

60+ years of the Ashburton Museum and Historical Society: a brief survey

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KEY HISTORICAL FACTS

- **1865** The Colonial Museum was established by James Hector.
- **1867** The Canterbury Museum was established by Julius von Haast.
- **1870s** In Ashburton, continued heritage collecting leads for a call for ability to exhibit.
- **1878** Formation of Ashburton Borough and obligations for services such as a library and a clock.
- **1881** Early call for the 'Industrial Exhibition' to become a 'Museum' to be built on Crown Reserve land.
- **1887** Call for the library to be extended as an 'Museum' by Mayor Henry Davis ends up as a glass cabinet set aside for object displays. Objects are donated for display.

Continued collecting for the next 71 years.

- **1958** Formation of the Ashburton Historical Society.
- **1995** Name change to Ashburton Museum and Historical Society reflecting increased role in Museum management rather than in collecting and narrating District history and heritage.
- **2014** Museum becomes a Department of ADC and professionally managed with the Society retaining ownership of the Collection.

The Ashburton Museum (and the later Historical Society) had its origins from the earlier Industrial Exhibitions produced by James Hector in the 1860s

A SHBURTON MUSEUM.

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STEPHEN E. POYNTZ,
293a Hon. Sec. Industrial Exhibition.

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DAILY MEMORANDA.

ASTORIA SALES.
SATURDAY, MARCH 18.
Mr. T. Bollock, of the Rooms, East street—Lot 124, Thompson street, Townsville; Trustees interested in Lot 19, 3 CHAMBER in the Temple Hall Co.; 9 o'clock.
Quill and Co.—Local Weekly Sale.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20.
Mr. W. J. G. Hinch, at Mr. T. Bollock's, Salesrooms, Ashburton—Household Furnishings, &c.; 12 o'clock.
FRIDAY, MARCH 21.
Mason, Cox, and Co., at their salesrooms, Ashburton—Building Sites; 1 p.m.
Mason, Cox, and Co., at their salesrooms, Ashburton—Valuable Freehold Farms, in the Hinds district; 12 o'clock.

MEETINGS, AMUSEMENTS, &c.
To-morrow.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18.
Theatre Lodge, Monthly Meeting, at the Masonic Hall.
FRIDAY, MARCH 18.
Fire Police—Meeting of the Borough Council Chambers, 7.30 p.m.
MORNING, MARCH 21.
Services of Song—"Dox"—in the Presbyterian Church, at 9 p.m.
Borough Council, at Borough Council Chambers, at 7 o'clock.
THURSDAY, MARCH 21.
Ashburton Industrial Exhibition, Town Hall.
THURSDAY, MARCH 21.
Ashburton Library—Annual Meeting of Subscribers, in the Library, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.
County Council, at the County Council Chambers, at 11 o'clock.

TRAVELLERS GUIDE.
TRAINS LEAVE ASHBURTON FOR CHRISTCHURCH and intermediate stations at 6 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and (Express) 6.45 p.m.
TRAINS LEAVE ASHBURTON FOR TIMARU and SOUTH, at 7 a.m., 10.30 a.m. (Express), and 4.10 p.m.—the latter proceeding no farther than Timaru.
TRAINS ARRIVE AT ASHBURTON FROM CHRISTCHURCH at 12.45 p.m. (Express), 4.15 p.m. (Express), and 8.15 p.m.
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THE ASHBURTON GUARDIAN
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THE ASHBURTON GUARDIAN

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SERVICE OF BONG by the Presbyterian Church Choir, on MONDAY NIGHT, 8 o'clock. Tickets every-where.

WANTED KNOWN.
SOMERSET LIVERY and BAIT STABLES.
J. W. MURRAY begs to inform the public that he has taken the above Stable from Mr. Rosenbery, and is making extensive repairs. Baggies and saddle horses on hand. Lowest prices and best attention. 349

DOCTOR FORTNEY, M.B., F.R.S. Services of Surgeon, taken from "Gladys Tom's Cabin." Most interesting and instructive. 302a

WANTED KNOWN.—That Visiting Cards, plans or envelopes, can be obtained printed in various styles, at the "Guardian" office, opposite the Railway Station.

