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## IAN RENNIE HAMILTON

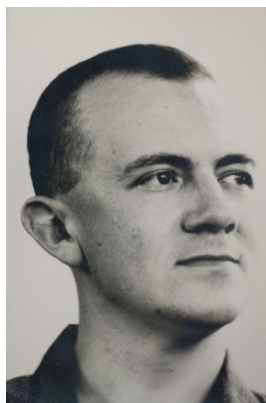
Ian was born on 13 May 1933, Wellington, the second son of Andrew Blayney and Doris Katherine Hamilton (nee Rennie). The family lived at 67 Messines Road, Karori – a house which was designed by Ian's father ( an RIBA architect) and built in 1927/8. Ian's father practiced as an architect at Wellington from the 1920's until his retirement in 1938/39.

Ian attended Karori Primary School and later Scots College (Wellington) from 1945 to 1951. His cousins Mac (Andrew) and Dan Hamilton also attended Scots although Mac was a year or so ahead and Dan a year or so behind. Ian's elder brother (Gavin Andrew Hamilton) was also educated at Karori and then Scots College.

After finishing school Ian went to Victoria University studying Commerce, part-time. He did not complete his degree as his mother became ill (stroke) and he helped nurse her at home for 5 months before she died in August 1952. However, he passed sufficient relevant subjects to become a member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants in 1957.

Ian, who had suffered from a severe double alternating squint from birth, was not the athletic type but played rugby and enjoyed swimming and achieved the Royal Life Saving Society Silver Award of Merit. At University he ran with the Harrier Club and in later years he played bowls and was also President of the Karori Bowling Club, a position that his father had previously held. Even after 10 eye-straightening correction operations, he said “ *I can cope with an outgoing ball ( save golf) but not with the incoming shots.*”

He commenced work in 1952 with the Chartered Accounting firm of Clarke Menzies which now forms part of Deloitte's. He later worked with Wilberfoss Harden, Chartered Accountants, before going to London in 1958. There he worked with Turquand Youngs, Chartered Accountants in the City, mainly in the audit field. This firm had several Far Eastern offices and Ian went to Kuala Lumpur to work there in June 1960, returning to New Zealand late in 1962.



**Ian 1960 Malaya**

When he returned, Ian lived at home with his father at 18 Hurman St Karori. He joined a small accounting practice of Morpeth, Turner & Hamilton in 1965. In 1968 he obtained the account of Pharmaco (NZ Ltd)., and later he was offered a shareholding. Today he still retains that equity interest and is a director of the company and a trustee of the founder's family trust.

Morpeth, Turner & Hamilton grew with mergers in Wellington and nationally with offices in Auckland, Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin as well as Wellington under the name of Lawrence Anderson Buddle with, for a time, the NZ representation of Arthur Andersen.

Ian was Master of his Masonic Lodge (Westminster) in 1978/79. He was a Rotarian and an active Justice of the Peace for 30 years from 1978 to 2008. He was a member of the RNZ Navy Volunteer Reserve at Wellington.



**Ian Late 1960's at Turangi**

Ian retired from practice in 1987 and moved from Karori (then 26 Hurman Street ), to Turangi in October 1992.

Ian's major interest was trout fishing and in 1962 started to make casual trips to Turangi to indulge. In 1974 he bought some land there (at 39 Taupahi Road) and put a small house on it. He is still there but has replaced the house twice (on the same land) since. His principal interests, apart from business, are now *"walking, some voluntary work, trying to tolerate fools, trying to master my computer, spoiling my two dogs, "good" music, serious reading, a deep*

*sense of humour and the ridiculous, cryptic crosswords, collecting Moorcroft pottery and giving sage advice to youngsters, who seldom seem to listen or take any notice whatsoever”.*

The Wellington house of Ian's paternal grandfather, John Knox Hamilton, at Oriental Bay, was named “Blayneybank”. This name was carried on by Ian at Karori and now at Turangi.

Ian has made many personal and business overseas trips since 1962 and on one of these, in 1977, visited the old family farm at Annalittin. He then met his father's cousin William and Hugh McCully who was left the farm by William when he died in 1990.

Ian holds dual citizenship, New Zealand and Ireland, the latter claimed in 2007 on the basis that his paternal grandfather, John Knox Hamilton, was Irish-born (Castleblayney, 1849). He is understandably proud of that.



**Elizabeth and Ian 2010**