An historic image compilation of Hastings 1931-1950

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An historic journey through images of streets and buildings of Hastings post-earthquake - most of which no longer exist, with some remnants as I recall from my later childhood growing up in Hastings and fragments mentioned by old timers, compiled from the many images available. I have corrected the dates to the images where necessary plus adding a few comments of explanation. Post 1931 is a far different era than the later Christchurch earthquake with its Red Zone land confiscation!

Pretext

1931, Richard & Annie Burns were living in Waipukurau at Gaisford Terrace near the Hospital. Richard worked as a Labourer for Mr R. A. Guthrie a Farmer at Hatuma. Richard was one of many who went to Napier as a volunteer labourer to help search and clear away the rubble. Later Annie & daughter Shirley arrived in Napier and they lived for a short while in an empty little old wooden cottage in Munroe St beside the railway line before moving over to Hasting about September 1931 where my mother was born the following year. There was a short period of peaceful economic recovery till the WW2 shortages and the post-war boom era, Richard Burns died at Hastings 1946.

The Hastings Earthquake 1931

1931 February 3rd Tuesday at 10.46am the Napier Hastings Earthquake struck. Ninety-three people were killed in Hastings by the Earthquake which destroyed or damaged almost every building in the town. Royston private hospital in Avenue Rd was damaged, so the staff set-up emergency quarters at the Hastings Racecourse, Drill Hall became the Hastings Earthquake headquarters. Hastings initially had use of its reticulated water for fire fighting until the Havelock North bridge collapsed and broke the main pipe which was fixed in 24hrs. Water was carried from Tong’s artesian well on Karamu Rd.

People gathered in open areas as a safe area during the subsequent aftershocks, a great jolt occurred around 8pm that night caused more damage. The setting up of picket posts and clearing a pathway through the rubble on the streets for vehicle access like the fire brigade and trucks to pulling down dangerous tilting facades were an initial priority for the organised groups.

Subsequently, post quake Napier had gained valuable land to prosper faster as a city than Hastings.
1931 February 4th, an aerial view of Hastings east shows still smoke rising from the Grand Hotel block the following morning, shows the white Public Trust mid left with Russell St near, by United Press Pictures

1931 February. An aerial view of Hastings east, show fires out and rubble still on streets the street running diagonally at top is Horotuaunga St east and the Grand Hotel demolished, with Russell St and Railway Rd vertical and Karamu Rd left with the Albert Hotel standing proud, by P. Van Ash
1931 February, An aerial view of Hastings east, show fires out at the Union Bank right with rubble on Heretaunga St east from the demolished Grand Hotel, Westerman's at Russell St left with the PO top at Queens St east, taken for AWN.

1931 February, An aerial view of Hastings west shows fires out, Heretaunga St west runs diagonally, near the centre is the intersection of King St with Eastbourne St west across top right corner. At the top left is the
Pacific Hotel standing, Roach's department store centre completely collapsed. The ruins of the Cosy De Luxe Theatre are located in the lower middle with Anderson & Hanson and Land for Bags building at mid left on the corner of King St and Heretaunga St west. Areas of severe damage possibly indicate **soft areas built upon old swamp lagoons**, by P. Van Ash

A drainage ditch and fencing ran along the northern side of the Main Omahu Rd from Nelson St west to Hicks corner store in 1873. This was to drain water from the small swamp areas where later buildings like the Cosy Theatre and Roaches were erected and collapsed in the 1931 Quake.

A woman was suddenly killed from falling rubble when she ran out on to the street from the Hastings Post Office

1931 February, Two people were killed in this crushed car on Heretaunga S, one of the many motor cars crushed by falling masonry in streets
1931 February 3rd an early view of Heretaunga St east looking west towards the railway and Hastings Hotel left shows fallen bricks from the collapsed facade of the Grand Hotel where several people were killed and has crushed a car foreground, there are Voluntary Pickets standing in the middle of the street either side of the railway with much smoke still visible, by R. Pearcy

The Hastings fire brick wall law was introduced after the 1907 fires for protection between new buildings, but lessons from the Wellington quake of 1855 were not taken - where about 700 thousand bricks were used to build the new Grand Hotel the facade completely collapsed and the adjoining wooden buildings that had withstood the quake were destroyed when the remaining Grand hotel was demolished. The faulty lime mortar used to bond the bricks on the Grand Hotel, the old Douglas/Cosy De Luke Theatre Building (Kempfilm Theatres Ltd) and Roach's Department Store did not stick to the bricks and therefore did not provide vital support for the structures, where as the bricks mortar used in the Bank of New South Wales stuck and withstood the quake.

1931 February, Heretaunga St west near the intersection of King St at Land's for Bags an early view shows a group of workmen with shovels and signage behind for Thompson Brothers Butchers
1931 February 3rd Heretaunga St west and King St corner looking east towards Havelock soon after the quake, shows uncleared roadway with people rushing and smoke rising in distant background and at near right. Roach Department Store at right where 17 people died, J. S. Lands for Bags at 347 left, and the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble at near left where a few patrons were killed and injured, by Lovell-Smith

1931 February, Heretaunga St west looking east at King St corner soon after the quake, shows smoke and vehicle access pathway cleared with J. S. Lands for Bags left and Roach's rubble at right
1931 February, Heretaunga St west at King St corner soon after the quake, shows fire hoses and J. S. Lands for Bags at right.

1931 February 3rd Heretaunga St west looking west at King St corner soon after the quake shows the old Douglas/Cosy De Luxe Theatre building rubble at right and large group of Maori men and Fireman with hose after putting out a fire, puddles and uncleared roadway, it took an hour for the fire brigade to extract their Dennis engine from the collapsed fire station, but emergency electric power was restored within an hour via the Council diesel generators for water mains pump and the hospital, by R. Pearcy.
1931 February 3rd Heretaunga St west looking north from King St corner soon after the quake shows the old Douglas/Cosy De Luxe Theatre building rubble with Fireman with rolled up hose after putting out the fire.

1931 February 3rd Heretaunga St west looking west past King St soon after the quake shows large group of mostly Maori men pulling on a rope just past the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble, with A. F. Redgrave and Villa D'Este buildings behind on right, by R. Pearcy.
1931 February 3rd looking along King St 5th at Roach’s soon after the big quake where men are doing a search for survivors and body retrieval with man in white coat behind.

Staff-Sergeant-Major O’Leary played a very prominent part in the patrolling of Hastings to keep order immediately following the earthquake.

1931 February, Voluntary Pickets on duty standing on the railway line wielding their truncheons, poss Eastbourne St east opposite the Court House at Railway Rd 5th, shows Mr F. Field, Maultstaid, I. Hill, Harrison and E. Ward. 140 Voluntary Pickets were recruited by High School Principle and WW1 Major W. A. G Penlington, some of the senior students and some from the Wellington Regiment who had served in France, unfortunately the Hotels were not allowed to open until 3 weeks after and Penlington had restricted the petrol for emergency only, so the journalists were not able to leave Hastings to file their reports and he was never mentioned in the newspapers.

400 men were organising into groups for search and body retrieval while Robert Holt & Sons who manufactured boxes were put to work making handle less coffins from white pine and 40 men were assigned to dig graves. The smell wafting from the sewer vent pipes along Karamu Rd cause some disquiet.
1931, shows the Havelock North road Bridge collapsed, but the Hastings Water Main pipe is now supported and intact, taken by Sydney Charles Smith.

After the 1931 quake, roads were damaged and there were few cars, so people had to make their way as best they could. This photo shows the Lane family travelling from their damaged home in Hastings to stay in a house at Clive.
1931, Evacuation of the injured - two persons lying on beds on a truck at the Railway Reserve awaiting to be transported on to the first south bound train on Friday 6th shows Williams & Kettle garage and grain & seed stores on Queen St west with a vertical crane behind, the Hastings Railway Station became the temporary telegraph office.

1931, taken from the train - the evacuation of the injured - persons lying on trucks alongside of the train at the Railway Reserve awaiting to be transported on to the first south bound train on Friday 6th shows the vertical crane behind.

1931, The evacuation of an injured person lying on stretcher bed is loaded on to the train from a Maraetotara Waimarama delivery truck at the Railway Reserve to be transported on the first south bound train on Friday 6th for Palmerston North.
1931 February, post quake birth at Hastings

1931 February, full passengers with cot cases being evacuated on the first relief train to leave south bound near Napier

Refugees board the first relief train near Hastings bound for Palmerston North when the train line to Hastings was re-opened.

The following photos are divided into two sides – first Hastings east and then Hastings west

**Hastings east**

The Havelock Brickworks had made the 7000 bricks in 1906 for the Grand Hotel, the hotel facade collapsed with a roar in the quake.
1931 February 3rd Heretaunga St east shows a morning view of the damage to the remaining Grand Hotel before it was completely demolished, the street-front facade of the building had collapsed in a pile of rubble scattering bricks, leaving the interior and rooms exposed, the mortar used did not stick to the bricks causing a loss of support for the main structures, by S. L. Tyson

1931 February 3rd Heretaunga St east shows later views of the damage to the remaining Grand Hotel facade shows a thick rope forefront possibly used by the traction engine to demolish the dangerous remains onto the adjacent wooden building of Jeweller S. C. Rusbatch, Tobacconist H. O. Shatky and boot importer Henry K. Thomson before the fire, by James Henry Daroux and the other view shows the thick rope forefront with wooden building signage for Cleaners & Dyers, Sale, Jeweller S. C. Rusbatch, Tobacconist H. O. Shatky and boot importer Henry K. Thomson before the demolition
1931 February, Heretaunga St east looking east shows Union Bank and Sutherlands on the corner of Karamu Rd opposite the Albert Hotel with smoke rising from the Grand Hotel rubble foreground, AWNS

1931 February, Heretaunga St east looking east towards the Havelock shows many workmen with shovels on the Grand Hotel huge rubble pile which was reduced after the fire and the a small dozer at right
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1931 February, from Russell St after the Grand Hotel was demolished shows a pile of clean loose and men conducting a search and body retrieval for the proprietor Mr T. A. Ross who was in the cellar at the time of the earthquake, but assumed was killed by the subsequent fire that night, with the two chimneys by the Union Bank building on Karamu Rd nth.
1931 February, from Westerman’s veranda still intact with signage - & Value At Famous Prices after the Grand Hotel was demolished shows volunteers pulling on rope, with the two chimneys distant by the Union Bank building on Karamu Rd. by Evening Post.

1931 February, after the Grand Hotel was demolished shows men digging down conducting a search and body retrieval, by R. Pearcy.
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1931, looking sth east from across the Grand Hotel cellar and rubble towards Heretaunga St east to the Carlton and Albert Hotels, by George Thomas

1931 February, Heretaunga St east from Russell St after the complete demolition of the Grand Hotel shows firemen holding canvas water fire hose to dampen down following the overnight block fire that engulfed the Hawke’s Bay Farmers Meat Co and the National Bank of N Z, with a small dozer and the traction engine, by Lovell-Smith
1931 February, Heretaunga St east looking north taken from near the Carlton Hotel shows relief workers following the overnight block fire with smoke still smouldering amid the Grand Hotel rubble. Water was carried from Tong’s artesian well Kararau Rd.

1931 February, from Heretaunga St east looking nth after the fire and complete demolition of the Grand Hotel shows the fire hose forefront.
1931 February, Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows smoky atmosphere following the complete demolition of the remaining Grand Hotel.

1931, from Russell St shows the small dozer and big traction engine parked, with the Grand Hotel rubble and tall chimneys next to the Union Bank of Australasia building and S. T. Tong visible on Karamu Rd behind, by Bob Scanlon.
1931 February, Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows smoke rising from large traction engine working, following demolition of the Grand Hotel with men on rubble, with two chimneys near the Union Bank on Karamu Rd nths, a small dozer and traction engine are parked forefront, a picket post and Westerman's at right with Milliners sign hanging down.

1931 February, Heretaunga St east from the Grand Hotel rubble shows Westerman's, Johnson's drapery and the Wilson Shoe Co, the Hastings and Albert Hotels further along.

1931 February, Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows Firemen and some of the personnel and officers from HMS Diomede or HMS Veronica – gathered by Westerman's opposite the demolished Grand Hotel.
1931 February, Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows some of the 100 naval personnel and officers from HMS Diomede or HMS Veronica sent to Hastings on the 5th February - removing rubble at Johnson's drapery and the Wilson Shoe Co searching for bodies, opposite the demolished Grand Hotel. The sailors had brought dynamite with them for the demolition, while the aftershocks caused church bells to ring.

1931 February, Heretaunga St east looking west shows naval personnel from HMS Diomede or HMS Veronica - some holding shovels at Johnson's drapery and the Wilson Shoe Co, the Hastings Hotel distant background.
1931 February, Heretaunga St east looking west shows naval personnel and officer from HMS *Diomede* or HMS *Veronica* – searching for bodies, some with shovels.

1931 February, Heretaunga St east shows naval personnel and officer from HMS *Diomede* or HMS *Veronica* posing with their pics.
1931 February, Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows naval personnel and officers from the HMS Diomede or HMS Veronica taking a lunch break outside the Westerman's with their knapsacks on the ground nearby and Milliners sign hanging.

1931 February, Hastings Railway Station - people waiting to leave south from the devastated town, shows linesman working on repairing telegraph and signage for Colman's and Bovril. 300 people had evacuate Hastings by the 12th February.

1931 February, Russell St nth looking south - Dignities arrived by rail five days after the quake Governor-General Lord Bledisloe's group walked to Heretaunga St from the railway station - the adjacent debris later to become the HB Motor Co bus depot, the old brick McGlashan’s building was further down behind the men, the Gas Bar seen next to old Cassin’s brick building that survived and the demolished Post Office is distant.
1931, Russell St nth looking sth towards the Post Office with is Tos Joe, Fruiterer and Confectioner, the next building to the right was T. Cunningham & Co, Auctioneers and Land Agents, then Gill Bros, to the Daily Telegraph office.

1931 February, Russell St shows the Hastings Post Office with two clock tower bells foreground, trucks and Voluntary Pickets on guard, the Daily Telegraph previously Cassin building left, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931 February, **Russell St** Hastings Post Office with two clock tower bells lying in foreground and linemen working on telegraph and picket post at right, by Sydney Charles Smith

Sydney Charles Smith was in Havelock North when the 1931 Earthquake struck and took photos of the partially collapsed Havelock North Bridge

1931 February, **Russell St** shows the Hastings Post Office with two clock tower bells foreground and car distant. the Daily Telegraph previously Cassin building left. by Cyril Walter Lambourne
1931 February, Russell St shows men inspecting the Hastings Post Office site with two clock tower bells foreground.

1931 February, Russell St looking sth at Queen St shows the Post Office clock tower demolished. 'Reportert A. L. Ryan died under this pile of rubble' and two women were crushed by the falling cornice.
1931 February, **Russell St** looking sth at Queen St shows the Post Office with road way partly cleared

1931 February, **Russell St** looking sth at Queen St shows the Post Office clock tower demolished with a tractor and truck and men working on the site
1931, Russell St north shows the Hastings Post Office and the old wooden Post Office down Queen St east at left.

1931 February, Russell St after the earthquake, at left is part of the Hastings Post Office, shows a row of brick and concrete Art Deco offices and shops that survived the earthquake that include W. H. C. Swan Dentist; W. A. Williamson GPO Bookshop and Stationer; H. B. Poppelwell & Co Clothiers and Mercers; Macalister Hairdressers & Tobacconists; A. Garnett Architect; The Cake Kitchen; Dominion Fish Company; and Adams & Bruce Ltd. by Frank L. Moodie.
1931, Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows Governor-General Lord Bledisloe's group who arrived five days after the initial quake, shows the completely demolished Grand Hotel, with the tall chimneys next to the Union Bank of Australasia on Karamu Rd and the top of S. T. Tong building is now visible distant, the small traction engine still parked, the sign states - *Anyone touching goods in damaged building is liable to arrest*, a picket post set up with corrugated iron as wind brace and fireplace, by Sydney Charles Smith.
1931. Heretaunga St east from Russell St shows Governor-General Lord Bledisloe facing camera, with the now completely demolished Grand Hotel behind, the top of S. T. Tong building on Karamu Rd is now visible distant and the small traction engine still parked, the sign states - Anyone touching goods in damaged building is liable to arrest, with the tall chimneys next to the Union Bank of Australasia, by Sydney Charles Smith.

