

## SECTION 81 Silverstream

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Owners & Settlers = 1840s James Taine (absentee) – 1848 Hemino or Cemino – 1852 Robert Wyeth – 1852 George Sykes – 1884 Government - 1950-1964 Geoffrey Benson McKiristry Hull  
Buildings = 1851 Barley Mow Inn – Cottages destroyed in 1858 flood and 13 drowned – 1876 first Railway line and bridge over Hutt River – 1942-1989 Silverstream Hospital – 1950 new Railway line for Rimutaka deviation [1954] - Department of Agriculture Quarantine – Silverstream Railway Museum – The Printing Museum Inc. - Land Fill – Sewage Pumping Station  
Subdivisions & Street = Gorge Road – Hutt Road (Ferguson Drive) – near County Lane

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### ORDER

Archives NZ Wellington LS-W64/9/29 [1] Undated note – Hood & Waterson 105 acres situated beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge abutting upon Section 81 and having some 9 chains frontage of the River Hutt between said Section 81 & Section 178

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### 1840-1850

#### Section No 81 Hutt Valley (Upper)

- This section was selected by James TAINE for James John TAINE the original owner of Preliminary Land order No 601
- J J TAINE transferred to HEMINO [sic] (or Cemino) 13<sup>th</sup> June 1848 Bo Rgy [sic] 325 150 acres Compensation awarded to J TAINE for this Land order

*(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 81 - Wellington Land Claims (1851-1852)

Claim Robert WYETH Wellington (410) Crown Grant 50 acres part Country section 81 Upper Hutt district ALSO part Country section 32 Lower Hutt district date 07 May 1852 No 267 Claim 410

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference LS-W 668 1 1-100 Wellington Land Claims Commissioners Reports 1-100 - October 1851 – April 1852)*

#### Section 81 - Wellington Land Claims (1851-1852)

Claim George SYKES Wellington (239) Crown Grant 50 acres part Country section 81 Upper Hutt district date 31 May 1852 No 323 Claim 239

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington reference LS-W 668 1 1-100 Wellington Land Claims Commissioners Reports 1-100 - October 1851 – April 1852)*

#### Section No 81 Hutt Valley (Upper)

- 50 Acres claimed by Robert WYETH claim No 410 Report No 267 Grant No 776 issued to 08<sup>th</sup> Robert WYETH dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 1853 (signed) G Grey delivered to Robert WYETH November 1855
- 50 Acres claimed by George SYKES Claim No 239 Report No 323 Grant No 777 issued to George SYKES dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 1853 (signed) G Grey delivered to George SYKES 30<sup>th</sup> March 1854

*(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)*

#### Section 81 = Deeds Index Map C Hutt District No 81 page 88 (Image 46)

*No - Receipt of Instrument – Nature of Instruction – Parties – Date of Instrument – Where recorded – Reference – Signature*

- 1186 - ¼to1 19 October 1858 – Mortgage – Wyeth to Martin – 18 October 1858 – 3 D101 – 3/688
- 1211 – 12 noon 28 October 1858 – Mortgage – Wyeth to Cemino – 06 December 1856 – 3 D130 – 3/688

- 1958 - ¼to4 09 February 1860 – Crown Grant – Robert Wyeth – 15 August 1853 – 1 G 181 – 3/688

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### 1858 Floods

Robert Wyeth's had cottages on his property Section 81. These cottages were swept away in the 1858 flood and 13 souls drowned. The families were renting the cottages from Robert Wyeth. Information about the flood and the victims is recorded in the miscellaneous section of the website documents

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## 1860-1870

Section 81 = Deeds Index Map C Hutt District No 81 page 88 (Image 46)

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- 1958 - ¼to4 09 February 1860 – Crown Grant – Robert Wyeth – 15 August 1853 – 1 G 181 – 3/688

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## 1870-1880

Section 81 = Deeds Index Map C Hutt District No 81 page 88 (Image 46)

*No - Receipt of Instrument – Nature of Instruction – Parties – Date of Instrument – Where recorded – Reference – Signature*

- 23907 – 10.30 01 May 1876 - Memorial of Proclamation – Government of New Zealand – 07 April 1876 – Reg. by deposit

