

## Halfway House - Shepherd Tavern / Inn - Criterion Hotel

Main Street & Russell Street Upper Hutt

<u>Year</u>	<u>Time Line</u>
1848	James Brown owner and proprietor of Halfway House
1850	James Brown owner and proprietor renamed hotel the Shepherd Tavern
1857	Matthew Sharley/Shirley was miss-reported as proprietor of Criterion Hotel
1858	James Brown confirmed as owner and proprietor of Shepherds Inn
1859	James Brown owner and proprietor renamed hotel the Criterion Hotel
1865	Criterion Hotel advertised for sale without James Brown knowledge
1867	Thomas Waldin purchased the Criterion Hotel
1867	John Martin was miss-reported as purchaser of the Criterion Hotel
1868	Thomas Waldin held licence for the Criterion Hotel
1868	Free Ball held at the Criterion Hotel
1869	Fire destroys Hotel's stables
1869	His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh had lunch at the Criterion Hotel
1871	James Brown original owner of hotel died 26 February 1871 Upper Hutt
1871	Andrew Brown was not the proprietor of Criterion Hotel
1875	Thomas Walden sold the Criterion Hotel
1875	Charles Harris applied for the licence of the Criterion Hotel
1875	James Martyn was proprietor of the Criterion Hotel
1876	Small fire in upstairs room with very little damage done to the Criterion Hotel
1876	Alexander Cornfoot was proprietor of the Criterion Hotel
1876	Robert Wheimeger was charged with threatening to set fire to the Criterion Hotel
1876	Joseph Ames was proprietor of the Provincial Hotel not the Criterion Hotel
1877	Thomas George Dugard was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel
1877	John Albert Chancy was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel
1878	Alexander McFarlane was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel
1878	Henry Border was the last proprietor of the Criterion Hotel
1881	Last license was not renew for the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt
1903	The former Hotel building was demolished

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### Newspaper article errors

1881	Charles Edward Short was proprietor of Provincial Hotel not the Criterion Hotel
1882	Provincial License transfer refused from Mr Short to Mr A/H Long not Criterion
1883	Charles Cudby granted license for Provincial Hotel not the Criterion Hotel

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### Businesses established in former Hotel Building

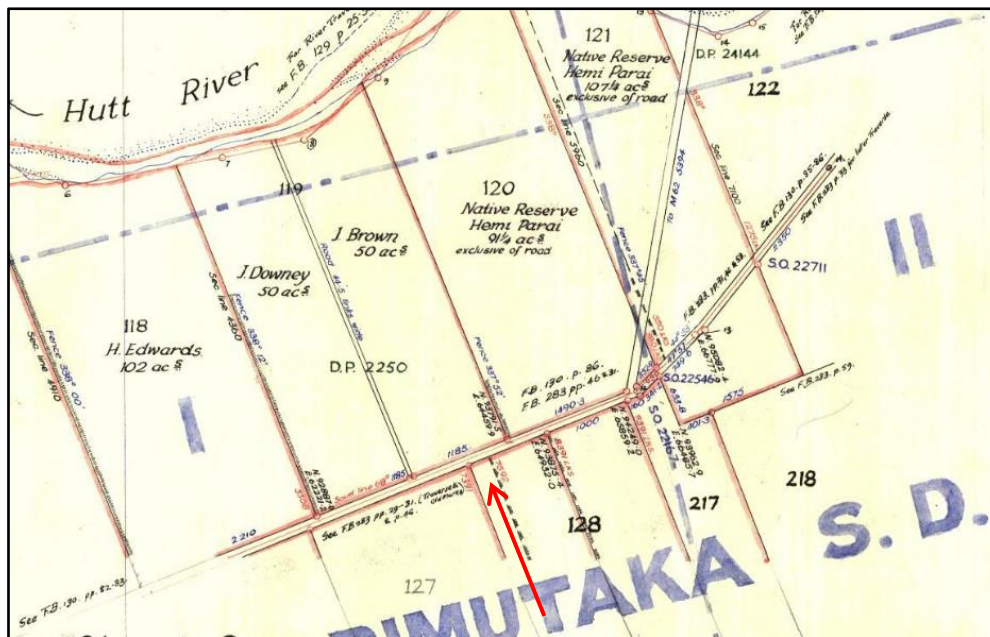
Wilkinson DOWNIE a tailor established a tailor shop on the left side of the former Criterion Hotel building. Date when shop was established is unknown.

John Benjamin DALTON a bookmaker established a cobblers shop on the right of the former Criterion Hotel building. Date when shop was established is unknown.

The Criterion Hall was established in the middle of the former Criterion Hotel building. The Criterion Hall was also known as Dalton's Hall. The first mention of the Hall was in 1894 when the Rifle Club ball was held at new Criterion Hall. As the newspaper article mention new then perhaps it was established around 1894.

The Criterion Hotel building was the only early hotel in the Upper Hutt district that was not destroyed by fire. The Hotel was built in 1848 and the former hotel building was demolished 55 years later in 1903.

## Section No 128 – Hotel Site



(Reference 1864MapUHTownJGillardWNC\_SO\_10985\_1\_4.jpg)

James BROWN was granted part of section 128 and 119. He built the hotel on part Section 128.

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 dwellings were built by James, with the assistance of his two sons George and James junior.

22 March 1848 [sic] 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 R24515953 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)

#### Halfway House – Thomas Waldin and family



(Reference Golders Cottage collection saved as IMG\_3104)

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 R24515900 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 1950.

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)*

[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)

Reminiscences of the Early Wairarapa Settlers by John Hall

[Mr Hall recalls his 1853 journey from wellington to the Wairarapa which includes passing through the Upper Hutt district – the article is blurry so I have only transcribed part of it]

“At this time the road was made as far as Barton’s gate Upper Hutt but had been formed as far as the fern ground to Petre’s mill some good while before and therefore a bog. Starting early in the morning we made good progress calling of course at the Traveller’s Rest Taita where Mr Buck gave us a cheering word at Barton’s gate we said we had come to the end of the then known world and plodded on to the Shepherd’s Arms where the Criterion Hotel now stands, Mr Brown we found true to his signboard clad in shepherd’s garb and very civil. Reaching what is now Cruickshank’s mill we had to mount on the flat above. From this to the Mungaroa River a line of road had certainly been laid off but the travelling baffles description. There had been a bridge over the river but it was washed away. This was the first bridge built between Lower Hutt and the Wairarapa. Mounting the north bank we had another mile of swamp before reaching Collin’s Hotel here we thought we had earned our dinner and had it. After refreshment and a little more swamp we reached the foot of the Monoroa [Mungaroa] hills. Here we were all right with a good side cutting all the way up but the descent was not so favourable as there were many flats with I may say no road. Mounting the Pakuratahi flat we had another mile of swamp before us. That done we reached the Golden Fleece, where Mrs Hodder welcomed us. We just took refreshment and started again. Crossing the Pakuratahi we were all tight again. Her we made tracks until within two miles of the Summit where dusk overtook us. There used to be a deserted blacksmith shop and roadmen’s whares which we burnt in later year here we took lodgings. [there are further details that I have not transcribed]

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 04 January 1884)

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)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook’s Strait Guardian newspaper 25 October - 02 December 1854

James Brown of the “*Shepherd Tavern*” Upper Hutt wishes to inform the Public and more specially the Wairarapa Settlers that he is prepared to transport goods from Wellington to his place being half way to Wairarapa at £4 per ton and find good storage till called for.

James Brown – 24 October 1854

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook’s Strait Guardian newspaper 25 October 02 December 1854)

New Zealand Spectator and Cook’s Strait Guardian 09-30 December 1854

Shingles for Sale. Apply to James Brown, *Shepherd Tavern*, Upper Hutt

09 December 1854

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook’s Strait Guardian 09-30 December 1854)

A later newspaper report (1915) on the first meeting of the Rose of Sharon Lodge on 25 April 1857 records "*The minutes of the first meeting show that the opening ceremony took place at Upper Hutt at the house of Matthew Sharley (?) sign of the Shepherd's Inn*".  
(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 February 1915)

The Brown family still held the license of the Criterion Hotel before and after 1857. Perhaps Matthew SHARLEY was employed by the Brown family at the Hotel. I located other records where the Matthew's surname was recorded as SHIRLEY.

The 1860 Militia Ballot recorded Mathew SHARLEY Upper Hutt publican.  
(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 March 1860)

Further information about Matthew SHIRLEY / SHARLEY is located at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 October 1858 to 29 January 1859

The Entire Draught Horse - Nuggett - Nugget was got by Sampson, out of draught Mare, from Tasmania, both Sire and Dam, and is allowedly competent judges to be the best stock ever imported into this Colony. Nugget stands fifteen hands three inches high, colour black, and is possessed of great strength and muscular power, and has proved himself a sure foal getter. Nugget will stand at the Nag's Head Wellington every Saturday, at Whitewood's Hotel River Hutt every Monday, at Brown's Shepherd's Inn Upper Hutt every Thursday, and at the stables of the undersigned during the remainder of the week. Terms £3 3s for single Mares, an allowance made for three or more Mares, the property of one person, payable on the first of January 1859.

JOB MABEY Taita Hutt – 19 October 1858

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 October 1858 to 29 January 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 & 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 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 March to 06 May 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 – 06 September 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 06 September 1859)

Wellington Independent newspaper 11 October - 1859

To cover this Season - The Entire Draught Horse – Nugget

Nugget was got by Sampson, out of an imported Draught Mare from Tasmania, both Sire and Dam, and is allowed by competent judges to be the best Stock ever imported into this colony. Nugget stands fifteen hands three inches high, colour black, and is possessed of great muscular power, and has proved himself a sure foal getter.

Nugget will stand at the Nag's Head Wellington every Saturday, at Jillett's Hotel Hutt Bridge every Monday, at James Brown's *Criterion Hotel* Upper Hutt every Tuesday, at the Half-Way House W Clapham's Porirua Road every Thursday, and at the Stables of the undersigned during the remainder of the week.

Term's, £3 for single Mares, an allowance made for three or more mares, the property of one person, payable on or before the first day of January 1800, and the Groom's Fee of three shillings per mare at the time of covering.

Job Mabey Taita Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 11 October 1859)

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 24 February 1860

(To the Editor of the Wellington Independent)

Upper Hutt 24th January 1860

Sir, - Having: occasion a few days since travel to the Wairarapa, I stayed for rest and refreshment for self and horse, at the *Criterion Hotel*, Upper Hutt, and my motive for addressing you upon the subject, is for the information of travellers, that they may know where they may find good horse accommodation, civility, cleanliness with every comfort and attention, and more moderate charges than I have met with throughout my travelling in New Zealand.

From the pleasantness of the prospect and the comfortable accommodation I was tempted to stay a day, instead of a few hours as I intended. And as many of your readers may be as ignorant of the Host and his accommodation, as I was, a slight description may not be uninteresting, and will illustrate the inducements for travellers and pleasure parties to visit the Hotel. There are 14 very comfortable bedrooms, 5 sitting rooms, and a commercial room, second to none in Port Nicholson, with paddocks for cattle also for cricket with bats, stumps, &c, quoit ground and skittle alley.

Pleasure parties would find everything here for a good day's amusement and to those about to marry would find it a delightfully quiet and pleasantly retired spot to spend the Honey Moon. I remain, Your obedient servant - A Traveller

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 24 February 1860)

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)

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 August 1860

On Friday evening the 03<sup>rd</sup> instant a supper and ball was held at Mr Brown's the *Criterion Hotel* Upper Hutt. Mine host provided an excellent spread and kept his company who were numerous well supplied during the night with tea, coffee, cakes &c. He appeared perfectly happy at the patronage he was receiving from his friends and his friends appeared to perfectly appreciate his entertainment an attention.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 August 1860)



Wellington Independent newspaper 16 October 1860 (and other dates)

To cover this Season - The Powerful Cart Stallion - Prince Charlie

This well-known Entire is a Bright Bay, stands 16½ hands high, on short legs, is unequalled to symmetry and action, and has proved himself a sure foal getter. Was got by Charlie, out of an imported Mare. Will stand for the Season at the following places

Monday's - Mr McIntosh's, New Zealander Hotel Wellington

Tuesday's - Mr Clapham's, Half-Way House Porirua Road

Wednesday's & Thursday's Mr Valentine's, Whitewood's Hotel, Hutt

Friday's - Mr Brown's, Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

Terms - Single Mares £3 3s and an allowance made for two or more Mares the property of one person.

All fees to be paid on or before the 01<sup>st</sup> January 1861, to Mr McIntosh, Wellington, or Mr Valentine, Hutt

Wellington, 11 October 1860

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 October 1860)*

Around the same time period a Michael George Brown was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel in Wellington. While here at the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt James BROWN was the proprietor.

Wellington Independent newspaper 16-19 April 1861

Notice

Mr James BROWN desire to inform his Friends and the Public that a Ball will take place at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on Friday evening next 19<sup>th</sup> April when he will be happy to meet as many of his well wishes who can make it convenient to attend and will endeavour to do his utmost for their comfort.

An excellent Quadrille Band will be engaged.

Dancing to commence at eight o'clock. Single Tickets 3s each, tickets to admit two 6s, to include refreshments so as to be within the means of every one who would wish to spend a pleasant evening's recreation.

16 April 1861

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 April 1861)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 26 August 1862 (plus other dates)

Notice

The undersigned having purchased the good will of the Upper Hutt Mail Cart from Lot Cross trusts by attending strictly to business, that the public will patronize him. The conveyance will start from Mr James Brown's Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt at quarter to seven in the morning, to meet the van at Whitewood's Hotel and will wait for the van from Wellington in the evening.

Joseph Hall 26 August 1862

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 26 August 1862)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 09 October 1862 (plus other dates)

To stand this Season at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

The Cart Stallion Punch by England's Hope out of an imported mare from Tasmania.

