

Joseph Edward Beaumont. Borned 21st day of September 1888
in the Parish of Northway, in the County of Salop, England.

Emigrated to New Zealand, at the age of 24 years in the year
1909 sailing in the N.Z.S.L. R.M.S. "Taranaki" Capt Weston land
Wellington on Nov 16th. My Sister Patty who also came out at the
time & she stayed with our Sister Molly & her Husband, until after
Nov 1909

On Jan 8th I went to work on the Delta Station, Marlborough,
Cooking at 25/- per week & Board. The Station about 9,000 acres was owned
by W Pollard. I found him a very good employer & the job very easy & the
as the best. I left the Delta in Dec 10th as I wanted to get a knowledge of De
mining & the Delta was all sheep-farming, of which I had not any knowledge
land. On Dec 12th I took on a temporary job. Harvesting ~~work~~ for a Mr. And
a place named Seddon, & I left ~~at~~ at the rate of 1/- per hr. & Board.

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Left Seddon for Wellington Jan 14th & went to Murphy's Bros Featherston
working to milk cows at the rate of 25/- Board. This was a rotten dirt
& I left on July 12th with a rather poor opinion on Dairy farming in N.Z.

July 29th I started to work for a Mr. C. Jeoman, a Dairy farmer at Opou
rearing Bay of Plenty at the rate of 30/- per week with Board. I stayed
in job until I had saved enough money for me to go to England. I
left Jeoman's on May 12th 1913.

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May 15th Arrived Wellington from Bay of Plenty
June 12th Sailed for Home in the S.S. Co's R.M.S. Athenic Capt ~~Booby~~ Crook
arriving at Plymouth on July 25th & reached my home in Shrewsbury at
5 pm same day.

August 17th Agnes father died aged 61 years.

Sept 17th I was married to Agnes Madeline Blount ^{aged 23 years} youngest Daughter
of Sarah Blount in the Parish Church, Neenon, Salop, by the Vicar
Mr Warren, & we went to Liverpool for our honeymoon.

Oct 8th We left Shrewsbury for London, & stayed at Adelphi Hotel in the Strand
Oct 10th We sail for N.Z. in the P.S. Co's "Arana" Capt Clayton
Oct 11th at Plymouth Agnes very sick.
Oct 13th Agnes had the Dr. to see her.
Oct 25th Arrived Welling on N.Z. Big Strike out

1914

- May 20th Took a two years lease of House at Koro-Koro, Petone
- June 21 Our first child a Daughter (Guennie) was born at Nurse Watsons Home in Malesmorth St Wellington
- July 5th Took Agnes & Baby to our home at Koro-Koro
- August 14 War against Germany & Austria Declared
- Sept 17 Our first Wedding Anniversary
- Oct 11 Guennie was christened in St Thomas Church Neutoun, Well. by the Rev Farnoust

1915

- Nov 3rd Our second child a Daughter (Doris) was born at Koro-Koro, Petone
- " 15th Angia Troops landed at Jolipopi, Julipole, Turkey.

1916

- April 1st Removed to Edenlurg Terrace, Neutoun Wellington
- May 31 Big naval Battle in North Sea, 17 British, 18 German ships sunk
- June 7 Earl Kitchener drowned in H.M.S. "Hampshire" on his way to Russia.
- " 12 Don Invalinteded for service but was rejected on account of his having ears.
- July Doris was christened in St Thomas Church, Neutoun, Well.

1917

- Jun 12th Agnes's Mother died at Neutoun, Islip, England.
- March 13 Won £10. in Toto
- July 3rd Our third child a Son (Ted) was born at Edenlurg Terrace.
- Sept 1st We move across the street to No 25, Edenlurg Terrace.
- Oct 16 I started working for a Mr Clifford Dairy farmer at Wallacerville, Upper Hutt
- Nov 12 Removed from Wellington to Wallacerville.