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## 1880-1890

Section 81 = Deeds Index Map C Hutt District No 81 page 88 (Image 46)

*No - Receipt of Instrument – Nature of Instruction – Parties – Date of Instrument – Where recorded – Reference – Signature*

- 42023 – 2pm 05 December 1881 – Proclamation Lease – Sykes to Walsh – 29 November 1881 – 72 D 425

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**1884** – to Minister of Lands from Hutt County Council

> Hutt County Council Office

> 17 November 1884

> Sir I am instructed to ask you to place those portions of section No 36 Lower Hutt and No 81  
> Upper Hutt purchased by the late Provincial Government of Wellington in consequence of  
> deviation made in the main road under the control of the Hutt County Council. I enclose  
> herewith tracings shewing the pieces between the old and new road.

> I am Sir

> Your obedient servant

> William Jones Clerk Hutt County Council

NOTE - also written report on section 81 Crown Grant Robert Wyeth 15 August 1853, followed by other names but very faint and hard to read

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington ADXS 19480 LS-W2 40 1884/818 Under Secretary of Crown Grants Wellington as to Sections 36 and 81 Hutt date 01 December 1884)

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## 1940-1990

### 1942-1989 Silverstream Hospital 1942 to 1989

#### New Zealand Army

War Cabinet July 1941 approved construction of convalescent (rehabilitation) depot attached to Trentham Military Camp.

Construction began September 1941 Ministry of Works (prefab buildings)

#### Taken over by United States Navy

07 December 1941 Japanese attack at Hawaii

May 1942 hand over to United State Navy

Ministry of Works began to expanded facilities

June 1942 1<sup>st</sup> United States Marine Division arrived

08 August 1942 United States Navy Mobil Hospital No 6 arrived in New Zealand to occupy Silverstream for the next two years Commanding Officer Captain L Johnson & Executive Officer Captain Robert Winburly

September 1942 modification completed and first patient arrived

109 casualties arrived 08 September 1942 (only 1 died of combat wounds in the first six months)

1943 changed to base hospital No 4 Medical Officer T L Manning Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander C L Steele

1943 peak 1600 beds (40 nurses arrived)

10 May 1944 – 400 patients

16 May 1944 Hospital placed on inactive list

November 1944 Disbanded

#### Wellington Hospital Board

26 November 1944 - 180 patients arrived from Otaki

1945 – 200 patients Dr P B Benham first Medical Superintendent, M Langer the Nurse Matron & P Sharpin Chief Clerk

Major staff shortage due to war which continued into the 1960s

Long term immobile patients including tuberculosis, polio & orthopaedic patients

Followed by rehabilitation, disables and elderly patients (260 in 1980s)

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#### Publications

- *The History of Silverstream Hospital* by William BAYLY 1991
- *The History of Medical Dept. of the United States Navy in World War II* by Navmed
- *Medical Services in NZ and South Pacific* by T Duncan Stout Wellington 1958 (NZ)

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### 1950-1964 G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 extension Hutt District

Geoffrey Benson McKinstry HULL born 1874 New Zealand died 1954 New Zealand (never married)

#Geoffrey Benson McKiristry HULL born 1874 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1874 folio website 1874/43803 parents Margaret and William Frederick Hull

#Geoffrey Benson McKinstry HULL clerk & Amy Elizabeth HULL governess & Gerald Thomas Trevor mariner & Margaret HULL domestic duties & Norah Alicia teacher all residential at St George's Bay Road 1896 Parnell Electoral Roll Auckland

#Geoffrey Benson McKinstry accountant 36 Tinakori Road 1905-1906 & Clifton Terrace 1911 & 1914 Wellington North Electoral Roll

#Lieutenant Geoffrey Benson HULL service number 12704 NZFA New Zealand Field Artily

#Geoffrey Benson HULL accountant Silverstream 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll & 1946 Otaki Electoral Roll  
#Geoffrey Benson McKinstry HULL died 1954 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1954 folio website 1854/ age 79 born about 1875

09 August 1950 = Letter Ministry of Works to Department of Land and Survey

Re G B Bull's property Silverstream

This Department is at present negotiating for purchase of property containing 166 acres 0 rood 14.41 perches being part of Sections 81, 82 & 191 Hutt District owned by Mr G B Hull.

