

In the minute books of the Geraldine Croquet Club, it refers to Dr Paterson as the president in 1913-15. Mr and Mrs Paterson were both members and former presidents of the club and gifted balls and later hoops to the club. It wasn't until seeing that Dr Paterson signed the medical certificate for Charles Tincler (one of our soldiers on the memorial) that I started to find out more about Dr Paterson. His full name was Dr William Fergus Paterson but known as Fergus. He was born in Cromwell on 21 December 1876. Dr Paterson was registered as a doctor on the 1 May 1903. He was practicing in Geraldine and was also the Mayor of Geraldine 1917-1918. His brother Douglas McKnight Paterson became the doctor in Geraldine around about March 1919.



Dr Paterson (Service number 3/4277) joined up and left for England 1 June 1918 on the Marama Hospital Ship (see picture). Sadly, dying of disease (Influenza and Broncho pneumonia) on 14 Nov 1918 in England. He was 41 years old. He is buried Brookwood Military Cemetery.

Captain William Fergus Paterson was the son of William Aird Paterson and Martha Grange Paterson, of Dunedin; husband of Caroline Henrietta Paterson (nee Raymond), of Wilson St., Geraldine, South Canterbury, New Zealand. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Eng. One of seven brothers who served in the First World War: Thomas Paterson (1878-1956), No. 49309, Warrant Officer, Otago Infantry Regiment; John Gladstone Paterson (1881-1947), No. 2/2943, Lieutenant, NZ Divisional Ammunition Column; Reginald Paterson (1887-1969), No. 36250, Lieutenant, New Zealand Field Artillery; Archibald (Archie) Aird Paterson (1888-1967), No. 36783, Sergeant, 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade; Stanley Gordon Paterson (1891-1971), No. 41216, Lieutenant, New Zealand Rifle Brigade and Leslie Mackay Paterson (1893-1940), No. 18088, Lieutenant Auckland Mounted Rifles. He was the only one out of the 7 brothers to not return.

He was married in Dunedin 7 December 1907 to Caroline Henrietta Raymond. She died in 1954. They had one child Jura Isabel Paterson born 4 April 1913 in Geraldine and died in 1980. Jura Paterson married Arthur Nicholls and had a son Roger Phillip Nicholls who died in 1972 aged 29. We believe he had a daughter circa 1971. The Thomson family are researching this further.

There is an obituary below published in the Timaru paper. "The late Captain Paterson's life was a very valuable one to the people of Geraldine, for apart from his consummate skill as a surgeon and his work as a doctor-in which latter capacity he was a friend as well as a physician to his patients- he took an active interest in the advancement of the town, and was the inaugurator of the advancement scheme and one of its most enthusiastic workers."

The family have recently updated their records and produced a detailed summary of his Education, Civic Services, Military Service and Interests. The croquet club was delighted to be able to assist in finding the photo of him in the Geraldine Library.

REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS—continued.

Date of Registration.	Name.	Qualification.	Residence.
1906, Mar. 7	Paterson, Ada Gertrude ..	M.B. and Bach. Surg. 1906, Univ. N.Z. ..	Dunedin.
1897, Dec. 6	Paterson, Alexander ..	M.B., Mast. Surg., 1866, M.D. 1868, Univ. Edin.	Dunedin.
1896, April 28	Paterson, John ..	M.B., Mast. Surg., Univ. Glasg. 1892 ..	Wellington.
1903, May 1	Paterson, William Fergus ..	Mem. R. Coll. Surg. Eng. 1902. Lic. R. Coll. Phys. Lond. 1902. M.B., Bach. Surg., Univ. N.Z. 1903	Geraldine.
1881, May 7	Paterson, William Smyth ..	Lic. R. Coll. Phys. Edin. 1878. Lic. R. Coll. Surg. Edin. 1878.	
1906, Mar. 22	Patterson, Thomas Charles	M.B. and Bach. Surg. 1906, Univ. N.Z. ..	Alexandra, Otago.



New Zealand Defence Force - Geraldine Rifles - 1916

HOSPITAL SHIP No. 2, "MARAMA"

(FOURTH CHARTER).

SIXTH DEPARTURE FROM NEW ZEALAND.

LEFT NEW ZEALAND 1st JUNE, 1918.

Reg. Nr.	Rank.	Name.	Occupation.	Name and Address of Next-of-kin.
NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL CORPS.				
3/744	Colonel ..	†Collins, William Edward ..	Physician ..	Mrs. I. G. D. Collins (wife), Hobson Street, Wellington.
3/1119	Major ..	Johnston, William Philip..	Med. Practitioner	Mrs. W. P. Johnston (wife), care of B. P. Menzies, 3 Cobden Road, Napier.
3/2915	Captain ..	†Christie, Allan Leslie ..	Surgeon ..	Captain H. H. Christie (brother), No. 1 N.Z. General Hospital, Brockenhurst, Hants, England.
3/4277	" ..	Paterson, William Fergus	"	Mrs. C. H. Paterson (wife), Geraldine.
3/2560	" ..	Russell, Gerald	"	Mrs. A. M. Russell (wife), care of T. G. Russell, Pananui

A VALUED CITIZEN.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN W. FERGUS PATERSON.

Late on Monday afternoon the sad news of the death of Captain W. Fergus Paterson, reached Geraldine, by means of a cable message to Mrs Paterson from Mr Archie Paterson, brother of the late Captain Paterson, who was with him at the last. Early on Monday morning a cable had reached Mrs Paterson from the Defence Minister, stating that her husband was lying ill with bronchial pneumonia at the Hornchurch Convalescent Hospital in England, and this may have in a measure prepared her for the sad news to follow. Nevertheless the blow must have been a terrible one, and Mrs Paterson is assured of the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in her great bereavement. The late Captain Paterson's life was a very valuable one to the people of Geraldine, for apart from his consummate skill as a surgeon and his work as a doctor—in which latter capacity he was a friend as well as a physician to his patients—he took a very active interest in the advancement of the town, and was the inaugurator of the advancement scheme and one of its most enthusiastic workers. The late Dr Paterson had hardly started on his second year of office as Mayor of the borough when the serious state of affairs at the front called on him to feel it his duty to enlist, and he immediately made arrangements to leave after his proffered services had been accepted, and since last June his skill has been at the disposal of the sick and wounded. The late Dr Paterson was appointed Captain of the Temuka Rifles, in 1903. He was transferred to the Geraldine Volunteers in 1906, and to the active (unattached) in 1908. He was transferred to the reserve of officers in 1910, and to the N.Z.M.C. with the rank of captain, in 1912.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, prior to opening the ordinary business of the meeting, made feeling reference to the deaths of their late councillor, Mr Donald Grant, and to the late Mayor of Geraldine (the late Dr. W. Fergus Paterson). Mr Donald Grant, whose death it was his mournful duty to speak of, would be regretted by all. He had been brought up in the Temuka district, in the Geraldine County, and had worked well for his district. He had been best known to people as a successful farmer, but he took a great interest in, and was a member of, many local bodies in South Canterbury. Dr. Paterson, when he left for the war, had been Mayor of Geraldine, and had taken a great part in public affairs. His death was a great loss to the district.

Education, Civic Service, Military Service and Interests of Dr William Fergus Paterson (known as Fergus)

compiled from Military Records – NZ Archives, Newspaper Articles – Papers Past
(not a definitive list -please let us know if we can add more)

Primary School - Wakari School, Dunedin

Gymnastics Club

Secondary School - Otago Boys High School (OBHS)

Otago Boys commanding Cadets - Lieutenant Highschool Cadets 1895

Otago Boys High School Rugby Team - 1st Fifteen Rugby 1893 - 95

Campbell Trust Latin Prizeman

31 Jan 1895 Reported in the newspaper that he Passed the Medical Preliminary Examination on the junior scholarship papers

Tertiary Education – Otago University

1896 to 1901 – Medical Student

Graduates with M.B., Ch.B. NZ - Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Further Medical Studies - London

1902 - He completed degrees in M.R.C.S and L.R.C.P - Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians

1903 March – He goes on the Medical Register of NZ

1903 May – Starts practicing medicine in Temuka

1906 October – Starts his own medical practice in Geraldine

Military Service

1903 Appointed Captain of the Temuka Rifles

1906 Transferred to the Geraldine Rifles

1908 Transferred to the Active List (unattached)

1910 Transferred to the Reserve of Officers

1912 Transferred to New Zealand Medical Corp N.Z.M.C. with the rank of Captain

WW1 Service - May 1918 until his death 14 Nov 1918

3/4277 Capt. William Fergus Paterson

1918 May Dr William Fergus Paterson is called up in the 17th Ballot.

1918 1 May He is required to report for duty

1918 9 May Reports to Awapuni (Palmerston Nth), NZ Ambulance and Medical Corp Camp.

1918 29 May He is posted to the No.2 Hospital Ship.

1 June 1918 Dr W. Fergus Paterson departed Wellington, New Zealand on the Hospital Ship "Marama". Disembarks on 8/8/18 and is in London on 20/8/18 as stated in his Military records
(An obituary states that he left the ship in Marseilles and passed through France and then on to Southampton.)

7 Sept 1918 Posted to No. 2 Hospital for NZ Soldiers, Walton-on-Thames, Greater London, England

14 Nov 1918 He dies from the disease, Spanish Flu, Hornchurch Convalescent Hospital for NZ Soldiers. Greater London, England

Civic Service

Mayor of Geraldine- 13 April 1917 – 1918

Geraldine

Gas committee - Chairman

School Committee – Chairperson

Advancement Committee – Chairman - initiated a committee for the advancement of Geraldine.

