

Courthouse - 76 Main Street Upper Hutt

In 1930 a new Courthouse was built on the land at 76 Main Street Upper Hutt and opened on the 13 August 1930. This courthouse was demolished around 1961. A new Courthouse was built on the same land and opened 11 December 1962. The second courthouse is now a vacant building which in 2019 still occupied the land at 76 Main Street in Upper Hutt.

2019 Courthouse at 76 Main Street Upper Hutt



(Reference Google Maps website Pine Avenue and Main Street)

2019 Courthouse - 76 Main Street Upper Hutt



(Reference Google maps 76 Main Street Ebdentown Upper Hutt)

On 03 October 2012 the Upper Hutt Courthouse was closed as the building was deemed to be an earthquake risk with inadequate connections between the timber roof and concrete walls.

On 22 February 2011 at 12.51 pm a 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck Christchurch causing widespread damage and killing 185 people. The earthquake was felt in the Upper Hutt district and after a government building inspection a decision was made to close the courthouse. The courthouse was closed 18 months later.

On 14 November 2016 at 12.02 am a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Kaikoura causing widespread damage and killing 2 people. The earthquake was felt in the Upper Hutt district and many Government buildings in Wellington received quake damage and had to be demolished.

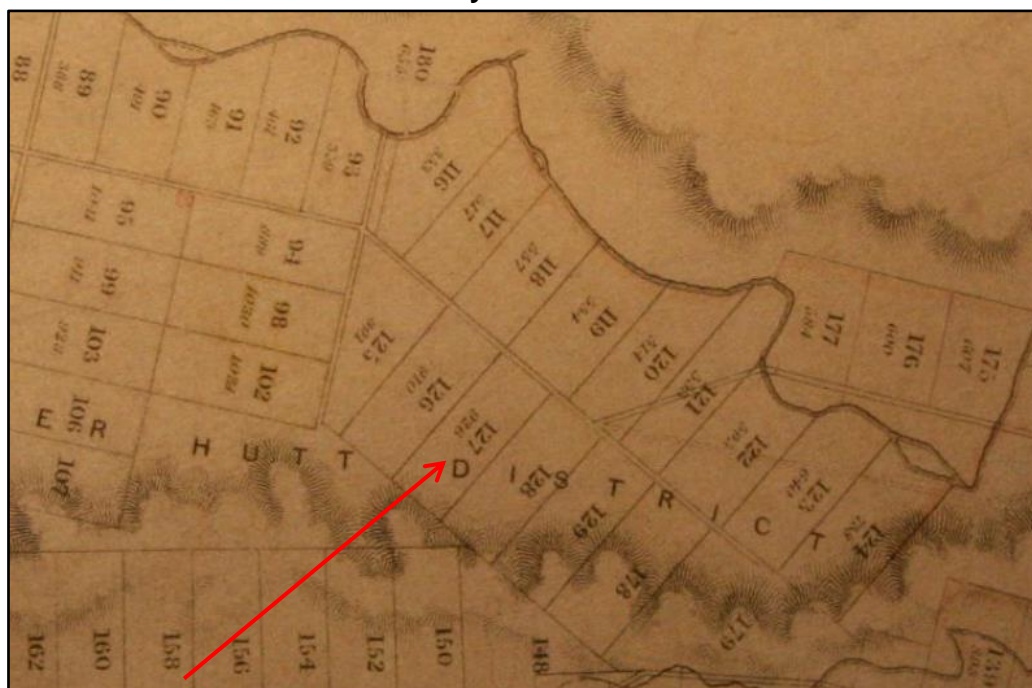
It is interesting to note that the Courthouse in Upper Hutt is still standing even after the second major earthquake. Many locals believe that the closure of the Courthouse was the long term plan of government to close courthouses around New Zealand. Local Upper Hutt residents now have to attend the Courthouse in Lower Hutt.

In the local Upper Hutt Leader newspaper dated 28 June 2017 it recorded that the city council was considering buying the site of the former courthouse which was an earthquake risk and clearing it as a green space. To date (2019) this has not happened.

The Land Section 127

The Crown Grant for Section No 127 was issued to T P E Thompson who leased and later sold the property to brothers George Brown and James Brown junior.

1843 Surveyed Section No 127



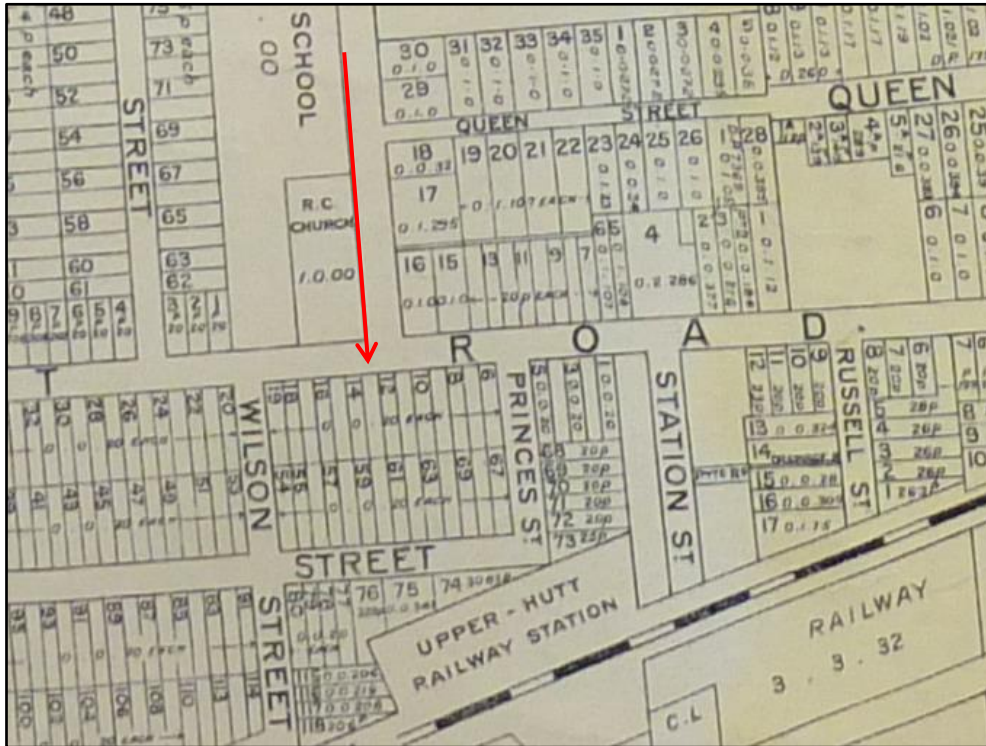
(Reference NZDF Map Library Trentham Camp 1840s Survey plan saved as IMG_24132.jpg)

Around 1903 when Section No 127 was subdivided into lots, the developer George Brown named the subdivision the Township of Melbaville.

Around 1916 the Minister of Justice acquired Lot 11-14 for the Court and frequent representations by the Borough Council secured the building of the new courthouse in 1930.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1930)

Lot 11-14 Section No 127 - 76 Main Street Upper Hutt



(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Map 1927 Upper Hutt Borough saved as DSCF5555.JPG)

Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1924

Renewed application is to be made to the Minister of Justice by the Town Board for the early erection of the promised Upper Hutt courthouse the land for which has been purchased and has been lying idle for some time. Nineteen competitive designs have been received by the City Council for the layout and buildings of the proposed civic centre between Wellesley Street East and Cook Street architects from all over New Zealand and also from Australia having entered the competition. It is hoped that from among these designs one may be selected as a basis for the treatment of the area in accordance with the scope and dignity of the scheme. The unopened designs were taken to the Parnell Library where the jury of awards started on the work of adjudicating upon their respective merits (states the Auckland Star). The jury, which consists of Messrs Gray Young of Wellington and Cecil Wood of Christchurch architects Mr W E Bush city engineer and Messrs G Baildon and J Dempsey city councillors will probably be occupied most of the week on the task of adjudication.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1924)

Hutt News newspaper 14 February 1929

The Upper Hutt Borough Council has communicated with the Minister of Justice (Hon T M Wilford) requesting him that a new Courthouse be erected at Upper Hutt all necessary information in connection with previous applications being forwarded.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt News newspaper 14 February 1929)

Hutt News newspaper 19 February 1929

The Minister of Justice (the Hon T M Wilford) advised that he would take the first opportunity of visiting the Upper Hutt courthouse with a view to investigating personally the need for a new building.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt News newspaper 19 February 1929)

Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1929

Modern Courthouse for Upper Hutt - The Minister of Justice (the Hon T M Wiiford) at the invitation of the Upper Hutt Borough Council inspected the Upper Hutt Courthouse yesterday and stated to a deputation his intention of providing at the earliest opportunity a modern Courthouse for the district. The Minister was welcomed by Mr P Robertson (Mayor of Upper Hutt) who said that now Mr Wilford was occupying his former position the deputation was asking him to fulfil his promise made to the Upper Hutt Town Board when as a member of the National Cabinet he had secured for the district a site for a new courthouse, with a view to the erection on it of a suitable building. The need for such a building had been recognised by the Minister's predecessors in office the Hon Sir James Parr and Mr F J Rolleston but not withstanding that up to the present they had been unable to get the building erected. Messrs W Greig, A J Mazengarb and J T Benge JP pointed out that although there was not a great crime list in the district matters of great civil importance were frequently dealt with in the Court and in the interests of justice the claims of Upper Hutt to a new Courthouse were most pressing. The Minister in reply said that the representations the deputation had made to him were true to his own knowledge. When he took office again last year he had fully expected that he would be asked to receive a deputation from them to see if he stood to the promise he had made in 1918 but which he had been unable to carry out. The present building was a disgrace and an eyesore, and in his opinion they wanted an up to date Courthouse with all modern conveniences drawn to plans in consonance with the police station and the constable's residence. He could not make any move at all in the matter during the present financial year but he was quite prepared to accede to their request as soon as the present financial year was ended. The Minister added that he would not give any definite promise but as soon as he listed his new works for the coming year he would see that a new Courthouse for Upper Hutt was if not top of the list certainly in one of the most prominent places in the list. He hoped the building would be undertaken and if possible completed before the end of the coming financial year. He would make that his special care and see that the work was done properly artistically and well. He thought it was wonderful that they had all carried on so well as they had done under such adverse condition.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 February 1929)

Hutt News newspaper 28 February 1929

A letter was received from the Minister of Justice (Hon T M Wilford) at Monday's meeting of the Upper Hutt Borough Council in response to a request from the Council for the erection of a new courthouse. The Minister intimated that he would make a visit to Upper Hutt at an early date and then inspect the existing building.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt News newspaper 28 February 1929)

Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1929

Inadequate Court Room - The inadequacy of the present Upper Hutt Courthouse was apparent at the sitting of the Magistrate's Court there yesterday and the erection of the new courthouse which has been authorised will come as a relief to all concerned. The small room yesterday was packed to its utmost capacity. It was a case of standing room only for the two benches for the public would hold scarcely more than a dozen and there must have been almost three times that number of spectators. Many of the solicitors also had to stand for the one small table for the use of the Clerk of the Court the police the Press and counsel would not hold thorn all. It was a big

sitting many of the cases being defended and much time was spent by the Court in trying to find out how long each case would take so that each solicitor would know when his case would be heard. Although the Court sat all day from 10 am till almost 5.45 pm with less than an hour for lunch many cases had to be adjourned for hearing at a later date.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 April 1929)

Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1929

Courthouse and War Memorial - The Upper Hutt Borough Council received last night a communication from the Department of Justice asking that particulars as to the form of war memorial proposed to be erected on the site of the new Courthouse be supplied for the benefit of the Government architect. The Mayor (Mr P Robertson) explained that on the occasion of the visit paid by the Minister of justice (the Hon T M Wilford) in connection with the new Courthouse it was mentioned that if the building was placed too near the road, the business of the Court would be interfered with by the nearness of traffic. It was consequently decided to build the Courthouse in the middle of the section and the Mayor's suggestion that the borough war memorial should be erected on the front of the site met with the Minister's approval. Councillor J O Duff stressed the advisability of supplying the desired information as soon as possible in order that the erection of the Courthouse would not be delayed but the Mayor pointed out that all that was desired was to make sure that the memorial would not be such as to detract from the beauty of the Courthouse. In reply to Councillor E W Cottle the Mayor stated that the money for the memorial was being raised by public subscriptions. All householders had been circularised and about £20 had already been promised.

(Reference Papers last website Evening Post newspaper 14 May 1929)

Evening Post newspaper 20 August 1929

Brick or Wood an Upper Hutt Complaint - Regret that the Government intended to depart from its definite promise to erect the new Upper Hutt Courthouse in brick expressed by the Upper Hutt Borough Council last night. The matter arose out of a memorandum from the Government Architect concerning the proposed war memorial to be erected in front of the new Courthouse the memorandum being forwarded to the council by the Department of Justice. The architect said that the memorial was too big in scale to place in front of the Courthouse which is built of wood and he recommended that the council be advised to obtain a more suitable position for such a large structure. Councillor W Greig- pointed out that the Courthouse was to be erected in the brick area and anyone but the State building there would not be allowed by the bylaw to build in wood. A reason given by the Mayor (Mr P Robertson) for the change of intention regarding the Courthouse the plans for which had been drawn for brick was that brick would cost too much. A motion of regret at the Government's intention was carried. No action was taken in regard to the war memorial.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 August 1929)

The War Memorial was never erected in front of the courthouse but later they did place a small cross on the lawn. Over the following years the annual Anzac parade assemble point was outside the courthouse before marching to Maidstone Park.

In 1930 tenders from Sullivan and Gormack were accepted to build a new courthouse on Lot 11-14 part Section No 127 at 76 Main Street in Upper Hutt.

Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1930

The construction of the new Courthouse at Upper Hutt will be undertaken by Messrs Sullivan and Gormack whose tender was accepted by Cabinet yesterday.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1930)

Evening Post newspaper 01 February 1930

Courthouse at Upper Hutt – The tender of Messrs Sullivan and Gormack has been accepted by the Government for the erection of a Court house at the Upper Hutt

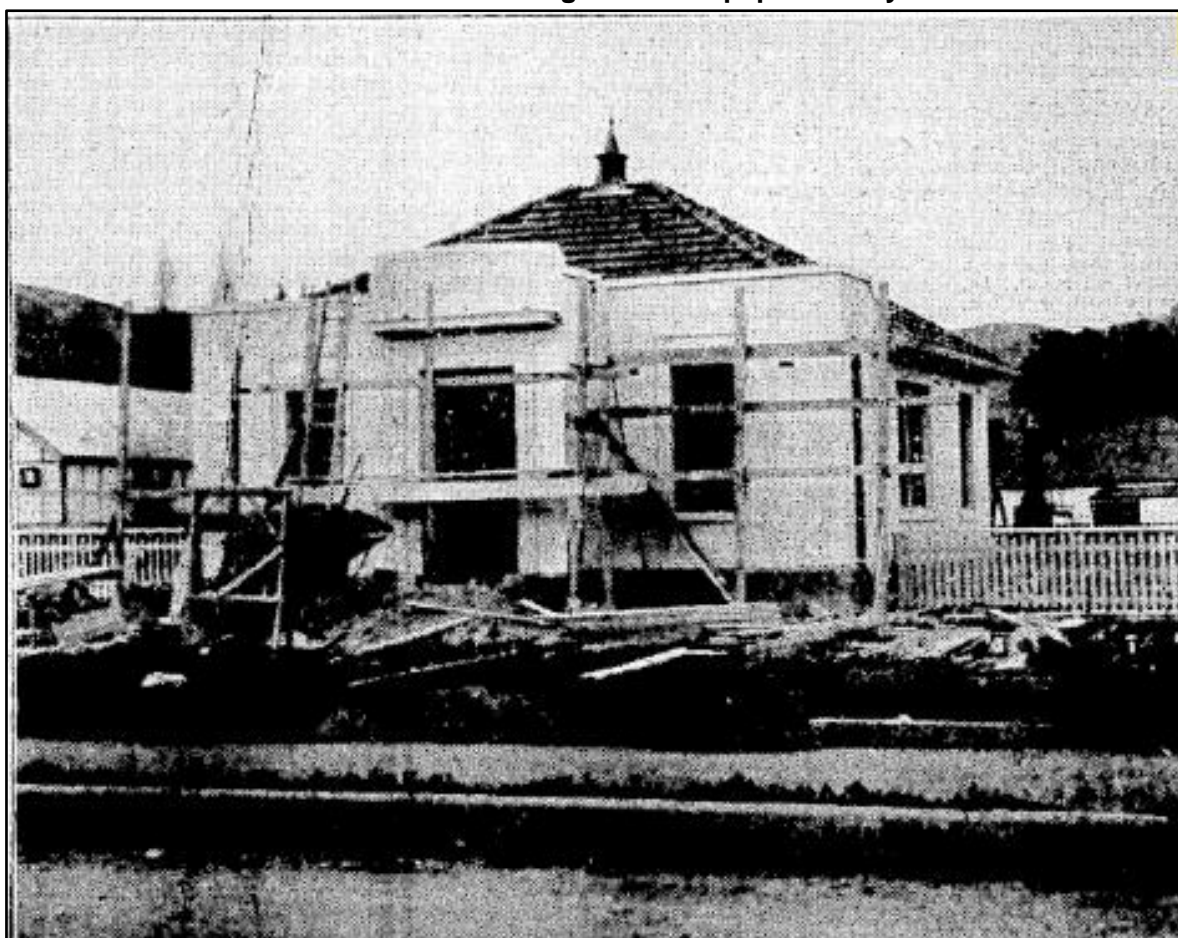
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 February 1930)

