

McALLEY Robert Gilchrist

Born: 18 Mar 1891 Hunterville, NZ
Died: 10 Apr 1933 (42) Hunterville, NZ
Buried: Rangatira cemetery, Hunterville, NZ
WW1, Service No 11/2459, Trooper, 11 Reinforcements
Wellington Mounted Rifles, B Squadron

Father: Robert James 1856 – 1934 Hunterville
Mother: Margery Mcgregor Cameron 1856 – 1915 Hunterville

Married: 26 Nov 1919 Bulls, NZ

RAINE Gwendolyn Dudley

Born: 28 Sep 1895 Wanganui, NZ
Died: 29 Oct 1946 (51) Havelock Nth, NZ
Buried: Havelock Nth, NZ, cemetery

Father: Joseph Dudley O'Callaghan 1858 – 1942 Hillsborough
Mother: Sarah Jane Phillips 1857 – 1905 Sandon

Children:

McAlley Jocelyn Richmond

Born: 29 Aug 1920
Died: 30 Aug 2000 (80) Sydney, Aus
Buried:

Married: 10 Mar 1950

Wright Kenneth James (Ken)

Born: 9 Apr 1927
Died: 18 Jun 2009 (82) Tairua, Nz
Buried:
WW2, Service No 666164, J Force, Sapper, NZ Engineers

McAlley Lindsay Ray (Lyn)

Born: 5 Dec 1921 New Plymouth, NZ
Died: 12 May 1993 (72) Hastings, NZ
Buried: Hastings, NZ, cemetery

Married: (1st) 4 Jan 1944 Divorced 19 Feb 1952

Maney Gordon Alfred

Born: 9 May 1922 Napier, NZ
Died: 16 May 2006 (94) Palmerston Nth, NZ
Buried:
WW2, Merchant Navy

Married: (2nd) 25 Jun 1955

1954	Palmerston Nth	Traveller	Hastings	Divorced
	George			
1963	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1966	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1969	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1972	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1975	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1978	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1981	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1987	Hastings	Electrician	Hastings	Married
1995	Hastings	Retired		

OXFORD LUNCHEON AND TEA ROOMS.

TO OPEN ON MONDAY.

The Taieri Tea Rooms in Oxford Street have been taken over by Mrs **McAlley** and Miss Crook, who, in order to bring the rooms up to their requirements, decided to close down for about a fortnight and have the work of renovation done thoroughly. Plumbers, painters, carpenters, decorators and electricians have all been busy endeavouring to have the work complete by the end of this week, and, as the Oxford Rooms the premises will be opened on Monday. The whole establishment has been thoroughly cleaned and the dining room is now divided in two, providing a large public room and a smaller room for ladies or small par-

ties. The walls have been repainted a deep cream while the hangings are of deep blue and fawn with bright picture subjects appropriate to the decorations. But it is in the kitchen that the greatest change has been wrought for practically the whole of the furniture and equipment has been discarded and the kitchen fitted out with the latest electric and gas appliances. Two electric cookers are installed which will efficiently cope with all the cooking requirements while gas is also laid on for boiling water and keeping the various prepared dishes hot while serving. Another addition and the first one to be installed in Levin is an electric Kelvinator or the latest American ice chest. This is mechanically operated, the necessary machinery being set in action when the temperature rises above a certain degree and automatically shutting off when it is back again to freezing point. Special iced fruit drinks will also be a feature at the Oxford.

The Rooms will open on Monday next at 3 p.m. for afternoon tea and after that date hot luncheons, afternoon and morning teas will be regularly provided. Light lunches or cold lunch will also be supplied to those requiring it. There is little doubt that the Oxford will meet with the success the enterprise and confidence of the proprietary deserve.

LDC 12 Jun 1928

**POLICY IN REGARD TO SIGN-
BOARDS.**

An application on behalf of the **Oxford Tea Rooms** for permission to erect a signboard at the top of Queen Street, on Council property at the deviation, was declined.

LDC 8 Oct 1928

**FIRE IN BUSINESS QUARTER
INCE & CO.'S DRAPERY STORE
GUTTED.**

**OFFICE PREMISES, TAILOR'S AND
DRESSMAKER'S ALSO
BURNT OUT.**

wall there. On the northern side the two-storeyed building occupied by Mr Billens and the **Oxford Tea Rooms** (first floor) and Messrs K. Shaw and Hughes were in danger at one time, huge volumes of flame leaping over the brick wall and threatening an entry through the sky-lights of the tea-rooms. Some of the contents of the upper storey were salvaged but as events turned out this was not necessary. The intensity of the fire is indicated by the fact that the iron tie rods and anchors on the outside of the brick wall were melted by the heat.

LDC 16 Oct 1928

The Levin Fire Brigade acknowledge with thanks a donation of 10/6 from Mrs McAlley, proprietress of the **Oxford Tea Rooms.**

LDC 4 Apr 1930

NOTICE.

