BARONETS WITH NEW ZEALAND CONNECTIONS

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Baronets who have lived in New Zealand, were born in New Zealand, or who have or had other strong links to this country are included in the following list. I have excluded those who were only here while holding official posts, including that of Governor-General, unless they received a baronetage predominantly for services in New Zealand. It will be noted that some of these nineteen individuals possess titles with territorial designations naming places in New Zealand.

Only two, Clifford (1887) and Ward (1911) were conferred specifically for services to New Zealand. A number of others were created for services to the Imperial Crown in New Zealand, or for wider services of which a significant element was based in New Zealand. Descriptions of the armorial bearings of each peer with a New Zealand connection will follow in later issues of this journal.


Brisco, Sir Donald Gilfrid, JP, 8th baronet of Crofton Hall, Cumberland, created 1782 in the baronetage of Great Britain. He succeeded in 1968.

Burton-Chadwick, Sir Joshua Kenneth, 3rd baronet of Bidston, County Palatine of Chester, created 1935 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Succeeded 1983. He now lives in Queensland, though his sister still lives in New Zealand. There is no heir to the baronetcy.


Clifford, Sir Roger Joseph, 7th baronet of Flaxbourne, in the Province of Marlborough, in the Colony of New Zealand, created 1887 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Sir Roger was born 1936 and succeeded his father in 1982. The baronetcy was created for the Hon Sir Charles Clifford, Speaker of the House of Representatives 1854-60, and was the first specifically for services to New Zealand. Sir Roger lives at 135 Totara Street, Riccarton, Christchurch 4.

Goodenough, Sir Richard, 2nd baronet of Broadwell and Filkins, county of Oxford, created 1943 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Born 1925, he
succeeded 1951. Sir Richard married a New Zealander in 1951, and has lived in this country, although he now lives in the United Kingdom.


**Jephcott**, Sir John Anthony, 2nd baronet of East Portlemouth, Devon, created 1962 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Sir John was born 21 May 1924. He succeeded 1978. The family have been resident in New Zealand since 1842. Sir John lives at 26 Sage Road, Kohimarama, Auckland 5. His heir lives in the United Kingdom.


**Mappin**, Sir Frank Crossley, 6th baronet, created 1886 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Born 15 August 1884, Sir Frank died 1975, when the title became extinct. Sir Frank gave his residence, Birchlands, 119 Mountain Road, Epsom, to Her Majesty The Queen to be used as the Government House in Auckland.


**Porritt**, Sir Jonathon Espie, 2nd baronet, of Hampstead in the county of London, created 1963 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Succeeded 1994, and lives in the United Kingdom, where he is a leading environment campaigner and conservation adviser to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Sir Arthur Espie Porritt’s armorial bearings are described in the New Zealand Armorist nos 10 and 64.


**Smith**, Sir Thomas Gilbert, 4th baronet, of Stratford Place, St Marylebone, county of London, created 1897 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Sir Gilbert was born 1937, and succeeded 1961. His address is P.O. Box 654 Masterton.

**Smith-Dodsworth**, Sir John Christopher, 8th baronet, of Newland Park, created 1784 in the baronetage of Great Britain. Sir John was born 1935, and succeeded 1940. He lives in the Coromandel, at Driving Creek, and maintains the family seat of Thornton Watlass Hall, Ripon, Yorkshire, where there is still as estate. His eldest son and heir lives in Thornton Watlass Hall.

**Stewart**, Sir Bruce Fraser 2nd and last baronet, of Fingask, county Perth, created 1920 in the baronetcy of the United Kingdom, died 1979. The title is now extinct. Sir Bruce was not armigerous.

Ward, Sir Joseph James Laffey, 4th baronet, of Wellington, New Zealand, created 1911 in the baronetage of the United Kingdom. Succeeded 1970. The baronetcy was created for the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward GCMG, Prime Minister 1906-12 and 1928-30 (for services to New Zealand). Sir Joseph lives at 3 Regal Place, Milford, Auckland. Sir Joseph Ward's armorial bearings are described in the New Zealand Armorist no 60.