Special Advertisements.
NOTICE.
Fresh arrangements having been made in connection with the "ASHBURTON GUARDIAN," taking effect from the 1st of March inst., I have to request that all debts owing to me as Proprietor of the said Newspaper on the 29th February should be paid to Mr. S. HARRISON, or my solicitor, Mr. E. D. INGHAM, now acting to the Proprietor of the "Guardian," will be payable to Mr. W. H. JONES.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1881.
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READY MONEY
IN THE
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING
MANUFACTURED BY
THE NEW ZEALAND
Clothing Factory,
Which can be purchased at their Retail Houses, now established all over New Zealand.
The Garments are thoroughly shrewd. The Fit and Style are perfect. The Workmanship is equal to bespoke. The Trimmings are of superior quality and strength. The Finishes are of the very best description. The Stock is the largest in the Southern Hemisphere.
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(Opposite Christian House),
CHRISTCHURCH. 324a
March 16, 1881.

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are now in Canterbury Chambers, Hereford street, Christchurch, next Messrs. Wylie, Williams, and Deacon's. 323a

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WANTED—A MAN to make HOUSE
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TOWN EDITION.
(Issued at 4 p.m.)
The Ashburton Guardian.
PUBLISHED BY JAMES HECTOR.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1881.

LAST GRINDING.—It is stated that Lady GLENOR is now on route from London to Sydney, and may be expected to arrive at Wellington about the 15th inst.

A RIDEWAY.—Last night, a horse attached to Messrs Orr and Co's cart, broke, and ran into one of the corners tentatively erected near the Town Hall. A slight damage to the canvas was the result.

THE WHEATGROWER'S ANNUAL INCORPORATION.
The inquiry into the charges preferred against the management of this Institute will drag its slow length along, and is not likely to conclude for another week.

The Proceury Tax.—The amount of the tax received by the Deputy Commissioner, Christchurch, up to Tuesday evening was £25,055. This does not include arrears paid at post-office in payment. The Wellington correspondent of the Press states that the following are the amounts of the tax collected up to yesterday:—Canterbury, £24,518; Wellington, £19,261; Auckland, £17,094; Otago, £15,810; Hawke's Bay, £14,402; Nelson, £13,418; Southland, £12,430; Waikato, £13,000; total, £126,738.

THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER LOAN.—The Wellington Post throws out the following apparently unfounded rumor in regard to a new loan:—"That we shall have to raise at least six more colonial loans, or at any rate to make this attempt, appears certain. The public mind in England is therefore being carefully educated in advance, with a view to the speculation which is expected, and, probably, with accuracy, to be made towards the end of 1881. It is further rumored, says the Wellington correspondent of a contemporary, that the contemplated new loan will be three millions, and that in his next Financial Statement Major Atkinson will include the necessity for raising such a loan in the London market to the extent, with a view to making it a loan question at the ensuing general election."

THE HON. MR. DIXON ON COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.—A writer in the Sydney Mail, dealing with the action of the late Lord Lytton in reference to

FIRST publicised mentions of a 'Museum' in Ashburton

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION. — The Management Committee met last evening, his Worship the Mayor presiding. It was resolved that no one should be admitted into the exhibition until after the Governor had inspected it. The Secretary stated that he had received several exhibits for presentation to the contemplated museum, and it was resolved that the Mayor be requested to apply to the Government for a portion of a reserve at the corner of Cass and Burnett streets, for the museum. The following gentlemen were appointed a Provisional Committee, viz, Messrs Bullock, Jameson Passmore, and his Worship the Mayor, and Messrs Wood, Compton, and Mayo, were appointed a Decoration Committee. The Secretary was instructed to write to Inspector Broham, asking for an additional number of police during the days on which the Exhibition was open. It was decided to erect a close boarded fence, 6ft. 6in. high.

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The Ashburton Guardian.

MAGNA EST VERITAS, ET PREVALEBIT.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1881.

A Local Museum.

TOWN EDITION.

[Issued at 4 p.m.]

We have previously pointed out the fact that there exists an opportunity for local well-wishers to create, by united action in our midst, a source of intellectual advancement in the matter of the establishment of a local museum, and are therefore pleased to learn that those gentlemen who have shown themselves so energetic in connection with the Industrial Exhibition have it in view, following the termination of their present duties, to make an effort in this direction. We have growing up in our midst a generation, for the intellectual

