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Sunday, September 23 at 2.30 pm, Tararua Tramping Club, Moncrieff Street

Annual General Meeting

An efficient AGM will be followed by:

THE STAFFORD STREET STORY

Joanna Newman will share the unexpected stories found delving into the history of one of Mt Victoria's smallest streets. This presentation will start at 3.00 pm.

Visitors are welcome. Copies of *The Stafford Street Story* will be available for purchase.

Backyard treasures: a report on our June meeting (by Jane O'Loughlin)

They don't make 'em like they used to. Perry Davis' Pain Killer was recommended BY EVERYBODY according to the label, and was a sure cure for coughs, sore throat, chills, diarrhoea, dysentery, cramps, cholera and all bowel complaints. What's more it had 'never failing success in cases of sickness of almost every nature.' An old empty bottle of this wondrous stuff was found by David Lee in the garden of his Elizabeth St house. It was one of many treasures on display at the Mt Victoria Historical Society's Midwinter Show and Tell. David's house has yielded other interesting artefacts over the years: handmade nails, an 1860s penny, a ceramic 'pudding doll', and a child's shoe. It's thought the shoe, found between floorboards, may have been put there deliberately, as some used to believe that putting something belonging to an 'innocent' would ward off evil spirits.

Alan Olliver showed off an old brick inscribed 'Murphy' that was found in an Ellice St backyard. Through research, he has found that it originated from brickworks set up by William Murphy in 1889 in Taranaki St. Alan has developed an interest in old local bricks and pottery, and has a small collection of interesting old bricks as a result of renovating houses. Another interesting find is a garden edging tile made by a brickworks in Wallace St Mt Cook.

Other local items on display included an old housebell from the 1920s, a shoe last, hearth tiles, and a 1960s photo of Oriental Bay that had many reminiscing about the old saltwater baths and the overseas terminal.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event by bringing items to display or by joining in the interesting sharing of memories and anecdote.



Mt Victoria Suffragettes

September 19 marks the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand. On that day in 1893 the Electoral Act 1893 was passed, giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote. Our historical article this newsletter celebrates the women in Mt Victoria who signed the petition, and features two of them in more depth.

Mt Victoria Women's Suffrage Petition Signatories

Several of the Mt Victoria women who signed the petition have been featured in past newsletters:



Alice and Marion Atkins,
daughters of Sam Atkins,
Austin Street.
(See Newsletter 77)



Emma Baker with her husband and 12 children,
Brougham Street. (See Newsletter 42)

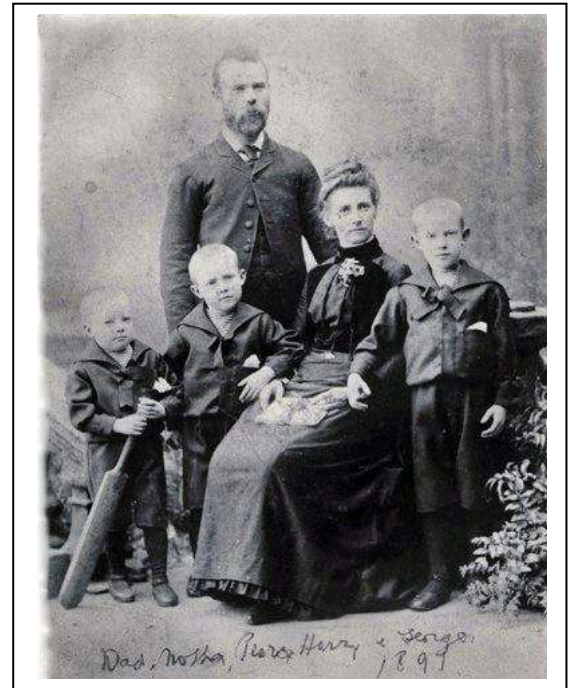


Mrs McDonnell, Melmerby House
(See Newsletter 47)

Now we can introduce you to two more exceptional Mt Victoria women who signed the petition.

Jacobina McGregor married John Pearce Luke in 1880. Luke was an engineer, whose family foundry built the first steel ship in NZ and several lighthouses. In 1893, when Jacobina signed the petition, they were living at 37 Ellice Street, which Luke built in 1881. Councillor Nicola Young, her great-granddaughter, describes Jacobina as a tiny but energetic 4ft 9in.