Terms £3 10s an allowance made for two or more mares the bona-fide property of the same party. Good paddocks provided, but without responsibility. Payment to be made on 01<sup>st</sup> of January 1863

James Brown 08 October 1862

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09 October 1862)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 20 December 1862

Brown's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt Christmas Ball

The public are respectfully informed that the usual Christmas Ball will take place at the above Hotel on Boxing Day Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> December and that nothing will be left undone to secure the comfort and accommodation of visitors.

An excellent quadrille band has been engaged and refreshments of the best description will be provided for the occasion.



Double tickets to admit a lady and gentleman 7 s single tickets 4s each  
A Marquee has been erected on the grounds adjoining the Hotel thrown open to the public for outdoor amusements

James Brown Proprietor – God Save the Queen – 17 December 1862

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 20 December 1862)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 10 March 1863

For Sale – 10 superior Draught and Saddle Hoses broke to saddle and harness.

Apply to James Brown Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt 09 March 1863

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 10 March 1863)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 August 1863

Inquest – On Wednesday last an inquest was held at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on the body of Edward Hauley who came by his death by drowning in the Hutt River on Sunday last the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant. It appears from the evidence that the deceased was in search of some cattle on the west side of the river in the neighbourhood of the Fern Ground and on his return to the east side when about half way across the ford either from the strength of the current or his foot slipping he fell down and soon was drawn into the rapids which carried him into deep water when he sunk. This was witnessed by a fellow workman who from the position of the rapids could not attempt his rescue without ascending and descending a bank in the hopes of saving him as he came past but the deceased had gone to the bottom before the witness had reached the spot. The evidence being clear the jury returned a verdict if “accidentally” drowned in the Hutt River.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 August 1863)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 17 September 1863

The Pauper's Funeral

Sir - I regret you should be troubled again on the subject of the Pauper's Funeral, but seeing a letter in your Saturday's issue signed by James Cruickshank calculated to mislead the public. I beg to state the deceased was engaged by Mr Cruickshank, and acknowledged to have been his servant at the inquest, also, Mr Cruickshank there stated he owed the deceased 2 day's pay, and I would ask whose were the cattle he was going for? The strong advice which he states was made use of by the man in charge of his place did not come out in evidence, neither does it appear to be known by anyone but himself. Mr Cruickshank, also, states it could not have been much above an hour from the time the body was found until it was conveyed to the nearest public house. I beg to state from the time the body was found until brought to my house, more than 3 hours had elapsed. I am sorry to say this is not the first or second funeral that has taken place in this district, equally disgraceful to its inhabitants. Long residents and old settlers have been buried equally as disrespectful. The coffin had not a particle of calico or any kind of lining to it, this poor fellow was placed in it in his clothes just as he was found, and no kind of name or inscription on the outside. I am, &c.

James Brown Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 17 September 1863)*

In the early years of settlement inquest were held in local hotels. The hotels were also a popular place to hold meetings for various local organisations.

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 October 1863

To Builders and Carpenters

Tenders will be received for Building a Chapel [St Joseph's] in the Second Valley Upper Hutt near the Criterion Hotel. The specifications are to be seen and the tenders to be left at the Catholic Chapel House River Hutt - 22 October 1863

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 October 1863)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 24 March 1864

Wellington Races - First Day

The success which has attended this meeting, now revived after a lapse of several years, will be satisfactory in the highest degree to the patrons of that good old English sport horse racing. Many of our readers will remember how in the ancient days the Wellington Races, were held in

the neighbourhood of the city at Burnham Water, and when that meeting fell into desuetude, its place was to some extent supplied by the annual sports at the Hutt. Some three years ago, even that resource failed, and so it happened that in a district celebrated for its breed of horses, and boasting "crack riders" innumerable, the turf bade fair to become a forgotten institution. Matters took a turn at last for the better, and some weeks ago a number of gentlemen determined to revive the Hutt meeting once more, and to make certain of success, our city sporting men joined with those resident in the locality, in carrying out the object in view. Thus it came to pass that the sports we are about to describe, were called the "*Wellington Races*", and as such we hope to chronicle them in many a future year. The weather on Tuesday was bright and clear, with a slight, yet bracing breeze, and as the sun rose, shedding its warmth and cheering influence, hosts of "early birds" bent on being in time, started, from the city, some on horseback and others in every available vehicle that could be pressed into service. Somewhat later, the Hutt vans also started, as full as they could be crammed. After a pleasant and lively drive, Valentine's Hotel was reached, at which famous hostelry everything was excitement and bustle from the constant succession of arrivals. Shortly after 10 o'clock, a start was made for the course, which was about a mile and a half distant in the direction of the sea. It was excellently adapted for flat racing, and presented an almost unbroken circle of a mile of smooth turf, somewhat hardened by the recent dry weather. The centre was occupied, by the refreshment booths, conspicuous amongst which was that of Mr J Browns of the Criterion Hotel, which had an excellent and roomy stand built on the top, from which a view of the whole course could be obtained. There were, however, plenty other caterers of refreshments, who had pitched their tents as well, and Messrs Buckeridge, Valentine, Downes, and Thompson, all were busy ministering to the wants of the hungry and thirsty souls present. Immediately opposite to, and a few yards from the tents, was the weighing enclosure and judge's stand, where Messrs Hickson, Collins, and Crawford were busily engaged in the duties of their office. The tout ensemble of the whole scene was exceedingly gay and picturesque. Not less than from 800 to 1000 people were present, though from the size of the course, the number did not seem so many, and a merry happy crowd were they all.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 24 March 1864)*

It was not mentioned where the Wellington races were held but as the article mentioned Mr J Brown of the Criterion hotel this was Upper Hutt hotel. At this time John Eades Bannister held the license for the Criterion Hotel in Wellington.

Wellington Independent newspaper 12 April 1864

Wanted for the Country

A Female General Servant or a Married Couple without encumbrance the later preferred.

Apply to Mrs Brown Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt 11 April 1864

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 12 April 1864)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 14 April 1864

Blessing of a New Catholic Chapel at the Upper Hutt.

On Sunday the 10th instant, the ceremony of blessing a new Catholic church at the Upper Hutt, under the patronage of St Joseph, was performed by his Lordship the Right Rev Dr Viard, Bishop of Wellington, assisted by the very Rev J J P O'Reilly, VG, and the Rev Father Seon. The weather being fine a numerous congregation was present, including many Maories. The very Rev Father O'Reilly addressed the congregation with his usual eloquence alluding to the great satisfaction the Catholics of that district must feel at having a place wherein they could enjoy the advantages of the Catholic worship, by which their great pecuniary sacrifices, in which they had been liberally aided by their Protestant Brethern, were fully repaid. At the collection the sum of £9 10s was gathered, and any further donation will be thankfully received to cover a small debt still existing, and for the future embellishment of the chapel. It would be impossible to pass over the generous hospitality of Mr J Brown of the Criterion Hotel, who provided an unexpected dinner for upwards of one hundred persons. During dinner the conversation naturally turned upon the site of the Chapel (a precious gift of the Hon Mr Petre) and on the architecture and workmanship of the building, which were all highly approved of and indeed, most competent judges have pronounced the work of the builder, Mr H Wrigley, to be quite unexceptional. The

building will be used for a time as a Public School, which was opened the next day, under a well-qualified master.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 April 1864)

Wellington Independent newspaper 13 September 1864 (plus other dates)

To Stand this Season - The Thorough-Bred Entire Horse - Sir Watkin

Sir Watkin is a dark brown, stands 15½ hands high, 4 years old. By Pursion out of Vesta, (imported by Captain Russell, of New South Wales). Pursten got by Flying Dutchman cut of Cruiskeen Lawn by Argiris. Her dam Braady-Bet, by Canteen out of Bigotini by Thunderbolt, Flying Dutchman by Bay Middleton out of Barbelle, dam of Van Tromp. Vesta, by Sir Watkin out of Old Vesta, half-sister to Jerrocks by Egremont, out of Lady Cordelia. Blood, second to none ever imported into New Zealand.

Will stand at Valentine's Whitewood's Hotel Hutt, every Tuesday and Wednesday the remainder of the week, at the proprietor's stables, Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt.

Fee - Five guineas per mare, to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1865. Paddocks provided for mares at the Upper Hutt, at 2s per week, but without responsibility.

James Brown, Proprietor.

(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 September 1864)

Wellington Independent newspaper 17 January 1865

Important Notice - For Sale one of the most valuable Properties in the Province

Mr W Robertson has been favoured with instructions from the proprietor James Brown, Esq. to offer for private sale, that well known Hostelrys situate at the Upper Hutt. The Criterion Hotel, Containing spacious Bar, Parlours, Dining and Sitting Rooms, 20 superior Bedrooms, Stabling for thirty horses, large yard, with Blacksmiths shop and tools complete, and a well of good water. Also Fifty acres fine rich land partly fenced in. There is on this land a public pound near to the Hotel. This splendid property is also situated in the centre of five large saw mills, is in the direct overland route to Wairarapa and no less than ten mails per week stay at this well-known House, which is now in full business. The only reason this beautiful property is for sale is in consequence of the proprietor's ill-health. The Property is Freehold. Price very moderate - Terms Liberal 16 January 1865.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 17 January 1865)

[To the Editor of the WELLINGTON INDEPENDENT.]  
Wellington, 17th January, 1865.  
SIR,—Observing in your issue of this morning that a Mr Robertson has advertised for private sale the **Criterion Hotel** and Land, at the Upper Hutt, belonging to me, I have to request that you will withdraw the said advertisement, as it has been inserted without my knowledge or consent.  
I am, Sir,  
Your's respectfully,  
**JAMES BROWN.**

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 January 1865)

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 January 1865

To the Editor of the Wellington Independent

Wellington 17<sup>th</sup> January 1865

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I am Sir Your's respectfully James Brown

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 19 January 1865)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 09 March 1865

Mrs C F Evereste, the Popular Authoress, Reader, Lecturer, and Delineator of Shakespearian Character, will give her new, original and unrivalled Drawing- Room Entertainment.

Assisted by Mr W Ryan, the celebrated comedian Shakespearian reader, and personifies of character in all its phases

And Mr Medwin Vignolles, Mechanics Institute Hutt, Friday next, 10 March - Paris in 1793

Song "Seven ages of Man" Mr W Ryan Selections from Shakespeare A pair of pigeons

Instrumentalist Mr CF Evereste Agent Mr Williams Reserved Seats 5s Unreserved Seats 3s

On Saturday and Monday evening at Brown's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09 March 1865)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 April 1865

On Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> instant a public meeting called for the purpose of hearing the opinions of intending candidates on things in general was held at Mr Brown's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt where upwards of seventy persons attended when after some discussion, Mr Morgan was requested and consented to stand.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 April 1865)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 06 May 1865 (plus other dates)

Wanted a Female general servant - Apply to Mrs Brown, Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

Wanted a good general Blacksmith none but a good horse-shoer need apply - Apply to James Brown Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 06 May 1865)*

New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 08 July 1865 1865

California Circus will perform at Mr Browns Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on Monday evening next 10 July for one night only

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 08 July 1865 1865)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 10 October 1865 (plus other dates including 1866)

The Horse Sir Watkin will stand at Whitewood's Hotel Hutt on Mondays and Thursdays at the New Zealander Hotel (Wellington) every Tuesday and Wednesday the remainder of the weeks at the proprietor's stables Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt – James Brown Proprietor

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 10 October 1865)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866

A Trip to the Wairarapa

The Silver Stream is the next object of interest which by the way would be all the better for having a good substantial bridge placed across it. On nearing Mr Barton's property the view along the road is very pretty and the long vista that stretches before you puts you in mind of passing through some nobleman's park in the old country.

Several new churches have recently been erected in Upper Hutt and appear to be substantial good buildings.

Passing the Highland Home Inn we reach Brown's Criterion Hotel where a change of horses is affected. The passengers here got down and their appetites having been whetted by their pleasant drive proceeded to investigate what mine host had provided for the occasion. On entering a long room they find the table covered with a clean white cloth and knives and forks laid for all who wish to partake of dinner. There is roast and boiled beef, roast mutton, and vegetables of all kinds. Mine host invites all to take their seats and is soon busily engaged in serving his customers. I had forgotten to mention the mail but mine host did not forget to recommend I got those he was serving. After enjoying a hearty dinner and whilst paying the reckoning a voice was heard outside calling out "all aboard" when a general rush was made to the trap. All being seated off we started and jogged merrily along

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 27 January 1866)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 30 August 1866 (plus other dates)

For Sale - The Thorough Bred Entire Horse – Sir Watkin – For particulars as to pedigree see New Zealand Stud Book Volume 2 page 45

Apply to James Brown Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt 29 August 1866

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 30 August 1866)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 November 1866 (plus other dates including 1867)

To Hotel-Keepers and others - For Sale - The Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

This most Commodious Hotel is situated in the Upper Hutt, about twenty miles from the city of Wellington, and for accommodation is not surpassed in the province. This Hotel contains

A capacious bar, with all the necessary fixtures

13 double and single bedrooms

3 sitting-rooms

1 dining-room 30 x 18

A large and convenient kitchen and all the necessary outhouses

Together with 3 stables containing 22 stalls

Adjoining which there is a Blacksmith's Shop, with all the necessary tools complete, shoes, iron, coal, &c, &c

The hotel and stable, &c, are in good order and insured till May next (1867)

Also 20 Acres of Land, on which this valuable property is built, all cleared and laid down in English grasses. The reason for the proprietor wishing to dispose of this valuable estate is owing to continued ill-health caused by a severe accident which entirely incapacitates him from again resuming business. For any person wishing to do an exceedingly lucrative business this is an opportunity that should not be lost.