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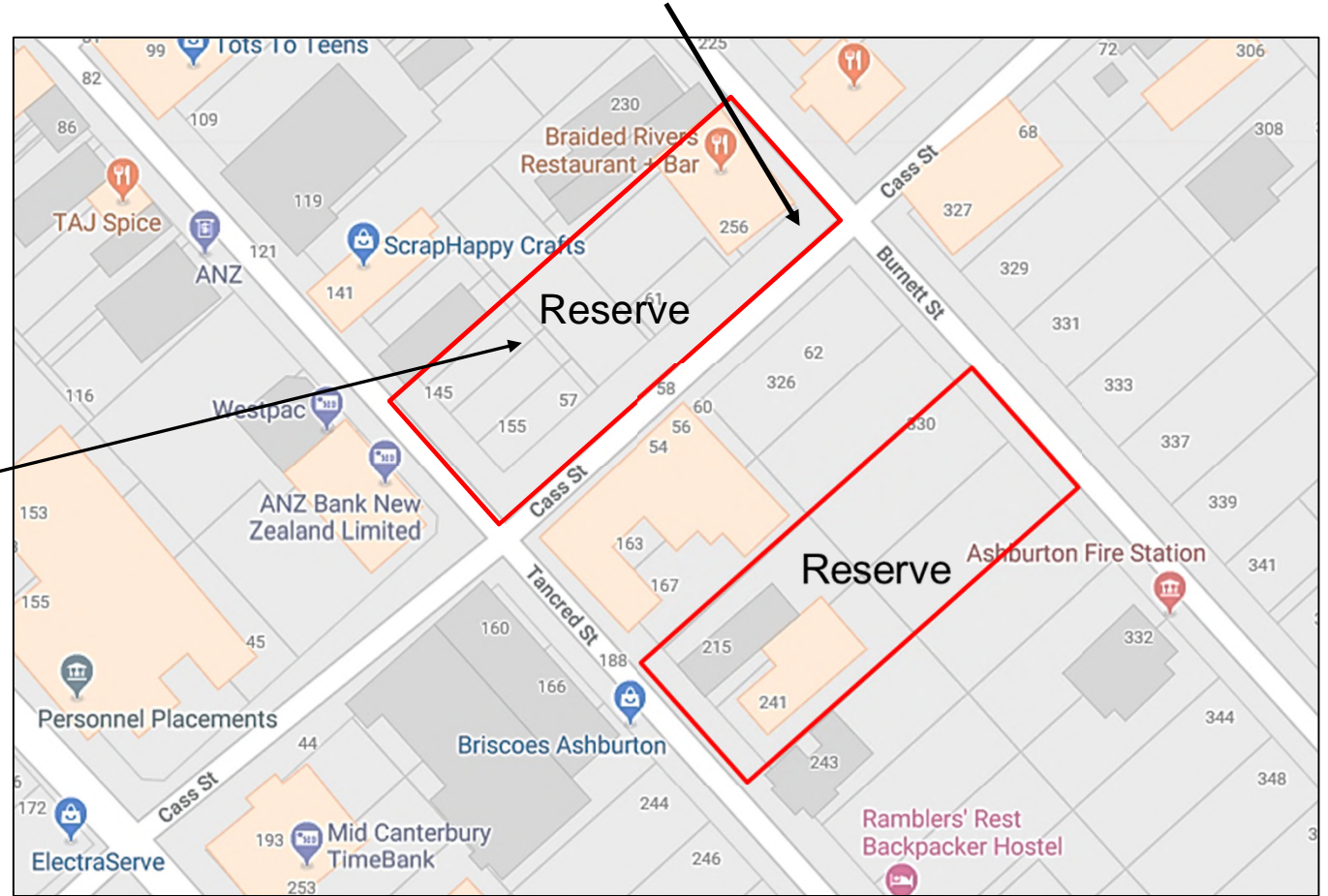
138 years ago!

confirmed at a general meeting of subscribers held on January 6th. The question of using the large room as a temporary museum, has been raised, and many members of the Committee are in favor of such a course, but think it advisable it should be confirmed by the subscribers. In response to the opinion

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Suggested location for the Industrial Exhibition and 'Museum' in 1881

The Black Map of 1864





ASHBURTON BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND TOWN LIBRARY

1881
Ashburton
Council &
library houses
a glass cabinet



1962



1972



1978

THE BUILDINGS



1995



2014

OCTOBER 31, 1958.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS FORMED IN ASH.

Owing to the fact that there were several counter-attractions last evening there were not as many people at the first meeting of the Ashburton Historical Society as had been expected.

However, those present showed great interest in the proposed society, and several interesting discussions took place.

The meeting was convened by Mrs J. McQuilken, who briefly outlined the basis of ideas for bringing together articles connected with the early history of the Ashburton County and preserving them for the use of students and future citizens.