1931. Heretaunga St east debris looking towards Havelock from Russell St. shows Governor-General Lord Bledisloe with camera, a table of assorted bottles and Westerman & Co behind, by Sydney Charles Smith.
1931, Russell St looking north towards the Post Office and Railway at Heretaunga St east shows Governor-General Lord Bledisloe with camera, the sign states - Anyone touching goods in damaged building is liable to arrest, by Sydney Charles Smith. The Prime Minister arrived in Hastings on the 10th February.

1931, Heretaunga St east looking east taken by the Governor-General Lord Bledisloe above, shows signage Westerman & Co. Milliners sign hanging.
1931, Heretaunga St east looking west towards the damaged Club Tearooms distant on the corner of Railway Rd and Heretaunga St, with the completely demolished Grand Hotel after the fire, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, Heretaunga St east looking west from near the Carlton Hotel over the completely demolished Grand Hotel and railway with steam train heading south and the damaged Club Tearooms distant, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931, Heretaunga St east looking west from near the Carlton Hotel over the completely demolished Grand Hotel and railway and the damaged Club Tearooms distant, by J. M. Lambert

1931, Russell St corner with the now completely demolished Grand Hotel debris left with the small traction engine still parked and warning arrest sign on power pole gone, shows Westerman's at right along Heretaunga St to the Carlton and Albert Hotels with The Ritz, Luncheon and Tea Rooms; Johnson's Drapery; and The Wilson Shoe Company, with no voluntary picket's
1931, Heretaunga St east debris looking east from Russell St, shows puddles from rain and voluntary picket's with coats, the small traction engine still parked, with the Grand Hotel rubble and tall chimneys next to the Union Bank of Australasia building on Karamu Rd.

1931 February, Russell St corner at Heretaunga St with the demolished Grand Hotel debris left, shows Westerman's at right along Heretaunga St to the Carlton and Albert Hotels, by Crown Studios.

1931 February, Russell St corner at Heretaunga St with the demolished Grand Hotel debris left, shows Westerman's at right along Heretaunga St to the Carlton and Albert Hotels, by H. P. D. van Asch for AWN.
1931, Russell St corner at Heretaunga St with the Grand Hotel debris, by Crown Studios

1931, Russell St corner with the demolished Grand Hotel rubble, shows Art Deco street light and shops along Heretaunga St to the Carlton and Albert Hotels with no voluntary picket's, by Hobday's Rona Studio
1931, Heretaunga St east looking east from Russell St, shows the Grand Hotel debris with men and truck.
1931, Heretaunga St east looking east from Russell St, shows the demolished Grand Hotel with footpath now cleared and volunteer picket’s salvaged seats showing the arrest sign.

The solid steel stanchion of a Hastings shop bent like wire unable to support the heavy concrete above.

Queen St
Late 1920's. The old large billboard fencing along the railway on Russell St nth opposite Queen St east that caused some complaint survived the quake, shows theatre advertisements for movies currently showing 'The American Venus' and 'Lovers in Quarantine' with wooden ladder at bottom, by Henry Norford Whitehead.

1931, Queen St east looking west toward the Post Office and the railway billboards on Russell St, shows a man and his dog and signage for Frederic C. Wilkinson and HB Herald next to Lusk, Spence & De Denne solicitors at 101 and the large billboards at right behind the car, by Henry Norford Whitehead.

1931, Queen St east shows Lusk, Spence & De Denne solicitors at 101 and the Post Office.
1931, Queen St east shows Lusk, Spence & De Denne solicitors at left and the Post Office and Telegraph buildings being demolished, by Dave Williams

1931, Queen St east looking towards the old wooden Post Office was left relatively undamaged, the premises of E. S. Cliff and Co Ltd printers, the All Night Pharmacy & Chemist, signage for F. J. Tonkin land agent, and Harvey Fulton and Hill land and insurance agents, the damaged brick Post Office is further up
1931, **Queen St** east shows Hawke's Bay Importing and Manufacturing Company

1931, **Queen St** east shows Hawke's Bay Importing and Manufacturing Company looking across the Grand Hotel demolition at left to Johnson's Drapery on Heretaunga St east with a large traction engine parked, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931, Queen St east shows Hawke's Bay Importing and Manufacturing Company with the old wooden Post Office on right was left relatively undamaged, the premises of E. S. Cliff and Co Ltd printers, the All Night Pharmacy & Chemist, signage for F. J. Tonkin land agent, and Harvey Fulton and Hill land and insurance agents. The wall of the top storey of the main building has completely sheared off. The road in the foreground has been cleared of debris and there is a car parked at the road verge, by Jack Marriott

1931, Queen St east shows Stickland and Bryant, printers and Simpson and Bate, Solicitors with damaged brick work, by Frank L. Moodie
1931. Queen St east looking west towards the railway line - shows a group outside Herald Tribune and a picket point, the National Bank on left Beecroft's corner, with Simpson & Bates Barristers & Solicitors, Stickland & Bryant and the Dominion Building right.

1931. Queen St east looking west from Karamu Rd nth shows Beecroft's corner shows the Hawke's Bay Importing and Manufacturing Company down Queen St east, with Simpson & Bate Barristers & Solicitors on Karamu Rd nth. Mr Eric Volkman Simpson was born on the West Coast, studied law at Vic Wgtm, arrived in Hastings 1811 and specialised in Maori Law Court he was the oldest and best known solicitor, was first in partnership with T. W. Lewis, then I. M. Williamson and thirdly W. E. Bate, he died 1977 aged 79.
1931, The Public Trust building standing sound corner of Karamu Rd and Queen St east with Volunteer Pickets on duty

1931 February, Karamu Rd shows the National Bank of NZ on the corner of Queen St with Closed and Stop signs, with R. D Brown accountant at right of the bank 132 Queen St later Peacock Building and the Hawke's Bay Farmers Meat Co Ltd building left
1931 February, Karamu Rd shows the National Bank of NZ on the corner of Queen St, with R. D Brown accountant at right of the bank 132 Queen St later Peacock Building, by John William Marriott

1931, the rear of Simpson & Bate, Barristers & Solicitors building on Karamu Rd nth with debris and the National Bank behind on Queen St east, by John William Marriott
1931 February, Queen St east looking west shows the National Bank of N Z on the corner of Karamu Rd nth with R. D Brown accountant adjoining, a Volunteer Picket on duty

1931, Queen St east looking west towards the railway shows Tribune motif fallen from the Tribune building on the corner of Karamu Rd, the building across the road is the National Bank of N Z
1931, Karamu Rd shows unidentified man beside the fallen Tribune motif from the Tribune building on the corner of Queen St.

1931, Karamu Rd shows the Tribune motif fallen from the Tribune building on the corner of Queen St, the building on the right is the National Bank of NZ, to the left of the bank is the Hawke's Bay Farmers Meat Co Ltd building.
1931, **Karamu Rd** nth shows the Hawke’s Bay Farmers Meat Co with the adjoining National Bank site at right now completely demolished, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, **Karamu Rd** nth from Heretaunga St looking north shows the Hawke’s Bay Farmers Meat Co and the National Bank of NZ on Queen St
1931, Karamu Rd nth between Queen Street and Avenue Road, Wallace Poll's photographic studio

1931, Karamu Rd nth shows S. T. Tong and Trades Hall, by James Henry Daroux
1931 February, **Karamu Rd** looking towards Sutherlands and the Albert Hotel at right which seems to have survived with minimal damage - shows S. R. Standing, proprietor, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, **Ford, on Karamu Rd sth opposite Albert Stables**

1931 February, **Karamu Rd sth looking east** at the corner of **Eastbourne St** east shows James Gordon Martin's garage that collapsed, opposite Ross Dysart & McLean, by H. P. D. van Asch forAWN

1931, **Eastbourne St east and Karamu Rd sth looking east** from the Woman's Rest Rooms on Queen's Square with a star garden and Ross. Dysart & McLean roof collapsed, but garage opposite with bawser for Shell standing but half of upper facade lost, also shows Albert Stables at left edge
1931, Karamu Rd sth and Eastbourne St east shows Ross, Dysart & McLean garage with bowsers for Shell having roof and facade braced being repaired with half upper signage facade gone, by J. H. Daroux.

1930's, Ross Dysart & McLean garage with bowsers on the corner Karamu Rd sth and Eastbourne St east on library side before the HBC swap with the Albert Stables site, by Dave Williams. In June 1977 the old Ross Dysart & McLean garage by the library own by HCC was demolished to create a new carpark.

The wooden Albert Hotel survived built 1882 for Mr W. M. Dennett, Mrs A. McConnell was proprietor advertised in 1929, shows S. R. Standing, proprietor, with public telephone box pre-earthquake, demolished 2014, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
It seems ironic that in 2014 the historic wooden Albert Hotel which had survived the quake was closed due to a lack of expensive earthquake proofing.

Heretaunga St east

1931, Heretaunga St east taken from near the Albert Hotel with G. Davies Hairdresser and a radio wave antenna right at Warren St, with Yates Cash Store and Fountain Pen House left

1931, Heretaunga St east taken from near the Albert Hotel with a radio antenna right at Warren St, the Rialto Tearooms are right with the Municipal Buildings distant and Humphries store on the corner of Warren St
1931, Heretaunga St east shows Paul Hannah car sales with squashed car and Ah Wing

1931, Heretaunga St east looking west towards the Albert and Carlton Hotels shows squashed vehicle in debris
1931, Heretaunga St east looking west towards the Albert and Carlton Hotels shows debris salvage being loaded on to truck with the Rialto Luncheon and Tea Rooms.

1931, Heretaunga St east shows street mostly cleared, the Rialto Luncheon and Tea Rooms, Mrs Flynn was the proprietress at the time, by Frank L. Moodie.
1931, Heretaunga St east shows street mostly cleared, the Rialto Luncheon and Tea Rooms across the road and workmen at A. A. Beattie, G. Davies Hairdresser shop next to the Albert Hotel far right,
by James Henry Daroux

1931. Voluntary pickets and a motorcyclist on Hereaunga St east looking west from Warren St towards the Albert Hotel at far right, posw with Constable Miller on his motorbike F. L. Bone was situated - Frank Bone had his builders on the job by 2 o'clock to rebuild, because all their stock was exposed.
1931, Heretaunga St east looking south west at Warren St shows a reporter reading a newspaper while sitting with the volunteer Pickets, shows original Central Buildings on fallen facade behind

1931, Voluntary pickets on duty on Heretaunga St east looking west from Warren St towards Ah Wing, with interested civilian centre

Heretaunga St east looking nth west from Warren St shows powerlines down and many workmen and Ah Wing shop at left - this site was occupied by Wm Kershaw Furn Warehouse, Chas O’Neil Hairdresser, Frank Lusher & Co, J. S. Thear Butcher, Robt A. Strang, the Friendly Society Dispensary, and H. T. Butler cycle dealer, with signage for Ford Tyres
Heretaunga St east looking nth west from Warren St shows powerlines and Ah Wing shop right, and original Central Buildings on fallen facade left side.

Heretaunga St east looking west from Warren St with 3 watchmen seated on broken couch in the middle of the street Yates far right.
Heretaunga St east at Warren St corner with Wm. Kershaw's Furniture Manufacturing wooden building with its corrugated iron roof next to Ah Wing and Neil Murton's motorcycle mechanic garage right on Warren St.

1931. Warren St nth shows Neil Murton's motorcycle mechanic garage opposite the Farmers Butchery Co with the rubble at the corner of Heretaunga St east.

1931. Warren St nth looking sth back towards Heretaunga St east now shows the Farmers Butcher Co shop left and Neil Murton's motorcycle mechanic garage right, with another damaged building further down past Heretaunga St east corner.
1931, Heretaunga St east looking west towards Warren St from Hastings St with the Municipal Buildings left with volunteer Pickets on duty and a man on the rubble at right.

1931, Heretaunga St east opposite the Municipal Buildings a man on the rubble, this site later became a picture theatre called Arcadia / Regent, by J. M. Lambert.
1931, Heretaunga St east shows 206 the Booking Office for the Hawes Bay Motor Co, the Hastings Business Bureau, the Tourist Bureau with a second Minor Parcel Service, posse opposite the Protestant Hall / Salvation Army, by Sydney Charles Smith. The Hawke’s Bay Motor Co Depot in Dickens St Napier had an old Thoroughbrace Coach on display before moving it to the Museum.

1931, The Municipal Assembly Hall from Hastings St looking towards Warren St with rubble forefront
1931. The Municipal Assembly Hall from Hastings St nth shows sign for Batt with rubble at right, where Chas Bone's Plumbing, Edward S. Robson importer and C. A. Cook electrical engineer were.

by J. M. Lambert

1931 February, corner of Heretaunga St east and Hastings St nth - shows debris of Ballinger Bros, Chas Bone's Plumbing, Edward S. Robson importer and C. A. Cook electrical engineer with sign for Batt
1931 February, Heretaunga St east looking west shows debris of Ballinger Bros, Chas Bone’s Plumbing, Edward S. Robson importer and C. A. Cook electrical engineer with sign for Batt at right, by H. P. D. van Asch for AWN

1931, The Municipal Assembly Hall building on Heretaunga St shows props being used to support the facade.

1931, Heretaunga St east looking west towards Warren St, a voluntary pickets having a cigarette and chatting, road temporarily closed while workmen remove rubble from street by truck.
1931. Corner rubble at Heretaunga St east and Hastings St sth opposite the Municipal Theatre and Council Chambers with corner rubble, by J. M. Lambert

1931. A later view of the Municipal Theatre suffered damage to its stage and the Council Chambers, shows the old Cullen Bakery's shop veranda to the right on the corner at Hastings St, by James Henry Daroux
1931, shows the damaged stage of the Municipal Theatre on Hastings St from behind the seats, by Frank L. Moodie

1931, The Municipal Theatre on Hastings St s.th with the Methodist Church rubble forefront, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, The Hastings Methodist Church on Hastings St s.th, Albert Garnett had designed the church which was built 1912, by Cyril Walter Lambourne
1931. The Hastings Methodist Church on Hastings St nth, some photos by Frank L. Moodie and John William Marriott.

1931. A tile roof building collapsed at Hastings
Eastbourne St east, the H B Electric Power Board building built 1912

1931, St Aubyn St - Two men standing outside C. H. Slater & Co’s fruit & produce cool store building on the corner of Karamu Rd, by J. M. Lambert

1931, St Aubyn St - Two men standing outside C. H. Slater & Co’s fruit & produce cool store building on the corner of Karamu Rd, damage estimated at £15,000
1931, **St Aubyn St** - Two men working inside C. H. Slater & Co's fruit & produce cool store building clearing debris, shows all the fruit boxes ready for the season strewn among the wreckage. AWN.

