

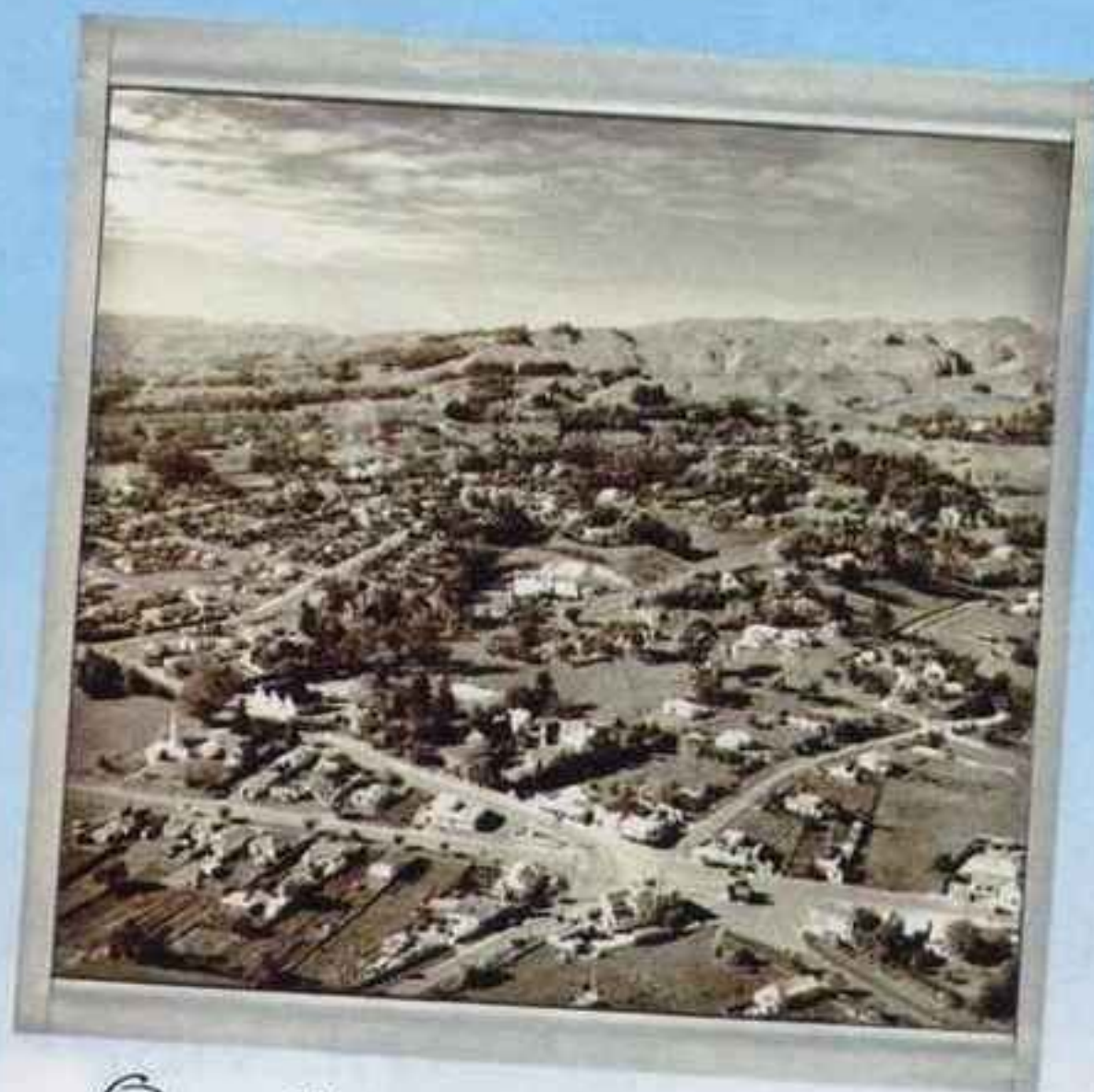
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1851

Havelock Hills were a landmark for the earliest Maori inhabitants.

1854

John Chambers builds a house two miles from the centre of Havelock called Te Mata.

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## Mayoral message

### Havelock North 150th Anniversary



Havelock North has a proud history founded on the hard work of a handful of New Zealand pioneer families. Now the streets of Havelock North bear the names of these families – Tanner, Joll and Chambers and more.

Some of Hawke's Bay's most interesting history was forged in the foothills of Te Mata Peak, shown now by the many historic homes hidden in the scenic valleys of Havelock North.

Retaining that early history was threatened by the 1931 earthquake but, like the rest of Hawke's Bay, Havelock North residents picked up their lives, rebuilt and made the town better than ever.

"The Village" is now one of Hawke's Bay's premiere attractions with its boutique shopping, café culture and its unique Village atmosphere.

It is the gateway to some of the best wineries in New Zealand and a drive up the peak provides a stunning vista of the productive Heretaunga Plains which have made Hawke's

Bay what it is today.

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As Mayor of Hastings District, which now includes Havelock North, I wish to congratulate the leaders of "The Village" for celebrating the rich history of Havelock North and I look forward to seeing the future successes of this vibrant and unique community.

Lawrence Yule  
Mayor

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1860

John Bray owner of town section 68, opens Hotel.



*Te Hapuku, original owner of Karanema's Reserve.  
- kindly supplied by Jerry Hapuku*

## Maori Land Sale

**T**he Havelock Hills were known as Te Mata to the Maori (or The Sleeping Giant) and Karanema's Reserve was named for a son of Te Hapuku a prominent Ngati Whatuiapiti chief.

The reserve became the site of Havelock which was legally acquired by the Hawke's Bay provincial Government in 1858 for £800.

By 1858 the land surrounding Karanema's Reserve had been leased to large landholders such as John Chambers, who first leased Te Mata in 1854, and Joseph Rhodes who lived on Clive Grange Station. The Tuki Tuki block sold to Allan McLean and Daniel Munn leased about 7500 acres around Mount Erin.

Te Mata region was part of a large piece of land bought by William Bernard Rhodes in 1839 but the sale, at a nominal purchase price, didn't go through due to local protests.

In October 1853 Te Hapuku visited Donald McLean in Wellington and privately sold four blocks of Hawke's Bay.

Later, Karanema's Reserve was separated out of the Te Mata block for Te Hapuku.

The provincial government was keen to establish a township called Havelock for a number of reasons including discouraging illegal squatting (which had happened in the Wairarapa) and making reasonably priced land available to settlers.

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In spite of territorial disputes the Maori were still keen to sell land and Te Hapuku took a leading role in the sale of Te Mata.

Land purchaser Donald McLean arranged the sale of Karanema's Reserve to the Crown in 1858.

George Sisson Cooper had been appointed Hawke's Bay Land Purchase Commissioner under McLean in 1853 and soon after, in 1854, discussions on the sale of Te Mata block commenced. After lengthy negotiations a deal was brokered and a peace document signed on the same day as the deed of sale was written - 29<sup>th</sup> September 1858.

The deal was signed by George Cooper on behalf of the government, European and Maori witnesses but not Te Hapuku although it is believed he was anxious to sell the land. When the town sections were offered for sale it is understood there were no ownership disputes.

The land consisted of about 4000 acres between the top of Havelock Hills and Ngaruroro River (old course), and was approximately two miles wide and three and a half miles deep. The Reserve was well situated, on the main route south and ideally situated to act as a service centre. The Commissioner of Crown Lands offered for sale on 13 March 1860 the town and suburban sections within the township of Havelock on the south bank of the river Plassey (Ngaruroro River) on the Ahuriri Plains.

The remaining town sections were offered for sale on June 19<sup>th</sup> 1860. By end of 1862 all suburban sections had been sold.

There were 74 large town sections, up to half an acre, which sold for £7 10 shillings to £14.



*Te Heipora, Te Hapuku's wife.*

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1863

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# The Chambers family

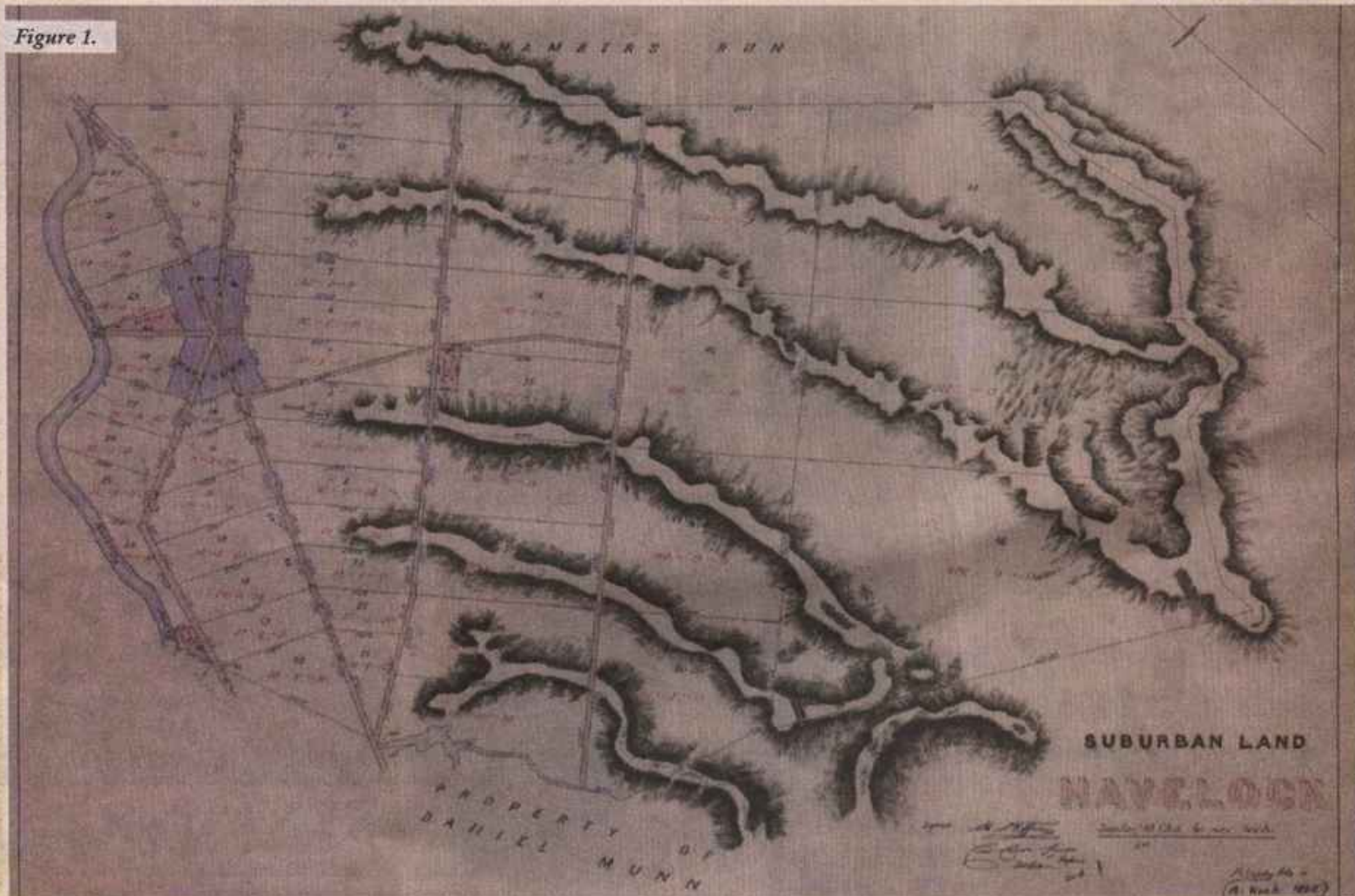
*The 150th anniversary of the founding of Havelock North wouldn't be complete without mention of the Chambers family.*

In 1927 the Te Mata Peak Trust Park, on the upper Havelock North hills, including the Peak, was donated to the people by Bernard, John and Mason Chambers for everyone to enjoy. The land, approximately 240 acres, was gifted to the Town Board with the proviso it should always be used as a public park and recreation area. The park is a constant and lasting reminder of the contribution the family has made to Havelock North. John Chambers, one of the first major pastoralists in Hawke's Bay, arrived in Wellington in 1854 having spent several decades working in Australia. Originally he hailed from Derbyshire in England and was born in January 1819. His parents were John Chambers, a framework knitter, and Hannah Borebank. He was raised in a Quaker household and attended the Society of Friends School at

Ackworth in Yorkshire. Later he served an apprenticeship as a blacksmith and likely had some experience in farming. John moved to Australia and married Margaret Wills Knox, also English, near Adelaide in August 1848. The couple had five sons and three daughters. The family moved to Victoria and John worked on the gold fields either as prospector or a blacksmith. By 1853 he had the funds to take up farming but looked to New Zealand after an apparently unsuccessful farming venture in Australia. The family arrived in Hawke's Bay in June 1854 and John quickly bought substantial blocks of land including 600 acres in Tawarera Bush. There was some controversy about the sale and in 1861 he was given a Crown grant for the land. In December 1854 he bought the Mokoepka

run of 6,400 acres which was good grazing land on the east bank of the Tukituki River. He had also been squatting on the Te Mata block which was the west side of the Tukituki River but was allowed to continue to occupy the land as government did not want to discourage settlers. In June 1857 when the block was open for selection he bought 1,900 acres and obtained a pastoral license on 5,000 acres next to Mokoepka which he later bought. He continued to buy land (about 18,000 acres) financed by profits from sheep farming. Te Mata, one of the best appointed sheep runs in the province had 35,000 sheep in 1885. John Chambers was apparently a quiet man but he contributed significantly to the community through his involvement on the Waste Lands Board in 1861, Trustee of the Havelock Mechanics Institute, the Havelock Presbyterian Church and the cemetery.