Evening Post newspaper 07 February 1930

Tenders Accepted – In the Gazette issued last evening notification is given of the acceptance by the Government of the following tenders – Courtenay Place Post Office £54,717 9s 3d Hasford and Mills Construction Co Ltd., Upper Hutt Courthouse £1589 Sullivan and Cormack, Richmond School for Girls renovations to cottage homes £673 aa1 W E Wilkes Ltd., Nelson Post Office strengthening tower £688 Totterdell Ltd.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 February 1930)

New Courthouse - Evening Post newspaper 22 May 1930



(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 May 1930 page 17)

New Courthouse at Upper Hutt - This building which is now rapidly nearing completion is the new Courthouse at Upper Hutt and has been built on the main road in the centre of the town.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 May 1930 page 17)

Evening Post newspaper 08 July 1930

Upper Hutt Borough Council – The Town Clerk's report stated that £50 had been allocated to the borough to provide work for unemployed returned soldiers. The council's subsidy of 30s in the £

would bring this up to £125. It was decided to spend the money on work around the new Courthouse.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 July 1930)

The new Upper Hutt courthouse was opened on the 13 August 1930 at 76 Main Road (now known as Main Street) Upper Hutt.

Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1930

New Courthouse Upper Hutt's Progress – The Building Opened – Upper Hutt's new courthouse was opened this morning before a large gathering of the public and the legal profession. The building is a handsome concrete one standing well back from the main Hutt road near the centre of the town. In comparison with the old courthouse it is commodious in the extreme. Besides the courthouse proper the building contains a public office magistrate's room and waiting room. The furnishings throughout are in rimu. The Mayor (Mr Robertson JP) on behalf of the Upper Hutt Borough Council and the local justices welcomed the Magistrate members of the Bar and local constables to their new quarters. In 1916 he said the Minister of Justice had acquired the land for the Court and frequent representations by the Borough Council had at last secured the building. They had had the unique experience of a Minister poking his stick through the old courthouse and saying that it would not lend dignity to a justice let alone a magistrate. The building of the new courthouse was a fitting climax to the interest taken in the district by Sir Thomas Wilford. He asked Mr W H Woodward SM to convey to the Justice Department the hearty appreciation of the borough for providing the building. In a short speech the senior Justice of the Peace r P D Davis traced the history of the council's efforts to secure the new building. Mr R H Webb spoke on behalf of the legal practitioners. He congratulated the borough on having acquired such a handsome addition to its building as the present Courthouse. Mr Woodward added his felicitations to those already given and promised to convey to the Justice Department the borough's appreciation. That the council had got a new building he though was largely due to its own efforts and to the goodwill of Sir Thomas Wilford.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 August 1930)

Evening Post newspaper 03 October 1930

Public Works - The Estimates Items of Interest Roads and Buildings – The sum of £1496 is included for the creation of the Upper Hutt Courthouse.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 October 1930)

The early courthouse situated in Station Street was burnt down on the morning of 28 July 1932. At this time it was being used as a clubhouse by the Returned Services Association.

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932

Fire at Upper Hutt old building destroyed – A small building in Station Street Upper Hutt built at least fifty years ago and used until recently as the Courthouse was almost completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Since the erection of the new Courthouse the old building has been used as a clubhouse by the Returned Soldiers Association. Mr A W J Kearns sleeps on the premises and he was awakened at about 3 am by the smell of smoke and the noise of the burning. The Upper Hutt Fire Brigade soon arrived but was able to save only the shell of the building. Mr Kearns's wife who also lived on the premises was away last night. The building which was owned by the Department of Justice was insured for £100 and the furniture and effects were insured for £100.

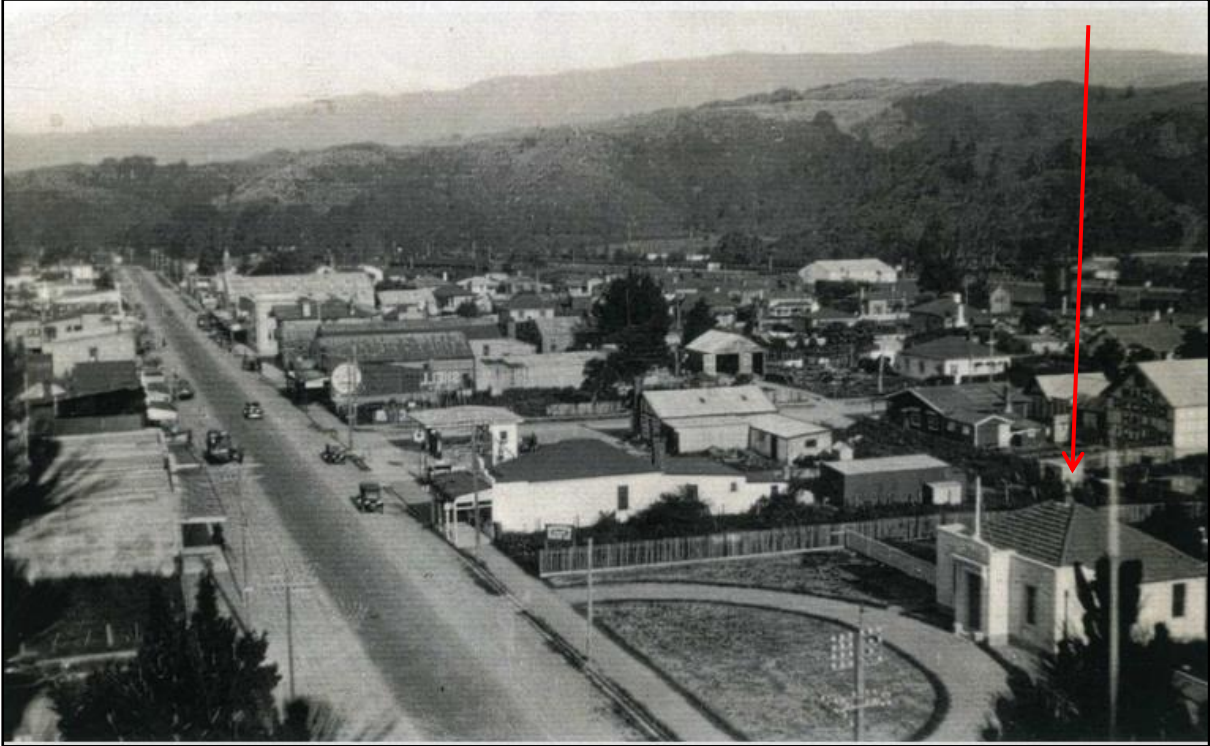
(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932 page 12)

Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1935

Upper Hutt Courthouse Painting Renovations – Tenders for the above will be received by the District Engineer P.W. Departments Sydney Street Wellington N1 up to 4 pm on Tuesday 10 December 1935. Specifications may be seen at Post Office Upper and Lower Hutt and P.W. Office Sydney Street Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 December 1935)

c1930 – Courthouse Main Street Upper Hutt



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Looking east c1930a P2-718-1778)

View of Main Street looking east from west of St Joseph's Church from opposite Gething's Motors site. Published in the Upper Hutt Leader 11 August 2004 over the caption, Main Street has changed a lot since this photo was taken. The Courthouse is in the right hand foreground and Hercock's store next door to where Astral Towers now is. This photograph was loaned by Margaret Robertson. It belonged to her mother in law the late Margaret Robertson a long time Upper Hutt resident whose husband was Arthur. There are no clues as to the photographer but handwritten on the back is taken about 1929. It is likely to have been taken from the old St Joseph's Church bell tower. A note accompanying the image differs slightly from the caption noting that The family say the photographer was local man Peter Beavis who took the photo from a pine tree that once stood in Pine Avenue. Otherwise it could have been taken from the old St Joseph's Church bell tower. Image P2-400-648 is from the same viewpoint. P Beavis definitely took a photo from here during the 1939 funeral of Mayor Peter Robertson. Further comment - The bell tower and pine tree were both too far back from Main Street but there were suitable trees in Main Street west of St Joseph's churchyard. Date taken c1930s (Courthouse opened 13 August 1930 - Brian Pearce).