1931, **Russell St** nth at the corner of St Aubyn St looking sth east opposite Robert Holt & Sons

1931, **Russell St** nth from the Railway line looking nth east towards the corner of St Aubyn St with Robert Holt & Sons Ltd shop far left across the road on St Aubyn St
1931, Russell St nth from near Railway Station with Robert Holt & Sons store and mill sawdust silo seen across St Aubyn St distant left edge

A later photo of Russell St nth shows car parked on St Aubyn St with Robert Holt & Sons Ltd store and mill behind with the now cleared section of previous State School site at right
1931 February, An elderly resident with debris behind described as being a restaurant with a windmill distant poss on Warren St sth

1931, shows unidentified collapsed building in Hastings with a car parked and gunsmith's shop on right, by John William Marriott
1931, shows a crushed vehicle with bus behind in a yard with debris and Frasers truck, by John William Marriott

1931, Hastings 3 men working on demolition site with wheelbarrow pass by railway, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, Hastings men and boy surveying the damage with pipes behind - pass H. H. Campbell buildings on Karamu Rd Nth, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931, the Hastings damage site with pipes at left and the Havelock Hills distant - poss H. H. Campbell buildings on Karamu Rd Nth, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, Newbigin's Burton Brewery from Ellison Rd, the brickwork stood well, shows the Leopard Brand signage with trucks workmen, by James Henry Daroux. Later became Leopard Brewery's on St Aubyn St
1931, slight damage this side of Newbigin's Burton Brewery

Hastings west

1931 February, Heretaunga St west looking west from the Club Tea Rooms soon after the quake with debris across road, the Bank of NZ, Bank of New South Wales and G. P. Evans the Dentist buildings right side with the Pacific Hotel left, by Cyril Walter Lambourne
1931. Heretaunga St west looking west shows the road mostly cleared, the Club Tea Rooms, the Bank of NZ right with Baird’s Drapers and Foster Brooks Bookseller and Stationer and the Pacific Hotel distant left.
1931, Heretaunga St west from Railway Rd looking nth shows two tough projecting voluntary pickets and citizens with the Club Tea Rooms with white table cloths and Camping Ground sign on post behind, by Crown Studios

1931, Heretaunga St west from Railway Rd looking nth shows two tough projecting voluntary pickets with the Club Tea Rooms with white table cloths and Camping Ground sign on post behind, by Crown Studios
1931, Heretaunga St west from Railway Rd looking nth shows three voluntary pickets smoking with a public seat, the Club Tea Rooms with white table cloths and Camping Ground sign on post behind.
by Sidney Charles Smith

1931, Heretaunga St west shows the Club Tea Rooms
1931, Heretaunga St west from Railway Rd looking nth at the Club Tea Rooms with white table cloths, a Camping Ground sign on post, by Frank L. Moodie

1931, Heretaunga St west looking west from the Club Tea Rooms a pathway cleared though the debris, the Bank of NZ right with the Pacific Hotel distant left with Blackmore's Lynx suits twin black cat face profiles installed just prior to the earthquake a Camping Ground sign on post at near right
1931, Heretaunga St west looking west from the Club Tea Rooms towards Market St and the Pacific Hotel distant with Blackmore's Lynx suits twin black cat face profiles installed just prior to the earthquake, the Hawke's Bay Clothing Factory, Baird's Drapers and Foster Brooks Bookseller and Stationer left

1931, Heretaunga St west looking west from the Club Tea Rooms debris, the Bank of NZ and Evans the Dentist further down on right with truck and workmen at Baird's left and the Pacific Hotel distant left
1931, Heretaunga St west looking down Market St sth shows Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers with the Pacific Hotel and the Gentlemen’s Club right, by Crown Studios

1931, Heretaunga St west looking between the Bank of New South Wales right where the cafe was and Charles Griffiths Boot Importers left shows a small tractor and the H B Farmers Cooperative building behind on Market St nth with Tourist Motors Co Garage sign before it was completely demolished
1931, Heretaunga St west shows signage on rubble for Woodward’s Pharmacy & Optician and Fire Sale sign, Hire Stock, Must Be Sold, further along the two storied concrete building facade is still standing,
by Sidney Charles Smith

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east towards Market St with G. P. Evans the dentist on left with the two storied concrete building facade still standing, Hall's Book Shop above right with signage for J. R. Mackenzie; H. J. Lovell-Smith Photographer; and Phillip Schneidermann Tailor. Sailors are standing outside the Pacific Hotel further down behind truck, the pointy ears of Blackmore’s Lynx suits twin black cat face profiles on roof at top right
1931, Corner of Horataunga St west and Market St opposite the Pacific Hotel, A. J. Jones a Mercer, S. Armstrong Jeweller and G. P. Evans the Dentist was upstairs, further along the two storied concrete building facade is still standing.

1931, Corner of Heretaunga St west and Market St opposite the Pacific Hotel, G. P. Evans the Dentist was upstairs, by Crown Studios
1931, Heretaunga St west at Market St corner from the Pacific Hotel shows Fire Sale, Hire Stock, Must Be Sold, also signage for Melody Shop and Buckley Bros. by James Henry Daroux

1931, Heretaunga St west from Market St opposite the Pacific Hotel looking west shows a cable across road used to demolish the facade on the two storied concrete building with dust rising and a crowd distant.
1931, Heretaunga St west at Market St corner looking west shows A. J. Jones a Mercer on veranda posts with a fortuitous Fire Sale sign, S. Armstrong a Jeweller opposite the Pacific Hotel, further along the two storied concrete building facade has now fallen or been demolished, by J. M. Lambert

1931, Corner of Heretaunga St west and Market St opposite the Pacific Hotel, partly cleared footpath with A. J. Jones a Mercer on veranda posts with a fortuitous Fire Sale sign, S. Armstrong Jeweller and G. P. Evans the Dentist was upstairs and distant two storied concrete building facade has now fallen or been demolished

Market St
1931. Market St sth looking south from Heretaunga St west shows 3 men on rubble at the Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers, to Jas W. Shaw land agent, the Morris Cars and Trucks building with arched roof of Powdrell Bros office further down towards Eastbourne St and St Andrew's Church, by Cyril Walter Lambourne

1931. Market St sth between Heretaunga St west and Eastbourne St shows the damaged building of the Morris Cars and Trucks with James W. Shaw left and the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club office upstairs, by James Henry Daroux.
1931, Market St 5th between Heretaunga St west and Eastbourne St shows the damaged building of the Morris Cars and Trucks with James W. Shaw left and the Hawke’s Bay Jockey Club office upstairs, Powdrell Bros wooden arched roof office adjoins at 126 right, by James Henry Daroux.

1931, Market St 5th looking north from Eastbourne St west shows the Gentleman’s Club left and the demolished Carnegie Library rubble down to the Pacific Hotel with Morris Cars and Trucks, James W. Shaw and the Hawke’s Bay Jockey Club office on right, rubble lying on footpath and the collapsed Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers building further down, by Crown Studios.
1931, Market St nth a view of the collapsed Carnegie Library from near the Pacific Hotel looking towards the Gentleman's Club. The Club & Library were both designed by Napier architect Mr C. A. Vautier.
1931, Market St sth watchman on Eastbourne St west corner, the Hastings Gentleman’s Club stands to the left looking towards the collapsed Carnegie Library and the rear of the Pacific Hotel on Heretaunga St, by Bob Scanlon. The Club & Library were both designed by Napier architect Mr C. A. Vautier.

1931, Market St sth looking north near Eastbourne St west shows the Gentleman’s Club left and cleared Carnegie Library further down to the Pacific Hotel with Powdrell Brother’s arched roof building right and rubble lying on footpath, to the Bank of New South Wales distant, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
1931, Market St sth looking sth west from Eastbourne St west shows the Fire Station tower at far left behind Booth MacDonald Co Ltd with St Matthew's Church bell tower, by Crown Studios

1931, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Market St sth minus its tower and adjoining Hall old church, by Frank L. Moodie
1931, Heretaunga St west looking west shows workmen at Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers at Market St corner with the Pacific Hotel behind with the Blackmore's Lynx suit black cat face profiles on roof, by Cyril Walter Lambourne

1931, from the H B Farmers building looking south along Market St to the Bank of New South Wales with Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers on Heretaunga St west, with the Presbyterian Church and Fire Station tower distant Market St Sth, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931, taken later from the H B Farmers building looking south along Market St to the Bank of New South Wales and Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers on Heretaunga St west now partly demolished, with the Presbyterian Church distant, by Leo Lemuel White

1931, Market St nth looking at the side of the H B Farmers Cooperative building with site now being cleared, by Frank L. Moodie
1931, Market St looking north shows the HB Farmers Cooperative building with the Hastings Building Society signage.

1931, The new HB Farmers Cooperative building on Market St nth survived due to having floating foundations, and the Hawke's Bay Farmers Cooperative Associations Buick Sales & Service garage soon right edge down Queen St west, by Sydney Charles Smith.
1931. The new H B Farmers Cooperative building on Market St nth survived due to having **floating foundations**, and the Hawke’s Bay Farmers Cooperative Associations Buick Sales & Service garage seen right edge down Queen St west.

1931. Market St nth looking south shows two voluntary pickets at Queen St west with Williams & Kettle building left and the H B Farmers Cooperative right with the Bank of New South Wales at Heretaunga St west distant.
1931, Market St nth looking south towards the Bank of New South Wales at Heretaunga St west with Williams & Kettle building left with poster and footpath rubble mostly cleared

1931, taken from the H B Farmers building on Market St nth looking east along Queen St across the railway line towards the demolished Post Office at top with Williams & Kettle damaged building forefront and courtyard behind
1931, damaged building Hastings – poss part of Williams & Kettles buildings along the Railway Reserve, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, Williams & Kettle damaged garage with bowsers at the end of Queen St west before it crossed the railway shows the Post Office behind on Russell St with the Art Deco offices and shops W. A. Williamson GPO Bookshop and Stationer; by James Henry Daroux
1931 February, A motor-lorry loaded with drums of oil crushed under a mass of heavy debris in one of the main streets of Hastings.

1931 February, Queen St west looking east to the Tourist Motors Co at left with signage for Free Crank Case Service and the rear of Tourist Motors Co garage on the corner on Market St shows damaged roof and is demolished soon after, taken from Hawke's Bay Farmers Co-operative Associations Buick Sales & Service, by James Henry Daroux.
1931, Market St nth at the corner of Queen St west shows remains of the damaged Tourist Motors Co Garage before it was completely demolished, by Dave Williams

1931, Market St nth at the corner of Queen St west shows dust rising from cables being used to demolish Tourist Motors Co damaged Garage, by Dave Williams

1931, Market St nth looking west at Tourist Motors Co completely demolished with the Hawke's Bay Farmers Co-operative Associations Buick Sales & Service garage at 206 Queen St west visible behind on the left
1931. Market St nth shows Tourist Motors Co Garage, by Dave Williams

1931. Market St nth and Queen St west shows car with the remains of Tourist Motors Co, opposite the H B Farmers Cooperative, shows other buildings behind on Avenue Rd west
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1931, Market St nth shows Willys-Knight & Thornycroft, Studebaker agents next to Tourist Motors Co, by Dave Williams.

1931, Hastings west with railway line at left, poss from Avenue Rd west looking sth with HB Farmers and Tourist Motors right, by Dave Williams.
1931 February. Heretaunga St west looking west at King St sth corner shows workmen with shovels on the Roach’s store rubble, the Cosy De Luxe Theatre at right edge, the traction engine on Heretaunga St west with smoke drifting across, by R. Pearcy
1931 February, Heretaunga St west looking east at King St corner towards Lands for Bags left shows pathway through rubble now cleared with Roach’s rubble on right, with uniform armed guards and Volunteer Picket, hazy smoke drifting across

1931, King St sth looking north east shows workmen and a tractor with Land for Bags on Heretaunga St west and the adjoining Napier Gas Co behind

1931, King St nth looking nth from the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble to Heretaunga St west shows workmen amid the rubble of Roach’s building which collapsed immediately with St Matthew’s Church behind trees at top right
1931, King St nth looking nth shows Anderson & Hansen Ltd motor importers and the Napier Gas Co adjoining land for Bags buildings on the corner of Heretaunga St west opposite Roach's, with tractor and relief workmen on right at the rear of the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble.

1931, King St nth looking nth shows Anderson & Hansen Ltd motor importers and the Napier Gas Co adjoining land for Bags buildings on the corner of Heretaunga St west opposite Roach's, with relief workmen and Picket with the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble left, and St Matthew's Church distant behind trees.
1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking nth from Roach's shows the collapsed Douglas/Cosy De Luxe Theatre (Kembell Theatres Ltd) rubble with a group of relief workmen on Heretaunga St west.
by Cyril Walter Lambourne

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St corner looking west from Lands for Bags shows the collapsed Douglas/Cosy De Luxe Theatre (Kembell Theatres Ltd) rubble with a group of men
1931. Heretaunga St west at King St shows the collapsed debris of Roach's department store, by AWN

1931. King St nth looking north shows workmen amid the rubble where Roach's store right with Land for Bags at 347 Heretaunga St west and the Cosy De Luxe Theatre left, by Leo Lemuel White
King St nth looking south to the wooden Excelsior House run by widow Mrs Ethel Cook near the corner at Queen St west with the collapsed Hector Jones Electrical Company building in front as a traction engine being driven north along King St over Queen St intersection, the man on ladder repairing building posts at HB Motor-tyre Repairing Co, or Henderson & McLeish blacksmiths, by Dave Williams. This building on right was later demolished and a white concrete building erected in its place.

The Hector Jones Electrical Company building completely collapsed on the corner of King St nth and Queen St west looking sth east towards the roofs of HB Farmers Co operative Associations distant with men on top

1931 February, King St nth looking north towards the Cosy De Luxe Theatre left side, by AWN
of the Hector Jones rubble and the wooden Excelsior House of widow Mrs Ethel Cook is still standing behind minus its chimney, with bicycle and edge of car right side. by Lord Bledisloe.

(It's unconfirmed if two female staff at Hector Jones were killed when the building collapsed)

Mrs Ethel May Jones inherited the Hector Jones property then it was acquired by E. W. Pidgeon. The Excelsior Hotel two storied wooden building was still standing in 1956, a Mr Jago of Hastings was connected to the Excelsior House owners and did some research into it.

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking nth to the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble with squashed car still in rubble

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking nth to the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble with Picket men on duty behind car and policeman on duty, men in rubble behind and squashed car at right
1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking nth shows workers taking a break with the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble behind.

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking nth to the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble behind car and policeman on duty with street pathways mostly cleared.

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking nth to the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble with footpaths and streets mostly cleared, poss shows Constable Miller on his motorcycle doing his rounds, by Tom Bradford.
1931, **King St** looking nth at Heretaunga St west shows the Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble

1931, **King St** sth looking north east shows rubble on street and Roach’s building which collapsed immediately and completely with Land for Bags behind
1931, **King St** 5th looking north east shows Roach's rubble with Land for Bags behind

1931, **King St** 5th looking east down Heretaunga St shows Roach's department store rubble with Picket shelter made from corrugated iron at left, by J. M. Lambert
1931, shows Roach's department store rubble on corner of Heretaunga St west King St sth with Pickets and others standing

1931, King St sth looking north east shows workmen amid the rubble of Roach's building using a Case tractor

1931, King St sth looking north east shows workmen amid the rubble of Roach's building using a Case tractor
1931. King St sth looking north east shows workmen using a Case tractor on Roach’s rubble.

1931 February, King St sth shows relief workers with a Case tractor used on Roach’s site, with Cosy De Luxe Theatre rubble behind, by Leo Lemuel White.
1931, King St sth looking nth towards Lands for Bags on Heretaunga St shows pathway cleared and a group of naval men from the HMS Diomede or HMS Veronica returning for a meal break.

by Leo Lemuel White

1931, King St sth looking north east shows street partly cleared, workmen and Roach's rubble with Land for Bags behind

1931. King St sth looking north east over Roach's rubble with Land for Bags behind left and Plume Motor Spirit advert right, John Walker Collection
1931, King St 3th looking north from Eastbourne St towards Roach's Ltd behind the Case tractor, distant signage for Lands for Bags at Heretaunga St west and a motorcycle, Miss R. Bicknell boarding house at left, by J. M. Lambert

1931, King St 3th looking north, by Bob Cornelius Scanlon

1931, King St 3th looking north from Eastbourne St towards Roach's Ltd, distant signage – J. S. Lands for Bags at Heretaunga St west, a later view of two voluntary pickets in a packing case shelter, the sign above the men reads: "Bachelors rest. Housemaid wanted. Urgent" with street rubble partly cleared, with Miss R. Bicknell boarding house at left, by D. H. Jones

Heretaunga St west
1931, Heretaunga St west near the intersection of King St signage for Thompson Brothers Butchers opposite Roach's Department Store rubble, with L. G. Luxford, Chiropractic Health Service background.

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east at King St, shows Roach's right and Lands for Bags left with a truck and traction engine behind and a group of relief workers.
1931, Heretaunga St west looking east towards King St and Roach's shows a vehicle and men gathered, with J. S. Lands for Bags left

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east towards King St and Roach's, shows Lands for Bags left with armed officer on duty shows signage for Will Jones Cycle Services at right and Blackmore's Lynx suits twin black cat face profiles on rooftop distant
1931, Heretaunga St west, looking east across Cosy De Luxe Theatre debris towards Lands for Bags on King St left opposite Roach's, there are about six armed officer's camouflaged amongst the rubble at King St corner, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931, Heretaunga St west, looking east across to power pole and street light by Cosy De Luxe Theatre debris towards Lands for Bags on King St left, by Sydney Charles Smith
Heretaunga St west, enlargement shows signage for Westerman's distant. by Sydney Charles Smith

Heretaunga St west, enlargement shows signage for white building built 1925 shows Will Jones Cycle Service Station, G. Woolf and the British Dyers & Cleaning Works with adjoining Harley D, Triumph, Indian, by Sydney Charles Smith
Heretaunga St west, looking east across Cosy De Luxe Theatre debris left towards Lands for Bags on King St left and Harley D, Triumph, Indian, with Roach's further down

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St looking towards Lands for Bags building with linesman fixing wires

1931, Heretaunga St west looking now partly cleared footpath with the Cosy De Luxe Theatre debris and Lands for Bags building at right on King St
1931, Heretaunga St west at King St corner shows J. S. Lands for Bags at 347 now mostly cleared with the Cosy De Luxe Theatre debris left behind chap on bicycle, John Walker Collection

1931, Heretaunga St west near King St corner shows man standing on cleared footpath with the Cosy De Luxe Theatre debris and Napier Gas behind on King St nth

1931, Heretaunga St west looking towards Havelock shows Cycle Accessory Coy veranda left and Lands for Bags on King St opposite Roach’s further up, by H. P. D. van Asch for AWN
1931, Heretaunga St west looking towards Havelock shows Cycle Accessory Coy veranda left and Lands for Bags on King St opposite Roach’s further up.

