WILLIAM QUIN

William Quin, a community leader and a newspaperman.

William Quin was born in 1850 in Kent, England. He arrived in Port Chalmers in 1869 on the ship *Celeano*. Two days after his arrival he set off with some swag to join some Otago gold miners at Lawrence. At Lawrence, William Quin had an attempt at gold mining and an assortment of other jobs before he obtained a job as a reporter for the Tuapeka Times in 1873.

After five years in Lawrence, he left for Tapanui to start up a newspaper. The Tapanui Courier was founded in 1878 by William Quin for Andrew Ferguson. Before William Quin left Lawrence he married an Irish lady, Mary Ann Joyce in the Anglican Church in 1877.

In 1879 in association with James Moody, he purchased the printing press and other plant. William Quin became the sole owner in 1908 after the death of James Mooney. William Quin also ran a grain and auctioneering business until 1914.

William Quin was involved in an extraordinary number of local recreational and administrative duties within the greater Tapanui area. He started out as the town clerk and later took on the role of Mayor. During his time as Mayor, the Tapanui District High School was established. William Quin was instrumental in the development of the Cottage Hospital and as a memorial to Quin there are the Quin Memorial Gates. He was the first chairman of the Tapanui District Cottage Hospital Committee.

As a keen deer stalker William Quin introduced Red Deer to the Blue Mountains. One of Quin's main interests was cricket. He raised 150 pounds for a tidy up of the cricket grounds which had been neglected. Another interest was the Anglican Church and the Acclimatisation Society. The West Otago A & P Society also received Quin's earnest support.

William Quin and Mary Ann Joyce had three sons and three daughters. Their eldest son Thomas died on the fields of France in 1916, during World War I.

William Quin a community leader and a newspaperman who was instrumental in the founding of the Tapanui Courier, Tapanui District High School and the Tapanui Cottage Hospital. For these reasons the name William Quin is proudly remembered within the College house system.