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# HARRY MILES HAYWARD

AN EARLY HUTT VALLEY CONSERVATIONIST

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# HARRY MILES HAYWARD

## 1856-1953

- 1. Harry (Harrie) Miles Hayward was born at Martock, north west of Yeovil, Somerset, 20<sup>th</sup> October 1856.<sup>i</sup> It is believed that his baptismal name was Henry. <sup>ii</sup> He was the youngest son of George Hayward, Esq., Yetminister, east of Yeovil, and his wife Georgiana Good.
- The family Church is situated south east of Yeovil. It is the Church of St.
   Hipolyte in the village of Ryme-Intrinsica, Dorset. There are a number of family tombstones, with one particular crypt said to contain many, many Haywards, with their coffins placed upright.
- 3. It is understood that Harry was educated at Jewel Grammar School and that he entered the hardware business in London. According to the Cyclopedia of New Zealand, the Wellington Provincial Volume, Harry then spent some time in the manufacturing districts of Sheffield and Birmingham before coming to New Zealand on the "Calypso" in 1877.
- 4. After spending three years in various parts of New Zealand he then went back to England. Here he secured the agencies of several important English manufacturers for the Australasian area. It did not take him long to realize that Wellington was an ideal centre for his New Zealand operations. He let his Australian contacts go and settled in Wellington and extended his business interests over the rest of New Zealand. His business was called

- **The Colonial Carrying Company**, and he maintained an office in Old Customhouse Street (Bond St) until his retirement. Although he did work from his Waiwhetu home as well.
- 5. On 1<sup>st</sup> June 1886 Harry married Jessica (Jessie) Burne Luxford, only daughter of Mr. George H.Luxford and his second wife, Mary Hales, nee Trotter. The marriage was held at St. Peter's Church in Willis St. Wellington. The couple first resided at "Ngaroma" in Lyall Bay. This had once been the residence of the late Mr. Hope Gibbons. By 1889 Mr. Hayward was the managing proprietor of the Melrose Estate, which his father-in-law Mr. George Luxford, along with several other prominent Wellingtonians, had established. Yellow The fact that this Suburb/Borough was developed with large areas of native bush and stands of trees being preserved instead of being cleared for housing may well have been a precursor for Harry Hayward's later developments at Waiwhetu.
- The Haywards had two children: Cyril George Hayward, born 1888; and
   Muriel Hayward, born 1889.
- 7. On their honeymoon Harry and Jessica heard about the eruption of Mt.

  Tarawera 10<sup>th</sup> June 1886. They were on a boat traveling to Australia and by the time of their arrival in Sydney it was presumed that most of the North Island had disappeared as a result of the eruption!<sup>vi</sup> Harry had actually taken photos of the Pink and White Terraces, which are now lodged with the Alexander Turnbull Library. vii

- 8. Jessica has some interesting local Hutt Valley antecedents in that her grandfather was William Trotter, a well-respected early settler and gardener. He managed the nearby properties of Messrs Molesworth, Ludlam and Petre, and had established a fruit garden and nursery on his own five acres on the banks of the Okautu stream in an area south of Whites Line by 1843 (in today's present Moera). So well respected was he that the Gardeners' Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette of 1848 reported on the success of his gardens. They contained over 400 fruit trees, which included 40 varieties of apples, 20 varieties of pears and several varieties of cherries and plums. He had even managed to establish a vinery. Viii Jessica therefore may well have taken a keen interest and been quite supportive of Harry's local horticultural interests and activities.
- 9. In March of 1906 Harry Hayward paid £5,450 for a one hundred and eleven acre farm nestled in the Eastern hills in the **Waiwhetu** area. ix This included part of Section 14 and part of Section 21 and part of Section 238 Hutt District. A Mr. F.W. Devereux, a long-established Lower Hutt butcher had previously owned the farm. The land had originally been a Crown Grant dating from 1854 to a Mr. William Wilcock, a one time Wellington Provincial Councillor (1857-1861). Mr. Wilcock's four-storey Flour Mill was a feature of the local Waiwhetu area. The Mill was closed down during the 1880s. There is even a reference to a Wilcox Shipyard situated on the Waiwhetu stream not far from Whites Line. Harry also purchased a small section of land from some Maori owners on the northern edge of Whites Line East.