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east from near Nelson St shows Cycle Accessory Coy veranda left with Picket men, a truck and Lands for Bags on King St, a chap sitting with bicycle at right outside Hawke’s Bay Transport depot and Minor Parcels Services, a lantern slide from Brent Long.
1931. Heretaunga St west looking east towards Havelock from near Nelson St now mostly cleared, with J. S. Lands for Bags left and Harley D. Triumph, Indian right building, by J. M. Lambert

1931, Heretaunga St west at King St corner shows J. S. Lands for Bags at 347 now mostly cleared and braced with Anderson & Hansen Ltd motor importers and the Napier Gas Co left
1931, Heretaunga St west at King St corner shows J. S. Lands for Bags at 347 now mostly cleared and braced with Anderson & Hansen Ltd motor importers and the Napier Gas Co left

1931, Heretaunga St west past Nelson St looking east shows Kirk’s Villa D’ Este with veranda still intact, Electric Batteries Ltd debris on left at Nelson St and A. F. Redgrave & Co building further down, by Bob Scanlon

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east from near Nelson St corner shows Cain chair and makeshift fireplace with Minor Express Services posts, Kirk’s Villa D’ Este with veranda still intact on left and A. F. Redgrave & Co building behind
1931, Heretaunga St west looking east from near Nelson St corner shows Cain chair and fireplace with Minor Express Services posts

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east from near Nelson St corner shows Minor Express Services posts
1931, Nelson St north looking south east across debris of Phil Tritt grocer, Electric Batteries Ltd, Cycle & Sports Depot and Lewis & Sands butcher shop with the side of Kirk's Villa D'Este left and Minor Express Services on Heretaunga St west; Electric Batteries Ltd shop was rebuilt on this site.

1931, Heretaunga St west looking east from Nelson St corner shows E. T. Ingram grocer at 348 and Minor Express Services posts on right further up, Kirk's Villa D'Este with veranda intact on left, by Sydney Charles Smith.
1931, Heretaunga St west looking east from Nelson St corner shows E. T. Ingram grocer at 348, by J. M. Lambert

1931, Heretaunga St west with Kirk's Villa D' Este building with collapsed facade and veranda and Electric Batteries Ltd debris left.
1931, Heretaunga St west with Kirk's Villa D' Este building with collapsed facade and veranda, A. F. Redgrave and Co, Grain & Produce Merchants at right, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, Heretaunga St west looking towards Havelock, Kirk's Villa D' Este building left with a policeman patrolling. The photograph was taken after the quake-damaged façade had been pulled down. To the right of this building is the A. F. Redgrave and Company, Grain and Produce Merchants store
1931 February, 103 Nelson St nth shows damaged Garage – the adjoining part of building to the corner shop with demolished adjoining residence left and rubble on footpath, advertising for Big Tree a 1930's petrol brand. Electric Batteries Ltd and CAY Service Station brand advertising, with Electric Batteries painted on window – their corner shop on Heretaunga St west was completely destroyed and rebuilt as the Wade Building – Electric Batteries Service Station was listed for several years after at Nelson St nth. A school sign on pole – poss a small private residential school in Nelson St nth – Rudolf Steiner had started 1921.

by Dave Williams

1931, Heretaunga St west shows Minor Express service left and Edward Thomas Ingram grocer at 348 now mostly cleared with watchmen's shelter at Nelson St corner a Furniture sign distant right - poss Arthur Johnstone at 337?
1931, Picket duty on Heretaunga St west at Southland Rd shows C. Kemp left and A. C. Crawford

1931, Heretaunga St west shows 514 above door of damaged Joseph Nathan & Co Ltd Produce Exporters, General Merchants factory with signage Distributors of Heretaunga Butter, Krane Cheese, Swan Bacon & Small Goods, Bates Honey, Margarine, Mild & Mature Cheese
1931, Heretaunga St west near Nelson St shows sloping wooden McCartney's Fruit and Confectionery shop and Edward Matthews furniture manufacturer at 534 with workmen and bracing

Relief centres

1932 February. An aerial view of Hastings looking north east shows relief tents below at the Racecourse entrance with Karamu Rd running diagonally
1931 February, Relief Bedding - truck loaded with Kapok mattresses outside the Hastings Drill Hall which was the Hastings Earthquake Headquarters on Southampton St, built 1902 also food store, butchery and tents, Lord and Lady Bledsloe look on at left, five day after the initial quake

1931 February, Hastings earthquake relief centre on Southampton St east looking west, with the Drill Hall right, and Red Cross relief centre at Central School left with flag flying, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931 February, Hastings Red Cross relief centre at Central School grounds opposite Drill Hall with fire stoves and a makeshift canvas shade marquee is set up, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931 February, Hastings Red Cross relief centre at Central School grounds opposite Drill Hall with tall tree behind. The double-sided noticeboard identifies those members of the public who qualified for meals. There is also an advertisement for two experienced cooks. Bicycles are parked along the wooden fence and a pile of firewood is located in the distance by Sydney Charles Smith
1931 February, Hastings Red Cross relief centre at Central School grounds opposite Drill Hall with tall tree behind. The double-sided noticeboard - "Notice: This is your dining room. Please do not throw food around. Put all refuge in tins provided for the purpose," shows bracing for makeshift canvas marquee and the gable-end of the class room, by Sydney Charles Smith.

1931 February, Hastings Red Cross relief centre at Central School grounds opposite Drill Hall, fire stoves and a makeshift canvas marquee have been set up with the large Blue Gum. A crowd of people occupy the school yard. by Sydney Charles Smith.
1931 February, Hastings Red Cross relief centre at Central School grounds opposite Drill Hall, with the old Makirikiri creek bed behind with Blue gum, tents, men around the fire stove, tables and a makeshift canvas marquee have been set up beside the school building where a few gather for a cup of tea and shade. A crowd of people occupy the school yard, by Sydney Charles Smith.

1931 February 16th - the school resumed classes open air, as the Red Cross still occupied two classrooms on the 23rd February.

1931. Supper – The Women & Cook ready to feed the hungry at Hastings.
1931 February Hastings, three coppers for boiling water a day after the earthquake at the Westerman's Sample Rooms yard built 1925 and rented out to commercial travellers and company reps to display their products with an entrance from Eastborne St, also shows tents behind the Woman's Rest Rooms and the Kings Theatre where councillor C. H. Slater operated a food store, the Woman's Rest Rooms provided relief and fresh water from their artesian bore for mothers with baby's, although the table water was contaminated due to the earthquake, and a maternity annex was set up at Beaton's Park, by Sydney Charles Smith

1931 February Hastings, Post – Naval personnel and officers from the Veronica and other rescue workers having a tea break at Westerman's Sample Rooms yard on Eastbourne St east a day after the earthquake. A sign above the door reads: Digging Parties Only, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931 February, shows a naval officer writing while others talking and having a tea break at Westerman’s Sample Rooms yard on Eastbourne St east, the chap at left with cigarette in mouth is Arthur Giorgi and his son with cup facing camera is Ron Giorgi - later Mayor, by Lovell-Smith

1931, The Hastings Council emergency hot food for the voluntary workers at the Methodist Sunday School, by Sydney Charles Smith
1931, A butcher delivers meat to a Hastings Relief camp cook using a salvaged cooking range outside

1931, a Hastings Relief camp

1931 February, a Hastings relief camp with woman cooking over open fire

1931, Relief tents at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
1931, Relief tents at Beatson's Park, shows the damaged empty deep swimming pool

1931, King's Theatre on Karamu Rd sth Hastings was used as an emergency grocery food store after the earthquake shows a Red Cross truck parked outside and black smoke from a passing train behind with possibly A. A. George premises further down – the last property to be acquired by Borough for the Civic Square where an Oak tree was planted behind on Coronation Day
1931. King’s Theatre renovations now with Cosy Theatre canvas posters hung for opening, by Dave Williams

King’s Theatre cinema is being renovated for temporary use under the name Cosy Theatre. Renovations being undertaken to the building on Karamu Road show painters above the shop painting the top frontage. Two vehicles parked outside the theatre and several bicycles. The old wooden Kings Theatre was built 1910 opposite where the new library in Karamu Rd (Civic Square) The Kings Theatre was the first to show pictures in Hastings, this building was later moved around 1939 to the Hastings Boys High School to become their Assembly Hall, along with carved oak seating, lectern and gramophone and records.

Private Relief

1931 February. Miss Sheila McLeod and her mother cooking in the open air in Hastings following the Hawke’s Bay earthquake, by Joanne Swan
1931 February, Miss R. Bicknell putting kettles on an outdoor fire to brew tea for her boarders and survivors at her 113 King St sth boarding-house backyard with canvas shading, by Leo Lemuel White, although H. C. Newell written on back

1931 February, some of the survivors from the top floor of Roach's department store which collapsed immediately. The women are resting under canvases and drinking tea after the ordeal at Miss Bicknell's boarding house further along King St sth
1931. Miss R. Bicknell left (with arrow indicating) and her boarders having tea in the backyard at 113 King St. Miss R. Bicknell was possibly the spinster Miss Isabella Elizabeth Bicknell and her sister Marion Murray Bicknell.

1931, the newspaper reporters and press photographers at the front of Miss R. Bicknell's boarding house at 113 King St. The group pose around motor vehicles. A sign reads: Bicknell Boys, Press Agency, "Dealers in new and second-hand earthquakes" Shakey Business. AXFORD AXFORD AXFORD, FISH'S FOTOS – PERMITS & PICKETS. A sign in the windscreen reads: Auckland Weekly Relief. by Leo Lemuel White camera standing far right. Because of Penlington's strict petrol restrictions, the journalists were not able to leave Hastings to file their reports and he was never mentioned in the newspapers.

1930's Miss R. Bicknell and possibly her sister - in the backyard of their boarding house at 113 King St. by Henry Norford Whitehead.

From around 1940 - 1947 the Bicknell sisters had moved to 111 King St nth to run the Belvedere Guest House - later became the Clifton Flats.
Then they moved to 811 Gordon Rd where they continued to run the Belvedere Guest House till early 1950s.

The Belvedere Guest House was at 111 King St north or at 811 Gordon Rd and Miss Isabella Elizabeth Bicknell

Renown spinster sisters Miss Isabella Elizabeth Bicknell b:1886 – July 1957 aged 71 and her sister Marion Murray Bicknell b:1888 – May 1957 aged 69 were born at Willowbrook and died at Hastings.

Towards Pakipaki the Maori Agriculture Collage was destroyed (later re-established at Frankton Junction, Waikato) and near the later Plix Products factory the old Borthwick Freezing Works was destroyed beyond repair and caught fire in the 1931 Earthquake, the remaining concrete foundations lay in the paddock for years after, although Borthwick's still continued to operate from Whakatu Freezing Works for many years after. There was also Lowe's Ltd brick butchery, smallgoods and cool store at Stortford Lodge that was not repaired.

Bricks and debris were dumped in an adjoining paddock of Borthwick Freezing Works at Pakipaki April 1931

AWN
1932, Peter Lowe Contractor Hastings, International truck, poss at Stortford

1931, taken from the old fire station hose tower behind Graham & Gebbie Livery Stables white roof forefront on Market St after the quake looking east towards Westerman’s Sample Rooms on the corner of Russell St and Eastbourne St with the Woman’s Rest Rooms corner of Queens Square and Kings Theatre behind, the courthouse and police station and the railway line are located in the mid ground, shows Joe W. Bates the Chemist house at 204 Market St sth with was used temp dispensary next to St Andrew’s old Church Hall minus bell and Graham & Gebbie Livery Stables on Market St south was used as a temporary Fire Station after their adjoining premises were severely damaged, some repair boards and covers on house roofs over missing chimneys, in the distance is the Municipal Theatre and steeple of Sacred Heart Church

Hastings east
1931, **Russell St nth** shows the Hastings Post Office with workmen on roof, shows old F. Cassin, the Daily Telegraph building, by Dave Williams.

1931, **Russell St nth** shows the Hastings Post Office at Queen St east with facade props and debris now mostly cleared.
1931, Russell St nth shows the Hastings Post Office and the old wooden Post Office down Queen St east left with debris now mostly cleared, by Frank L. Moodie

1931, Russell St looking nth towards the more propped up Hastings Post Office, shows burnt out offices and shops that survived the earthquake that include Barracoughs and a Bus with W. H. C. Swan Dentist; W. A. Williamson GPO Bookshop and Stationer; H. B. Poppelwell & Co Clothiers and Mercers; Macalister Hairdressers & Tobacconists; A. Garnett Architect; The Cake Kitchen; Dominion Fish Company; and Adams & Bruce Ltd
1931 February. **Russell St nth** shows workmen using a mobile hoist crane with conveyer, towed by with tractor at the demolished Post Office site, by John William Marriott

1931. **Russell St nth** shows workmen using a mobile hoist crane with conveyer, towed by with tractor at the demolished Post Office site
1931. **Queen St** east from Russell St nth, shows the damaged Queen's Chambers previously Cassin with business of D. Balharry, Land and Insurance agent later demolished, with Triumph Motor and further down towards Karamu Rd Simpson & Bates, Stickland & Bryant and the National Bank on Beecroft's corner, by Henry Norford Whitehead.

1930's, Triumph Motor on **Queen St** east from the Post Office, with the demolished Queen's Chambers opposite, further down towards Karamu Rd are Simpson & Bates, Stickland & Bryant and the white Public Trust building.
1931, damaged De Pelichet & McLeod building in Lyndon Rd east from Russell St sth shows top floor facade collapsed, by Dave Williams

1931, De Pelichet & McLeod building in Lyndon Rd east being cleared with motorbike and truck

1931, debris cleared around De Pelichet & McLeod building propped up in Lyndon Rd east from Russell St sth shows top floor facade collapsed, by John William Marriot

1931, from Railway Rd shows De Pelichet & McLeod & Co rebuilding across railway line on Lyndon Rd east
1931, Heretaunga St east looking east from Russell St at the Grand Hotel rubble but now shows a new temporary corrugated iron Grand Hotel shed being built at right. Licence holders had to build a new premises before a certain short time and the council had also introduced new building restrictions of only corrugated iron buildings until earthquake standards had been sorted, a voluntary picket's seats, John Walker Collection.

1931, Heretaunga St east looking east at the Grand Hotel rubble and now shows a new temporary corrugated iron Grand Hotel shed built at right, with Battery O.Torr bus parked on Russell St, by John William Marriott.
1931, Hastings shows the Grand Hotel temporary premises with two workmen on roof and rear of Queen St east buildings behind.


1931 August 31st Heretaunga St east shows Hastings recovery from Westerman's corner on Russell St with temporary premises operating left where the Grand Hotel was, looking towards the Albert Hotel and Carlton Club Hotel on right next block, by Evening Post.
1931 August 31st. Heretaunga St east enlargement shows signage for Westerman’s and Bon Marche near right with temporary Grand Hotel premises operating left, Nutters store at Karamu Rd with H. R. French and Sutherlands above, the Carlton Club Hotel and Albert Hotel on right next block with radio antenna at Warren St and Municipal Buildings distant, by Evening Post.

1931. Russell St shows Hastings recovery from Westerman’s corner at Heretaunga St east looking to where the Grand Hotel was on the left with temporary premises operating.
1931, Westerman’s corner at Heretaunga St east and Russell St with temporary premises of H. Bells Cash Store operating left, looking down to Bon Marche and the Carlton Club Hotel and Albert Hotel on right next block.