For further particulars, apply to James Brown, Proprietor (on the Premises)

Or to Williams Hickson & Son Wellington 21 November 1866

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 November 1866)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 June 1867 (also other dates)

Messrs W Hickson and Son – On Thursday 04 July at 2 o'clock at their Sale Rooms Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 June 1867)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 22 October 1867 (plus other dates)

To stand this season – The imported pure bred Clydesdale horse curate will travel as follows – Tuesday Brown and Ross's stables Wellington, Thursday Whitewood's Hotel Lower Hutt, Friday J Brown Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, the remainder of the week at the owner's stables Taita.

Terms £3 per mare. All fees payable on or before the 01<sup>st</sup> January 1868

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 22 October 1867)*

Information in a later publication stated that in 1867 the Duke of Edinburgh stayed the night at the Criterion Hotel but this is incorrect. The Duke of Edinburgh only had lunch at the Criterion Hotel and it was in 1869.

Further information about James BROWN is located at the end of this document under the heading "People connected to the Criterion Hotel".

In 1867 Thomas WALDEN became the owner and proprietor of the Criterion Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1867

Yesterday the Messrs Hickson sold by auction at their sale-rooms, the Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt to Mr T Walden for the sum of £900

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 October 1867)*

The above newspaper recorded the purchaser of the Criterion Hotel as Mr Thomas Waldin but the newspaper below recorded the purchaser as Mr John Martin.

Wellington Independent newspaper 31 October 1867

Sale by Auction – The Criterion Hotel at the Upper Hutt with twenty acres of land laid down in grass was sold on Tuesday last by Messrs W Hickson and Son on account of the proprietor Mr James Brown. The purchaser was Mr John Martin who paid £900 for the lot. The stock and fixtures were taken at a valuation.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 31 October 1867)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 19 November 1867 was still advertising the Criterion Hotel for Auction but the previous newspapers stated it was sold.

It was Mr Thomas WALDIN who became the owner and proprietor of the Criterion Hotel in 1867 not Mr John MARTIN.

Further information about John MARTIN is located at the end of this document under the heading “*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*”.

Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1868

Felony

Samuel Brasneham, James Stewart and George Peek were brought in from the Hutt and placed in the dock charged with stealing a quantity of clothing the property of Jacob Frankel from the premises of Mr Thomas Waldin.

Constable Lyster deposed to arresting the prisoners Peek and Brasneham on the 08<sup>th</sup> instant and to finding in a fowl house on their premises a paper box containing half a dozen Crimean shirts in a hedge within eight feet of the dwelling house occupied by prisoners, discovered an oil cloth, strap and another broken paper box, in the evening of the same day arrest Stewart near the Rimutaka and found in his swag a pair of Bedford cord trousers, a pair of doeskin trousers, a coat, two Crimean shirts and other articles (All the articles produced).

Mr Thomas Waldin licensed victualler keeping the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt stated that the prisoners were at his house in the evening of the 07<sup>th</sup> instant and remained till nearly midnight, a man named Frankel, a hawker was in the house at the time and the next morning complained that he had lost some things out of his cart, a search was immediately instituted and information given to the police.

Jacob Frankel identified the property found as that he had lost and valued it at £25. This concluded the evidence and the prisoners Stewart and Brasneham were fully committed for trial at the next criminal sittings of the Supreme Court. Peek was discharged from custody.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1868)*

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

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

Evening Post newspaper 20 April 1868 (plus other dates)

Wanted a Respectable female Servant – Apply to Mrs Wardin Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 April 1868)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 29 December 1868

A Free Ball will be held at Walden's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

On Tuesday Evening the 20<sup>th</sup> instant

Coffee and Sandwiches at 11 pm

Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock

An efficient Band will be in attendance.

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 29 December 1868)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 29 January 1869 (plus other dates)

Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt - Thomas WALDIN Proprietor

Well fenced paddocks and good stabling renders the Hotel really an accommodation hour to traveller's drovers and equestrians generally, while the public and private sitting rooms and clean well-aired and snug bedrooms afford to families and others all the comforts of a home with all the conveniences of a well-appointed Hotel

Coaches start daily at 7 am for Wellington returning in the afternoon Fares 2s  
Wines, Ales and Spirits of the best brands always on hand  
Charges Moderate – 14 January 1869

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 29 January 1869)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 16 February 1869

John Petersen was charged with unlawfully assaulting George Hall.

Complainant a blacksmith at the Hutt deposed He was riding up the Hutt road at Walden's Criterion Hotel on Friday night the 12<sup>th</sup> instant with a young man named Thomas Witt who was breaking a colt for him, witness went to the door and called for a drink for him, and prisoner came out of the door and said "Well Mr Hall this is between our two selves get off", witness got off, went in and had a drink and got on the horse and prisoner said, "I'll pay you the 4s and give it to him and began blackguarding him sating he could have got the work cheaper done in town. Witness went then to Mungaroa and came back again to Walden's where he met prisoner who again commences blackguarding him. After remaining there some time witness and the young man went away. Prisoner came after them, and after some more threatening language took a rail out of the fence and knocked them both off their horses. Witness was insensible for some hours (rail produced, about 12 feet long). Witness was hit on the head, and received a severe wound. By prisoner I did not pitch into you with a horsewhip. Constable Lyster, of the Upper Hutt, deposed, On Friday evening last he was on duty at the Upper Hutt at 9.30, when he saw prisoner, George Hall, and a man named Martin near Walden's. Martin was drawing off his shirt. They were having some words. Witness interfered, and they went away. About five minutes afterwards from information received witness followed them and found George Hall insensible and covered with blood and a large wound on his head. Witness went in search of Petersen and arrested him between 12 and 1 o'clock in a shed behind his house. He was crouched down with an axe. Witness was in company with others and called out to him to surrender. He did so. Witness told him what he was charged with. He said he did not know. Witness looked him up. Witness brought the rail in. It was opposite Peterson's door. Prisoner said in his defence he did not remember anything much about it. Constable Lyster gave prisoner a good character for four years in the district, and said he believed this was from drink. His Worship said he would deal summarily with the case and fine prisoner £10, or in default commit him for two calendar months.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 February 1869)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 16 April 1869

Fire – We hear with regret that the stables adjoining the Criterion Hotel in the Upper Hutt were completely demolished by fire on Wednesday night [14<sup>th</sup> April]

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 16 April 1869)*

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 1869 the stables adjoining the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt were burnt to the ground and most of the contents where saved. This was just before His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited Upper Hutt and went for lunch at the Criterion Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 16 April & 13 May 1869

On arrival in Upper Hutt his Royal Highness and suite lunched at the Criterion Hotel having graciously invited the captain of the escort, Captain Fitzherbert to join him, whilst his Excellency the Governor took care that the troopers were most liberally entertained. After lunch H.R.H. and suite escorted by Captain Fitzherbert with a few men, proceeded two miles further up as far as Silverstream and then returned to town the escort accompanying him to the Hutt Bridge where they were dismissed, H.R.H. thanked them for highly on their appearance and conduct.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 April 1869)*

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 14<sup>th</sup> instant. 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 15 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 & 13 May 1869)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 September 1869

Hotel Accommodation

Mr Walker the well-known Wellington carrier has become the lucky purchaser of the Volunteer Hotel, at Greytown, and he contemplates making considerable improvements in it. Though there are a large number of public houses on the road between Wellington and the Wairarapa, and in the townships situated within this district, the accommodation travellers receive, as a rule, is not of the best description. In former times, if the hotels were less imposing, the hospitality and the welcome were much more hearty than that which now obtains. Walker's Volunteer Hotel at Greytown, Feast's Royal Hotel at Featherston, and Walden's Criterion Hotel, at the Upper Hutt, are exceptions to this rule, and the latter has become a sort of half-way house for Wairarapa settlers, where they leave their horses while they proceed by bus to town to transact their business.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 September 1869)*

Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1870

Upper Hutt Militia Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

The members of this corps met this forenoon, at the range adjoining Mr Waldin's Criterion Hotel, to compete for a splendid breach-loading Enfield rifle, presented by their captain, James Cruickshank's, Esq. Eight competitors fired. We subjoin a list of the result.

George Whiteman	35	Wm Kay	32
Peter Atkin	29	A Cruickshank's	39
Francis Whiteman	37	Ed Butler	22
Wm Sinnox	20	John Whiteman	50

John Whiteman, as will be seen, carried off the prize, his firing being very good. Afterwards the members had a scratch match four on each side. I may mention that amongst the scores there were two 44's, one 43, one 41, and one 40. In both contests live rounds were fired at 300, 400, and 500 yards respectively. Mr F Whiteman distinguished himself by making five bulls eye 3 at 400 yards in succession during the last event. The Hutt men are pleased, but by no means elated, at this success, and I would suggest to our Wellington friends the desirability of a friendly contest between their respective corps. Two busses start and return daily from and to the range at the hotel, and a little healthy emulation may do much good, but in any case can do no harm to our colonial defence scheme as it at present exists.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1870)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1870

A public meeting was held at the Highland Home Upper Hutt on Saturday evening for the purpose of the householders of the Hutt district (commencing from Mr Waldin's Criterion Hotel) contesting their right to obtain the school rates in their half of the district for the support of a school lately opened by them and now under the charge of the Rev D Desbois. Mr James Cruickshank's occupied the chair and after a few introductory remarks explanatory of the object of the meeting, Mr Ashton proposed and Mr Hooper seconded a motion to the effect already indicated. On a show of hands eleven in a meeting of about thirty persons were held up in favour of the motion to which in fact no opposition was offered, but the silence if the householders in the lower part of the district cannot be interpreted as acquiescing in the results as we understand they hold the meeting to have been informally conceded and consequently illegal.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 May 1870)*

#### Wellington Independent newspaper 02 June 1870

Upper Hutt – The Taita Volunteers and the Upper Hutt Militia had a rifle competition Monday last at the range next to the Criterion Hotel which resulted in favour of the former. Subjoined are the particulars. Upper Hutt Militia

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 02 June 1870)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 02 June 1870

##### Upper Hutt

On Monday the Taita volunteers (Captain Whitewood's company) presented themselves at the rifle range, Upper Hutt, to fire a match, by invitation, with the militia of the latter district, commanded by Capt. Cruickshank's. The Taita Rifle-rangers, as will be seen by the subjoined list of the shooting, were victorious by 28 points, and my discrimination is not sufficiently nice to determine whether the victors by their modesty, or the vanquished by the manner in which they accepted the result of their facing fearful odds for the ashes of their fathers and the temple of his gods, is to be commended. The Hutt man afterwards entertained their foes to a sumptuous dinner, in Mr Waldin's Criterion Hotel, who fully deserved the compliments tendered by Capt. Cruickshank's when proposing his health, as his arrangements, especially those appertaining to the culinary department, were creditable in the extreme. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Captain Cruickshank's proposed The Taita Volunteers, and said he fully anticipated defeat, but he attached paramount importance to rifle practice; and he hoped that a little competition, with its consequent excitement, would stimulate to action lethargic members of his company. Captain Whitewood, in responding, said that he could scarcely do justice to the courtesy which he and his men had received, and that he had never seen a better spirit exhibited among competitors, an expression which I have the greatest pleasure in endorsing. Several other toasts followed, amongst which was The Press, (by Mr Burt) coupled with the name of Mr Cameron, who, in responding, assured the citizen soldiers that the Press was always ready to back the exhibition of

patriotism. A very harmonious evening was spent, Mr Hedges, of the Hutt, contributing in particular thereto by his admirably executed recitations:

Upper Hutt Militia	300	400	500	TI
W Fulsher	13	11	4	28
F Whiteman	16	12	12	40
G Whiteman	16	14	10	40
J Whiteman	18	17	8	43
W Whiteman	8	5	15	28
A Cruickshank's	13	18	11	42
Peter Atkin	17	16	17	50
G Brown	11	15	10	36

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Taita Volunteers

W Welsh	14	12	13	39
J Hurst	18	16	16	50
J Eton	16	15	13	44
W Greenwood	16	15	13	44
J Smith	17	15	13	45
G Hales	16	17	9	42
C Every	18	12	12	42
R King	15	6	8	29

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*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 02 June 1870)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 22 October 1870

Beware – A robbery was committed at Mr Walden's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt and the perpetrator has been traced to the Wairarapa.

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 22 October 1870)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 10 December 1870

Railway line to Wairarapa – by John Rochfort

In obedience to Mr Blackett's recent instructions I yesterday examined the pass directly at the back of the Criterion Hotel with a view of finding a lower part of the hill than at Mr Cruickshank's. Already a tramway exists over it but it would require almost exactly the same depth of cutting and much longer and would in addition being lower down, leave a greater fall to the level land of the Hutt by fifty feet.

The length of the line from the Criterion Hotel to Featherston will be from eight to eleven miles more than the coach road but it is probable that in coming down the Hutt the line will gain a mile or two on the road.

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 10 December 1870)*

Evening Post newspaper 04 January 1871 (plus other dates)

Wanted Barmaid. Apply immediately at the Criterion Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 January 1871)*

It is not known if this was the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt or Criterion Hotel in Wellington.

Wellington Independent newspaper 17 February 1871 (plus other dates)

Notice – Impounded at the Upper Hutt Public Pound on Monday the 06<sup>th</sup> of February one Bay Mare branded B H on off and near shoulder with a Foal and one Black Mare no visible brand. If not claimed will be sold according to the Impounding Act

Thomas Waldin – Criterion Hotel – Upper Hutt – 16 February 1871

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 17 February 1871)*

James BROWN the original owner who built the Criterion Hotel died on 26 February 1871 in Upper Hutt. He was buried at St Joseph churchyard on corner of Main Street and Pine Avenue.

Andrew BROWN born 1846 was the youngest son of James BROWN. Local folklore stated that Andrew was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel in 1871. In 1871 Thomas WALDIN was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel. In 1858 a different Andrew Brown was the proprietor of the Barret's Hotel in Wellington. James's youngest son Andrew would have only been 12 years old in 1858 so it could not be our Upper Hutt Andrew. This folklore story is not correct.

