

## Alfredton

*1887-Present.* 47 Kilometres North of Masterton on State Highway 52.. Local domain still open. Situated at the crossroad between the Eketahuna–Tiraumea Road and Masterton-Alfredton Road. Important farming area.

### 1887

1887	11	Alfredton	Murdoch	William	Master	£44	\$8,622
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28<sup>th</sup> January 1887 Mr W Murdoch was appointed master of an aided school at Alfredton

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1887 We learn (says the Post) that 1000 acres of land are being surveyed neat Alfredton, Wairarapa, for the purpose of establishing another settlement under the Village Homestead system

13<sup>th</sup> May 1887 Land Board A plan of the Alfredton Recreation and School Reserve and the land applied for by Messrs. Macquarrie Bros., Carnell, and Cross was submitted, together with a report on the improvements effected.

### 1888

1888	11	Alfredton	Murdoch	William	Master	£42
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4<sup>th</sup> February 1888 The Alfredton recreation ground has been brought under the Public Domains Act, and placed under the management of the Alfredton Road Board, to which the necessary powers have been delegated

### 1889

1889	8	Alfredton		
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20<sup>th</sup> March 1889 . Mr Lee, the Inspector of Schools, passed through Masterton yesterday morning on his way to Bideford, Alfredton, Eketahuna. Tenui, and other places in that direction, of each of which he holds his periodical examination. Mr Lee will be away altogether about six week# and as ho does most of his travelling on horseback, this will be a pretty extended riding tour,

20<sup>th</sup> April 1889 The School children of the Alfredton School district were. invited by the settlers to a picnic yesterday in Messrs Macquarie's grounds and woolshed The affair was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by both old arid young.

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1889 Five additional schools are in operation, viz.,- Mauriceville E, Pirinoa, Whakataki, Alfredton, and Manakau. -Although satisfied with the results as a whole, the Inspector states that he is sensible of much weakness in particular schools and in particular classes, from 42 to 72 per cent of candidates presented in standards having- failed. In some cases teachers, were more or less incompetent , and the head teachers had neglected the periodical examination of those classes and thus failed to detect the weakness a mere hovel. The children are badly provided with slates . I approve of the plan of the master taking ten of the children for three hours in the mornings, and four of the children for two hours (at another house two miles distant) in the afternoons. The working condition of the school should improve.

27<sup>th</sup> June 1889 Wellington Education Board A grant of £5 was passed for repairs to the Alfredton school, provided that a certificate be rendered to the Board that the work has really been completed

## 1890

1890		Alfredton	Weston	Charles		Master	£33	\$6,240
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26<sup>th</sup> February 1890 In a quiet way considerable effort is being made to get a school here, and if the services of a suitable person could be obtained to take charge, no doubt the hull could be rented by the Education Board for a small sum, and so do away with a crying evil, The settlers here have been so long neglected by the powers that be, that they have become as it were, indifferent to outside help, and each one struggles to educate his children the best way he can, and leaves other people to do the same. But this state of things will, I hope, soon be past. The matter is now, I believe, in the right hands, and we may expect the school to be an accomplished fact shortly

27<sup>th</sup> February 1890 Wellington Education Board The Chairman, Mr Bunny, and the Inspector were appointed a Committee to visit Alfredton and report on a site for a school which had been selected by the settlers, who asked that a school should be erected

30<sup>th</sup> April 1890 Wellington Education Board The question of a site for an aided school at Alfredton was considered, and it was decided to deal with it at next meeting

1<sup>st</sup> May 1890 A town hall will shortly be erected at Alfredton, at a cost of £94, The contract for its erection has been let to Mr G Benton,

30<sup>th</sup> July 1890 Mr Chas. Weston was appointed teacher at Alfredton

7<sup>th</sup> August 1890 Part of a long article on the new Alfredton Hall opening included Perhaps it will not be out of place to give a short description of the hall. It is built on a site near the Road Board Office and almost at the junction of all the roads in the district. It is not a large building, being only 40 x 20, [ 12.19 metres x 6.09 metres] but it is a very handsome and substantially built, The front is rusticated, the remainder plain weather boarding with iron roofing. It is a good height, the studs being twelve feet [3.6576 metres]. The hall is rented to the Education Board for an aided school and will be used as a church, and for concerts etc,

15<sup>th</sup> October 1890 The now hall is now used as a day school, and also for church services on Sundays and so far que concert and a dance has been held it. I hear there is some talk of another concert, I should like to draw the attention of the parents to the day school, A guarantee was, I believe, given for an attendance of sixteen children and the highest attendance at any one time as yet was I believe twelve. There are plenty of children within three or four miles to enable the promise to be fulfilled but in some cases parents appear to look upon it as a favor to send them at all, the fact of their children being brought up in utter ignorance never appearing to be considered. They have now the advantage of Having a building commodious at all events. The only chance of ever setting a permanent school, is to pull together; this lias, as well as the state of the main road in winter, been a drawback to settlement. Now there is a prospect of both objections being done away with, That is provided as I said before, the settlers and parents pull together, .