1931, shows the demolition of the Grand Hotel stair well.
1931 April, Heretaunga St east shows the Carlton and Albert Hotels from the temporary Grand Hotel

1931, Heretaunga St east shows the Carlton Hotel of S. Kerney left, with Milar & Giorgi with the Ritz cafe upstairs and workmen on roof, shows Gillespie Chemist sign on wall later became Westerman’s signage, from the temporary Grand Hotel, by James Henry Daroux
1931, rebuilding at Russell St sth looking east shows rear shop signage for Millar & Giorgi next to the Westerman's New Clothing Sample Rooms, by Dave Williams

1930’s Heretaunga St east shows Garland’s dresses, Readon & Wright Ltd, Transfers, H. R. French, Fountain Pen House and Yates Cash Store almost repaired, signage for Snooker across the top and Billiards down the left and right hand side above Yates
1930's Heretaunga St east shows rubble cleared at A. H. Wing Fruiterer, Bates Tyres, Paul Hannah, B. M. Kessell's Jewels – clocks and Yates Cash Stores Ltd. Also visible on the two-storied building on the left is a sign that reads Snooker across the top and Billiards down the left and right hand side, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, Heretaunga St east shows French Fountain Pen House and Yates Cash Store, Paul Hannah car sales, B. M. Kessell's Jewels – clocks, Ah Wing, by James Henry Daroux
1931, Heretaunga St east collapsed frontage of large brick building taken from near the Albert Hotel with Yates Cash Store B. M. Kessell's Jewels – clocks and Pencil, Fountain Pen House left, and Humphries Cash Groceries later Marr's Food Market on the corner of Warren St, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, Heretaunga St east taken from near the Albert Hotel with Yates Cash Store B. M. Kessell's Jewels – clocks and Fountain Pen House left with workmen pulling down dangerous bits from upper story brick buildings using a traction engine, with Wm. Kershaw's Furniture Manufacturing wooden building without its corrugated iron roof and Humphries store on the corner of Warren St behind traction engine
1931, Heretaunga St east at Warren St corner looking down to Ah Wing shows Wm. Kershaw’s Furniture Manufacturing wooden building with its corrugated iron roof now demolished or removed with truck parked on section

1931, Heretaunga St east at Warren St corner looking towards the Albert & Carlton Hotels distant with Ah Wing shop on right with demolition clearing and removal undertaken. by John William Marriott
1931, Heretaunga St east from Warren St shows shops for H M S Laundry and Bagwash, a man with Smith & Co Butchers sign far right, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, Heretaunga St east shows shops for H M S Laundry and Bagwash, with Smith & Co Butchers sign far right now partly demolished

1931, Heretaunga St east shows shops for Arth Sheriff, Smith & Co Butchers at 316, a Signwriter, Seagrass Wkr of A. W. Beeby at 322, Repairers, by James Henry Daroux
1931, Heretaunga St east, shows the old wooden Protestant Hall, Salvation Army survived next to the damaged Municipal Assembly Hall left

1931, Heretaunga St east, shows the Municipal Assembly Hall facade still braced, with a truck passing and a man
1931, rebuilding the damaged Hastings Municipal Assembly Hall on Heretaunga St east with the old wooden Protestant Hall/Salvation Army still standing at right. by Dave Williams. The temporary Hastings Public Library was housed in the Municipal Buildings until 1958.

1931, Temporary premises poss at the Municipal Chambers - Hall’s Book Shop sign retrieved, backtofront, lending library with ‘Shattered Hastings’ and Styles & Styles optician and clocks both from Heretaunga St west between King and Market St near the Pacific Hotel, with J. R. McKenzie’s Fancy Goods adjoining, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
1931, The Municipal Theatre and Council Chambers, by Evening Post

1931, The Municipal Theatre Hastings St nth looking towards Eastbourne St east corner

1931, Damaged cars parked on empty section on the corner of Hastings St nth and Queen St east behind Cullen's bakery, later Cliff Press site where once the Makiriki creek crossed and a small Maori pa was established across the road in the Regent block – damaged house chimneys all removed
1931, shows the framework of a new building in Hastings being constructed, by John William Marriott

1931, Hastings Council removing demolition masonry with mobile crane and truck; poss the Council Yards behind, by Dave Williams
1931, Herald Tribune building repairs on the corner of Karamu Rd nth and Queen St east, by James Henry Daroux

1931 February, barriers around the Herald Tribune building repairs on the corner of Karamu Rd nth and Queen St east, by John William Marriott
A later view of the Herald Tribune building on the corner of Karamu Rd north and Queen St east, after removal of top story and repairs.

1930's, the corner of Karamu Rd and Queen St east shows rebuilding The National Bank with adjoining with R. D. Brown accountant at right and Hawke's Bay Farmers Meat Co left side, by Evening Post.
1931, Queen St east from Karamu Rd looking west towards the destroyed Post Office and railway line with the Clifton Chambers, Cliff Press Book Binders and the old wooden PO left and Stickland & Bryant on right, before the corner building on Karamu Rd was demolished, also shows the large Bill boarding along the railway at the end of Queen St which obscured the view and was sorely complained of.

by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, Boyd & Davies old premises - Magnus Motors opposite the Railway Station on the corner of Russell St and Avenue Rd east, debris cleared, by James Henry Daroux
1930's, Boyd & Davies old premises - Magnus Motors now Anderson & Hansen Ltd car show rooms for Hudson, Essex, Austin and Dodge motor cars, with new cars parked out front opposite the Railway Station on the corner of Russell St and Avenue Rd east, Holt signage behind on St Aubyn St east at left, by James Henry Daroux

Early 1930's, looking north up Russell St post-earthquake, rebuilding the new Art Decor PO started at right and the Central Horotuaunga St crossing with side tracks north and south and policeman directing pedestrians and traffic - note the small emergency clock on pole to the left atop of the Art Deco lights, taken from elevated position possibly half way up the scaffolding for the building of the new Clock Tower

Hastings west
1931 March, home repairs using an old bath to mix concrete

1931, Heretaunga St west post-earthquake repairing past Bairds shows the Hastings Hotel with Leopard Ale signage, the telephone box and pony weigh machine and temp town clock on top of Art Deco light opposite the Hastings Hotel, with the Pacific Hotel distant, by Henry Norford Whiteshead
1931, Heretaunga St west from Market St shows man with bicycle talking to other men with the Hastings Hotel, Bairds Drapers, Hawke's Bay Clothing Factory, Foster Brooks Stationary and workmen on roof, empty Land & Highway section, by James Henry Daroux

1931, Heretaunga St west from Railway Rd shows the remains of the Club Tea Rooms partly cleared, a door post sign for E. A. Gilmore, with people and a policeman, the Bank of NZ at right, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1931, man on Heretaunga St west with Hannah's written behind on debris at Land & Heighway Ltd saddlers corner at Market St looking sth across to the Hastings Gentleman's Club at right after part demolition of Land & Heighway Ltd
1931. **Market St** south looking north shows workmen on Land & Highway section with the Bank Of New South Wales and Bank of NZ buildings.

1931. Heretaunga St west looking west, a chute from the exposed first floor of H. Blackmore and Co to street level is being used to clear internal debris. The Lynx suits and Pas-A-Dena Tea Rooms, Lovell Smith Photographic Studio and a Burton Brewery truck is parked foreground with a mobile hoist crane further down.
1931, Heretaunga St west shows clearing underway at Blackmore & Co Boys Outfitters, Donovan Hairdresser & Tobacconist, Hosiery House, Walker's Fruterer, Mrs Elder hair specialist and Lovell-Smith Photographer

1931, Heretaunga St west looking sth near Market St shows rebuilding underway foreground with the Pacific Hotel left, Blackmore's Lynx suits twin cat face profiles removed from roof for repairs, the Pas-A-Dena Tea Rooms, Lovell-Smith Photographic Studio and Hall's Stationary. St Matthew's Church can be seen in the distance behind
1931 March. Heretaunga St west looking east with Roach's new temporary shop being built

1931 October. Heretaunga St west looking east with Roach's new temporary shop opened At the King St intersection at the right - Roach drapery store where dozens of lives were lost.

1931 October, Heretaunga St west looking east with Roach's new temporary shop with fencing around and Kelly's Kash Store

1931, The Bank of New South Wales on the corner of Heretaunga St west and Market St nth - building behind with window awnings became the temporary banking premises for the Bank of New Zealand, the Commercial Australian Bank and the Union Bank of Australia with William's & Kettle and the H B Farmers Hardware building on the corner of Queen St west further up, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1931, The Bank of New South Wales on the corner of Heretaunga St west and Market St nth – building behind with window awnings became the temporary banking premises for the Bank of New Zealand, the Commercial Australian Bank and the Union Bank of Australia with William's & Kettle and the H B Farmers Hardware building on the corner of Queen St west further up, by Henry Norford Whitehead.

1931, William's & Kettle left on Market St looking sth from Queen St with the H B Farmers Cooperative building right, looking towards the old Bank of New South Wales on Heretaunga St, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
1931's, The H B Farmers Cooperative on Market St nth at Queen St west was quick to get back into business, by Frank L. Moodie

1931's, The H B Farmers Cooperative on Market St nth and the Hawke's Bay Farmers Co-operative Associations Buick Sales & Service garage at 206 Queen St west, the lift to the cafeteria was accessed off Queen St entrance by the car, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1931. The newly rebuilt concrete H B Farmers Cooperative building with William's & Kettle across the road on Market St nth, and the Hawke's Bay Farmers Co operative Associations Buick Sales & Service garage forefront at 206 Queen St west looking towards the Market St and the railway, by Dave Williams

1930's, The H B Farmers Cooperative and the Hawke's Bay Farmers Co operative Associations Buick Sales & Service garage at 206 Queen St west looking towards the Market St and the railway, shows the large Bill boarding along the railway on Russell St which obscured the view and was sorely complained of, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1931. Heretaunga St west after the quake shows repaired Bairds drapers next to the Hastings Hotel with the new restored Pacific Hotel further down with Blackmore’s Lynx suits twin black cat face profiles reinstalled on roof.

1931. Heretaunga St west from the Railway shows Charles Griffiths Boot Importers and the Bank of New South Wales at Market St with Sartori where G. P. Evans the dentist was
1931 December. Linemen repairing power cables towards the Pacific Hotel opposite the new Land & Highway Saddlers on the corner of Market St and Heretaunga St west with Tea Rooms at left, by Henry Norford Whitehead.

1936. Land & Highway Ltd retail and factory premises on a wet day Hastings.

1931 December. The Pacific Hotel restored on corner of Heretaunga St west and Market St with low hanging cable across street, the Gentleman's Club distant and Blackmore's Lynx suits black cat face profiles reinstalled on roof after repairs at top right, but were later replaced by a new neon sign possibly due to no longer being as visible from street with all the new buildings.
1931 December 23, John D. Beatson died at Hastings aged 88 and his wife Mary Jane Beatson nee Harvey died 11 August 1934 aged 87.

Hastings recovery carnival

1931 December, Heretaunga St west from Railway shows flags and greenery for the Post earthquake recovery Carnival, with the Pacific Hotel distant left with Blackmore’s Lynx suits twin black cat face profiles reinstalled on roof after repairs, Charles Griffiths Boot Importers at right and new Land & Highway Saddlers on the corner of Market St left, by H. J. Lovell-Smith and C. P. S. Boyer for AWN

1931 December, Heretaunga St west from King St looking east shows Roaches with flags for the earthquake recovery Carnival, by H. J. Lovell-Smith and C. P. S. Boyer for AWN

1931 December, Heretaunga St east from Railway shows flags for the Post earthquake recovery Carnival, with Westerman’s right and the temporary Grand Hotel premises on left, by H. J. Lovell-Smith and C. P. S. Boyer for AWN
1931 December, The Post earthquake recovery Carnival, with decorated trucks with signage – We Shall Not fail, by H. J. Lovell-Smith and C. P. S. Boyer for AWN

1931 December, The Post earthquake recovery Carnival - prize winning decorated floral truck of Phoenix with signage - "She will arise from Her ashes, Hastings" taken on Eastbourne St east with Municipal Theatre with scaffolding being reconstructed behind, by H. J. Lovell-Smith and C. P. S. Boyer for AWN
1932, The Municipal Theatre reconstruction almost completed, taken from Hastings St sith with Eastbourne St east intersecting. The Makirikiri creek once flowed across into the now empty section and around the Municipal Theatre which may have caused the damage, by Henry Norford Whitehead

The last remnants of Jubilee Lake behind the H B Jockey Clubs grandstands, which ran parallel to Prospect Rd

1932 – 1933, The Great Depression economic effects were still being felt in New Zealand.

After the quake much of the hard rubble was dumped around the old Hastings Quarry at St Leonard's Park, many of the bricks from the collapsed Grand Hotel were used for garden edging and paths for residential homes. The Hastings Borough Council and the Unemployment Board had post earthquake relief work schemes going on at Queens Square, Cornwall Park and Beaton's Park (Windsor Park) – where the last of the old pine forest was cut down, widening the Makirikiri creek with bridges, kerbing and seats made from earthquake concrete and stone rubble and new Shell Rock where Richard Burns may have worked occasionally. Things between the foreman at Beaton's Park and the relief labourers came to a head when he dismissed 9 workers, so they all went out on strike until reinstated. The unemployment office closed in February 1939 and the employment promotion schemes thereafter were administered by the borough engineer and the superintendent of parks and reserves. Hastings Borough Council employee Ernest Whyte Garnett a Carpenter and Barman of Nelson St designed in the style of Art Deco and had built by gangs under his charge 'with nothing more to aid him than an occasional rough pencil sketch' many of the small decorative walls, stone seats, bridges and water fountains in Cornwall and Windsor Parks, Queens Square and Civic Square, many of which still exist today.
Ernst Whyte Garnett died 1946

1932, The rebuilt Methodist Church on Hastings St sth with a new building being erected on right side and the original wooden buildings, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1932, The new Methodist church corner of Hastings St sth and Heretaunga St east with a cast iron posting box
Queen Victoria's Square between Queen St and Avenue Rd with St Aubyn St east along top with Willowpark Rd and Princess St dissecting

1932, the new Hastings Post Office, designed by Govt Architect Mr John T. Mair

Rev. John Hobbs

1932 June, The well-known Anglican clergyman, the Rev. John Hobbs, first vicar of Hastings, died at his home there on Saturday in his 81st year. Mr Hobbs' ministerial career covered 56 years. He was born in Southern India, where his father was a missionary. After studying at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, he took deacon's orders. Coming to New Zealand at the age of 24, he was ordained priest in Dunedin in 1876 and was appointed vicar of Naseby in the following year. In 1880 he took charge of the parish of Gladstone, and from 1883 to 1890 he was vicar of Core. Then he removed to Hastings, of which he was at first curate-in-charge, becoming vicar when it was constituted a parish. In 1910 he resigned on the ground of ill-health, but later took charge of the parish of Te Puke, where he remained until 1916.
Subsequently he worked at Palmerston North and Wanganui West, and on returning to Hastings in 1926 he was instrumental in founding St. Barnabas' Church, Parkvale, of which he was in charge until 1930, and with which he was in active association until his death. Mr. Hobbs, who was twice married, is survived by three sons and two daughters. The funeral service was conducted by the Bishop of Waiapu, the Rt. Rev. H. T. Williams, and was attended by a large gathering of clergy and laity.

William Nelson

1932 November, William Nelson died aged 89, founder of Nelson Bros. freezing works at Tomoana and known as the "Father of Hawke's Bay." The late Mr Nelson was born in England. He left school at the age of 15, and four years later emigrated to New Zealand in company with his brother Mr F. Nelson. He arrived at Akaroa in 1862, and served in the Maori War. For some time he lived at Keretu, and in 1864 returned to England. In 1866 he began farming at Waipukurau, and in 1870 at Keretu. Until 1872 he was interested in flax milling at Mangateretere. Between 1872 and 1880 he was again in England. He built the Tomoana boiling-down works, and in 1883 started the Tomoana freezing works. He retired in 1920. He was a member and chairman of the Clive River Board and also served on various other local bodies. When the Free Association of Employers was formed after the 1890 strike, he was president for some years.

