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Waddell Lane		Named after Leslie Arthur William Waddell (1903-1982).	Avondale	Waddell, a contractor, undertook work for the Christchurch Drainage Board, especially to do with sewers. The Christchurch Drainage Board owned an area of low-lying land in Avondale which they filled up with dredgings from the river so the land could be subdivided and built on. The Board named the streets formed there. Name approved on 21 November 1984. First appears in street directories in 1987.	De Courcy Place, Gertrude Place, Hunt Lane, Mervyn Drive, Ogilvie Place and Scoular Place.	Information supplied in 2007 by Paul Baldwin, Christchurch City Council, in an interview with Margaret Harper.	Christchurch, swamp to city: a short history of the Christchurch Drainage Board 1875-1989 , p 90 & pp 92-93

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Wadeley Road		Named after the Wade family, farmers who once owned most of the land which is now Ilam.	Ilam	When the Wades sold their farm they kept some of the land. Their family home is at 33 Wadeley Road. Warren & Mahoney did some projects for them including <i>Wade house</i> at 29 Wadeley Road and the Birchdale flats in Newbridge Place. First appears in street directories in 1966.		Christchurch Modern	
Wades Avenue			St Martins	First appears in street directories in 1921.			
Wadhurst Place		Probably named after Wadhurst, a town in Sussex.	Burnside	First appears in street directories in 1960.			
Wagner Crescent			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers “chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision”. Named in 2000.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000 Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000	

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Waiiau Street		Named after the Waiiau River.	Cracroft	In a subdivision named after rivers and sheep stations in North Canterbury. Developed by Christchurch Estates Ltd. First appears in street directories in 1964.	Hurunui Street, Opihi Street and Waiiau Street and Waipara Street.	“Country’s influence”, The Press, 11 November 1964, p 30 “More themes in street names”, The Christchurch Mail , 23 February 1999, p 6	Extra information supplied by Jack Ryan in 2008 in a letter to Margaret Harper.
Wai-iti Terrace	Malton Avenue		Bryndwr, Burnside	Wai-iti Terrace first appears in street directories in 1930. Malton Avenue first appears in 1928 (it ran off Bryndwr Road). It was incorporated into Wai-iti Terrace in 1960.			

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Waimairi Road			Ilam, Upper Riccarton	First mentioned in The Lyttelton Times in 1851 when Mary Ward's land is described. She purchased Rural Section 80, 50 acres in the Christchurch district. Also named Bush Inn Road. Named after the <i>Bush Inn Hotel</i> at Riccarton. First mentioned in the Star in 1868 when its gravelling is discussed. This name never appears in street directories.	Waimairi	<p>“Rural Sections chosen”, The Lyttelton Times, 29 March 1851, p 6</p> <p>“Local and General”, Star, 9 October 1868, p 2</p> <p>“The Riccarton coach goes by”, The Press, 4 December 1937, p 21</p>	Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Paparua , p 55
Waimakariri Road	Part of Johns Road	Named because at one time the whole of Johns Road was known as the 'Waimak Road'.	Harewood	First appears in street directories in 1972. [Another name suggested was Kilcroft Road.]		<p>"Extra name needed", The Papanui Herald, 7 April 1970, p 1</p> <p>"New name proposed", The Papanui Herald, 21 April 1970, p 8</p> <p>"New names", The Papanui Herald, 2 June 1970, p 9</p>	

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Waimea Terrace	Western Terrace		Beckenham	Western Terrace first appears in street directories in 1912. Re-named Waimea Terrace on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.		Beckenham: a suburb of Christchurch, New Zealand , p 16 “New street names”, The Press, 1 June 1948, p 3	“New names for street”, The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3
Wainoni Road		Named after <i>Wainoni</i> , the property owned by Professor Alexander William Bickerton (1842-1929). <i>Wainoni</i> means: <i>bend in the river</i> . There was a bend in the Avon River where Porritt Park is now.	Avondale, Wainoni	First appears in street directories in 1914. Bickerton is a resident.	Wainoni		View the biography of Alexander William Bickerton in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography . “ Wainoni ”, Star, 17 February 1902, p 4
Wainui Street	Junction Road		Riccarton	Junction Road first appears in street directories in 1909. Re-named Wainui Street in 1910.			

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Waipara Street		Named after the Waipara River.	Cracroft	In a subdivision named after rivers and sheep stations in North Canterbury. First appears in street directories in 1964.	Hurunui Street, Opihi Street, Pahau Street and Waiiau Street.	“Country’s influence”, The Press, 11 November 1964, p 30 “More themes in street names”, The Christchurch Mail , 23 February 1999, p 6	
Wairakei Road	Wairarapa Road	Formerly Wairarapa Road. Named after <i>Wairarapa Farm</i> , the farm belonging to Joseph Taylor (1836-1918). Re-named Wairakei Road.	Burnside, Bryndwr, Strowan	Wairarapa Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1871 in a report of a meeting of the Riccarton Road Board. First appears in street directories in 1894, running from Bligh’s Road to Norman’s Road. Re-named Wairakei Road on 23 September 1948 when 24 streets in the Waimairi County were re-named.	Taylors Avenue	“Riccarton Road Board”, Star, 3 January 1871, p 3 Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 594 held at Christchurch City Council archives.	

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Wairarapa Terrace		Named after <i>Wairarapa Farm</i> , the farm belonging to Joseph Taylor (1836-1918).	Merivale	First appears in the Star in 1884 in an advertisement. First appears in street directories in 1894.	Taylor's Avenue	" Advertisements ", Star, 17 November 1884, p 2	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : T66
Wairoa Street	Wainui Street		Bexley	Wainui Street appears in the Methodist marriage church register in 1914 when Elise Mary Hall of Wainui Street, New Brighton married George Ellis. At the time Bexley would have been popularly considered part of New Brighton although it was outside the borough. First appears in street directories in 1948. Re-named Wairoa Street in 1950.		Information about Bexley/New Brighton supplied by Richard Greenaway in 2010.	

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Waitaki Street	High Street and Wai-iti Street.		Bexley	High Street first appears in street directories in 1916. Wai-iti Street first appears in street directories in 1921. High Street was incorporated into Wai-iti Street in 1933 by the Public Utilities Committee of the Heathcote County Council. Wai-iti Street was incorporated into Waitaki Street which first appears in street directories in 1934.		<p>“Street names,” The Press, 15 October 1932, p 14</p> <p>“Street names”, The Christchurch Times, 1 February 1933, p 3</p>	<p>The Estuary of Christchurch: a history of the Avon-Heathcote estuary, its communities, clubs, controversies and contributions, p 151</p>

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Waiwetū Street	Joynts Lane and Watson's Lane	Formerly Joynts Lane and Watson's Lane. Named after William Morgan Watson (1830-1898). Re-named Waiwetū Street although both names were used for a time. The name means: <i>starry water</i> . There is a tributary of the Avon River at the end of the street.	Fendalton	Joynts Lane and Watson's Lane both appear first in street directories in 1896 – Joynts Lane with a <i>see ref.</i> to Watson's Lane. Watson arrived in Canterbury in 1855 and worked for William Bray (1812-1883), the Canterbury provincial engineer of <i>Avonhead</i> . Watson retired to <i>Esperanza</i> in Watson's Lane in 1890, a two acre lot where 19 Waiwetū Street is now. He is listed as one of the original residents of the street. [This house was shifted to Taylors Road, Ohoka in 1989.] Becomes Watson's Lane only from 1902. Re-named Waiwetū Street in 1924.			G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W237 & B694

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Wakatu Avenue	Pratt Street	Formerly Pratt Street. Named after Frederick Pratt (1861-1925). Re-named Wakatu Avenue.	Moncks Bay	Pratt, a lawyer, was elected to the Sumner Borough Council on 24 April 1901 and was mayor of Sumner from May 1905 to February 1906. His obituary says he would be "remembered as one of the most public-spirited and generous residents who have ever worked for the benefit of the district". He lived in Nayland Street. Pratt Street is first mentioned in the Star in 1905 when a property is advertised <i>for sale</i> there. First appears in street directories in 1910. Re-named Wakatu Avenue on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.		<p>The Port Hills of Christchurch, p 53</p> <p>"Advertisements", Star, 10 August 1905, p 3</p> <p>"New street names", The Press, 1 June 1948, p 3</p>	<p>"Tragic death: fatal accident to Mr. Frederick Pratt", The Press, 13 April 1925, p 8</p> <p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: P521</p> <p>The Cyclopedia of New Zealand. Vol 3, p 406</p> <p>"New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3</p>

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Wakefield Avenue		Named after Felix Wakefield (1807-1875).	Sumner	Wakefield was a surveyor and engineer. He selected Rural Section 2, 100 acres in Sumner. First appears in street directories in 1910.		Province of Canterbury, New Zealand: list of sections purchased to April 30, 1863 , p 1 "Rural Sections chosen", The Lyttelton Times, 1 March 1851, p 6	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : W40 Felix Wakefield : a life of fitful fever "Local and General", Star, 24 December 1875, p 2
Wakelin Avenue			Redwood	One of the streets in Redwood formed on land belonging to Christ's College and given names of members of the school staff or those associated with the school. First appears in street directories in 1987.	Creese Place, Denniston Crescent, Goodall Place, Jenkins Avenue, Lowry Avenue, Monteath Place, Murchison Avenue, Pyatt Place, Solomon Avenue and Strack Place.	"Not happy on staff names", The Papanui Herald , 13 March 1973, p 7	
Walcot Street			Bromley	First appears in street directories in 1957.			