1918

- March 26 Removed from Wallacerville to Napier, Stayed at J Bennetts at Charles St Westshore
- April 8th Went to work for Mr R Anderson, Pporangi Station, Tereau.
- Sept 20 Removed from Pporangi to Copeland Rd Hastings
- " 25 Started to work for Mrs R Warren on Bread Delivery Round.
- " 27 Bought House of Mr W. White for £400.
- Nov 5th Finished working for Mrs R Warren, Armistice Day
- " 16 Finished working for Mrs R Warren
- " 18 Went in with Jim Brown on seals contract at Onys-Onys

1919

- Jan 27 Started harvesting at Armonds, Karame Station
- March 27th finished working at Karame.
- " 26 Our Son Ted was christened in St. Matthews Church Hastings by the Rev Hall, Pathy & John Christie were Godparents.
- July 19th The Peace Treaty was signed
- " 29th Our fourth child & third Daughter (Patty) was born at Copeland Rd Hastings at 8.50 pm
- Nov 1st Our Son Ted broke his leg & was taken to Napier Hospital
- " 24 I started to work for the Hastings Boro Council

- Jan 25th Fetched Ted home from Napier Hospital
- March 15th Gennie started school
- April 23rd I started work at Fern Hill Quarry
- May 5th Prince of Wales in Hastings
- Sept 3rd Met with accident at Fern Hill & was taken to Napier Hospital
- " 14th Back home again from Hospital
- " 21st My birthday 31 years old. Agnes had teeth out at O'neer's
- 1921
- Jan 3rd Started to work Oppenheimers Casings Works Haramu Creek.
- April 1st Our fifth child & fourth daughter (Marjory) was born at Copeland Rd Hastings
- " 16th Our first child & daughter (Gennie) died after a three days illness & was buried in Hastings cemetery.
- May 6th Finished working Casins Company
- " 30th Started haughting drapery & etc for J. J. Cassin on commission
- August 15th William Smithson died & was cremated at Karori Wellington.
- 1922 No record kept
- 1923
- Jan 29th Our sixth child & daughter (Mabel) was born at Copeland Rd
- Oct 7th Patsy was taken ill
- " 15th Patsy died Napier Hospital with meningitis.
- " 31st We moved to Guthrie Rd Harelock North.
- Nov 12th Children started Harelock School.
- 1924
- July 25th Sold house in Copeland Rd to Mr Storer for £460.
- Aug 14th Our seventh child & daughter (Joan) was born at Mc Hardy Home ^{Napier}
- Oct 18th Agreed to purchase house & land in Napier Rd from the D. C. Mc Hardy estate for £950
- Nov 17th Moved to Napier Rd
- 1925
- Sept 22nd Napier express wrecked on Te. Auto Hill. Two died & twenty were injured.
- 1926
- June 22nd Started my first job with the H. N. Town Board.
- 1927
- March 11th Duke & Duchess of York in Hastings.
- Aug 6th I started on relief work
- " 31st Drew our first instalment Family allowance
- Sept 16th Relief work finished
- " 24th started again
- Oct 8th Relief work finished. 1927 was a bad year for the "workers"
- 1928
- Feb 6th Started to work at Temoaing meat works
- March 26th Finished " " "
- April 20th Started again with H. N. T. B.
- " 25th Memorial Hospital at Hastings was opened

1928 continued

- May 18th Margary went to Napier Hospital
- June 30 .. came home again
- August 7th A regular job at last. Mrs appointed Sexton for the H.N Cemetery.
- Oct 3rd 4 Our eighth child & daughter (Eric) was born in Memorial Hospital
- Dec 23rd 4 Molly Joe, Hera, Fluff & Jim came by car from Wellington
- " 25 Tomas Day The falliest & was Day we have ever had.
- " 30 Margary, Mabel, Joan & Evelyn were christened in St Lukes Church
Hawke's Bay by the Rev Canon McLean. Molly & Fluff were their godmothers

- 929 Oct 3rd R.A.O.B Lodge was opened in H.N I was elected Secretary
- " 29 Doris started to earn her own living she went to work for Mrs St Lawrence at Te-Aurangi
- Nov 2nd Agnes started to clean the Village Hall & St Lukes School.
- " 30 Doris came home from Te-Aurangi

- 930 Jan 22nd Mother to Mabel to Napier Hospital to have her tonsils taken out
- " 24 Mabel back Home
- April 5th I had top teeth out at O'Neary's -
- " 12th " Bottoms " " " "
- June 22nd Our ninth child & daughter (Betty) was born in Memorial Hospital
- Oct 21 Royal Show at Te Moma's Showgrounds
- " 22 Patsy's Daughter (Topsy) died at Epsiloms
- " 24 I attended Topsy's funeral
- 1930 Fire from another head of year for N.Z People.