"If you have any love for your community and the history of that community you will realize that a society, such as a Historical Society is necessary," she said, "and you have shown that you have the interests of the community at heart by your attendance to-night."

Mrs McQuilken spoke of the other societies in Canterbury and of the work which they had carried out. The Timara Society had rooms of its own for display and they also ran monthly bus trips to places of historical interest.

Several persons at last night's meeting recalled that at the beginning of this century there had been a small museum in part in the Ashburton Public Library. They also spoke of the amount of information which could be received from people living in the country who had been among the pioneer settlers.

Mr G. Glassey, who was in the chair, also spoke on the early settlements in the county and quoted these words: "If we want to assume some responsibility for the future then we must respect the past."

First Steps

After several others had given their reasons for the necessity of a society Mrs McQuilken moved and Mr J. B. Cullen seconded that the Ashburton Historical Society be formed. Discussion then took place to decide the first steps that the society should take and it was decided to appeal to local bodies for aid in securing a room and also articles for display.

The election of officers resulted: President, Dr W. H. Scotter, vice-president, Dr R. Lane; secretary, Mrs J. McQuilken; treasurer, Mr J. B. Cullen; executive, all officers and Messrs M. S. Turton and E. W. Cole. The society will hold its next meeting on November 27.

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ASHBURTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(INAUGURAL MEETING)

At a meeting of many interested persons in the Community Centre on 30th October, 1958, it was unanimously decided that an Historical Society be established in Ashburton.

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Mr G. Glassey, who was in the chair also spoke on similar lines and quoted these words - "If we want to assume some responsibility for the future, then we must respect the past".

PRESENT:

Those present were - Dr W.H. Scotter, Mr J.B. Cullen, Mr E.W.H. Cole, Mrs R. Pearson, Dr R. Lane, Mr and Mrs Turton, Mrs Bruce Harbott, Mrs P. Johnson, Mr R.T. Grigg, Mr and Mrs R.G. Allington, Mr M.S. Sandin, Miss T.M. Rutterick, Mr W.H. Wilkinson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were elected -

President: Dr W.H. Scotter
Vice President: Dr R. Lane
Secretary: Mrs J. McQuilken
Treasurer: Mr J. B. Cullen

It was agreed that the Executive be the above officers, plus two other members. The members elected being Messrs M.S. Turton and E.W. Cole. It was agreed also, that all persons present should form the Committee.

AGREEMENT:

These were received from - Mr J.M. Grigg, Mr and Mrs Jack Soles, Mr and Mrs Claude Andampson, Miss Lill, Mrs Phillips, Miss Gray and Mrs Fitzgerald.

MONTHLY MEETING:

It was decided to hold a monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. After some discussion, it was decided that the Secretary should write to both the Borough and County Councils acquainting them of the formation of this society, of its aims and objects, and asking them for aid in securing a room for the display of objects of historical interest.

MEMBERSHIP FEE:

This was set at 5/- a year for each member.

HISTORICAL DISPLAY:

The matter of holding such a display was held over for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was set down for 27th November, 1958.

CONCLUDED this 10th day of December 1958

W.H. Scotter
CHAIRMAN

Inside cover of the Society's first Minute Book

George Glassey (1901 - 1979) was in the chair.

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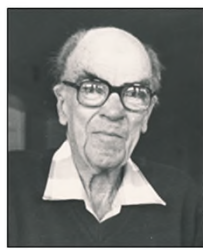


W. H. SCOTTER, M.A., Ph.D. (London)
President of the Ashburton Historical Society

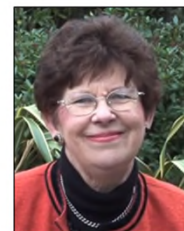
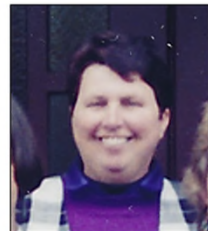
NAME CHANGE REFLECTS CHANGING ROLE

In 1995 the name of the Society was changed from Ashburton Historical Society to Ashburton Museum and Historical Society in recognition of its increasing emphasis on Museum operation.

THE PEOPLE



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CLIPPINGS from the ASHBURTON GUARDIAN

MUSEUM IN ASHBURTON

Main objective of society

30-11-70

Meetings were incidental to the main purpose of the society, which was to collect, preserve and display historical material, the president of the Ashburton Historical Society (Mr E. J. Wood) said in his annual report, presented at the society's annual meeting this week.

Only through the enthusiasm of members would the society attain its objective, that of a museum, he said.