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Walden Place			Bryndwr	Named by the developer in 1966.		"Three new street names", The Papanui Herald , 14 December 1966, p 5	
Wales Street		Named after Wales, the country.	Halswell	The developer, Karl Scott (1910-1997), put several suggestions for the street name to the council, all of which were declined. In desperation he said – “England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales...Wales will do”. First appears in street directories in 1960.	Checketts Avenue, Ensign Street, Gore Street, Lillian Street and Nottingham Street. Also Oaklands and Scott Park.	Information supplied in 2008 by Bede Cosgriff (d. 2011) in an interview with Margaret Harper.	Turf tufts and toe-weights
Walker Street			Central city	Taken over by the council as a public street in 1877. First appears in street directories in 1883.		“ City Council ”, Star, 6 March 1877, p 3	
Walkers Road		Named after the Walker family.	Lyttelton	The Walkers were early settlers in Lyttelton. In 1863 Edward Walker was the timekeeper at the railway works and later one of the two tunnel foremen. First appears in street directories in 1924.			G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : W55

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Wallace Street			Bryndwr	First appears in street directories in 1953.			
Waller Terrace	Richmond Road and Richmond Terrace.	Cont. below:	Central city	<p>A report in the Star of a city council meeting held on 5 April 1880 says that Richmond Road “has been channelled, formed and shingled”. Richmond Road, running off the South Belt (later Moorhouse Avenue) and Richmond Terrace, running off Selwyn Street, appear firstly on a map and also in street directories in 1883.</p> <p>The city council formally took over Richmond Terrace on 18 July 1881. The streets were amalgamated, becoming Richmond Terrace in 1910.</p> <p>Cont. below:</p>		<p>"City Council", Star, 6 April 1880, p 4</p> <p>"City Council", Star, 19 July 1881, p 4</p> <p>"City Council", Star, 3 March 1908, p 4</p> <p>Plan of the city of Christchurch (Selwyn county) Canterbury, New Zealand, 1883. Map</p>	

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Waller Terrace cont.		Named after Francis Dalziel Waller (1869-1944).	Central city	Re-named Waller Terrace on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named. Waller was headmaster of Christchurch West High School (later Hagley High School) 1916-1927.		“New street names”, The Press, 1 June 1948, p 3	“New names for streets”, The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3 Hagley 125 anniversary review , p 21
Walnut Avenue		Named after the walnut tree once on the corner of the street.	Strowan	First appears in street directories in 1947.		Papanui Heritage Group	
Walpole Street		Named after Horace Walpole (1717-1797).	Waltham	Walpole was author of the first Gothic novel, <i>The Castle of Otranto</i> . One of the “poets and writers” streets of Sydenham, Addington and Waltham named by a committee of the Sydenham Borough Council on 19 January 1880. First appears in street directories in 1887.		Report of the street naming committee, Sydenham Borough Council minute book 1879-1880, p 217, held at Christchurch City Council archives. “ Borough Council ”, Star, 20 January 1880, p 3	

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Walters Road		Named after Charles Henry Walter (1842-1923).	Marshland	Walter arrived in Canterbury on the <i>Zambia</i> in 1863 and moved to Marshlands in 1882 where he developed some very rough swamp land on what later became Walters Road. He became chairman of the local school committee and helped establish the library and the local hall. His son, Wilfred John Walter (1878-1946), was a long-serving member of Christchurch local authorities. First appears in street directories in 1928.		Reminiscences of early Marshland residents, 1930-1939 Shirley/Papanui Community Board Agenda 3 August 2005 Settling near the Styx River , p 181	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W119 “Obituary”, The Press, 6 October 1923, p 15

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Waltham Road	Gasworks Road. Also Langdown Street.	Formerly Gasworks Road. Named because the Gasworks were there. Re-named Waltham Road. Named, as the suburb is named, after <i>Waltham House</i> , a large house on Colombo Road belonging to Charles Prince.	Sydenham	Gasworks Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1871 and appears on an 1879 map. Waltham Road is mentioned in street directories of 1878 so the street had alternate names for a time. In 1889 the council proposed re-naming the road Langdown Street to honour a retiring mayor, William Langdown (1827-1903). It appears on an 1890 map as Langdown Street. According to an 1890 newspaper report this was rejected by residents. However, from 1910 to 1948, the section from Austin Street to the bridge at Wilsons Road was known as Langdown Street. There had once been lime kilns in the street named Langdown & Co.	Waltham	<p>“City Council”, Star, 13 June 1871, p 2</p> <p>Plan of Christchurch and suburbs, 1879</p> <p>“Borough councils”, The Lyttelton Times, 17 September 1889, p 3</p> <p>Map of Christchurch & suburbs: including the boroughs of Sydenham, Linwood & St Albans, 1890</p> <p>“The Waltham Road”, The Press, 27 November 1890, p 6</p> <p>Map of Christchurch : shewing tram routes & public buildings 1912</p> <p>Sydenham: the model borough of Christchurch : an informal history, p 12</p>	<p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: L60</p> <p>Requiem for a Gasworks, pp 35-36</p>

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Walton Street		Named after Sir Izaak Walton (1593-1683).	Sydenham	Walton was an English biographer best known for <i>The Compleat Angler</i> . One of the "poets and writers" streets of Sydenham, Addington and Waltham named by a committee of the Sydenham Borough Council on 19 January 1880. First appears in street directories in 1892.		Report of the street naming committee, Sydenham Borough Council minute book 1879-1880, p 217, held at Christchurch City Council archives. “ Borough Council ”, Star, 20 January 1880, p 3	
Wanstead Place		Named after Wanstead, a suburban area in the London Borough of Redbridge, East London.	Woolston	First appears in street directories in 1978.			
Waratah Street		Named after an Australian shrub.	Avondale	First appears in street directories in 1970.			

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Warblington Street		Named after Warblington in Hampshire.	Aranui	In an area in Aranui where all the streets are named after places in the county of Hampshire. There is a Christchurch city and a River Avon in Hampshire. First appears in street directories in 1966.			
Ward Street			Addington	First mentioned in an advertisement in the Star in 1868. Appears on an 1879 map.		“ Advertisements ”, Star, 29 July 1868, p 3 Plan of Christchurch and suburbs	

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Warden Street		Named after a position in the Anglican Church. Each parish has two wardens who are chosen from the congregation and are part of the vestry. They are the vicar's warden, representing the priest, and the people's warden, representing the congregation.	Richmond	One of the streets in Shirley associated with the Anglican church which owned land in this area. First appears in street directories in 1921.	Slater Street	“Story of 700 acres of church property”, The Press, 25 February 1947, p 6	
Warner Place		Named after Warner Mauger (1934-).	Heathcote Valley	Mauger is a builder and developer. First appears in street directories in 1987.		Information supplied in 2004 by Linda Mauger, a family member, in an interview with Margaret Harper.	

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Warren Crescent		Named after the Rev. Alwyn Warren (1900-1988).	Hillmorton, Hoon Hay	Warren was the Bishop of Christchurch 1951-1966 and, because of this, a warden of Christ's College . One of the streets in the area formed on land belonging to Christ's College . First appears in street directories in 1964.	Bean Street, Bidwell Place, Charles Upham Avenue, Grigg Place, Harling Avenue, Neave Place and West-Watson Avenue.	"West-Watson Park", The Press, 14 September 1957, p 4	View the biography of Alwyn Keith Warren in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography .
Warrington Street		Named after Warrington, a large town in Cheshire, England.	Mairehau	First appears in street directories in 1908.			
Warwick Street	George Street	Named after Warwick, a town in Warwickshire, England.	Richmond	George Street first appears in street directories in 1887. Re-named Warwick Street on 7 March 1904. Among a number of streets re-named in 1904 and given the names of place-names in the United Kingdom.		Christchurch City Council minute book, June 1903-October 1904 held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Re-naming streets", The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5	

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Washington Way		Named after a type of steam engine.	Sydenham	Named because it was developed near the site of the old Christchurch Railway Station. First appears in street directories in 1995.		Information supplied in 2006 by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	
Waterford Avenue			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers “chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision”. Named in 2000.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000 Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000	
Waterloo Road	Factory Road		Hornby, Islington, Templeton	Named Factory Road until 1945 when postal authorities asked that it be re-named. Re-named Waterloo Road.		A history of the New Zealand Refrigerating Company , p 107	