Justice of Peace

Member of the executive league of the Geraldine Home and Empire League

Vice president of the St Patricks Sports Association

Inaugurated the Second Division League in Geraldine

Technical School Geraldine 1917 – Chairman

Croquet Club - President

Temuka

1906 Temuka High School Committee – Chairman



William Fergus Paterson

1876–1918

great-granduncle of wife



'When William Fergus Paterson was born on 21 December 1876 in Cromwell, Central Otago, his father, William, was 28 and his mother, Martha, was 24. His father was a teacher/Head master. His mother would also take classes for the girls at Cromwell School. The family moved to Dunedin while he was young. He then attended Wakari School where his Dad was the Head Master. He went to Otago Boys Highschool and Dunedin University. He became a doctor and surgeon. He did extra study in Medicine in London. By 1903 he was back in New Zealand and works in Temuka, Sth Canterbury as a teacher and a doctor until approx. 1906 when he opens his own practice in Geraldine, Sth Canterbury. During his time in Temuka he also does a short stint of working in Gore while the resident doctor recuperates after an illness. He married Caroline Henrietta Raymond in 1907 in Dunedin. They had one child during their marriage, Jura Isabel. Dr Paterson was a busy local doctor, very involved in his community, taking on many acts of service for his community. He is often presenting lectures and talks for various organisations on many and varied topics. Some of those varied topics included an address in the Mechanics' Institute in Temuka on Jiu-jitsu with demonstrations and an instructive address on the system of diet, bathing and physical culture undergone by the Japanese student of Jiu-jitsu. Another time in Geraldine he delivered a lecture to the Literary and Debating Society called "A Drop of Water" where he talked about the microscopic organisms found in water. At the time he received the call-up to WW1 service he was the Mayor of Geraldine and he had many plans for the advancement of Geraldine as can be seen in newspaper articles. He died on active service in the NZ Medical Corps on the 14 November 1918 in Hornchurch, Essex, at the age of 42 from complications of the Spanish Flu. His brother Archie (Archibald), also on active service, was at his bedside. Jura, his daughter, was only 5 years. His wife Caroline suffered a double blow when her parents died weeks apart of each other only 3 months later in Feb 1919. His younger brother, Dr Douglas McKnight Paterson, took over his medical practice in Geraldine in March, 1919. Douglas remarks, when he is

welcomed to the community, that it had been his sister-in-law Caroline's wish that he take over his brother's practice. Douglas also remarked in a newspaper article welcoming him that when his brother left he had expressed a feeling to him that he would not be back. Seven brothers from the Paterson family went to WW1 and he was the only one who didn't come home. He was greatly esteemed in the Geraldine area where he was actively involved in community service where he contributed and served on many committees and organisations.

"A Valued Citizen" was the heading of one obituary and there were many tributes to him in the form of heart-felt memoriums in the newspapers.



**Jura Isabel
Paterson**



**William Fergus
Paterson**



**William Aird
Paterson**



**Caroline Henrietta
Raymond**



**Martha Grange
Fergus**

21 DEC
1876

Birth

William Fergus Paterson was born on 21 December 1876 in Otago to Martha Grange Fergus, age 24, and William Aird Paterson, age 28.

Born in Cromwell where his father was teaching.

21 Dec 1876 • Cromwell, Otago, New Zealand

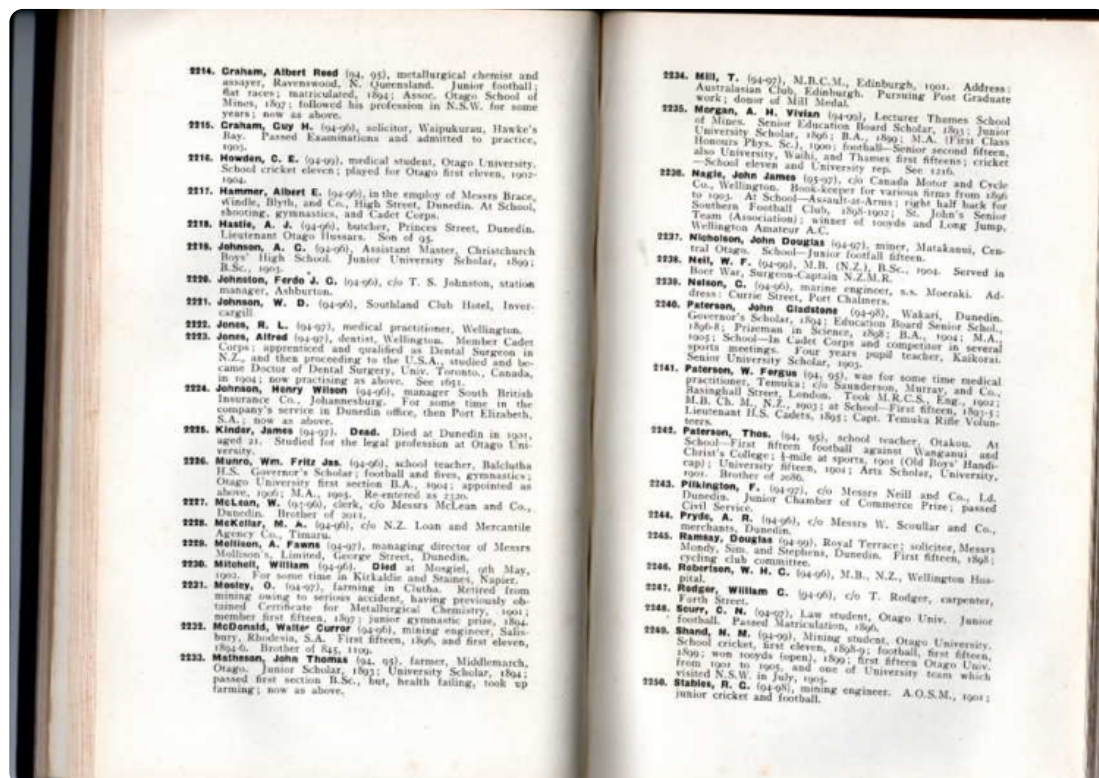
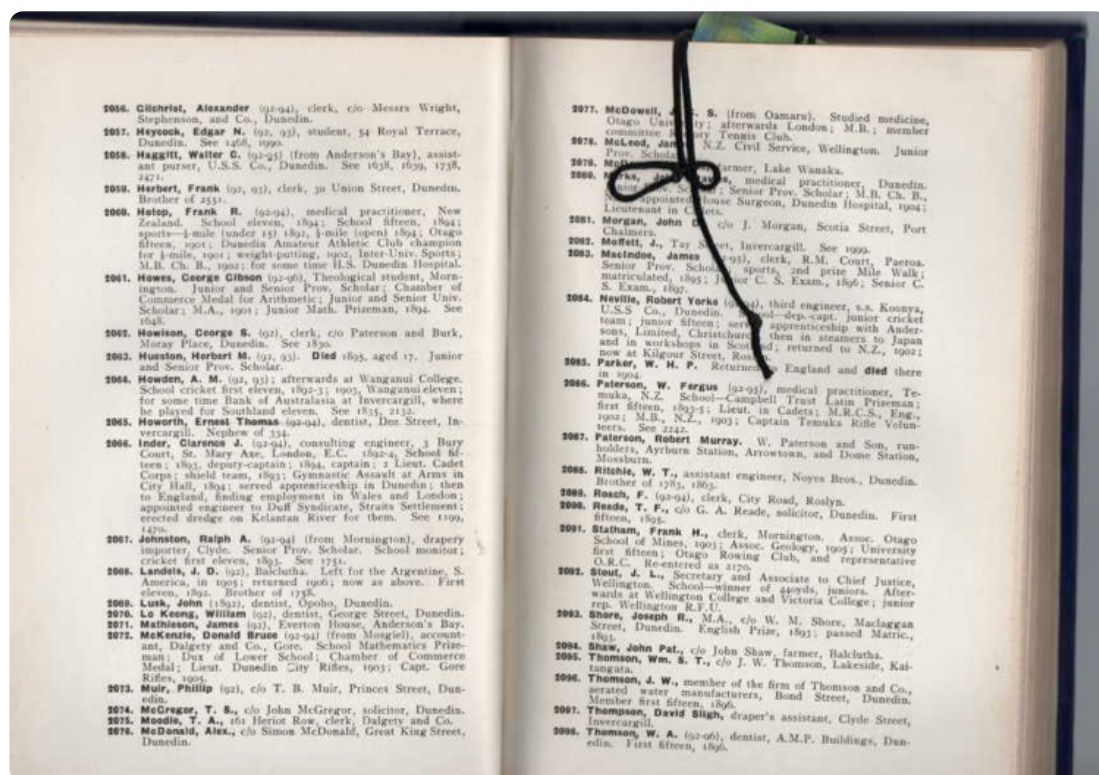
1881
AGE 5

Education

Attends Wakari School where his father is the Head Master. He is part of the Wakari Gymnastics Club.

1881 • Wakari, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand

1892 to 1895. OTAGO BOYS HIGH SCHOOL. Campbell Trust Latin Prizeman, First fifteen 1893-95., Lieut. in Highschool Cadets.



The Matriculation Examinations.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

CHRISTCHURCH, January 30.

The Committee of the Senate of the University of New Zealand met to-day and announced that the following are the results of the junior scholarship examination held in December :—H. F. Skey and G. E. Thompson (Dunedin), E. F. Johansen (Nelson), L. E. Williams (Dunedin), Flora Ross (Turahina), Linda Fenwick (Dunedin), Myra Rawson (Christchurch), J. Prendiville (Wellington), H. Stuckey (Nelson), Annie M'Pherson (Auckland), Annie Bauchop (Dunedin), Kate Scott and Margaret Olliver (Christchurch), A. W. Allen, Alice Dinneen (resigned), and Claire Smith (Auckland).

The following have passed the barristers' general knowledge examination :—J. Foy (Wellington), J. D. M'Beth (Wanganui), G. P. Weston (Christchurch).

