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<http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/our-community/bcm/archives-heritage>

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WELCOME to REVELATIONS

► **REVELATIONS** is the inaugural quarterly newsletter of the Heritage Centre & Archives of The Salvation Army New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga Territory. It will allow us to 'unpack' our boxes, highlight our old War Crys and share with you treasures and people who have made our history.

The Heritage Centre, at The Booth College of Mission in Upper Hutt, is home to the Territory's historical repository. We preserve, record, research and make accessible material that provides an accurate record of The Salvation Army's life and work in New Zealand from 1883. One of the best parts about working at The Heritage Centre is getting to 'discover things'. Our day to day jobs are to discover, preserve and catalogue historic items and to undertake historical research relating to our Territory's history. We've designed the layout so that it can be viewed easily on your computer or printed and folded into a handy size - perhaps you'd like to print some out and make them available at your location.

You may wonder why **REVELATIONS**? Well along with the biblical connotation, the definition of the word 'revelations' is 'The act of making known a truth which was previously secret - A fact newly made known - A person or experience that proves to be different from expectations'

We look forward to revealing and telling our history!

Sharon Burton | Territorial Archivist ◀

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Historical objects of Territorial Headquarters

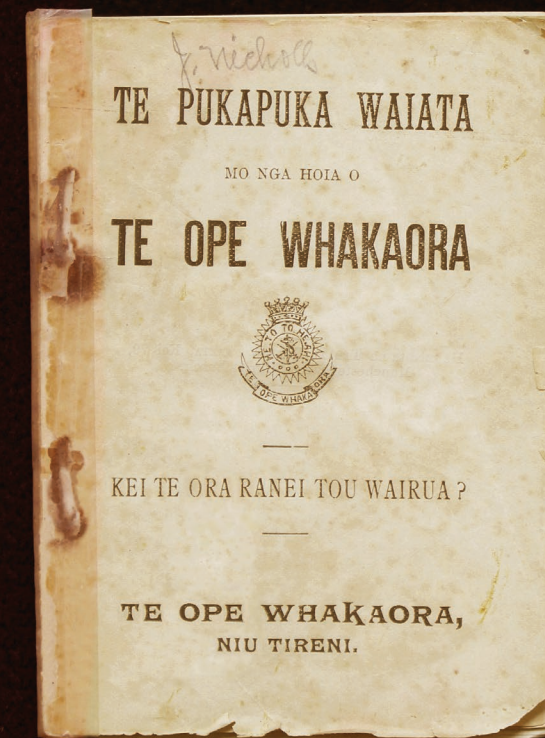
► **HERITAGE CENTRE & ARCHIVES STAMP COLLECTION** The Heritage Centre & Archives is home to a large collection of Salvation Army First Day Covers and stamps from around the world. Sometimes there is no great value in the stamps themselves but the value is in what they are actually attached to - not in the monetary sense but the history that goes with it. Commissioner Earnest Elliot was an enthusiastic stamp collector and we have him to thank for a large part of the collection.

POSTAL WEIGHING SCALES FROM THE THQ POSTAL DEPARTMENT Avery weighing scales from the THQ Postal Department, these were used to weigh the letters and parcels before being forwarded to the Post Office in Wellington. W & T Avery Ltd. was a British manufacturer of weighing machines. The company was founded in the early 18th century and took the name W & T Avery in 1818.

CORONA TYPEWRITER 1917 Corona typewriter from the original Territorial Headquarters on the corner of Taranaki Street & Dixon Street. For years, the tiny Tompkins County town of Groton New York where they were produced was the starting point of some of the greatest books and stories ever written. Hemmingway was a well known user of the Corona. In the early-20th century, Corona typewriters, the Number 3 in particular, dominated press tents around the world. They were inexpensive, lightweight and portable, the first typewriter to fold into itself and fit into an easy-to-carry case. ◀



FIRST MĀORI SONGBOOK 1889

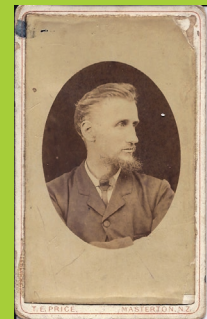


The first Salvation Army Songbook in Māori was published in 1889. This copy was used by Captain John Nicholls on the Whanganui River.

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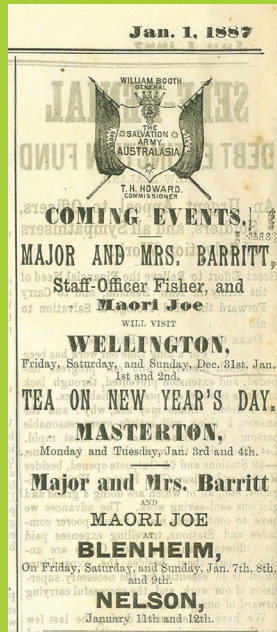
One cabinet photo from 1887 full of Salvation Army history

► During 2017 a quantity of historic (pre1900) cabinet photographs were processed into the Heritage Centre & Archives collection. One photograph stood out - a group of early Salvationists. Some of the eight people were immediately recognised. So began an investigation into who were the other Salvationists? And where, when and why was the photograph taken? Other facts were quickly noted. The photograph was taken in Masterton by Thomas E Price. Captain Alfred Wilkinson in the back right was recognised as was early



Photographer
Thomas E Price

Maori convert Hohepa Huria (Maori Joe). The first piece of research located Captain Wilkinson's officer service record which showed that he was corps officer in Masterton from 13 September 1886 to 15 February 1887.



BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Hohepa Huria
(Maori Joe)

Major Barritt

Staff Officer
A G Fisher

Captain
Alfred Wilkinson

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Lady unknown

Mrs Barritt with
daughter Eva

Mrs Ann Foster

Captain
William Foster

PHOTOGRAPH BY:

Thomas E Price
at his studio in
Queen Street
Masterton

FACEBOOK

Weekly offerings

► Have you visited the Heritage Centre & Archives Facebook page yet? We love to share the stories and pictorial heritage of The Salvation Army here in New Zealand, it's our opportunity to highlight the wonderful legacy of those who have gone before us. We actively encourage responses from our Facebook 'Friends' - many times have they been able to fill in the gaps for us. With our Friends help we've been able to complete family histories, add provenance to artifacts and recognise people and places from previously unlabelled images. ◀

So if you'd like to visit our Facebook Page Salvation Army Archives NZFT:
<https://www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyArchivesNZFT/>



Khama III



New Zealand Home League Badge

The War Cry showed that Hohepa Huria had been part of a tour party that included a visit to Masterton at the beginning of 1887. A further search of *The War Cry* in relation to this tour showed that the tour party visited Wellington City Corps, Masterton Corps, Blenheim Corps and Nelson Corps.

Because the tour party were in Masterton 3-4 January 1887, this gives an almost precise date for when the photo was taken.

The lady with the baby and the gentleman behind her were identified as Major & Mrs Barritt. Major Barritt had taken over command of the New Zealand Division when Pollard was appointed to Australia in 1885. Barritt was still in command at the time of this photograph. The daughter was born 1886.

The tallest person in the back row was identified as Staff Officer Fisher - he was known to be a tall man. Photographs, including some in *The War Cry*, confirm this was him.

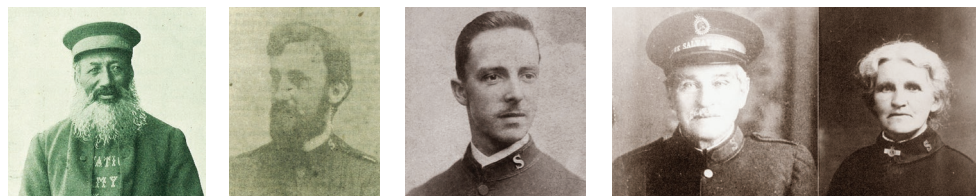


Major Frank & Ella Barritt. Ella's maiden name was McMillan



Above is part of a *War Cry* article (15 January 1887) written by Ella Barritt

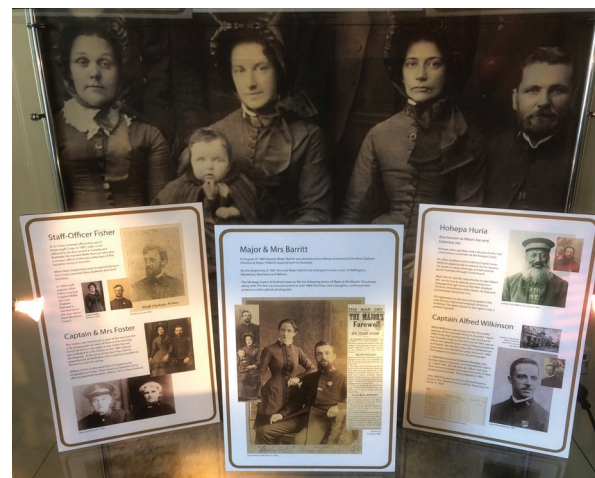
Other photographs that assisted in the identification



Hohepa Huria (Maori Joe) Staff Officer A G Fisher Captain Alfred Wilkinson Captain William & Ann Foster

Advertising for the tour in *The War Cry* mentions the Barritts, Fisher, Maori Joe, and Captain Foster. We believe the couple in the front right are Captain William & Ann Foster. That leaves one more person to be identified - the lady in the front left. To date she remains unknown and does not match anyone mentioned in tour articles. **PHOTOGRAPHS, DATES, APPOINTMENTS, WAR CRIES** have all aided in the identification process.

Major Barritt arranged this tour and the inclusion of Maori Joe who, testifying to his conversion, proved a success. A fuller presentation, including brief profiles of those identified, have been on display at both the Booth College of Mission and Territorial Headquarters. ◀



Box cover for magic lantern slides

Maraea Morris

Footwear from China c1930

19th Century Salvation Army decanter