CONTRARY to the impression that the **Oxford Tea Rooms** are closed or changed hands, I wish to inform patrons that I am still managing for Mrs G. D. McAlley. Orders taken for home-made cakes, biscuits, scones, etc.
(Signed) K. S. JOSLIN.

Manawatu Standard 30 Oct 1930

Mrs **G. D. McAlley**, of Palmerston North, is progressing favourably after an operation at a private hospital last Saturday.

LDC 21 Nov 1930

The **Oxford Tea Rooms**, which were recently taken over by A. L. Williams, Ltd., provide a good three course dinner at 2s. This is well cooked and served piping hot. Morning and afternoon teas with home cooked dainties are also provided. Williams's Tea Rooms cater as usual for light luncheons and specialties.*

LDC 30 Jul 1931

FIRE IN HASWELL'S BUILDINGS

LARDER OF OXFORD TEA-ROOMS DAMAGED.

WATER AFFECTS SHOPS ON GROUND FLOOR.

A fire which, had it broken out late at night, would have caused a serious conflagration, occurred in the store-room of Mr A. L. Williams's Oxford Tea-rooms last evening. The staff had left at six o'clock, and about ten minutes later Mr A. Billens, whose photographic studio and living-rooms are on the same floor—the upper storey of Haswell's Buildings, Oxford Street—heard a noise in the store-room. At first this suggested that a rat had gain-

ed entrance and was moving about, but as it continued he suspected the crackling of flames, and on opening the door from his workroom he discovered that the studio was filled with dense smoke. He immediately gave the alarm, and then made a rapid investigation, which disclosed the source of the outbreak, the flames being seen through the window of the store-room, which is located at the head of the stairs. The Brigade soon arrived, and took a lead of hose through the main entrance of the building and up the stairs. The door of the store-room was found to be locked, and the panels had to be broken to enable the hose to be played through it. A few minutes sufficed to extinguish the blaze, and the fire damage was confined to the interior of the room, where the walls were charred

and several pounds' worth of provisions and various culinary articles were destroyed and fittings damaged. Owing to the smoke not having found an outlet from the upper storey, it was very thick, and the Brigade's smoke-helmets were used. Slight damage was done to the studio by smoke and water, and two business places on the ground floor were affected by water. In the store-room of Mr H. J. Hughes's baker's shop it did not cause appreciable damage, but in the store-room of Mr K. Shaw (hardware merchant) many articles were drenched, and, while some of them can be re-conditioned, others, such as a stock of shot cartridges, are rendered useless.

The blaze was evidently fiercest in the southern part of the Oxford's store-room, and it was fortunate that the wall on that side was protected by corrugated iron on the outside; otherwise the fire might have broken through into the roof-well, at the bottom of which was a skylight.

The building, which is owned by Mr S. A. Gooding, of Palmerston N., was insured in the Northern Office. Mr Williams had a policy of £500 on the Oxford plant, stock and fittings, in the State Office.

LDC 28 Oct 1931

OXFORD TEA ROOMS FIRE.

CHARGE OF ARSON FAILS JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY."

In the Supreme Court at Palmerston North yesterday, Myrtle Daphne Ada Jones, aged 20 years, was charged with having wilfully set fire to Haswell's buildings, Oxford Street, Levin, on the afternoon of July 29th (a Wednesday, at about 6 o'clock). She pleaded not guilty.

LDC 13 May 1935

An X-ray examination at the Palmerston North Hospital on Saturday evening revealed that Miss Winnie Higgs, the victim on Saturday morning of an eighteen foot fall through a skylight at the **Oxford Tea Rooms**, experienced a remarkable escape from very serious injury, there being no broken bones. The unfortunate young lady is suffering from very severe cuts about the arms and body, but otherwise her condition is as satisfactory as can be expected.

LDC 17 Sep 1940

The committee received an application from Mr. S. A. Gooding for a permit to convert the upstairs portion of his premises in Oxford Street, formerly occupied by the Oxford Tea Rooms, into two self-contained flats. The application was referred to the finance committee, with power to act, and to seek the comments of the building inspector and Levin Fire Brigade's superintendent.

Chronicle 19 Apr 1947

WANTED.—A capable lady assistant, good wages and working conditions. Apply Oxford Tea Rooms.

Chronicle 8 Oct 1947

WANTED.—Young Lady for kitchen work. Apply Mr. Croad, Oxford Tea Rooms, Levin.

A H Croad

Chronicle 2 Feb 1948

OXFORD TEA ROOMS.

WE wish to advise that the management of the Oxford Tea-rooms is now under the personal supervision of the owners, and a share of your patronage would be much appreciated.

IT IS OUR AIM TO GIVE
PROMPT SERVICE AND
SATISFACTION.