The following have passed the medical preliminary examination on the junior scholarship papers :—J. P. Whitelaw, E. J. Hercus, H. F. Skey, and W. F. Paterson, all of Dunedin.

6 FEB
1896
AGE 19

Education

Passed Junior Scholarship examination with credit OBHS

15. S. O. Allen, Boys' High School, Dunedin	2988
The following have passed the Junior Scholarship, examination with credit, in order of merit:—	
G. E. Fenwick, Boys' High School, Dunedin	2969
A. R. Crump, Nelson College ...	2953
Elsie Sinclair, Girls' High School, Christchurch ...	3930
Sarah Gordon, Girls' College, Wanganui ...	2899
Cora Hickson, Girls' High School, Wellington ...	2836
Flora Hodges, Girls' High School, Dunedin	2857
W. H. MacLean, Collegiate School, Wanganui ...	2840
H. R. Cooper, Collegiate School, Wanganui	2777
L. H. Greenwood, Christ's College, Christchurch ...	2772
H. P. Richmond, Boys' High School, Christchurch ...	2751
Edith Brown, Invercargill ...	2705
S. H. Jenkinson, Christchurch ...	2701
W. Donovan, High School, Thames ...	2685
M. Hunter, Auckland Grammar School ...	2678
Violet Greig, Girls' High School, Dunedin...	2613
A. N. Fell, Nelson College ...	2608
W. F. Paterson, Boys' High School, Dunedin	2550
Mary Eyre, Auckland Grammar School ...	2536
W. Scott, Christ's College, Christchurch ...	2533
G. Mac ... Boys' High School, ...	2520

6 Feb 1896 • Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand

29 OCT
1896
AGE 19

Education

Otago University Exam Results: Show that he was a Medical Student. Many newspaper clippings are in the gallery.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND.

A special session of the Senate of the University was held yesterday, there being present—Sir J. Hector (Chancellor), Professors J. M. Brown, Cook, Sale, Shand, Scott, and Mr W. D. Milne.

The Senate, after perusal of letters from the agent of the University in London and correspondence with various students, proceeded to consider the detailed reports of the examiners in England on the examinations of November, 1896, and also the reports of the examiners in New Zealand on the special medical examinations of April, 1897, lately held in Dunedin.

The Senate passed a resolution of con-

dolence with the widow of the late Professor Wallace, of Oxford, England, who had been an examiner for the University, and who was killed suddenly by a fall from a bicycle in February last; also a resolution of thanks to the master of Balliol College, Oxford, who had undertaken to complete the work left unfinished by Professor Wallace.

The following resolutions were passed :—

1. That the following be recorded as having passed the special medical examination in biology :—

Emily H. V. Ridley, University of Otago

W. F. Paterson, University of Otago.

C. G. Burdett, University of Otago.

2. That the following be recorded as having

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY SENATE.

AUCKLAND, MARCH 4.

The University Senate resumed their sittings to-day.

Dr Fitchett, Professor Gilray, and Mrs E. H. Grossmann were appointed examiners for the M'Millan-Brown memorial prize to be awarded in 1898.

On the motion of Professor Cook, the Senate resolved on German as an alternative for physics in the bachelor of music examination.

It was resolved to record **W. F. Paterson** as having passed in chemistry and physics in the intermediate medical examination.

In the report of the Supervisors' Committee it was stated that the Committee had heard rumors that the practice of cribbing or copying at examinations was prevalent throughout the colony, but no evidence was adduced to bear out this statement.

The Finance Committee reported that the income and expenditure for 1896 both exceed the estimates for last year. The income totalled £5,708, and the expenditure £5,441, the surplus being £257. The excess in income was entirely due to increase in the receipts from fees. There was evidence of the increasing scope of the University operations. For the current year the income was estimated at £5,700, and the expenditure at £5,660. The accumulated capital of the scholarship account is £12,576. The Committee further recommended the Senate to offer for competition this year fourteen junior scholarships, each for £30 a year, tenable for three years, with the addition of £20 per year for each of those holders of scholarships obliged to live away from home in order to attend a university.—The report was adopted.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

The following examination results are to hand :—

MECHANICS.—First class: G. E. Thompson, T. Brodie, Catherine G. Fraser. Second class: R. J. Thompson, J. M. M'Laren, J. Melville, Flora Campbell, Charlotte E. Macgregor, J. Kinder, A. J. Ferguson, H. Ferguson, H. Sargeant, G. E. Bray, Marion B. Thompson, J. M. L. Nicolson, A. J. McKinlay, T. H. B. Wayne, J. Niven, J. R. Shore. Third class: F. D. H. Ulrich, Elizabeth S. Paterson, H. R. Butterworth, J. Chisholm, L. Thompson, Jessie Gidies, M. Russell, D. McColl, W. Gibson, J. G. Fullarton.

PHYSICS.—First class: S. T. Brugh, W. A. M'Leod. Second class: J. M'Laren, S. A. Moore, H. F. Skey, W. E. Stephens, A. J. Crawford, H. Sargeant, E. J. D. Hercus, F. D. H. Ulrich, D. V. Allen. Third class: R. A. Stenhouse, A. C. Street, M. Russell, T. H. B. Wayne, H. Graham, H. Black, W. A. Ballantyne.

MEDICAL STUDENTS.—W. W. Moore, T. A. Bett, W. Waddell, G. M'Farland, J. Brugh, J. P. Kennedy, Helena Baxter, G. F. Gill, F. R. Hotop, T.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY

The following examination results are to hand :—

ZOOLOGY (Faculties of Arts and Science).—Senior—First class: F. W. Hilgendorf, B.A. Second class: W. Mawson. Junior—Second class: A. Mosley, S. A. Moore, W. W. Moore, L. A. Line, B.A. Third class: C. E. Marshall, W. A. MacLeod, H. F. Skey, J. Brugh, D. V. Allen, A. J. Crawford, Annie Bauchop.

BIOLOGY (Faculties of Arts and Science).—Second class: F. W. Hilgendorf, B.A., H. F. Skey, J. Brugh, S. A. Moore, W. W. Moore, A. J. Crawford. Third class: C. E. Marshall.

BIOLOGY, including Zoology and Botany (Faculty of Medicine).—Second class: S. A. Moore, F. A. Bett, J. Brugh and F. R. Hotop (equal), Helena Baxter, C. E. Marshall, and W. W. Moore (equal), **W. F. Paterson**. Third class: T. McKibbin, Agnes Balfour and G. M'Farland (equal), G. F. Gill, Emily Ridley, J. L. Blackie and Grace Soltan (equal), F. Gow, Bessie Hishop, T. Mill and G. F. Tait (equal).

PRACTICAL BIOLOGY.—Second class: F. R. Hotop (note book prize), J. L. Blackie, W. A. MacLeod and H. F. Skey (equal), W. W. Moore, A. J. Crawford, J. P. Kennedy, F. A. Bett, A. Mosley, Annie Bauchop, S. A. Moore, and Grace Soltan (equal), G. M'Farland, Helena Baxter, J. Brugh and **W. F. Paterson** (equal), D. V. Allen and P. Gow (equal), W. Waddell, W. M'Arm, Bessie Hishop, Agnes Balfour, C. E. Marshall and G. F. Tait (equal), T. Mill. Third class: T. McKibbin, Emily Ridley.

PALAEONTOLOGY.—First class: F. W. Hilgendorf.

M. KIDDIE, C. E. MARSHALL, J. C. THOMSON, F. GOW,
Bessie Hislop, W. F. Paterson, W. M'Ara, T. Mill,
Agnes Balfour, Emily H. Ridley, J. L. Blackie,
Grace E. Soltau, G. T. Tait.

PRACTICAL PHYSICS.—Junior class—First class:
H. T. Skey, W. H. Baker, A. J. Crawford, S. A.
Moore. Second class: S. C. Allen, G. Hercus, J.
M. M'Laren, J. H. H. Baillie, T. A. Bett, G. M'Far-

land, R. A. Stenhouse, F. R. Hotop, J. P. Ken-
nedy, H. Sargeant, J. Brugh, C. E. Marshall, W. W.
Moore, Helena Baxter, W. Waddell, T. M'Kibbin,
Bessie Hislop, J. R. Gilmour. Third class: J. L.
Blackie, W. M'Ara, Emily Ridley, E. De Lautour,
A. C. Street, G. G. Sale, M. Marshall, T. Mill,
Agnes Balfour, H. Graham, G. T. Tait, P. Gow,
W. A. Ballantyne, W. F. Paterson, Grace E.
Soltau. Senior class—Second class: P. M'Kinlay.
Third class: A. Marshall, H. F. C. Eggers.

ADVANCED CHEMISTRY.—J. W. Mellor.

dorf, B.A. Second class: A. Mosley, W. A.
MacLeod, D. V. Allen.

ANATOMY.—Senior division—First class: W.
Sutherland. Second class: A. J. Hall, F. J.
Berrie, W. Robertson, W. E. Fisher, W. E.
Gibson, R. N. Adams, J. Kinder. Third class:
A. Woodward, J. C. Maddison. Junior division—
First class: G. Hamilton. Second class: D. H.
Bett, E. J. M'Ara, D. E. Platts, S. J. Cook, M. C.
F. Morkane, J. B. Sale. Third class: J. R.
Gilmour, F. F. Ulrich, J. G. Macdonald, W. M.
Shand, G. F. Gill, C. G. Burdett.

PHYSIOLOGY.—Senior division—First class: W.
A. Logan, A. R. Falconer, C. North. Second
class: G. Brown, E. J. O'Neill, E. H. Williams,
W. J. Cran, J. H. Neil, T. A. Will, C. H. Frost,
C. H. Schumacher. Junior division—Second
class: A. J. Hall, D. H. Bett, E. J. M'Ara, F. J.
Berrie, G. Hamilton, R. N. Adams. Third class:
D. E. Platts, S. J. Cook, J. B. Sale, W. M. Shand,
J. C. Maddison, M. C. F. Morkane, M. G. J. East,
F. F. Ulrich, W. E. Fisher.