- 10. An even earlier connection is that the road now known as White's Line East leading to the **Hayward Eastern Hills Scenic Reserve** xiv is, in fact, the end of the original 1840 survey line, which stretched across the valley at this point.
- 11. The Hayward's Homestead. [This section is taken mainly from the Bowman/Johnston, HCC Heritage Inventory. 2008] The Hayward Homestead was built in 1906 and designed by the well-known and highly respected Wellington architect Frederick de Jersey Clere. \*V\* According to lan Bowman, de Jersey Clere combined an unusual interpretation of the Queen Anne and American Stick styles. However it might be possible, as family sources suggest, that the house was actually designed on similar lines to the family home in Somerset. \*V\* The house is symmetrical about the front elevation but with the Gothic elements of the Queen Anne and Stick styles. Also not quite characteristic of the style is the relatively shallow pitched roof and general simplicity of detailing.
- 12. As seen from the accompanying photographs the house had a large circular driveway, a fountain and pond surrounded by cabbage trees immediately in front of the house. Further down the hill there were gardens, stables, a large barn and a lake. From there to the Waiwhetu stream were a series of flat paddocks mostly used for crazing purposes. Cows were milked on the property, with the diary situated in the basement of the homestead on the right hand side. Only the Homestead survives.

- 13. Perhaps the only surviving feature is the Petrol Storage Shed built into the side of the hill at the back of 33 Tyndall Street. It is only brick construction with a rather unusual rounded roof and stands about 2 metres in height.

  Harry Hayward is supposed to have owned one of the first motor vehicles in the Hutt Valley, which he used to drive into Wellington. \*vii\*
- 14. Later in 1995 the ground and first floor north bay window were enclosed with a large conservatory. In addition a new deck at the rear of the house giving access from the conservatory to the rear stair hall was completed.
- 15. More recently (2010) further renovations have been undertaken.
- 16. The Haywards gave the house the name of "**Rato**" after its view of the setting sun.
- 17. The Haywards moved into their new house sometime prior to World War One, probably in 1911, as Harry was the **Hutt Valley Horticultural Society** President from 1914 through to 1919, resigning due to ill health in that year. This is probably part of the activity that the Minister of Lands Mr. Langstone alluded to in 1938 when he was reported as saying: "The conservation of this area of native bush (the area referred to in point 18) has been a hobby for many years of Mr. Hayward, a keen naturalist, who has laid down tracks through the bush for convenience of access."
- 18. It can also be noted that anecdotal evidence is that in 1913 Harry took a case to the Wellington Courts to have Chinese Market gardeners moved off his, and adjoining Maori land, in and around the Waiwhetu Stream and Whites Line East area, that they may have leased from former owners. xix

- 19. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1938 Harry Hayward gifted forty-three acres of their farm to the Government as a "Reserve". In accepting the gift the then Minister of Lands, Mr. Langstone was reported as stating: "that for many years the conservation of (the) area of native bush had been the aim and object of Mr. Hayward who was very keen naturalist." Mr. Langstone then went onto describe the evidence of Harry Hayward's conservation keenness as the "miles of tracks which had been laid down through the bush, and these had cost a fair sum of money, to say nothing of the years of arduous work of the donors." \*\*
- 20. The landowning situation on the surrounding hills makes this gift of Harry Hayward's quite an interesting development. In his immediate vicinity were blocks of land owned by Private Companies or individuals, namely the Wainui-o-mata Development Company, E.O.Thompson (on the Wainui-o-mata side), J.P.A.Hinds, and W.H.Leighton (on the Hutt Valley side); and then large blocks of land in public ownership such as that owned by the Hutt County Council, the Crown and the Hutt City Council.
- 21. A few years after this (1941-1942) Harry Hayward sold some of his flat paddock land, close to the Waiwhetu stream, to the Crown for state housing purposes. This was at time when the Labour Government was developing large tracts of the Hutt Valley for state housing. In particular they were beginning to develop a state housing project in conjunction with Maori situated on adjoining Section 19 Waiwhetu Reserve.<sup>xxi</sup>

- 22. Further subdivisions occurred within the Hayward landholdings in 1949, 1958, 1967, and 1989. There was also an exchange of land with Mr. Ron Jarden in 1968 concerning the Reserve itself.
- 23. It is not till after World War Two that a systematic attempt was made to develop the hills of the Eastern Hutt Valley into Reserve. The Hutt City Council was a prime mover in 1949 in bringing together the various Public Bodies (Hutt County Council, Eastbourne Borough Council, Wellington Regional Planning Council, Hutt City Council) for "the preservation of the whole of the Eastern Hill land between Butterfly Creek and the northern boundary of Hutt City Council." Fortuitously much of the land was in Crown or Local Body ownership. It is possible that Harry Hayward's initiative in 1938 created an opportunity that the advent of war disrupted. Thus forestalling the attempt at Reserve preservation along the Eastern Hills till 1949.
- The Scenic Reserve Tracks: [This section is taken mainly from the Dryden Report of May 1970, called the History of Haywards