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Looking east c1930a P2-718-1778)

Upper Hutt Leader 27 April 1939

A parade of Returned Soldiers headed by the Municipal Band, local territorial Platoon, South African Veterans, Boys Scouts and Girl Guides marches from the Courthouse to the Maidstone Park under the command of the President of the local Returned Soldiers Association.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 27 April 1939)

Courthouse next to Herccock's Grocery shop



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Herccock's & Courthouse P2-349-566)

The photograph features the shop with the verandah signwritten Crockery F F Herccock Grocery. Parked at the front of the store is a Ford Model A sedan. The woman walking across the road has not been identified. The courthouse can be seen in the right background. It was built by Sullivan and Gormack and was opened on 13 August 1930. (Information from Brian Pearce). The F F Herccock building opened on 01 August 1940. Information from an article in the Upper Hutt Leader. Herccock's closed in 1971. The 28 November Leader said Steptoe and Son (second-hand dealers) had been there after Herccock's and before the building was burnt down they had opened in November 1971. Date taken c1940.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street Herccock's & Courthouse P2-349-566)

Upper Hutt Leader 06 March 1941

Home Guard Church Parade – A church parade of the Upper Hutt Sub-Unit Home Guard will take place in Sunday 9th March. Fall in at 1000 hours (10 am) sharp in front of the Upper Hutt Courthouse and march to Maidstone Park where a short Service will be held Rev J C McCaw officiating. All Subsidy Units of Home Guards and EPS are invited to attend. Upper Hutt Municipal Band will be in attendance. H Birkett Commander

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 06 March 1941)

Upper Hutt Leader 24 April 1941

They Say What Do They Say - That the usual Anzac Service will be held on Maidstone Park tomorrow afternoon (Friday). That the address will be given by the Rev J L Holland son of the Bishop of Wellington. That Returned Soldiers are requested to parade medals and decorations. That the Home Guard, EPS, WWSA, and other 'kindred units will be there. That the parade will leave the Courthouse just after 2 pm headed by the Municipal Band. That if the weather is unfavourable the service will be held in the Majestic Theatre.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 24 April 1941)

Upper Hutt Leader 18 April 1946

Anzac Day Service - The Service will be held in Maidstone Park on Thursday the 25th April 1946, at 2.30 pm (If wet the Service will be held in the Mayfair Theatre at 2.30 pm). A Parade of the following bodies will fall in in Pine Avenue opposite the Courthouse and proceed to Maidstone Park. Assemble Pine Avenue 2 pm Municipal Band, SAV, RSA, Home Service Association, Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, Pipe Band, Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, and school children. J BLEWMAN Mayor

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 18 April 1946)

Upper Hutt Leader 28 April 1949

Anzac Day at Upper Hutt – 3000 Returned Servicemen attend Dawn parade – At 5.45 am on Monday morning about 350 returned servicemen lined up outside the RSA Hall and led by the Standard Bearer Captain SD Rodgers MC marched silently down the Main Road to the lawn outside the Courthouse where the Dawn Service was held.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 28 April 1949)

In 1955 Mr Hawkes became Upper Hutt's permanent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Upper Hutt Leader 15 September 1955

Permanent Registrar for Magistrate's Court – Upper Hutt has now a permanent Registrar at the Courthouse in Mr Hawke who has been appointed to that position. Mr Hawkes has been the Deputy Registrar at Masterton for the past three years prior to which he was at New Plymouth. Other duties to be taken over by Mr Hawke from the 01st of October will be Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Registrar of Heretaunga Electorate and will be appointed as Secretary of the Heretaunga Licensing Committee. The office house of the new Registrar will be 8.30 am to 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm to 4 pm Mondays to Fridays.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 15 September 1955)

Upper Hutt Leader 09 February 1956

Growth of Upper Hutt - The advertisement in this issue of the Leader for a cadet for the Justice Department is a still further indication of the recent growth of Upper Hutt and the results of that growth. There has been a Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt since 1894. Up to 1930 the Courthouse was behind the Post Office building on the corner of Station Street the old Courthouse was formerly the old Post Office. The new Courthouse was erected on its present site in 1930. What a wealth of local history must have been revealed or made in the old building. What far reaching changes it must have witnessed. Up to 1955 a succession of police officers filled the position of Clerk of the Court or later Registrar of the Magistrate's Court and what a job they made of their dual roles. However the police work and the court work had both grown to the stage where a civilian Registrar was needed. With the court work still increasing and the Births, Deaths and Marriages registration and Electoral work taken over the present building is much too small and additions are now being planned but who in 1930 could have foreseen the growth of the 1950s. We take courts and their work so much for granted that it is useful sometimes to pause and consider just what courts mean to the community. One of the first things done when New Zealand became a British possession was to set up a judicial system and from New Zealand's earliest days there has always been a judiciary unfettered by political or administrative control in the exercise of its judicial duties. But if by some mischance there were no courts, how would the community enforce sanctions against offenders? What sanctions could the police use? How would penal institutions receive their prisoners? We could perhaps have the concentration camp and the secret police but would they be possible under our Parliamentary system? The only answer to the absence of courts seems to be dictatorship. Indeed we are inclined to underestimate and undervalue the worth of the judiciary. The court staff is the right hand of the judges and magistrates and whoever is the youth selected for the staff of the Upper

Hutt Court he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he is serving the community in a rewarding role. Youth of today have great opportunities. They start their working life at a time when slump, war and aftermath of war have successively robbed employing authorities of a continuous line of young staff. As a result today's youth will rise rapidly to top positions. They have great opportunities and grave responsibilities.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 09 February 1956)

Upper Hutt Leader 26 April 1956

President Frank Kershaw pronounced the Anzac Dedication after which wreaths were laid at the foot of the cross on the lawn outside the Courthouse.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 26 April 1956)

It is not known when the cross on the lawn outside the courthouse was erected.

Upper Hutt Leader 17 April 1958

Court Officer Transferred – Mr C J Bonnington bailiff of the Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt has received notice of his transfer to the Magistrates Court at Wellington. Mr Bonnington was the first civilian bailiff to be appointed at Upper Hutt where he commenced duty on 01st October 1955. Prior to that date the bailiff duties had been performed by a Police Constable.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 17 April 1958)

Temporary courthouse at Armidale Private Hotel

The business of the Upper Hutt Courthouse departed the old courthouse building and moved into the temporary premises of the former Armidale Private Hotel (formerly known as the Brunswick Guest House) opposite St Hilda's Church at the north end of Upper Hutt.

Brunswick Guest House Main Street Upper Hutt



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Brunswick Private Hotel photo Brian Pearce #138)

Photographer Brian Pearce Last edited by Brian J Pearce. Description This private hotel was built in 1929 by Hannah Clark and was originally called the 'Armidale'. Part of the Maidstone Mall was later built on the site. Hannah worked very hard as the hotel had 18 rooms and she did all the washing and cooking - an almost endless job with very little time to herself; she would only have male boarders. Hannah eventually sold the hotel and later its name was changed. The last owner to operate the premises as a private hotel was Hance Brannen. This photograph was taken the day before the building was demolished; coincidentally Hannah's grandson Bernard O'Riley was the bulldozer driver. (Information supplied from the back of a colour photo supplied by Hannah's children.) The hotel appears in many photographs of the procession celebrating Upper Hutt's proclamation as a city in May 1966.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Brunswick Private Hotel photo Brian Pearce #138)

Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961

Courthouse New Premises - Due to the proposed demolition of the Courthouse the offices of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Registrar of Electors and Returning Officer, Clerk of the Heretaunga Licensing Committee are now situated in the building formerly known as the "Armidale Private Hotel" 54 Main Street Upper Hutt (opposite St Hilda's Church), which has been appointed as the Courthouse. W O Hawke Registrar etc., 04th May 1961

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 04 May 1961)

Upper Hutt Leader 11 May 1961

The Annual Meeting of the Licensing Committee for the District of Heretaunga will be held at the Courthouse Upper Hutt (formerly Armidale Private Hotel building 54 Main Street Upper Hutt) on Wednesday the 14th day of June 1961 at 2.15pm.