SURGERY.—Seniors—First class: Mr A. E. A.
Palmer, Miss M. R. Cruickshank. Juniors—First
class: Mr A. J. Hall. Second class: Messrs W.
Sutherland, R. N. Adams, F. J. Berrie, G. Hamilton,
W. Robertson, Miss J. C. Maddison, Mr W.
E. Fisher.

Education

Dr W F Paterson M.B., Ch.B. NZ (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery), completes further medical study in London. He completed degrees in M.R.C.S and L.R.C.P (Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians)

This will be a test case of general interest to New Zealand graduates.

Messrs **W. Fergus Paterson** and Peter Gow (Dunedin) have attached themselves to Middlesex Hospital, in order to pursue their medical studies. Mr Gow, before settling down to these, has taken a short trip to Scotland.

Mount Vale, York.

Messrs Peter Gow and **W. Fergus Paterson** (New Zealand and Middlesex Hospital) have passed the examination of the Board of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in anatomy and physiology.

Arthur John Thomas, who took part in

PERSONAL.

A private message received from London to-day advised that Mr **W. Fergus Paterson** had passed his M.R.C.S. examination. This will prove acceptable news to Mr Paterson's many old Dunedin and Wakari friends. Mr **Paterson** was for a number of years connected with the Wakari Gymnastic Club, and was a well-known member of the High School football team. He also commanded the High School Cadets.

17 MAR
1903
AGE 26

Employment

Dr Paterson, from Temuka, is working in Gore while the local Gore doctor is on leave to recuperate after an illness. In another newspaper article in 28 March 1903 he advises he will be start practicing medicine in Temuka shortly.

In our advertising columns Dr Paterson, who is well and favourably known in the district, announces that he will commence the practice of his profession in Temuka shortly.

During his absence from Gore on a month's holiday to recuperate his health, Dr G. A. Copland's practice will remain in the charge of Dr Paterson, of Temuka.

17 Mar 1903 • Gore, Southland, New Zealand

31 MAR
1903
AGE 26

Medical Register

Dr Paterson places his intention to go on the NZ Medical Register in the newspaper. He is currently in Gore when applying.

31 Marc 1903 • Otago, New Zealand

1903, Paterson, William Fergus., 31 March, Name to be on Medical Register

Intention to go on the NZ Medical Register. He has finished his extra study and is currently in Gore.

ION, 27th MARCH, 1903.

I, WILLIAM FERGUS PATERSON, late of Dunedin, at present of Gore, New Zealand, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of New Zealand, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (London), and Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England). Hereby Give Notice that I intend to APPLY, under the Medical Practitioners Act of New Zealand, on the 1st day of MAY, 1903, to have my NAME placed on the MEDICAL REGISTER of the Colony of New Zealand, and that I have To-day deposited evidence of my qualifications at the Office of the Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths at Dunedin.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1903.

W. **FERGUS PATERSON**,
M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

31 Mar 1903

16 MAY
1903
AGE 26

Medical Practice Temuka

Dr W F Paterson starts his practice in Temuka.

It will be seen by a notification in another column that Dr Paterson has commenced the practice of his profession in Temuka. At present his surgery is at Nurse Wile's residence, Railway Terrace, and the hours of consultation are: Weekdays, 10 a.m. to noon, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

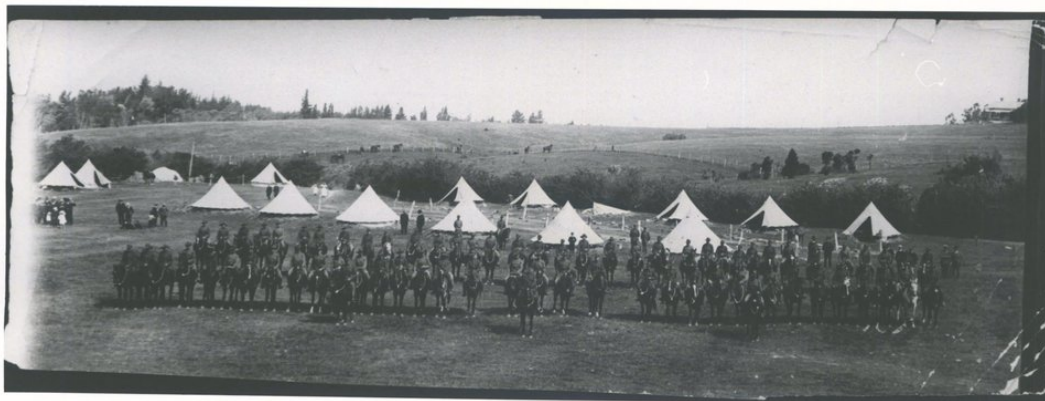
16 May 1903 • Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand

JUL
1903
AGE 26

Military

William Fergus Paterson was in the Temuka Rifles in July 1903 in Canterbury when he was 26 years old.

appointed to the rank of Captain in the Temuka Rifles volunteers



FORM V. 14 Temuka Rifle VOLUNTEERS.						
Recommendation for Appointment.						
Rank.	Christian Name in full, and Surname.	Appointment, Promotion, or Resignation.	Date of Election.	Rank to which elected.	If passed Examination, and Date.	Remarks.
Gentlemen	William Fergus Paterson	Appointment	July 1 st 1903	Captain	No	
	Age 26 years			(acting)		
	Dec 21 st 1906					
This Captain Richard assigned 1902						
I hereby certify that the above-named gentleman is a						
						CERTIFICATE. I hereby certify that the election was carried out on the 1 st day of July 1903, in strict accordance with the provisions of section 42 of "The Defence Act, 1890," and that 67 of the enrolled members, being two-thirds (2/3) of the then strength of the Corps, recorded their votes for the candidate.

Recommended. *Recommended. S. H. Moore. Letland commanding District*

deated, and is a bona subject of the King.

Letland

Date: Aug. 18. 1903.

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Recommended: *Letland C.B. Letland.*

Commanding District

Date: 4th Sept. 1903.

G. N. Hildon. *Sergeant*

Commanding *Temuka Rifle* Volunteers

Date: Aug. 18. 1903

50.02 403

DISTRICT OFFICE

The Officer Commanding

Canterbury Military District.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT, N.Z.

CHIEF STATE OFFICE

Head Office, 11/11/1903

1036

Subject: *Appointment. Coly. Captain, Temuka Rifle.*

Wherein I have the honor to forward Form 4-10, in duplicate, Recommendation for Appointment of William George Paterson *Temuka* Born 24th Dec. 1876 age 26 yrs to be Acting Captain Temuka Rifle as from 1st July 1903.

Letland
C.B. Letland.
Commanding District

July 1903 • Temuka, Sth Canterbury, New Zealand

24 MAR
1904
AGE 27

Employment

Dr W F Paterson is teaching 'ambulance' at the Temuka Technical College. Other newspaper articles also show he was a doctor in Temuka

TEMUKA TECHNICAL CLASSES.
A meeting of the board of managers of the Temuka Technical Association was held on Tuesday night, all the members with the exception of Mr Cooper who is at present in Ashburton being present. The superintendent mentioned in his report that he had advertised for teachers as instructed, and submitted a number of applications. He also stated that he had communicated with Mr George re the ordering of science apparatus from Home, but was waiting until an instructor in wool-classing was appointed before making arrangements for a suitable room and apparatus for that class. It was mentioned during the evening that in order to obtain efficiency of teaching, the Association was paying £1 a day for a commercial master, and that in no other part of the colony were greater concessions and inducements offered to pupils. The managers were endeavouring to obtain the best possible instructors, and striving to make technical education in the district a real benefit. With the exception of the teacher of dress-making, whose appointment is held over until further enquiries concerning the applicants are made, the following is the staff of the school for the present year. Commercial class, Mr Jas. Clark, Christchurch; wool-classing, Mr P. McCaskill; photography, Mr C. A. Winn; ambulance, **Dr W. F. Paterson**; English; Mr W. McLeod, B.A.; drawing, Mr T. K. Goy. The estimated expenditure for the year in salaries alone is £190. The superintendent was authorised to act in conjunction with the teacher of typewriting in purchasing another machine. Arrangements are also being made for free passes for pupils for afternoon classes, the management hoping to obtain for these a liberal support from the surrounding district.

24 Mar 1904 • Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand

9 JAN
1906
AGE 29

Residence

A newspaper article tells us that Dr W F Paterson has returned to Temuka after being away in Gore and Dunedin

9 Jan 1906 • Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand

3 OCT
1906
AGE 29

Medical Practice Geraldine

In Sept a newspaper article states he is leaving Temuka to start his practice in Geraldine. Another Dr is taking his place in Temuka. Dr Paterson starts the his own Medical Practice at his residence at Cox St.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Mr P. Wareing has returned from Christchurch, and is, we are glad to state, very much improved in health.

A long night dancing class will be held at the Victoria Hall, Winchester, on Tuesday evening next.

A few enthusiasts were having the first cricket practice of the season in Victoria Park, Temuka, yesterday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs James are at present in Canada. Mr James has not been at all well, but was improving when the mail left.

Whilst cycling home from the euchre party on Thursday evening last, Miss K. Connell met with a severe fall from her bicycle, which resulted in a badly-sprained ankle.

Dr W. F. Paterson left Temuka yesterday for Geraldine, in which township he intends carrying on the practice of his profession. Dr Campbell, who has lately arrived in the colony from Glasgow, takes Dr Paterson's place in Temuka.

THE WASHINGTON OCEANIC COMPANY

LOCAL & GENRAL.

TEMUKA LEADER, ISSUE 5441, 15 SEPTEMBER 1906, PAGE 2

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(A Card.)