Nelson Park - was originally the school grounds for the Heretaunga School started in 1882 which closed early in the century and the school buildings were moved to Havelock North 1912 that later merged with a Wanganui School to form the Hereworth School in 1927. 1932. The old school grounds were deeded to be preserved for the sole purpose of physical recreation Park for the People of Hastings - which came under a Hastings Borough Council loan of £5,800 through the estate of Mr W. Nelson. A new Grandstand was built in the 1960's. The old caretaker's residence was demolished in June 1977 and an all-weather track installed March 1978 - facilities the Council had to protect and build high fences around which restricted public access and utilise the facility - so not much was ever gained from this highly secured asset and alternative uses were not considered.

Nelson Park demolished - In 2007 the unscrupulous City Councillors claimed that it was costing lots of money to keep and were sucked-in by the corrupt big-businessmen the council sold-out to their constituents despite strong opposition from the Save Nelson Park Action Group. A Referendum was run, but less than half the citizens bothered to vote, the arrogant destructive council powered ahead to change the city's bylaws so they could sell-off Nelson Park for a big warehouse store at further demise of the smaller main-street retailers! All the City Fathers turned in their graves! Later, the council spent the sale money on building a new city skateboard park over another historic area of King St rith and tarnished Mr Nelson's good reputation by naming it after him. Progress cannot be heeded in Hastings. nothing is as it was - even the oldest wooden Albert Hotel was ground to a halt, sold off and eventually destroyed.

1932 December, Another bigger post-quake recovery carnival was organised to chase away the gloom with three days of Carnival celebrations - nightly processions of decorated floats, competitions and public entertainment - a mock court, a children's fancy dress party and sports, a masked ball and highland dancing, a retailers Tug of War, with haka and Poi dances etc
1932 December, Heretaunga St east is dressed in flags and wooden arches during the Carnival Week shows Geo Davies Hairdresser at 203 on right next to the Albert Hotel before F. L. Bone, their new shop was built in 1934 at the cost of £2,995. The radio antenna at Warren St seen further down, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
1932, Carnival King and his Court, the king was crowned with due ceremony on the opening night of the carnival; and given the freedom of the Borough by the Mayor

1932, Heretaunga St east shows two young Hastings boys on their tricycles decorated with coloured paper flowers and teddy bear ready for the children’s Fancy Dress procession, with their mother watching on behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932, ready for the children's Fancy Dress procession - Heez A Goer, Big Tree with Big Tree Motor Spirit advertising on fence behind

1932 December, Heretaunga Street Gala Day, an amusing group in the Children's Fancy Dress procession with their expectant mothers, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932 December, Gala Day, an amusing group in the Children's Fancy Dress ready for judging, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1932 December, Gala Day, an amusing group of prize winners in the Children's Fancy Dress competition
1932 December, Heretaunga St west shows a street procession with Baird’s flag and brass band members in costumes leading the parade past under the wooden Arch by the Bank of New South Wales and Charles Griffiths, flags flying, and people looking on, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932 December, Heretaunga St west shows a street procession passing the new temporary town clock with brass band members in costumes leading the parade over the railway before the new town clock was built in 1934, perhaps taken by the woman in the above photo.

1932 December, Heretaunga St west outside the Hastings Hotel and Baird's with Westerman's behind, shows cars and people in various costumes - men in horse riding gear with new temporary town clock behind and women staff holding sign Cummins, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
1930's, Bairds Outfitters and Drapers staff & float outside the rebuilt art deco style store on Heretaunga St west for the Hastings Carnival adjoining the Hastings Hotel left edge

The float at the left is decorated with foliage and a flower arrangement reading: Empire Girl. The women standing on the float hold signs reading the countries of the United Kingdom. The woman at the extreme left represents New Zealand with Maori dress. On the ground a man in Scottish dress is wearing a kilt and sporran. The staff standing on street in front of the store are dressed in white slacks or skirts with silk shirts that are decorated with two lines of buttons. At the right more people are dressed in fancy dress and costumes including traditional dress and nurses outfits. Two people are identified - Pat McDonald is standing to the right of the last man in a Baird's uniform. Grace Smith is next woman on the right of McDonald wearing a pale hat.

1932. Group of men on a Model A Ford truck on the Railway Reserve and comical man in costume as a Maori over his suit with wooden dog on a chain labelled 'Te Kuri' Westerman's behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932, decorated Fire Buggy with costume Firemen sporting makeup for parade with comical signage – *Fire Hotel Blessing* and *Dney Brigade* seen this side, taken on the Railway Reserve with carriage and Westerman's with flags behind, by Sydney Charles Smith

1932, a bus and decorated Fire Buggy with costume Firemen in parade outside the Hastings Hotel with comical signage – *Hastings Hotel Our Darky, Dina Mite, and Coney Bridge* seen this side, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932. Warren St sth looking north shows boy on horse dressed as a baker holding stick with turnip with advertising banner 'Phar Lap, Best NZ Bread, Delivered Daily by the Betta' Bakery' with man holding the reins for a parade, with the Municipal Theatre with scaffolding behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1932. Lyndon Rd east near Warren St shows decorated motorcycle for parade with the Municipal Electricity Power & Pumping Station generator building on Eastbourne St east and the Municipal Theatre with scaffolding behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932 December, Heretaunga St east is dressed in flags for Carnival Week - a 'Welcome to Hastings' wooden arch, shows new Ransom T. Harding business left in the R & R Building and new Westerman's right built 1932 with Billiard Saloon upstairs and J. R. McKenzie Ltd 2nd store at 105, by Henry Norford Whitehead

Later Leo Wood of Wavell St and his son Steven ran it - called the Central Snooker Club. We just called it Leo's where we often played pool underaged in the 1970's, and we got quite good at it, Leo looked out for us and we would all run to the loo to hide if the Police raided the joint.

1932 December 3rd Mrs Adamson of Hastings aged 99, was again taken up this morning in an aeroplane. In a speech recorded by movie tone prior to her ascent, Mrs Adamson said that if at any time there was anything she could do for Hastings she hoped the Mayor would not hesitate to call upon her.

Mrs Adamson 99

1932 December 3rd HASTINGS CARNIVAL, SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION - The Hastings carnival, which opened on Tuesday night, has proved a singular success. The Hastings carnival was brought to a successful conclusion with a repetition of the procession and athletic and swimming carnivals. To-night people thronged the streets in fancy dress, and the gaiety continued until finally "King Carnival" with due solemnity, handed back control of the town to the Mayor.
1932 December, Hastings Carnival Week opening day procession floats heading along Heretaunga St east opposite Westerman's, with a Welcome wooden street Arch further down. AWN

Another procession of floats heading along Heretaunga St east opposite Westerman's
1932 December, Hastings Carnival Week – a mock court trial on Heretaunga St outside a hotel amusing the crowd and a costumed children’s Bun-eating contest at the Racecourse, AWN.

1932 December, Hastings Carnival Week – Riding the Greasy horse and a Highland Dance competition at the Racecourse, AWN.

1932 December, The children’s stringed apple eating competition at Hastings King Carnival.
1932, Westerman's truck float at the carnival parade carrying a group in costume with car advertising – ‘Buy British, Buy Morris’

1932 December, Russell St sth shows the temporary Christie House Furnisher's building, with boat float and crew for parade in front of store, Christies - Shoot out of Slump, with locals looking on. The Wool Shop adjoins with the Woman's Rest Rooms at right, by Henry Norford Whitehead

Hastings east reconstruction

1931 October, The reconstruction of Hastings was much more obvious than Napier, because the bulk of the business section is in one street - Heretaunga St.
1933c, building contractor H. W. Abbott sign and scaffolding for the new concrete Fire Station & residence, speeches being made of front doorway where foundation plaque laid behind, many men in cap & uniform on Hastings St 3th, with the Municipal Electricity Power & Pumping Station generator building on Eastbourne St east behind. Station Officer Gibson, by Henry Norford Whitehead

Hastings Fire Station on Hastings Stn 3th, poss with foundation plaque by door, 6 dwelling units were acquired.

The damaged Royston Hospital in Avenue Rd was named after a village in Kent, they acquired new premises on Southland Rd – in the former Harris family home.

1933 December, Mrs Eliza Maud Ebbett died at Hastings aged 55, wife of George Ebbett solicitor and a former Mayor of Southland Road Hastings. Mrs Ebbett was connected with many social activities in the town. George Ebbett died in October 1954 aged 81.
1933, Russell St north looking east shows the new Commercial Bank of Australia at Queen St east corner being finished

1933, Queen St east from Russell St looking east shows the new Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd on the corner of Queen St and Russell St taken from opposite the PO looking towards the new Queen's Chambers building and the old Triumph Motor is Mrs Russell's Dominion building, with Stickland & Bryant and the white Public Trust building on the corner of Karamu Rd, taken by Henry Norford Whitehead
1934, shows sign for Edwards Construction Co at 110 Queen St with painter and car, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1930's shows the Queen's Chambers building, including L. A. Denton, Public Accountant and T. S. Roulston, Real Estate Agent business sign's in the lower ground window's, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1934, Russell St nth looking south to the new Post Office with the new Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd on Queen St east at left, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1934, looking along Russell St nth from Heretaunga St east shows R. T. Harding in the R & R Building with all the buildings repaired and a new Post Office left
1934, Russell St shows a Archibald Christie standing in front of the temporary Christie House Furnisher store, with a variety of prams and strollers along the store front, and a Chemist store at left, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1930's, Heretaunga St east looking west with the empty Union Bank and Rio Grande left side and rebuilding scaffolding further down, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1934, Heretaunga St east shows a woman standing in the doorway of the Rio Grande takeaway fish store, with a group of men doing construction work on the building next door and Union Bank at right, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1934, Heretaunga St east looking east at Karamu Rd shows Nutters Ltd the popular drapers, Readon & Wright Millinery & Dresses, H. R. French Fountain Pen House with a Chemist distant, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1934, Heretaunga St east looking east an enlargement shows Readon & Wright Millinery & Dresses, H. R. French Fountain Pen House with a UFS Chemist, Kelly's Kash Store and Humphries Cash Groceries later Marr's food Market across the road on Warren St corner, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1930's, Heretaunga St east enlargement looking west from Warren St with E. E. Bott Lending Library, Chas O'Neill and UFS Dispensary at A. A. Kelly's right side
1930’s, Heretaunga St east looking west from Warren St shows a Roach’s temp shop left with one of A. A. Kelly’s grocery store in Ellen Begley’s Building at right and E. E. Bott lending a library further down on right. Later the Art Decor Dominion Restaurant Building built on left 1935.

1933, Hastings Municipal Buildings looking west Heretaunga St and Hastings St with Robson’s cycle repairs to the right.

1934, The Municipal Theatre on Hastings St with damage to the stage and rear of building and the damaged confectionary shop, shows empty section where the Makirikiri creek once ran through and around with motorcycle and cars parked, by Frank L. Moodie.
1934. The Municipal Theatre on Hastings St with damage to the confectionary shop, shows cars, by Frank L. Moodie. Later named the H B Opera House.

1934. The Napier Gas Company's Hastings Gas Works site (established Oct 1887) The staff photo at the Southampton St east entrance shows behind the group a horse and cart with the word 'Coal' written on the side. To the right are numerous drums, possibly containing gas by-products - coaltar etc. A large red lead painted Gas tank and tall Norfolk pine distant. The staff are unidentified except for William Gigg who is seated in the front row, fourth from the left. Also shows the old wooden Central school Infants Classrooms on right edge.
1934, Railway Rd Hastings looking north taken from Southampton St corner, possibly the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers Federation produce store at right, scaffolding around the new clock tower under construction in distant, by Dave Williams

Hastings west reconstruction

1934, Heretaunga St west looking west shows the Pacific Hotel at Market St. T. Devoy proprietor, Lynx Suits new neon sign before they later moved it to Russell St nth and Roach Brother's old store further down

1933 February, Massive steel reinforcing being used on the new Bank of New Zealand construction
1930’s. The St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church on Market St sth minus its spire and old church Hall, by Dave Williams

1930’s. The St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church on Market St sth minus its spire and the old church Hall, by Dave Williams

1931. St Matthew’s church tower being demolished during an strong aftershock
1931, The new shorter tower of St Matthews Anglican Church

St Matthew’s old Church of England on King St sth with lych gate that leads into the church pass after the quake with a shellstone seat and lawn edging – and high old trees shading, as I remember it in the 1960’s on Lyndon Rd entrance. The new portion was consecrated on February 7th1937, while the old belongs to the year 1887. The choir stalls and pulpit are second to none in the Province, while the teredos above the High Altar and in the Lady Chapel are glorious examples of the craftsman’s art.

St Matthew’s old Church of England on King St sth with lych-gate and trees removed, the high concrete tower was reduced by half after the quake.
1934, 213 Heretaunga St west shows H. Y. Williams and Sons Ltd, Hardware and Metal Merchants, with a motor car in front.

1932, Heretaunga St west from King St corner, shows temporary R. T. Harding, temporary men’s and boy’s outfitter, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
1932, Heretaunga St west from King Street corner, shows Harding, temporary Clausen’s Imperial Tea Rooms, and W. H. Beck’s Pharmacy on left next to building site, with Thomas Richie Ltd Plumbers & Electrical on right, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1932. Heretaunga St west from King St corner looking east from an elevated inner building, shows Harding’s, the temporary Clausen’s Imperial Tea Rooms, and W. H. Beck’s Pharmacy on left, with Thomas Richie Ltd Plumbers & Electrical and Roach’s on right, by AWN

1932 October, Heretaunga St west looking west with Roach’s new temporary shop with pot plants on pavement and Kelly’s Kash Store on further left with a Butchers across the road
1932, Heretaunga St west with Roach’s new temporary new shop on King St and Thomas Richie Ltd Plumbers & Electrical and W. H. Beck’s Pharmacy across the road on left

Heretaunga St west shows Bewleys Gramophones Radio, Thomas Richie and Tims Tobacco at Roach’s temporary right
1932. Building site meeting on Heretaunga St west next to W. H. Beck’s Pharmacy opposite Thomas Richie, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1934. Heretaunga St west with Roach’s new temporary shop shows signage - ‘We sell everything. The best for less’ looking down King St s.th where Strangs Fancy Store wardrobe dealer and Busbach’s on Eastbourne St west distant, by Henry Whitehead
1933, Heretaunga St west looking west from King St shows Kelly’s Kash Store on left - later Tom King Groceries and Provisions store, with Smith & Smith and Martins on right before the Embassy Theatre was built on right

1930’s, Heretaunga St west looking west from King St shows Kelly’s Kash Store – later Tom King Groceries and Provisions store, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1932, shows steel reconstruction of the new Cosy Theatre later Embassy from King St nth looking sth at Queen St west to Heretaunga St west, shows Ah Fong's Laundry at right with a truck that has Philip Lee, Bedding and Furniture written on the side and door. 1933 Ah Fong's temporary Laundry premises were listed at 110 King St along with P. Evans Dentist and Philip C. Lee who later went to Whanganui. Ah Fong later moved back on to Heretaunga St west, by Dave Williams.

A later view at King St nth looking sth from Queen St west towards Heretaunga St west shows the new Cosy Theatre and Kelly's Kash Store distant and near Hector Jones Radio Specialists.

1932, Heretaunga St west, a later view after the debris removed where the British Dyers & Cleaning Works and Will Jones Cycle Service Station shops were, and the adjoining Harley D, Triumph, Indian shop.
1930’s, Heretaunga St west from King St looking east shows Booteries and Hunts at the repaired Villa D’Este building 1929 with Arthur Redgrave & Co building 1924 adjoining and signage for Dry Cleaners, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1930’s, Heretaunga St west enlargement shows signage for Booteries, Hunts in the repaired Villa D’Este building 1929 and A. F. Redgrave Ltd building 1924 with British Dyers & Cleaners behind
Munro’s Garden of Sweets had opened in 1926 and they set up a temporary tent at Stortford Lodge after the quake. Later an Ice Cream Parlour was created in a garden setting on Heretaunga St west where ice cream flavoured from fresh fruit was sold and Rush-Munro’s soon became a main attraction. Stone rubble fish pond and fencing later replaced the wooden picket fence.

1934 June, Mr H. A. Russell died at Hastings

1934 August, Mayor George Frederick Roach died at Hastings.

Mr G. F. Roach was Mayor of Hastings for four years and Mayor at the time of the earthquake. For many years he was head of Messrs. Roach Ltd, a large merchandise firm founded by his father 50 years ago.
During a long record of distinguished public service he was chairman of the Hawke’s Bay Education Board, a member of the Harbour Board, War Relief Association, and many other public bodies. His services as Mayor, especially after the earthquake disaster, in which his firm suffered tremendous losses, were a notable part of his fine record in public life.