When her husband became Mayor of Wellington in 1913, and with the arrival of WW1, she helped lead a drive for women to sew and donate goods for the soldiers. *Freelance* in 1914 paints a vivid picture of her dynamism and forceful personality: "Mrs Luke, the Mayoress, all energy and fire, manages to keep her head in a very wonderful way. But I have come to the conclusion that she likes being busy. She is in her element – revels in it. . . She has been seen writing with one hand, holding the telephone in the other, conversing with someone who is at the other end of the wire, and gesticulating vehemently to someone else in the room." Jacobina was awarded a CBE for her war work. Then, when the flu epidemic struck Wellington in 1918, she also committed herself to social services. Her husband was knighted in 1921 (the year his term as Mayor ended), largely for the couple's role in combating the epidemic. She also gave many hours to voluntary organisations such as the YWCA, the National Council of Women, The Plunket Society and St John's Ambulance and was the only woman appointed to the special committee set up to undertake the 1922 Inquiry into Venereal Diseases in New Zealand.



Above: Jacobina Luke and family, about the time she signed the petition.
Left: Zoe Carter with her oldest son, c.1893 [ATL 1/2-173088-F]



Zoe Carter lived in Scarborough Terrace. She was the daughter of Robert Martin, who ran a very successful interior decorating firm from his shop in Manners St. Zoe was one of the earliest students at the Wellington School of Design and involved in the New Zealand Arts and Crafts movement.

Zoe married Charles Carter, a stained-glass artist who came to Wellington in the early 1890s to work for her father. Robert Martin's business passed to Zoe and her husband, but Charles died young in 1908. After that, Zoe worked as an interior decorator and sold beaded bags. The firm continued until 1923, when it was forced to close following a fire that destroyed the back of the shop.