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Watermill Boulevard		Named because it is in a subdivision which has its own water features and is also near the ponds and water features of the Styx Mill Reserve.	Northwood	The developer, Carlin Enterprises, wished to recognise these features in the street names in the subdivision. Named in 2003.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 2 July 2003	
Waterstock Way		Named to continue the existing theme in the subdivision of water and water features.	Parklands	In the Waitikiri subdivision. Named in 2011.			
Watford Street	Nursery Road	Formerly Nursery Road. Named because it was developed on the site of a nursery. Re-named Watford Street. Probably named after Watford in Herefordshire.	Strowan	The nursery was run by John Joyce (1850?-1928) who worked for the Rhodes family. Nursery Road first appears in street directories in 1894. Re-named Watford Street in 1922.	Elmwood	Papanui Heritage Group	“Pioneer gardeners”, The Star, 11 October 1919, p 8 “Pioneer gardeners”, The Star, 14 October 1919, p 6 G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : J226

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Watlings Place		Named after the Watlings, a local family of botanists.	Kennedys Bush	Margaret Watling (1933?-1986) was a well-known florist. Named in 1999.		Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 31 March 1999	"Obituary", The Press, 16 April 1986, p 12
Watsons Lane		Named after Alexander Watson.	Lyttelton	Watson was a shipwright. In 1894 his daughter was married from her parent's home on Sumner Road.		" Marriages ", Star, 25 August 1894, p 4	
Wattle Drive		Named after the Australian wattle tree.	New Brighton	This was the favourite tree of William Nicholas Ryan (1885-1950), a contractor. Named by his wife, Mary Catherine Ryan (1892-1978). First appears in street directories in 1960.		Information supplied in 2008 by Ryan's son, Jack Ryan, in a letter to Margaret Harper.	
Watts Road			Sockburn	First appears in street directories in 1908. No resident named Watt is listed.			

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Waverley Street	Templer Street	Named after Waverley, a town in Surrey, England.	Sydenham	Templer Street is first mentioned in the Star in 1888 in a report of a meeting of the Sydenham Borough Council. First appears in street directories in 1894. Re-named Waverley Street in 1904. Among a number of streets re-named in 1904 and given the names of place-names in the United Kingdom.		“ Sydenham Borough Council ”, Star, 1 May 1888, p 4 “Re-naming streets”, The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5	
Webb Lane		Named after the Webb family.	Lyttelton				

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Webb Street		Named after Henry Richard Webb (1829-1901).	St Albans	Webb was a member of the Provincial Council 1869-1875 and secretary during its winding-up 1873-1875. His second daughter married Robert Ewing McDougall (1861-1942); his second wife was a sister of the Hon. John Thomas Peacock (1827?-1905). The Webb family built a large house, <i>Te Wepu</i> , on Papanui Road with an entrance from Webb Street which was named by 1889 and first appears in street directories in 1890. [The house was renovated in 2005 becoming <i>Merivale Manor</i> .]	McDougall Avenue and Peacock Street.	<p>“St Albans Borough Council”, <i>Star</i>, 12 March 1889, p 4</p> <p>St Albans: from swamp to suburbs: an informal history, p 133-134</p> <p>“An enclave of wealth and power”, <i>New Zealand Historic Places</i>, September 1997, pp 16-19</p>	<p>“Death of Mr H. R. Webb”, <i>The Press</i>, 12 February 1901, p 6</p> <p>“Obituary”, <i>Star</i>, 12 February 1901, p 3</p> <p>“Obituary”, The Lyttelton Times, 13 February 1901, p 5</p> <p>The Cyclopedia of New Zealand. Vol 3, p 375</p> <p>Our City Issue 40 Summer 2005</p> <p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W274</p>

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Wedgewood Avenue	Wedgwood Avenue		Cashmere	Named because the developer was very fond of Wedgwood china. First appears in street directories in 1972 where it is spelt correctly. From 1981 it is mis-spelt as Wedgewood Avenue.		Information supplied in 2009 by Gordon Ogilvie.	
Wedmoor Lane		Named after Wedmore in Somerset, England.	Burwood	In this part of the Travis County subdivision streets were given names associated with King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. The name has been mis-spelt in the street name. Named in 1997.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Agenda 24 November 1997	Wedmore

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Welles Street	Marton Street and Belfast Street.	Re-named Welles Street. Named because of the well once there.	Central city	The Marton Street well is referred to in the Star in 1895. Marton Street is shown on an 1897 map and first appears in street directories in 1900. Re-named Belfast Street in 1913 and re-named Welles Street on 1 September 1948 with additional "e".		Plan of the city of Christchurch, Canterbury, NZ "The Deep Wells", Star, 27 March 1895, p 4 "New street names", The Press, 1 June 1948, p 3	"New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3
Wellington Street		Named after Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington (1769-1852).	Phillipstown	Wellington was a soldier and statesman. One of a group of four streets named after English military commanders. First mentioned in the Star in 1900 when land is advertised <i>for sale</i> there. Also first appears in street directories in 1900.	Clive Street, Havelock Street and Marlborough Street.	"Advertisements", Star, 29 December 1900, p 7 "Street names", The Press, 2 September 1930, p 12	
Wembley Street		Named after the London suburb of Wembley.	Sydenham	First appears in street directories in 1929.		Beckenham: a suburb of Christchurch, New Zealand , p 16	
Wendover Street			Bishopdale	First appears in street directories in 1968.			

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Wentworth Street			Ilam	First appears in street directories in 1960.			
Westby Street		Named after Westby Brook Perceval (1854-1938).	Waltham	Perceval, a lawyer, was the Member of Parliament for Christchurch 1890-1891, and agent-general for New Zealand in the United Kingdom from 1891. First appears in street directories in 1912.	Perry Street and Kaimahi Settlement.		View the biography of Westby Brook Perceval in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography . [This entry suggests Percival changed his surname to Perceval soon after his marriage in 1880.]

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Westenra Terrace		Named after the Frances Sarah Wilson, née Westenra, (1831-1903).	Cashmere	Frances Wilson was the eldest daughter of Captain Richard Westenra (1794-1880) and the wife of Frederick Herbert Wilson (1831-1902), who was the eldest son of John Cracroft Wilson. They lived where this street was later developed. First appears in street directories in 1921.	Rossmore Terrace. Also Cashmere.	The Port Hills of Christchurch , p 167	“Obituary, Mr F. H. Wilson, of Cashmere”, The Press, 26 December 1902, p 9b “ Obituary ”, Star, 24 December 1902, p 3 G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W345 & W584
Westholme Street			Strowan	39 “choice building lots” were sold at auction in the Westholme subdivision in 1926. First appears in street directories in 1928 “running off Bligh’s Road”. Later extended through to Strowan Road.		“Westholme Subdivision”, The Press, 16 June 1926, p 11	

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Westminster Street	Green's Lane and Green's Road. Also part of Shirley Road.	Formerly Green's Lane and Green's Road. Named after Green, a local milkman. James Green, of Papanui, is listed in street directories in 1890. Greens Road and part of Shirley Road were amalgamated and re-named Westminster Street. Named after the City of Westminster, a metropolitan borough of London.	Mairehau, St Albans	Green's thatched-roof, sod house was on the corner of Hills Road and Greens Road. Green's Lane first appears in street directories in 1892. "Green's Road, Papanui", is mentioned in the Star in 1909. Re-named Westminster Street in 1909.		Reminiscences of early Marshland residents, 1930-1939 , Pt 2, p 8 " Advertisements ", Star, 25 June 1909, p 3 "Street naming", The Press, 3 November 1909, p 3	"Street names", The Press, 6 October 1909, p 6

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Weston Road	Weston's Road	Named after Thomas Shailer Weston (1837-1912).	Mairehau, St Albans	Weston was a lawyer and a church property trustee. He was also on the board of governors of Canterbury College. Cont. below:		St Albans: from swamp to suburbs: an informal history , p 20	"Obituary", The Press, 16 October 1912, p 9 G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W356

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Weston Road cont.			Mairehau, St Albans	<p>One of a number of streets with names with Anglican associations, chosen when the Church Property Trustees sold their land. This was the first subdivision of Rural Section 243f, 100 acres in Papanui Road purchased by the Ecclesiastical Committee, Dean and Chapter.</p> <p>Weston's Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1888 in a report of a meeting of the St Albans Borough Council.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1890 running off Papanui Road.</p> <p>Becomes Weston Road in 1901.</p>		<p>Province of Canterbury, New Zealand : list of sections purchased to April 30 1863, p 6</p> <p>The Canterbury church property : articles, p 43</p> <p>“City Council”, Star, 3 July 1888, p 4</p> <p>"Story of 700 acres of church property", The Press, 25 February 1947, p 6</p> <p>“Naming of streets in new subdivisions”, The Press, 1 November 1958, p 10</p>	

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Westpac Lane		Named because of its proximity to the Westpac Bank building.	Central city	It was an existing lane off Customs Lane, between the Westpac Bank building in Hereford Street and Mid-City Cinema and the Christchurch Transport Board depot in Cathedral Square. Named officially in 1984 by the people who worked in the vicinity.		“Pool-fencing by-law may be ‘waste of time’”, The Press, 2 November 1984, p 5	
Westpark Drive		Named because it is in a western part of the city and the developers, Lake Bryndwr Developments Ltd., wanted a "parklike" theme for the subdivision.	Burnside	Name approved in 2005.		Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board agenda 29 November 2005	