  Reserve.]\*\*

  Reserve.]\*\*

  The Tracks, identified in the 1970 Report as the early Hayward Tracks, were originally constructed by local casual farm labour paid by Harry Hayward. It is also common knowledge that Harry himself spent some time assisting with track construction, including the dynamiting of tree stumps. These early tracks originated from the homestead climbing up onto the ridge immediately to the north, where a flagpole once stood. From this point they spread out into three tracks that lead into a large part

of the reserve at three levels. The first level or lower one followed the main stream, the Tyndall Stream. Above this a second track penetrated the beech forest above the stream and eventually joined the actual streambed. Well above this track a third one continued up the ridge from the flagpole and beyond a row of pine trees before branching to the left and continuing through manuka, gorse and tauhinu scrub, crossing a gully of ferns and nikau palms, gradually descending to join the other two tracks where the stream formed.

- This particular track then turned south from the ridge above the pine trees, negotiating some native bush behind the homestead before coming out onto the ridge behind the former **Griffin & Sons Biscuit** Factory. It was on and around this ridge that anecdotal evidence suggested there was a horse paddock. \*xiv A concrete water trough, some pipes and warratahs have been located in that vicinity. Also the nature of the land at that point lends itself to paddocks.
- 24.3 A lower wider track beginning near the southern corner of the homestead was called "Lovers Lane." xxv
- 24.4 There was evidence of a long abandoned gold mine.
- 24.5 From contemporary photographs (see accompanying photographs courtesy of Mrs Betty Hayward-Ryan), xxvi it is clearly seen that the tracks were well constructed, being both wide and clearly visible.
- 24.6 The evidence of the photos would seem to support the hypothesis that the early Hayward tracks were constructed as a means of access to

particularly good scenic vantage points, for example the track up the 100 mile View (100km View as it now known). This also applies to the tracks onto the ridge behind the former Griffins Factory area and across the Ngapunga Track, which is above Te Whiti Park. The tracks were not constructed as livestock tracks but as walking access tracks. This is particularly true of the track named "Lovers Lane" that now does not exist as it has become incorporated into residential sections.

- 24.7 On some occasions this valuable area was threatened by fire. At different times even out of control farm burning from the Wainui-o-mata side threatened. It is understood that when fire did break out Mr. Hayward would assemble local men to fight the fires by a combination of beating and slashing. There was no protection at the top of the ridges to prevent fires ultimately coming down onto the lower slopes. The Rewarewa track (this is the lower track going north from Whites Line) was the most convenient of the tracks from which to stop the spread of fire and therefore below that track the secondary growth was most substantial.
- 24.8 At the time of the handover of the area to the Crown Mr. Hayward had a substantial firebreak constructed along the ridge between 100 mile View and Cabbage Tree Knoll.
- 24.9 Since the time of the original 1970 Report and the 1985 official designation of the Reserve as the Hayward Eastern Hills Scenic Reserve, there have been numerous other tracks constructed by a variety of people, including Russell McStay of Mawson St, and now maintained by

volunteers of the Friends of Waiwhetu's Hayward Scenic Reserve.

These tracks can be seen on the website of the Friends of Waiwhetu's Hayward Scenic Reserve.

- 24.10 At the time of the transfer by Mr Hayward and its gazetting as a Scenic Reserve all the Tracks were open and in good order. Over the next two decades slips, overgrowth and general neglect had resulted in them being in poor shape. In 1962 after a meeting between the residents, and the Council it was decided that if the Council undertook the protection of the Reserve with a suitable firebreak the local residents would set about clearing and restoring the tracks. XXXVIII Tree Planting was organized by the Reserves Department and a fenced entrance with signboard was established.
- 24.11 There appear to be many more tracks than are necessary for the overall conservation management of the Reserve.
- Some smaller additions were made to the original 1938 bequest at the time of the disposal of Harry Hayward's estate, in 1954. By this time (1951) the estate totaled 48 acres, xxviii just 40% of the original holding. The additions were connected to the neighbouring Te Whiti bush reserve. A further addition from the Birdwood sub-division brought the combined Haywards-Te Whiti block to an area of approximately 133 acres. On the northern side this area connects with a considerable amount of land owned by the Hutt City Council, with some valuable native bush gullies.