Wellington Independent newspaper 09 February 1872 (plus other dates)

Benjamin Smith & Co – Land Sale Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

30 acres of first class land adjoining the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt with four roomed dwelling house, about 10 acres cleared and grassed and the remainder valuable bush

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09 February 1872)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 10 February 1872 (plus other dates)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Messrs Bethune & Hunter are requested by the Registrar of Supreme Court to sell by public auction at their rooms Customer House Quay on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February now instant at two o'clock.

All that piece or parcel of Land, containing about 30 acres, being part of Section No 128 in the Upper Hutt District, adjoining the Criterion Hotel

The improvements consist of 37 chains of fencing on the boundary, a four-roomed house and ten acres cleared and in grass. The remainder consists of valuable bush.

For further particulars apply to Messrs Benjamin Smith & Co Lambton Quay

*(Reference Paper past website Wellington Independent newspaper 10 February 1872)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 15 March 1872 (plus other dates & newspapers)

Found staying near the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt a Grey Mare, Saddle and Bridle. The owner can have the same by applying to the undersigned and paying expenses.

Thomas WALDIN

*(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 15 March 1872)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 13 August 1873

Report on the Masterton Railway – Presented to the General Assembly

The ascent begins at the twentieth mile from Wellington near the Criterion Hotel.

*(Reference Paper past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 13 August 1873)*

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 may 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 words written 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)*

Evening Post newspaper 28 April 1874

Licensing Court – Publican's Licenses

Thomas Waldin - Criterion Hotel Hutt (plus others)

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 28 April 1874)*

Wellington Independent newspaper 05 May 1874

New Zealand Railways – Wellington and Masterton Railway – Forth Class Station

Public Works Office Wellington 04<sup>th</sup> May 1874

Tenders will be received till noon of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1874 for the erection of a fourth class Railway Station near the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

Plans and Specifications may be seen at this Office

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

By command John Carruthers Engineer in Chief

*(Reference Papers Past website Wellington Independent newspaper 05 May 1874)*

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1874

The following tenders were received for the erection of a fourth class Railway Station near the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt - Accepted Charles McKirdy Wellington £305 (with earth platform). Declined Samuel Brown Wellington £479 (with earth platform)

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1874)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 28 October 1874

A man named Robert Taylor has been committed for trial for violent assault on Thomas Waldin Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Paper past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 28 October 1874)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 January 1875

Assault - Robert Taylor was charged with having, on the 17th October, assaulted Robert Waldin, landlord of the Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt. The evidence in the case has already been fully reported in this paper, so that it is necessary only to recapitulate the main facts. On the evening of the day in question Taylor called at the hotel, and wished to stay for the night. Waldin agreed that he should stay, but told him he must go into the kitchen. Taylor felt insulted, and later in the evening vented his ill-humour on the prosecutor by striking him on the head with a large stone, and kicking him between the legs, causing a serious wound in the perineum. In addressing the jury Taylor said he did not intend to do Waldin any serious injury. He picked up the stone to frighten Waldin, and not to hurt him. If he had intended to hurt him, he should have struck him with his fist, and probably have knocked him all to pieces, as Waldin was a very drunken man. The jury after a few moments consideration found the prisoner guilty. Constable Lyster gave the prisoner a very bad character, stating that he was very violent when in drink, and latterly had become a nuisance in the district, wandering up and down the road, and sleeping in all the whares. The prisoner denounced this as a falsehood, and stated that he had always paid his way like a gentleman, although he was only a tailor. Mr Reid, the governor of the gaol, stated that the prisoner had already undergone six months imprisonment for mutinous conduct whilst a member of the Armed Constabulary. His Honor said experience told him that the best course to be adopted in the case of such men as the prisoner was to endeavour to reform his mode of life by imposing upon him a rather long term of imprisonment. It was due to society, and charitable to the prisoner, that he should undergo a comparatively lengthened of seclusion, so as to wean him, if it were at all possible to do so, from the pernicious effects of drink, which evidently made

him an excitable and dangerous man. With this view prisoner would be sentenced to twelve months imprisonment.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 January 1875)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1875

A man named Edward Eveson a labourer employed in cutting the new line of road from the Upper Hutt to Waikanae was killed by the falling of a tree on Thursday evening. An inquest was to be held at the Criterion Hotel yesterday but up to a late hour the result of the inquiry had not reached town

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1875)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 & 13 February 1875

An inquest was held on Saturday at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on the body of John Evanson who was killed on the previous day on the new line of road to Waikanae by the falling of a tree. The evidence of two witnesses went to show that while they were falling one tree the deceased was falling another twenty yards away. As the tree was about to come down the two men called out to deceased to get out of the way. He did get out of the way of the falling tree but the tree lodged in another one and snapped it off half-way down. This second tree hit the deceased and killed him instantly. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

*(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 & 13 February 1875)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 09, 10, 11 February 1875

The friends of Mr Thos Wagg are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late daughter Elizabeth which will leave the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on Thursday the 09<sup>th</sup> instant at 4 o'clock. T C Butler Undertaker

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09, 10, 11 February 1875)*

Thomas WALDIN was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel from 1868 to 1875

New Zealand Times newspaper 10 June 1875

Hutt Licensing Court - Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

The police opposed the renewal, on account of the disreputable manner in which the house had been conducted. Inspector Atchison stated that up to about a month ago the house was kept by Mr Waldin who was constantly in a muddled state of drunkenness. Becoming aware that the renewal of the license would be opposed, he sold the house to Mr Harris, who no sooner accepted possession than he began by pushing trade to the extent of supplying men with drink who were already in an advanced state of intoxication. Evidence of this fact was supplied in the case of Sheehan and Gallagher, who were charged with robbing a man named Spriggs. Spriggs went to the house about six o'clock in the evening, and remained there drinking until he became unconscious, when he was pitchforked into the road, and robbed and ill-treated. He (Inspector Atchison) had visited the house himself, and from what he saw, he was convinced the applicant was not a fit man to have charge of it. It was filthily dirty. Harris, no doubt, was good at driving horses, but he didn't, know how to keep a public-house. Mr Buckley, who appeared for the applicant, said his client had just gone into the house, and not being used to hotel management, had perhaps committed an error in the case spoken of by Inspector Atchison, but he could assure the Bench that if the license were renewed the police would have no reason to complain of the future conduct of the house. Inspector Atchison suggested that this application also should be allowed to stand over for a fortnight, so that the applicant could place himself in a position to assure the Bench that better public accommodation should be provided, and a better system of management instituted. The Bench acted upon the suggestion, and adjourned the application for fourteen days. The Court then adjourned

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 10 June 1875)*

Further information about Thomas WALDIN is located at the end of this document under the heading "People connected to the Criterion Hotel".

In 1875 Mr Charles HARRIS applied for a hotel licence for the Criterion Hotel

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 10 June 1875

At the Hutt Licensing Court to-day the following applications were opposed by the police – Anne Collins Mungaroa Hotel, Walter and Frederick Hodder Golden Fleece Pakuratahi, and Charles Harris Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. All the opposed case were adjourned for fourteen days. Evidence was given of the houses being badly conducted and the adjournment was the afford an opportunity for amendment all other applications being granted.

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 10 June 1875)*

Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1875

Hutt Licensing Court – Yesterday – Licenses opposed

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)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 12 June 1875 (plus other dates)

Notice of Contactors – Provincial Secretary's Office wellington – 11 June 1875

Tenders will be received up to noon of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> instant for clearing timber from road line (Evanson and Stratton's contract) from Mungaroa towards Waikanae.

Specifications may be seen at Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt and Provincial Engineer's officer here.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

Henry Bunny Provincial Secretary

*(Reference New Zealand Times newspaper 12 June 1875)*

Evening Post newspaper 12 June 1875 (plus other dates)

Wanted a General Servant. Apply at Criterion Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 June 1875)*

The newspaper article does not record whether it is the Upper Hutt or Wellington Criterion Hotel.

New Zealand Times newspaper 24 June 1875

The adjourned meeting of the Hutt Licensing Bench took place yesterday at noon, when consideration of the applications of Walter Hodder for a license for the Golden Fleece Hotel Pakuratahi, Charles Harris Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, and Jane Collins for the Mungaroa Hotel, was resumed. Inspector Atchison was present to sustain the objections raised, and report upon the nature of the improvements effected, and Mr Buckley appeared for the applicants. The license for the Mungaroa Hotel was granted on condition that it should be transferred to Mr Mabey at the next licensing meeting, and a condition was attached to the licenses for the Criterion and the Golden Fleece, which were granted, to the effect that certain improvements must be made before next licensing day. The Bench expressed the opinion that it was disposed to deal leniently with the applicants, but a change upon the old order of things would be the sole ground for a renewal of the licenses at the next quarterly meeting, when Inspector Atchison, would, of course, report upon the conduct of the houses in the interim, Mr. Buckley, on behalf of the applicants, said the reminder from the Bench would receive every attention, and gave a guarantee that there would be no ground for complaint as to the management of the houses in future.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 24 June 1875)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 July 1875 (plus other dates)

Tenders for the erection of an addition to the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. Plans and specifications can be seen at the above Hotel until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1875. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted – C HARRIS

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 July 1875)*

Evening Post newspaper 17 August 1875 (plus other dates)

Province of Wellington – Extensive and Important Sale of 12,000 acres of Crown Land



Hutt District Country between Mungaroa and Waikanae

58 sections making an aggregate of about 11,000 acres varying in size from 154 to 228 acres each. Upset price 10s per acre.

These last named sections consist chiefly of good timbered land, the greater portion of the bush including some patches of Totara being well adapted into hills and valleys and there are several small flats with excellent soil in the vicinity of the river.

The deviation of the West Coast road line for which a sum of has been voted by the Provincial Council will open up this land. In anticipation of the construction of this road for which the bush is now being fallen a bridle track will be formed at once. This land will acquire a high value when the road line in question had been completed.

Lithographed maps of the 58 sections on the deviation of West Coast road line showing their numbers contents &c., can be obtained at the Crowns Lands Officer Provincial Government Buildings. Gazettes will also be supplied by the following agents

Charles HARRIS Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt (plus others)

Crown Lands Office Wellington 16<sup>th</sup> August 1875

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 August 1875)*

Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1875

Hutt Licensing Court

The next case which came under consideration was that of Mr Harris Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. Inspector Atchison said that no improvements had been made in this house. It was dirty and badly managed frequently complains having been made to the police on this matter. The Commissioner directed Mr Baker the Licensing Clerk to write to Mr Harris and to acquaint him that if complaints of this nature continued that at the next quarterly meeting they would have to cancel the licence.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 September 1875)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 October 1875

Hutt Licensing Court

Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt – Mr Harris was the applicant. Inspector Atchison stated that the house was dirty and badly managed. The Commissioner directed the Licensing Clerk Mr Baker to communicate with Mr Harris to the effect that his license would be cancelled at the next quarterly meeting if further complaints of this character were received. The meeting then adjourned.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times 01 October 1875 and other newspapers)*

Evening Post newspaper 14 October 1875 (plus other dates)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. The furniture consists of

Dining tables, chairs, sofas, sideboards, fender and fireirons, bedsteads and bedding, dressing tables, washing stands, toilet sets, crockery, knives and forks, spoons, glass ware, carets and hearthrugs, cooking utensils &c., &c.,

The whole of which will be for absolute sale without reserve. Terms liberal.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock sharp am Tuesday 19 October on the premises and adjourn for lunch at 1 o'clock.

For further particulars apply to George Thomas Auctioneer Lambton-quay

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

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 23 & 26 October 1875

Application to-day for a transfer of licence of the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt from Harris to Martyn was adjourned for a fortnight.

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 23 & 26 October 1875)*

Evening Post newspaper 25 October 1875

An application was made before the Resident Magistrate this morning for a transfer of the license from the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt from Charles Harris to James Martyn. The application was adjourned until Wednesday fortnight at Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 October 1875)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 27 October 1875 (plus other dates)

Wanted Six Navvies at Upper Hutt Station water supply works.

Apply at Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 October 1875)*

Further information about Charles HARRIS is located at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

In 1875 Mr James MARTYN became the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt.

New Zealand Mail newspaper 08 January 1876

Police Intelligence – The Hutt Outrage

Frantz Smat was brought up on remand charged with attempted murder. The court was crowded so much so that the doors had to be locked to keep the people who were outside from trying to enter.

The charge was read over and the depositions already taken were read.

Wm Theis deposited I am a baker by trade and am now working for McKirdy Upper Hutt. There are fifteen binks in the whare a table in the centre with seats each side. The prisoner was one of those living in the whare. I have been there nine weeks and prisoner was there when I came. [various other evidence] After finishing Young went to the public house accompanied by Reidal and myself. It was the Criterion Hotel. Prisoner made his appearance with Kolet at the hotel.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 08 January 1876)*

Evening Post newspaper 10 January 1876

Attempt to Murder

Frantz Smart was charged with attempting to murder Wm Reidal on 25<sup>th</sup> December last at the Upper Hutt by cutting and wounding him with an American axe.

Breach of the Publican's Act

James Martyn was charged with a breach of the above Act by selling liquor to one Harry Young at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on 26<sup>th</sup> December.

Defence pleaded guilty and was represented by Mr Moorhouse who submitted that Young having gone from Wellington to the Upper Hutt was a bona fide traveller and that his client was therefore justified in supplying him with liquor. Mr Moorhouse further stated that the proprietors of such public houses as that held by the defendant were often compelled owing to the character of their customers to supply liquor whenever a demand was made by them. He submitted that the liquor was only supplied in the present case to prevent something worse from taking place.

The Court considered that this infraction of the Act had led to serious consequences namely the late murderous assault by Smat. Defendant would therefore be fined £10 and costs.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 January 1876)*

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 11 January 1876

Martyn of the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt was fined 10/- to-day for supplying beer to Smat and his party on the night of the attempted murder.

