

FOSELLA Marco Guiesepe

Born: 12 Mar 1846 Florence, Italy
Died: 24 Sep 1921 (75) Wellington, NZ
Buried: Karori cemetery, Wellington NZ

Father: Giavanssi
Mother:

Married: c 1875 & 28 Apr 1892 Wellington, NZ

CIARULLI Ottavia

Born: c 1856 Florence, Italy
Died: 6 Nov 1923 (77) Wellington, NZ
Buried: Karori cemetery, Wellington NZ

Father:
Mother:

Children:

Fosella Ida
Born: 6 Sep 1876 Wellington, NZ
Died: 17 Oct 1947 (71) Wellington, NZ
Buried: Karori cemetery, Wellington NZ

Married: 13 Jan 1904

Humphry/s Arthur George
Born: c 1879 Victoria, Aus
Died: 18 Jul 1923 (44) Wellington, NZ
Buried: Karori cemetery, Wellington NZ

Fosella Hector (Elton)
Born: 19 Oct 1877 Wellington, NZ
Died: 3 Jul 1880 (3) Wellington, NZ
Buried: Bolton St memorial Park, Wellington, NZ

Fosella Hector John
Born: 12 Oct 1881 Wellington, NZ
Died: 29 Aug 1882 (0) Wellington, NZ
Buried:

Fosella Anita Elvira
Born: 10 Mar 1887 Wellington, NZ
Died: 25 Feb 1951 (64) Waipukurau, NZ
Buried: Norsewood, NZ, cemetery

Married: 30 Dec 1915 Levin, NZ

Goldsmith Archer William
 Born: 7 Oct 1887 Wellington, NZ
 Died: 19 Nov 1956 (69)
 Buried: Norsewood, NZ, cemetery

Fosella Leila Igea
 Born; 15 Oct 1888 Wellington, NZ
 Died: 22 Jan 1940 (52) Buller, NZ
 Buried: Orowaiti cemetery, Westport, NZ

Married: (1st) 7 Oct 1908 Wanganui, NZ
 Divorced 1915

Fairs Athol Edmund Carleton
 Born: 1 Aug 1888 Wanganui, NZ
 Died: 16 May 1920 (34) Stratford, NZ
 Buried: Kopuatama cemetery, Stratford, NZ

Married: (2nd) 17 Aug 1918 Wellington, NZ

Hook David Henry Friend (Harry)
 Born: 9 Nov 1896 Wellington, NZ
 Died: 4 Nov 1972 (76)
 Buried: WW1, Service No 77256

Notes:

See fuller profile on the Heritage Horowhenua website, under "Did you Know"

Signed 1905 Levin borough petition & was on unofficial census as storekeeper with 4 people & 2 buildings

Naturalized 21 Aug 1893

Property:

Marco:

Town Block 1, Section 4	1904	66-70 Salisbury St
Town Block 1, Section 5	1904	66-70 Salisbury St
Town Block 10, Section Pt 6	1905 – 1925	3A Stanley St
Town Block 11, Lot 30	1896 – 1900	211 Oxford St
Town Block 18, Section 3	1901 – 1902	Part Thompson House Reserve
Suburban Block 34	1902 – 1916	Bounded by Macarthur St, Queenwood Rd, Hobson St Gardener St

Ottavia:

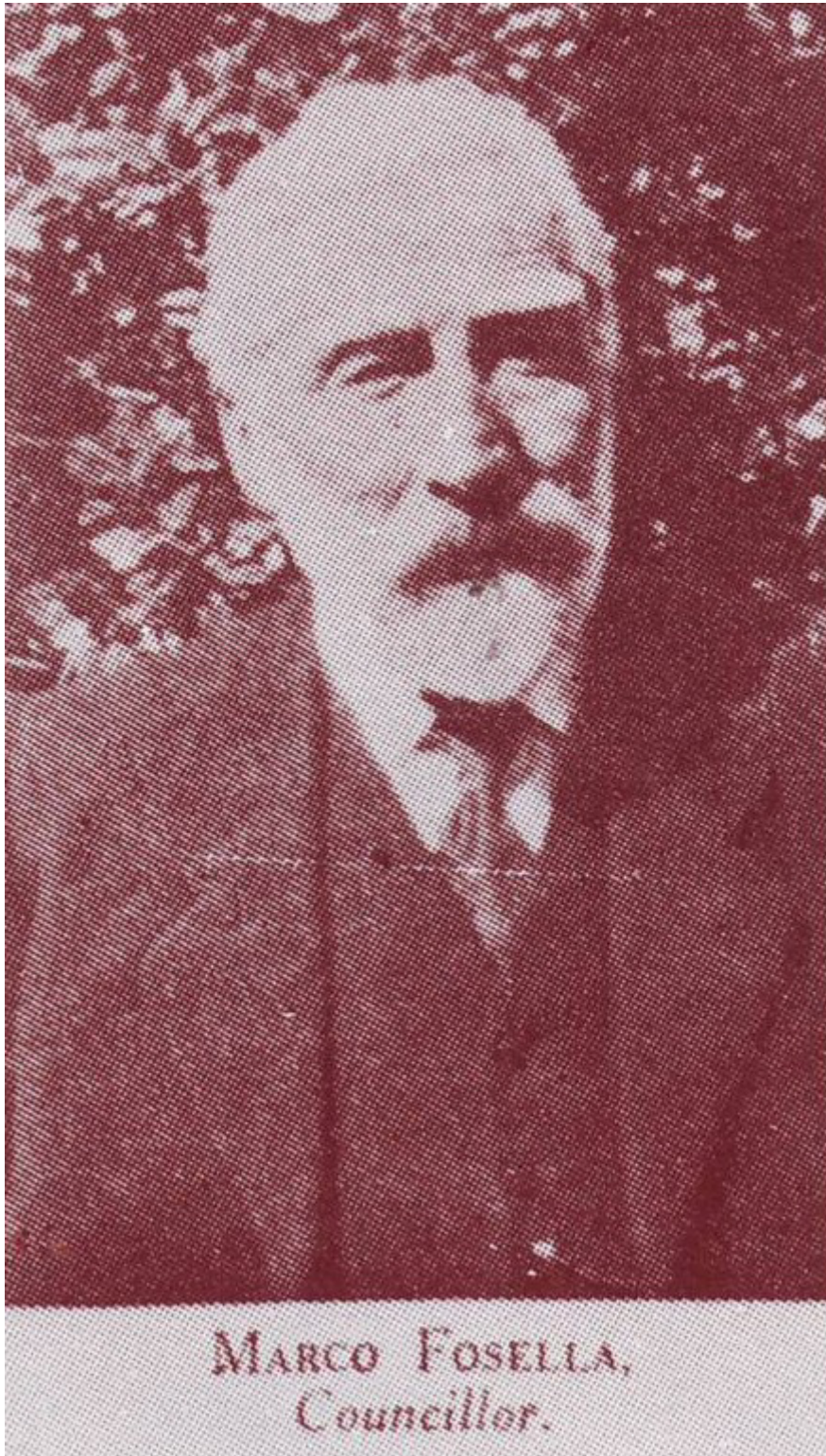
Town Block 1, Section 1	1900- 1903	31 York St
Town Block 1, Section 2	1901 – 1902	29 York/74 & 76 Salisbury St

Town Block 1, Section 3	1900 – 1907	72 Salisbury St
Town Block 1, section 4	1903	66-70 Salisbury St
Town Block 1, Section 5	1903	66-70 Salisbury St
Town Block 9, Section Pt 5	1900 – 1925	32 Queen St
Town Block 17, Section 20	1901 – 1925	538 Queen/93 Winchester Sts
Town Block 17, Section 21	1901 – 1925	91 Winchester St

Electoral Rolls:

Marco			Ottavia	
1893	Wellington	Clothing Manufacturer	Wellington	Married
1897	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1899	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1900	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1905	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1908	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1911	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1914	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1919	Levin	Storekeeper	Levin	Married
1922			Auckland	Widow
Arthur			Ida	
1905	Wellington	Builder	Wellington	Spinster
1908	Wellington	Storeman	Wellington	Married
1911	Wellington	Traveller	Wellington	Married
1919	Wellington	Traveller	Wellington	Married
1922	Wellington	Traveller	Wellington	Married
1928			Wellington	Widow
1931			Petone	Widow
1935			Petone	Widow
1938			Petone	Widow
1941			Petone	Widow
1943			Petone	Widow
1946			Petone	Widow
Archer			Anita	
1908	Wellington	Salesman		
1911	Wellington	Warehouseman		
1914	Wellington	Salesman		
1919	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1922	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1925	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1928	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1931	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1935	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1938	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1941	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1943	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1946	Auckland	Warehouseman	Auckland	Married
1949	Norsewood	Retired	Norsewood	Married
1954	Norsewood	Retired		