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 04 May 1961

Old Landmark to go – An advertisement in this issue draws attention to a further historical event indicating the growth of Upper Hutt and district. On Friday last when the Courthouse closed its doors to the public it was more than the end of an era. The last business had been transacted in a building which had been a landmark in the community since it was opened in 1930. When this building was erected it was expected that it would serve the district for many more years past the building has been too cramped and the quarters insufficient for the volume of business now required to be transacted there. There has been a Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt since 1894 and up to 1930 the then Courthouse was behind the Post Office building on the corner of Station Street – the old Courthouse was formerly the old Post Office. It is now proposed to demolish the present Courthouse and on its site erect a new Courthouse a public building of which the community may well be proud, suitable for the present day requirements of the district and it is hoped for many more years to come. Pending the completion of the new Courthouse the Department of Justice has taken over the former Armidale Private Hotel building for use as a temporary Courthouse and the Registrar and staff of the Magistrate's Court and all records have been transferred to that building. The first sitting of the Magistrate's Court in its new location was a special fixture held by Mr J R Drummond SM on Tuesday 02nd May while the normal fortnightly sitting was held on Wednesday.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 04 May 1961)

Upper Hutt Leader 05 October 1961

That the bare section where the old Courthouse stood makes us nostalgic

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 05 October 1961)

Upper Hutt Leader 03 May 1962

New Registrar of Court – Mr T A F Withers of Dunedin has been appointed Registrar of the Magistrates Court Upper Hutt. He succeeds the late Mr W Hawke who was Registrar in Upper Hutt for many years. Mr Withers joined the Public Service with the Registrar Generals Office in Wellington in 1941 and since then has served in Magistrates Court at Christchurch, Napier and Dunedin. In 1961 he became Second Registrar of the Dunedin Supreme Court. We welcome Mr Withers to Upper Hutt and hope his stay will be long and happy. For the past five months Mr J Gee of the Lower Hutt Magistrates Court has been acting as Registrar of the Court during which time he was most approachable to anyone requiring information and his smiling face will certainly be missed both by the Police Department and Justice of Peace who have had dealings with him.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 03 May 1962)

Upper Hutt Leader 06 September 1962

V L McGhie Ltd Require painters on Courthouse job – Top wages overtime Saturday work – Apply on job or phone 6171

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 06 September 1962)

Upper Hutt Leader 29 November 1962

Opening of New Courthouse – The official opening of the new Courthouse by the Minister of Justice Mr Hannan will take place on Tuesday 11 December 1962 at 9.45 am. This is the third Courthouse Upper Hutt has had. The original one was opened in 1894 and was used until 1930 when it was replaced by a building on the site of the new Courthouse. With the rapid growth of the Borough and the County since 1930 the old Courthouse of about 1,000 square feet lacked the amenities and room necessary for the demands made on it by a District with a population on over 24,500. The new building which has a floor area of about 5,000 square feet was designed by the Ministry of Works and built by the Upper Hutt firm Strickland and Pawson Ltd. It is of reinforced concrete construction with brick veneer and large windows. A striking effect has been obtained in the Courtroom where the wall behind the Bench is of red brick flanked by Tututuku panels. The general layout reveals that the convenience of the public attending the Courthouse has received full consideration. As well as a large public office and waiting rooms for witnesses, acoustic tiles and panels have been used extensively throughout the passage ways to allow freedom of movements and normal business to be transacted while the Court is sitting. Members of the public are invited to attend the opening ceremony which will be held in front of the Courthouse if the weather is suitable. After the plaque has been unveiled by the Minister the building will be open for inspection.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 29 November 1962)

Upper Hutt Leader 06 December 1962

Opening of New Courthouse – The Public are cordially invited to attend the official opening of the new Magistrate's Court Upper Hutt by the Honourable J R Hanan Minister of Justice at 9.45 am on Tuesday 11 December 1962

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 06 December 1962)

Upper Hutt Leader 13 December 1962

With the opening of the new Court House we hope that those who will eventually appear in the dock will appreciate the extent to which the taxpayer has gone to make their stay as comfortable as possible. Who know we may even experience a crime wave just for the privilege of trying it out.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 13 December 1962)

The Courthouse continued to be used in the 1970s and 1980s and further images of the building can be found on the Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website.

1970s Upper Hutt Courthouse



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Courthouse from St Joseph's churchyard ACC_283_Series_A11-7_007)

Photographer Jackson, Wilfred Revelle - Original slide is faded this image is darker and colour has been auto corrected. Pine tree's still standing in the graveyard in 1973 the graves were consolidated in a yard north of the new church. The 28 June 2017 Leader said the city council was considering buying the site of the courthouse which was an earthquake risk and clearing it as a green space. Date taken ca 1970.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Courthouse from St Joseph's churchyard ACC_283_Series_A11-7_007)

1988 Courthouse – 76 Main Street Upper Hutt



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street 1988 courthouse P3-46-195)

Original description; "Upper Hutt Courthouse built 1968. Built by R D Triplow" (See below). Brian Pearce has provided a correction to the above information. He states: "The courthouse was NOT built in 1968; it was built 1961-1962 and was officially opened on 11 December 1962. It was NOT built by R.D. Triplow; it was built by Strickland and Pawson Ltd - the company was contracted on 18 August 1961 at a price of 33,892 pounds. (Detail from National Archives Archway resource). At the time the courthouse was built the informant's brother Ken was employed on its construction". The courthouse is in Main Street, next to the multi-storey Astral Towers/CBD Towers building, at left. The courthouse was closed permanently on October 3, 2012, as it was deemed to be an earthquake risk. It was alleged there were inadequate connections between the timber roof and concrete walls. The June 28, 2017 'Leader' said the city council was considering buying the site of the courthouse, which was an earthquake risk, and clearing it as a green space. Dating; late October (Labour Day?). All shops were closed. J & N Gifts advertised 'October Millionaire selling fast. Get your tickets now.' Jennifer's Jewellers' window was festooned with tinsel, and Playtime Toy Markets shop window was decorated for Christmas. Thimbles and Threads moved from 40 Park Street to the corner shop previously used by Tim White and later a veterinarian, and the shop next door, in November 2016; the firm's new owner was Justine Halsey, daughter of the founder, Ingrid van der Gulik.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street 1988 courthouse P3-46-195)

On 03 October 2012 the Upper Hutt Courthouse was closed and the business of the Upper Hutt Courthouse was transferred to the Lower Hutt Courthouse.

Early Upper Hutt Courthouse

The first Court house in the Upper Hutt district occupied the premises of the Blockhouse in Wallaceville. The blockhouse was built in 1860 and situated on part section No 94. David Lyster was the first Constable in the Upper Hutt district and he resided in the Blockhouse along with his wife and their children.

Blockhouse



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Bruce Bold collection)

Wellington Independent newspaper 07 February 1862

The Late attempt to murder – An information was filed by Private Lyster AP on Wednesday last at the Resident Magistrates Court Upper Hutt, HS Wardell Esq., R M and R Barton Esq JP on the Bench

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 07 February 1862)

Courthouse and Police Station



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Historical site plaque photographer Donald Patterson 04 August 2016)

One of the first group seven plaques announced in the 06 March 1995 Leader to be installed that week. In 1859 the settlements first post office was opened on this site. In 1876 with the arrival of the railway it became the stationmasters house. About this time it also served as an early Courthouse and Police Station. Placed in Geange Street just off Main Street. Date taken 04th August 2016 by Donald Patterson.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Historical site plaque photographer Donald Patterson 04 August 2016)

In 1859 the first Post Office in the Upper Hutt district was situated on the corner of Fortune Lane and Fergusson Drive. In 1875 the Post office opened on the corner of Geange Street (now Station Street) and Main Street in central Upper Hutt. In 1881 the post office duties became the responsibility of the Station Master at the Upper Hutt Railway Station. In 1892 the Postmaster duties were reverted back to Post Office employees. (In 1908 the new brick Post Office was built on the corner of Geange Street (formerly Station Street) and Main Street in Upper Hutt central.)

Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1878

A sitting of the Resident Magistrate's Court for the Mungaroa Riding will be held at the Resident Magistrate's Court House Upper Hutt on Wednesday 12th day of June 1878 at noon for the purpose of considering the complaint of any person who considers himself aggrieved by his own name or that of any other person being entered on or omitted from the Roll of such Ridings or by

the number of such votes allotted to him or to any other person thereon being more or fewer than that to which he or such other person is entitled. James C Crawford Resident Magistrate Wellington 07th May 1878

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 May 1878)

Wairarapa Standard newspaper 15 May 1875

Upper Hutt Telegraph Station – The friends of Mr Wylie assistant telegraphist at the Greytown Office will be glad to hear that he has received well merited promotion by being appointed to the charge of the new Telegraph Office at the Upper Hutt.

(Reference Papers past website Wairarapa Standard newspaper 15 May 1875 page 2)

Perhaps Wairarapa Standard newspaper 08 June 1875

Evening Post newspaper 07 September 1875

To Builders – Tenders are invited until noon of Tuesday the 14th September for the erection of a shop at the Upper Hutt nearly opposite the new Post Office – Plans and specifications &c at my office Thomas Turnbull Architect Temple Chambers 07th September.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 September 1875 page 3)

New Zealand Times newspaper 17 August 1894

The appointment of Constable McKinnon as clerk of the Magistrate's Court Upper Hutt is gazetted.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 17 August 1894)

1894 Courthouse

Up to 1930 Courthouse in Station Street behind the Post office on the corner Stations Street and Main Street

Upper Hutt Leader 09 February 1956

Evening Post newspaper 20 & 23 September 1907

Removal of Courthouse Upper Hutt – Tenders will be received at this office until Noon of Monday 30th September 1907 for the removal and re-erection of the specification and conditions may be seen at the Post Office Upper Hutt. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. R W Holmes Engineer in Chief Public Works Office Wellington 18th September 1907

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 & 23 September 1907)

Evening Post newspaper 14 July 1908

Upper Hutt Post Office – Tenders will be received at this office until noon of Monday 10th August 1908 for the Erection (in brick) of a Post Office at Upper Hutt. Drawings specification and conditions of contract may be seen at the Post Office Upper Hutt and at this office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. John Campbell Government Architect Public Works Office Wellington 10th July 1908

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 July 1908)

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932

Fire at Upper Hutt Old Building Destroyed – A small building in Station Street Upper Hutt built at least fifty years ago and used until recently as the Courthouse was almost completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Since the erection of the new Courthouse the old building has been used as a clubhouse by the Returned Soldiers Association. Mr A W J Kearns sleeps on the

premises and he was awakened at about 3 am by the smell of smoke and the noise of the burning. The Upper Hutt Fire Brigade soon arrived but was able to save only the shell of the building. Mr Kearns's wife who also lived on the premises was away last night. The building which was owned by the Department of Justice was insured for £100 and the furniture and effects were insured for £100.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932 page 12)

Courthouse south corner of Station Street and Main Road



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street looking east from Princess Street P3-22-87)

Upper Hutt looking east along Main Street - Left going east Ted Wilkie's boarding house and bakery, Ames's Provincial Hotel, Hazelwood's first shop is just visible. Right going east Courthouse (first), P Davis store, Criterion Hotel. First estimated date was 1880s but unless Hazelwood moved into an existing building the date must be later than 1893. Hazelwood's second building was a few metres from the Provincial hotel and had two full storeys it is not shown here and was built in 1898. Date taken Mid 1890s?

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main Street looking east from Princess Street P3-22-87)

Ames's (Provincial) Hotel was built and opened 23 February 1876.

1903 Courthouse south corner Station Street and Main Street



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main road looking southwest P5-54-639)

Duplicate of P2-65-97 View looking southwest to the Station Street area from the north side of the Main Road. The traction engine in foreground is driving a stone crusher loading a dray. Second building P D Davis store, Courthouse next (on the opposite corner of Station Street), Town Hall (Mayfair Theatre later), Geange's carriers depot last. Printed in the Leader on 18 January 2002. Date taken c1900

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Main road looking southwest P5-54-639)

The above photograph is dated after 1903 as the Upper Hutt Town Hall was built in 1903.

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 February 1912

At the Upper Hutt courthouse on Wednesday 14 February before Dr McArthur S M and with a packed audience for whom Standing room only had no terrors Richard Joseph Cox, Albert Patterson, Leo Comeskey, Manson McNabb, Walter Butler, Leonard Reid Keys and Francis Martin were charged that on the 07th day of December 1911 in a public place to wit Ling Street Upper Hutt did use threatening behaviour with intent to provoke a breach

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 22 February 1913

Upper Hutt Town Board – Commissioners Webb and Robertson moved that the attention of the Minister for Justice be called to the dilapidated condition of the Upper Hutt courthouse - Adopted unanimously.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 22 February 1913)

New Zealand Times newspaper 18 January 1917

Upper Hutt Courthouse an Antiquated Structure - There is always an unwanted activity about Upper Hutt on court days. While on other days the main street is practically deserted, with the advent of the court day small groups of men can be seen talking rather animatedly in the street and in front of the courthouse quite a crowd loiters. As the time approaches for the arrival by train of the visiting magistrate the excitement grows and the good folk of the township push towards the main court entrance to make sure of a seat. There is however no necessity for a qualifying word in front of Entrance. The Upper Hutt courthouse has only one entrance, an

entrance that leads without any introduction whatever in to the hall of justice within. The hall of justice comprises a room about 30ft by 12ft and is furnished with the magisterial bench a table and two forms. Very unkind remarks have been made by visiting magistrates about this courthouse in the past. For instance there was an occasion about five years back when His Worship asked that the courthouse windows be opened - it was a very hot day while there was a very big court audience. The resident constable smiled in a rather embarrassed manner and told the magistrate that the windows would not open. This drew caustic comment from His Worship about the courthouse in general. It was time he said, that the dilapidated building was removed. The courthouse is still there and is more dilapidated than ever. Whether the windows have been ever opened since, it is hard to say. The Upper Hutt courthouse has its advantages however few. For instance the work of superintending the court business is reduced to minimum. There are no intricate corridors for witnesses to get lost in. Even if the services of a person are unexpectedly wanted by the court the constable has merely to step over to the main entrance and shout but the name down the main street. It was not long ago that a female witness had to be recalled. The constable called put her name down the street and in the space of a few moments the missing witness appeared from a house nearby. Her hands were covered with flour and she had an apron on but no one seemed to notice. No doubt however the resident constable would be more than willing to dispense with such a convenience as the one mentioned if a new courthouse were promised for the district. At yesterday's sitting of the court the inadequate accommodation and shabby interior of the building were more than ever emphasised. The fact that one of the presiding justices had owing to the severe pressure of space to hang his hat on the edge of a wastepaper box in the corner of the courthouse was hardly in keeping with the atmosphere usually looked for in a hall of justice.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 18 January 1917)

Evening Post newspaper 09 & 14 November 1922

Tenders Upper Hutt Courthouse – Tenders to close on 18th instant are invited for Repairs and Painting at the Upper Hutt Courthouse. A specification is available at Upper Hutt Courthouse and at Wellington Public Works District Office

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 & 14 November 1922)

Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1924

Renewed application is to be made to the Minister of Justice by the Town Board for the early erection of the promised Upper Hutt courthouse the land for which has been purchased and has been lying idle for some time. Nineteen competitive designs have been received by the City Council for the layout and buildings of the proposed civic centre between Wellesley Street East and Cook Street architects from all over New Zealand and also from Australia having entered the competition. It is hoped that from among these designs one may be selected as a basis for the treatment of the area in accordance with the scope and dignity of the scheme. The unopened designs were taken to the Parnell Library where the jury of awards started on the work of adjudicating upon their respective merits (states the Auckland Star). The jury, which consists of Messrs Gray Young of Wellington and Cecil Wood of Christchurch architects Mr W E Bush city engineer and Messrs G Baidon and J Dempsey city councillors will probably be occupied most of the week on the task of adjudication.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 October 1924)

The Justice Department used the building in Station Street as a Courthouse.

Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932

Fire at Upper Hutt old building destroyed – A small building in Station Street Upper Hutt built at least fifty years ago and used until recently as the Courthouse was almost completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Since the erection of the new Courthouse the old building has been used as a clubhouse by the Returned Soldiers Association. Mr A W J Kearns sleeps on the premises and he was awakened at about 3 am by the smell of smoke and the noise of the burning. The Upper Hutt Fire Brigade soon arrived but was able to save only the shell of the building. Mr Kearns's wife who also lived on the premises was away last night. The building which was owned by the Department of Justice was insured for £100 and the furniture and effects were insured for £100.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 July 1932 page 12)

People associated with the Courthouse

Walter Oswald HAWKES – Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages 1955-1961

In September 1955 Walter Oswald Hawkes became Upper Hutt's permanent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Upper Hutt Leader 15 September 1955

Permanent Registrar for Magistrate's Court – Upper Hutt has now a permanent Registrar at the Courthouse in Mr Hawke who has been appointed to that position. Mr Hawkes has been the Deputy Registrar at Masterton for the past three years prior to which he was at New Plymouth. Other duties to be taken over by Mr Hawke from the 01st of October will be Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Registrar of Heretaunga Electorate and will be appointed as Secretary of the Heretaunga Licensing Committee. The office house of the new Registrar will be 8.30 am to 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm to 4 pm Mondays to Fridays.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 15 September 1955)

Upper Hutt Leader 14 December 1961

Obituary Mr W O Hawke – The death occurred in the Hutt hospital after a long illness of Mr Walter Oswald Hawke who was for six years registrar of the Upper Hutt Magistrate's Court. He was 52. Mr Hawke spent many years in the service of number of Government departments. Born in 1909 Mr Hawke commenced with the Justice Department as a cadet in the Masterton Magistrate's Court in June 1927 and remained with it until March 1939 having also served in the Wairoa, Whangarei and Palmerston North Courts. He then transferred to the Social Security Department and worked with it for almost three years before again transferring this time to the Health Department where he worked for seven years until January 1949. Transferring back to the Justice Department he served first in New Plymouth Magistrate's Court and then returned to Masterton in June 1952 as deputy registrar of the Supreme Court. He was appointed registrar of the Upper Hutt Court in September 1955 and served there until his death. The funeral service was held at St John's Church Trentham on Friday last when there was a very large number of relations and friends present. Canon W M Smallfield conducted the service at the Church also at the cemetery. The late Mr Hawke leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss also sisters Mesdames H Minton (Masterton), R Bond (Carterton) and O Hawke (Palmerston North).

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 14 December 1961)

0- **Walter Oswald HAWKE** born 11 February 1909 New Zealand died 06 December 1961
Carterton New Zealand married 1937 New Zealand Vera Nancie WAUGH born 27 December
1910 died 29 July 2008 Carterton New Zealand
#Walter Oswald HAWKE born 1909 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909
folio website 1909/24959 parents Mary Mortimore and Charles Hawke
#Vera Nancy WAUGH born 27 December 1910 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth
registration 1911 folio website 1911/2474 parents Susan and James Davidson Waugh
#Walter Oswald HAWKE married 1937 New Zealand Vera Nancie WAUGH reference RGO
NZ marriage registration 1937 folio website 1937/2688
#Walter Oswald HAWKE 121 Lyndhurst Street civil servant & Vera Nancie HAWKE 121
Lyndhurst Street married 1938 Palmerston North Electoral Roll
#Walter Oswald HAWKE 10 Leach Street civil servant & Vera Nancie HAWKE 10 Leach
Street married 1946 New Plymouth Electoral Roll
#Walter Oswald HAWKE 7 Sanders Avenue civil servant & Vera Nancie HAWKE 7 Sanders
Avenue married 1949 New Plymouth Electoral Roll
#Walter Oswald HAWKE 31 High Street public servant & Vera Nancie HAWKE 31 High Street
married 1954 Wairarapa Electoral Roll
#Walter Oswald HAWKE 40 Beth Street Trentham public servant & Vera Nancie HAWKE 40
Beth Street Trentham married 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll
#Walter Oswald HAWKE died 1961 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1961
folio website 1961/39332 age 52 born about 1909
#Vera N HAWKE 14 Ararino Street Trentham widow 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll
#Vera Nancie HAWKE died 2008 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2008
folio website 2008/18168 born 27 December 1910
#Walter Oswald HAWKE and Vera Nancie HAWKE names are recorded on a headstone at
Clareville cemetery Carterton Wairarapa

J GEE – Registrar of Courts Upper Hutt

Upper Hutt Leader 03 May 1962

For the past five months Mr J Gee of the Lower Hutt Magistrates Court has been acting as Registrar of the Court during which time he was most approachable to anyone requiring information and his smiling face will certainly be missed both by the Police Department and Justice of Peace who have had dealings with him.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 03 May 1962)

Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS – Registrar of Court Upper Hutt 1962

Upper Hutt Leader 03 May 1962

New Registrar of Court – Mr T A F Withers of Dunedin has been appointed Registrar of the Magistrates Court Upper Hutt. He succeeds the late Mr W Hawke who was Registrar in Upper Hutt for many years. Mr Withers joined the Public Service with the Registrar Generals Office in Wellington in 1941 and since then has served in Magistrates Court at Christchurch, Napier and Dunedin. In 1961 he became Second Registrar of the Dunedin Supreme Court. We welcome Mr Withers to Upper Hutt and hope his stay will be long and happy. For the past five months Mr J Gee of the Lower Hutt Magistrates Court has been acting as Registrar of the Court during which

time he was most approachable to anyone requiring information and his smiling face will certainly be missed both by the Police Department and Justice of Peace who have had dealings with him.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 03 May 1962)

0- **Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS** born 30 September 1923 place unknown died 1989 New Zealand married Doreen Alice surname unknown born 07 February 1928 place unknown died 2008 New Zealand

#Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS 151 Raven Street Kaiapoi soldier 1946 & 1919 Hurunui Electoral Roll

#Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS 23 Walker Street civil servant & Doreen Alice WITHERS 23 Walker Street married 1949 Fendalton Electoral Roll

#Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS 82 Douglas McLean Avenue civil servant & Doreen Alice WITHERS 82 Douglas McLean Avenue married 1949 & 1954 Napier Electoral Roll

#Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS 70 Lonsdale Street civil servant & Doreen Alice WITHERS 70 Lonsdale Street married 1957 Dunedin Central Electoral Roll

#Trevor A F WITHERS 400 George Street Stokes Valley Registrar & Doreen A WITHERS 400 George Street Stokes Valley married 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Trevor Arthur F WITHERS 64 Slater Street Public Servant / Civil Servant & Doreen Alice WITHERS 64 Slater Street married 1969 & 1972 & 1978 St Albans Electoral Roll Canterbury

#Trevor Arthur F WITHERS 20 Hope Street Civil Servant & Doreen Alice WITHERS 20 Hope Street Clerk 1978 & 1981 St Albans Electoral Roll Canterbury

#Trevor Arthur Ferguson WITHERS died 1989 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1989 folio website 1989/35388 born 30 September 1923

#Doreen Alice WITHERS died 2008 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2008 folio website 2008/1926 born 07 February 1928

Charles James BONNINGTON – Civilian Bailiff 1958

Upper Hutt Leader 17 April 1958

Court Officer Transferred – Mr C J Bonnington bailiff of the Magistrate's Court at Upper Hutt has received notice of his transfer to the Magistrates Court at Wellington. Mr Bonnington was the first civilian bailiff to be appointed at Upper Hutt where he commenced duty on 01st October 1955. Prior to that date the bailiff duties had been performed by a Police Constable.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 17 April 1958)

0- **Charles James BONNINGTON** born 28 August 1929 place unknown died 15 July 1999 New Zealand married Pamela Thelma surname unknown

#Charles James BONNINGTON Granity traffic assistant & Annie BONNINGTON Broughton Street Westport widow 1949 Buller Electoral Roll

#Charles James BONNINGTON 108 Rintoul Street police constable (WS) 1954 Island Bay Electoral Roll

#Charles James BONNINGTON 12 Tui Grove Upper Hutt civil servant & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON 12 Tui Grove Upper Hutt married 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Charles James BONNINGTON Dog Island public servant & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON Dog Island married 1963 Awarua Electoral Roll