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West-Watson Avenue		Named after Campbell West-Watson (1877-1953).	Hillmorton	West-Watson was the third Anglican bishop of Christchurch 1925/26-1951 and also Archbishop of New Zealand 1940-1952. He was a Warden at Christ's College in 1925. One of the streets in the area formed on land belonging to Christ's College . First appears in street directories in 1970.	Bean Street, Bidwell Place, Charles Upham Avenue, Grigg Place, Harling Avenue, Neave Place and Warren Crescent.	“Street naming practices”, The Press, 1 June 1957, p 4 “West-Watson Park”, The Press, 14 September 1957, p 4	The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific
Westwood Terrace	Davis' right-of-way and Davis Lane.		Central city	A report in the Star of a city council meeting held on 5 April 1880 says Davis' right-of-way has been "channelled, formed and shingled". Davis Lane first appears in street directories in 1894. Re-named Westwood Terrace in 1913.		" City Council ", Star, 6 April 1880, p 4	

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Whaka Terrace	Whakakake Road, Whakakaka Street and Whaka Crescent.		Huntsbury	Whakakake Road appears in street directories 1929-1953. Becomes Whakakaka Street in 1955; Whaka Crescent in 1957; Whaka Terrace in 1981.		The Port Hills of Christchurch , pp 149-150	
Wharenui Road	McDowell's Road	Formerly McDowell's Road. Named after John Charles McDowell (1831-1889). Re-named Wharenui Road. Named because it ran through the Wharenui Settlement.	Upper Riccarton	McDowell was an employee of the New Zealand Trust and Loan Company. McDowell's Road first appears in street directories in 1904. Re-named Wharenui Road in 1905. The Wharenui Settlement was a government housing settlement.	Wharenui Settlement	"The Riccarton coach goes by", The Press, 4 December 1937, p 21	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: Mac140 Riccarton, the founding borough: a short history. Canterbury's founding settlement , pp 31-32

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Whareora Terrace		Named after <i>Whareora</i> , the home there of Thomas (Tommy) Edward Taylor (1862-1911).	Cashmere	Taylor was a prohibitionist, businessman and politician. His house at 63 Dyers Pass Road was called <i>Whareora</i> , meaning: <i>home of happiness</i> . First appears in street directories in 1910.	Tommy Taylor Courts		View the biography of Thomas Edward Taylor in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography . "Death of Mr T. E. Taylor M.P.", The Canterbury Times , 2 August 1911, p 26
Wherstead Road		Named after Wherstead, a village in Suffolk, England.	Cashmere	First appears in street directories in 1908.			
Whisby Road		Named after Whisby, a town in Lincolnshire, England.	Cashmere	The Cracroft Wilson family owned property in Whisby. First appears in street directories in 1910.	Cashmere	The Port Hills of Christchurch , p 167	
Whitby Street		Named after Whitby in North Yorkshire, England.	Burnside	In a subdivision by Maurice F. Carter Ltd. First appears in street directories in 1962.		Information supplied in 2008 by Maurice Carter (d. 2011) in an interview with Margaret Harper.	"Maurice Carter leaves behind immense legacy", The Press , 10 May 2011, p A3

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Whitchurch Place		Named because it runs behind the Harewood Church.	Harewood	Named in 1970. [Boeing Place was another name suggested, probably because of the street's proximity to Christchurch Airport.]		"New names", The Papanui Herald , 2 June 1970, p 9	
Whitehall Street		Named after Whitehall in London which runs north from Parliament Square. In turn the name is taken from the vast Palace of Whitehall that used to occupy the surrounding area. Named because of its proximity to Westminster Street.	Mairehau	Named in 1955.	Westminster Street	"Names chosen for city streets", The Press , 20 September 1955, p 15	

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Whiteleigh Avenue		Named after <i>Whiteleigh</i> , the home in Addington of John Terras Bell (1838-1908).	Addington	Bell was a land and estate agent. First appears in street directories in 1900.			Whiteleigh G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: B340 “ Deaths ”, Star, 5 July 1907, p 3 [Death at <i>Whiteleigh</i> , Addington, of Emma, wife of J. T. Bell.]
Whitewash Head Road		Named because the droppings from the seabirds have made the cliffs white.	Sumner	First appears in street directories in 1950.		Sumner to Ferrymead: a Christchurch history , p 209	

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Whitfield Street	William Street	Named after Thomas Edward Whitfield (1876-1945).	Sumner	Whitfield, a cycle engineer and locksmith, served on the Sumner Borough Council. First appears in street directories in 1924 when the section from Truro Street was named William Street and the northern section from Colenso Street was named Whitfield Street. William Street disappears from street directories in 1926 and the entire street becomes Whitfield Street.		Sumner to Ferrymead: a Christchurch history , p 210	

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Whitmore Street	Part of North Avon Road.	Named after Tamerlane Vitruvius Whitmore (1841-1904) and his wife, Jane (Jean), née Grubb, (1845-1927).	Edgware	Whitmore was a mariner and, later, a builder. The Whitmores married in 1870 and moved to Richmond in 1875. In 1890 street directories they are listed as living at 36 North Avon Road. Leonard Alton Whitmore (1877-1937), a carpenter, and his wife, Jane, are residents of Whitmore Street in 1928, the year it first appears in street directories.		<p>“Early Lyttelton days”, Star, 22 February 1919, p 8</p> <p>First Four Ships</p> <p>"Street names", The Press, 25 May 1926, p 7 [Note that there is an error in this article It says North Avon Road north of London Street was re-named Fitzgerald Avenue. It should be Whitmore Street.]</p> <p>Part of city of Christchurch</p> <p>Richmond, Christchurch: a regional history, p 18</p>	<p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W440</p>

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Whittington Avenue	Rhodes Avenue	Named after Whittington, a small village near Worcester.	Woolston	Rhodes Street first appears in street directories in 1908. Re-named Whittington Avenue in 1912.			
Wichita Place		Named after Wichita, the largest city in the U.S. state of Kansas.	Burwood	In a subdivision where all the streets were given American place names. First appears in street directories in 1987.	Idaho Place, Michigan Place, Oregon Place, Seneca Place, Tucson Place, Utah Place and Yellowstone Crescent.		
Wickham Street			Bromley	First appears in street directories in 1972.			
Wiggins Street	Bury Street	Formerly Bury Street. Named after Bury in Greater Manchester, England by Felix Wakefield (1807-1875). Cont. below:	Sumner	Land in Bury Street in the “Township of Wakefield, Sumner Bay” is advertised <i>for sale</i> in the Star in 1880. Bury Street first appears in street directories in 1911. Cont. below:		The Port Hills of Christchurch , p 28 Sumner to Ferrymead: a Christchurch history , p 209 “ Advertisements ”, Star, 18 September 1880, p 2	Felix Wakefield G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : W40 & W461

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Wiggins Street cont.		Re-named Wiggins Street. Named after Clement Lester Wiggins (1843-1927).		Re-named Wiggins Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named. Wiggins operated a private boarding school for boys there. (This property became the Sumner Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in March 1880.) He was also the first chairman of the Sumner Town Board in 1883. Sumner was amalgamated with the city of Christchurch in 1945.		"New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2	"Obituary", The Press, 18 August 1927, p 15 "New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3
Wigram Close			Wigram	Named in 2000.		Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 1 March 2000	
Wildberry Street			Woolston	First mentioned in the Star in 1908 in an advertisement.		" Advertisements ", Star, 16 May 1908, p 5	

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Wild Dunes Place		Named after the Wild Dunes golf course in the Isle of Palms, South Carolina.	Shirley	Continues the theme throughout the Fairway Park subdivision of naming streets after American golf courses. The subdivision is situated adjacent to the Christchurch Golf Club at the Shirley links. Named in 1999.	Baltimore Green, Birkdale Drive, Fairway Drive, Falconridge Place, Ironwood Lane, Lytham Green, Pepperwood Place, Ridgewood Place, Wildhawk Lane and Wilmington Place.	Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 2 August 1999	

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Wildhawk Lane		Named after the Wildhawk Golf Course in Sacramento.	Shirley	Continues the theme throughout the Fairway Park subdivision of naming streets after American golf courses. The subdivision is situated adjacent to the Christchurch Golf Club at the Shirley links. Named in 2002.	Baltimore Green, Birkdale Drive, Fairway Drive, Falconridge Place, Ironwood Lane, Lytham Green, Pepperwood Place, Ridgewood Place, Wild Dunes Place, and Wilmington Place.	Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 17 June 2002	

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Wilding Street		Named after Frederick Wilding (1852-1945).	St Martins	Wilding was a lawyer, sportsman, sports administrator and father of Anthony Wilding. He was especially known for his work in establishing Lancaster Park, later Jade Stadium. He lived at 58 and later 113 St Martins Road. First appears in street directories in 1947.	Wilding Park		View the biography of Frederick Wilding in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography . G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W469 "Death of Mr. F. Wilding, K. C.", The Press, 6 July 1945, p 4

