

S. Hague Smith, Ironmonger, Auckland, New Zealand (1840-1917)

Samuel Hague Smith was born in Lincolnshire in 1840. He arrived in New Zealand in 1859 and established himself as an Ironmonger and shipowner based in Auckland. H.A. Robinson argues that Smith was a very patriotic man, as his steamers were named the Duke of Edinburgh and the Royal Alfred. Smith also placed a portrait of Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, on the reverse of his tokens. He also achieved prominence as a politician. Robinson suggests that Smith's tokens may have been part of his successful campaign for the Newtown seat in the Provincial Council in 1870.

Smith fought during the Maori wars and was rewarded with a block of land on Auckland's waterfront at Northcote. In later life he moved to Sydney, where he became a director of the Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Company. He died in Sydney in 1917.


The Museum Victoria catalogue gives an approximate year of issue for his tokens as c.1862. There are six catalogued varieties (and a number that are not held by the Museum but have been described) of Smith's tokens, which were struck for him by Thomas Stokes of Melbourne.

References:

Robinson, H.A. (1974). 'Auckland Tradesmen's Tokens'. The New Zealand Numismatic Journal. May, p.142.

Job: Manager New Zealand Insurance Company, Sydney

1890



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NOTICE is hereby given that a certain DEED, bearing date the 9th day of July instant, and made between SAMUEL HAGUE SMITH, of Auckland, Merchant, of the one part, and the several CREDITORS of the said Samuel Hague Smith, of the other part, whereby the said Samuel Hague Smith covenants and agrees to PAY to all his said CREDITORS respectively such Composition as is therein mentioned, at the dates and times therein specified, has This Day been FILED in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, at Auckland aforesaid; and notice is hereby further given that the said Deed is intended to take effect as a DEED of ARRANGEMENT, under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, 1867, and the Bankruptcy Act Amendment Act, 1868.

Dated at Auckland this 9th day of July, 1870.

JOHN B. RUSSELL,
Solicitor for said Samuel Hague Smith,
Auckland.

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