



Initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1891, he rose to become Master in 1897.

WBro. J F Colegrove

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



John Frederick Colegrove was born in 1861.

For many years, he was the Auckland manager for Nelson, Moate & Co who imported tea and other foodstuffs. Their first shop was on the corner of Swan-son and Queen Streets and in 1896 they moved to the Theatre Royal building on the corner of Victoria and Queen Streets. Apparently their shop window was remarkable for the six foot high Japanese vases on display. He seems to have travelled extensively around New Zealand for that company.

In 1897, he went into partnership with Heather, Robertson & Co who worked in the same field and in 1920 joined T. Mandeno Jackson, Land & Estate Agents, Auctioneers, in Customs Street East as City Salesman.

In 1893 he married Melita Josephine Binks and they had three children – two daughters and a son. It seems one daughter had a serious medical problem which necessitated a trip to England for medical advice.

The family lived at “Astrop” first in Carlton Gore Road and then in Maunsell Road, Parnell.

He was a keen polo player and served on the committee of the Auckland Polo Club. He represented that club at the Saville Cup matches in Wanganui in 1894. While in Wanganui, he entered horses in the Warrengate Club Sports in both the “Bending Competition” and the “Cigar & Umbrella Race”.

He was also an accomplished musician and performed on the flute at a number of events including at the Ara Lodge installations.

He died in 1954 at the age of 93.

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Sources: Contemporary newspaper reports.



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The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, under the United Grand Lodge of England, was founded on the 18th day of December, 1869, and consecrated on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1871, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes Street, Auckland, by Bro. J.J. Fitzgibbon, Past Master of the Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C.