W. FERGUS PATERSON,

M.B., Ch.B.,

L.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.),

Has commenced practice in
GERALDINE.

At his Residence, Cox Street.

Hours:

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Article image

1 NOV
1906
AGE 29

Military

William Fergus Paterson was in the Geraldine Rifles 1906 when he was 30 years old.

Geraldine Rifles - Hand over to Captain William Fergus Paterson

NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE. (Form V.-No. 6) D. 2
1036/

Form of Certificate to be used on handing or taking over the Arms, Accoutrements, &c., of a Company or Unit.

I CERTIFY that I have handed over to Captain Paterson
Blk the arms, accoutrements,
and Government property on issue to the Geraldine Rifles
correct and in good order; and, further, that all books, records, &c., connected
with the interior economy of the company or unit have been duly filled in to
date and handed over at the same time.

Dated at Geraldine this 1st day of
November 1906
Frederick
Lieut. Colonel Geraldine Battalion.

I declare that I have received over the arms, accoutrements, and Government
property, company's books and records referred to in above certificate, and are
perfectly satisfied with the condition and correctness of the same.

Date 1/11/06 W. Fergus Paterson
1106.

1 Nov 1906 • Geraldine

18 APR
1907
AGE 30

Marriage

William Fergus Paterson married Caroline Henrietta Raymond in New Zealand on 18 April 1907 when he was 30 years old.

NEW, DUNEDIN.
PATERSON—RAYMOND.—On December 7,
at the residence of the bride's parents,
Stuart street, Dunedin, by the Rev. R. R.
M. Sutherland. William Fergus Paterson,
eldest son of W. A. Paterson, Roslyn, to
Caroline Henrietta, only daughter of R. S.
Raymond, Dunedin.



Caroline Henrietta Raymond

1878–1954

18 April 1907 • New Zealand

1907
AGE 31

Mode of Transport

BRITISH AND BEST !

Imperial Triumph ..
3½ H.P. Motor Cycle!

Clean Hands and Clothes at the end of the ride is
one of the Talking Points of the Triumph Motor Cycle

SPEED, COMFORT,
.. RELIABILITY, ..
A B C SIMPLICITY.

THE following Gentlemen of South Canterbury are Purchasers and Riders of the Famous Imperial Triumph :—Dr W. **Fergus Paterson**, Dr Hayes, Dr Cook, W. Nisbet, Esq., W. Dawson Davie, Esq., J. W. Sutherland, Esq., P. Gaffney, Esq., G. J. Adams, Esq., R. L. Banks, Esq., H. Moyn, Esq., A. H. Hathaway, Esq., J. T. Wotten, Esq., J. E. Pigott, Esq., W. Hally, Esq., M. McLend, Esq., T. Treasies, Esq., J. C. Rolleston, Esq., L. O'Callaghan, Esq., W. Moody, Esq., J. S. Talbot, Esq., H. Goodwin.

R. J. Collis, Esq., of Oamaru, writes us as follows :—Sept. 9th, '07.—The Triumph ~~motor~~ ^{motor}s are now about the only Machines used here, and their Owners cannot say TOO MUCH FOR THEM.



1907 • Geraldine

Mayor

Elected Mayor of Geraldine

I HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE
that on the 18th day of April,
1917—

WILLIAM FERGUS PATERSON

was duly Nominated for the office of
Mayor. That on the same date

THOMAS SHERRATT,
GEORGE HENRY PATRICK,
JOHN MANSON SUTHERLAND,
JAMES BAGRIE,
ERNEST ALBERT O'MALLEY,
and
JOHN KENNEDY,

were duly Nominated as Councillors,
and that as the number of candidates
nominated for each of such offices
did not exceed the number of vacan-
cies to be filled, I did, on the day
aforesaid, and at the place of Nomi-
nation, publicly declare, and do here-
by publicly notify the said **WILLIAM
FERGUS PATERSON** to have been
duly ELECTED MAYOR, and
THOMAS SHERRATT, GEORGE
HENRY PATRICK, JOHN MANSON
SUTHERLAND, JAMES BAGRIE,
ERNEST ALBERT O'MALLEY, and
JOHN KENNEDY to be duly
ELECTED COUNCILLORS of the
Borough of Geraldine.

13 Apr 1917 • Geraldine

Residence

William Fergus Paterson lived in New Zealand in 1917.

1917 • Geraldine, New Zealand

1918, Paterson, William Fergus. 15 Feb Mayor Dr Paterson presentation to cadets. STAR, Issue 12243, pg 5

The irony of this article:- Mayor of Geraldine, Dr W F Paterson, presents trophies to No. 40 Company of Cadets in Feb 1918 when his own life would be taken in WW1 service in England in November of the same year.

COUNTRY NEWS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS]

GERALDINE.

There was a large attendance at the Drill Hall on the occasion of the presentation of trophies to No. 40 Company of Cadets by the Mayor, Dr Paterson. Lieutenants G. Sherratt and Blathwayte were also on the platform. An excellent entertainment was given, the performers being Misses Beattie, Prins and B. and E. Sherratt and Messrs Knibb, Macgregor, Trott and E. White. The recipients of trophies were Cadet E. Walker (Godley Cup), Sergeants C. Patterson, F. Dean and E. Gaultier and Cadets N. Rae, W. H. Ellerv, C. Lynn, C. Thompson, H. Waite, N. Wooding, G. Tielady and W. Peterson. The Mayor and Lieutenant Sherratt delivered addresses.

The changeable weather is having a bad effect from the agricultural point of view. Wednesday was a broiling hot day, and some of the farmers turned their sheaves, the rank undergrowth making it necessary to dry the butts. About midnight a southerly wind came on, with light rain, and operations were stopped yesterday. Many of the local farmers speak as though they regretted having sown grain, and all seem to agree that sheep pay a great deal better than cropping, even at present prices. In view of the present prices of store sheep, considerable quantities of ewes are being purchased in the North Island, where they are cheaper than in Canterbury, and with feed plentiful there is a good demand for stock to eat it down.

15 Feb 1918

1918, Paterson, William Fergus 5 March, Geraldine Advancement
Movement, Timaru Herald, Vol CVII, iss 16485 pg 3

Geraldine Town Advance Movement - Dr Paterson, as Mayor, organises an association for the advancement of Geraldine

AN ADVANCE MOVEMENT.

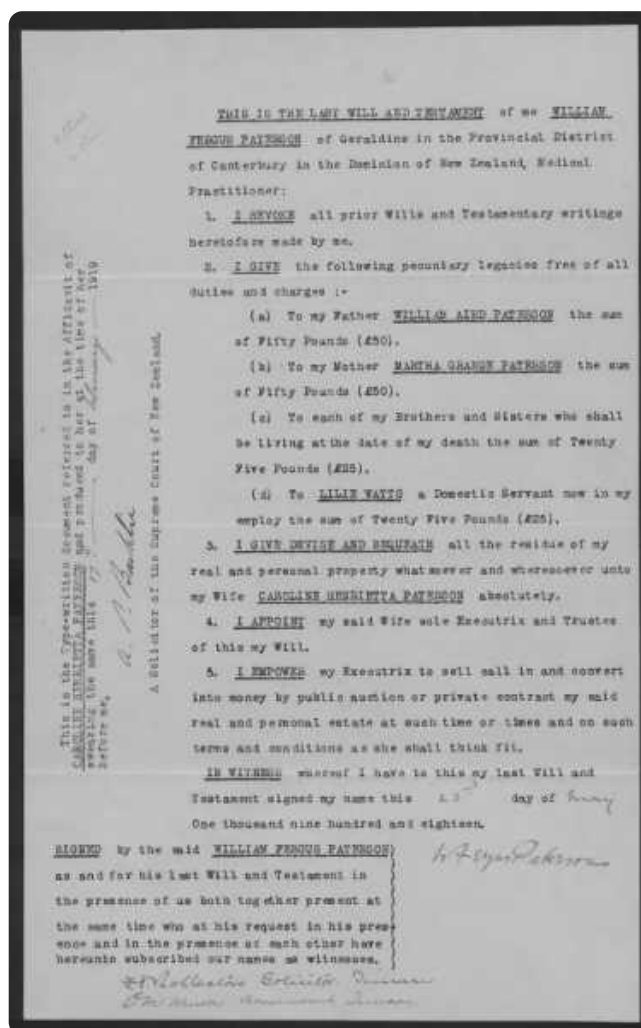
Dr Paterson, Mayor of the borough, waited on the Council, and said he was about to call a meeting to consider the advancement of the interests of Geraldine and surrounding districts, and hoped to have the co-operation of members of the County Council and the Road Boards. He had come personally to ask them to attend and join in the movement.

The chairman thanked the Mayor and indicated that they would be pleased to co-operate.

5 Mar 1918

23 MAY
1918
AGE 41

Paterson, William Fergus - Last Will and Testament dated 23 May 1918



23 May 1918

MAY
1918
AGE 41

WW1 Call-up

William is called up in the 17th Ballot. Required to report on the 1 May 1918. Reported on the 9 May, Awapuni, NZ Ambulance and Medical Corp. (Palmerston Nth). 29 May he was posted to the No.2 Hospital ship.

May 1918 • Geraldine, Sth Canterbury, New Zealand

1 JUN
1918
AGE 41

Military

William Fergus Paterson served in the military on 1 June 1918 when he was 41 years old.

William departed NZ on the Hospital Ship "Marama". He wrote a letter challenging the seniority on the ship as he felt his seniority had been overlooked.

has been as the assistant of the late Dr Paterson and wounded. The late Dr Paterson was appointed Captain of the Tenuka Rifles, in 1903. He was transferred to the Geraldine Volunteers in 1906, and

to the active (unattached) in 1908.
He was transferred to the reserve of
officers in 1910, and to the N.Z.M.C.
with the rank of captain, in 1912.