- 1931 Feb 2nd A terrible earthquake occurred at 11.47 a.m which caused a
big loss of life & many hundreds were injured & it caused great
destruction to houses & buildings in Hawke's Bay & elsewhere in
N.Z. The centres of the towns of Napier & Hastings were completly
destroyed by fire.
- march 8 Ted started to work for Mr Gillertson, Dairy farmer Te Muriwai
at 10/- a week and board.
- " 11 P. M. Dept started to erect our kitchen chimney. A Mr W. Frye
from Forton was the bricklayer & we made a great friend
of him which lasted untill his death many years later.
- May 2 Got false teeth from O. Neary's cost £ 10-10-0
- 1931 was a disastrous year for New Zealand

- 1932 Jan 20th Ted left Gillertsons & went to Starnes, Haumoana
on Oct 2nd
- 1932 was a year of hardship & uncertainty

- 1933 Dec 20th Dr Pines came to see mother
- " 25 Tomas Day & our dear mother ill in bed which made it a very
poor time for us all. 1933 was also a very bad year with
thousands of men unemployed & the Govt did not know how
to help to relieve their misery.

- 1931+
 Jan 2ⁿ Dr Reece to see Mother
 " 8 Eva to Napier Hospital with Scarlet fever
 " 10 Betty " " "
 " 13 Kingsford Smith landed the Southern Cross at New Plymouth having
 flown across the Tasman Sea from Australia.
 Feb 22 Eva & Betty back home again from Hospital
 April 16 Mum & I went to Wellington
 " 17 Miss Norma was married to Don King. I gave her away.
 Oct 15 Our tenth child & Son (John) was born in the Memorial Hospital
 Nov 19 My dear Mother died at Wellington Sabo at the age of 79 years.
 1934 was no better than 1933. Except that a few relief works
 were started, but the pay was so low that thousands of people
 had not enough to eat & children were without boots & clothes
 to keep them going to school.
- 1935
 Nov 15 A new Era was borned in N.Z. in Nov 1935 & the old
 Govt was overwhelmingly rejected by the Peoples Vote at
 the General Elections. The Labour Party took over the job
 of Government & immediately set about improving the living
 conditions of the People. The Govt was led by a great Man
 Michael Joseph Savage who was a great Humanitarian
 & understood that what the Working People wanted was Work
 & Higher Wages (not Poverty or Charity) & he straight away
 put the wages back to the Award Levels. This put
 a lot more purchasing power in circulation & goods badly
 needed by the People were being bought & trade began to
 increase & more Workers went onto their old employment
 as skilled Workers instead of being on Relief Work.
- Dec 25 Thomas Day & what a change from the previous Thomas Days
 During the week before Thomas Day the Govt gave a bonus of an
 extra weeks Wages to the Workers & what a joy it was to the
 Mothers & Prof's Wives to have the extra money to buy their
 children & themselves the things that they so badly needed
 & a few little extras for Thomas Day. The year 1935 has
 ended & we are looking forward to the New Year
 feeling confident that the new Govts Policy will be
 the making of a brighter & better future for N.Z. &
 may God Bless & Crown their efforts with Success
- 1936
 Dec 1st My Mum was operated upon for an internal trouble.
 Dr Wilson did the job in Memorial Hospital. It was
 " 4 Mum was underwent another operation by Dr Wilson &
 her condition was serious. But thank God for His Mercy
 she came through & was out of danger after a few days.

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Dec 25 - Xmas Day & what a sad day it was for us with dear Mum ill in Hospital. However I did my best for the children & shut ol. we did miss Mum.

Dec 31 - The Year 1936 has been a better & brighter year for the People of N.Z. The Labour Govt's legislation is making a marked improvement in the living & outlook of the People & the poverty of the Past is being replaced by plenty in the future.

Jan 6 - Mother came home from Hospital (Temporarily)
" 27 - " back again in
" 30 - " operated on again by Dr. Wilson & was in hospital until the middle of May

Note - Owing to my not keeping my Diary regularly, all items recorded from now on may not be too reliably accurate.
1937 Mum & Dad went with Mrs. Coleman to Tampa.

Dec 31 - 1937 has been another year of progress & prosperity for the people of N.Z.

1938 - No Records kept but it was a year of progress & prosperity.
1939 - " " " War against Germany was declared on Sept. 3rd

1940 - Bought a Buick Car & we all went to see Esplanades at Wellington at Easter Time.
March 27 - The Prime Minister Mr. Savage died & N.Z. mourns the loss of a truly great man & Mr. Peter Fraser became Prime Minister of N.Z.
All effort is being made to put N.Z. on an unorganised War footing & to help Old England all we can to win the War.

