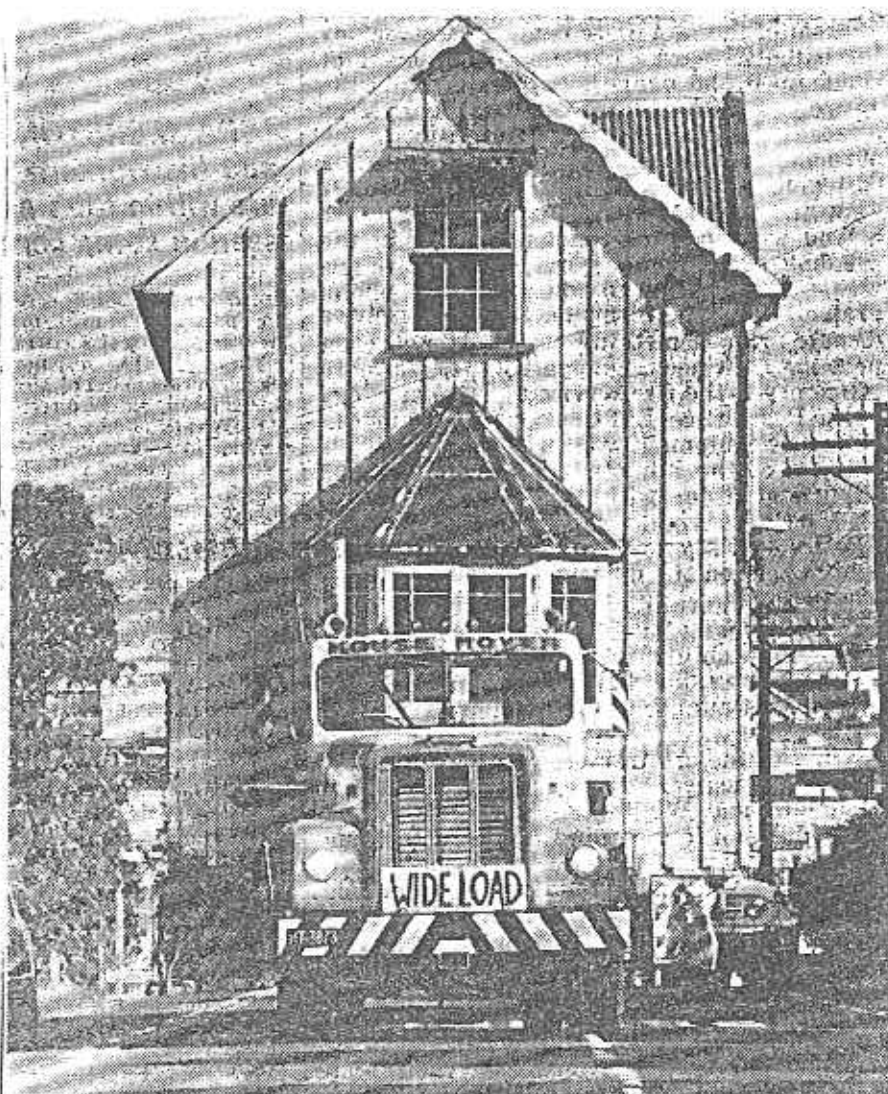


The following material has been researched by Enid Hutchinson present owner of Foxglove Cottage previously known as Mace Cottage and before that Arundel.



THE OLD MACE HOUSE passing the New Plymouth Boys' High School on Coronation Ave on its way to a new site in the Taranaki County.

## JOHNSTONE

Georgiana and William Johnstone arrived in New Plymouth  
4th October 1854 on the 'Joseph Fletcher'.

They bought two sections 993 and 994 in Carrington Street  
opposite the Alpha Flour Mill. These sections had originally  
been allocated by ballot to William Bayly. The property  
had a small stream running through it and a house was  
built and named 'Arundel'

A son was born to them in March 1855 but he died aged  
only 2 months.

They sold the property on 12 th June 1856 to Thomas Milner  
for two hundred and fifty pounds.

There is a note on the deed reserving the use of a tunnel  
beneath the sections to William Sutton the elder.

The birth of another son was announced 16th August 1856.

They may have moved to Stratford because the name William  
Johnstone is mentioned on the Board of Goveners of Stratford school.

## MILNER

William and Hannah Milner owned a small farm in Belper, Derbyshire. They sold up and emigrated with their family to New Zealand in the 1850s. There were two sons, Thomas and William, and two daughters, Hannah and Emma.

William and Hannah acquired land in Taranaki (this farm was advertised for sale in 1858 for seven hundred guineas). Hannah died April 23rd 1861 and William followed 7th January 1868 and they are both buried in Saint Mary's churchyard.

Thomas Milner married Janet Cameron in Auckland 31st May 1856 and in that same year on 12th June he bought the property on Carrington Street for two hundred and fifty pounds.

By 1857 Thomas had set up as a draper in Nelson, he is registered as owner/occupier of lot 166, the corner of Hardy and Trafalgar streets. His brother William soon followed him.