*(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 11 January 1876)*

Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1876

Wanted a General Servant. Apply immediately at the Criterion Hotel

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 January 1876)*

The newspaper article did not mention if it was the Upper Hutt or Wellington Criterion Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 14 January 1876 (plus other dates)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January - To the Settlers in the Upper Hutt

Sale of Twelve building allotments of land, fronting the road to the Railway Station Upper Hutt.

George Thomas will sell by auction at the Criterion Hotel - 12 allotments of land 33 feet frontage by a depth of 100 feet - On Friday 21 January - Sale to commence at 2 o'clock – Lunch at 1 o'clock - Terms liberal declared at sale - Plan of subdivision after the 15<sup>th</sup> instant  
For further particulars apply to George Thomas Auctioneer and General Merchant Wellington  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 January 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 23 February 1876 (plus other dates)  
Notice - In consequence of Police persecution I am compelled to sell my business. All accounts against me must be sent in to me at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt on or before the 01<sup>st</sup> March 1876  
Signed James MARTYN  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 February 1876)

On 28 February 1876 there was a fire in one of the upstairs rooms of the Criterion Hotel. At the time James MARTYN was the proprietor of the Hotel. Charles CORNFOOT was staying at the hotel that night and quickly put the fire out with very little damage done to the Hotel.

New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 March 1876  
A fire occurred at Martyn's Hotel Upper Hutt on Monday evening but it was soon extinguished and before any considerable damage was done. The walls of one room were burnt and had not timely assistance been rendered by the neighbours the house might have been burnt to the ground.  
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 04 March 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 04 & 06 March 1876  
Incendiarism - James Donald was charged with setting fire to the premises of James Martyn at the Upper Hutt, on the 28th February.

James Martyn deposed that on the 28th of February he was landlord of the, Criterion Hotel, Upper Hutt, on that night prisoner was at his house and went up to his bedroom after remaining in his bedroom for some time prisoner went down stairs again and asked witness for something which he wanted, and was not in the room, he then went upstairs, and about half-an-hour afterwards witness also went up to bed, at this time prisoner's light had been extinguished and he was apparently in bed, when witness had been in bed some time he heard a man cough severely, thinking that the man was choking, or in a fit, witness got out of bed, and on opening his bedroom door saw smoke issuing from prisoner's room, he gave the alarm and ran down stairs, some men brought prisoner into a room from outside, and witness, who, was excited, struck him, prisoner was quite sober.

Joseph Gurney stated that he knew defendant, on the night in question he went to the hotel to get a bed, the barman put him in the bedroom, with prisoner, who shortly afterwards went down stairs to get something that was wanting in the room, he then fell asleep, but was awakened by a difficulty he experienced in breathing he opened his eyes, and saw that the lining of the room was on fire, he called out, and made for the street, he was so excited that he did not notice whether prisoner was in the room or not.

By prisoner I did not see you go to bed.

Alexander Cornfoot deposed, that he was at the hotel on the night when the fire occurred, prisoner who was perfectly sober, was shown to his bedroom about 10 o'clock, he heard the alarm, of fire given and rushed into prisoner's room, where the fire was, there was nobody in the room, a coat and vest belonging to the prisoner were hanging on a nail and were burning, the partition was also on fire, with the aid of a couple of jugs of water he put the fire out, the clothes must have caught fire first, he had the fire out before anyone went to his assistance, prisoner was taken, into the dining room, and when asked whether he had set fire to the place seemed too confused to give a direct answer, he said he had seen the fire before he left the room, but was too confused to try to put it out, he denied having been drinking.

Robert Anderson, barman at the Criterion Hotel, stated that he took prisoner up to his room, and, after seeing him safely in bed, he put the candle out and went away, when the alarm was given, he ran to the room where the prisoner slept but could not get in on account of the smoke, he called Mr Martyn and then went back, to the room; but found that prisoner had gone away he

afterwards discovered prisoner on the opposite side of the road, and brought him back, by this time the fire' was out.

His Worship said that the case was undoubtedly a proper subject for enquiry, but so far as the evidence went, there was nothing whatever to show any malicious or felonious intent. It was - extremely unlikely that the prisoner would have set fire to the house by previously setting fire to his own clothes, and from the manner and place in which the fire was stated to have occurred it was highly improbable that accused set fire to the room purposely. At the same time his Worship would say that he had revealed an amount of stupidity on the part of everybody concerned except Mr Cornfoot that could hardly have been anticipated. The barman and others, had seen the fire, but instead of trying to put it out they had run about the place in a state of wild excitement. The barman had run off to try and find the man who had done it. A greater collection of stupid individuals he did not believe could be found in the Colony. The prisoner was therefore, discharged.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 & 06 March 1876)*

Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1876

At a special meeting of the Licensing Court held this morning the license for the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt was transferred from James Martyn to Alexander Cornfoot

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1876)*

Further information about James MARTYN is located at the end of this document under the heading "People connected to the Criterion Hotel".

In 1876 Alexander CORNFOOT was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 23 March 1876

A Rough Customer – Robert Wheimeger was charged with drunkenness using threatening language and assaulting the police. He was a stalwart Dutchman and pleaded guilty. Constable Lyster stated that prisoner was given into his charge at the Upper Hutt for threatening to burn down a couple of hotels, he assaulted witness when he was arrested, prisoner threatened to knock the brains out of several publicans. He was remanded till Monday in order that other evidence might be produced.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 March 1876)*

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 month's 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)*

Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1876 (plus other dates)

Tenders will be received at my office Lambton Quay for the erection of stables at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. To consist of 28 stalls and loose box with stone floors manager and hayloft with door at each end. Plans and specifications to be seen at my office Lambton Quay. Tenders close on Thursday at 12 o'clock.

George Thomas Auctioneer Lambton Quay 18<sup>th</sup> April

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1876)*

Evening Post newspaper 28 April 1876

Mr George Thomas held a sale of land at the Upper Hutt yesterday. Only one lot was disposed of namely a corner section of 100 square feet near the Criterion Hotel which fetched £3 per foot  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 April 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1876

It is intended to hold athletic sports at the Upper Hutt on the Queen's Birthday. Mr Joseph Ames proprietor of the Criterion Hotel is exerting himself actively to ensure the success of the affair and the railway authorities have promised to run excursion trains on the occasion  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 May 1876)

In 1876 Joseph AMES was the proprietor of the newly built Provincial Hotel not the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt. Both the above and below newspaper article recorded the wrong name of the hotel.

New Zealand Mail 06 May 1876

The people of the Upper Hutt have determined upon holding sports there on the Queen's Birthday. Mr Smith manager of the railways having offered to run excursion trains on that occasion on condition of sports being held there. Mr Ames of the Criterion Hotel has himself in the matter and preparations are to be made for outdoor amusement on a proper scale. Should they succeed the Upper Hutt will receive a good number of visitors from Wellington city.  
(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 06 May 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 01 July 1876 (plus other dates)

Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

A Cornfoot having taken the above hotel is now prepared to provide accommodation unsurpassed in the district. Wines, beers and spirits undeniable.

The newly erected thirty stable will be found worthy of the attention of teamsters and others.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 01 July 1876)

Evening Post newspaper 20 July 1876

Wanted by a respectable young man, a situation as Cook, Waiter or Barman in town or country, unexceptionable references as to sobriety and ability. Address George B Wilson Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt NZ

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 July 1876)

George B WILSON was staying at the Criterion hotel when he advertised for a position as Cook, Waiter or Barman. Alexander CORNFOOT was still the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt.

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 October 1876 (plus other dates)

Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> November

Sale of 14 Allotments of Land at the Upper Hutt adjoining the Criterion Hotel

George Thomas will sell by auction at the Criterion Hotel – 14 allotments of land fronting the main road and adjoining the Hotel being part of the estate cut up to suit the working class in the rising township each allotment will be put up at the upset price to save time and the terms will be liberal. Plan to be seen at the Hotel previous to sale

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock prior to the commencement of the sports.

Refreshments provided Auctioneer

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 October 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 November 1876 page 2

The Hutt sports which are to take place on the 09<sup>th</sup> instant promise to be unusually successful providing of course that the weather be favourable. No doubt many persons will be induced to attend these sports on account of the trip to the Hutt itself and the committee entrusted with the preparation of events have got up a most interesting programme. The proprietor of the Criterion Hotel has got an extension of his license from 10 o'clock to 12 for the convenience of interesting visitors.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 November 1876)

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 November 1876 (plus other dates)

Bargains - Bargains - Bargains

During the remainder of this week F Jones of Lambton quay Wellington will continue his sale of every article in Household Furniture at much below ordinary selling prices.

Note the address Opposite Cornfoot's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 November 1876)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 09 November 1876

Daily Memoranda – Thursday 09 November – Sale by Auction

Mr G Thomas At the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt at 12 o'clock Allotments of land

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09 November 1876)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 09 January 1877 (plus other dates)

To be raffled at Valentines Railway Hotel Lower Hutt on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7 o'clock that well known Lincoln Stallion [Young General]. For tickets apply early to Cornforth's Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt [plus various other businesses and hotels around the Wellington and Hutt district]

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 09 January 1877)*

Evening Post newspaper 13 January 1877 (plus other dates)

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)*

Evening Post newspaper 16 January 1877

George Thomas has received instructions from the owner to sell by auction on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at his rooms Lambton quay at 2 o'clock. Two allotments of Land Nos 11 and 12 in the Upper Hutt, No 11 having a frontage of 33ft to the road from the railway station by 100 ft depth, No 12 having a frontage of 27ft to same road. Both allotments are close to the Criterion Hotel. For further particulars apply to the auctioneer. Terms at sale.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 January 1877)*

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)*

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 0 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)*

Further information about Alexander CORNFOOT is located at the end of this document under the heading "People connected to the Criterion Hotel".

Evening Post newspaper 03 March 1877 (plus other dates)

To Hotel-Keepers and others

For sale or to let the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. The house contains 19 rooms has stables for 50horses 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 03 March 1877)*

Evening Post newspaper 20 April 1877

Wanted good hands for plate-laying and ballasting. Apply Criterion Hotel or on the works No 1 section Mungaroa.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 April 1877 page 3)*

Evening Post newspaper 01 June 1877 (plus other dates)

If this should meet the eye of Wyatt Manning last heard of at Ballarat better known as Nicholas Allen is requested to communicate with his sister Lizzy, Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt Wellington New Zealand

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 June 1877)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 June 1877

Hutt Licensing Court Wednesday 13 June

Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt Applicant Thomas George Dugard on whose behalf Mr Quirke appeared.

A complaint was made to the effect that the house was not well conducted.

Mr. Quick said he thought the report must refer to the time prior to Mr Dugard being the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel. Constable Lyster said, No the misconduct had taken place since the present landlord's time.

Inspector Atcheson suggested that the constable should be sworn.

Constable Lyster was accordingly sworn. He stated that on the 14th of last month there were a lot of drunken men turned out of the house, and the house was noted for fighting and drunkenness. He also stated that Dugard had kept a man there seven days, taken charge of his money, £12 10s, and at the end of that time told him that he had nothing coming to him. This man, Robinson, complained to Constable Lyster, and asked him what, he should do under the circumstances, as he knew he had not spent the whole of his money in the house. In answer to Mr Quick, Constable Lyster said Robinson was not in attendance.

Mr Quick said he objected to hearsay evidence, and called

Thomas George Dugard, landlord of the Criterion Hotel, who denied that his house was of a rowdy character, or that any fighting had taken place on the day mentioned by the constable. As to the man Robinson, mentioned by Constable Lyster, the facts were these. He came to the house, and a friend took his money from him and handed it to the landlady to take care of. The man spent the money in the house, drinking himself and shouting drink and refreshments for a number of men who were there. He went away perfectly satisfied. Witness saw him afterwards, when he said that Constable Lyster had told him he would make this money business the subject of a case against witness at the Licensing Court.

Inspector Atcheson examined the witness, asking him did he think the bill he had made out for £12 10s was a fair one, considering the man had only stayed at his house seven days.

Constable Gillespie gave evidence to the effect that he lived a little distance from the Criterion Hotel, which he did not look upon as a rowdy house. It was generally quiet there had only been one row there since Mr Dugard took possession. It was a trifling affair, and took place outside the house. All he knew about Robinson's case was that the man came to him stating he had put £12 10s into Mr Dugard's hands, and asked what he should do. Witness told him that he should go to Dugard and have a settlement.

By the Inspector Robinson was in a muddled state when I saw him.

Mr Quick called the attention of the Bench to the fact of there being a difference between the evidence of the two constables, and contended that the evidence of Gillespie, whose special duty was in the district surrounding Mr Dugard's hotel, should be sufficient to show that the house had been well conducted and there was no evidence at all as to Robinson's case. Constable Lyster should have his witness in attendance.

The Chairman of Commissioners said the Court was of opinion that it could not consider the matter Robinson himself should have been present to give evidence and as the constable of the district had proved that the house was kept in an orderly manner, the Court granted the license.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 June 1877)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 14 June 1877



William Wood was charged with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting in the streets at the Upper Hutt. Constable Lyster deposed that the defendant came out of the Criterion Hotel in a state of drunkenness. He was stripped and commences fighting and using bad language. Fined 10s and cost or 48 house imprisonment.

*(Reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 June 1877)*

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10s 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 change 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 19 June 1877 (plus other dates)

Wanted a General Servant character must be good. Apply Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1877)*

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> instant 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 July 1877

Lost a brown retriever Dog. Finder will oblige by returning same to Criterion Hotel. Any person retaining same after this notice will be prosecuted.

*(Reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 July 1877)*

It is not known if the article about the retriever dog referred to the Upper Hutt or Wellington Criterion Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 12 July 1877

Another Phase of the Kissing Case

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 McDowell 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 July 1877 page 3)*

Further information about Thomas George DUGARD is located at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

In July 1877 John Albert CHANCY became the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel.