Figure 1.





1867

Original smithy of James Muir, c 1875 situated where the library is now.

Figure 2.

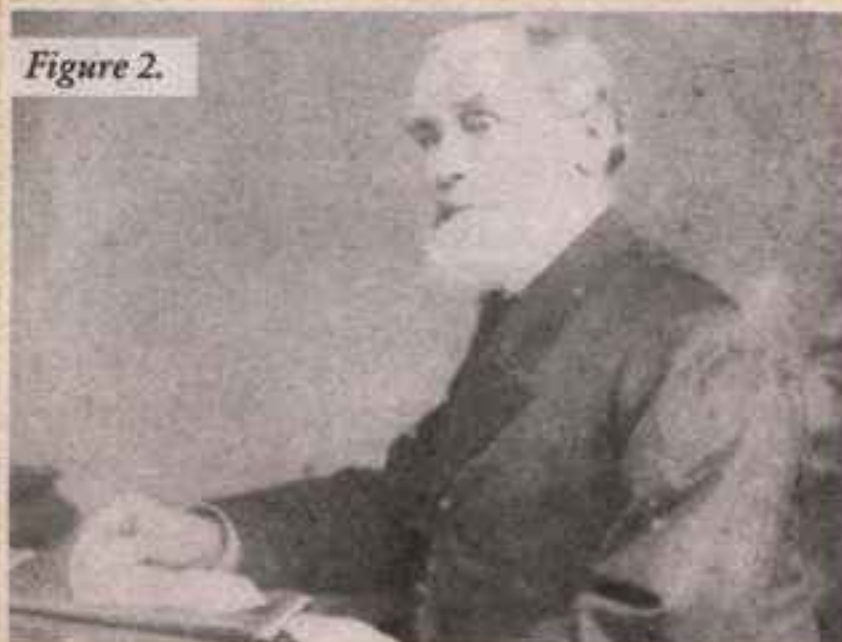


Figure 3.



Figure 1.  
Original Suburban Land Map  
- supplied by Surveying the Bay H.B.

Figure 2.  
John Chambers  
- supplied by Chambers Family.

Figure 3.  
Margaret Chambers  
- supplied by Chambers Family

He served on the board of both Clive and Napier Schools in 1858 and 1859 and later was a member of the Napier Harbour Board.

He turned his attentions to preserving meat for export and invented a process for freezing meat but was unable to patent the invention or float a company during a four year stay in the United Kingdom.

When he returned to Hawke's Bay in 1885 John Chambers divided all but 450 acres of his land and stock at Te Mata between his sons Johnnie, Thomas Mason and Bernard. He died at Havelock in July 1893 and

Margaret died in February 1904.

Mason Chambers married Madge McLean, sister of a Napier lawyer, in 1886 and they were frequent visitors to Te Mata. Their single level homestead "Tauroa" was built on the Tukituki side of the Havelock Hills. Their children were Selwyn in 1887, Esther 1888, Dudley 1889 followed by Maurice, Helen (Nell) and John (Jack) in 1907.

The homestead was moved to the Havelock side of the hills further up from Duart House. A second level was added and the gardens were well tended, in contrast to Duart where animals were allowed to roam

freely.

The homestead was burned to the ground in September 1914 and with it some fine furniture and family heirlooms. Mason Chambers wanted a replacement home less susceptible to fire and the walls of the new home were made of double brick with a cavity in between and ferro concrete pillars reinforced with steel. The home withstood the 1931 earthquake. The transformer house in the centre of the village was dedicated to T Mason Chambers in appreciation of his work as County Chairman from 1906 to 1913.

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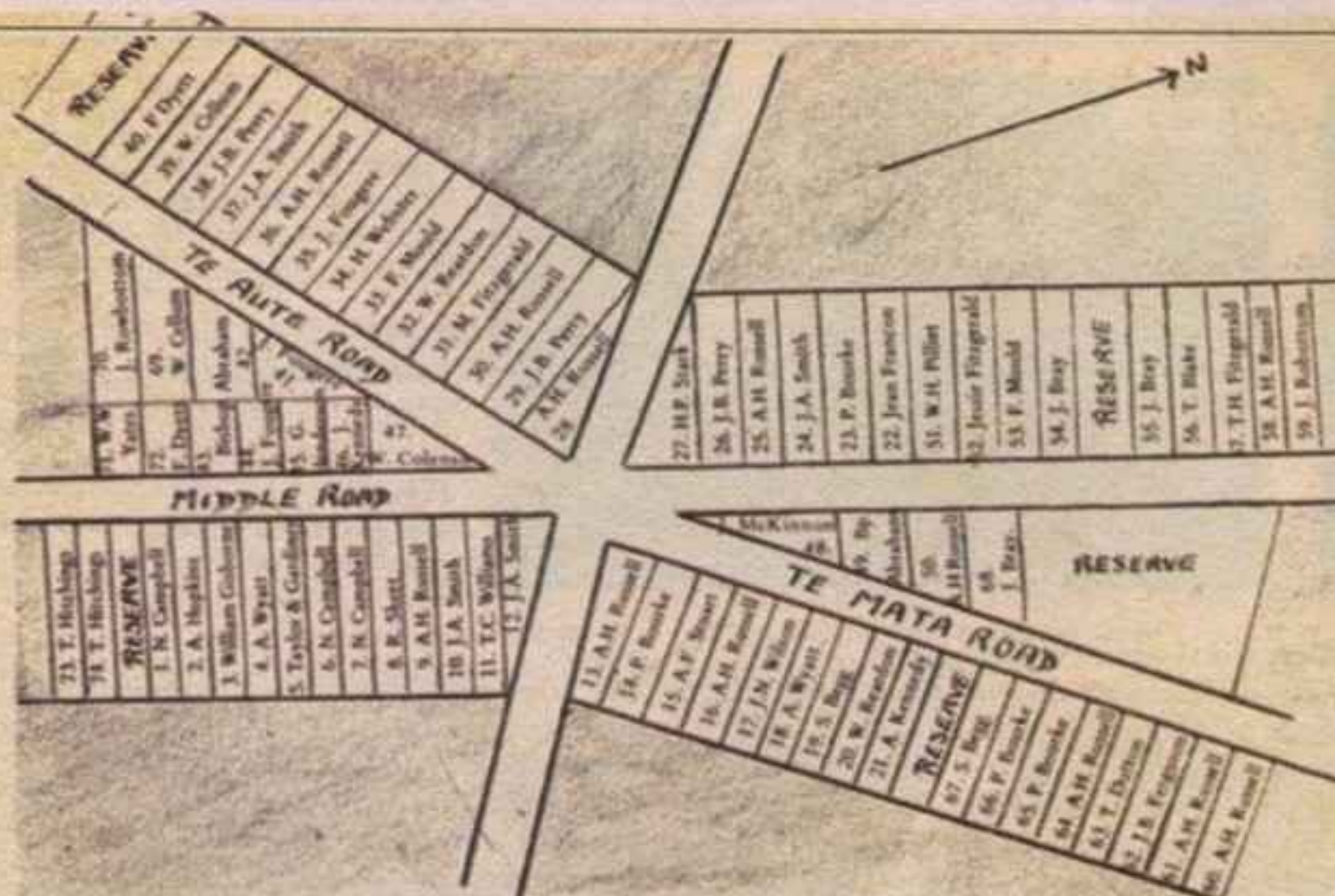


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1868

October, fire destroys the Exchange Hotel.



**Bernard and Lizzie Chambers.**  
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John Chambers junior (or Johnnie) became owner of Mokoepka, on the eastern side of the Tukituki River, when Te Mata was divided between the boys. Mokoepka homestead was built in 1884 and John and Kate were somewhat isolated by the river which they had to cross by punt. John had a keen interest in mechanical engineering and after several years study he started a project to harness power of the Maraetotara River to provide power for Mokoepka. He succeeded and his plant, which opened in 1892, is believed to be the first of its kind in New Zealand. He also invented a pop up toaster, a walk in refrigeration unit and oil filled heaters for the homestead.

Over at Te Mata Bernard became the proud owner of Hawke's bay's first motor car - a 1902 Oldsmobile with tiller steering which was replaced with a 10 horsepower Wolsely two years later. Bernard had the English architect W J Rush design a new homestead

and gardens at Te Mata which were finished in 1922. Rush designed Woodford, Iona and Heretunga schools and several other private houses. There was considerable sadness within the family when Bernard sold Te Mata homestead to W Richmond.



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1873

The first library in Havelock was established in Foresters Hall.

# George and Francis Bee

**T**he young George Bee, 15, was disappointed not to be sailing with his older brother to New Zealand but first he had to finish his carpentry apprenticeship in Nottingham, England.

It was 21 years later, in 1863 that George and his wife Mary (née Pottinger) and four children boarded the "Rangoon" which was the first ship to sail directly from London to Napier.

It was a difficult crossing that involved a collision not far from Gravesend and many delays after the ship finally set sail. Mary had a baby girl, Eliza, during the difficult voyage.

The two brothers met again after 22 years and George bought a small plot of land and settled in Havelock.

Francis and Anne Bee had moved to Havelock and Francis managed the Havelock Hotel. Before that the family lived at Ocean Beach and leased a run - Wainuka. One of their nine children

drowned which prompted the move to Havelock. Francis still worked Waipuka for a while and also bought forty acres near Havelock and grew wheat.

George and Mary had eight children and apparently their arrival increased the numbers of Bee family members in 1864 to 16 which was about half the population of Havelock!

George Bee was kept busy as a builder, several houses are still standing today but he is best known as the builder of St Luke's Church. It is likely he also was involved in the restoration of John Chambers home about two miles from Havelock village centre.

An anecdote in a Bee family tree document relates how one day, as George was getting older, he met the Anglican Minister who said he hadn't seen him at church recently. George replied "It takes me all my time to reach the pub these days Vicar." In fact, the pub was a longer walk than the church.



*George Bee, Havelock North builder who worked on many early structures, including St Luke's Church. The Bee family were synonymous with Havelock..*

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# A rich and rewarding family history

**A** conversation with Laura Mathers, daughter of the late William James Cronshaw Ashcroft, is a voyage into a deeply interesting history of some of our early pioneering families. Laura has been gathering information about her family for many years and has a veritable treasure trove of information and photographs that are historically significant.

## Thomas Reynolds

Thomas Reynolds, his wife Sarah Ann and daughters Laretta Sarah and Ada arrived in Wellington from Woolwich, England in 1855.

It was Thomas Reynolds, a carpenter by trade, who moved the Patanga Hotel from the river on Easthorpe side to Havelock in 1862 due to a decline in trade when the Te Aute Road opened.

The hotel was moved in sections across the river and taken by bullock wagon to Havelock where it was built on town sections 28 and 29 on the corner of Te Aute Road. The hotel was licensed under the name of the Exchange Hotel – owner

Thomas Reynolds. He offered "Spacious premises, good stabling and superior beds."

The hotel was partially re-built after being damaged by fire in October 1867. Mr and Mrs Reynolds were popular hosts and took part in many village activities from an early Hawke's Bay Agricultural Show held on their paddock (1866) to the hotel being used as a venue for various committees.

In 1874 Thomas was engaged to oversee the construction of the Ngaruroro Bridge which was destroyed in the 1931 earthquake.

