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Historical Society News

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END OF YEAR EVENT YOUR CHANCE TO GET THE “INSIDE STORY”!

Sunday 30 November 2003

Time: 3.00pm to 4.30pm (followed by tea)

Where: Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church

Cost: entry by donation



MVHS members have no doubt walked past this building more times than they can remember – but many will never have seen its interior and few know its history or the congregation’s links with this area over 127 years. To give members the opportunity to view the buildings and to find out more of the history associated with them, the Society has arranged with the management of the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church to hold the following end-of-year event for MVHS members and friends:

Programme:

- Introductory historical and architectural talk
- Short organ concert by organist Judy Dumbleton, including some classics and some Xmas carols – so be prepared to sing!
- Guided walk around the buildings and opportunity to view the unique organ
- Afternoon tea

The Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church and Hall was designed by the architect William Fielding, and constructed in 1916. The Church has an interesting and striking austerity of design – formally termed “Edwardian Gothic”. It has few architectural embellishments but these are invariably well designed and manufactured. The Church building also houses a rare church organ that was built in 1887 by Hill and Son London; it was installed in a London church and survived the London Blitz in WW2. This organ one of very few remaining organs that use the original mechanisms, and we will have the opportunity to hear it perform. This organ has a big sound and this is a rare chance to hear it performing a variety of music.

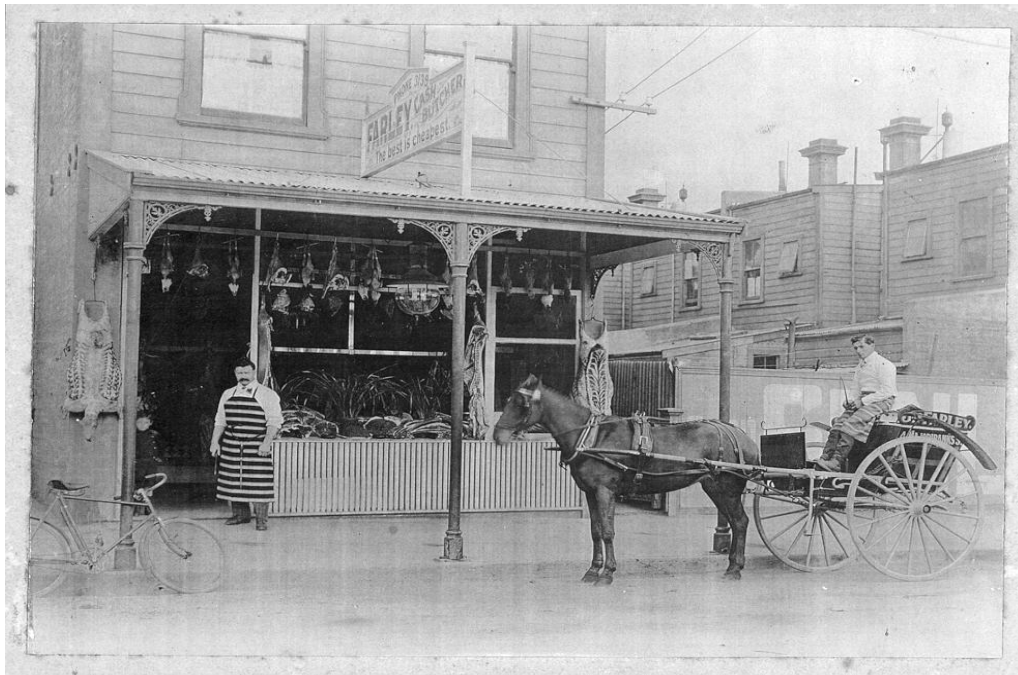
So come along and get the **inside story** on this historic building!

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James Farley - Cash Butcher "The Best is Cheapest"

James Farley came to Wellington with his wife, Emma, in 1902. His father was a "Dairyman of 17 acres" in Devon. James was 27 years old when he settled in Wellington and had been in the butchery trade since he was 16. When he arrived he worked for the Gear Meat Company at the No. 1 Shop (probably on Lambton Quay) for two years, before leaving to set up his own business.

His first business was established in rented premises at No. 4 Majoribanks Street. About 1908 or 1909, the family moved from Vogeltown to live upstairs at No. 4 Majoribanks Street. According to his son, Harold, on the outbreak of World War I the landlady of Nos. 12 and 14 Majoribanks Street, convinced that the Germans were coming, sold both properties. James took the opportunity to purchase both and it is believed that he had the shop fronts built for both buildings. In 1915 he moved his business into No. 12, whilst renting out No. 14. By 1913, the family had moved out of No. 4 and were living just around the corner at No. 15 Fallowfield Avenue.



Like most businesses of the time, deliveries were made by horse and cart and the Farley's had at least two horses which used to take turns – one in town and the other out on grazing land on Liardet Street in Vogeltown. Because of this, the Farley's horses appeared to be in better condition than the permanent city dwelling animals.

The latter days of James' butchery business saw the deliveries become motorised, with the purchase of a Model 15.B Trumbull panel van. Heavy reliance was still placed on the ever-dependable delivery boy, Harold Farley, however. A page from his notebook on Monday 28th August 1916 records the following:

		£	s	d
Rigg	2lb rp stk		1	8
Cable	1lb beef stk			7
McBain	1lb chops			7
Seabrook	rb beef	6	10	
	4lb rb stk			4
	Stock & suet			4
McDougal	rib	2	10	
Hospital	Sh mut	3	8	
	2 lb chops	1	3	
Morris	1 ½ stk			11
Frasor	beef	1	10	
	5 chops	1	0	
Cable	1 chops			7
		£1	5	5

James and his family moved to Greytown in 1918, where he became a stock dealer and then a dairy farmer. From 1927 to 1929 he was also a councillor for Greytown Borough Council. The family retained the two Majoribanks Street buildings until the 1960's, when Harold sold them.

The sign for Jas Farley, Cash Butcher, can still be seen above the shop on the small building behind the Embassy Theatre on Majoribanks Street.