received Plan 2 tracings transfer sheet of notes schedule refer Mr W C Smith for examination J S Welch Chief Surveyor 15 September 1903
- 15 September 1903 = This form is very faint but covers most of the above information.
- 18 September 1903 = Records LT-A1501 Computers [sic] report on plan 274 W E W Seaton Authorised Surveyor & Documents recurved 1 plan 2 tracings 1 trace sheet 1 field note schedule & Land required for Railway purpose to be taken under Section Public Works Act 1894 & Plan tracings calculations and field notes agree & Road District not shown on plan or owner of section 125 & Plotting correct & Drafting correct & Plan agree with prior surveyor & Survey is based on Mr A P Masons survey of Section 125 (L.T. A.1501) adopting his value for peg II (at intersection of roads) and bearing & distance from II to ap at intersection of road and railway traverses & Closure nil & Area correct & Mr Richardson In Provisional record plans 24 October 1903 & Surveyor has added owners name & local district Plan may now be approved W C Smith & [various other notes and dates when completed and signed by officials]
- 19 October 1903 = From Department of Lands and Survey District Office Wellington to Messrs Seaton & Sladden Licenses Surveyors Brandon Street City Land for Railway Wallaceville – The name of the local district (Hutt County) and of the owner or occupier of the land taken should appear on the plan and tracings of above survey, which is otherwise ready for approval. These will be sent over to you if you wish, or you can put them on here signed John Shaucham Chief Surveyor
- 19 October 1903 = From New Zealand Railways District Engineers Office Wellington to Chief Surveyor Wellington Land at Wallaceville proposed to be taken for Railway purpose Kindly advise me when I may expect the plans sent you with my memo No 1439/27 on 10<sup>th</sup> ultimo back signed A C Koch District Engineer also signed Mr M C Smith please reply SS 23 October 1903
- 24 October 1903 = To A C Kock District Engineer NZ Railways Land at Wallaceville Railway Station In reply to your memo of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant I have the honour to return duly approved two tracings and schedule of the above signed Johns Straucham Chief Engineer
- 24 October 1903 = From District Land and Survey Office to E W Seaton authorised surveyor I have the honour to inform you that your plans of land required for railway purposes at Wallaceville has been examined and approved signed John Straucham Chief Surveyor
- 04 February 1904 = New Zealand Gazette cutting Additional Land at Wallaceville taken for the Purpose of the Wellington – Napier Railway – Ranfurly Governor A Proclamation – Whereas it has been desirable for the use convenience and enjoyment of the Wellington-Napier Railway to take further land at Wallaceville in addition to land previously acquired for the purpose of the said railway. Now therefore I Uchter John Mark, Early of Ranfurly, the Governor of the

Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by sections twenty eight and one hundred and sixty-seven of "The Public Works Act,1894" and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare for the purpose above mentioned – Schedule The parcel of land mentioned hereunder – Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken A0 R1 P 31.7 being portion of Section No. 125, Hutt situated in Block I situated in the Survey District of Rimutaka – In the Land District of Wellington; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked 12248, deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington and thereon coloured green. Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four signed J G Ward Minister for Railways – God Save the King

- 24 March 1904 = Schedule of Land required for Railway purposes to be taken under the Public Works Act A0 R1 P31.3 Section 125 Block I Rimutaka district coloured on plan green situated in the Borough of the Hutt County signed Edward Seaton
- 24 March 1904 = From Seaton & Sladden Wellington to the Chief Surveyor Wellington Sir We herewith beg to enclose on plan and 2 cloth copies of part section 125 block I Rimutaka taken under P.W.A. for Railway purposes also one transfer sheet and one schedule. As the plan is compiled from previous surveys entirely we are unable to furnish field notes. We are Sir Yours obediently Seaton and Sladden
- 28 March 1904 = Schedule and plan and document received plus notes re above records
- 18 April 1904 = Computers report on plan 322 – Seaton and Sladden Licensed Surveyors Received 1 plan 2 tracings transfer sheet schedule 31 March 1904 Object of Survey – Land required for Railway purpose Wallaceville to be taken under the Public Works Act 1894 plan & transfer sheet agree no fields notes require being compilation plotting correct drafting Fair. Title section 125 north part, freehold Lady Olivia Bentinck refer Vol 125/248 origin of survey compiled from office records Traverse closure nil area correct plan is ready for approval signed John Strauchaw Chief Surveyor [also other signatures and dates]
- 18 April 1904 = Records details written in previous schedules
- 18 April 1904 = From Chief Surveyor to Railway Lands Office coving the same subject
- 18 April 1904 = From Chief Surveyor to District Lands and Survey Office coving the same subject
- 18 April 1904 = From E W Seaton to Railway Land Office covering the same subject
- 26 May 1904 = New Zealand Gazette Additional Land at Wallaceville taken for the Purpose of the Wellington – Napier Railway – Ranfurly Governor A Proclamation – Whereas it has been desirable for the use convenience and enjoyment of the Wellington-Napier Railway to take further land at Wallaceville in addition to land previously acquired for the purpose of the said railway. Now therefore I Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by sections twenty eight and one hundred and sixty-seven of "The Public Works Act,1894" and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare for the purpose above mentioned – Schedule The parcel of land mentioned hereunder – Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken A0 R1 P 31.7 being portion of Section No. 125, Hutt situated in Block I situated in the Survey District of Rimutaka – In the Land District of Wellington; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked 12248, deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington and thereon coloured green. Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four signed J G Ward Minister for Railways – God Save the King

NOTE:- The file was signed off on 11 May 1905

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ADXS 19483 LS-W1 445 23196 Section 125 block 1 Rimutaka 1903-1905)

10 August 1908 - Upper Hutt Town Board

To Bommr,  
Lands Department Wellington

Sir

Original Section 125 Block I Rimutaka SD

The Hutt County Council is unable to supply any information as regards the subdivisions of this section. The plans have either never been filed by that body or are lost by its officers.

I have obtained the Lease of Sale plans of the "Trentham" and "Wallaceville" portions of the Section, and have now a tracing of the original subdivisions.

Can you conveniently supply the Board with an outline tracing of the further subdivisions according to D.P.'s 1497, 1648, 1649, 1650 & 1845?

Yours Faithfully

A J McCurdy

Town Clerk

[Stamped received 11 August 1908 by District Office Wellington and transferred to Chief Draftsman]

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District Office Wellington  
14 August 1908

A J McCurdy  
Town Clerk  
Upper Hutt

Subdivisions of section 125 Block I Rimutaka

In reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant I have the honour to inform you that we do not supply such tracings as you ask for free.

We can get the tracing made for you by a private draughtsman if you desire us to do so. The cost would be about £1.10.0.

J M Davis  
For the Chief Surveyor

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**1910-1920**

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