1941
Jan 5 - My eldest Daughter Doris was married in St. Luke's H.N. to Albert Charles Hope by the Rev. Wymond.
April 12 - Mum & I went to Wellington to attend Labour Party Conference.
" 25 - Anzac Day I went on Parade with Home Guards.
June 22 - Germany invaded Russia.
" 27 - Ted was called up for War Service.
July 4 - Ted went to Trentham Camp.
" 23 - Era went into Memorial Hospital.
August 7 - Dr. Wright came to see me.
" 12 - Ted came home on special leave.

- 1911 continued
 August 19th Marjory was married to Richard Birch by Rev Weymouths
 " 25th Ted went back to Trenton Camp
 " 29th fetched Eva home from Memorial Hospital
 Sept 10 Dr Wright came to see me
 " Marjory went to Wellington
 " 12 Dr Wright to see me again I was very ill
 " 13 Mum & Muriel went to Wellington to say good bye to Ted before
 the leaving for War
 " 15 Mum & Muriel came back from Wellington
 " 17 I was prayed at Memorial Hospital
 " 19th Dr Wright informed me that I had gall bladder trouble &
 an operation was necessary to put it right.
 30th I had a terrible day of agony, from severe pains & vomiting, I was
 taken to Memorial Hospital per ambulance, at 7 pm I trusts to
 place on record my humble sincere thanks ^{to Mr W H Conderson} for his efforts to get me
 to Hospital as quickly as possible
 Oct 13 In side-room Surgical Ward, 7 pm, they had prepared me for the
 operation in the morning (Tues) & before I was put to sleep for the night
 I thanked God for His goodness in giving me a loving Wife & dear
 family & then I commended them to His care & myself to His Mercy
 & I was very comforted by the inward Voice that came back to me
 in answer to my Prayer which said, I will not leave thee or
 forsake thee for putting your Trust in Me
 Oct 14 I was operated upon by Dr Romane Wright & Dr Marshall
 for the removal of the Gall bladder
 " 15 Mum & Dads came to see me but being yet doped I was not
 fully conscious of their presence
 " 19th In great pain from wound, Sister Connell washed on me like a
 trojan to believe me & made me easier for the night
 May God bless her for her devotion to Duty & her fine
 sympathetic understanding of Human nature
 21st Had a rotten night Woke up at 1 am all cold & garments wet from
 sweating What a contrast between the night nurse & Sister
 Connell, When I told the night nurse of my condition she growled
 at me & ordered me to go to sleep again Sleep under such
 conditions was impossible & I suffered in silence until morning
 When I told the Day nurse about my condition she very quickly
 changed the bed clothing & garments & made my position very com-
 fortable May God Bless her as my special prayer
 25th Dr Wright said I could get up for a little while & I was up
 for 30 minutes which was grand after a months of bed &
 suffering pain
 29th Mr Tom Bell from Hospital "Home sweet Home" No place like
 it & I thank God for restoring me back to my dear Wife
 & family Amen

- 1941 continued
- Nov 17th The Gen General Sir Cyril Newall in Cornwall Park Hastings
 " 18th Resigned my job as Sexton after 13 years of hard & depressing
 labour. The St. N Town Board gave me a gratuity of £10 for my
 good services rendered.
- Dec 1st Margaret came home from Wellington
 8 Japan declared War on U.S.A & Britain.
 " 25th +mas Day. Wrote to Ted. Mum, I have missed our last
 fighting overseas. He has been in our thoughts all day.
 May God bless & protect him & bring him safely home again
 to those who love him. Amen
- 1941 31st I went to the Army Office to join up with the Home
 Defence Forces, & was posted to the Coast watching service.
 Here ends the year 1941, which has been
 of great anxiety to many people in N.Z.
 It has been a worrying time for my family in account of
 of my own illness, but I thank God for his mercy, in bringing
 me through safely with health & vigor restored & I hope
 that His ways may be known to all Peoples Nations & Place
 & Goodwill shall be known to all Peoples. Amen. E.B.
- 1942
- Jan 3rd Went to C.M.D. Camp at Cook's farm Whirinaki
 Sept 3rd Third anniversary of War. Went to M Hospital to see Capt R Tappin
 Dec 31st The year 1942 has been a year of sickness & sorrow, owing
 to the War & the danger to N.Z. by the invasion of the Japs &
 we are awaiting for assistance by the U.S.A. Military & Naval forces
- 1943
- June 15th We were sent to Waikare means to guard Fibre Stations
 Nov 11th I finished Army Service & was posted to reserve
 Dec 31st 1943 ended with the Japanese being thrown back, having
 suffered severe losses inflicted by the Americans & Allied forces
 they the danger of invasion of N.Z. has been removed for
 which we thank God & the Allied troops. Military & Naval
- 1944 No records
 1945 1945 No Records
- 1946
- Nov 12th Paid the final instalment & balance of payment for House to the
 E.T. Mc Keith's estate. Our Home is our Own. It has been a
 hard struggle to make it so.
 The War is over, we are looking forward to Peace again.
- 1947
- July 19th Ted took over Toller's farm at Tufford
 Nov 1st Our son Edward was married in St. Matthews Church Hastings to
 Eileen Bell by the Rev Weymouth
 Dec 31st A good year for which we thank God
 for His goodness