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)*

Evening Post newspaper 23 July 1877 (plus other dates)

Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

J A Chaney (late of the Cricketers Arms) begs to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken the above well-known Hostelry and is now prepared to receive Visitors and Lodgers. The House from its healthy position and proximity to the Railway Station recommends itself to those desirous of spending a few weeks in the country. The whole premises have undergone a through renovation rendering the Criterion Hotel unrivalled for cleanliness or comfort. Visitors to the Upper Hutt can rely upon every attention shown them. Private Suites of Apartments for Families and every convenience for Lodgers. The Stabling is equal to any in the province and an experienced groom always in attendance. \N.B. Wines, Spirits, Ale and Porter of the best brands

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 July 1877)*

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 announced 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 very class.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post 26 July 1877)*

Evening Post newspaper 26 July 1877

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 McDowell & 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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)*

The Hotel business does not appear to be a lucrative business for Alexander Cornfoot and George Thomas Dugard the two former proprietors of the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt.

Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1877 (plus other dates)

£3 Reward

Lost on Saturday the 08<sup>th</sup> instant between the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt and the Pakuratahi railway station the sum of £14 consisting of half-sovereigns and £1 notes. Anyone returning same to the Criterion Hotel will receive above reward. The loser is a poor working man and must account for same.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1877)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 02 February 1878

The Inspector of Police received a telegram from Constable Lyster yesterday intimating that Mr Charles Rouse and old settler at the Upper Hutt was drowned about 8 o'clock in the morning while crossing the river near Mr Cruickshank's. We are informed that deceased was crossing the river with four others in a punt on his way to Mr Cruickshank farm where he was to be employed cutting oats. The punt which was only intended to hold two swamped and Mr Rouse sank before assistance could be rendered him the others having a very narrow escape. Deceased leaves a wife and family. An inquest will be held on the body at the Criterion Hotel

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 02 February 1878)

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)

Further information about John Albert CHANCY is located at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

In 1878 Alexander McFarlane was the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel.

New Zealand Times newspaper 26 February 1878 (plus other dates)

Very Peculiar Case

Patrick Shine and Thomas Maher were charged with having stolen the sum of £2 6s. Alexander McFarlane deposed that he was a publican, residing at the Upper Hutt the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel. On Sunday the 17th of the month, he saw the prisoners at his house about 1 o'clock that morning, and they left on the following Sunday morning. The prisoners had stayed at the hotel all the previous evening, saying in fact that they were chums, and would like to sleep in the same room. On the following Sunday morning, between 7 and 8 o'clock, Shine, one of the prisoners before the Court, came to him and asked if he carried a revolver. Witness observed about the peculiarity of carrying such a weapon, when he observed that he always carried such. Cross-examined, Witness asked to look at it, and on being shown it, and finding it loaded, he kept it. The pistol he found to be loaded, and in excuse the prisoner stated he had been robbed in Auckland, and always carried a revolver with him. The pistol produced was the same as that presented to him, and the box of caps and bullets were also the same.

Joseph Devonshire, a waiter in the hotel in which the prisoners resided, deposed that on the evening of the date referred to he placed his trousers, containing a sum of £2 7s 6d, close by his bed, and very soon afterwards heard cries proceeding from one of the rooms, in consequence of which he at once went down stairs. The prisoners by that time were in the passage, and got away. Sergeant Smith deposed to the finding of a certain amount of money in possession of the prisoners, and the case was then remanded for a week.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 26 February 1878)

Further information about Alexander MCFARLANE is located at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

In 1878 Henry Border purchased the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt

New Zealand Times newspaper 21 March 1878 (plus other dates)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1 o'clock sharp - Milch Cows - To father, dairymen and others.

George Thomas has received instructions from Mr Henry Border who is leaving Makara (having purchased the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt) to sell by auction on the premises on Thursday 28 March his entire stock in trade, furniture &c., consisting of, 6 splendid milch cows, 4 calves, 3 heifers, and 1 bull, 1 horse (staunch for harness or saddle), 5 breeding sows, with 22 young pigs

of splendid breed, with farming implements, churn, milk dishes, butter prints and pats, household furniture &c.

This is a genuine clearing sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp.

Lunch provided at 12 o'clock. Terms cash

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 21 March 1878)*

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 05 April 1878

A Maori on the Spree

Mokena a Maori was charged with larceny. It appeared that the prisoner when drunk went into the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt and there seized and carried away a basket of groceries which had been temporarily left in the bar by another man. He then went to the Criterion Hotel and left the basket there. As it was evident that the Maori had no felonious intention but was having a drunken "spree", he was discharged with a caution.

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 05 April 1878)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1878

The Late Fatal Accident at the Rimutaka Tunnel Coroner's Inquest

An inquest was held at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, yesterday, before Dr Wilford, coroner, and a jury, of whom Mr Michael Fitzgerald was foreman, touching the death of Patrick Moriarty who was killed at the Rimutaka tunnel on Thursday last. The jury having viewed the body of the deceased the following evidence was taken.

Thomas Barton I am working at the Rimutaka tunnel, and was so on Thursday last. The deceased was working with me. Shortly before 7 o'clock that morning I was engaged in taking away the supports from the lining of the tunnel. The deceased and the other man who was hurt were also at work on the staging above where I was. I cannot say for how long a time the supports had been there nor for how long the lining had been put up. All at once the concrete blocks and the laggings, and everything else, came down. It was the roof of the tunnel that gave way and brought down the timbering. The man who was hurt, but not killed, is now in the Wellington Hospital. Both of those men were buried beneath the stuff that came down. The lining of the tunnel was composed of concrete blocks fixed with sand and cement. I would not say whether the blocks were damp when they came down. I assisted to dig the body of deceased out of the mass of stuff which fell upon him. He was quite dead. I have been working there for two months. I cannot say whether the proper time for removing the supports had arrived, nor whether or not they were removed earlier than usual. So far as I know there was no particular difference in this piece of lining from any other that I've been at work on, and I can't assign any reason for its falling.

By a Juryman I can't say when the centre was taken away.

Frederick Thomas deposed I was working alongside the deceased when the roof of the tunnel fell in. I was engaged in packing on another centre. I saw the men removing the supports a few yards away. Before all the supports were removed the roof fell in, burying the deceased and another man. Helped to dig out Moriarty. He was quite dead. The men began about seven o'clock on Wednesday morning to put the arch up, and finished it at noon the same day. It was not up twenty four hours before the supports were removed. I have been working for the last six weeks on the tunnel. It has been usual to remove the supports twenty four hours after they have been put up. This was removed before that time. Sometimes they stand for a week. I don't know by whose orders the supports were removed on this occasion. There was no stated time that I know of for removing the supports. I generally take my orders from Mr. Kendall

By Mr Mason (engineer) They were prizing the laggings out with an iron bar. The laggings are boards on which the arch is built.

By a Juror I don't know whether the wedges were removed or not. I don't understand what the proper method is of removing supports. So far as I know there was no fixed time for removing the supports.

Patrick Bradley deposed I was at work at the tunnel on Thursday morning. I was close to deceased at the time of the accident. I don't know when this arch was commenced or finished. I don't know whether there was any fixed time for removing the supports. It depended on the nature of the ground. If the ground was dangerous a longer period was allowed. I don't know by whose authority the supports were removed. I know that a short time ago, when a centre man wanted to remove the supports, Mr Kendall prevented him. When they moved the wedges I said, Good Heavens what are they removing the supports so soon for and hammering so. I felt afraid of an accident, and being in a dangerous position myself, moved away just before the accident. By Mr Mason I know something of how supports ought to be removed. They took the wedges out first but I thought they did not exercise sufficient care and precaution in the work. The man who was hurt and is in the Hospital was apt to be somewhat reckless. I think if the wedges had been removed more gently had they been carefully eased warning would have been given that the arch was not safe.

By a Juror I saw the men removing the wedges. They were drawing them on one side. There was a heavyweight of packing on the top, which was rather wet. I do not know who was responsible for the removal of the supports on this occasion. Some of the ribs were loosened from the centre before the roof fell.

William Paul Kendall deposed I am employed as overseer at the Rimutaka tunnel. The deceased was working under my orders. The last block was put in nineteen and a half hours before the supports were removed. I had given Matheson, the man in the Hospital, orders to remove the support before noon on Thursday, leaving it to his discretion when he should do it, so long as it was done before that time. He was a ganger under me. It is usual for me to give instructions to the men on the shifts as they go on. I gave these instructions to Matheson at midnight on Wednesday. He was an experienced man at the work. On several previous occasions supports were removed within as short a time as those. There was no fixed time. It varied from twelve hours to five days. I did not myself inspect the arch to see if it were time to remove the supports. I left it to Matheson, who was I believed, competent to decide. I did not see the supports removed, and cannot say whether they were removed carelessly or not. There is a proper way of removing supports, and the arch ought to be tested to see if the cement is set. I think the incline in the tunnel had something to do with the accident but if the supports had been removed carefully and properly, I believe the arch would not have come down if it was coming down they would have perceived it by removing the supports gradually. This arch was commenced at half past five o'clock on Wednesday morning.

By a Juror I did not tell the masons to put in any kind of block into the arch. Mr Brookes, the inspector, has cautioned the men to be careful in removing the supports from the arches.

William Mason deposed I am engineer on the Rimutaka tunnel work. It is not a contract it is being done by the Government. I only know of the accident by hearsay. I have not inspected the scene of the accident since it occurred. From what I have heard and know of the matter I should attribute the cause of the accident to the workmen striking out the wedges too suddenly. If the men had taken proper precaution by testing with a hammer, and relieving the arch, they would have discovered that the arch was not ready to support itself.

The Coroner briefly summed up, saying the case was a very simple one so far as the cause of the accident was concerned, and it was seldom that so straight forward a story was laid before a jury so far as that was concerned. He should leave it to the jury to say whether or not there was blame attributable to anyone. The jury retired to consider their verdict, and after a short deliberation returned a verdict of accidental death.

The body of the deceased was brought into town by the evening train, to await burial today, and a considerable number of his fellow workmen also came in so as to attend the funeral.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 04 May 1878)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1878

Hutt Licensing Court – Wednesday 05 June – Renewals

Henry Border Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. In reply to the Bench Constable Lyster stated the police had no objection to the license being granted but he wished to point out that the house was a very old one and was in a very dilapidated condition inside. Mr Border had been repairing the outside of the premises and promised to repair the inside also but the latter work had not yet been carried out. The Chairman how has the house been conducted – Constable Lyster Very Well your worship much better during the last month than previously – The chairman How about

the stables – Constable Lyster The stables are pretty fair. In reply to the Bench the applicant state that he had shingled the roof and painted the outside of the house. He intended also to repair the inside but there were people stopping in the house and he was unable to proceed with the work. The house was perfectly watertight – Constable Lyster said Mr Border had assured him the place was watertight but the ceilings were all in a dilapidated condition – The Bench granted the licence on the condition that the house was to be put good and proper state of repair. If not there was a chance of the licence being refused next time.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1878)*

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 31 August 1878 (plus other dates)

Wanted a Housemaid. Apply Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 August 1878)*

Evening Post newspaper 20 January 1879 (plus other dates)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at half past 2 o'clock At the Upper Hutt Criterion Hotel

Sale of horses, trap saddlers &c., George Thomas will sell by public auction at the above place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> instant at half past 2 o'clock, Six splendid saddle horses and buggy, together with harness, bridles, saddles, one lady's saddle &c., &c.,

At the Criterion Hotel at half past 2 o'clock. Terms cash. No Reserve.

N.B. To gentlemen in town wanting a first-class saddle horse or a horse and buggy this is a rare opportunity which seldom occurs. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 January 1879)*

Evening Post newspaper 27 January 1879 (plus other dates)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2 o'clock

Sale of the remaining portion of Goods and Chattels of G A Mackie at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt. George Thomas has received instruction to sell by public auction on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> instant at 2 o'clock the following goods and chattels consisting of,

2 watches one gold and one silver lever watch, 2 letter presses forget me not, 1 cash box traveling valise, 2 opossum rugs very handsome, 2 carriage rugs, 2 railway rugs, 1 water proof rug, 1 table lamp, 10 volumes encyclopaedia, 4 volumes Waverley's Novels, 2 volumes Shakespeare Novels, 1 dictionary, 1 golden age, 1 barometer and case, pair decanters silver tops, 18 pictures two very handsome, A large quantity of wearing apparel and a number of articles (including a gold chain and ring) too numerous to mention.

The whole to be sold without reserve. Terms cash Sale. At 2 o'clock sharp

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 January 1879)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1879

Daily Memoranda Thursday 30 January

Sales by Auction – Mr George Thomas At the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt at 2 o'clock – Watches, books, wearing apparel &c.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 January 1879)*

Evening Post newspaper 03 April 1879

Saturday 5th April. At the Upper Hutt.

To Settlers, Farmers, Builders, and Others, in the Hutt District.

Sale of Stock. George Thomas will sell by auction, at the Upper Hutt, on Saturday, 5th April A large amount of stock, consisting of Saddle and harness horses and hacks, Milch cows, store cows, in calf, fat sheep, poultry, and pigs, fat and store pigs. a stack of hay, and sundry other goods too numerous to mention. Terms at Sale. Railway fare single for the day.

A good Lunch at Border's Criterion Hotel.