- 26 By the time of his death it is just possible that Harry was the oldest living Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in New Zealand. \*xxix\*
- 27 Harry died an accidental death at the age of 96 on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1953. He was cremated and interred at Karori Public Cemetery. <sup>xxx</sup> His wife Jessica died a few months later on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1953.
- In 1954 following Harry's death, his son Cyril Hayward sold off a block of three acres on the southern side, at the top end Whites Line East. In 1969 he then sold a block of 19 acres to the Hutt City Council as Scenic Reserve. This was the remaining land that surrounded the homestead at 38 Tyndall Street and completed the Scenic Reserve's land area to its present coverage.
- 29 The land was vested in the Hutt City Council in 1958.
- 30 At the beginning of 1970 Cyril Hayward sold 14 acres and the attendant buildings, including the Homestead, to the **Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington** for £26,450. By 1971 this property had been passed onto the **Good Shepherd Convent Trust Board**. xxxi
- 31 Unfortunately the present owners, Lynda and Michael Pangrazio, have declined requests from me to check out the garden surrounds in relation to the track complex on the hills behind the house.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The Petrol Storage Shed at the back of 33 Tyndall Street should be registered as a heritage item.
- New and more detailed signboards should be erected at the Whites Line Entrance and also at the Mawson Street entrance.
- 3. A new and more detailed Hutt City Council brochure should be produced.
- 4. The Council should convene a Hayward Scenic Reserve Maintenance Committee.
- Hutt City Council should recognize the activities of Harry Miles Hayward on the same level as it does for Ratanui, the Percy Reserve and the Riddiford Gardens.

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#### **Personal Communication**

Deborah Adams, Hayward relation

Joanne Adams, Hayward relation

Pamela Campbell, local resident

Rosie Doole, Hutt City Council Officer

Bruce Dryden, former resident

Maurice Dryden, former resident

Gabriel Fergus, local resident

Greg Gilmore, local resident

Miles Hayward-Ryan, Hayward relation

Betty Hayward-Ryan, Hayward relation

Russell McStay, local resident and President of The Friends of Waiwhetu's

#### **Hayward Scenic Reserve**

Lynda Pangrazio, one of the present owners of 38 Tyndall St.

Bob Pilcher, former farmer labourer of the Haywards

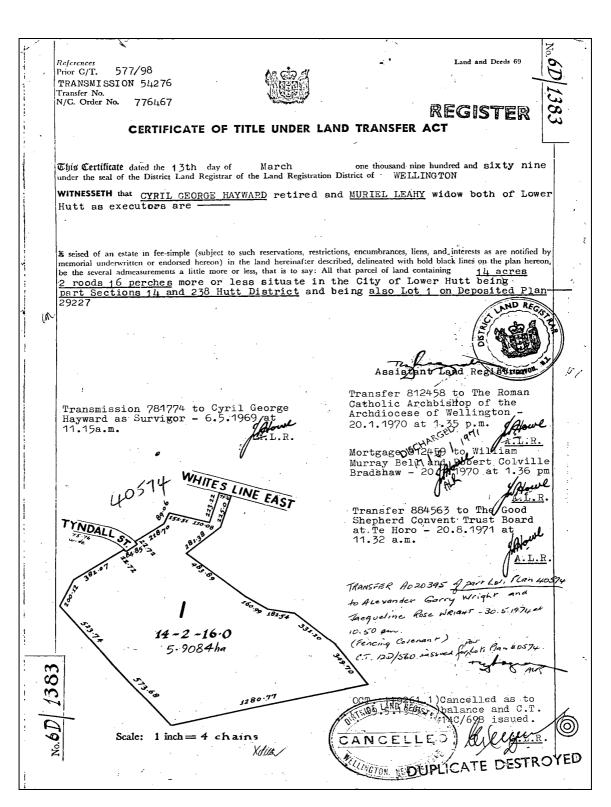
Terry Puketapu, local Iwi.

Website of the Friends of Waiwhetu's Hayward Scenic Reserve.

www.waiwhetu.org.nz

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Appendix 1. 38 Tyndall St. Certificate of Title. 375/252. 1928



Appendix 2. 38 Tyndall St. Certificate of Title 6D/1383. 1969

#### A GENEROUS GIFT LOWER HUTT AREA FOR USE AS PUBLIC RESERVE

A very fine area of native bush has been given to the Government as a public reserve by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hayward, of White's Line, Lower Hutt, according to an announcement made by the Minister of Lands (the Hon. F. Langstone) today. The area, which is to be known as Hayward Park, comprises about 43 acres, and in addition to a luxuriant growth of nikau, punga ferns, etc., there is a splendid variety of most of New Zealand's native, flora.

Mr. Langstone said that for many years the conservation of this area of native bush had been the aim and object of Mr. Hayward, who was a very keen naturalist. As evidence of Mr. Hayward's keenness, there were miles of tracks which had been laid down through the bush, and these had cost a fair sum of money, to say nothing of years of arduous work by the donors.