Thomas Reynolds tragically drowned at Clive on March 6, 1887. His widow lived at her cottage in Napier Road and was known as 'Granny Reynolds.'

## Rakanui Honey

William Ashcroft, born in Southport, England 1906 arrived in New Zealand in 1910 and settled in Dunedin with his family where he lived until 1921. The family moved to Napier and the young William worked in a bike shop then took up an apprenticeship with Louis Hay, the architect. He contracted T.B. while studying towards his apprenticeship in Wellington. He recuperated at the special shelters at the hospital on Napier Hill.

William took up bee keeping as a hobby and to improve his health. In 1926 he set up "Rakanui Honey" (named after the big gum tree on his parents section) on Te Mata



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1878

Reverend Harry Woodford St Hill first resident vicar built his home in Te Mata Rd, naming it 'Hillsbrook'.



*Ashcroft Family aboard 'Ruapehu' on route to New Zealand Feb 1910.  
- kindly supplied by Laura Mather*



*"Rakanni Honey" established by William Ashcroft.  
- kindly supplied by Laura Mather*

Road. He set up home at 77 Te Mata Road with his new wife, Sybil Tyers, daughter of Laura (née Danvers) and Herbert Tyers. The business changed hands but stayed in the family until it was sold to Arataki Honey in the 1990s. William Ashcroft was mayor of Havelock North from 1965 to 1974 and was awarded the MBE by Sir Dennis Blundell in 1973.

#### **Danvers**

The brother's Boswell and Alfred Thornton Danvers arrived separately in New Zealand

in the early 1850s. They both served with the Hawke's Bay militia and saw action at Omaranui in October, 1866 for which they received medals.

They owned property in Havelock North and grew gum trees for the settlers. The large gum tree by the Presbyterian Church is believed to be one of theirs.

In 1874 Alfred Thornton Danvers married Lauretta Reynolds, eldest daughter of Thomas Reynolds, at the Exchange Hotel. The slightly unusual venue was chosen

because St Luke's Church had not yet been consecrated.

The first christening at St Luke's Church took place immediately after the wedding of Ada Reynolds and George Russ Grant, a coach proprietor, on February 1, 1875. The new bride turned around after the service and became godmother to her niece Laura Danvers.

Alfred was a veterinary surgeon and secretary and handicapper of the Napier Park Racing Club in Taradale. □

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1880

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## The Joll family

**J**ohn Joll had arrived in New Zealand from Cornwall in 1842, along with four siblings and his parents Samuel and Elizabeth.

He moved from Taranaki to Hawke's Bay in the early 1860s in search of greater opportunities and built a road from Te Hapuka's Pa at Te Hauke to Pukehou. Later he established a butcher business with stores in Havelock and Clive.

He farmed sheep and cattle to supply the shops and grew crops on a farm he had bought at Pukahu.

The family lived in a small cottage on Napier Road and moved to a larger home on the Pukahu farm early in 1870.

His wife Fanny Jane Harrison was popular with Maori folks and often tended to them when sick. Her boys got to know the local chiefs and fished for eels with the Maori boys. John and Fanny's family consisted of Valentine Samuel Joll, William, John Henry born in 1870, George Treiving Harley, Alfred



*The Joll family in 1897.  
Back row, L to R:  
George Joll, Valentine Joll,  
William Joll, Alfred Joll.  
front row: Evelyn Joll,  
(Valentine's wife), Fanny  
Joll (1846-1929),  
John Henry Joll, John  
Stanley Joll in rocker.*

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Ernest and Robert who drowned as a baby. John Joll died in 1879 after being bed ridden for two years following a vicious attack by a bull.

His wife struggled to maintain the farm but eventually sold or leased out most of the land. She moved to Havelock, and finally settled at Joll Road and died in 1929. Valentine took over

Pukahu Farm. John Henry, or Henry as he was usually known, was educated in Havelock North. In the 1880s he was an apprentice at Faulkener's Foundry then set up a small engineering firm at Eskdale. He moved to Havelock and set up another business with his brother William but before long they sold it and worked their own block of land.



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1892

Bernard Chambers established the first local vineyard at Te Mata.



*Barefoot days about the turn of the century. The Blacksmith's forge on the corner of Joll road - kindly supplied by G. Clapperton. Archive HB Newspapers.*

Henry married Elizabeth Frobath in 1898 and bought a house in Havelock - the first Manse of the Presbyterian Church. Their first son Sydney was born there in May 1899 and John Mackey was born in October 1900. The family later increased to seven sons and a daughter. Henry bought a block between Havelock North and Pukahu which he named Campbell's Block. He owned land on both

sides of Joll Road and the land where Fulford's brickworks were built. He sold Campbell's Block and bought the Wahaparata Block, a rye grass farm, from John Chambers. He also farmed the Te Puna Block on the Havelock North hills.

Henry sold some of his land which was suited to growing fruit and established a 500 acre farm on the Havelock Hills (formerly part of

the Te Mata block). He also owned Tods, a block on Joll Road and the hill sections were sold for development.

He was elected as a member of the Town Board for Havelock North in 1912 and served until 1928. In later life he was shareholder of several companies and served on many committees associated with farming.

Henry passed away on December 8, 1950. □

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1903

Experimental vineyard Te Mata Station established.

# The Eves Brickworks

*Memories of Marjorie Hamilton (née Eves) and Malcolm Eves*



*Minetta Eves wife of Samuel t Eves in the entrance to the new family home. It withstood the 1931 earthquake.*

*- kindly supplied by the Eve's family*



*Original brick yard site close to Campbell street - pre 1931. The original family home in background.*

*- kindly supplied by the Eve's family*

Samuel Thomas Eves was born in Wakefield, Nelson in 1877 and followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a brick maker.

Eves bricks made in Havelock North found their way to houses and businesses all over the district, including the Whakatu and Tomoana freezing works, and the administration block of Hastings Boys High school.

William Eves originally from Cranbrook in Kent, England had a large family and Samuel Eves was one of eight children.

After operating a South Island saw mill, with brothers Jim and Joe, Samuel moved to Hawke's Bay and ran a small farm 'Exmoor' near Clive, Mangateretere.

In 1905 he married Minetta Hooper in Wakefield, the oldest daughter of James and Sarah Hooper, the general storekeepers at

Wakefield.

Samuel bought five acres of land in Havelock North on a clay spur bounding Campbell Street and Fitzroy Road (now Busby Hill) in 1907. The land, originally part of the Chambers block, was purchased from H A Mossman to establish a second brickworks in the village.

Brick making was a difficult and dangerous operation and the hillside was slowly mined by pick and shovel. The clay was hauled to a platform and tipped into a crushing/mixing machine and diluted to get the right consistency. Crushed and mixed clay was discharged onto a roller in a continuous slab and bricks were cut 12 at a time.

The new bricks needed careful handling with the drying process taking several months: the sheds could contain several hundred thousand bricks at a time.

The original, single fired kiln was damaged in the 1931 earthquake so a new one was built, and it like its predecessor, had a sizeable chimney.

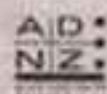
The family and their six children (Marjorie died of diphtheria age 8) lived in a wooden house on the brickworks site until destroyed by fire. The fire, led to the creation of Havelock North Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The family moved to a new home in Fitzroy Road which was sold to a charitable trust after Samuel and Minetta died and became a Christian retirement home.

The brickworks were a prominent feature in Havelock North from 1907 until the business closed in 1960. After demolition in 1962 the land was subdivided into residential lots. Reginald Eves was responsible for the construction of nearly all the houses in what is now Shortland Place.

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1910

21 July Havelock opposes any alteration in name.

# The Couper family

**W**illiam Couper was one of the earliest settlers in the area having arrived in New Zealand in 1840.

Couper was born at Latheran Wheel, Caithness in Scotland in 1801 and married his first wife Janet Hillman in 1832. They had one daughter Elizabeth, born in about 1833 and both wife and daughter accompanied him to New Zealand.

Couper commanded a sailing ship and traded between Australia and New Zealand in the 1820s and 1830s. He settled in Wellington in 1837.

Janet died in the early 1840s in Wellington and Couper married Edinburgh born, Margaret Knox in 1848. She was daughter of Dr Frederick Knox, one of Wellington's first Doctors and the first Librarian. The couple had a large family (Five sons and five daughters) the eldest being Margaret born in Wellington in 1849 through to the youngest Frederick George Gray born in Havelock in 1868.

After farming Maori land at Porirua he headed to Hawke's Bay in 1856 and established Kahuranaki, which he farmed for about 20 years.

It was an isolated property with no road access - The Tukituki River had to be forded - and life was hard for the family who originally lived in one room.

In 1892 Couper was listed as a ratepayer, one of 105, all of whom were substantial Havelock North landowners. In 1856 he apparently owned 1400 head of sheep.

After he retired from management of his estate Couper lived in Havelock North and died in February 1879.

An article in the Hawke's Bay Herald dated February 14 announced his death in this way: "At Havelock House, on Feb 13, William Couper Esq., aged 78 years..... We regret to have to record the death of one of the earliest and most respected settlers who expired yesterday at Havelock after a painful illness." The property was subdivided and sold and



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WAX Couper moved across the Tukituki to his Mount Erin property where he built Waihotoa homestead which was the Couper home for 80 years.

Miss Marjorie Couper, the last of the Couper family of Kahuranaki, who supported many charities and St Columba's Church Havelock North, died in 1980 aged 85.

The descendants of the Couper family still live in Hawke's Bay and are also scattered throughout New Zealand.

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1910

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## The Ormond family

**W**allingford Homestead is a hub and gathering place for several generations of the Ormond family. The old home is an ongoing reminder of the fascinating and detailed heritage of the Ormond family in Hawke's Bay.

Built by John Davies Ormond (1832-1017), who was known as "The Master" by his family and "The Hon. J D" by his parliamentary colleagues, the homestead is thought to be the largest single storey dwelling in the southern hemisphere.

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Each nook and cranny tells a story about its occupants. Fourth generation descendent of John Davies Ormond, Johnny and his wife Jen and their children, live among the rich heritage and operate the homestead as an accommodation and function centre.

The Master lived a rich and busy life and contributed significantly to the early development and politics of Hawke's Bay.

The homestead bears the name of The Master's birth place - Wallingford in Berkshire, England. Ormond befriended explorer and adventurer Edward Eyre in Plymouth. Eyre was appointed Lieutenant Governor to the southern districts of New Zealand and appointed Ormond as his private secretary.

Ormond arrived in Nelson in 1847 and was soon promoted to private secretary and clerk of the Executive Council. Here he met Donald McLean and the two went on several land purchasing expeditions. Ormond bought 500 merino ewes which were run on a Wairarapa property, Te Ore Ore. A brief foray to Australia and its goldfields didn't suit and he returned to New Zealand and set about leasing a block "Mangarara" and moved his ewes to what was become known as Wallingford. Earlier the land had been known as Taurekaitai and Eparaima settlement.

In 1864 Ormond obtained a share in the Heretaunga Block and when it was legally purchased named his property "Karamu" which became his stud farm. He also built a mansion there but because Hannah, his wife, didn't want to leave town he built another home called "Tintagel" in Napier.

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1911

The formation of the Town Board.



Wallingford Homestead circa 1912.



the Wallingford Homestead of today - kindly supplied by Johnny Ormond.

By 1873 Ormond was a significant landowner in Hawke's Bay and had 25,345 sheep. He was active in local affairs and often acted as spokesman between the government and settlers. By 1859 he was elected as speaker to the new Provincial Council and was heavily involved with committee work. Donald McLean became superintendent and Ormond served as deputy, eventually succeeding him in 1869. Between them they ran the province from 1863 to 1876. Ormond also held the Clive seat in the House of Representatives for 20 years (1861 to 1881) and the Napier seat from 1884 to 1890. He was appointed to the Legislative Council. By 1890 Ormond had retired from politics and concentrated on his thoroughbreds at Karamu.

The Master and Hannah (née Richardson) started their family not long after arriving at Wallingford and had six children: George Canning, who married Maraea Kiwiwharekete, was born first and started the Mahia branch of the family - the Omanas. Fanny lived at "Tintagel", Ada Mary married Hamish Wilson and Frank shared a keen interest in Karamu. The youngest, John (Jack) Davies, born in 1873, took over

Wallingford.

John Davies Ormond, "The Master" died in October 1917 leaving an estate of about 35,000 acres.