	David		Leila	
1919	Winchester St	Labourer	Levin	Married
1922	Queen St	Labourer	Levin	Married
1925	Wellington	Painter & Decorater	Wellington	Married
1928	Westport	Painter & Decorater	Westport	Married
1931	Westport	Painter & Decorater	Westport	Married
1935	Westport	Painter & Decorater	Westport	Married
1938	Westport	Painter & Decorater	Westport	Married
1941	Wellington	Painter		
1943	Cambridge St	Painter		
1946	Beach Rd	Painter		
1949	Mangaroa	Painter		
1954	Beach Rd	Painter		
1957	Beach Rd	Painter		
1960	Beach Rd	Painter		
1963	171 Cambridge St	Retired		
1966	171 Cambridge St	Retired		



Evening Post 13 March 1889

as | An information has been sworn against
ts | **Marco Fosella**, tailor, of Abel Smith-street,
ly | under the Employment of Females and Others
ie | Act, for a breach of that measure. The case,
d | which will be heard on Friday next, is the
de | result of a visit paid by Constable O'Rourke,
to | Inspector, on Saturday afternoon last, when
ie | he found two females working on Fosella's
rs | premises after the hours of duty prescribed
y, | by the Act.

H C 26 Sep 1921

DEATH.

FOSELLA.—At Wellington, on September 24, 1921, **Marco Fosella**, beloved husband of Ottavia **Fosella**; aged 75.

H C 19 Jan 1927

PERSONAL.

Mrs Goldsmith (a daughter of the late Mr **Marco Fosella**), formerly a resident of Levin, but now of Auckland, is on a holiday visit to relatives in this town.

DEATH.

FOSELLA.—On November 4th, 1923, at her daughter's residence, Mrs Ida Humphrys, Tasman st., Wellington, Ottavia, relict of the late **Marco Fosella**, and mother of Aniti Goldsmith, of Auckland, and Lelia Hook, of Levin. Aged 66 years. Died suddenly; deeply regretted.

Press 28 Sep 1921

OBITUARY.

The death occurred on Saturday of Mr **Marco Fosella**, an old settler of Levin. He arrived in Wellington in the ship Gottenburg, and settled at Levin in 1893. Prior to this he served throughout the Franco-Prussian War, in 1870-71. He leaves a widow, three daughters, and eight grandchildren. The daughters are Mesdames A. Goldsmith (Auckland), A. Humphrey (Wellington), and D. Hook (Levin).

H C 2 Mar 1915

Pears and plums are for sale by Mr
Marco Fosella, Kawi road.

Manawatu Standard 7 Nov 1923

The death has occurred at Wellington of an old and well-known resident of Levin in the person of Mrs Marco Fosella, at the age of 66 years. The deceased lady was born in Florence, Italy, and was married at the age of 18 to the late Mr Marco Fosella, coming to this country 47 years ago. After some years' residence in Wellington, where her husband was in business, she went to Levin about 30 years ago, when the district was just evolving from the native bush.

NZ Times 2 Aug 1909

Transfer, Hokio Native Township,
section 9, block 11, J. Cole to
Marco Fosella. Granted.

**MR MARCO FOSELLA'S CURIOS,
PRESENTED TO THE BOROUGH**

At last night's meeting of the Borough Council the following letter was received from Mr **Marco Fosella**:

On the eve of departing from Levin I beg you to accept all the curios that I have been collecting during my stay in New Zealand. It is my wish that they shall be placed in the Public Library until such a time that, with the help of other citizens there will be sufficient quantity to start a museum.

If this offer is accepted kindly appoint somebody to make an inventory and take delivery of the same.

The Mayor moved and Cr. Goldsmith seconded "that this Council on behalf of the residents of Levin and district accept with thanks from Mr **Marco Fosella** the generous gift of his collection of curios, and that his wishes contained in his letter be given effect to; also that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Fosello."

In speaking to the motion the Mayor said Mr **Fosella** should be congratulated on his decision. He was the first citizen who had given such a gift which would form the nucleus of a museum. The Mayor mentioned that Mr Fosella was one of the oldest citizens of Levin. He had always taken a keen interest in Borough affairs and had been a councillor for a number of years and he was arranging a public farewell.

MRS MARCO FOSELLA.

The death occurred yesterday in Wellington at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Ida Humphry, of an old and well-known resident of Levin in the person of Mrs Marco Fosella, at the age of 66 years.