The last year had been quite successful in that bi-monthly meetings had been maintained and the finances of the society were in a sound position. Although meetings had been well attended it should be one of the aims of the members to interest the younger generation in the society's activities because it was to them that the society looked for its continued development.

Officers elected were:—

Museum wants volunteers

11-8-71

A working-bee of five men started the renovating and painting of the Ashburton Historical Society's new museum in the former women's rest rooms in Tancred Street during the weekend.

There is still much work to be done and it is not known when the museum will open for display. This depends on volunteers for working bees, said the president of the Ashburton Historical Society (Mr E. J. Wood) yesterday.

Already a fireplace has been taken out of the building for a colonial oven will fill this space; a dividing wall taken down to make one workroom; the front windows defrosted for future display of "early-Ashburton" photographs, and part of the building painted.

A committee meeting of the society will be held next week to discuss future work.

MUSEUM FOR ASHBURTON

Branch status suggested

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The Ashburton Borough Council will ask the Canterbury Museum Trust Board to receive a delegation from the Council for discussions on the establishment of a museum in Ashburton.

The council had sought an opinion from its solicitors on the procedure to be followed to enable the Borough Council to set aside some of the funds which it is leased to help maintain the Canterbury Museum, into a fund, instead, for a museum in Ashburton.

The solicitors advised that to have the Act changed, the Council would need to obtain the approval of the Canterbury Museum Trust Board and the local authorities represented, and to prepare, through the member of Parliament for Ashburton, a local bill.

The solicitors suggested that a better approach might be to ask the museum trust board to establish a branch museum in Ashburton, to be operated in conjunction with the Canterbury Museum. This would place responsibility for the Ashburton Museum on the Canterbury Museum.

The Council decided to write to the Canterbury Museum Trust Board making further inquiries as suggested by the solicitors, explaining the Council's attitude to a local museum, and asking the Board to receive a delegation comprising the Mayor (Mr G. Cassel), deputy Mayor (Mr A. Lane) and Town Clerk (Mr L. S. Watson) for discussions on the establishment of a local museum.

"WONDERFUL RESPONSE" TO APPEAL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

25/11/71

Dr. W. H. Scotter, who is writing a book on the history of Ashburton, has had a "wonderful response" from people in Ashburton and the county, following a recent appeal he made for historical photographs.

Dr. Scotter, who addressed members of the Ashburton Historical Society at their annual meeting last night, told the "Guardian" that he now had a "couple of hundred" old photographs.

He said he would use about half of these in the book which should be published by the middle of next year.

"The illustrations will be first class", Dr. Scotter said.

He said that several Ashburton farmers had made special trips to his home in Christchurch with old photographs.

Dr. Scotter said the photographs so far received are good ones and, most important, the names of groups in many of the photographs are in his possession.

Also, in photographs of farming operations, most of the farms and districts are named, Dr. Scotter said.

Initially, Dr. Scotter had difficulty in obtaining photographs of early Rakaiia, but since then several people in Rakaiia have sent Dr. Scotter photographs.

Dr. Scotter said he has photo-

graphs of farming, church, and general groups.

"I have a fair coverage of the county", he said.

He said his book is being divided into five parts.

"The aim is to give a picture of each period", Dr. Scotter explained.

He said he would be describing the principal characteristics of each period, and some of the leading people.

The periods to be dealt with are:

From 1853, the arrival of the first settler, Edward Chapman; 1878, founding of borough; 1903, introduction of the "no liquor" licence, following a vote taken in 1902 which established Ashburton as a "dry" town; 1920, abolition of the Ashburton electorate just before the depression. The electorate became the Mid-Canterbury electorate. The Ashburton electorate was later restored.

Dr. Scotter's book will cover adequately the first period of settlement, land purchase, the establishment of the Ashburton township, and its expansion in the "great land boom" of the late 1870's.

In his book, Dr. Scotter will trace the establishment of Ashburton's wheat-growing industry, and the expansion of its stock water races as the "special thing" about its history.

MORE CLIPPINGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1972

"PIONEER HALL" TO OPEN SOON

"Pioneer Hall," Ashburton's museum, will open its doors to the public early next week.

For years, the Ashburton Historical Society has been collecting photographs, early records, and articles used in the daily lives of the town's pioneers, but they have stored away because, up till now, there has been no suitable place to display them.

