

NZ Federation of Historical Societies Inc  
Recalling Past Presidents – a tribute

**Arthur Alexander Noel MOORE (1900-1993)** Living in Cambridge, Arthur Moore was one of the founders of the Federation, serving on the 1971 steering committee and then as inaugural President from 1971 to 1974. He remained on the Executive until 1978 and then became the Federation Patron from 1979 to 1983. The Federation “newsletter” (number 85, 1994) noted that “*over a decade of service to our Federation is a worthy record and one for which we are thankful.*”

**Edward Sydney (Sid) Hart (1910-1998)** Lived in New Plymouth, was a President of New Plymouth Historical Society. Served as Federation’s first Vice President 1971/73 becoming President 1974/75.

**Arthur Gibbon Fisk ( -1983)** Mick Fisk served as Federation President from 1976-1980, having been on the Executive Committee since 1973. Hamiltonians will remember him for his role in the restoration and resiting of Hockin House. He was President of the Waikato Historical Society for seven years, Vice President of the Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Founders Society and a committee member of the Clydesdale Museum.

**Stanley Northcote-Bade (1906-1997)** As with Arthur Moore, Stan Northcote-Bade was a founder of the Federation, served on the Executive Committee 1971/73, Vice President 1974/75 and President 1980/83. In *New Zealand Legacy*, (Volume 9 Number 1, 1997, page 2) Robin Astridge gave “*thanks for a long life spent working for others, for the knowledge passed on to others.....(and) thank you Stan for your input into things historical, particularly our Federation.*”

**Robin Bertram Astridge (1942- )** Served as President 1983/1997, also 2001/2007, Executive Committee 1998/2000, Vice President 2001. Joined New Plymouth Historical Society 1972, served as President 1972/92 and made Life Member 1991. Currently member of Cambridge Historical Society, Matamata Historical Society, Defence of New Zealand Study Group and Pirongia Heritage Center.

**Ross Bythell** Elected President 1998. Represented Picton Historical Society.

**John McSweeney** Elected President 2001 and resigned in December of that year, chairing one Executive Committee meeting in that time. Represented New Zealand Founders at the time of his election in Gore.

Thanks to David Verran for notes on Messrs Moore, Fisk and Northcote-Bade. Robin Astridge compiled others.

**Dr Neil Algar** Neil was one of those who came onto the Executive Committee at a time of crisis in 2003. He was elected President in 2008. Currently is President of the Matamata Historical Society, ex local body councilor and Mayor of Matamata.