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Wildwood Avenue		Named after <i>Wildwood</i> , a trotter.	Avonside, Wainoni	The horse was owned by brothers William (1865-1951) and Charles Fraser Kerr (1860-1914). It was imported from the USA in 1894 and bought by the brothers in 1895 for £500. Named in 1959.	Kerrs Reach and Odie Place.	"Death of Mr Charles Kerr", The Weekly Press, 27 May 1914, p 78 Burwood All Saints' Church 1877-1977 , p 1 "Chester Street West or Cranmer Terrace?", The Press, 28 April 1959, p 7	Turf tufts and toe-weights , pp 92-93
Wilfrid Street		Named after Wilfrid Barry Owen (1897?-1984).	Ilam	Owen was the first leader of the Social Credit Political League and founder of a large Christchurch pharmaceutical firm. He was also a Christchurch city councillor 1947-1950. First appears in street directories in 1955.	Barlow Street	The Estuary of Christchurch: a history of the Avon-Heathcote estuary, its communities, clubs, controversies and contributions , p 58 "Sale of Ilam sections", The Press, 30 April 1954, p 10	"Mr Wilfrid Owen", The Press, 11 August 1984, p 2

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Wilkinsons Road	Buchly Road	Formerly Buchly Road. Named after Valentine Buchly (1823?-1879). Re-named Wilkinsons Road. Named after Martin Wilkinson (1836-1914).	Harewood	Wilkinson was a farmer of Marshland.		Settling near the Styx River , pp 23 & 91	“ Deaths ”, Star, 10 May 1887, p 2 [Death of Valentine and Maria Buchly’s daughter, Maria Margaret Buchly.]

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William Brittan Avenue		Named after William Guise Brittan (1809/10-1876).	Halswell	Brittan was a founder of the Canterbury Settlement and Commissioner of Crown Lands. He was also the original owner of the Halswell Quarry. The Miln's Estate subdivision created 99 new residential sections served by four new roads and three new rights of way. The street names chosen all have an historical connection with the Halswell area. Name approved in 1999.	Edmund Storr Road, Forgan Lane, John Olliver Terrace, Lady Nugent Lane and Marsack Crescent. Also Halswell.	Report of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to the Council November 1999	William Guise Brittan G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: B740 "Obituary", The Press, 19 July 1876, p 2 "News of the Day", The Press, 19 July 1876, p 2 Land accounts of W. G. Brittan, 1853-1858

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Williams Street	William Street	Named after William Barbour Wilson (1819-1897).	Central city	Wilson was a nurseryman, businessman and local politician. The street was among those created to enable the subdivision of the nursery land. William Street appears on an 1874/75 Deposit Plan and first appears in street directories in 1883. Becomes Williams Street in 1957.	Barbour Street, Grafton Street, Grenville Street, Henry Street and Laurence Street.	Plan of suburban property (Rural Section 48) situated on the Ferry Road near the East Town Belt belonging to William Wilson Esq., Deposit Plan 27 1874/75. Map held by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	View the biography of William Barbour Wilson in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography . G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W620 “William Wilson – landowner and early nurseryman”, The Press, 20 May 1978, p 13

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Willock Place	Willock Street	Named after the Rev. William Wellington Willock (1815-1882).	St Martins	Willock arrived in Canterbury in 1850. He bought Rural Section 11, 100 acres on the south bank of Lower Heathcote river. He built a sod cottage, <i>Opawaha</i> , where the driveway of 52 Albert Terrace is now located. He was the first European to settle in St Martins. He was a farmer. Willock Street first appears in street directories in 1981. The street was split into two in 1997 at the request of residents, becoming Willock Place and April Place.	April Place	<p>Province of Canterbury, New Zealand: list of sections purchased to April 30, 1863, p 2</p> <p>"Rural Sections chosen", The Lyttelton Times, 1 March 1851, p 6</p> <p>The Port Hills of Christchurch, p 123</p> <p>St Martins School: our special school, 1956-2006: St Martins School jubilee, p 6</p> <p>Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 6 June 2001</p>	<p>The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific</p> <p>"Obituary", Star, 1 June 1882, p 4</p>

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Willow Street			Central city	First mentioned in the Star in 1881 in a report of a meeting of the Christchurch City Council. First appears in street directories in 1885.		" City Council ", Star, 8 February 1881, p 3	

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Willowbrook Place		Named after <i>Willowbrook</i> , the town house in Fendalton Road of John Barton Arundel Acland (1823-1904), which in turn was named after the childhood home of his wife..	Fendalton	Acland was a barrister, sheep farmer, and politician. He married Emily Weddell Harper (1830-1905), daughter of Bishop Harper. Her sister Ellen Shephard Tripp (1834-1916) married Acland's business partner Charles George Tripp (1826-1897). She describes in her book their early life at <i>Willowbrook</i> , a house standing on the border of Slough and Eton, in England. The Christchurch <i>Willowbrook</i> was later demolished. First appears in street directories 1960.		My early days , p 1	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : A7 & T403 View the biography of Henry John Chitty Harper in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography “Obituary”, The Canterbury Times , 25 May 1904, p 43 “Obituary”, The Press, 16 December 1916, p 10
Willowcreek Lane				An extension to Clearwater Lane. Named in 2000.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 31 May 2000	

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Willowview Drive			Redwood	In the Redwood Springs subdivision. Named in 2001		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 6 June 2001	
Willryan Avenue		Named after William Nicholas Ryan (1885-1950).	New Brighton	This was the first road through a block of land once owned by Ryan. The name was suggested by his wife, Mary Catherine Ryan (1892-1978). First appears in street directories in 1960.		Information supplied in 2008 by Ryan's son, Jack Ryan, in a letter to Margaret Harper.	
Wilmer Street		Named after George Wilmer (1816-1904).	Central city	Wilmer imported horses and cattle, leased Packer's brewery and founded the Christchurch Veterans' Cricket Club. He lived in Durham Street near where this street was developed. A report in the Star of a city council meeting held on 5 April 1880 says "Wilmer's Road" has been "channelled, formed and shingled". First appears in street directories in 1883.		" City Council ", Star 6 April 1880, p 4	G R MacDonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W555 Early days of Canterbury , p 144 "News and Notes", Hawera & Normandy Star, 3 July 1903, p 2

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Wilmington Place		Named after the Wilmington Municipal Golf Course in North Carolina.	Shirley	Continues the theme throughout the Fairway Park subdivision of naming streets after American golf courses. The subdivision is situated adjacent to the Christchurch Golf Club at the Shirley links. Named in 1998.	Baltimore Green, Birkdale Drive, Fairway Drive, Falconridge Place, Ironwood Lane, Lytham Green, Pepperwood Place, Ridgewood Place, Wild Dunes Place and Wildhawk Lane.	Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda July 1998	
Wilmot Street			Northcote	First appears in street directories in 1955.			

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Wilsons Road	Wilson Street	Named after the Rev. James Wilson (1813-1886).	Waltham, St Martins	Formerly an accommodation road ie. a route for stock. Formed on Rural Section 74, 50 acres on the “North Bank of River Heathcote and Hills Road”. Land purchased by J. Wilson. The street was properly formed and metalled by the Provincial Government in 1862. It was the main thoroughfare from the Heathcote Ferry to the city. Wilson Street first appears in street directories in 1883 but appears as Wilson’s Road in a report in the Star in 1877 of a meeting of the Heathcote Road Board. Becomes Wilsons Road in 1885.		<p>Province of Canterbury, New Zealand : list of sections purchased to April 30 1863, pp 1 & 2</p> <p>"Rural Sections chosen", The Lyttelton Times, 29 March 1851, p 6</p> <p>“The Heathcote Road Board”, Star, 28 April 1877, p 2</p> <p>“Obituary”, Star, 19 January 1886, p 4</p> <p>The Port Hills of Christchurch, pp 123-124</p>	<p>The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific</p> <p>Dullatur</p> <p>G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W590</p> <p>Map of Christchurch 1890</p> <p>“Early Opawa home put on record”, The Press, 8 April 1972, p 12 [Contains useful information but confuses James Wilson with William Barbour Wilson.]</p>

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Wimbourne Crescent		Named after Wimbourne, in Hampshire.	Aranui	In an area in Aranui where all the streets are named after places in the county of Hampshire. There is a Christchurch city and a River Avon in Hampshire. Named in 1955.		“New streets in Christchurch”, The Press, 28 June 1955, p 6	
Winchcombe Street		Named after Winchcombe in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.	Central city	First mentioned in the Star in 1891 in a report of a meeting of the city council. It is described as a “new street leading out of Durham Street South”. First appears in street directories in 1894.		“ City Council ”, Star, 21 April 1891, p 1	

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Winchester Street	Princes Street	Named after Winchester College in Hampshire.	Merivale	Princes Street first appears in street directories in 1890. Re-named Winchester Street on 7 March 1904. One of a number of streets in the Merivale area named after English public schools.	Cheltenham Street, Naseby Street, Repton Street, Rossall Street, Rugby Street, Sherborne Street, Shrewsbury Street and Tonbridge Street. See also Exeter Street.	<p>“Would road by any other name stay as street”, Pegasus Post, 12 July 1978, p 16</p> <p>“Re-naming streets”, The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5</p> <p>Christchurch City Council minute book, June 1903-October 1904 held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p>	