Jack Davies married Emilie Mary Gladys Wilder in 1902. The couple raised 12 children at Wallingford, which by 1905 had become a prosperous sheep and cattle station. There was a small village to support the farm and the station was an important stopping off, and horse exchange point for the daily coach to Waipukurau. The house was expanded to cater for the large number of children who between them produced 52 first cousins. Sir John Davies Wilder, second eldest of the 12 children, was born in 1905. He married Judith Wall in August 1939 and became a respected and influential figure nationally. Sir John chaired a number of boards including the NZ Meat Producers Board, The Exports and Shipping Council and the New Zealand Shipping line.

Involved with farming and pastoral associations for many years his name became synonymous with the New Zealand Meat Industry for 30 years following WW2. He served in the Second Expeditionary

force during World War 2 but was excused following the death of his father in December 1942. Ormond was re-elected to the Meat Board in 1944 and later often travelled to Britain to negotiate terms of trade for New Zealand meat. In 1951 he became Chairman and negotiated several favourable contracts with the British. He took the lead in encouraging diversification of meat exports and reducing dependence on Britain for trade. Later he spearheaded the formation of New Zealand state shipping line. He was knighted in 1964 and received many awards including a DSc from Massey University.

After retiring, but not entirely closing links with his business past, he returned to Wallingford. John Ormond passed away in March 1995 and was survived by Judith and four sons.

The five children of John Davies Wilder Ormond and Judith Wall were Johnny, who now runs Wallingford, Caroline who died in 1989, George, Alistair and Michael. Johnny's children- fifth generation Ormond's are fortunate to be able to be surrounded by such a rich history. □

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1912

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## Duart House

**W**ork on this fine old house started in 1832 and in the following year Allan and Hannah McLean and their seven children took up residence.

Allan, a Scot, arrived in Hawke's Bay during the 1860s and bought land on the banks of the Tuki Tuki River. He became known as "Tuki" McLean to distinguish him from other McLean's in Hawkes Bay. Hannah was the eldest daughter of John and Margaret Chambers of Te Mata.

The builders of Duart aren't known for sure, but it's possible that George Bee, the builder of St. Luke's Church, Havelock North and Henry Liley, another of Havelock's earliest carpenters, were involved in its construction. McLean chose the name Duart as it was the name of a castle owned by the McLean clan in Scotland. His design specification included a tower with crenellations and a flagstaff to remind him of Scotland. When Duart House stood alone on the almost treeless slopes of

the Havelock Hills, its tower was a landmark which could be seen from all directions.


"Tuki", a rumbustious character, ran a stud farm for fine-bred horses and cattle and didn't believe in cultivating gardens. He let sheep and horses to roam as close to the house as they chose. After his death in 1898 Hannah and the children created a garden on the grassy slopes around the house. Much of the garden survives including the Coronation Oak, behind the croquet lawn, which commemorates the accession to the throne of Edward VII in 1901. After Hannah's death, Duart House was leased by Mr and Mrs Crompton Smith, who established St. George's, a co-educational primary school, in 1915. It was about this time, the word "House" was added to the name. The school moved to another location in 1921. The property was then leased in 1926 to Roger Greenwood and his family who farmed Kahuranaki Station. The couple eventually bought the property in 1936 and added a new kitchen but otherwise the house remained as



*Duart House, surrounded by gardens.  
- kindly supplied by Chambers family.*

it was built. It withstood the 1931 Earthquake very well, only losing its chimneys.

In 1972 after the deaths of Mr and Mrs Greenwood the Havelock North Borough Council accepted a generous offer from the family to use Duart House for the people of Havelock North at a nominal price. The Council accepted this generous offer and has since maintained the house and gardens. In 1985 the Duart House Society was formed to care for the property along the lines adopted by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.



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1913

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# Huelin Vernon Fulford

## Early New Zealand Potter and orchardist

**H**uelin Fulford, was born in Havelock North in 1892, the youngest son of 12 children born to John and Fanny (Rowe) Fulford. Huelin, like his brothers, had helped in the family brickworks in Joll Road from an early age. He was taught the pottery craft by his father, and the occupation of potter and brick-maker can be traced back generations in his forebears. Huelin is classed as a pioneer in the history of New Zealand studio pottery. He played an important part in the establishment of this movement in New Zealand.

During World War 1 he was wounded in the battle of the Somme and recuperated in Salisbury, England where he met his wife Nellie Bailey. Nellie, 19, travelled out alone to marry Huelin in 1921.

Huelin was also involved with some of his brothers in the orchard block in Te Mata

Road, opposite the school. The Orchard was pulled out in 1958 and the ground used for cropping and poultry farming. The land is now a housing estate.

Huelin was one of the few craftsmen in New Zealand who could throw a pot on a wheel. In 1923 he started up Te Mata Potteries, where he produced handmade garden ware and vases, birdbaths, urns and flower pots. In 1945 the pottery began operating on a machine run basis with machinery designed and made by Huelin and his oldest son Vernon. Over the years his four sons were all employed in the pottery and orchard. Te Mata Potteries produced earthenware flower pots as its main line and supplied 15,000 pots a week to nurseries nation-wide at its peak. Huelin's hand thrown vases are characterised by their form and colour - a rich red-brown colour with subtle flecks of brown, black or green which were often clear glazed to



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enhance the natural earth tones. In later years other colours were used, but mainly blues and yellows.

The demand for earthenware pots declined in the 60s and the main pottery was discontinued. Huelin continued to throw garden pots and glazed earthenware as health permitted. He died in 1970. His youngest son David ran the smaller hand-thrown pottery until 1974 when it was shut down. Jennifer (Fulford) Brogden



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1913

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# Thomas Tanner and The Apostles

**T**homas Tanner, along with John Chambers, is regarded as one of the founding fathers of Havelock North.

Tanner, born in Wiltshire, England in about 1830 first came to New Zealand in 1849 aboard the Larkins. He'd briefly studied medicine but took a cadetship on a sheep run in Wanganui and earned the name Tanera. He learned much about Maori culture at this time.

In 1853 Tanner established a large run, Milbourne, on the Ruataniwha Plains and promoted horse racing. He selected the course at Clive for Hawke's Bay's first formal race meeting in 1856.

On a return trip to England he married Julia Denton at Durham in 1859 then returned to New Zealand laden with servants, books, furniture and other essential goods. It was Tanner who obtained an illegal lease on a swampy block of land known as Hereutaunga block in 1864 and subdivided it into 12 shares. He kept four shares for himself and shared the rest among six associates: J N Williams, A H Russell, T E Gordon, J D Ormond, J B Braithwaite and T P Russell, collectively known as The Apostles.

In 1867 a Crown grant was issued on Hereutanga in the name of 10 Maori owners and Tanner gained a legal lease. He eventually obtained freehold title, using his strong persuasive ability, but it was not without opposition.

There was a commission of inquiry in 1873 regarding the purchase of the Hereutanga block, which became freehold in 1870, but fraud charges were not proved.

Tanner established Riverslea, a 22-roomed



*Mr and Mrs Tanner - kindly supplied by Havelock North Public Library.*

mansion, on his share of the block (5332 acres) and established himself as a dominant figure in local affairs. The couple had a large family and often entertained in a grand manner.

After obtaining freehold land in 1871 he sold sections at Karamu and farmers sub-divided their land into town sections. It was from Karamu settlement that Hastings developed. By the late 1870s Tanner was having financial problems and had to sell substantial portions of Riverslea. He turned his attentions to several horticultural exploits including tobacco, hops, sugar beet and a woollen mill but none were successful.

Prominent in public affairs Tanner helped found the Hawke's Bay AP and I Association and belonged to various cultural and social organisations. He was active in politics too - the Hastings Borough Council, Hawke's Bay county and provincial councils and a member of the House of Representatives for Waipawa from 1887 to 1890.

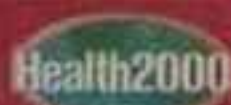
Tanner, an Anglican, was the principal benefactor of St Luke's Church and planted many of the trees in Havelock North including the tree outside St Luke's Church which known as Tanner's Oak. He died on July 22, 1918.

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1915

St George's School in Duart House.

# St Luke's Anglican Church

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Tanner signed the contract for its construction at a cost of £530 and local builder George Bee was engaged to build the church, on town sections 16 and 19, in six months.

The church was consecrated in the same year on September 20, 1874 and the first Bishop of Waiapu consecrated the building and named it St Luke's.

Thomas Tanner's fortunes waned in later years but he was always a strong financial supporter of the church. In 1882 Thomas Tanner ordered and paid for a school house for the parish Sunday School which later became St Luke's School. Shortly before his death he donated a car to the church.

A chancel and vestry were added to cater for larger numbers attending services and the work was finished in April, 1881.

The congregation steadily increased and the church was expanded several times just after



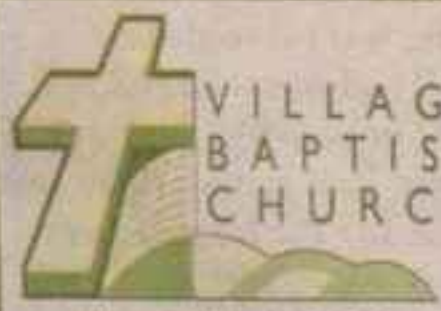
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the turn of the century. The headmistress of Woodford House apparently requested more space and the parish agreed after the school offered three shillings a week per girl for the Vicar's stipend, and a little extra!

The church bell tower suffered structural damage during the 1931 earthquake and had to be demolished.

The village hall was built on church property funded jointly by the community

and the church, but over the years its condition deteriorated and demolition was first discussed in the 1980s. The hall was demolished in 1997 and the supper room was moved to a new site and used by the local Baptists. The school room was moved to the front of the property. The sale of some land to be used for villas for the elderly raised sufficient funds to construct several new facilities for the church.



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1916

T. Mason Chambers the Town board's first chairman resigns and his place taken by J. H Joll.

# The von Dadelszen family

*The first von Dadelszen connection with Havelock North was the enrolment of Herman as a pupil at Heretaunga School and later Te Aute College.*



*The wedding on 25 August 1939 at St Luke's Church, Havelock North, of John von Dadelszen to Michael Gardiner, with Herman and Pattie von Dadelszen on the left, and Ruth and Reginald Gardiner on the right. John and Michael, returned from their honeymoon the day World War 2 was declared.*

*- kindly supplied by Mark and Elleen Von Dadelszen*

**H**erman returned to Hastings to manage the National Bank in late 1913, and in 1918 started business as a Land Agent and Accountant.

In 1920 the family moved to 123 Te Mata Road, and electricity soon became available from the Town Board's own Maraetotara power station.

About 1922, Herman became secretary of the Heretaunga Co-operative Dairy Company, the Heretaunga Plains being largely occupied by dairy farmers. He was first elected to the Town Board in 1928 and was chairman from 1930 to 1944, during both the depression and the Hawke's Bay Earthquake. Matthew Wright's "The History of a Village" gives a vivid account of Herman's tenacious advocacy for Havelock North with the Government after the

earthquake.

Like his father, John von Dadelszen, the eldest of Herman's family, went to Heretaunga School. Having qualified as a barrister and solicitor, he joined Ralph Bannister in purchasing a Hastings legal practice in 1939. Later that year he married Michael Gardiner, daughter of Reginald and Ruth Gardiner. Reginald was the prime mover behind the "Havelock Work".

In June 1942, when his elder son, Paul was a year old, John joined the army, subsequently serving in the Pacific. In June 1944 he was repatriated and "manpowered" to the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Meat Company's office before returning to legal practice in late 1945.

Following Herman's death, John was elected as a member of the Havelock North Town

Board in 1947 and served a year as mayor before retiring in 1960. From 1972 to 1983 he served as chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Waipapa, was succeeded by his elder son, Paul, and was the Hastings coroner from 1977 until 1985.

Both of John's sons, Paul and Mark became lawyers and partners in the Hastings legal firm of Bannister & von Dadelszen. Paul was a member of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board from 1980-1987 and became a District Court Judge in 1987.

Mark was a third generation local body councillor who served on the Havelock North Borough Council from 1980-1986. John's daughter-in-law Eileen has been a Hawke's Bay Regional Councillor since 1995.

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The Hastings Free Kindergarten Association (now known as Heretaunga Kindergarten Association) had found it difficult enough to find premises in Hastings, but Havelock North would prove to be impossible due to the small size of the village.

Kindergarten in Havelock North started in the newly erected Scout hall in the same year, this venue unfortunately didn't remain an option for long, but good news was received in April 1954 when the council offered land in Napier road for £225. The Havelock North Central Kindergarten opened on this site in 1957.

The search for a suitable section to site the second Havelock North kindergarten began in 1960. After a long pursuit land became available in the McDuff block in 1962. Lucknow Kindergarten in Lipscombe crescent was opened in 1967.