1936. J. Wattie Canneries staff mostly women taking a break

1934, J. Wattie Canneries Ltd was well established in Hastings, but it was Mr J. N. Williams who coined the phrase – Hastings, The Fruit Bowl of New Zealand. His major venture was 100 acres of orchard at the rear of the present site of the Soldiers Memorial Hospital, spreading out from the end of Orchard Road. That area became known as the 60 mile orchard because of its 60 rows of trees each a mile long. It was Mr J. N. Williams who was elected the first president of the Hawke’s Bay Fruitgrowers Association formed in June 1888, the inaugural meeting held in Drill Hall and Williams later established the Frimley Canning factory in Frimley Avenue 1904. In 1914 February, The Hawke’s Bay Fruit Canning Company, which was formed at Hastings recently to take up the industry of jam-making and fruit-canning, which seem likely to go out of existence owing to the Frimley works having closed down, is now an established fact (says the Tribune), and operations are in full swing. A satisfactory lease has been acquired of premises in Karamu Road, and preserving is being carried on with despatch. It is hoped that the efforts to conserve this important industry will meet with success.

1936. J. Wattie Canneries staff mostly women at their stations
1936. J. Wattle Canneries shows the cookers in one of the largest workrooms.

J. Wattle Canneries Ltd, by E. Bradbury & Co Publications

1934. Hastings from the air, shows rapid recovery from the earthquake before the Town Clock and Queen St crossed over the Railway line, the new PO, and the HSF buildings forefront with the white Kings Theatre still behind the Woman’s Rest Rooms and the new concrete & brick Fire Station on Hastings St seen at mid top edge, by P. Van Ash.
The Frimley Estate in April 1934

The grand Frimley Homestead

In 1927 the Girl Guides got use of an old building in Frimley Park for a Den which they nicknamed the ‘Barn’

1934 December, "In Memory" and the signature Henry were the words written on the card which accompanied this wreath laid on the Cenotaph at Hastings by His Royal Highness Prince. And an amusing snapshot at the Hastings racecourse where Prince Henry was accorded an enthusiastic reception during his visit to the town.

1935 January, the Duke and Duchess visit to Hastings

The Centre of Hastings
1935, The new Hastings clock tower was finished with the old PO clock installed, shows a public telephone booth, bicycles and men's public toilets background with cars and old Courthouse.

1930's, from Railway Rd looking sth shows the town clock with gents toilets.

1935, looking south from the new Town Clock shows steam train arriving, the Women's Rest Rooms after Kings Theatre was removed to the High School, with the Courthouse and Police Station and Taxi stand at right and the Hastings Bowling Club on the corner of Lyndon Rd and Railway Rd, later AA building.
1930's, Heretaunga St west shows the new Mason's building with Bell's Cash Grocery, Home Cookery Tea Rooms, Colleen's and Clausen's on the old Club Tea Rooms site, later around 1942 Bell's Cash Grocery, Home Cookery opened at Lumsden Rd corner, by Henry Norford Whitehead

The Mason building was built solid by Harry Abbot with lots of reinforcing steel, designed by H. G. Davies a partner of Architectural firm Davies, Phillips, Chaplin and partners who occupied the top floor till 1962.

A son-in-law of Mr Mason - Mr F. C. Fryer a dentist administered the building Trust from 1940's – 1959 and occupied an upstairs portion until he sold his business to Mr Hursthorne in August 1946. There were many other tenants over the years - Clausen's Hardware, Mrs Daphanie Watson's cafeteria, Miss Bentlys Frock store, Bushby's greengrocers, Lushes' and Mrs Loo Kee greengrocers, the Argosy Book club, Philida fashions, Woolcraft Wool shop and Fear's hardware. Nina's Cafe, Mrs Loo Kee ran a fruit and vegetable store. Later a piece of the land was sold to Williams & Kettle about the time the Mason Trust sold it to the Eastern and Central Savings Bank for their new headquarters office block.

1935 October AWN, Heretaunga St west with Slaters and Bank of NZ left with Bells Cash store Mason's building, looking east towards the Railway line
1935, Tomoana Show grounds

1935 June, heavy flooding around Hastings – shows motorist on Pakawhai Rd with Poplars, by P. C. Sorrell, AWN

Heretaunga St east, Art Deco HB Electric Power Board adjoining the Municipal Buildings
1935 c. Heretaunga St east shows - A. Simmonds Ltd next to the Albert Hotel before Simmonds moved to Heretaunga St west - the Ladies Own shop sign, F. L. Bone new building, Warren St intersection further up, by Dave Williams

The repaired Municipality Theatre and Council Chambers, by E. Bradbury & Co Publications
1934. The rebuilt Methodist Church on Hastings St sth opposite the Municipal Theatre with a new building being erected on right side and the original wooden buildings further down to Eastbourne St where the Makirikiri creek once flowed. The new Davies and Phillips Spanish Mission-style church rose rapidly from the rubble, by Henry Norford Whitehead. It was the third church on the site.

1935. Archbishop O'Shea of Wellington addressing a gathering at the official opening of St Joseph's Convent School of the Church of Sacred Heart at Hastings. by H. J. Lovell-Smith for AWN. Previously named St Patrick's School for Boys off Eastbourne St east and St Patrick's School for Girls off Heretaunga St east with old class buildings in background, by H. J. Lovell-Smith

1936 February, Heretaunga St west shows a roof uplifted by storm at Allen Grant Pharmacy, by J. King

1936. Hastings still had Saturday main street shopping and held Guy Fawkes parades the Arcadia Picture Theatre – later named Regent.
Windsor Park formerly (Beatson’s park) - Relief work facilities were created, the Makirikiri creek was widened for a boating area with bridges, seating and kerbing built from demolition concrete material and Shell Rock.

An early photo of Windsor Park boating lake and holiday camp Hastings, looking towards the entrance.

The early boathed and lagoon at Windsor Park, by E. Bradbury & Co Publications.
1936, an early Railways tourist photo of Windsor Park motor camp at Hastings taken from the boatshed looking towards the entrance.

1936, an early Railways tourist photo of Windsor Park motor camp at Hastings

1939 January, Windsor Park motor camp in Hastings looking towards the entrance. At the right are camp facilities. Large tents can be seen in the distance, by Rex Frederick Newport
The stone bridge looking north east with sheep still grazing in background and newly planted trees with fencing

A Hastings Playground – A scene on the stream at Windsor Park Hastings - Exceptionally popular with visitors to the motor camp at Windsor Park, and the young people of Hastings, is the fleet of canoes and other small craft used on the principle waterway in the park, shows handrail to the swimming pool behind
Late 1930's. The boating lake at Windsor Park, Hastings, looking towards the entrance

Campers playing cricket at the Windsor Park motor camp

1939 January 18thAWN supplement - Hastings Windsor Park holiday camp and old swimming pool repaired and filled with cookhouse facilities behind and day picnickers, by Rex Frederick Newport

1930's - Hastings Windsor Park holiday camp and old deep swimming pool with cookhouse facilities behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1939 January, shows Shell Rock used and the new boat shed at Windsor Park motor camp in Hastings after the swimming pool handrail removed, by Rex Frederick Newport.

1945, Windsor Park, the new replacement toddlers paddling pool shows the stone seating with white grouting behind.

Later photos of the bridge over the widened boating lagoon at Hastings Windsor Park.
Shell Rock water fountain and seating on Railway Rd

Heretaunga Street east, Central Hastings 1936 with Wilson shoes and Dentist sign at left and Westerman’s right

Heretaunga Street east, with Wilson shoes left and Westerman’s right, shows the chaotic driving habits with no road signage or markings etc.
1937, Heretaunga St at the railway crossing

1938 February, the Hawke's Bay Daily Mail's newspaper office was on the corner of Karamu Rd and Avenue Rd, the later Agnew's Refrigeration shop and the adjoining Printers workshop in Avenue Road, the photographer was quite renowned until WW2 took its effects and then the Hawke's Bay Daily Mail went into receivership and was sold in August 1940.

1938 February, Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – Complaints of irregular parking along Heretaunga Street near the new State picture theatre built 1934, looking towards the Albert Hotel and Havelock North
1938 March, Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail – later a traffic pointsman on duty on the corner of Karamu Rd and Heretaunga Street corner taken from the Carlton Club Hotel looking towards Bon Marshe store, with Dick Austin Hairdresser where G. Davies was.

1938 March, Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail – Heretaunga Street looking towards Havelock North with a Billiard Saloon and Albert Hotel to the left and the new State picture theatre built 1934 on the right.
1935, Cornwall Park looking towards the Kiosk

1930's The Kiosk at Cornwall Park, by Henry Norford Whitehead
1940's. Cornwall Park showing the creek and pathway behind the Kiosk

1938 March 12th Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail – Cornwall Park’s new Avery and Zoo, constructing concrete skirtings and flooring to prevent rats attacking the young birds.

An early view of Cornwall Park lagoon, with the original Avery and miniature Zoo to the right, that straddled along Tomoana Rd.
The Cornwall Park's original Avery and miniature Zoo was near the pond that straddled along Tomoana Rd. It had several different monkeys in a cage, some died in the winter 1938 and it was too expensive getting mates for the others, so they were sent to the Auckland Zoo in the early 1950's. (As a very young boy - I vaguely recall the scruffy little brown monkey that paws put its arm through a hole in the bottom of the netting at the far corner and it scratched me!). Kids could buy packets of broken biscuits or peanuts at a nearby store to feed the birds and animals. There were about one hundred and thirty birds and animals - several Wallabies with a baby named Hoppie, a white Cockatoo and Peacocks - people were taking the male Peacock tail plumes when they were moulting, but it was regarded as superstitious and brought ill-luck. Cornwall Park also had a Tennis court and a cycle track around it. Later in 1944 an outdoor aquarium was established introduced with Golden Red Japanese Comets. A new Avery was built over behind the Kiosk cricket pavilion. The southern Lord Jellicoe ornamental gates installed 1924 were up for sale again in May 1978.
1930’s, Heretaunga St west with Napier Gas building tower left previously Lands for Bags and Roach’s Department store right, the Clock Tower distant. 1960’s the Napier Gas building housed Hunt’s, then Camera House and Columbus Radio Centre, there was a long narrow shop on King St side that housed Ray Ellis Ltd Fine Arts & Picture Framers – my first job

Roach’s concrete dome on new building with advertising poster, by Dave Williams
Heretaunga St west looking east 1955 shows Roach’s concrete dome on building right, coloured lights or decorations across the street with white banner distant, by Dave Williams

1938 April. There was great flooding around of Hawke’s Bay, the ANZAC Day Flood - greater than the 1897 flood as some recalled. Devastation and erosion with river silting at Clive and Eskdale, the Waitangi Bridge between Clive and Napier over the Tutaekuri River (later known as the Honeymoon Bridge) collapsed in the middle.

1938 April 25, Surface flooding at Southland Rd
1938 April 25, Heretaunga St west looking sth west at King St shows surface flooding at Tom King Groceries and Provisions store at 300 former A. A. Kelly store taken from under Hunt's corner awning opposite Roach's

1938 April 25, Heretaunga St west looking sth west down King St sth shows surface flooding with Tom King Groceries and Provisions store at 300 behind with an old shop behind
1938 April 25, surface flooding at the corner of King St and Queen St at the new Hector Jones Electrical Co, with the Cosy Theatre later Embassy and Ah Fong's old temporary laundry site on right, later a TAB with adjoining Cycle shop and Tom King Groceries and Provisions store is distant on Heretaunga St west, by Dave Williams

A latter photo 1960's from the same corner of King St nth at Queen St still prone to flooding; the new Hector Jones Electrical Co Ltd shows Tellus Vacuum Cleaners and Humber shop further down, with the now Embassy Theatre at right, by J. Clapperton. All three Hastings theatres were now under the control of H B Amusements Ltd
1938 April 25th, Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – following the ANZAC Day flood, several characters had not lost their sense of humour and were fishing from their car on Heretaunga St west near Nelson St with Electric Batteries Ltd behind in the new Wade Building next to the Villa de Este. The following summer there were strong gales that caused great clouds of yellow silt dust around Hawke’s Bay.

A later view of Electric Batteries Ltd at Nelson St corner in the Wade Building later Thompson Suits, by Dave Williams.
1938 April, looking west as an army wireless car and procession of cars including an army vehicle towing an 18 pounder cannon pass over the railway crossing on Heretaunga St shows the new white Ruahine Building 1937 of Bairds and Hellenstine Bros Ltd.

1938 April, looking east as procession of cars including an army vehicle towing an 18 pounder cannon pass McKenzie's on Heretaunga Street east.
1938 June, Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – Heretaunga St west near King St, cars line the street preparing for the new Shopping Week Carnival in support of the Labour half-holiday Saturday – competitions, parades, dances and fashion, the precursor for the Blossom Festival.

1938 June, Henry Robert French, a prominent figure in Hastings died while attending a church service aged 65. Born in 1873, he married Bertha Shepherd of Port Albert in 1899. In his early days he resided in the North Auckland district. He came to Hastings from Waipukurau around 1919 where he took over G. S. Clapham's business to establish his Fountain Pen House at 104 Heretaunga St east. Mr French took a prominent and leading part in public affairs and evinced the greatest interest in the affairs of the Methodist Church. In recognition of his services in this regard he was last year appointed vice-president of the Methodist Church in New Zealand, the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a layman. Mr French was also a strong advocate for temperance and survived by his wife and two daughters, Adjutant French (Dunedin) and Mrs R.H. Craven (Hastings).

1938 July 28th Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – The view visitors first see when entering Hastings from Railway Road. 5th from the Railway Reserve and a view of the clock tower and a later shot taken December 12th 1939 from near the men's public toilet.
1938 July, Hastings, from a swamp 50 yrs ago to a population estimate at around 14,000, the new Labour State Housing was being implemented at Akina St behind French St - once a 6 acres borough horse paddock for the boroughs 20 horses, the new Central School buildings opened nearby and funding for the new Hastings Scout Hut in Duke St was started, there was established the Boy Scout Camp at Rissington which was very popular.

1938 December, the corner of old school buildings being demolished to make room for the new Hastings Central School, by Evening Post
1939, Hastings Central School officially opened by the Hon P. Fraser, also shows the roof with finial of old wooden Infants School building 1897 with finial far right.

Central School Hastings 1940's, by Dave Williams

Over a boundary fence there was the lower creek bed playground
1938 August 3rd Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail – winter flooding at Queen Victoria Square. The rotunda was removed in 1957.

1938, Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail - Hastings busiest Railway Crossing – Heretaunga St, flower beds make a splash of colour, before pathway was put through the garden.
1930's, Russell St nth at Eastbourne St east shows the new C M L Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd building opposite the Woman's Rest Rooms, by Dave Williams

Mr French died – hundreds attended his funeral and watched the procession down Heretaunga St – French St was prob named after him.

1938 October 6th Hawke's Bay Daily Mail - Workmen erecting Shell Rock flower-bed edging at Civic Square.

1939 April, Mr G. A. Maddison was the Hastings Mayor for the next 9yrs, Central School's new buildings were officially opened, 68 Caroline Rd residents signed a petition to the Hastings Mayor - Mr G. A. Maddison protesting against closing off of Nelson Park and turning Caroline Rd into a dead end street and not a thoroughfare around Nelson Park into the Russell St extension. The proposal was also to have the new railway station in the Russell St extension - directly opposite Nelson Park, but later settled on it closer to the St Aubyn St intersection.

There was the annual Whakutu and Tomoana freezing works picnic held at Farndon Park, Clive held on 6th February 1939 that the Burn's family probably attended.
1939, the old Hastings Railway Station.
1939 February 6th Monday, Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail - Under the Hastings Clock Tower – The Railways Department’s new railcar Aotearoa glides into Hastings at ten to ten, it travelled on to Wairoa on Saturday and on its return journey made a record run between Napier and Wellington of 4 hours and 28 minutes.

A contrast in styles – these two pictures depict the different means of locomotion used to take the people of Hawke’s Bay to their destinations – the new railcar Aotearoa and the old K class Loco seen here arriving from Palmerston North had replaced the A AB class Locos.

