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Appo Hocton, November 1876, Nelson, The Nelson Provincial Museum, Brown Collection 13043

Appo Hocton, New Zealand's first naturalised Chinese immigrant, arrived in Nelson in 1842, within months of its settlement. As a nine-year-old, Wong Ah Poo Hoc Ting left South China to become a cabin boy on English sailing ships. In his early 20s he was a steward on the immigrant ship, the *Thomas Harrison*, bound for New Zealand. He was employed by Dr Thomas Renwick, as a housekeeper, saving enough to establish a carting business. His assimilation into colonial New Zealand society is illustrated in references from influential men which accompanied his successful application for naturalisation. Marriage and children to two European women followed as Appo became a property developer and farmer. Appo Hocton's story is one of migration, diversity, integration and acceptance.

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