The deceased lady was born in Florence, Italy, and was married at the age of 18 to the late Marco Fosella, coming to this country 47 years ago. After some years' residence in Wellington, where her husband was in business, she came to Levin about 30 years ago, when the district was just evolving from the native bush. During her long residence in Levin the late Mrs Fosella was justly popular for her sterling character and the breadth of sympathy which made her always anxious to render assistance where needed. She was visiting her daughter in Levin only last week and her sudden death will be a distinct shock to a large circle of local friends. She is survived by three married daughters, Mesdames Humphry (Wellington), C. Hook (Levin), and Goldsmith (Auckland), to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their sad loss.

Fielding Star 12 Sep 1917

Mr **Marco Fosella**, of Levin, is in receipt of a letter from the French Minister for War, intimating that a medal has been awarded to Mr **Fosella** for his part in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. Mr **Fosella** was through the Franco-Prussian War with the Franc-Tireurs.

Manawatu Times 15 Nov 1919

Mr and Mrs **Marco Fosella**, old residents of Levin, leave on Saturday en route to Tahiti, where they will reside in future, this step being taken for the benefit of Mr Fosella's health. It is the intention of the citizens to entertain the worthy couple to-morrow afternoon and make them a presentation, Mr **Fosella** having closely identified himself with the public life of the town during his 25 years' residence, and has proved a citizen worthy of the esteem and respect of the whole community.

"That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the great interest taken in the welfare and advancement of Levin and district by the late Mr **Marco Fosella** during his residence of over 20 years, and, further, it extends to Mrs **Fosella** and family its deepest sympathy in their bereavement and trusts the knowledge that his many public efforts, and especially his work in connection with the Fallen Soldiers' Honour Roll, have been so much appreciated, will help to soften the blow."

A fine sight and one that promises a rich harvest later on is Mr Marco Fosella's vinery in Kawiu road. The vines are looking fine and healthy, absolutely free from pests of any kind, and are laden with fruit. In the orchard, owing to the ravages of the bronze beetle things do not look so well. This pest has damaged the greater part of the apple crop. The pear trees look extremely healthy, though the gales of the last month brought down much of the fruit.

A LOCAL MUSEUM

MR MARCO FOSELLA'S GIFT.

In the excellent collection of curios and historic articles which have been presented to the town by Mr Marco Fosella and which are now on exhibition at the library, there is the nucleus of a fine museum. More than that, Mr Fosella brought back from Tahiti a further collection, which he intends to add to his previous gift when suitable accommodation is provided for displaying them. Mr Fosella is a keen collector and observer of nature, and the hundred and one articles which he has got together form a valuable asset. With such an excellent start, the citizens of the town should not let the opportunity escape of adding to the collection, and finally securing proper accommodation and displaying the exhibition in an adequate way, thus providing a museum, on a small scale that would do credit to the town. In the meantime

wanted, and the matter with that object in view might very well be taken into consideration by all who have the welfare and progress of the town at heart.

DEATH OF MR MARCO FOSELLA.

A WORTHY CITIZEN.

The news received in Levin on Saturday afternoon of the serious illness of Mr Marco Fosella, in Wellington, was unfortunately followed a little later by the advice of his death, an event that will be lamented by the community generally. The deceased was suffering from double pneumonia following on bronchial weakness of long standing.

The late Mr Fosella was born in the famous Italian city of Florence 75 years ago, his father being a distinguished Florentine engraver. After spending his boyhood in Italy, Mr Fosella travelled a good deal in Europe, eventually going into commercial pursuits in Paris, where he spent nine years. With the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, he enlisted

for service in the International Ambulance and served in the Battle of Sedan and later as a franc-tireur. Mr **Fosella** held the 1870 medal and after the war joined the volunteers under the Republic, becoming a sergeant in this force. After passing through these eventful years, he decided to try his fortune abroad, and so in 1875 he sailed in the ship Gutenberg for New Zealand, arriving in Wellington after a voyage of a hundred days, which very nearly ended on a reef of rocks off Stewart Island, the vessel having a very narrow escape from being cast away. Mr **Fosella** had had experience of the clothing trade and he established a factory in Wellington that was very successful and his goods won medals at the N.Z. Exhibition (1885), the Indian and Colonial Exhibition (1886) and the Paris Exposition (1891). When the Manawatu line was being opened up, Mr **Fosella** was one of those who had faith in the future of this coast, and he bought an 80-acre

block of land from the Railway Company at Koputaroa (or Kereru as it was then called). Here he went in for dairy farming, and finally settled in Levin, where he engaged in the drapery and clothing business and went in for fruit-growing.