1939 February 10th The new railway signals being installed on St Aubyn St, Hastings – replacing the old handheld Stop sign, with the NZ Loan & Mercantile Agency Co Ltd building behind and the damaged Maddison baths were reopened – prob named after W. C. Maddison the old Chairman of the School Committee.

1939 March 27th there was the annual Autumn Show held at the Tamaena Show grounds, the Hastings concrete sewer outfall at Clive was built and the Radio masts and transmission station at Opapa were commissioned, while flood embankments were hand dug and carted by horse and dump dray along the river side’s after the disastrous ANZAC Day flood, later they used a bulldozer and scoop working at night to complete the stopbanks before winter.

1939 April. A new Catholic Secondary school for boys was proposed for Hastings – St John’s. And a new padding pool for Windsor Park was completed; later in November 1945 Windsor Park acquired an additional adjoining 27 acres for sports fields etc.

1939 June, the reintroduction of painted pedestrian crossings on Karamu Rd
1939 June 1st. New painted traffic parking lines and pedestrian crossings and regulations took effect and the new concrete bridge at Pakowhai had begun.

1939 June. Workmen erecting new stone seating on Railway Rd between Heretaunga St and Lyndon Rd. The seating is made of Shell Rock and was never comfortable, especially for children whose bare under legs would be easily scratched by the sharp edges and draw occasional blood. Later wooden plats were placed on the seats.

1939 July, Snow, Heretaunga St east looking east to Havelock North shows a heavy covering of snow on the Te Mata hills with Lands Bag Shop, Hannah's and the Albert Hotel and Municipal Building distant right with the Union Bank left on Karamu Rd corner. The Te Mata Park had formed a Trust as a WW1 memorial park.

1939 August 30th The Workers of Hastings – including the Freezing workers joined other Union Workers in a boycott of beer sales from hotels - who wanted to increase the price from 5d to 6d – the boycott fizzled-out very quietly after Chamberlain had declared War the following week. WW2 recruiting volunteers in Hastings took precedence. Mr J. Wattle had a head on collision with another car driven by a woman in Hastings.

1939 September 2nd Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – Spring at Cornwall Park

1939 September - War had been declared and the NZ National Military Reserves were called for with full page newspaper adverts from Prime Minister Savage, there were a dramatic reduction in all aspects of life throughout New Zealand during the WW2 war years - including the seasonal labour at the Freezing Works.
1939 October, the town's first recruits led by the Brass Band marching along Russell St n th to entrain for Wellington, passing the new Post Office with adjoining Lynx Suits sign, by Dave Williams.
1939 October 4th. Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – similar scene to 25yrs ago WW1 – Hastings turns out farewell its men off to training camp via the train along Russell St.

1939 October, Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – Hastings turns to farewell its men, shows the rear carriage.
1939, Hawke’s Bay Daily Mail – Hastings turns out again to farewell more of its men.

1939, Farewell to the forces leaving Hastings at 3.40 p.m.

1939 October 19th The annual Spring Show at Tomoana Showgrounds, Peoples Day was on Thursday – A monkey escaped from the sideshows which cause much excitement for the children in pursuit chasing it and it sought refuge up a tree, there was a Chinese Acrobatic Troop performance and later a Circus with elephants, lions and trapeze had visited Hastings.
1939 November 15th Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – A view of Hastings taken from the clock tower looking towards the new Hastings Post Office and Lynx Suits sign in Russell St also shows the newly painted parking lines.

1940's Hastings, New Zealand Railway buses parked on Russell St - specials put on for the Manchester Unity Oddfellows outing, shows the Hastings Hotel across the railway line.
Woman's Rest Rooms built 1921, section given by Mrs Garnett on condition of open space, later the Hastings Plunket Rooms with beautiful surroundings of brilliant Portorecca's nearby, the Kings Theatre roof seen directly behind and cottage at left on Karamu Rd, part of Frederick George Radcliffe Coll

1939 February 4th Saturday, Hawke's Bay Daily Mail - An early morning view of Civic Square at Hastings taken from the Railway Line shows the Women's Rest Rooms or later Plunket Rooms, shows the public one penny toilets to the right of the building and Westerman's Sample rooms across Eastbourne St at left and old and new Ross Dysart & McLean Garage behind after the HBC had swapped sections with the Albert Stables site as new RDM building completed, also shows old cottages behind before the new library and the workmen installing the kerbing now in Civic Square

1939 December 12th Hawke's Bay Daily Mail – A telephoto view of Hastings taken from the clock tower looking towards the Woman's Rest Rooms built in 1921, the WW1 Cenotaph and the new Central School buildings with the corner dairy established and shows the Steam Laundry prior to De Pelichet McLeod's new shop building in Lyndon Rd East.
The Hastings Steam Laundry in Lyndon Rd East, prior to De Pelichet McLeod's new shop building 1920 – 1930 Henry Norford Whitehead.

1940's – There had been rapid growth in Hastings the population which was nearing 20,000 There were still the three main cinemas in Hastings – the Regent, State and the Cosy - later Embassy and the Municipal also showed films.

The NZ Loan & Mercantile Agency Co Ltd Hastings branch office was situated in St Aubyn St east at the old State School site opposite Robert Holts, it later merged with Dalgety NZ Ltd same site.

The first Hastings branch office in St Aubyn St east
The Hastings branch office of the NZ Loan & Mercantile Agency Co Ltd on the corner of Russell St nth and St Aubyn St east as we remember it, but in the navy blue colour of Dalgety NZ Ltd opposite Robert Holts

**Hastings northern rail yard sidings** were all part of the original J. N. Williams private siding along King St nth.

J. N. Williams private railway siding for Sec 43, 44 on King St nth 1937

1943, Internal Marketing Dept and R. Holt & Sons Ltd on King St nth with siding to coal store and coal heap, with stables, coal bin and shed.
Private siding access for White & Co on King St nth shows at top – 47 R. Holt & Sons, proposed road, 48 J. Wattle Canners Ltd, 49 Messrs White & Co., 51 Associated Motorists Petrol Co Ltd, 52 Atlantic Union Oil Co Ltd, 53 Vacuum Oil Co Pty Ltd, 40 The Texas Oil Co (Aust) Ltd.

1941, Heretaunga St west shows a Military drum band marching past Electric Batteries Ltd, Elizabeth Hornes beauty Villa De Este salon in the Villa De Este building and A. F. Redgraves Grain & seed store
1941 June, Hastings Post Office purchased Railway leased land for Crown Land from Mr F. P. Kelly

1942 January, St Aubyn St at the railway crossing opposite Robert Holt & Sons Ltd, shows a truck load of fruit had been hit by the train which threw the truck into an awaiting car with its load of fruit flung off injuring a woman, AWN

1945 May, Victory Day celebrations - WW2 ended in Europe, although Japan would take longer

1945, the old Hastings quarry became St Leonard’s Park sports fields

1945 August 15th – Headlines – The War Is Over!
1940's The return of the Hastings servicemen and welcome home celebration at the clock tower

Hastings clock tower 1940's, still without painted road traffic signs or pedestrian crossing lines, with the new Gents public toilets behind
King Edward VII Coronation Memorial drinking fountain in Cornwall Park with lions that every kid sat on. The lions were modelled on King Dick of the Wellington Zoo, the largest cast in the country.

1946 c, Heretaunga St west shows the new Bank of New South Wales left and Stuart Johnson photographer Bank of NZ to the Mason Building, and Land & Heighway Ltd on corner of Market St with chequered pedestrian pole and No U-Turn sign

Demolition of the solid reinforced steel Mason building in July 1978 for the new Eastern and Central Savings Bank headquarters, show Western Wear shop - Last Stand Sale in Heretaunga St and looking north along Railway Rd.

1947, Plix Products had began business
1950, Russell St - former Knight Brothers coal & timber Yard looking north from Eastbourne St shows Christies new building and further up Westerman's, by Dave Williams

1950, Russell St looking north shows the Hastings Hotel roof and the town clock, by Dave Williams

Procession along Russell St nth shows Poppelwell's

There was an old tradition at Poppelwell's and other Russell St retailers that when the freight trains were passing through - all conversations with customers ceased until the train had passed – folding of clothes etc
would be undertaken by the proprietors in silence then the conversation would resume with the customer where it had left off.

1950s Crowd arriving for the Blossom Festival, Hastings Railway Station opposite Avenue Rd, looking sth with steam train approaching distant, a diesel Loco beside the old Goods Shed and Austin Motors left on Russell St nth, by J. Clapperton

1950s, The first Greater Hastings Blossom Week Festival was held with a parade of 41 decorated floats and became an annual event, the float and Highland Band are passing the old Cullen Bakery and Store on the corner of Heretaunga St east and Hastings St with the old Cullen's Bakery behind, taken from the Municipal Buildings
1950 September, looking towards Railway Rd shows with floats lined along Russel St ath outside the Woman's Rest Rooms at Queen's Square for a parade during the Greater Hastings Blossom Week Festival with De Pelichet & McLeod & Co Ltd at end

1950's, the Woman's Rest Rooms for the mothers Plunket, by Dave Williams
1950's, waiting outside the Woman's Rest Rooms for the mothers, by Dave Williams

Two storied Cullen's Bakery Store demolished in August 1964 and adjoining house removed at corner of Hastings St and Heretaunga St east for new supermarket.

1950, The Hastings Post Office became a Chief PO
Inside the Hastings Chief Post Office during the Blossom Festival display
1947 Aerial view of Hastings along Queen St and Heretaunga St towards Havelock North

An early 1947 aerial view of Karamu Rd and Eastbourne St with the Civic Square below, before the new library was built.
An early 1950’s aerial view of Eastbourne St, bottom, with Civic Square before the new library was built and the convergence of the Karamu Path south towards Railway Rd at top past the Gas Works where the Makirikiri creek crossed over from the racecourse behind Central School grounds. Originally, Karamu Path Rd only started at Well St later renamed Patterson St. Then it was extended south to the front gate of the Hastings High School, after it was extended further to Murdock Rd. Poplar trees were planted to the Hastings Boys High School.

1948 aerial view of Hastings District High School, shows old Kings Theatre Assemble Hall, with empty Intermediate School grounds behind the stables.
An early 1950’s aerial view of Hastings, with the convergence of the Karamu Path towards Railway Rd at top by the racecourse, with the old and new PO forefront.

An early 1950’s aerial view of Hastings clock tower centre with H B Farmers Co op, forefront on Queen St.
Looking north along Market St towards old wooden Railway house at end on St Aubyn St and Railway yards, shows Tourist Motors forefront with McLeod & Gardner Ltd and Wattie’s distant, taken from the H B Farmers Co op building on the corner of Queen St west, by J. Clapperton

Looking east over Williams and Kettle to the Hastings Railway and Russell St. The station has been now moved north past St Aubyn St, taken from the H B Farmers Co op building on the corner of Queen St west, by J. Clapperton
Looking north down along Market St nth towards Hawke's Bay Farmers Co-Operative Associations seed & grain store since 1910 and known as the “old green shed” demolished Jan 1977 and the old wooden Railway house at end on St Aubyn St and Railway yards, taken from the H B Farmers Co op building on the corner of Queen St west, by J. Clapperton
Looking northwest to King St nth shows Tourist Motors roof forefront, taken from the H B Farmers Co op building on the corner of Queen St west, by J. Clapperton.

Looking west along Queen St to King St intersection shows P. Gibson & Son’s motor accessories corner with the Hector Jones Electrical Co Ltd building opposite, taken from the H B Farmers Co op building on the corner of Queen St west, by J. Clapperton.
Looking south-east towards the old W&K grain & seed store with Westerman's behind, Town Clock and the rear of the Mason's building with Mt Erin distant. The National Bank of New Zealand Ltd on Market St north, taken from the H B Farmers Co-op building on the corner Market St north and Queen St west, by J. Clapperton

An early 1950's aerial closer view of Hastings clock tower centre without a pathway through garden before the new library was built, the Hastings Hotel, the top of the Mason building Bank of NZ and Bank of NSW and W&K grain & seed store roof, later Railway Rd was extended past the Mason building corner to link Queen St after the railway sidings were moved. The Railway Reserve Rd has always been used for Mardi Gras Fair Ground amusements since the 1880's – later outside the Hastings Hotel on Railway Rd. then on the new extended Railway Rd in the 1950's and further down Railway Rd parked opposite the police station was the Night Pie Cart.

1956 Hastings City Celebrations Russell St north
1978 December, Williams & Kettle's Grain & Seed Store on Railway Rd was being demolished to create 60 carparks when it caught fire; it was built in 1893 after the company had established in Hawke's Bay.

The demolished Williams & Kettle's Grain & Seed Store on Railway Rd taken from Queen St in February 1979, shows the Town Clock, J. C. Mackersay crane for the Eastern & Central Savings Bank job and the Bank of NZ.

In December 1978 the 110-120 year old Frimley oak tree on the corner of Frimley Rd and Pakowhai Rd was felled.
1979 February. The grand 103 year old Tanner Elm tree on Mr Bill Rainbow's property shown standing alongside on the Hastings Havelock Nth Road. Elms and Oaks were planted in 1875 as one of the boundary lines by Mr Tanner, who grew Hops and Potatoes.

An early 1950's aerial view of Hastings looking west up Heretaunga St, with the Sacred Heart Church bottom left shows Peter Reid's grandfathers large home corner Queen & Miller St.

1977 June The old caretakers residence at Nelson Park was demolished and an all-weather track installed.
1960's, Shows Nelson Park with the new all-weather track and grandstand with the new Railway Station and Wattlo's factory at right

Nelson Park demolished -

Old Mr William Nelson left legacy to the city - he donated a plot of land for Nelson Park to the People of Hastings. A new Grandstand was built in the 1960's – I played a curtain raiser match when the Scottish soccer team toured and we used the new changing facilities under the grandstand which smelt of green concrete, then they demolished the old caretakers residence and installed an all weather track - facilities they had to protect and build high fences around which restricted public access and to utilise the gift – so not much was ever gained from this highly secured asset and alternative uses were not considered. In 2007 the unscrupulous City Councillors were sucked-in by the corrupt big-businessmen and sold-out to their constituents, despite strong opposition from the Save Nelson Park Action Group. A Referendum was run, but less than half the citizens bothered to vote, the arrogant destructive council powered ahead to change the city's laws so they could sell-off Nelson Park for a big fucken warehouse store at further demise of the smaller main-street retailers! All the City Fathers turned in their graves! Later, the council spent the sale money on building a new city skatepark over another historic area of King St nth and furnish Mr Nelson's good reputation by naming it after him. Progress cannot be headed in Hastings, nothing is as it was - even the oldest wooden Albert Hotel was ground to a halt, sold off and eventually destroyed. Hastings is a young new city now – there's no visible history left, although there are layers of trace elements below of previous buildings and the spirits many lives lived. The oldest building is now possibly the library which probably needs knocking down and rebuilding. On the international front - Hastings is known an backwoods upper South Island city situated somewhere near the coastal city of Nelson!

The old Hastings Court House was moved from Railway Rd, now on the corner of Warren St sth and Lyndon Rd east, Phil and I had painted the new carparking lines in front. It was demolished in March 1978, part of
the building was moved across the road to HCC for Community Social Services and Civil Defence HQ

1978 September, excavations for the Govt's new 3 storied office block with underground carpark site on corner of Lyndon Rd and Warren St looking towards the Orange Hall with the AA building distant, the Library and Mrs Charlton's old wooden house at 207 Warren St sth behind at right

1978 September, one of Ainsworth's Garage at 206 Karamu Rd was demolished for the National Mutual Insurance Company building, previously Frank Frazer's Garage, the earlier pre-earthquake end brick wall remnants shown at right
1979 May, The 100 yr old shed on Kinsley Dr Flaxmere burnt down – was originally built by the Railways dept when they were building the Hastings Railway Station, later 1950’s became the Greater Hastings office till 1985 then moved around Flaxmere

In June 1977 the Albert Hotel failed to secure a change of licence for a Tavern. 2014 December, The Albert Hotel was demolished – it had survived the 1931 earthquake, but not the determined Developers.
Shows where George Davies gable eve for his hairdresser shop signage was along footpath on left.

The last owner, Durney Land Co, paid $850,000 in 2002. It was run as a pub until the company went into liquidation in December 2009. Michael Whittaker of North Peak Properties bought the Albert for an undisclosed sum in November 2012 but was unable to demolish the category 2 heritage building until Heritage New Zealand announced it would not oppose demolition.

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