Also, 50,000ft of sawn timber A splendid draft horse and dray



For further particular, apply to George Thomas, Auctioneer  
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 April 1879)

Evening Post newspaper 19 June 1879 (plus other dates)

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)

New Zealand Times newspaper 25 May 1880

Intelligence of another fatal accident was received in town yesterday though the particulars were of the most meagre description. Constable Lyness [sic] who is stationed at the Upper Hutt forwarded a report to the Central Station to the effect that James Gilchrist a blacksmith residing in Wellington had been shot by a man named Raymond Johnstone inspector of the road now being formed from the Upper Hutt to Waikanae. The accident happened at 11 am and the unfortunate man died in a few minutes. The body was taken to the Criterion Hotel where it awaits the inquest. The two men were out shooting together but the constable is not state how the accident occurred. Full particulars will no doubt be received today.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 25 May 1880)

New Zealand Times newspaper 29 May 1880

The Late Fatal Accidents

Mr Hewitt the station master at the Wellington railway station has furnished us with the following particulars of a fatal accident which occurred on the railway line on Saturday evening. A special train, consisting of engine, four carriages, and a guard's break van, left Wellington station at 7 pm. All went well, there being no stoppage until the train arrived at Silverstream, a flag-station where, under ordinary circumstances, no stoppage is made unless the signal is given by passengers who wish to get on the train or alight. There was no signal displayed, but the fireman as the train got within about ten yards of the platform discerned something protruding over the line of rails. There was no time to stop the train, and in a moment more the carriage steps came in contact with what proved to be the legs of a man lying on the platform. The concussion hurled him off on to the line, and the wheels of the first carriage ran over him, cutting and mangling his body horribly, and causing instantaneous death. It was found that the body was that of a man named Kemp, a saw-mill hand, and from the fact that a bottle of brandy was found on the platform near where he had been lying, and from the position he was in when first discovered, it is supposed that he had fallen asleep while intoxicated, and thus met with his death. There was no one on duty at the station, and the mangled remains were picked up and laid on the platform, and the occurrence reported to the police at the Upper Hutt. It should be stated that the night was clear and moonlight, and that the train carried the usual regulation lights a head lamp on the engine, and two side lights on the guard's van so that the unfortunate man, had he been awake, would have had ample time to move clear of the coming train. No blame under the circumstances can be attached to anyone in connection with the accident. We learn from Sergeant Anderson that the deceased was named William Kemp, that he was a carpenter employed at Prouse's Sawmill, Whiteman's Valley, and that he was a widower and leaves two children. He was struck by the step of the first carriage, and when picked up it was found that both his legs were broken and his body cut nearly in two.

Intelligence of another fatal accident was received in town on Monday, though the particulars were of the most meagre description. Constable Lyness, who is stationed at the Upper Hutt, forwarded a report to the Central Station to the effect that James Gilchrist, a blacksmith, residing in Wellington, had been shot by a man named Raymond Johnstone, inspector of the road now being formed from the Upper Hutt to Waikanae. The accident happened at 11 am, and the unfortunate man died in a few minutes. The body was taken to the Criterion Hotel, where it awaits the inquest. The two men were out shooting together, but the constable did not state how the accident occurred.

The Inquests

Two inquests were held at the Upper Hutt, on May 25, the first was on the body of William Kemp, who met with his death at the Silverstream railway station on Saturday last. Six witnesses were examined, but the principal evidence was that of William Gough, the guard of the train which ran over the deceased. He deposed that the locomotive and two of the three passenger carriages attached had passed the platform, when witness, who was on the break van at the rear of the train, saw deceased falling from the edge of the station platform, on which he had apparently been lying, his fall being caused by the step of the third carriage striking against his legs, which had been dangling over the side of the platform. Witness put the breaks hard down, and the train was stopped, and on running back he saw deceased lying on the rail, his left leg cut nearly off, and the left foot smashed, the left hand was also injured, but strange to say deceased held in that hand a silver watch, attached to his neck by a long hair guard, and the watch was not damaged. Looking at it, witness saw that it was going, the hands marking just eight o'clock. Witness pulled down a gate, and with some assistance made a rough stretcher, and carried the body to the train, and took it on to the Upper Hutt, where it was left in charge of Constable Lester, as also some fragments of flesh found cut off the limbs of deceased by the wheels of the carriage, and found on the line. The evidence as to the previous whereabouts of the deceased showed that he had been in Wellington during the day, and left by the 4.25 train, being at that time perfectly sober. He had with him a bottle of brandy, and it was stated that he drank the contents on the journey, and that he consequently became very tipsy by the time the train arrived at Heywoods. On getting to Silverstream he alighted, but in his drunken foolishness wanted to get back into the train, saying that he wanted to go to town again. Two men who were there held him until the train started, and then put him on a seat in the waiting shed, where he fell asleep, and they left him. From that time until the accident occurred no one appears to have gone near him, but it is evident that he left the seat in the shed and sat on the outer edge of the platform, where he again fell into a drunken stupor, from which he never awoke to consciousness. When picked up on the rails he merely gave one or two faint gasps, and then died. He was a native of Scotland, had been in the colony about twelve months, and bore the repute of being a good workman. His two orphan boys, one aged seven and the other twelve years, have found good friends in their desolation. Mr William Gough, guard of the train, has taken charge of the younger lad, and Mr Prerose, of the sawmills where deceased had been employed, has taken charge of the elder, and will give him employment at the mills. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

At half-past two pm an inquest was held touching the death of James Gilchrist, who was killed on the Queen's Birthday. From the evidence it appeared that deceased, who was a blacksmith, in the employ of Mr Mills of this city, and formerly a member of the firm of Gilchrist and Waters, had in the early part of the day gone to Mr Raymond Johnson's store, at Petone, having with him a gun and ammunition. He knew Mr Johnson well, and after chatting a while, asked him, if was doing nothing particular, to come out and see what sport they could get, saying that he (Gilchrist) had as yet only shot one bird, a kaka, and that they might, together, have better luck. Mr Johnson consented, and getting his gun, they went out together. After walking awhile, they sat down and had a smoke, and then he (Johnson) saw a kaka in one of the trees, which he pointed out to Gilchrist, and immediately afterwards he saw a pigeon fly into another tree. He called out to Gilchrist not to fire at the kaka, but to try and get the pigeon first, but Gilchrist did fire, and missed the bird, which rose from the tree to fly away, Gilchrist cried out to Johnson to run and have another shot before the kaka got out of range, and he,, taking the gun from his shoulder, ran in the direction towards where Gilchrist was standing, so as to get a good sight at the bird on the wing. Suddenly, as he ran, his gun went off, but for a moment he thought no harm had happened until he heard Gilchrist say, How come you to do that? Johnson ran towards him in time to catch him as he was falling, and Gilchrist then put his hand to his side said, I've got it all here, and then died. Mr Johnson, terribly distressed at the calamity, ran for assistance, but it was of no avail except to remove the body. Inspection showed that the gun charge had been lodged in the body of deceased, with the exception of two shots which penetrated the face. We understand that deceased, who was about forty years of age, leaves a widow and five children. The family reside in Pirie-street. The deceased and his family were spending their holiday at the house of Mr Brown, at the Upper Hutt, and it was Mr Brown and the guard and driver of a train that helped Mr Johnson to bring in the body. Medical examination of the body showed that the charge (of No 2 shot) struck the deceased in the breast and abdomen, but the principal portion

lodged in the region of the heart, so that death was almost instantaneous. Great sympathy is expressed for the friends of deceased, and for Mr Johnson, who was the unintentional cause of the deplorable mishap, and who is a brother of the Inspector of Nuisances, and a great friend of deceased. He is overwhelmed with grief at the shocking event. The jury in this case also returned a verdict of accidental death.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 29 May 1880)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 30 September 1880 (plus other dates)

Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> October at 2 o'clock

Immediately after the sale of the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

George Thomas having been favoured with instructions for the Public Trustee will sell at the Hunter Street auction rooms on Saturday at 2 o'clock, the effects of the late John Lunt deceased consisting of Coats, trousers, vests, Boots, trunks, shirts, singlets, etc., etc.,

Terms cash - No reserve

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 30 September 1880)*

Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1881 (plus other dates)

For Sale one of Thurston's best Bagatelle Tables slate 10 feet by 4 feet, mahogany frame, London make. For price &c apply to Henry Border Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1881)*

Evening Post newspaper 27 July 1881 (plus other dates)

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (plus other dates)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 11 o'clock

To Hotelkeepers, Farmers, Country Settlers &c.

Francis Sidey & Co have received instructions from Mr Border to sell by auction at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt

The whole of his valuable Furniture in the hotel consisting of dining-room, 12 bedrooms, kitchen, outhouses, &c., all completely furnished including a Metzler harmonium, dining table 14 feet long, pier glasses, oilcloth in one piece (18ft x 30ft), superior bedsteads, a large quantity of first-rate bedding, kitchen utensils &c., &c.,

And

One  $\frac{3}{4}$  billiard table (Alcocks) One of Thurston's best bagatelle tables with slate slab and mahogany frame

Also

1 mare in foal to Bungarrahee, 4 splendid milk cows (one in full milk) and 3 to calve shortly

Note the billiards tables will be sold about 2 o'clock

The above sale is guaranteed unreserved, Mr Border not going to renew the license.

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

New Zealand Times newspaper 03 August 1881

Messrs Francis Sidey and Co announces two sales of considerable importance. At 1 o'clock this afternoon they will dispose of the whole dairy stock, farm implements and other articles usually found on a well-appointed farm at Waiwetu under instructions from Mr T Freethy who is leaving the district. On Friday at the Upper Hutt they will dispose of the whole of the plant of the Criterion Hotel.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 03 August 1881)*

Evening Post newspaper 04 August 1881

Mr Francis Sidney's large sale of furniture, billiard table, milch cows, &c., takes place at the Upper Hutt to-morrow at 11 o'clock. As the license of the Criterion Hotel is not to be renewed every lot must be sold. Luncheon will be provided.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 August 1881)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 August 1881

Memoranda – Auction This Day – Francis Sidney and Co offer at the Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt at 11 am household goods, billiard table, livestock &c., No reserve

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 August 1881)*

Further information about Henry BORDER is located at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

Henry Border was the last proprietor to hold a license for the Criterion Hotel in Upper Hutt

1882-1883 Newspaper articles recorded Criterion Hotel in error did not transcribe details

In an 1881 newspaper article Charles Edward Short was recorded as the proprietor of the Provincial Hotel and in an 1882 article he was recorded as proprietor of the Criterion Hotel. There was an error in the 1882 newspaper article.

Two 1882 newspaper articles recorded an application for the transfer of the license of the Criterion Hotel from Charles Edward Short to Mr A Long was refused. Another 1882 newspaper article recorded Charles Edward Short transferring license of the Criterion Hotel to Charles Cudby. Both should have read Provincial Hotel.

In an 1883 newspaper article it recorded Charles Cudby granted license for the Criterion Hotel. Another 1883 newspaper article recorded Charles Cudby renewed the license for the Criterion Hotel. Both newspaper articles should have read Provincial Hotel.

New Zealand Times newspaper 05 September 1882 (plus other dates)

The Mungaroa Licensing Committee met at the Upper Hutt yesterday. Present Messrs Barton, Perkins, Jones, Bailiss and T Smith. Mr Bailiss occupied the chair. The business for consideration was an application for the transfer of the license of the Criterion Hotel from Mr Shortt [sic] to Mr A Long and a similar application in respect of the Pahautanui Hotel from Mr Hamerich to Mr Mullins. Both applications were refused the first because the intended new landlord is not a married man and the second because objections had been raised to the manner in which the house had been conducted under the permit license. On the motion of Mr Smith the Clerk of the Licensing Bench was instructed to write to the hotelkeepers in the Mungaroa district intimating that they would be required to provide fire escapes for their premises. This concluded the business

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 September 1882)*

Evening Post newspaper 05 September 1882

At a meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee, held at the Upper Hutt on Monday, Mr Bayliss occupied the chair. Mr Shortt [sic] applied for permission to transfer the license of the Criterion Hotel to Mr H Long. The application was refused on the ground that Mr Long was not a married man. A similar application by Mr Hamerich in regard to the Pahautanui Hotel, Mr Mullins being the intended new landlord, was dealt with in like manner, the reason for the refusal being that objections had been made as to the manner in which the house had been conducted under a permit license. The Committee resolved that all the hotels in the district should be provided with fire escapes, and the clerk was instructed to write publicans to that effect. This was all the business transacted.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 September 1882)*

Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1882

The quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Upper Hutt yesterday and was presided over by Messrs James Bayliss (Chairman) Thomas Smith and George Jones. The business transacted was of an unimportant nature consisting of the transfer of the licenses of the Pahautanui Hotel from Wm Hammerich to Ann Mullis and of the Provincial Hotel from Charles Edward Short to Charles Cudby. Constable Watson and Mackay represented the police.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 December 1882)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 December 1882

At the quarterly meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee held on Monday the license of the Pahautanui Hotel was transferred from William Hammerich to Ann Mullins and that of the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt from C E Short to Charles Cudby.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 December 1882)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1883

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Upper Hutt at noon yesterday there being present Messrs T Smith (Chairman), Cotter, Jones, Perkins and Whiteman. A transfer was granted of the license of the Pahautanui Hotel from Mrs Mullins to Thomas Urwin. Renewals were also granted to C Cudby Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, W Cranmer Railway Hotel Upper Hutt and also Mr Martin for the Kaitoke refreshment-rooms. An accommodation license was granted to F Bills of Paikakariki on condition that he keep a light burning from sunrise to sunset where the main road turns in from the beach. This was all the business.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 06 June 1883)*

Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1883

At the annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee yesterday an application for the transfer of the license of the Pahautanui Hotel from Mrs Mullens to Thomas Urwin was granted. Renewals were granted to C Cudby Criterion Hotel, W Cranmer Railway Hotel and W Martin railway refreshment rooms Kaitoke. An accommodation house license was granted to Mr Bills Paikakariki on condition that he keeps the light burning from sunset to sunrise at the point where the main road turns in form the beach.