Te Mata kindergarten was built in 1973 in the fast growing Te Mata area of Havelock north.



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Excerpts of this article have been taken from "A Proud Heritage 1928 - 2008" by Michael Fowler

Copies of this book are available to purchase through the Association.





1919

Peace celebrations held in the Village.

# Havelock North Borough Council



*At the opening ceremony in May 1922*

*Left to right: Back Row: W.H. Complin (first Clerk to the Town Board), J.H. Joll (Town Board member), unknown, P.J. Sefton (Headmaster of Havelock School and Town Board member), Mr E.F. Leicester (Board's Engineer). Middle Row: Mr Vickerman, Mr R.H. Climie (Engineer), J.J. Nimon (Town Board member), The Rev. Waugh (Minister of St Columba's), Mr E. C. Clarkson (Chairman of the Havelock North Town Board), unknown. Front Row: Mr J.J. Phillips (Town Board member), unknown, Mr H.A. Mossman (Town Board member), Mr L.T. Cooper (Town Board member). Supplied by Hastings District Council*

**H**avelock North was first settled in 1860 and was named to commemorate Major General Havelock, who was famous at that time for his connection with the "Indian Mutiny". It was originally governed by the Wellington Provincial Government and later the Hawke's Bay County Council. The early days of the town's development were occupied with roading and access problems and a Roads Board was elected in 1871,

becoming the Havelock North Roads Board in 1874 and remaining in office until 1894. Main access to and from Napier was originally through Havelock North but with the opening of the railway through Hastings the roading was re-routed in that direction. The result being Te Aute and Napier Roads were left with extremely wide road reserves to accommodate the rail as well as road traffic as originally planned. For some time after the dissolution of the Roads Board the town was administered as

part of Hawke's Bay County until in 1912 the Havelock North Town Board was formed under the Municipal Act.

The largest project undertaken in this period was the introduction of a power supply when in 1915 the Havelock North Town Board negotiated to tap into the Hastings supply. After years of frustration and power shortages the Town Board made the gutsy but successful move to develop their own power supply scheme and the Maraetotara power scheme of 1919-22 was born.

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1945

Census figures show that Havelock had grown, 1,485 people were living in the Village.

Havelock North's close community spirit was evident in the amount achieved by the Town Board but it had difficulty recovering financially from the 1931 earthquake. Herman Ronald von Dadelszen, board chairman from 1930-44, was paramount in guiding the village through the Depression. The Havelock North Town Board organised winter relief and rallied those able to help their neighbours in need. The Town Board continued working for Havelock North during the hard postwar years, pushing for state housing to be made available and dealing with labour relations and the establishment of unions. In Havelock North was granted borough status in 1952.

The Havelock North Borough Council flourished and Havelock North continued to grow while still retaining its village identity. The first rumours of a merger with Hastings came from the Borough Council itself. This was resoundingly rejected by ratepayers and after much discussion by the borough and Hastings City Council the idea was dismissed in February 1963. The village grew and by the 1960's the

borough experienced a multitude of growing pains. The water supply, with old wells, old pipes and potential quality problems was inadequate for the consumption of the growing population. The borough needed to finance a new water system as well as a new sewer system while contending with the ongoing, heated debate over fluoride in the water supply.

Other issues it was faced with were the pressure to replace the under-resourced library without effecting rates and a proposed ring road. WJ Ashcroft won the mayoral race by a three vote margin in 1965 when he called for 'progress within the limits of sound finance'. Under Ashcroft, the borough sought new solutions but could not avoid a rise in rates to provide necessities for the growing community. Amalgamation was raised again in 1979 but was outvoted in favour of retaining the borough and its local government autonomy. The next hint of change to village life came in 1985 with the Labour Government local body reforms.

A number of proposals were suggested and

considered. The structure that emerged was shaped by Central Government, which at the time favoured district arrangements. These were applied across the entire country. As a consequence of those reforms the Hastings District was formed by an amalgamation of Hawke's Bay County Council, Hastings City and the borough council. This change came into effect in November 1989.

In a final newsletter the then Mayor of Havelock North, Harry Romanes said, "No one knows what [the future] will hold for our village but one thing is certain, the change in local government will not alter the attitude and strength of our community and we will always be Havelock North people at heart." (History of Hastings - Matthew Wright)

Despite some people's fears, the amalgamation did not mean the end of Havelock North as a unique village and under the umbrella of the Hastings District Council Havelock North continues its history as a creative and engaged community. □

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1952

J.J Nimon, first Mayor of Havelock North.

# Havelock North Library a brief history

**T**he first Havelock North library was opened in 1873 by members of the Mechanics Institute, in the Foresters' Lodge on Te Mata Road, a well known entertainment venue. The [HB] Herald commented "it was hoped the facilities would result in lower attendance at the hotels and a consequent improved attendance at the institute...". The library was available to subscribers for a small annual fee and had an income from issues and donations.

In 1938, the Foresters' Lodge passed to the Town Board in trust, to be administered at the discretion of the Town Board. In 1955, the Hastings City Council began providing the library service for which the Havelock North Borough Council paid £175 per annum.

The library moved to the Borough Council's Municipal Building at the corner of Middle Road and Porter Drive on 5 April 1961. Sole charge Librarian, Miss B Nott, joined

up 790 members in the first month. Open 29 hours each week, the tiny 640 sq foot area held 1,400 items that were issued a whopping 50,800 times in the first year. Havelock North folk were, and still are, passionate library users!

Various proposals were put forward over the years for new library facilities to replace the woefully inadequate space but not until 23 July 1969 did the Council enter into a lease agreement with the Air Force Association and the library was moved from the Council offices to the Air Force Hall.

In 1974 it was proposed to purchase the old Havelock North school site in Te Mata Road and erect a library building. The stone wall along the street boundary of the present library is all that remains of the old school. Residents were opposed to the idea of loan finance and so a library fundraising committee was established. After only six months they had raised \$168,000.

The huge fundraising exercise included a

swimathon which raised \$4500; a garden party at the home of the then mayor of Havelock North, Mr Jeff Whittaker; a \$5000 donation from Mrs Gwen Malden Charitable Trust; and a grant from the New Zealand Lottery Commission.

The support of the community and the Borough Council enabled a purpose-built library to be opened on 6 September 1980. Facilities and services included a hospital library service, holiday and education programmes and a music section which provided cassettes, records and performance space.

Local body amalgamation in 1989 saw the merger of the Havelock North borough council, the Hastings City Council and the Hawkes Bay County Council and in 1991 the Havelock North Library together with the Hastings Library and Flaxmere Library were rebranded as the Hastings District Libraries.

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**1962**

August marked the anniversary of the first Town Board meeting.



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*Havelock North 150th Anniversary 1860 - 2010*



*Hastings Stamp Collectors Club*

## Philatelic keepsake

**P**ublicity officer for the Hastings Philatelic Society Keith Richards wanted to create a permanent memento to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Havelock North and has been working hard since January working on making his idea a reality. Keith, a keen stamp collector since he was ten-years-old, felt that a commemorative envelope, similar to a first day cover, with a special stamp was a fitting gesture. "There are plenty of events but nothing for people to hang onto apart from newspaper articles," he says. Keith has concentrated on organising the final design and dealing with administration and says it's a big project for the club. The cover and stamp, will feature the iconic Visitor Information Centre, public conveniences, in Havelock North. Te Mata Peak and the club's logo will also feature in the design.

The covers will be printed locally and will be sold in Havelock North Public Library on March 13. Each cover will have a Havelock North post mark and cost \$4 each. The stamps (or Customer Advertising Labels) will be produced by NZ Post and will retail for \$2, Keith says. Advertising flyers have been sent to every philatelic society in the country as demand is usually very high, he says. There will be limited supplies of covers and stamps produced. The Hastings Stamp Collectors Club, with some 80 or so members, is very active with meetings every month, interesting guest speakers and a regular magazine. Keith, a former Havelock North resident, thoroughly enjoys his hobby and is keen to produce more commemorative covers in the future. □



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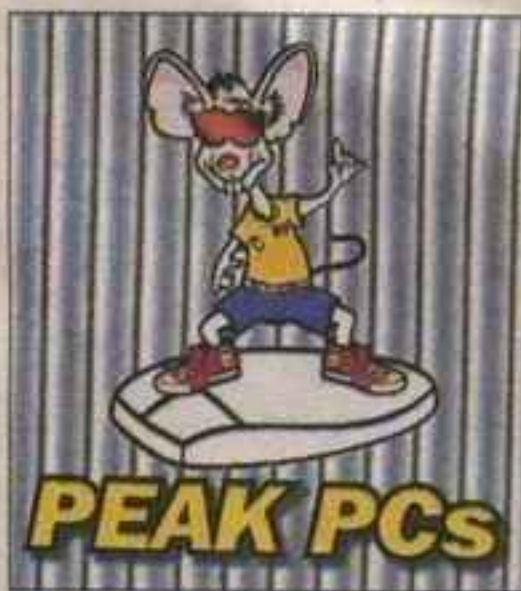
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1962

A free village newspaper was launched by G E G Rogers, who used the paper to promote Havelock North's interests.

## Havelock-School

**J**ohn Chambers engaged a tutor J Reynolds to teach his children, and several others, at his Te Mata Estate and it was Chambers that pushed for the establishment of the first school in Havelock North.

In fact, there had been a very small private school briefly established in Middle Row, in 1863 by a Mr H C Teusch Hecker, late of Radley College, Oxford. He advertised places for three boarders but little else is known and it is presumed he returned to England.

In 1864 Chambers set up a school trustee board with several other prominent members of the village including William Couper. The school, with accommodation for the Headmaster, opened in 1865 with J Reynolds as the first headmaster at Havelock School. In an early report from May 1865 there were 15 boys and 11 girls enrolled. Several well known surnames appear on the roll such as the Bees, Coupers, Chambers, Garrys, McKenzie and a Milne. There was a mixture

of private and government pupils and the roll varied considerably from one year to the next.

Reynolds took up the post as headmaster of Te Aute College and Henry Godwin took his place in 1865.

Thomas Gilpin, by all accounts somewhat of a local celebrity in his day, was headmaster from 1872 to 1875. He had a farm near

Havelock and was Chairman of the school committee-just one of several offices he held, including the Road Board and Cemetery Trustee.

Education became compulsory in 1877 and a new school board was elected soon after with Thomas Tanner and W R Couper elected.

The number of children enrolled at the school had increased to 90 by 1887. As the years passed increasing numbers of students



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reached standard six and gained scholarships to Napier High School. By 1913 the numbers had increased to 205.

The current Principal of Havelock North Primary School Paul Bremer is proud of the history of the school and says there aren't many schools in New Zealand as old as Havelock North. Staff and pupils are looking forward to celebrating its 125th jubilee in 2013.



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1966

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# Iona College

*Miss Fraser suggested the name Iona - the first place in Scotland where St Columba preached Christianity.*

**I**ona was founded due to the unwavering support and vision of Hugh Campbell, the Reverend Alexander Whyte and Miss Isabel Fraser.

Campbell offered the Presbyterian Church eight acres of land. The Reverend Whyte, Minister of St Columba's Church, saw the need for a Presbyterian girl's school and Principal of Wanganui Girl's College, Ms Fraser, was keen to establish Christian education facilities for girls. She offered her services to the church should a girl's boarding school ever be established.

In 1911 the Presbyterian Church considered setting up a college for girls and Mr Mason Chambers donated more land. Fund raising began and Miss Fraser travelled to Britain for research purposes.

In late 1912 the Presbyterian Church Committee agreed to go ahead with the

project and appointed Miss Fraser as headmistress: she offered her services free for five years. Rush and James were commissioned as architects and Smith and Smith the builders.

The foundation stone was laid by Hugh

Campbell on May 14, 1913.

The building was officially opened by the Prime Minister, the Right Hon W F Massey in February 1914 with 48 students enrolled.

The school roll expanded rapidly in the first decade and staff cottages and a swimming pool were built. St Oran's, intended to be a separate hospital, was used as accommodation for boarders. In 1918 the roll had increased to 125 boarders.



*Iona College c1915*

*- kindly supplied by HB Newspapers Archives*

The college experienced financial problems in the 1920s and primary and commercial departments were added. The earthquake hit Hawke's Bay in 1931 damaging the college so badly it had to close for a year. In 1958 St Martin's Chapel was opened after many years of fundraising. Day students returned to Iona in 1988.

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1967

An amended plan for the new shopping centre was announced.