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Winchester Street		Named after the bishopric of Winchester in Hampshire.	Lyttelton	<p>Named by Captain Joseph Thomas (b. 1803?) and Edward Jollie (1825-1894). One of the original streets of Lyttelton named in 1850. The names were taken from bishoprics listed in Burke's Peerage.</p> <p>First mentioned in The Lyttelton Times in 1852 when 1/4 acre sections there are advertised <i>for sale</i>.</p>		<p>Reproduction of Edward Jollie's 1850 map of the proposed city. Department of Lands and Survey, Christchurch. Historical Maps</p> <p>"Advertisements", The Lyttelton Times, 7 August 1852, p 2</p>	<p>"Obituary", The Press, 9 August 1894, p 5e</p> <p>"Obituary", Star, 9 August 1894, p 1</p> <p>G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: J169 & T144</p> <p>View the biography of Joseph Thomas in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.</p>

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Winchfield Street		Named after Winchfield in Hampshire.	Aranui	In an area in Aranui where all the streets are named after places in the county of Hampshire. There is a Christchurch city and a River Avon in Hampshire. First appears in street directories in 1968.			
Windermere Street	Park Road	Named after Lake Windermere, the largest natural lake in England.	Papanui	Park Road first appears in street directories in 1887 running off Blighs Road. Re-named Windermere Street in 1926 when 21 streets were re-named. [Eight other changes proposed did not go ahead after protests from the public.] A Papanui war memorial street.	Tillman Avenue	"Street names", The Press, 11 May 1926, p 12 "Street names", The Press, 25 May 1926, p 7 "Street names", The Press, 22 June 1926, p 10	"Street names", The Press, 22 February 1926, p 10 Chairman's report to the water supply and works committee, Christchurch City Council, 14 November 1945, held at Christchurch City Council archives.

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Wingate Street		Probably named after Major-General Orde Charles Wingate (1903-1944).	Redwood	Wingate was a British Army officer and creator of special military units in Palestine in the 1930s and during World War II.			
Winnipeg Place		Named after Winnipeg in Canada.	Wainoni	In a subdivision between Ottawa Road, Pages Road and Cuffs Road. One of a number of Canadian streets named because Canadian engineers and workers lived in the area while working for Kaiser Engineers and Constructors Inc of USA and building the Lyttelton road tunnel. Houses were built for them by Fletcher Construction. After the tunnel was opened in 1964, the Canadians went home and their houses were sold to locals. Named in 1959.	Baffin Street, Huron Street, Niagara Street, Ontario Place, Quebec Place and Vancouver Crescent. See also Ottawa Road.	“Chester Street West or Cranmer Terrace?”, The Press, 28 April 1959, p 7 Information supplied in 2005 by Tim Baker in an interview with Margaret Harper.	“Tunnel’s first blast celebrated”, The Press, 22 July 2011, p A7
Winslow Street		Probably named after Winslow in North Buckinghamshire.	Burnside	First appears in street directories in 1964.			

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Winsor Crescent		Named after William Hinnels Winsor (1876-1936).	Spreydon	Winsor was a former mayor of Spreydon. A crescent-shaped street developed in a government housing subdivision. Named in 1937.	Barrington Park	“Housing scheme in Spreydon”, The Press, 20 September 1937, p 16	“Obituary”, The Press, 29 December 1936, p 8
Winston Avenue	Railway Street	Formerly Railway Street. Named because of its proximity to the Main North Railway line. Re-named Winston Avenue. Named after The Right Honourable Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill (1874-1965).	Papanui	Railway Street first appears in street directories in 1927. Re-named Winston Avenue in 1941. Churchill was a British statesman, author and prime minister.		Papanui Heritage Group	

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Winters Road	Winter's Road	Named after Thomas (Tom) Bassell Winter (1805-1875).	Redwood, Mairehau	Winter was a member of the East Avon Road Board from 1864. Winter's Road is first mentioned in the Star 1880 in a report of a meeting of the Drainage Board. Winters Road first appears in street directories in 1900.		" Drainage Board ", Star, 23 March 1880, p 3 Papanui Heritage Group	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : W643
Wise Street	Crofts Lane and Taylor Street.	Formerly Taylor Street. Named after Edward Martin Taylor (1831-1907). Re-named Wise Street. Named after Herbert William Wise (1874?-1950). Crofts Lane was named after Alfred John Croft (1870-1954).	Addington	Taylor Street first appears in street directories in 1896. Taylor is a resident. Crofts Lane first appears in street directories in 1911. Croft, a draper, is a resident. Incorporated into Taylor Street in 1914. Re-named Wise Street on 27 September 1948. Wise was a Riccarton Borough councillor 1916-1938.		Riccarton, the borough: a short history, Canterbury's founding settlement , pp 115 & 150 "Changes in Riccarton street names", The Press, 28 September 1948, p 6	G. R. Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : T48 "Obituary", The Press, 6 June 1950, p 3

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Witbrock Crescent		Named after Annie Elizabeth Witbrock, née Ell, (1868-1947).	Burnside	Annie Witbrock is listed in street directories from 1939 living at 184 Burnside Road (later Memorial Avenue). This is the section of road from Grahams Road to Wooldridge Road. Witbrock Crescent first appears in street directories in 1977. [Her daughter, Mabel Winifred Witbrock (1893-1991), sold the 22 hectare property for \$1.2 million to City Realities Ltd in 1989. It was one of the last original family properties left in the area and was particularly noteworthy because a raised section running across the land was an old bank of the Waimakariri River.]	Annell Place, Grangewood Lane and Parkham Drive.	<p>Fendall's legacy: a history of Fendalton and north-west Christchurch, p 98</p> <p>Information supplied in 2010 by Ngaire Anne Kelly, granddaughter of Annie Witbrock and niece of Mabel Winifred Witbrock, in an interview with Margaret Harper.</p> <p>"Residents rally to save trees", The Papanui Herald, 20 June 1989, p 1</p> <p>"Trees saved in new plan", The Papanui Herald, 5 September 1989, pp 1-2</p> <p>"Making space", The Press, 24 February 1992, p 9</p>	

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Withells Road	Part of Hawthornden Road.	Named after Charles Withell (1831-1916).	Avonhead	Withell was an early settler in the Riccarton area and later a farmer at Brookside. First appears in street directories in 1924.	Hawthornden Road		The Cyclopedia of New Zealand Vol 3, p 691 G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W653
Wittys Road	Part of Nortons Road.	Named after George Witty (1856-1941).	Avonhead	Witty arrived in Canterbury in 1875. He lived at <i>Avonhead</i> and was the member of parliament for Riccarton 1902-1925. He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1925. Wittys Road first appears in street directories in 1946.	Nortons Road		G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W664 "Obituary", The Press, 21 November 1941, p 4d
Wolsey Place		Named after Cardinal Wolsey (1471-1530).	Hillmorton	Wolsey was an Archbishop of York. First appears in street directories in 1970.	Cardinal Drive		

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Wood Lane	Park Lane	Named after William Derisley Wood (1824-1904).	Fendalton	Park Lane first appears in street directories in 1900. Re-named Wood Lane in June 1948 when 24 streets in the Waimairi County were re-named. Wood set up a flour mill at the end of this lane.		Fendall's legacy: a history of Fendalton and north-west Christchurch , p 26	<p>"Death", Star, 3 October 1904, p 3</p> <p>"Obituary", The Press, 4 October 1904, p 7c</p> <p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W697</p>

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Woodard Terrace	Cemetery Lane and Simpsons Lane.	Formerly Cemetery Lane. Named because of its proximity to Sydenham Cemetery. Also named Simpsons Lane. These are two informal names which do not appear in street directories. Re-named Woodard Terrace. Named after the Woodard family, "a family of very early settlers".	Somerfield	Named Woodard Terrace on 2 August 1939. The source says: "A letter has been received from the Somerfield Burgesses' Association stating that some time ago the Council requested them to suggest a name for a lane that runs from Somerfield Road to the Sydenham Cemetery at present known as Cemetery Lane and Simpsons Lane, neither of which is considered suitable. The Association therefore suggests that the lane be named Woodard Terrace after a family of very early settlers". John Woodard (1834-1909) is listed in 1890 street directories as a bootmaker of Ferry Road. First appears in street directories in 1948.		Bylaws, Finance and Departmental committee, Christchurch City Council minutes, report 31 July 1939 held at Christchurch City Council archives.	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W699
Woodbank Street			Somerfield	Named in 1966.			