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 06 June 1883)*

New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 June 1883

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held at the Upper Hutt at noon on Tuesday there being present Messrs T Smith (Chairman), Cotter, Jones, Perkins and Whiteman. A transfer was granted of the license of the Pahautanui Hotel from Mrs Mullins to Thomas Urwin. Renewals were also granted to C Cudby Criterion Hotel Upper Hutt, W Cranmer Railway Hotel Upper Hutt and also Mr Martin for the Kaitoke refreshment-rooms. An accommodation license was granted to F Bills of Paikakariki on condition that he keep a light burning from sunrise to sunset where the main road turns in from the beach. This was all the business.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Mail newspaper 09 June 1883)*

After much research I can confirm that the newspaper articles above mentioning the Criterion Hotel should have read Provincial Hotel.

Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1886

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Bench was held at the Upper Hutt at noon yesterday. There were present Messrs Cotter (Chairman) Haybittle, McHattie and Whiteman. An application by William McCrossan for a new license for the Railway Hotel was granted as were also applications by Charles Cudby and James Martin for renewals of the Licenses for the Provincial Hotel and the Kaitoke Refreshment Rooms respectively. This was all the business.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 June 1886)*

Evening post newspaper 07 June 1887

The annual meeting of the Mungaroa Licensing Committee was held yesterday at the schoolroom, Upper Hutt. Present Messrs Cotter (in the chair), Whiteman, Haybittle, McCulloch, and Small. Renewals were granted without opposition to James Martin for the Kaitoko Refreshment Rooms and to Charles Cudby for the Provincial Hotel. The renewal of the license of Isaac Wilkins was opposed on the ground that the applicant was an invalid and that his wife had no idea of the business. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the license should be granted conditionally for three months, on the understanding that the applicant dispose of his interest before then. The committee, however, afterwards altered its decision and granted the

license on condition that the licensee employ a competent manager. Constable Harnett reported favourably on all the hotels.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening post newspaper 07 June 1887*

The above newspaper articles confirm that Charles Cudby was not the proprietor of the Criterion Hotel but the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt.

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### Former Criterion Hotel building

The Criterion hotel closed its doors at the end of 1881. Later the building was divided up and shops were established on the left and right and a hall in the middle of the former Criterion hotel building.

Wilkinson DOWNIE a tailor established a tailor shop on the left side of the former Criterion Hotel building. Date when shop was established is unknown.

John Benjamin DALTON a bookmaker established a cobblers shop on the right of the former Criterion Hotel building. Date when shop was established is unknown.

Information about Wilkinson DOWNIE and John Benjamin DALTON is situated at the end of this document under the heading "*People connected to the Criterion Hotel*".

The Criterion Hall also known as Dalton's Hall occupied the middle section of the former Criterion Hotel building.

The Criterion Hotel building was the only early hotel in the Upper Hutt district that was not destroyed by fire. The Hotel was built in 1848 and the former hotel building was demolished 55 years later around 1903-1904.

### Former Criterion Hotel building



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Criterion Hotel converted into shop premises P5-86-803)*

Wilkinson Downie (tailor) – Dance Hall (Criterion Hall) – John Benjamin Dalton (bootmaker)

Between 1881 and 1894 it is not known who owned the former Criterion Hotel building or when the Tailor and Cobblers shops were established.

### **The Criterion Hall also known as Dalton's Hall**

In 1894 the new Criterion Hall was established in the former Criterion Hotel building. This is confirmed in the newspaper article covering details of the Upper Hutt Rifle Clubs Annual Ball. There is no mention of the Criterion Hall before this date.

Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1894

#### Criterion Hall Upper Hutt

The Upper Hutt Rifle Club will hold their Annual Ball on 24<sup>th</sup> May in the above hall

F Wilkie secretary

*(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1894)*

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 23 June 1894

#### Criterion Hall Upper Hutt

A Plain and Fancy Dress Ball will be held in the above Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June in aid of the Band Funds – Prices as usual.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 June 1894)*

Evening Post newspaper 12 January 1899

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

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

Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1902

The Upper Hutt branch of the New Zealand Farmers Union will celebrate its first anniversary by holding a ball in the Criterion Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> instant. Minifies Band has been engaged. Mr Philip Davis of Upper Hutt is secretary to the committee and will furnish all information required by persons desirous of being present

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 June 1902)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 June 1902

Political Address Mr Field at Upper Hutt – Mr W H Field MHR addressed a meeting of his constituents at the Criterion Hall Upper Hutt on Saturday evening

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 June 1902)*

New Zealand Times newspaper 23 June 1902

#### Farmer Union - Gathering at Upper Hutt

The Upper Hutt branch of the New Zealand Farmers Union held its first ball on Friday evening. The Criterion Hall, where the hall was held, was filled to overflowing, although the miserable state of the weather deterred many visitors from the neighbouring districts from attending. The hall was decorated with native shrubs and flags in a manner that bore testimony to the assiduity of the officers and committee, of whom Mr Philip Davis, the secretary to the Ball Committee, was the leader and pivot. The supper, which was served on a sumptuous scale, was laid out in a large marquee erected beside the hall.

*(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 23 June 1902)*

Evening Post newspaper 27 September 1902

The Empire Biograph Company will show at the Criterion Hall Upper Hutt on Monday night 29<sup>th</sup> September. Doors open 7.30 pm commencing at 8 pm

E Lawrence Business Manager

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 September 1902)*

Evening Post newspaper 23 May 1903

Mungaroa Lodge No 30 U.A.O.D. – A Grand Dress Social

To celebrate the opening of the Lodge will be held in

Dalton's Hall Upper Hutt on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Music will be supplied by Poneke Lodge Orchestra 15 performers, A Torchlight Procession will be held, Dancing at 8 pm, Double Tickets 3s 6d, Gent's single 2s 6d Extra Lady 1s

F Mawhinney Secretary

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 May 1903)*

Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1903

The Mungaroa Lodge U.A.O.D. held its fortnightly meeting on Saturday evening at Dalton's Hall Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 11 August 1903)*

After August 1903 there were no other newspaper articles regarding meeting or functions held at the Dalton Hall or Criterion Hall.

The Upper Hutt Town Hall Company was formed in 1903. The company built a new hall in Upper Hutt and named it the Upper Hutt Town Hall. This was situated near the former Criterion Hotel building. The Upper Hutt Town Hall building was opened on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1904.

Local folklore state that the former Criterion Hotel building was demolished in 1902. In August 1903 the Mungaroa Lodge held at meeting in the Dalton's Hall which was part of the former Criterion Hotel building so this folklore is wrong.

I believe the former Criterion Hotel building was demolished after August 1903 or just after the Upper Hutt Town Hall was opened in January 1904.

Another newspaper article recorded that the building was remodelled to serve as the Upper Hutt Coach Factory. The Dominion Coach Factory in Upper Hutt was owned by Peter Robinson and he began advertising in the local around June 1911. I do not know if there is a connection.

The 1907-1908 Valuation rolls covering section 128 part of the estate of Rhodes estate per A E Rowden Wellington and record the tenants as - J B DALTON shoemaker. A later newspaper article stated that the building was part of the William Barnard Rhodes Estate.

### **Newspaper articles after 1903 recording details about the Criterion Hotel**

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 February 1915

Rose of Sharon Lodge – The opening of the Rose of Sharon Lodge No 4675 of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows took place on 25 April 1857 – fifty eight years ago. At the time the township (such as it was then) being located in the neighbourhood of the blockhouse which is still to be seen in rear of the Trentham post-office. There were a number of 'inns' in the upper end of the Hutt Valley in those days – the Coach and Horses at Silverstream the Highland Home (afterwards named the Railway Hotel and subsequently destroyed by fire) on the east side of Kitchen's store, the Shepherd's Inn (afterwards re-named the Criterion Hotel dismantled at a later date and known as Dalton's Hall and remodelled to serve as the Upper Hutt Coach Factory, the Mungaroa Inn now Bloomfield House and another at the Pakuratahi (since burnt down) on the place where Steven's manager now lives.

The Shepherd Inn was established by James Brown senior a Paisley man (father of James and Andrew Brown and Mrs Alexander Martin senior of Upper Hutt). It was at this inn then called the Criterion Hotel that the Duke of Edinburgh stayed when he visited Upper Hutt in 1865.

The minutes of the first meeting show that the opening ceremony took place at Upper Hutt at the house of Matthew Sharley (?) sign of the Shepherd's Inn and that G M Bro. Canning installed the following officers of the new lodge.

N G Bro. Perry

V G Bro. Hinds



Sec Bro. Wilson RHS to NG  
Bro R B Loughton (?) RHS to VG  
Bro R Humber

Bro. J Condon LHS to NG  
Bro Crabb LHS to VG

The minutes record that the following were then initiated as members of the Rose of Sharon Lodge having been previously proposed in the Loyal Good Intent Lodge

Walter Lee – George Harrison – George Freeman – James Wall – Thomas Simmonds – Robert Wilson

The members admitted in 1857 were Bros.

Hirst – Prescott – Selby – McLaughlin – Aldred – McHardie – Hackett – Williams – Nelson – Morgan – Hercock – Greenwood – Cruickshank

Among those admitted to membership were Richard William Pearse (full member) and Richard Barton (honorary) in 1858.

In 1858 the Lodge was removed to Host McHardie's Highland Home Inn.

*(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 27 February 1915)*

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 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 "Dalton'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 veranda 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)*

Evening Post newspaper Thursday 30 April 1931

#### Ye Wayside Inn - Vanished Hotels - Water Replaces Whisky

Recent and old-time flooding in the Hutt Valley was the subject of an interview recently in "The Evening Post" with Mr A J McCurdy who incidentally called to mind that the site of the old Barley Mow Hotel Silverstream is now monopolised by the Hutt River. And that observation prompted other memories. Mr McCurdy, stated that in the old days of Wellington - Wairarapa traffic, via Hutt Valley, the chain of hotels in the valley, from north to south, was:-

Golden Fleece, Mrs Wagg, on rise where the main road runs down to the Pakuratahi River. On right hand side of road, looking south. The site can still be traced, through cellar pit and remains of foundations. The hotel is mentioned by the Greytown pioneers, who mention it as the last hotel before crossing Rimutaka divide in 1853.

Mungaroa Hotel, Mrs Collens, near where the Mungaroa tributary of the Hutt crosses the main road.

#### Upper Hutt Eighty Years Ago

Shepherd's Rest, James Brown (senr.), Upper Hutt. Mr McCurdy remarked that Mr James Brown was late father of the late Mr George Brown, of Upper Hutt, Hutt county councillor. Mr Brown and his hotel and Upper Hutt are also mentioned in the Greytown records of 1853. The hotel was situated in Upper Hutt on the left hand side of the road, looking south, and the site is now occupied by Mr. Cotter's plumbing premises. The hotel was afterwards known as the Criterion Hotel

Highland Home, S McHardy, on main road at Wallaceville near the site of the "Old Blockhouse". The "Old Blockhouse", with its loop holes, is still standing, and a signboard on the main road directs sightseers to this relic of Maori War scares.

Barley Mow, Mr Wyeth (senr.), the site of which one-time hotel is surveyed, consciously or unconsciously, by every railway passenger who looks upriver as the train swings over Silverstream railway bridge. This hotel used to be on the left hand side of the road looking south, and the river used to flow west of the hotel and the road. In its eastward swing the river has taken the place of both hotel and road, and the latter was moved eastward to its present location. Moving the road, said Mr McCurdy, simply meant laying out a deviation through the paddocks to the east, and it was done so quickly that they discovered years afterward that the road site at this point had, never been properly conveyed.

Traveller's Rest, Mr\_\_\_, Taita, left side of main road looking south. After that, the Lower Hutt hotels awaited the thirsty coach traveller

#### A Victorious River.

"If anyone wishes to locate the Barley Mow site more exactly, added Mr McCurdy, all he has to do is to look up river as he crosses Silverstream railway, bridge, and he will see, a few yards upstream, one little willow tree close to the river channel, but west of it, and quite distinct from the row of willows east of it. This willow springs from an old stump that used to flourish as a tree in the yard of the Barley Mow. The willow was east of the Hutt River until the river decided otherwise. It will be seen that on the western side there is still a channel in which the Hutt flows when in flood. That channel crosses the toe 'of a moraine or fan of material carried down from the western hills. On this fan used to be a whare, it has gone where a Hutt flood took it. Another whare, further east, was also carried away by flood.

It may also be of interest to know that the above mentioned Highland Home Hotel, Wallaceville, was afterwards called the Railway Hotel. The railway was being built at the time and it was thought that Wallaceville would be the principal station. But the late Hutt County, councillor, George Brown, gave the Department of Railways 28 acres of land at Upper Hutt adjacent to the Rhodes estate, and Upper Hutt became the principal station. Land for railway purposes at Silverstream was given by Mr Todd, and that fact helped to secure a station there.

#### Canoeing In Upper Hutt

"Talking about big floods in the past, would it surprise you to know that on one occasion the Maoris of Maori Bank (no Maoris there now) came to the Upper Hutt sale yards site in a canoe.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 April 1931 page 9)*

Evening Post newspaper 20 October 1932

Upper Hutt Dance Farmers Union Function – there was an attendance of over 200 at the recent dance given jointly by the Hutt Farmer's Union and the Women's Division in the Records Hall Upper Hutt. This was especially interesting as being the second function of its kind the first having been held no less than 29 years ago in Dalton's old Criterion Hall Upper Hutt when the Hon T Y Duncan (then Minister of Lands) was guest of honour and Mr A McCurdy the present Mayor of Upper Hutt was secretary of the Farmers Union.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 October 1932)*

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### **Criterion Hotels - Additional miscellaneous information**

There are various Criterion hotels around New Zealand including one in Wellington. At times this led to much confusion between the Upper Hutt and Wellington Criterion Hotel. At one time the proprietor for the Wellington Hotel was another Mr Brown. I did not bother to list all the Criterion Hotels around New Zealand as it would have been too time consuming.

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