## Woodford House

**M**iss Mabel Annie Hodge, from Cheltenham, England established Woodford House in Hastings in 1894. She started the school with 18 day girls and four boarders.

As the number of pupils increased she realised it would be advantageous to relocate the school to larger premises and the hills of Havelock North appealed to her.

Accordingly she set about her task and sought the opinions of parents and enlisted help from locals including William Nelson, Thomas Mason Chambers of Tauroa, Winifred Beetham and Nelson and Thomas Crosse who formed the Woodford House Company in 1909.

The buildings were designed by W J

Rush and T H R Gardiner helped with the practicalities. Bishop Averill blessed the new school which opened with 60 boarders and six staff in February 1911. The chapel, dedicated to St Francis of Assisi, was consecrated and officially opened in 1928. It suffered some damage (as did other parts of the school) in the Hawke's Bay Earthquake of 1931, but by the end of the year was fully restored. The chapel was extended in 1968 and rededicated in time for the 75th Anniversary in 1969. Today the chapel is the centre of the school and is used for school services, memorial services, baptisms and weddings.

The site was quite barren at the outset but over the years landscaping and tree planting to retain the views have turned the grounds into an established

landscape. The beautiful 22 hectare site overlooks Heretaunga Plains with its orchards, vineyards and views to the western ranges.

The present hall and dining room are part of the original building but many facilities have been added over the years. Today, Woodford House is an integrated school for boarding and day girls from Years 7 to 13 and has a close affiliation with the Anglican Church under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Waiapu. The school still identifies and celebrates its historic past and has a reputation for excellence and encouraging independence and confidence in young women. The current principal, Mrs Jackie Barron, has over 25 years experience as an educator and was previously deputy head principal at Gore High School.

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1972

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## Hereworth School

**T**hree private boarding schools were built in Havelock North in quick succession – Havelock, Woodford 1911, Heretuanga (Hereworth) in 1913 and Iona College in 1914.

Heretuanga School was established in Hastings in 1882 thanks to William Nelson (founder of Hawke's Bay Freezing works) who provided funds and William Rainbow who ran the school. The school was built at the top end Nelson Park. William Rainbow drowned in 1889 and J A Fraser took over running the school. After turn of the century there was gathering support for moving the school out to Havelock which it subsequently did. The new school opened in May 1913 with about 55 pupils, most of them boarders.

William Gray was headmaster from 1903 until 1927 when H E Sturge, formerly of Hurworth School, Wanganui took over.

The Heretuanga School Company, owners of the school negotiated to amalgamate Heretuanga with Hurworth School, Wanganui. In 1927 the school became Hereworth School (a combination of both names). The interests of the school were then managed by a board of trustees elected by a committee of the synod of the diocese of Waiapu. Hereworth is an Anglican school catering for boys at primary and intermediate levels. Its pupils are both day students and boarders. Since its foundation the school has maintained a reputation for excellence and is recognised as one of New Zealand's leading private independent schools.



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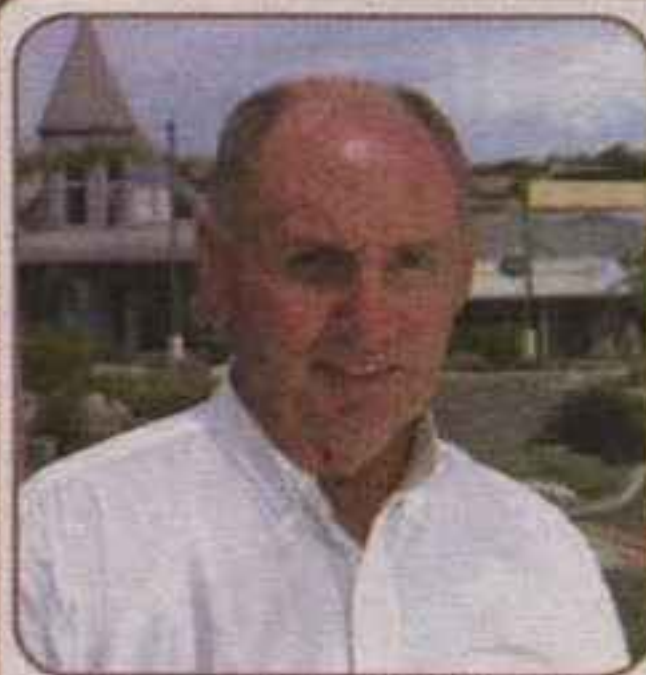


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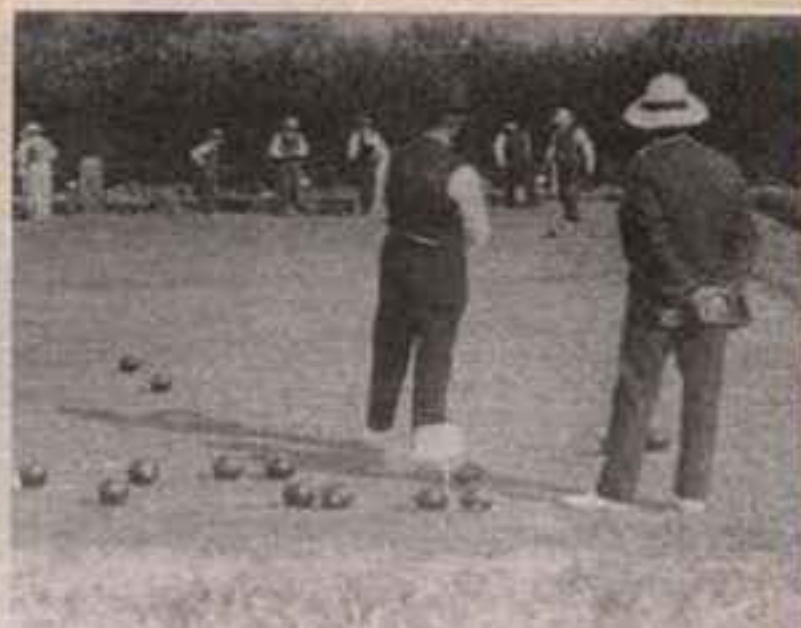
**1979** The Havelock North School site was bought for the purpose of a new library, the design of the building was carried out by Hastings architects Hoogerburg and Magdalinos.

## Havelock North Bowling Club

*At the AGM in 1963 it was agreed men could wear shorts to play bowls at the club.*

**T**he Havelock North Bowling Club almost got underway in 1909 after the Havelock North Sports Association acquired 8 acres of Lucknow Estate for use as a recreation area including a bowling green. However, it wasn't until 1916 when J H Joll sold the current site at Porter Drive at 8 per cent interest that the club, as well as tennis and croquet, finally got underway. Several types of grass were trialled over the years—brown Top and Chewings, Dicondra, Mazus and Cotula. Water was taken from a nearby creek and members used pitch forks to aerate the ground as mechanical machines didn't go far enough. In 1973 a water diviner discovered a supply near the greens and a well was sunk. The ladies club was established in 1944 and very strict etiquette was enforced with white frocks being worn at a certain length and measured regularly. Colours were not

allowed nor was jewellery or mixed play. The ladies managed their own club activities and competitions. The club rooms were expanded in 1972 with more lockers and a bar plus extra space for the ladies lounge. In 1977 the foundations for a new pavilion foundation were poured. Havelock North was the first club in Hawke's Bay to introduce Astrograss in 1986. Forty club members helped the contractor dig drains and lay the carpet. Today the club has two world standard Dale carpet greens. In 1999 the male and female clubs amalgamated and a new club uniform was designed. The club has hosted the Astrograss national Winter Bowls and NZ Blind Bowls competitions. In February every year 32 local businesses compete in the Business House Competition which is held over six weeks.



*Havelock North Bowling Club  
- kindly supplied by Robyn Phillips*

The club has a membership of over 200 and is in the top four per cent in New Zealand with similar numbers. It can also claim to have the longest continuous playing record of all Havelock North sporting teams dating back to 1904. Havelock North Bowling Club is a vibrant and friendly club which is very much part of the community. The club is fortunate to have the support of local businesses and are working with schools to encourage young people to play bowls.

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1985

First hint of change to village independence came.

## Presbyterian Social Services

In early 1946 the Hawkes Bay branch of Presbyterian Social Services was established. Later that year PSSA (now known as Presbyterian Support East Coast) took the opportunity to purchase Hillsbrook Guest House, once the home of Canon St Hill in Te Mata Rd bordering the areas now known as Lennon Grove and Hillsbrook Place. It was a 2 storey wooden building set in 4 acres of ground with many mature trees. The building was modified and opened as Hillsbrook Children's Home in May 1947 with accommodation for about 20 children as there were inadequate numbers of child care beds available in the area and proposals from the Welfare Department that children might be sent to Wellington where more facilities existed. Children came to Hillsbrook from all over the region - some for a week some for many years. They came because of a family crisis, a parent or parents too sick to look after them, a death in the family - the reasons as varied as the children. Hillsbrook was spacious enough to take even a big family so that brothers and sisters could still

be together. The aim was to provide a secure, caring home environment for however long they stayed.

By 1969 the 80-year-old building was due for replacement. The new Hillsbrook Home was officially opened by Sir John Marshall on 28 July 1975.

The Havelock North community and St Columba's Parish involvement with Hillsbrook continued in the new building:

In the 1970s worldwide changes in the philosophy of child care encouraged N Z Social Welfare towards foster care and away from institutional care in homes like Hillsbrook. As a result the number of children coming to Hillsbrook steadily declined and in 1985 one bedroom wing was closed as there were only 10 young people in residence. By 1986 the numbers had reduced to five and Hillsbrook was operating as a family home. Finally in January 1988 Hillsbrook closed its doors as a children's home. In 1989 the vacant laundry, kitchen and storeroom became the new Support Catering Division (now Quality Fresh) which supplies

*Hillsbrook - kindly supplied by Presbyterian Support*

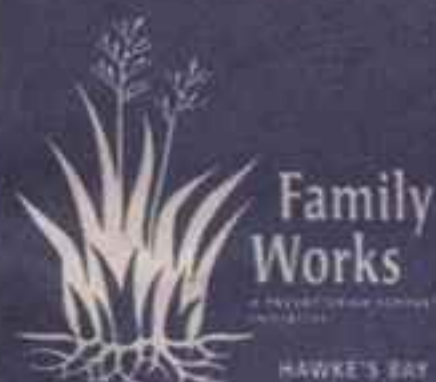


meals to Aged Care homes and hospitals in Hawkes Bay.

Hillsbrook was converted to offices and the then existing administration block (now Te Mata clinic) together with surplus land (now residential) sold and the proceeds used to finance child and family (now Family Works) in other locations. The building was retained as Head Office for PSEC's Operations and now houses the CEO, Executive, Admin and Fundraising personal as well as Quality Fresh, and Enliven staff.

Over the years PSEC have greatly expanded its social service programme to include Cranford Hospice, Realpeople disability services, Family Works, Enliven positive aging services, and Quality Fresh.

Hillsbrook has been home to more than 500 children between 1946 and 1988.



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**1988** Havelock Borough council reluctantly opened discussions with the Hastings City Council and the Hawke's Bay County Council on the prospect.

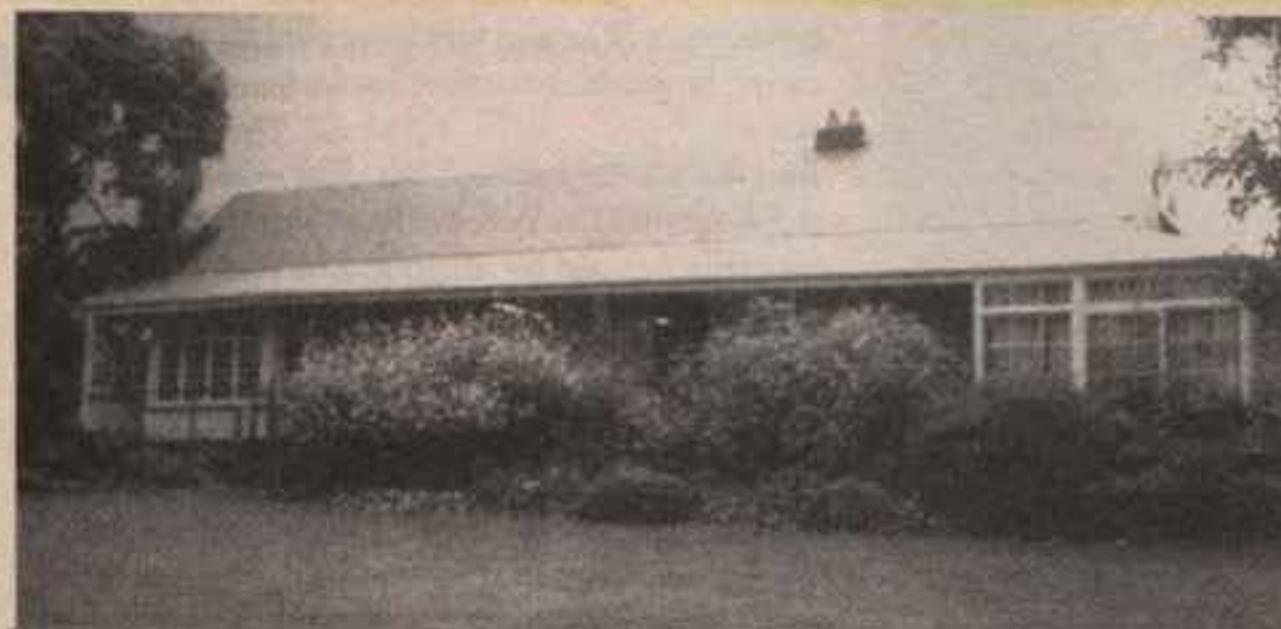
## Keirunga Gardens Arts And Crafts Society Inc.

