



W.Bro. William Nairn

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



William Charles Nairn was born on 29 August 1858 in South Head Road, Paddington, Sydney, Australia. His parents Walter and Emma (nee Kent) were both from London.

He trained as a hatter and worked for W H Fenton & Co. in Queen Street from around 1873 until 1886 when that company went bankrupt. He then joined J W Shackleford & Co.

He married Mary Sophia Waters in 1879 in the Onehunga Parish. They lived for some time in Dundonald Street, Newton, before moving to New North Road.

There were seven children in the family; four sons and three daughters.

He was a keen cyclist and a member of the Onehunga Cycle Club. He competed keenly, often against E W Burton, another member of the lodge.

He was also an enthusiastic singer who performed in a number of amateur shows, including benefit shows at the then Theatre Royale.

He died in Mt Eden in 1919 at the age of 63.

William was initiated into the Prince of Wales lodge in 1889, rising to become Master in 1896.

In 1909, he was one of the founding members of the United Masters Research Lodge No. 167 N.Z.C.

He was also a member of the Union Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 154

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.