"It gives one intense pleasure," said Mr. Langstone, "to visit this reserve and take an enjoyable walk through the glades of trees and ferns. Small streams trickle down the hillside, and these, during heavy rainfall, become foaming torrents, all of which adds beauty to the scene. The area is very close to the Hutt and Petone boroughs and, indeed, the city of Wellington is within a few minutes' drive. Situated as it is on the hillside, the visitor obtains one of the finest views of the Hutt Valley, the city of Wellington, and, on a clear day, one can even see the Kaikouras in the South Island.

"In accepting, on behalf of the Government, this splendid gift, I wish to thank publicly Mr. and Mrs. Hayward for their public spirit and generosity in donating this fine reserve to the nation. As Minister of Lands I am instructing the Under-Secretary of Lands to complete the transfer, with a view to its formal public reservation. It will be known as 'Hayward Park.'"

Appendix 3. <u>Evening Post</u>, Volume CXXV, Issue 92, 20 April 1938, Page 10

#### A GIFT TO THE PEOPLE

Areas of native bush in the vicinity of the cities of the Dominion are rare enough today to make it an event when one is presented to the people for use as a reserve for all time. Happily in the past Wellington has had its share in the generous gifts of citizens, notably Williams Park at Day's Bay, Wilton's Bush, and the Memorial Park on the western bank of the Hutt River just beyond the Silverstream Bridge, to which new access will be provided by the Western Hutt Road, when it is completed. The latest gift, announced by the Minister of Lands (Mr. Langstone) yesterday, is that of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hayward, of White's Line, Lower Hutt, who have presented to the Government as a public reserve an area of 43 acres of mixed bush, including nikau palms and punga ferns, on the slopes of the Hutt Valley, close to Lower Hutt and Petone and within easy distance of | Wellington. The conservation of this area of native bush has been a hobby for many years of Mr. Hayward, a keen naturalist, who has laid down tracks through the bush for convenience of access. The reserve, which will be known as Hayward Park, is well watered with running streams and commands a splendid view of the harbour and Wellington in the distance. The generosity and public spirit of the donors will be deeply appreciated by the people of Wellington and the Hull Valley and their surrounding districts.

Appendix 4. Evening Post, Volume CXXVI, Issue 93, 21 April 1938, Page 8

#### **Endnotes:**

Family history suggests 1857, however there are two records that state 1856.

pers. comm. Betty Hayward-Ryan. October 2010. NB. No documentary proof has been cited for this.

iii Cyclopedia of New Zealand. Vol.1 Wellington. Wellington. 1897. pg 802.

iv Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup> A concise history of Melrose, with participants, can be found in Ward.L. Early Wellington. pg.265.

vi This was according to Harry Hayward's Obituary Evening Post . 1 June. 1953

vii These have not yet been located.

viii quoted in Johnston. W. Moera. Sleeping in the Sun. Lower Hutt. 2001. pgs. 7-8.

ix Certificate of Title. 375/252. See Appendix 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>x</sup> Although there are records that indicate that he had some difficulties with the Council about the disposal of waste, from his butchery operations, into the Waiwhetu stream.

xi Deeds Index. 3/525; 27/189; 34/634. Hutt District 238.

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xiii Millar. D.P. Once Upon a Village. Lower Hutt. 1972. pg.57.

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xv Frederick de Jersy Clere's work includes such well-known landmarks as St. Mary's of the Angels Church and the AMP Building in Wellington.

xvi pers. comm. Betty Hayward-Ryan. October 2010.

Anecdotal evidence is that his car is at Southwards Car Museum in Paraparaumu, however that is yet to be confirmed.

Evening Post. 21 April 1938. pg.8. See Appendix 4

This particular event cannot yet be substantiated as the case has not been identified among Court Records searched.

xx Evening Post. 20<sup>th</sup> April. 1938. pg. 10. See Appendix 3
xxi This is dealt with in Ben Schrader. We Call It Home. 2005. pgs. 57-60

xxii Letter To Minister of Internal Affairs. 8 June 1949. HCC Archives. Arch 42859

xxiii History of Haywards Reserve. Hutt City Archives. Arch 54775.

pers.comm. with several of the older local residents.

xxv See accompanying photo of a painting titled "Lovers Lane"

pers.comm. Property of Mrs. Betty Hayward-Ryan of Palmerston North. October 2010. History of Haywards Reserve May 1970. pg.4.

xxviii Certificate of Title 557/98. 1951.

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xxxi Certificate of Title, 6D/1383, 1969, see Appendix 2