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Medical Examination.

<p>Apparent age <u>41</u> years <u>native</u>.</p> <p>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)</p> <p>Height <u>6</u> feet <u>2</u> inches.</p> <p>Weight <u>162</u> lb.</p> <p>Build <u>Medium</u> <u>33 1/4</u> inches.</p> <p>Complexion <u>Ruddy</u></p> <p>Color of eyes <u>Grey</u></p>	<p>Color of hair <u>Brown</u></p> <p>Religious profession <u>C.F.E.</u></p> <p>Distinctive marks, and marks indicating suggested participation in previous service.</p> <p><u>Redness on back of hand.</u></p>
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<p>1. Sight: Right eye <u>4/10</u></p> <p>2. Left eye <u>4/10</u></p> <p>3. Hearing: Right ear <u>Good</u></p> <p>4. Left ear <u>Good</u></p> <p>5. Color vision <u>Good</u></p> <p>6. Are his limbs well formed? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>7. Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>8. Is his chest well formed? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>9. Is his heart normal? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>10. Are his lungs normal? <u>Yes</u></p>	<p>11. Is he free from hernia? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>12. Is he free from varicose veins? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>13. Is he free from venous stasis? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>14. Is he free from hemorrhoids? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>15. Is he free from venous or contagious diseases? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>16. Is he in good bodily and mental health? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>17. Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? <u>No</u></p>
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Questions which the Recruit must be asked.

<p>1. Have you ever had a fit? <u>No</u></p> <p>2. Have you ever been notified for consumption? <u>No</u></p> <p>3. Have you ever been under treatment in a sanatorium or mental institution? <u>No</u></p>	<p>4. Have you ever been discharged from H.M. Service? <u>No</u></p> <p>5. Have you ever been absent from work through ill-health or accident? <u>No</u></p>
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Determining Disability (if any):—

<p>Classification.</p> <p>A.—Fit for active service beyond the war.</p> <p>B1.—Fit for active service beyond the war, after operations in camp or garrison hospitals.</p> <p>B2.—Fit for active service beyond the war, after temporary ill health.</p> <p>C1.—Fitted to become B1 for active service after special training.</p> <p>C2.—Fitted for active service beyond the war, but B1 for service of minor nature in New Zealand.</p> <p>D.—Worthy only for active service.</p>	<p>We have examined this recruit, and classify him <u>A.</u></p> <p><u>W. G. Smith</u> Colonel</p> <p><u>J. G. Martin</u> Major</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Minister.</p>
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NO. 10 MEDICAL BOARD
WELLINGTON



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W.S. Headquarters,
Lark Hill Camp,
SLING CAMP, Bulford.

Name to:

Colonel Parkes,
D.M.S.,
W.S. Headquarters, LONDON.

Sir,

I left New Zealand on June 1st 1918 as the most junior officer on the staff of W.S.M.S. "MARAMA" on her 4th Commission. As I understand that service on W.S.M. ships does not count as active service and that commissions therein count as seniority in Territorial Service, may I point out that my commission as Captain dates from December 1903 continuously to present date. Commissioned as a combatant officer I transferred to Medical Corps seven years ago and am therefore senior in service to the other three members of the staff with whom I sailed.

The second in command, Major Johnston, had held his commission for some two years and had done camp service only in W.S. Camps and yet held senior place.

If seniority on W. Ships counts on Territorial service may I draw attention to what I believe has been an oversight in the placing of the officers of this commission?

I am, Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) W. THOMAS PATTERSON,
Capt. W.S.M.S.



WELLINGTON, N.Z.

Copy forwarded for your consideration, please.

W. Thomas

LONDON.
Aug. 26th. 1918.

Colonel, W.S.M.S.

1 Jun 1918 • Hospital Ship Marama

14 NOV
1918
AGE 41

Death

William Fergus Paterson died on 14 November 1918 in Hornchurch, Essex, when he was 41 years old.

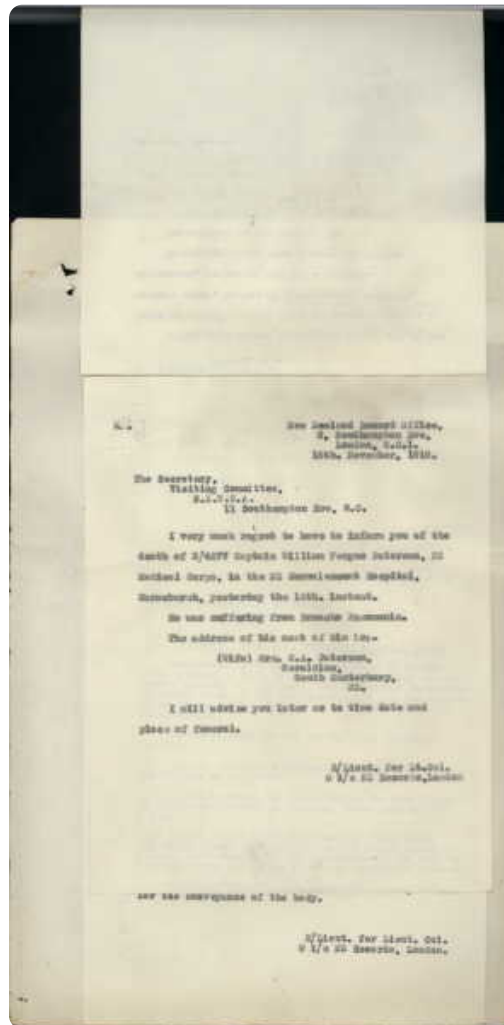
Armistice Day only days earlier, 11 Nov 1918. His brother, Archibald, by his death bed. Died of the Spanish flu. He had been attached to No2 General Hospital, Walton-on-Thames. Died at Hornchurch Convalescent Hosp for NZ soldiers. Both Greater London.



14 Nov 1918 • Hornchurch, Essex, England

15 NOV
1918
AGE 41

Paterson, William Fergus., Internal Army mail advising of the death of Capt.
William Fergus Paterson



15 Nov 1918

18 NOV
1918

Caroline Receives Notification of his Death, late mon. afternoon

Temuka Leader 'Roll of Honour', Tues 19 Nov, "late on Monday afternoon the sad news of the death of Captain W. Fergus Paterson, reached Geraldine, by means of a cable message to Mrs Paterson from Mr Archie Paterson, brother of the late Captain Paterson.

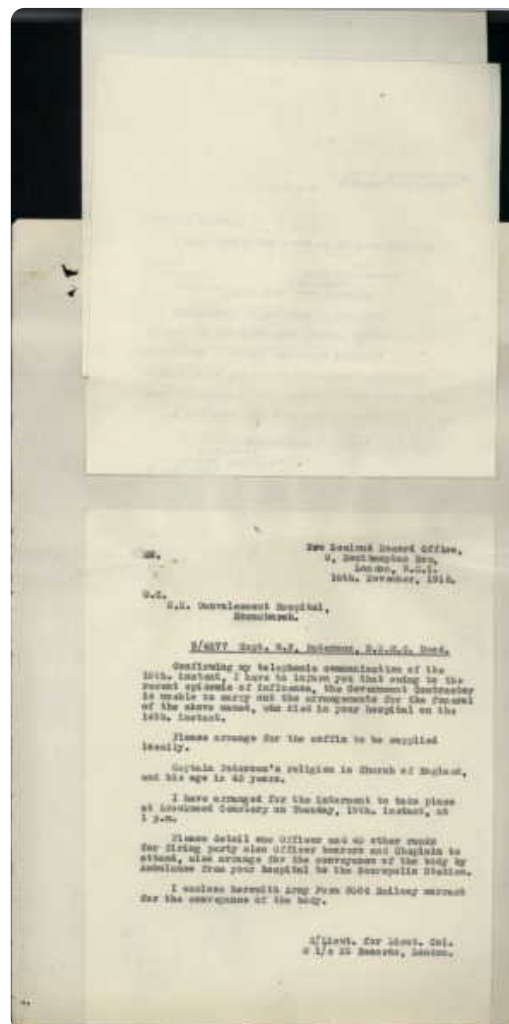


18 Nov 1918 • Geraldine, Sth Canterbury, New Zealand

18 NOV
1918

Burial

Interred on the 19th Nov 1918 at 1 pm. He was 41 yrs. Brookwood Cemetery. Buried with a detail of one officer and 40 other ranks for firing party. Also Officer bearers and the Chaplain in attendance. His body went by train to Brookwood.



18 Nov 1918 • Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England

20 NOV
1918
AGE 41

1918 Paterson, William Fergus advice by cable of death PERSONAL
ASHBURTON GUARDIAN, VOLUME XXXIX, ISSUE 9556, 20 NOVEMBER, PAGE

Advice has been received by cable of the death at Hornchurch of Captain W. Fergus Paterson, N.Z.M.C., from pneumonia. He was Mayor of Geraldine, but resigned to join the Expeditionary Force. He was very greatly esteemed throughout the district as a medical man and as a citizen.

20 Nov 1918

30 NOV
1918

Obituary

He had a number of notices placed in the newspapers but this one is very comprehensive and heart-felt (and very long)

tative leader, the courteous gentleman, is gone, and the places that once know him familiarly shall know him no more. Only a fragrant memory remains—and a hope. And this is the highest of all tributes to his worth and his work: that to every man, woman, and child in this town and district—and to many a one besides—his passing is a personal grief. Our hearts lament and say within themselves:

“But he is in his grave, and, oh,
The difference to me.”

are children who mourn him, and who will not forget. As a surgeon he had a reputation for skill that extended throughout the district and passed far beyond it. There are many who will read these lines who owe to his trained mind and skilful hands added years of life; and others who by his skill have been restored to health, or have found relief from pain. Doctors, like all public men, are much exposed to mischievous gossip and carping criticism, and he did not escape. But he could afford to disregard it. For that judgment only is of value which is based on knowledge, and those who knew him best esteemed him most. We do not recollect meeting with a single person who had passed through his hands who regarded him with anything but unqualified devotion. Indeed, this regard amounted to idolatry; all his patients were devotees. This is not to be wondered at, for his service to them never ceased with the ministrations

tions of the doctor, but passed over into the realm of friendship's kindly offices. There was much in him, more by far than most people knew or suspected, of what Wordsworth calls

"That best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered
acts"

Of kindness and of love."