### *George Nelson's vision realized*

**T**he formation of Keirunga Gardens Arts & Crafts Society Inc is only a small part of Keirunga history which dates back to 1854 when John Chambers purchased the Te Mata block. Mason T Chambers sold the block (part of Tauroa Station) in 1906.

George Nelson, a founder of the Hawke's Bay Herald Tribune, and director of J J Nimon & Co, purchased Keirunga in 1929. He planned to develop the property into a park land. His wife, Elizabeth had her friends over in the afternoons, they took garden walks, it was a meeting place for 'serious talk', and she painted water colours in the gardens. A work of hers is displayed in the Homestead.

In 1956 the property except for the Homestead, Chalet and homestead grounds was offered to the Havelock North Borough Council with special conditions. The gift was



*Keirunga house and gardens became one of Havelock North's best known public assets.*

*- kindly supplied by Matthew Wright*

accepted and taken over in 1957. Mr Nelson died aged 93 in 1964 and left Keirunga Homestead and the surrounding 2½ acres to Havelock North Borough Council at a nominal sum. It was his wish that Keirunga become a park and recreation area. While the Havelock North Borough Council deliberated what to do with the property it deteriorated and the grounds became

overgrown.

In 1965 the idea of developing Keirunga as a cultural centre gained momentum as the Havelock North Pottery Club had to move out of their cowshed quarters. Lead by Frank Bacon, and Beryl Blackmore, a public meeting was held to progress the idea and form a Society to administer Keirunga as a cultural centre.

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It was a well fought battle with many obstacles and negative attitudes overcome. The first groups to move in were the potters, the Drama Club and the painters.

The gardens were cleared, with help from many people in the community and the Keirunga Garden Circle was formed, headed by Cr Margaret Hursthouse.

The main aim stated in the new constitution was "To develop Keirunga as a Community Asset."

The Havelock North Borough Council took over the grounds and gave support, but with the growing number of groups and members the space soon became inadequate.

In 1976 the Nelson Room was constructed and the Havelock North Rotary Club commemorative garden was laid out which is used for family groups, children's parties, and weddings or simply just relaxing.

In 1985 the 'new' wing annexed to the Nelson Room was added and provided a pottery, artists' studio, a caretaker's flat, drama meeting room and toilet facilities.

John Kingsford, who designed the Nelson Room, was again the Architect.

In 1987, the central courtyard enclosed by the three buildings and a sheltering garden was laid down, completing the complex as envisaged many years before.

In 1992 the Keirunga Park Miniature Railway opened its tracks to the public. The Railway is a wonderful community asset enjoyed by all. Currently the Society is administered by a central committee and there are 13 affiliated groups. □

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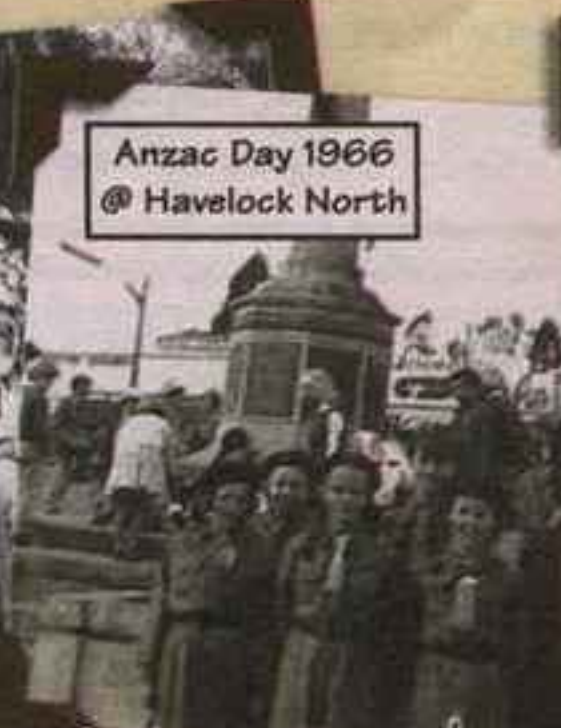
and the 1st Hawke's Bay Brownie Pack. National office was first set up in Havelock North moving to Hastings then to today's location of Christchurch.

The location in Bennelong Place of the original hut, moved from Middle Road by Hugh Lattey in the early 1950's is still used by our girls today. We have 1 brownie, 1 Guide and 1 pippin units that meet weekly to further their life skill and have fun.

Havelock North (Tuki Tuki)  
Pippins @ Teddy Bears' Picnic  
25th Feb 2010



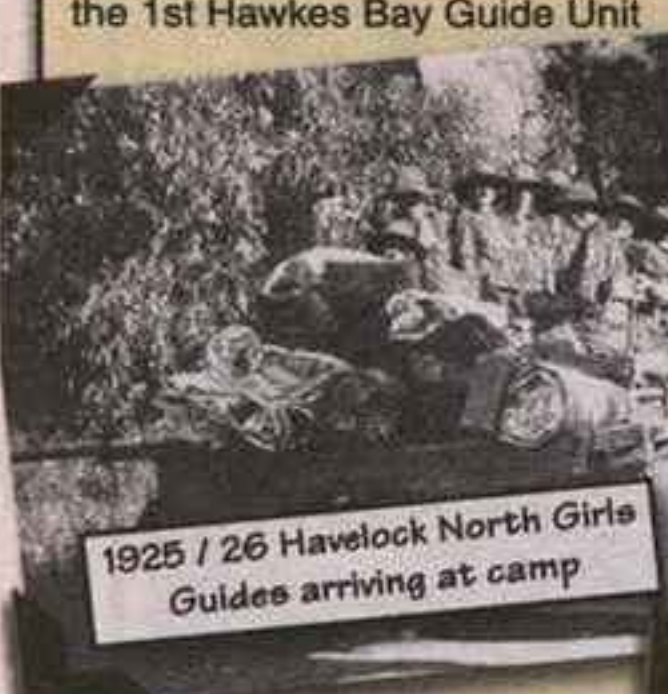
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1st Havelock North Brownie Pack -  
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1992

Substantial funding earmarked for new Community Centre.

## Havelock North Post Office

**B**efore the railway was routed through Hastings in 1874 Havelock North was an important staging post on the mail route between Napier and Waipukurau.

There were a number of postal stops established between 1855 and 1862 on rural blocks owned by early pioneers such as John Joll and the Chambers family.

The Havelock North Post Office, situated within a general store, opened on July 1, 1862 and the first postmaster was John Bray. When the railway opened mail was sent by train to Hastings and by coach to Havelock. It was after the introduction of the railway that the fortunes of the village waned.

In between 1879 and 1905 the mail service was increased from once to three times daily. Telegraph facilities were added in 1884 and in 1885 the name changed from Havelock to Havelock North to differentiate it from Havelock in Marlborough. Later a money order department and a telephone bureau was set up.

In 1905, with business on the increase, Miss Driscoll was appointed as non-classified postmistress. The office itself was in a separate area in the general store and in 1908 she was made a permanent employee and given a small office and home.

In 1914 a new post office was built at a cost of £1441 with the work finishing on June 25, 1914.

The post office closed down in 1997 and postal services were moved to Whittaker's Pharmacy on the corner of Columba Way and Napier Road. The building was leased to St Luke's Anglican Church and used as an op shop.

The building was then relocated to Havelock Road with the back half relocated to the side of the building.

It now operates as The Post Restaurant with original matai floors, skirting boards and some windows retained. The decor is sympathetic to the original theme and displays many relics of early New Zealand postal history.



*The Post Office as it appeared in 1914.*

*- kindly supplied by Robyn Warren*



*2010 The Post Restaurant.*

*- kindly supplied by Paul Corlett*

### A TRIBUTE TO LEON CASH

(founder Lee James Footwear)



Shirley Cash has no doubt that her husband, and best friend, Leon Cash would have been keen to support this special publication but sadly he passed away on January 22, 2010.

Leon founded Lee James Footwear in 1979 and ran the business for almost 31 years. Lee Alison Shoes in Joll Road was also established by Leon.

Ill health prompted Leon to sell the business recently and the new owners took over on March 1.

Born in Hastings Leon took an after school job as a parcel boy at Hannahs which eventually led him on a career path specialising in footwear. Leon moved to Hannahs head office in Wellington and was the youngest manager ever appointed. He then became the footwear buyer for Hannahs New Zealand wide.

The couple returned to the Hawke's Bay in 1978 and established Lee James Footwear in a new development in Middle Road.

Many people mistakenly called Leon Mr James but he took it in his stride. In fact, Lee was short for Leon and James was a family name!

Throughout the years Leon got to know several generations of families including pupils at Iona and Woodford who returned many years later with their children.

Leon also established Shirley Shoes (named after his wife) in Havelock and later sold the name to his brother who transferred the store to Taupo.

He was an active member of the Havelock North Business Association for many years and helped promote the Village. He loved sports and completed the Coast to Coast, many marathons and a half Iron Man. Fishing at Lake Taupo was another favourite hobby of Leon's.

Leon Cash is survived by his wife Shirley, son Darren, daughter Janine and three grand children.



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1993

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# Te Mata Estate Winery

*Te Mata station, a pastoral block of land, was established by the English settler John Chambers in 1854.*

John Chambers divided The Te Mata block between three of his sons and Bernard became owner of 1,960 hectares of land and a large homestead. It was Bernard who had the vision to establish a vineyard on the north facing slopes bordering Havelock North after encouragement from a French guest at the Te Mata homestead.

Bernard thoroughly researched viticulture in California, France and Australia and returned to convert a brick stable into a cellar. His first planting of Pinot Noir came from St Mary's Mission vineyards. The vineyard was originally called Mamelon, a reference to the breast shaped hill the vineyard was established on.

By 1898 he had successfully produced Claret and Chablis and was extremely pleased with the end result. Within a decade Te Mata vineyards was the largest producer in the country with 15 hectares of land producing 55,000 litres of wine. The first vines, Pinots and Black Hamburgs were planted on the hill at the end of Fulford Avenue. Skilled workers were imported from Europe and plantings included Cabernet Sauvignon and Verdello.

Bernard's fortunes waned in 1914 as he faced a bad frost, the war in Europe, cheap imports from Australia and prohibition. In 1817 He sold the winery to Reginald Collins Limited, and most of the estate, keeping just 50 hectares for himself where he built a home. Aside from his business interests Bernard actively contributed to the community and was a director of Williams and Kettle from 1897 to 1931, a shareholder in Hereutanga



*Te Mata Homestead completed 1876 - HB Newspapers Archives.*

School Limited, on the council of Iona College and the board of Te Aute College. He was a Freemason and a founding member of the Hawke's Bay Polo Club.

In 1929 TMV wines took over the business and made sherry for 30 years.

The current owners, the Buck and Morris families, bought the business in 1978.

The new owners started a 20 year development programme which began with restoration and re-equipping the original building. More land was bought, leased and put under management contract and the vineyards were all re-planted.

In 1984 Peter Cowley joined as winemaker and he is now technical director with the company. He directs and monitors the wine making techniques to ensure consistency of quality.

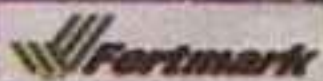
The quality of grapes arriving at the crusher is monitored by a viticulturist, Larry Morgan and he is overseeing the move towards sustainable viticulture. Sixty per cent of the 35,000 cases of wine produced annually are red.