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Woodchester Avenue		Named after <i>Woodchester</i> , the house belonging to Henry Dent Gardiner (1828-1909).	Richmond	Gardiner retired to this house after leaving Purau in 1886. The land around the property was subdivided in 1909. Two “beautifully-situated sections in the Woodchester subdivision, Gardiner’s estate, Richmond” are advertised <i>for sale</i> in the Star. The Presbyterian Social Service Association converted it into a home for elderly women in 1952. Name approved on 16 September 1926. First appears in street directories in 1928.		Early Dallington , p 3 “ Advertisements ”, Star, 1 July 1909, p 3 Bylaws, Finance and Departmental committee report, Christchurch City Council minutes, 2 September 1926 held at Christchurch City Council archives.	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : G36 "Obituary", The Press, 8 February 1909, p 7 “ Obituary ”, Star, 5 February 1909, p 3 “Presbyterian home for the aged”, The Press, 29 February 1952, p 3

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Woodcote Avenue		Named after <i>Woodcote</i> , a large house in Hornby.	Hornby	<i>Woodcote</i> was built in 1866 for Strickland Stonestreet Field (1833-1907), a gentleman. Sarah Bassett (1834?-1912) bought it in 1878. She was a member of the family who founded Morrow, Bassett Ltd, a large firm which dealt in agricultural implements. The house was later owned by her son, Thomas Bassett (1859-1907). It burnt down on 19 December 1912, having been sold to a Mr Feaver just three months earlier. First appears in street directories in 1973.			<p>The Paparua County : a concise history, pp 22-23</p> <p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: F106 and B208</p> <p>“Marriage”, <i>Star</i>, 1 November 1880, p 2</p> <p>“Sale announcement”, The Lyttelton Times, 14 September 1912, p 20</p> <p>“Big blaze at Hornby”, The Lyttelton Times, 20 December 1912, p 7</p> <p>"Hornby centennial", <i>The Press</i>, 30 August 1978, p 14</p>

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Woodfield Lane			Redwood	The Lane was approved as a name for this right of way in July 2001. However the two parties sharing the right of way were in dispute over this name so it was re-named. Named in 2002.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 30 January 2002	
Woodham Courts	Part of Woodham Road.		Linwood	A subdivison created in 2004. Originally at 285 Woodham Road with complicated street numbers given to the properties. Re-named Woodham Courts on 2 November 2007.	Woodham Road		Woodham Road subdivision renamed “Numbers up for street”, Nor’west news , 10 October 2007, p 2

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Woodham Road	Slaughterhouse Road and Mile Road. Also Palairet's Road.	Formerly named Slaughterhouse Road. Named after the slaughterhouse of David Lewis (1825-1874) "at the end of the road on the triangular patch where the old tram ran towards New Brighton". Re-named Mile Road as it was a mile long when it finished at Kerrs Road, with the alternative name of Woodham Road. Named after <i>Woodham</i> , a house once where Woodham Park is now.	Linwood, Wainoni	Money & Hopkins had slaughter-yards nearby. Sheep and bullock heads, which at the time were a delicacy in England, were thrown into pot-holes in the road to fill them up. Slaughterhouse Road first appears in the Star in 1877 in a report of a meeting of the Heathcote Road Board. In the 1885 report in the Star of a burglary at Mrs Swales' fruit shop it is referred to as Palairet's Road. Palairet lived at <i>The Retreat</i> on Woodham Road. Woodham Road appears in the Star in 1889 in a report of a later meeting of the Board. Woodham Road first appears in street directories in 1900 with the alternative name of Mile Road. This continues until 1955.	Woodham Park	" The Heathcote Road Board ", Star, 28 April 1877, p 2 " Latest Locals ", Star, 11 June 1885, p 3 " Road Board ", Star, 22 April 1889, p 3 "The "lad" from Tipperary", The Star, 31 May 1919, p 8 Early Dallington , p 10	The evolution of a city , p 76 G. R. Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies : L208 Woodham

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Woodhaven Place			Parklands	Named in 2003.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 17 November 2003	
Woodlands Place		Probably named because of the many pine trees in the area, likely to have been planted by John Breeze (1849?-1922).	Aranui	First appears in street directories in 1973.	Breezes Road	Information supplied in 2007 by Tim Baker in an interview with Margaret Harper.	G. R. Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: B698 "New Aranui subdivision", The Press, 11 July 1972, p 14
Woodlau Rise			Huntsbury	First appears in street directories in 1987.			
Woodville Street			Edgware	First mentioned in the Star in 1908 when sections <i>for sale</i> there are advertised. First appears in street directories in 1909.		" Advertisements ", Star, 24 March 1908, p 2	

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Wooldridge Road	Coster's Road	Named after the Wooldridge family.		<p>Originally an accommodation road ie. a route for stock.</p> <p>Thomas Coster (1892-1887) bought Rural Section 140, 50 acres on the "Harewood Road by Papanui", land originally purchased by E. Meryon. Coster formed the road to give access to his property.</p> <p>Wooldridge Road first appears in Wise's street directories in 1906, running off Harewood Road.</p> <p>Coster's Road is an alternate name in 1906 only, appearing in Stone's street directories. Henry Wooldridge (1837-1906), a fruit grower, and his son, William Henry Wooldridge (1862-1948), a pianoforte tuner, are the only residents listed.</p>		<p>Settling near the Styx River, p 31</p> <p>Province of Canterbury, New Zealand : list of sections purchased to April 30 1863, p 4</p> <p>G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: C617</p>	<p>"Obituary", Star, 22 November 1887, p 3</p> <p>G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W735</p> <p>"Found Drowned", Wanganui Herald, 9 July 1906, p 5</p>

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Woolley Street		Named after Joseph Thomas Woolley (1936-1976).	Avondale	Woolley, an engineer, was manager for Reginald Gordon Vivian Muirson (1913-1990), a builder of 'spec' houses in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. He was also Muirson's son-in-law. Named in 1957.	Edna Street, Glenrowan Avenue, Reginald Place, Sharlick Street and Vivian Street.	Information researched during the 1970s by Guy Bliss, a teacher and local historian. "Street naming practices", The Press, 1 June 1957, p 4 "Council news in brief", The Press, 3 September 1957, p 7 Woolley and Muirson's dates supplied in 2008 by Marie Shears, formerly Woolley.	
Woolsack Lane			Central city	Named in 1960.		"Names for new streets", The Press, 22 September 1960, p 14	

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Worcester Street		Named after the English bishopric of Worcester.	Central city, Linwood	Named by Captain Joseph Thomas (b. 1803?) and Edward Jollie (1825-1894). One of the original streets of Christchurch named in 1850. The names were taken from bishoprics listed in Burke's Peerage . First mentioned in The Lyttelton Times in 1852 when land <i>for sale</i> there is advertised.		<p>Reproduction of Edward Jollie's 1850 map of the proposed city. Department of Lands and Survey, Christchurch. Historical Maps</p> <p>"Advertisements", The Lyttelton Times, 1 May 1852, p 1</p> <p>Reminiscences of a surveyor, runholder and politician in Canterbury and Otago, 1841-1865. pp 28-29</p> <p>Early days of Canterbury. p 27</p> <p>The evolution of a city. p 13</p> <p>Old Christchurch in picture and story. pp 50-51</p> <p>"Street names in Christchurch", The Press, 6 December 1952, p 3</p>	<p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: J169 & T144</p> <p>Obituary", The Press, 9 August 1894, p 5e</p> <p>"Obituary", Star, 9 August 1894, p 1</p> <p>View the biography of Joseph Thomas in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.</p>

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Wordsworth Street	Fourth Street and Gladstone Street.	Formerly Fourth Street. The streets south of, and parallel to, Moorhouse Avenue were named in numerical order. Foster's Road is another early informal name. Re-named Wordsworth Street. Named after William Wordsworth (1770-1850). Cont. below:	Sydenham	On a 1879 map Fourth Street appears running from Harper Street (later Orbell Street) to Gasworks Road (later Waltham Road). Fourth Street and Foster's Road never appear in street directories. Fourth Street is first mentioned in the Star in 1874 in a report of a meeting of the Heathcote Road Board. Wordsworth Street first appears in the Star in 1882 when a house on the corner of Wordsworth Street and Gasworks Road is advertised <i>to let</i> . First appears in street directories in 1887, running off Hawdon Street. Wordsworth was one of the English Romantic poets. One of the "poets and writers" streets of Sydenham, Addington and Waltham named by a committee of the Sydenham Borough Council on 19 January 1880. Cont below:		<p>Plan of Christchurch and suburbs, 1879</p> <p>“Heathcote Road Board”, Star, 10 March 1874, p 2</p> <p>Report of the street naming committee, Sydenham Borough Council minute book 1879-1880, pp 217 & 315, held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p> <p>Sydenham : the model borough of old Christchurch : an informal history, p 82</p> <p>"Borough Councils", Star, 3 August 1880, p 4</p> <p>“Advertisements”, Star, 11 November 1882, p 2</p>	

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Wordsworth Street cont.		Gladstone Street was named after William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898).		The section of Fourth Street running from Colombo Street to Durham Street was re-named Gladstone Street in 1880. Named by residents of the street. William Ewart Gladstone was a British Prime Minister and also brother-in-law to Lord Lyttelton. Incorporated into Wordsworth Street on 27 September 1915.		" Borough Councils ", Star, 3 August 1880, p 4 "General news", The Press, 28 September 1915, p 6	