List of women in Mt Victoria who signed the Suffrage Petition

Atkins	Alice	Austin St	Playle	A	Majoribanks St	Janes	Emma	Moir St
Atkins	Marion	Austin St	Seagar	L.	Majoribanks St	Ward	Sarah	Moir St
Hatfield	Mrs	Austin St	Barkley	A.	Majoribanks St.	Turner	C.	Pirie St
Finney	Lucy J	Austin St	Dawson	Matilda Lane	Majoribanks St	Winder	F	Pirie St
Jones	Nellie	Austin St	Dean	L. E	Majoribanks St	Wilkinson	Ellis	Pirie St
Nicol	R	Austin St	Dimant	Lena	Majoribanks St	Wilkinson	Annie	Pirie St
Riggs	Bissie	Austin St	Dimant	S.	Majoribanks St	Doyle	Annie	Pirie St
Redshaw	Nellie	Brougham St	Gaskell	E.	Majoribanks St	Harris	S	Pirie St
Cowan	A E	Brougham Hill	Kirke	Edith	Majoribanks St	Heard	M A	Pirie St
Innes	H	Brougham Hill	Leggett	E W.	Majoribanks St	Arnold	S	Pirie St
Macdougall	M	Brougham Hill	Newling	F. W.	Majoribanks St	Kinniburgh	E	Pirie St
Chrystal	S M	Brougham St	Nicholls	Mrs. A.	Majoribanks St	Wilkinson	S	Pirie St
Ker	Jane	Brougham St, 75	Player	M J.	Majoribanks St	Williamson	W	Pirie St
Kirk	Cybele E	Brougham St	Playle	E	Majoribanks St	Langdon	H	Pirie St
Kirk	Sarah J	Brougham St	Rawnsley	Mary	Majoribanks St	Green	Adeline	Port St
Watson	Annie	Brougham St	Lockie	Clara	Majoribanks St	Oldham	Mrs.	Roxburgh St
Allen	F.	Brougham St	Playle	Belle	Majoribanks St	Fairchild	Mrs.	Roxburgh St
Baker	Mrs E	Brougham St	Smith	Eliza	Majoribanks St	Farraday	Mrs.	Roxburgh St
Beauchamp	S E	Brougham St	Thornton	K.	Majoribanks St	Marshall	Rosina	Roxburgh St
Ellis	H	Brougham St	Allen	Ada F.	Majoribanks St	Goddard	Kate	Roxburgh St
Fuller	E A	Brougham St	Austin	Alice	Majoribanks St	McDonald	Jeanie	Roxburgh St
Higginbottom	E J	Brougham St	Goodwin	Henrietta	Majoribanks St	Duncan	Isa	Roxburgh St
Pattinson	M	Brougham St	Haycock	Eleanor R	Majoribanks St	Liez	Annie	Roxburgh St
Ryder	S E	Brougham St	Hitchen	Margaret Emma	Majoribanks St	Winter	Mary	Roxburgh St
Shea-Lawler	M	Brougham St	Lindeloff	Jenny	Majoribanks St	Waghorn	Mary Ann	Lloyd St
Wheatley	C	Brougham St	Shepherd	Annie	Majoribanks St	Waters	M A	Lloyd St
Turnbull	Agnes L	Brougham St	Sinclair	Barbara	Majoribanks St	Mills	Elisa	Lloyd St
Billens	F M	Brougham St	Stewart	Jemima	Majoribanks St	Rankin	Jane	Lloyd St
Bradbury	Emma	Brougham St	Evans	Elizabeth	Majoribanks St	Summerell	L	Scarborough Tce
Crawford	Louisa	Brougham St	Hand	Rebecca	Majoribanks St	Todd	Ida	Scarborough Tce
Fahrenbach	H C	Brougham St	Honour	Emma	Majoribanks St	Beavin	M.	Scarborough Tce
Gray	C.	Brougham St	Luke	Annie	Majoribanks St	Carter	Zoe	Scarborough Tce
Inge	A M M	Brougham St	Nelson	Ellen	Majoribanks St	Hoggard	Emily Louisa	Scarborough Tce
Macaskill	M	Brougham St	Petersen	Amelia	Majoribanks St	Moore	M. E	Scarborough Tce
Nisbet	Annie	Brougham St	Rawnsley	Hester F. C.	Majoribanks St	Neale	Sarah	Scarborough Tce
Tawse	A E H	Brougham St	Richards	Agnes	Majoribanks St	Neale	Jeannie	Scarborough Tce
Airth	E	Ellice St	Seabright	Helen	Majoribanks St	Nicholls	Alice	Scarborough Tce
Manley	E M	Ellice St	Winter	Arundell	Majoribanks St	Thirkell	Ann	Scarborough Tce
Nannestad	Emilie	Ellice St	McDonnell	H E	Melmerby House	Thompson	E.	Scarborough Tce
Shanaghan	Mrs	Ellice St	Baker	M	Moir St	Lerwell	Mrs	Shannon St
Blanchard	Mrs	Ellice St	Cliffe	A	Moir St	Crespin	Florence	Tutchen St
Fisher	Annie E	Ellice St	Costello	M	Moir St	Crespin	Minnie	Tutchen St
Luke	Jacobina	Ellice St	Curtis	Ann	Moir St	Crespin	A J	Tutchen St
Mann	M U	Ellice St	Embury	A	Moir St	Lawson	A E	Tutchen St
Mann	N.	Ellice St	Fenton	A	Moir St	McDowall	M	Tutchen St
Pinny	Emma	Ellice St	Green	L	Moir St	Wilson	E	Tutchen St
Pinny	Hattie	Ellice St	Hylton	A F	Moir St	Garard	M A	Tutchen St
Sewell	A	Ellice St	McCarthy	Mrs	Moir St	Hook	Mrs N	Tutchen St
Avery	Helen	Ellice St	Standen	F	Moir St	Jounax	Maude	Tutchen St
Hancox	Louisa	Hawker St	Stevenson	M	Moir St	Saunders	L	Tutchen St
Gibson	A	Levy St	Yates	M	Moir St	Fulton	Isabella	Tutchen St
Griffin	E. P.	Majoribanks St	Bell	Eva	Moir St	Steen	Hariett	off Tutchen St
Kisner	B. J	Majoribanks St	Cooper	H	Moir St			

Source: nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition

Note: misspelt street names have been corrected and modern forms used e.g. Royd St changed to Lloyd ; Marjoribanks St to Majoribanks.