The architecture at Te Mata Estate incorporates the original winery building and modern buildings using local materials and limewash colours designed by Wellington architect Ian Athfield who also designed the Buck family home, Coleraine, across the road from the winery.

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1997

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# Transformer House and Clock Tower

The hub of the village is occupied by a truly iconic building which is a landmark to locals and tourists alike but not many people know the site was first used as a dog pound in about 1860. The site upon which the village public loo and Information Centre now sits was first purchased by William Colenso, the famous New Zealand explorer, missionary and writer. After the establishment of public houses in the area it became the place to tie dogs while their owners frequented the pub. The arrival of electricity necessitated a building to hold an electrical transformer. The Havelock North Town Board called for designs for the new building and in August 1914 formally accepted a Chapman - Taylor design. William J Rush a Havelock North architect and painter also submitted a design that his daughter Sybil claimed was the design used for the Transformer House, which was completed in 1915.

The Transformer House, as it was first known,

became a tribute to the work of T. Mason Chambers and the Hawke's Bay County Council.

The 1931 earthquake caused some damage in the village and the bell on top of the village transformer was damaged. In 1937 a bracket clock was bought from the Hastings Borough Council and installed on top of the Transformer House. Mr & Mrs Baird contributed half the cost.

By the 1960s the Transformer House had become the village toilet but the exact date is unclear. A 1981 report refers to electrical equipment still being housed at the back of the public toilets.

By early 2005 local resident Bart Thompson opened the successful village info business in the refurbished transformer house. The centre, still a local landmark, acts as a magnet for tourists and offers a range of tourist services, products and brochures.

The rear of the building still houses a modern, sophisticated public loo. □



*The Transformer House 1860*

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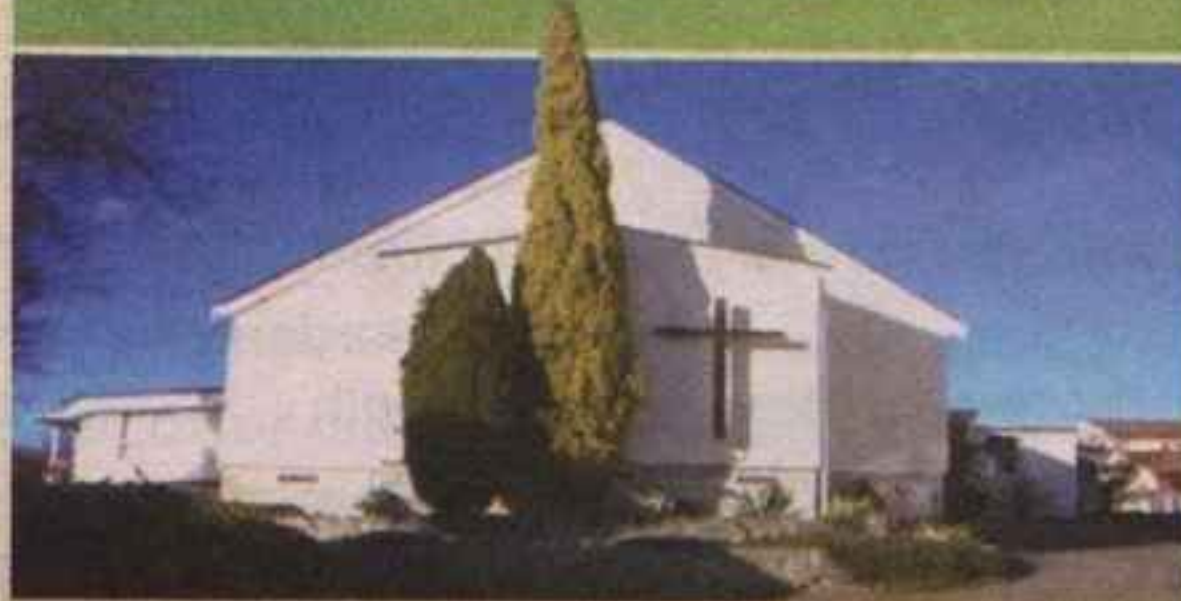
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1998

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# Mangapapa Lodge

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**M**angapapa homestead was built in 1885 by William Nelson, founder of the Tomoana Freezing Works in Hastings. Nelson had six beautiful homesteads built in similar style, one for each of his five daughters and his manager, but only Ormlie in Napier and Mangapapa remain. In 1896, George Langdale Sunderland, a retired Navy Officer, who had immigrated to New Zealand with his family in his early 20s, took up residence. Sunderland first settled in the Bay of Plenty in 1876 and worked for Nelson Brothers as head stock buyer at the Taraheru Freezing Works in Gisborne. He was promoted to Manager at the Tomoana Freezing Works in 1896. Gladys Sunderland their daughter later married Oswald Nelson, who owned lands adjoining Mangapapa. After his retirement



*Mangapapa Lodge 1940s  
- kindly supplied by  
Catherine Hobbs - Turner*

from the Freezing works in 1914, George Sunderland and his wife Dorothy went to live at the Masonic Hotel in Napier. Oswald and Gladys moved into Mangapapa. The

homestead remained in the Nelson family until after World War 2. Damage from the 1931 earthquake was limited to the loss of chimneys pots and verandas.

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Sir James died in June 1974 and Lady Wattie moved into the bungalow on the adjoining section that they had built with retirement in mind. Their son Gordon and his wife lived at Mangapapa for a while. They added the tennis court and swimming pool, before moving with the cannery business up to Gisborne. In the late 80's, Mangapapa was sold as part of the Goodman, Fielder, Wattie assets when it merged with Heinz.

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# Warren's Bakery

*A family affair that started in Havelock North.*

Seven young boys arrived from Devonshire, England with their parents John and Johannah Warren in 1872 and settled in the small village of Havelock, as it was known back then. The couple had four more children, three girls then another boy.

John Warren was fully employed building roads in the new settlement and died at Havelock North, aged 71, in 1897. At his funeral service, tribute was paid to John Warren's honesty, integrity and unassuming manner. Johannah died in 1906 and is buried alongside her husband at the Havelock North cemetery.

Robert Warren, the youngest of the seven boys, who was only 11 months old when he arrived in New Zealand, completed his five year journeyman's apprenticeship with a Napier baker.

Robert married Alice Bee, daughter of George Bee senior, (the builder of St Luke's Church), in 1892.

On his wedding day Robert purchased a section in Napier Road, Havelock, for £65, next to St Columba's Presbyterian Church. He set up a small shop in the front room of his two storied house and the bake house was at the back.

The bakery was on the site, (now the PostShop), until at least the 1930s, when it was sold and re-named Warnes' Bakery.

Robert Warren began businesses in Hastings from 1898, a large bake house at the corner of St Aubyn Street and Karamu Road, as well as several other locations in the township where he expanded to tea rooms and shops.

Catering was a significant part of Robert Warren's business and he supplied elaborate multi-tiered wedding cakes, and catered at local race meetings, balls and weddings.

After his death in 1916 Alice, his widow, continued the businesses with the help of the family.



*Ray Clapperton in Napier Road, outside Warrens bakery.*

*- kindly supplied by Robyn Warren.*

The baking tradition continued from one generation to the next starting with Pearl Taylor, the youngest child of Robert and Alice, then Velma Brannigan their granddaughter, and more recently Malcolm, their great grandson and his wife Robyn.

Sadly, Malcolm and Robyn who took over the Hastings based business in 1987, have put Warren's Bakery up for sale, possibly ending an important part of Hawke's Bay history.

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Our pupils are also able to take part in a very wide range of sporting and cultural activities. Over the years, our successes at national level in both sport and culture have created a very proud tradition of excellence. Havelock North High School is a school which pupils are proud to belong to and in which parents and the community can have every confidence. ☐

## Havelock Today and into the Future

**H**avelock North has continued to grow from a small town under the feet of Te Mata to a vibrant village with a unique atmosphere and a strong sense of community. People still come here for the same reasons they came in 1860 – the beautiful landscape, the fertile plains, the rivers, the ocean, the lifestyle and for the various business opportunities the district provides.

While it was pastoral influences which guided Havelock North during its early years and continues to be one of the key business sectors, the growth of village has

ensured that fresh thinking and corporate businesses are being attracted to the district. The climate and the short commute to work continues to attract many city dwellers which shape the future of the Village.

Havelock North prides itself as a café capital of the Bay and is seen as the retail hub of the region. A strong presence in healthcare and education sectors and a fast growing business services industry including finance and real estate all help to round out a cross-section of the economy. The growth in the wine industry, coupled

with the climate and abundance of outdoor and recreational opportunities in the district has provided significant growth for the districts tourism industry. Nationally and Internationally recognised businesses such as Black Barn, Craggy Range, Elephant Hill and The Farm at Cape Kidnappers continue to attract both tourists and people seeking employment to region.

The future of the Village is exciting. Havelock North is unique and will continue to grow through its strong sense of community, successful business networks and distinct identity.



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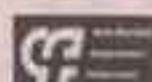
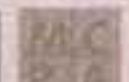
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## Rugby and Cricket Club

**I**n the year 1894, Rugby was first played in Havelock North and in 1994 the Havelock North Rugby Club celebrated 100 years of the Havelock North Rugby Club's existence.

In 2009 the Havelock North Rugby Club is one of the leading clubs in the Hawke's Bay Club Rugby competition. Havelock North plays in the Hawke's Bay Rugby competition which provides representatives to the Kelt Capital Magpies, NZ Juniors and NZ All Blacks.

A large part of the clubs success can be attributed to the loyalty displayed from its player base. In many instances these players have originated from the junior ranks of the club whose own numbers are at record highs.

The club has two All Black's on the national scene, Bryn Evans and Hika Elliott together with a number of Super 14 and Magpie representatives.

The club has grown beyond recognition since it was originally called The Havelock Harriers at the turn of the century. It soon became known as Havelock or The Villagers. In 1910 Havelock won the senior grade champions in the Napier-Hastings competition. From 1914 to 1918 the game went into decline as it did during the World War 2 but the game was revived in the 1920s and again after 1945.

The Cricket Club has the distinction of being able to claim it was the first sports club established in Havelock North.

Mention is first made in a document dated 1874 which refers to the club and mentions T Gilpin, headmaster of Havelock North School as its secretary.

Interest in cricket declined until the turn of the century but revived 1909 when the team played in the Hawke's Bay Cricket Association's second grade.

It was much later in 1931 that the club finally became established. Regular matches between Havelock North School and Hereworth School also took place with a greater emphasis being placed on sports in schools than previously. The club played on the Domain with members volunteering their time to keep the pitches in good condition.

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Jack was a bullock driver who worked for the Donnelly family driving wagons loaded with wool from inland Patea to Napier port. He met his future wife, Edith née Ridd, a seamstress who also worked for the Donnelly family about this time. Jack and Edith's surviving children were John Joseph generally known as Joe, William Arthur, Edward Cecil, Edith and the youngest, Richard Alexander.

In 1895 Jack worked for William Beecroft a livery stable owner operating in Havelock and Hastings. William supplied most modes of transport (all horse driven of course) including taxis and hearses. In 1905 Jack bought the Havelock North side of the business.

The original horse drawn buses operated by Jack, Advance and Relief, were named after battles of

Lucknow in India. The old depot, used by the company until the early 1950s, called Lucknow Lodge, is still standing today and is a private house.

With the invention of the motor vehicle the company expanded and bought a Studebaker eight seater bus, which was later converted to a 10 seater. An old photograph survives from 1916 which shows the vehicle transporting girls from Iona College on a school outing.

Bill and Joe went overseas to fight in WW1 and Edith, her daughter and the two youngest boys helped with the business. Their father died in 1914.

Motor buses were added to the fleet in 1910 and in 1923 the first full sized bus, a Thornycroft with pneumatic tyres, believed to be a first for the district, was purchased.

Edith lived until 1955, surviving her son Bill who died of a heart attack while doing war work at Napier Wharf in 1943.

Joe's son, John Rodney Nimon took over as

managing director in 1963 and Bill Nimon took over 2003 when his father John died.

The bus fleet grew to 11 buses in 1967. John had also started a refrigerated trucking company called Road Air in 1956.

In the late 1980s they took over some school runs from Mt Cook and Newmans Coach services.

In 1990 the company took on more Ministry of Education runs and in 1991 took over Railway Road Services in Napier and Hastings and the fleet expanded considerably.

Nimons ran the Havelock North to Hastings run continuously for 105 years until 2009 when the runs were lost to tender but they picked up significant school tenders and doubled the number of runs.

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