PREFACE

The first class playing career statistics of the Canterbury players along with their birth and death dates, their photographs, the school they attended, the clubs they played for, the style of cricket they played and a brief biography of their lives have been obtained from a number of sources.

Without in any way being a complete list they include the two volumes by TW Reese from 1841 to 1933, RT Brittenden’s history of Canterbury Cricket 1877-1977 and four other books he wrote on New Zealand cricketers. Other resources used were the histories of Christchurch clubs including Riccarton, East Christchurch, St Albans, Lancaster Park, Burnside West Christchurch University, Sydenham and High School Old Boys. Mathew Appleby’s Canterbury Cricket 100 Greats was of value as well as the New Zealand Cricket Archive. Dick Brittenden, while working at The Press, maintained a very complete record of club career records for all players competing in the Christchurch first grade competition. Photos of players were obtained from many sources such as the files at The Press and Christchurch Star, Christchurch Museum, the Canterbury library, Hocken library.

There have many books published on the history of Christchurch as well as histories of adjacent towns and these helped to fill in the gaps of the early player’s lives. Archive New Zealand was a source for many wills and divorce proceedings. The local papers of the time often provided a vivid account of cricket politics at the time and many obituaries were sourced from those papers.