But months of work by society members and others in converting and painting the Havelock Street museum has provided a suitable setting in which to display the

collections. For the rooms has been donated, and a local firm has provided the display cabinets, in which are being featured the links with Ashburton's early days. The society has in its possession a large collection of early photographs and copies of the original town lay-out of Ashburton.

Although "Pioneer Hall" may be small compared with some other museums, its collection will provide a nucleus for the museum and art gallery planned in borough development.

But a start had to be made to preserve the relics before they were lost to posterity.

The opening of "Pioneer Hall" will be a major milestone in this direction.

But society officials have decided there will be no official opening no speeches.

Rather, the exhibits will be left to "speak" for themselves.

The actual opening day will be advertised, an official of the soci-



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1972

PIONEER HALL MUSEUM



After 12 years of waiting, hoping and planning, the Ashburton Historical Society

Ashburton given new link with history

Documented history of the first years of colonial life in Ashburton County has been preserved in "Pioneer Hall," which will open to the public tomorrow afternoon.

Pioneer Hall is a small museum set up by the Ashburton Historical Society in the former women's rest rooms in Havelock Street, given by the borough council.

Entering the museum, visitors will first see some of the larger domestic equipment of the period 1850-1880. Butter churns, milk dishes, photographs and early advertisements of the Staveley Co-operative Dairy Company's "Staveley Creamery Butter" form one of the displays.

Perhaps one of the most curious exhibits is a vacuum cleaner—19th century style. It has a pipe to suck the dust into the container, a large cylindrical receptacle to which is attached the "motive power." This, in fact, is a bellows-like arrangement. The user had to pump the arms up and down while traversing the cleaner across the floor.

HISTORIC MINUTAE
The former waiting room of the old toilets holds most of the exhibits—documents and photographs.

The most important of these are the minutes of the first meeting of the Ashburton Roads Board on February 2, 1864—preceding the formation of the borough by 15 years. These minutes, and

the minute-book in which they are contained, provide the earliest beginnings of organised living in Ashburton. The chairman of this body was Mr Alexander Leas, whose portrait hangs in the museum.

Other photographs, documents, and booklets are well laid out in large glass-fronted display cabinets. The floors of "Pioneer Hall" are carpeted.

WAKEFIELDS, WALKER

The Wakefield family plays a large part in the exhibits. Apart from family photographs, there are letters written by Edward Jerningham Wakefield, and copies of his political pamphlets. Jerningham was the only son of Edward Gibbon Wakefield.

Jerningham Wakefield arrived in New Zealand in 1829 and was a member of Parliament from 1856-75. He died in Ashburton and is buried there.

Another man prominent in the museum displays, is W. C. Walker, the first chairman of the Ashburton County Council, and, in addition to other duties, Minister of Education in the Seddon Government.

LOCAL WRITING

Silverware from the period is also displayed, and includes a cream jug once owned by Captain Moody, commander of the "Cutty Sark."

The Ashburton Library is

arranging a display of books by district authors to be ready for the museums' opening. They, and early maps that give a fascinating insight into the extent and knowledge of civilisation in those days, will add to the interest provided by the many minute books, records, and exhibits collected by the society.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL

At the Borough Council meeting on Monday evening the Historical Society wrote asking if the council would assist in meeting the expenses of \$263.50 which had been necessary to convert Pioneer Hall to a suitable building for displaying the historic material.

The council referred the account back to the Historical Society, with the suggestion that it approach the County Council for assistance. The Borough Council said that the County Council had already signified its willingness to assist the society, at a joint committee meeting last year.

COUNTY GRANT OF \$200 TO PIONEER HALL

The Ashburton County Council yesterday decided to make a grant of \$200 to the Ashburton

60th Anniversary Celebrations

October 2018





60th ANNIVERSARY of the
FOUNDING of the ASHBURTON
MUSEUM and HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
1958 - 2018



The Chairman then reported on the meeting of our representatives with the Mayor, Mr. Digby and representation of the Senior Citizens' Society.

After a full discussion between all parties, it was agreed that our Society (subject to reservations) would gratefully accept the offer of the Borough Council of a half part of Healders College for the purpose of our continued work towards the establishment of a larger and more comprehensive museum.

Mr. Terbotton moved a vote of thanks, Mrs. Letham seconding, thanking Mr. Wood for his presentation of our case, and highly approving of his action in doing so.

(Letter appended)

J. Wood
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June 15th 1981
at 7:30 pm.
Record of Special Meeting.

Meeting: Mr Wood explained that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain at least 15 signatures of financial members to: (a) apply for incorporated status; and (b) to endorse the new constitution of the Society.

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