We have known him minister spiritual comfort with his tenderness, a truth, and a power few clergymen could equal. And we have known him, where he suspected need, leave on the table, his receipted account, with a substantial cheque. Now that he is gone, stories of his generosity and consideration are coming to light. Some few knew a little of this before, and suspected more. As the days pass the truth will become known. There are many who will be unable to recall past troubles without undying gratitude for the com-

fort he brought, the practical help he gave, and the kindly advice which the years proved to be wise as it was kindly. For in his counsels he was shrewd and far-seeing beyond most men, with a gift of sound common-sense. That he was the busiest man in the community everyone knows. But for all that his time and strength were so taxed, he found, or made, opportunity to serve his kind in wider fields than those of his professional activity. He interested himself largely in education, in the welfare of our soldiers, in civic and municipal affairs, and in all that made for the well-being and progress of the community. In all the varied services he rendered he was preeminently the man of action. A neglected cause, or a needed reform, was for him a call not to words but to deeds, and he took action promptly and effectively. Behind this life of tireless activity and constant service the driving-power that urged him on was a lofty idealism, a profound compassion, and a remorseless sense of duty, all arising from and nurtured in deep religious conviction. For, though no narrow sectarian, he was yet deeply religious. He believed profoundly in the broad, basic truths of the Christian faith. Of such

things he did not speak much, though he could speak revealingly when necessary. His public utterances in some of the crises of the war were all that not only the most patriotic, but the most devout heart could desire. For the rest, if he did not speak much of his religion he did what was better—he lived in it.

And now, alas! we have lost him. The kindly physician, the skilful surgeon, the true friend, the wise counsellor, the good citizen, the authoritative leader, the courteous gentleman, is gone, and the places that

Among familiar names to rest,

And in the places of his youth."

Much we wish it had been possible for him to be borne sadly and proudly to the grave by representative citizens, with fitting public obsequies; and there, in the midst of those he served so faithfully, and mourned by them, laid to rest. For was he not the friend and servant of the people? Day and night, in sunshine and storm he served them without stint, and still serving them he died. But this may not be. Far from home he lies, and only our thoughts may cross the waste of waters and linger over the spot

"Where he in English earth is laid."

Since, therefore, it is not permitted us to lay our wreaths upon his bier, or even upon his grave, we weave with grateful love the garland we may bring, and offer it, a sorrowful, reverent tribute, to his memory.

MOST OF US KNOW him best, though few knew him only, in his professional capacity as a physician and surgeon. The responsible duties of that high office he fulfilled with fidelity, skill, and unfailing courtesy. His manner might well have been the envy of men high in his profession. He never failed to inspire confidence. Hope seemed to enter the sick room with him, and his mere presence was a relief. When he spoke it was with authority which is based on knowledge. Firmness he had, but it was always tinged with the glow of kindness. He was strong, but gentle as a woman. A characteristic courtesy, that was always deferential without degenerating to servility, never left him. His manner with women was watched by chivalry, and we never knew a doctor who could so quickly and entirely win the confidence of little children. Up and down this district, in town and country, there are children who mourn him, and

IN MEMORIAM.

DR W. FERGUS PATERSON.

(Contributed).

To the private sorrows that have come upon the people of the Geraldine town and district in the last four years, there is added now a public sorrow—a sorrow common to all; and our hearts are stricken with grief as slowly and painfully we realise the greatness of our public and personal loss. Dr Paterson is dead. Not Captain Paterson, N.Z.M.C. It was Captain Paterson, N.Z.M.C., whose death the cables reported. But we grieve for our doctor and our friend. 'Dr Paterson dead?' The numbed mind scarcely takes it in. It seems a thing impossible, for he was the very incarnation of strength, energy and life. But alas! it is all too true. He is gone from us not to return. Never more shall we see the tall, commanding figure hurrying through our streets; never more shall we look upon the strong, kindly face; never more shall we hear the deep, vibrant voice cadenced in deference and courtesy, speak comfortably to our hearts. He who served us unsleeping, sleeps on now and takes the rest so long denied. Alas! that he sleeps so far from home and dear ones—so far from us all. Would that the quiet bones were blest

IN MEMORIAM.

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30 Nov 1918 • Geraldine

1918

Obituaries

There are many obituaries from throughout Canterbury and Otago for this father, husband, civic leader and compassionate Doctor.

ROLL OF HONOUR

A WARRIOR CITIZEN.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN W. FERGUS PATERSON.

Late on Monday afternoon the sad news of the death of Captain W. Fergus Paterson, reached Geraldine, by means of a cable message to Mrs Paterson from Mr Archie Paterson, brother of the late Captain Paterson, who was with him at the front. Early on Monday morning a cable had reached Mrs Paterson from the Defence Ministry, stating that her husband was lying ill with head-difficulty at the Humberstone Convalescent Hospital in England, and this was later in a message prepared for her for the rail train to follow. Nevertheless the idea must have been a terrible one, and Mrs Paterson is moved at the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in her great bereavement. The late Captain Paterson's life was a very valuable one to the people of Geraldine, for apart from his remarkable skill as a surgeon and his work as a doctor-in-

ROLL OF HONOUR

TEMUKA LEADER, ISSUE 9803, 13 NOVEMBER 1918, PAGE 3

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which later signified he was a friend as well as a physician to his patients—he took a very active interest in the advancement of the town, and was the instigator of the advancement scheme and one of its most enthusiastic workers. The late Dr Paterson had hardly started on his second year of office as Mayor of the borough when the serious state of affairs at the front called on him to do it his duty to enlist, and he immediately made arrangements to leave after his preferred services had been accepted, and since last January still has been at the disposal of the sick and wounded. The late Dr Paterson was appointed Captain of the Toronto Rifles in 1901. He was transferred to the Canadian Volunteers in 1902, and to the active (unattached) in 1905. He was transferred to the reserve of officers in 1910, and to the S.E.M.C. with the rank of captain, in 1912.

News was received at Toronto yesterday from the Minister of Defence that General Duke Connell, of Ansonia, died at Glasgow on 14th November, from pneumonia. He was a son of Mrs and the late Mr John Connell, of Ansonia. He was born at Ansonia, and received his education at St. Joseph's school, Toronto. On leaving school, with his brother Morris, he worked on his parents' farm at Ansonia. He was a very quiet young man and a favourite with all who knew him. The late General Connell left with the 12th Brigade.

GERALDINE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the above Council, which was adjourned from Wednesday last, was held on Tuesday evening. Present—His Worship the Mayor, Mr B. R. Macdonald, and Councillors J. R. Bagrie, J. Sutherland, and T. Sherratt.

THE LATE MAYOR.

Before taking the business of the meeting, the Mayor referred to the serious loss the community had suffered through the death of the late Mayor, Dr W. F. Paterson, and stated he had at first thought of adjourning the present meeting out of respect to his memory. They had, however, had two adjournments already, and he felt sure the late Mayor would have wished them to go on with the business. He would not then stress what an excellent citizen Dr Paterson had been in every sense of the word, and how he had done his best for the borough. In the last letter he had received from him, Dr Paterson had urged him to keep the Advancement League going, clean up plague spots, and beautify the town approaches as much as they could. This would show that in his absence he had the welfare of the borough at heart. His death seemed like destiny. They all felt sorrow, and felt very sincere condolence with the widow and daughter of Dr Paterson. He had not the good fortune to have sat on the Council under Dr Paterson, but councillors agreed that he had been held in the highest esteem, not only as a citizen, but also as a man. The Mayor then moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Paterson. Cr. Sherratt seconded, and the motion was carried in silence, councillors all standing.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GERALDINE.

The Committee of the above school met on Friday evening. Present: Dr. P. W. Hislop (Chairman), Rev. C. J. Tocker, and Messrs M. Campbell, A. M. Fyfe, C. W. S. Cox, D. Wilkinson, and W. Rae.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Before opening the business of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the death of the late Dr. Fergus Paterson. They all knew, he said, what a great interest the late Dr. Paterson had taken in education. He had been

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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chairman of the School Committee for several years, and had taken great interest in the work, and had exerted himself greatly in the interests of the children of the district. He thought the Committee should place on record its regret at his death, and its appreciation of the services Dr. Paterson had rendered to the cause of education in South Canterbury. The Chairman then moved that the secretary write a letter to Mrs Paterson, conveying to herself and daughter the sympathy of the Committee with them in their recent bereavement.

This was carried, members respectfully standing.

GERALDINE COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the above Council was held yesterday. Present: Colonel K. Mackenzie (Chairman), Councillors F. H. Flitman, P. McVibill, J. J. Ellis, E. V. Lysaght and H. McLeod.

VOICES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, prior to opening the ordinary business of the meeting, made fitting reference to the deaths of their late councillor, Mr Donald Grant, and to the late Mayor of Geraldine (the late Dr. W. Fergus Paterson). Mr Donald Grant, whose death it was his mournful duty to speak of, would be regretted by all. He had been brought up in the Temuka district, in the Geraldine County, and had worked well for his district. He had been best known to people as a successful farmer, but he took a great interest in, and was a member of, many local bodies in South Canterbury. Dr. Paterson, when he left for the war, had been Mayor of Geraldine, and had taken a great part in public affairs. His death was a great loss to the district.

