



Thomas joined the Prince of Wales lodge in 1907 and served as master in 1913.

WBro. Thomas McFarlane

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338



Thomas was born in Scotland in 1876 and appears to have emigrated to New Zealand with his family.

He started work in 1890 in the maintenance division of the railways in the Auckland Province. After six years he left the railways to take up practice as a mine and land surveyor.

In 1907 he joined the engineering staff of the Auckland City Council assuming charge of its surveying work. In this capacity, he was responsible for a major survey of the then Auckland City. The resulting plans have been preserved and are regarded as a significant piece of information about early Auckland.

"Amongst the archives now held by Auckland City Council are two sets of the 1908 City of Auckland Map. An original 1908 set and a second annotated set showing additional detail of changes up to at least 1918 on each sheet and including additional sheets drawn to cover land reclaimed along the city's waterfront and the area that is now Victoria Park. This map is a significant and unique record of Auckland city's history and early infrastructure. As such, it is one of Auckland City Council archives' most treasured and valuable assets"

In 1909 he transferred to the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board. Subsequently he served with the Coromandel and Bay of Islands County Councils. In 1920 he joined the Public Works Department and supervised the construction of many important works. In 1940 he retired from the Department and for some time was Assistant Engineer to the Franklin County Council.

In 29 July 1903 he married Dorothy Isabel Gresham (daughter of the city coroner) at St Pauls Church, Symonds Street and they had three children – two sons and a daughter.

The family lived in Wynyard Street before moving to Hall's Avenue, Remuera, then Clover Nook, Epsom and finally Royce Avenue in Mt Roskill.

His wife tragically died in 1919 following a fall from a tram car. Thomas died in 1944 at the age of 67.

He joined the Prince of Wales Lodge in October 1907 and rose to become master in 1913.

In District he was appointed DGStwd in 1914.

*Sources:
Contemporary newspaper reports
Auckland City Council*



In District he was appointed District Grand Steward in 1914.

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