The late Mr Fosella was, both in deed and spirit, a citizen of the country wherein, for the time being, he was resident, and just as he did not hesitate to serve France against the German invader, he cheerfully took his share of civic and social duty in New Zealand. In Levin he was a generous patron of sport, a willing worker in many local societies, a keen critic of municipal affairs, and a regular and incisive newspaper correspondent. Local and district progress owes much to his initiative and enthusiasm. As well as being interested in the practical side of fruit culture, he was the first secretary of the Horowhenua Fruit-growers' Association,

and a persistent advocate of the establishment of canning works in Levin. He sat on the Borough Council for several terms, was a member of the School Committee and captain of the Boating Club. An elaborate plan of improvements at the Lake drawn to his design is still in existence as evidence of the possibilities he could see in this fine piece of water. The Hokianga Beach found in him a strong advocate, and generally he was found using his talents and activities for worthy local objects. During the war period he devoted himself to the interests of the fighting men, and he kept a valuable record of the soldiers who went from this district. Later on he took a keen interest in the proposals for the erection of a fitting memorial to our soldiers. The late Mr Fosella leaves a permanent evidence of his association with Levin in the foundation of the local museum at present housed in the Library. This in

teresting and varied collection of curios, which he had assembled during the travels of a lifetime, formed a valuable gift to the town, which was gratefully accepted by the Borough Council on behalf of the community. On his last visit to Levin a few weeks ago, Mr Fosella made what proved to be his last gift to the town in the shape of a seat for the memorial gardens, and this is ready to be handed over. From this brief account of the deceased gentleman's activities in Levin it will be seen that he did not spare himself in the public good, and his death will therefore be regretted for public as well as private reasons. On many questions he took an independent stand, but he was at the same time a man of broad views, generous impulses and warm friendships. Cosmopolitan in his toleration and outlook, he all the more appreciated the freedom and opportunities he enjoyed in a British Dominion, and while still evincing a pardonable pride in the land of his birth, he was a loyal

and self-sacrificing citizen of the country that was his home for so many years. His passing hence will bring a genuine sense of loss to a host of friends in Levin, and his widow and family are assured of the town's sincere sympathy.

The late Mr Fosella was the younger of the two sons of Giovanni Fosella, of Florence, many of whose works of engraving are regarded as masterpieces in the world of art. The elder brother, Joseph, has held an important position in the Italian Government Arsenal for many years.

Mr Fosella married in Italy, and is survived by a widow and family of three daughters: Mrs D. Hook (Levin), Mrs Humphry (Wellington), and Mrs Goldsmith (Auckland).

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, a companion of the French Constitution, and one of the very few Masons of that Order in the Dominion.

THIS is to notify that the partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned has been dissolved, as from the 7th day of April, 1883, as regard the said Daniel Hyams. The business of the partnership will, in future, be carried on by the said Thomas Trowell and **Marco Fosella**, who will discharge all the liabilities of the late partnership.

Dated this third day of May, 1883.

T. TROWELL,
M. **FOSELLA**,
D. HYAMS.

Witness to the signature of T. Trowell and
M. Fosella—C. K. SKERRITT, Articled
Clerk to Hugh Gully, Solicitor, Wel-
lington.

Witness to the signature of D. Hyams—E.
DIXON.

Mr **Marco Fosella** wrote in reply regarding the exit from the gallery of the picture theatre owned by him. He enclosed a rough plan showing alterations which he felt certain would meet with the Council's approval. He hoped the matter would be treated as urgent as he wished to have the alterations made immediately.

On Cr. Parker's motion, Cr. Harvey was appointed to confer with the acting superintendent of the Fire Brigade in regard to getting a satisfactory exit to this theatre, with power to act.

Mr Marco Fosella, formerly of Levin, wrote from Auckland to the Borough Council last evening, forwarding four packages of curios, which he asked should be accepted as an addition to the proposed museum for Levin. The Mayor (Mr D. W. Matheson) said it was very pleasing to receive such a welcome addition to Mr. Fosella's former gift to the proposed museum, and he was worthy of the thanks of the town. It was proposed to house the gifts at the library, and each article would be named and properly displayed. On the Mayor's motion, a vote of thanks was passed to the donor.