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Worsleys Road		Named after Henry Francis Worsley (1806-1876).	Cashmere, Cracroft	Also known as the Gorse Track. Worsley emigrated to Canterbury in 1851 aboard the <i>Cornwall</i> . He bought a run on the Selwyn River, 45 acres on Marleys Hill, and some property in what became Hoon Hay. He also constructed the access road named after him. He was the grandfather of Frank Arthur Worsley (1872-1943) who is famed for travelling to the Antarctic with Shackleton. C. N. Worsley, the artist, was also a relative. He died in Melbourne. First appears in street directories in 1946.		"Place names on Port Hills-Akaroa Summit Road", <i>The Star</i> , 20 November 1920, p 10 "Hoon Hay, tranquil valley of the Port Hills", <i>The Press</i> , 27 June 1970, p 6 The Port Hills of Christchurch , p 171 Shackleton's captain: a biography of Frank Worsley , pp 12-17	View the biography of Frank Arthur Worsley in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography . G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W758 "Death", <i>West Coast Times</i> , 18 August 1876, p 2

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Worthy Street		Named after Edward Athelstan (Buss) Worthy (1843-1894).	Ilam, Avonhead.	Worthy was a housemaster at Christ's College 1868-1893. One of the streets in a subdivision formed on land belonging to Christ's College . First appears in street directories in 1951.	Corfe Street, Godfrey Place, Hare Street, Holderness Place, Parr Place, Sayers Crescent, Tripp Place and Tyndale Place.		“Obituary”, The Press, 10 December 1894, p 5 “ Edward Athelstan Worthy ”, Star, 10 December 1894, p 4 G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: W762
Wrey Jury Lane		Named after Wrey Hamilton Jury (1917-2003).	Dallington	Jury was a former long-standing owner and local identity. He was enrolled at the Sumner School for Deaf Children in 1926. Developed in 2005 by Horncastle Homes.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 16 March 2005	They hear with the eye : a centennial history of the Sumner School for deaf children, Christchurch, New Zealand, 1880-1980 , p 138

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Wrights Road		Named after Hugh Wright (1845-1913).	Addington	Wright's father, James Wright (1817-1891), farmed at <i>Palm Tree Farm</i> , Riccarton. Hugh Wright was also a farmer of Riccarton and the road was cut through his farm after his death. First appears in street directories in 1896.		Riccarton, the founding borough: a short history. Canterbury's founding settlement , p 45	
Wroxton Terrace	Selwyn Road	Formerly Selwyn Road. Probably named after Frederick Selwyn (1849?-1938). Re-named Wroxton Terrace. Probably named after Wroxton, a village in Oxfordshire.	Merivale Fendalton	Selwyn Road first appears in street directories in 1908. Selwyn, a gardener, is listed as living in Idris Road in 1906. He stayed there until 1910, when he moved to nearby Kenilworth Road (later Stratford Street). Re-named Wroxton Terrace in 1911.		Fendall's legacy: a history of Fendalton and north-west Christchurch , p 25	
Wyatt Place			Russley	First appears in street directories in 1977.			

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Wychbury Street		Named after Wychbury Hill near Hagley, Stourbridge, in Worcestershire in England.	Spreydon	The Lyttelton family seat is <i>Hagley Hall</i> in Worcestershire. Several streets in this area have names associated with the Lyttelton family because they were formed on Rural Section 76, 700 acres on the "Lower Lincoln Road, Heathcote Bridge", purchased by Frederick Spencer, 4 th Earl Spencer (1798-1857) and Conway Lucas Rose (1817-1910). Spencer's interest in the land was passed on to his nephew, the Hon. George William Spencer Lyttelton (1847-1913), the 4 th son of George William Lyttelton, 4 th Baron Lyttelton (1817-1876). First appears in street directories in 1905.	Hagley Park. Also Bewdley Street, Clent Lane, Cobham Street, Frankleigh Street, Gleig Place, Glynne Crescent, Lyttelton Street, Stanbury Avenue, (formerly Droitwich Street), Stourbridge Street and Sumner Street. Also Conway Street and Rose Street.	<p>The Canterbury Association: a study of its members' connections, p 67</p> <p>Province of Canterbury, New Zealand : list of sections purchased to April 30 1863, p 2</p> <p>"Rural Sections chosen", The Lyttelton Times, 29 March 1851, p 6</p>	<p>The evolution of a city, p 9</p> <p>"Suicide of Lord Lyttelton", Evening Post, 22 May 1876, 2</p>
Wychwood Crescent			Bishopdale	First appears in street directories in 1970.			

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Wycola Avenue			Hei Hei	First appears in street directories in 1960.			
Wyn Street			Hoon Hay	First appears in street directories in 1952.		"Brave new life in the suburbs", The Press, 8 May 1993, p 9	
Wynand Place		This is a punning reference to racing. It is pronounced 'win and'.	Sockburn	Named thus because it is opposite the Riccarton Racecourse. First appears in street directories in 1991.		"More themes in street names", The Christchurch Mail , 23 February 1999, p 6	
Wyndham Street	James Street and William Street.	Formerly James Street and later William Street. Named after James William Horner (1855-1913). Re-named Wyndham Street.	Papanui	James' father William Horner (1833-1905) was the first blacksmith in Papanui. James was also a blacksmith. James Street first appears in street directories in 1887. Re-named William Street in 1914. Re-named Wyndham Street in 1926 when 21 streets were re-named. [Eight other changes proposed did not go ahead after protests from the public.]	Frank Street, Horner Street, Lofthouse Street, Mary Street and Proctor Street.	"Street names", The Press, 11 May 1926, p 12 "Street names", The Press, 25 May 1926, p 7 "Street names", The Press, 22 June 1926, p 10	G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: H765 "Street names", The Press, 22 February 1926, p 10

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Yaldhurst Road	Harewood Road		Upper Riccarton, Sockburn, Russley, Avonhead, RD 6	Harewood Road appears on an 1866 map. Yaldhurst Road first appears in street directories in 1905.	Yaldhurst	Map of province of Canterbury, New Zealand, 1866 The Paparua County : a concise history , p 6	
Yale Street			Spreydon	Name approved on 29 March 1956.		“New street names”, The Press, 2 April 1956, p 7	
Yardley Street	Dalwood Place		Avonhead	Dalwood Place first appears in street directories in 1964. Re-named Yardley Street in 1968.		“Naming streets”, The Press, 22 March 1968, p 1	
Yarmouth Street		Named after Yarmouth, a town on the Isle of Wight, England.	Aranui	In an area in Aranui where all the streets are named after places in the county of Hampshire. There is a Christchurch city and a River Avon in Hampshire. When the Aranui Speedway closed in 1959 this street was developed. First appears in street directories in 1964.			

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Yellowstone Crescent		Named after Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.	Burwood	In a subdivision where all the streets were given American place names. First appears in street directories in 1981.	Idaho Place, Michigan Place, Oregon Place, Seneca Place, Tucson Place, Utah Place and Wichita Place.		
Yeovil Place		Named after Yeovil, a town in Somerset.	St Albans	In a subdivision of two streets where place names from Somerset were used. Named in 1955.	Frome Place	“Names chosen for city streets”, The Press, 20 September 1955, p 15	
Yew Tree Lane		Named after the yew tree in the subdivision.	Hillmorton	In the first stage of Linden Grove, a Ngai Tahu subdivision developed on part of the former gardens of the Hillmorton/Sunnyside Hospital. Name approved in 2007.	Albion Lane, Benjamin Mountfort Close, John Campbell Crescent, Levinge Lane, Linden Grove Avenue, Pavilion Crescent, Spruce Lane, The Oval, The Wickets, The Willows and Thomas Cane Lane. Also Linden Grove.	Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agenda 17 July 2007	

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York Street	Balls Road	Formerly Balls Road. Named after Robert Ball (1822?-1890). Re-named York Street.	Waltham	<p>Developed in 1874 through land formerly owned by Joshua Strange Williams (1837-1915). Ball arrived in Lyttelton on the <i>Mystery</i> in 1859. He worked as a blacksmith and later established a coach service and blacksmith's shop in Balls Road. He ran a coach to Opawa in January 1880, the first American coach imported into Canterbury.</p> <p>Balls Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1894 when a property is advertised <i>for sale</i> there.</p> <p>Re-named York Street in 1892. Edward Ball is listed in street directories as living in the street.</p> <p>[The newspaper article says it was formerly named John Street. This does not appear in street directories.]</p>		<p>Information supplied in 2007 by Gary Dillon of Wanaka, a descendant of Robert Ball, in an interview with Margaret Harper.</p> <p>“Advertisements”, Star, 26 May 1894, p 7</p> <p>“New street names”, The Press, 1 June 1948, p 3</p> <p>“Early Opawa home put on record”, The Press, 8 April 1972, p 12</p>	<p>View the biography of Joshua Strange Williams in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.</p> <p>G. R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: B84</p> <p>“New names for streets”, The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3</p> <p>“New street names”, The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2</p>

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York Tong Place		Named after the English equivalent of the developer's father's name.	Addington	The family had lived in Christchurch for some time and it is believed they owned the Pagoda Court Restaurant in Colombo Street. The cul-de-sac was created in the 4 th stage of the subdivision in 1994.		Spreydon/Heathcote community board special meeting 2 December 1993	
Zig-Zag			Sumner			Sumner to Ferrymead: a Christchurch history , p 209	