#Charles James BONNINGTON Nugget Point public servant & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON Nugget Point married 1969 Clutha Electoral Roll

#Charles James BONNINGTON Te Araroa public servant & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON Te Araroa married 1972 Gisborne Electoral Roll

#Charles James BONNINGTON 28 George Street Levin Public servant & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON 28 George Street Levin married 1978 Horowhenua Electoral Roll
#Charles James BONNINGTON Airport Artisan & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON Airport housewife 1978 Wanganui Electoral Roll
#Charles James BONNINGTON 41 Burts Road Wanganui Custodian & Pamela Thelma BONNINGTON 41 Burts Road Wanganui housewife 1981 Waitotara Electoral Roll
#Charles James BONNINGTON died 1999 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1999 folio website 1999/15004 born 28 August 1929
#Charles James (Jim) BONNINGTON died 15 July 1999 buried Waikanae cemetery Kapiti Coast

Upper Hutt Police Constables

- 0- **David William LYSTER** born 20 June 1828 St Philip Birmingham England died 30 April 1896 Judeford Pahautanui New Zealand 1st married 1855 King's Norton Worcestershire England Ann NICKLESS born 1827 New Zealand died 1871 Upper Hutt New Zealand 2nd married 1881 New Zealand Louisa Caroline HELLEN born 1840 England or Australia died 17 September 1896 Judgeford Pahautanui New Zealand
- 0-1- Selina LYSTER born 1856 Aston Warwickshire England
0-2- Samuel LYSTER born 1858 Aston Warwickshire England
0-3- Ann LYSTER born 1859 New Zealand
0-4- William LYSTER born 1861 Upper Hutt New Zealand
0-5- Clara LYSTER Born 1862 Upper Hutt New Zealand
0-6- Elizabeth LYSTER born 1864 Upper Hutt New Zealand
0-7- David LYSTER born 1865 Upper Hutt New Zealand'

Saved as "*Lyster Nickless family*" document.

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- 0- **Denis MAHONEY** (Constable) born about 1873 Ireland died 29 March 1914 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1905 New Zealand **Mary Kate DENNEHY** born 1885 New Zealand died 09 September 1977 Konini New Zealand (married 1924 New Zealand Denis BROSNAHAN)
#Mary Kate DENNEHY born 1885 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/13477 parents Hannah and William Dennehy
#Denise MAHONEY constable Police Station Lambton Quay 1905-1906 Wellington North Electoral Roll
#Denis MAHONEY married 1905 New Zealand Mary DENNEHY reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1905 folio 4343 website 1905/1889
#Denis MAHONEY Police Constable Station Street Upper Hutt & Mary MAHONEY married Station Street Upper Hutt 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls
#Denis MAHONEY died 1914 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1914 folio website 1914/3216 age 41 born about 1873
#Denis MAHONEY died 1914 buried 31 March 1914 St Joseph's churchyard plot 8
#Denis MAHONEY 1914 Probate files 1914 Wellington High Court reference Archives NZ Wellington agency AAOM series 6029 accession W3265 box 265 record 16471 item ID R22221936

#Corners Inquests Case files Wellington – Mahoney Denis & Comesky James & Flynn William & Taylor George William & Vivian John Wesley reference Archives NZ Wellington Office Coroners Inquests case files Justice Department Agency ACGS series 16231 record group J46 Box 476 record number COR 1914/515 and on microfilm U 5474 Item ID R23719955

#The dead are Constable Denis Mahoney married with five children, James C Comesky postmaster at Upper Hutt married with grown up family, Taylor railway porter single John Wesley Vivian grocer's assistant single, Flynn railway guard 35 years married, G Tuohey bush worker single. Those seriously injured are Virgil McGovern dentist Upper Hutt, E Palling blacksmith and boarding house keeper, Joseph Hagan Defence Department employee reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Poverty Bay Herald newspaper 30 March 1914 page 4

#The Unfortunate Men Biographical Sketches - The tragedy has removed from Upper Hutt one of the best known figures in the community in Constable Dennis Mahoney. He was an attendant at all public functions in the township during the last nine years, and he was universally liked. He was born in Ireland thirty eight years ago and on coming out to New Zealand he engaged in mining at Waihi and Karangahake. Fifteen years ago he joined the Police Force. He was a fine stamp of man and a noted athlete. He was an adept wrestler and a heavyweight lifter, he was first stationed at Lambton quay and later was transferred to Woodville. In 1905 he was placed in charge at Upper Hutt. The late constable who was well known throughout the Dominion, has left a wife and three young children reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 March 1914 page 7

#Constable MAHONEY's brother in law was Daniel Dennehy a plumber in the Hutt

#Mary MAHONEY married C/- Mrs Dennehy Hutt (3861 & 4927) 1914 & 1919 Hutt Electoral Roll reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls

#The same committee expressed the opinion that the petition of Mary Mahoney of Wellington for further compensation on account of the loss of her husband at the Upper Hutt fire in 1914 should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration reference National Library of NZ papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 October 1919 page 7

#Another petition discussed was that of Mrs Mary Mahoney the widow of the late Constable Mahoney, who lost his life at the Upper Hutt in 1914 while engaged in attempting to save life from a burning building in which an explosion of benzene fumes had occurred. Mrs Mahoney had already received £500, but this money had been exhausted. Mr T M Wilford suggested that the best thing to do in the case of constable's widows where there is death in the execution of duty is to place the widows on the same footing as epidemic widows. The Government has been recommended to take the matter into favourable consideration. Mr Semple made a strong appeal for justice to this woman reference National Library of NZ papers past website Maoriland Worker newspaper 22 October 1919 page 5

#1919 Hutt Electoral Roll recorded a Mary Mahoney as C/- her sister in law Mrs Dennely of the Hutt

#Mary MAHONEY widow 15 Coromandel Street 1919 Wellington East Electoral Roll (same address as daughter Denise's school records and relative William DENNEHY address)

#Mary Kate MAHONEY married 1924 Denis BROSNAHAN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1924 folio 07743 website 1924/5888

#Mary Kate BROSNAHAN married Denis BROSNAHAN farmer Konini 1928 & 1935 & 1938 & 1946 & 1949 Pahiatua Electoral Roll & 1938 Masterton Electoral Roll

#Mary Kate BROSNAHAN married Konini 1954 Pahiatua Electoral Roll

#Mary Kate BROSNAHAN married Denis BROSNAHAN farmer Konini 1957 & 1963 Pahiatua Electoral Roll

#Denis BROSNAHAN died 1964 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1964 folio website 1964/30332 age 73 born about 1891

#In loving memory of Denis BROSNAHAN died 25th May 1964 aged 73 years RIP & age 78 died 25 May 1964 buried 27 May 1964 Mangatainoka cemetery Pahiatua

#Mary Kate BROSNAHAN widow Konini 1969 Pahiatua Electoral Roll & housewife Bridge Road Konini 1972 & 1978 Pahiatua Electoral Roll

#Mary Kate BROSNAHAN died 1977 Konini New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/44715 age 92 born about 1885

#Mary Kate BROSNAHAN age 92 died 09 September 1977 buried 13 September 1977 Mangatainoka cemetery Pahiatua

0-1- Mary MAHONEY born 31 October 1906 New Zealand died 1992 New Zealand married 1937 New Zealand Alexander John BURNES born 24 February 1904 died 1985 New Zealand

#Mary MAHONEY born 31 October 1906 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1906 folio website 1906/20814 parents Mary Kate and Denis Mahony [sic]

0-2- Atholstan MAHONEY born 15 July 1908 Woodville New Zealand died 13 July 1979 New Zealand married 1949 New Zealand Kathleen Alice SHANNAHAN born 04 December 1909 died 1996 New Zealand

#Atholstan MAHONEY born 1908 Woodville New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1908 folio website 1908/13219 parents Mary Kate & Denis Mahoney

0-3- Cedric MAHONEY born 1910 New Zealand died unknown

#Cedric MAHONEY born 1910 June quarter Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1910

0-4- Denise Josephine MAHONEY born 19 August 1914 Upper Hutt died 2015 New Zealand married 1948 New Zealand Charles Cyril BRIDGER born died

#Denise Josephine MAHONEY born 19 August 1914 September quarter Upper Hutt reference RGO NZ birth registration 1914 folio website 1914/22266 parents Mary and Denise Money [born after death of father]

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