The property will be affected by the extension of the Hutt Valley Railways and also at some later date by motorway and highway proposals.

It is indefinite as to when the Department will enter on the property for constructing the railway but it will not be within the next 18 months and the motorway and highway proposals are quite indefinite.

Mr Hull employs a Manager to run the property and milks for the town supply. I understand the stock consists of two horses, 32 cows and young stock.

If the property is purchased it is proposed to hand it over to your Department to administer. It would of course be most desirable to keep the property in full production for as long as possible and it has therefore occurred to me that it may be preferable to purchase the stock and plant together with the property as a going concern rather than to have Mr Hull sell up his stock and plant and then have to re-stock the property. Possibly your Department might even desire to keep the Manager on the place in your employ.

Only a small portion of the property will be required for railway purpose and it may be that thereafter it could be farmed as a single unit until such time in the future as it is further affected by any proposed works. I am not in a position to say yet whether the property will be workable as an independent farm after the railway has been constructed.

Will you kindly consider the question as to whether you think the stock and implements should be purchased with the property and the Manager kept on.

As this question affects the negotiations with Mr Hull I should be glad of a reply as soon as possible

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*

27 September 1950 = Commissioner of Works to Department of Lands and Survey (brief)

I have to advise an agreement has now been reached with Mr Hull for the purchase of his property and settlement will take place in the near future.

The purchase includes the high pressure pump and motor on the property but does not include the milking machine or any other plant or machinery and also does not include any of the stock.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*

27 September 1950 = Rehabilitation Department to Department of Lands and Survey (brief)

Mr Scott examined property regarding the establishment of a temporary ex-serviceman share-milker, Mr G Cottle chairman of Wellington Rehabilitation Farming committee inspected property opinion was that the property could not be utilised because / new highway to Upper Hutt bisect the section adjoining St Patricks College / three houses on property are tenanted / milking plant not in good condition / Wairarapa Railway line also bisect a portion of the farm / access to areas has not been considered

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*

20 October 1950 = Department of Lands and Survey memorandum (brief)

Three houses on property, one occupied by Mr Hutt, one by the Manager, last one by a private family. Department will not be taking over Mr Hull's stock and plant. Suggestion that ex-serviceman J Brant butcher of Upper Hutt lease property for grazing

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*

31 October 1950 = Department of Lands and Survey memorandum (brief)

Question of Mr Hull carrying on for 18 months on property but owing to his advancing age and health he was desirous of disposing all of his interests in the property.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*

Crown took possession of the property on 01 December 1950

31 October 1950 = Department of Lands and Survey memorandum (brief)

Question of Mr Hull carrying on for 18 months on property but owing to his advancing age and health he was desirous of disposing all of his interests in the property.

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09 December 1959 = Ministry of Works (brief)

Proclamation NZ Gazette 28 May 1959 No 31 page 683 areas totalling 166 acres 0 roods 14.41 perches were taken for better utilization. The land formerly owned by G B Hull and a total compensation paid was £18,750. Portion of the said land has been set aside for railway purpose (Hutt Valley Duplication) and a substantial area is occupied by the Department of Agriculture and an area of approximately 26 acres is now surplus to Department requirements.

An assessment of the original purchase price of £18,750 indicates that flat land for a depth of two chains from the highway was valued at £400 per acre other flat land at £150 per acre and hill land £5 per acre.

An area of approximately 26 Acres referred to above contains approximately 1½ acres of the best flat land approximately 6 acres of the second class flat land and approximately 18½ acres of the hill land making a block value of the total area approximately £1,600.

An area approximately 1 acres 2 rood 10 perches being portion of the above land is leased to Mallaby Mills Limited and the balance is required by the Hutt County Council and the Upper Hutt Borough Council jointly as a controlled rubbish dump.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*

10 December 1959 = Ministry of Works (brief)

Leased land to Mallaby Mills Limited term five years from 15 June 1959 at £87.10s.0d per annum / Hutt County and Hutt River Board jointly desire to purchase land shown on plan

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAMX W3529 6095 box 70 22/4988 1 Hutt Valley extension G B Hull part section 81, 82 & 91 Hutt District 1950-1964)*