Cr. E. H. Flitman said they had lost a good man in their late fellow councillor, Mr D. Grant, who was a man they could always talk to with confidence, and whose judgment was always reliable. He hoped the Temuka members would do their best to take his place.

Cr. P. McVibill endorsed the last speaker's remarks. Mr Grant, he said, had been a man he had every confidence in.

Cr. J. J. Ellis, on behalf of the Temuka members, said he felt Mr Grant's loss very much. He had been a man in whom they always had great confidence.

The Chairman moved a vote of sympathy with the wife and relatives of the late Councillor Grant, and the widow and daughter of the late Dr. Paterson.

The motion was carried in sympathy, their sines, members all standing.

The Chairman moved a vote of sympathy with the relatives of all who had suffered loss through the influenza epidemic, and this was also carried.

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since. He was 55 years of age.

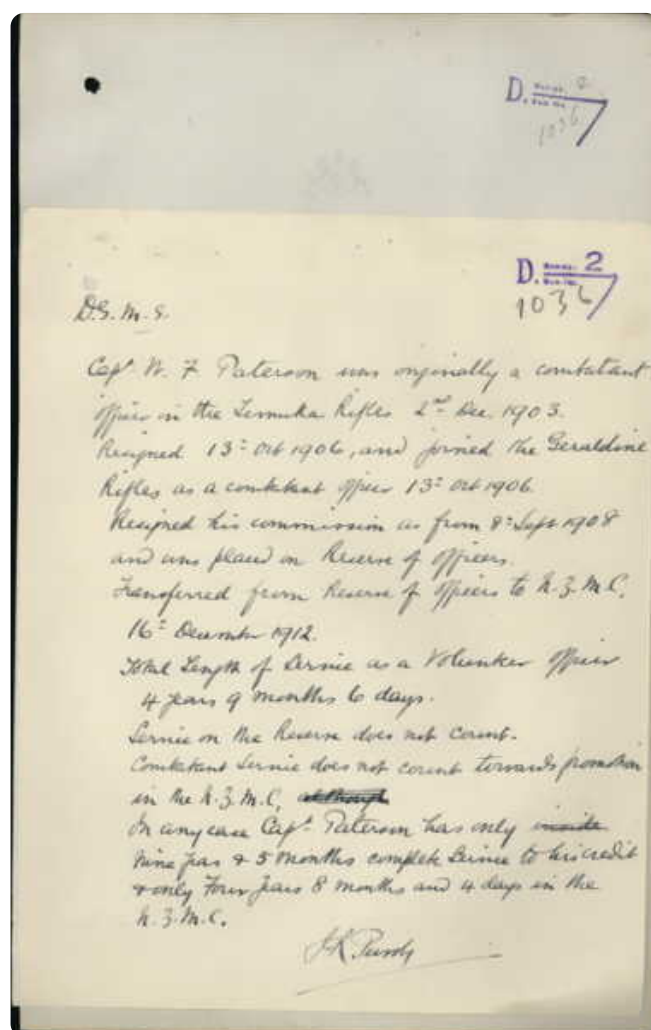
Dr **W. Fergus Paterson**, aged 41 years, eldest son of Mr **W. A. Paterson**, of Roslyn, died on the 14th inst. in the Hornchurch Hospital, after suffering from broncho pneumonia. He received his primary education at the Wakari School, and afterwards nursued his studies at the Otago Boys' High School. He took the M.B. and Ch.B. degree at the Medical School here, and went to London, where he took the degrees of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in 1902. After his return, he settled in Geraldine, where he had an extensive practice previous to his

offering his services for the front. He left New Zealand in the hospital ship Marama in June, but left her at Marseilles, and passed through France and on to Southampton. He was then appointed to the Hornchurch Hospital. Dr Paterson was very popular in South Canterbury, and his loss will be keenly felt by the residents. He had many friends in Dunedin. He leaves a wife and a daughter to mourn their loss.
Mr. S. P. Toth of Stafford street has

1918

1918
AGE 42

1918, Paterson, William Fergus., Internal Army Letter regarding service, it will be in response to his letter sent from Hospital



1918

25 SEP
1920

Probate

25 Sep 1920

Residence

William Fergus Paterson lived in New Zealand.

New Zealand



William Fergus Paterson

BIRTH 21 DEC 1876 • Cromwell, Otago, New Zealand

DEATH 14 NOV 1918 • Hornchurch, Essex, England

great-granduncle of wife

Facts

Age 0 — Birth

21 Dec 1876 • Cromwell, Otago, New Zealand
Born in Cromwell where his father was teaching.

Age 5 — Education

1881 • Wakari, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand
Attends Wakari School where his father is the Head Master. He is part of the Wakari Gymnastics Club.



Age 16 — Education

1892 • Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand (2 media)
1892 to 1895. OTAGO BOYS HIGH SCHOOL. Campbell Trust Latin Prizeman, First fifteen 1893-95., Lieut. in Highschool Cadets.



Age 18 — Education

31 Jan 1895 • Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand
OBHS Passes the medical preliminary examination on the junior scholarship papers



Age 19 — Education

6 Feb 1896 • Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand
Passed Junior Scholarship examination with credit OBHS



Age 19 — Education

29 Oct 1896 • Otago University, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand (4 media)
Otago University Exam Results: Show that he was a Medical Student. Many newspaper clippings are in the gallery.



Age 26 — Education

1902 • Middlesex, London, England (3 media)
Dr W F Paterson M.B., Ch.B. NZ (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery), completes further medical study in London. He completed degrees in M.R.C.S and L.R.C.P (Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians)

Family

Parents



William Aird Paterson

1848-1928



Martha Grange Fergus

1852-1928

Spouse and children



Caroline Henrietta Raymond

1878-1954



Jura Isabel Paterson

1913-1980

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Age 26 – **Employment**

17 Mar 1903 • Gore, Southland, New Zealand (2 media)

Dr Paterson, from Temuka, is working in Gore while the local Gore doctor is on leave to recuperate after an illness. In another newspaper article in 28 March 1903 he advises he will be start practicing medicine in Temuka shortly.

Age 26 – **Medical Register**

31 Marc 1903 • Otago, New Zealand

Dr Paterson places his intention to go on the NZ Medical Register in the newspaper. He is currently in Gore when applying.



Age 26 – **Medical Practice** **Temuka**

16 May 1903 • Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand

Dr W F Paterson starts his practice in Temuka.



Age 26 – **Military**

July 1903 • Temuka, Sth Canterbury, New Zealand (3 media)

appointed to the rank of Captain in the Temuka Rifles volunteers



Age 27 – **Employment**

24 Mar 1904 • Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand

Dr W F Paterson is teaching 'ambulance' at the Temuka Technical College. Other newspaper articles also show he was a doctor in Temuka

Age 29 – **Residence**

9 Jan 1906 • Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand

A newspaper article tells us that Dr W F Paterson has returned to Temuka after being away in Gore and Dunedin



Age 29 – **Medical Practice** **Geraldine**

3 Oct 1906 • Geraldine (2 media)

In Sept a newspaper article states he is leaving Temuka to start his practice in Geraldine. Another Dr is taking his place in Temuka. Dr Paterson starts the his own Medical Practice at his residence at Cox St.



Age 29 – **Military**


1 Nov 1906 • Geraldine

Geraldine Rifles - Hand over to Captain William Fergus Paterson



Age 30 – **Marriage**

18 April 1907 • New Zealand

 **Caroline Henrietta Raymond**
(1878–1954)



Age 31 — **Mode of Transport**

1907 • Geraldine (2 media)

Dr Paterson was noted for his mode of Transport. His Triumph Motorbike.



Age 40 — **Mayor**

13 Apr 1917 • Geraldine

Elected Mayor of Geraldine

Age 41 — **Residence**

1917 • Geraldine, New Zealand

Age 41 — **WW1 Call-up**

May 1918 • Geraldine, Sth Canterbury, New Zealand

William is called up in the 17th Ballot. Re-quired to report on the 1 May 1918. Reported on the 9 May, Awapuni, NZ Ambulance and Medical Corp. (Palmerston Nth). 29 May he was posted to the No.2 Hospital ship.



Age 41 — **Military**

1 Jun 1918 • Hospital Ship Marama (4 media)

William departed NZ on the Hospital Ship "Marama". He wrote a letter challenging the seniority on the ship as he felt his seniority had been overlooked.



Age 41 — **Death**

14 Nov 1918 • Hornchurch, Essex, England (2 media)

Armistice Day only days earlier, 11 Nov 1918. His brother, Archibald, by his death bed. Died of the spansih flu. He had been attached to No2 General Hospital, Walton-on-Thames. Died at Hornchurch Con-valescent Hosp for NZ soldiers. Both greater London.



Caroline Receives Notification of his Death, late mon. afternoon

18 Nov 1918 • Geraldine, Sth Canterbury, New Zealand

Temuka Leader 'Roll of Honour', Tues 19 Nov, "late on Monday after-noon the sad news of the death of Captain W. Fergus Paterson, reached Geraldine, by means of a cable message to Mrs Paterson from Mr Archie Paterson, brother of the late Captain Paterson.



Burial

18 Nov 1918 • Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England (2 media)

Interred on the 19th Nov 1918 at 1 pm. He was 41 yrs. Brookwood Cemetery. Buried with a detail of one officer and 40 other ranks for firing party. Also Officer bearers and the Chaplain in attendance. His body went by train to Brookwood.



Obituary

30 Nov 1918 • Geraldine (5 media)
He had a number of notices placed in the newspapers but this one is very comprehensive and heart-felt (and very long)



Obituaries

1918 (5 media)
There are many obituaries from throughout Canterbury and Otago for this father, husband, civic leader and compassionate Doctor.

Probate

25 Sep 1920

Also Known As

used his middle name, Fergus, rather than his first name William probably because his Dad was called William.

Residence

New Zealand