Thomas sold part of section 993 fronting Carrington Street to his sister Hannah for forty pounds January 21st 1862.

Emma Milner married Captain Stapp in Saint Mary's church on 3rd September 1859 and Thomas sold the property to Captain Stapp for 200 pounds on 24th August 1861.

## CAPTAIN STAPP

Captain Charles Stapp was a non commissioned officer in the 58th Rutlandshire Regiment and was in the Bay of Islands in 1840. He was posted back to Britain in 1850 and volunteered to fight in the Crimean War under Lord William Paulet. He remained until 1856 when he returned with his regiment to New Plymouth as Ensign. As he had served for 16 years he was given permission to retire and on April 2nd 1859 he was gazetted Captain. As Adjutant of New Plymouth's battalian of the militia he organised and drew up plans for the defence of the town and when the emergency arose, he was able to hand over to Captain Herbert, a well trained body of volunteers. He married Emma Milner 3rd September 1859 and bought from Thomas Milner (Emma's brother) the property on Carrington Street for two hundred pounds. He commanded the Taranaki Military District for 22 years being made Brevet-Major in August 1865 and rising to rank of Colonel in 1891. He died in Auckland that same year and The Weekly News said ' During his long career he was a true soldier of the Queen, always cheerful, happy and contented, fearless and brave to a degree'.

The archives at Puke Ariki hold copies of letters to his wife Emma whilst he was fighting at Wanganui and Opotiki.

Captain Stapp sold 21 Carrington Street to Arthur Standish for three hundred pounds on 21st August 1863.

## STANDISH

Arthur Standish was born in Pontefract, Yorkshire in 1838. He arrived in Wellington on the 'Tyne' in August 1843 with his mother and brothers, his father having emigrated earlier in March to Nelson.

The family came to New Plymouth where Mr Standish senior practised as a lawyer. Arthur followed in his father's footsteps becoming Crown Solicitor in 1863.

In 1868 Arthur married the daughter of Reverend Brown

Arthur Standish purchased the Carrington Street property from Captain Stapp in August 1863 for three hundred pounds. He also purchased from Hannah Milner her portion for seventy pounds in 1866 and at some time added section 995 (section running behind 993 and 994.

At some time during his ownership he leased the property to Captain F.J. Mace.

According to the Butler Index 21 Carrington Street is described as a six roomed dwelling with stables.

Arthur Standish became the first Mayor of New Plymouth 1876-78.

In May 1878 he sold sections 993-995 plus part of 1011 to William Courtney for 650 pounds.

## MACE

Captain Francis Joseph Mace was born in Madeira in 1837. In 1856 he arrived in New Plymouth with his parents who took up land at Omata. Captain Mace served with the Mounted Volunteers and there are many stories of his exploits during the Land Wars, he was awarded the New Zealand Cross. He married Rachael Arden in 1863, this may have been when he leased 21 Carrington Street, Governor Gore Browne is reputed to have stayed in the house about this time.

Captain Mace and Rachael had a family of four sons and two daughters. One of his sons, Henry Hallet Mace was to buy the property on Carrington Street in December 1918.

Henry Hallet Mace lived with his family, first in the "old house" then later building a bigger home at the back. This two story building, 25 Carrington Street is now owned by the TSE group.

Vera (Henry's daughter) in 1952 built a small house in the front of the property where her father lived with her until his death.

The old original house (Mace Cottage) was sold to the City Council in April 1951.

The New Plymouth City Council leased the house out for many years but in 1976 sold it for a token amount to the sitting tenant with the proviso it be removed from the site.

John Mathews, owner of Technic group arranged and paid for its removal to its present site in Karina Road.

Enid and Colin Hutchinson bought the house in 1989 and developed a garden which has been open to the public for four consecutive years during the Rhododendron Festival.

The house, now known as Foxglove Cottage, is registered with Historic Places Trust as a category B and is presently under consideration for category A.

Enid Hutchinson

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DEEDS OF PROPERTY

R4/363            June 12 1856    William Johnstone to Thomas Milner  
                  sections 993 & 994 with buildings 250 pounds  
                  reserving the use of a tunnel to William  
Sutton the elder.

R4/365            August 24 1861    Thomas Milner to Captain Stapp  
                  sections 993 & 994 with buildings 200 pounds

                  January 21 1862    Thomas Milner to Hannah  
Milner portion of 993 40 pounds

R4/247            August 21 1863    Captain Stapp to Arthur Standish  
                  sections 993 & 994 with buildings 300 pounds

R6/257            May 2 1866       Hannah Milner to Arthur Standish  
                  portion of 993 70 pounds

R12/716           6 May 1878       Arthur Standish to William Courtney  
                  993 994 & 995 with part 1011 650 pounds

                  9 September 1915    Lewis Wallace Alexander  
bought property at auction for 850 pounds.

                  22 December 1918    Lewis Wallco Alexander to  
Henry Hallet Mace 800 pounds

                  24 April 1951 Henry Hallet Mace to City Council

December 1976 City Council to Miriam Palmer