11.8 August 18 Mother went to Memorial Hospital
Dec 31 Sold Land to J C Polak.

11.9 No record kept
Nov The Labour Govt after 14 years was defeated at the Gen Elections

950 No record kept
Sept 17 Our Daughter Betty was married to Marcell Hall in St Lukes Church H N by the Rev Wymouths. This date is the 37th anniversary of Her Parents Wedding Day Sept 17th 1913.

951 No record kept.

952 No record kept
June 27 Our Daughter Joan was married to Dean Biggs in St Lukes Church H N by the Rev Wymouths
Oct 2nd week I was operated upon for the 2nd time for the removal of gallstones by Dr Remains whilst in the Memorial Hospital Hastings.
Dec 14 Came home from Hospital & found that I had won the Thomas raffle run by the Cricket Club.

Dec 31 1952 has been a year of worry for my Dear Wife on a/c of my illness
953 No record. Ill health has been my lot most of the year, 1953

954 July In Memorial Hospital for treatment by Dr Ballantyne for liver trouble. I was relieved for a few months but soon the trouble came back again & I endured a lot of suffering.

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11.17 Our Daughter Evelyn was married to Resc Bamberidge in St Lukes Church H N by the Rev Wymouths. This date is also the 42nd anniversary of her Parents Wedding Day Sept 17th 1913

9.18 Entered Memorial Hospital for the 4th time. I was operated upon by Dr Comrie for the removal of a large gall stone which had completely blocked the bile duct & was the cause of my illness. The operation has proved very successful & I left for home on the Nov 23, 1955.

c 31 The Year 1955 has ended & although it has been a year of worry to my Wife & Family & myself on account of my bad health yet I thank God for his Saviour's kindness in restoring me back again to health & my Family. Amen. J.C.P.

1954 No record
1954 August 31st My youngest son John was married to Jean Robinson in All Saints Church Nelson by the Rev Archdeacon Ault

1958 No record
1959 no record
1960 April 7th My dear Wife was taken to Memorial Hospital on her 40th birthday for gall stone trouble, & undergoing an operation for strabismic amblyopia. Unfortunately 4 few days before the operation was due to take place she went into a state of deep coma from which she did not regain consciousness before she passed away in May 1st

May 3rd My dear Wife's body was cremated & the ashes were interred in the same plot as contains the remains of our two little Daughters, Guenne & Patty & it is my wish that (God willing) my ashes will rest in the same plot

1960 Sept 24th My daughter Mabel was married to Peter Paterson in St Lukes Church St Jameslock North by the Rev Wilson

1960 December. As I do not intend to carry this record any further I wish to give expression to some thoughts & feelings before I conclude.

The loss of my dear one has been a big shock to me & my family. She was so loved by all of us & no man could have had a better mate & wife than I have had & I have humbly thanked God for having guided me in my choice & love for her & no children could have a better mother & Her children shall rise & call her Blessed.

2nd Our Family
May God bless & prosper them for their love & devotion to their Parents & which have been all that any Parents could wish for & I their Dad especially want thank all of them for their help & comfort for me during my time of sorrow & loss. I pray God will again unite us all in Heaven in the same family unity of spirit like it has existed during their earthly father father & Mother's lifetime on Earth.

May God bless you all.
J.E. Beaumont
31/12/1960

Note
This record is to be available to any member of the Beaumont Family for reference purposes only.
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