## 1891

1891	12	Alfredton	Weston	Charles		Master	£45	\$8,415
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5<sup>th</sup> February 1891 A public picnic, followed by a concert in the evening, is to be held at Alfredton in about a month's time. The school is the object to be benefitted, and Mr Charles Weston, the master, is the organiser of the festivity. The spot chosen for the picnic is a clearing in Flat Bush, a mile or two out of Alfredton,

25th February 1891 Wellington Education Board The application of Mr. S. M. George for a lease of the 20 acre school cite at Alfredton, not yet built upon, at £3 a year, was referred to the Chairman with power to act

26<sup>th</sup> February 1891 Wellington Education Board needs £200 for a new school at Alfredton

13<sup>th</sup> June 1891 The school is doing very well indeed; there are 18 children attending regularly, and I believe some 21 on the roll. Not so bad !

### 1892

1892	11	Alfredton	Weston	Charles		Master	£51	\$9,465
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13<sup>th</sup> July 1892 A concert is to be held here on Tuesday, the 12th, any surplus to be devoted to school funds, firewood, etc. Some of the settlers are endeavouring to get sufficient funds to purchase a piano for public use and promises of about £20 have already been made, We have been having a lot of cold and wet weather of late, and feed is, in consequent, rather short. The roads are exceptionally good, owing (o the effects of the restriction of traffic on the main road, The new metal seems to be settling fairly well,

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1892 The Inspectors of Schools for the Wellington district, in their annual report to the General Assembly, state that there are now eighty-one schools under their supervision, eight more than in the previous year. Amongst the new schools. are those at Ballance, Kaitawa, Alfredton, Ditton and Grassendale. The total attendance at the time of the examinations increased from 10,694 in 1890 to 11,205 in 1891. The school accommodation at Masterton was insufficient

### 1893

1893	12	Alfredton	Weston	Charles		Master	£51	\$9,244
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7<sup>th</sup> July 1893 CORRESPONDENCE The Alfredton School.

[To the Editor.]

Sib,—Please publish those few lines relating to the manner in which the Alfredton school is being conducted. The required number of children that are supposed to be in attendance, before the teacher is expected to open school, is five. I understand there are fourteen children on the roll, and some of them have long distances to come, and the roads here are not of the best. Sometimes the children are a few minutes late. It often happens that there are four or five children at the school and another four or five on the way, and because they are not punctual to time, the school is not opened. Consequently the poor children are dragged as many as four and five times a week through the mud before they can get one day's schooling. On the 20th June, there were four children at the school, and the teacher passed three more within a few minutes' walk of the school. He rode up to the school and never gave the children five minutes' grace, but immediately turned his horse round and went home, This I think very unfair to his scholars. Two little girls had been attending school very regularly and had to come home and in the face of this their parents received a notice to the effect that they were to send their children more regularly to school. I think it quite time a move was made either to close the school altogether or to have it carried on in a proper manner. At present it is simply a disgrace to Alfredton,—I am, etc., Children's Friend, July 3rd, 1893.

### 1894

1894	15	Alfredton	Groves	Mary		Female	£56	\$10,095
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19<sup>th</sup> January 1894 Head teachers are required for the Ditton and Alfredton aided schools.

8<sup>th</sup> February 1894 TAWATAI TOLL. Cr Smith moved and Cr Cockburn Hood seconded that the Committee recommend to the favourable consideration of the Council, the application of the Alfredton School Committee, for permission for Miss Groves, the teacher at the Alfredton School, to be allowed to pass through the Tawatai toll-gate free, when on school business

10<sup>th</sup> May 1894 the telephone here is now open to the public

18<sup>TH</sup> May 1894 Wairarapa North County Council It was decided to refer the request of Mr Dunderdale , Alfredton for permission to use the road Board office as a schoolroom in winter to councillor Smith

6<sup>th</sup> July 1894 Mr Francis Dunderdale appointed non-permanent postmaster and telephonist in the newly opened Alfredton Office.

## 1895

1895	17	Alfredton	Groves	Mary		Female	£56	\$10,150	
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5<sup>th</sup> March 1895 Alfredton School is being examined on the 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL BY Mr Fleming

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1895 The largest flood ever known for 20 years baa just been experienced. Many bridges have gone. The Pori and Saunders's Road bridges are among them, and the said roads, like many others, are completely blocked. Traffic is also suspended between Eketahuna and Alfredton. No mail for a week. As a sample of practical politics the Puketoi Settlers Progressive Club turned out and cleared the Pori Road for bridle traffic. We don't expect vehicles through this winter, and settlers expect Government assistance. Primitive pioneering is restored.

31<sup>st</sup> October 1895 Wellington Education Board The Chairman's action in leasing 10 acres at Alfredton, at 3s per acre per year, was approved

## 1896

1896	15	Alfredton	Groves	Mary		Female	£70	\$12,613	
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29<sup>th</sup> January 1896 The Chairman and Mr. McCardle were appointed to make enquiries as to the desirableness of establishing an aided school at Otahina, Alfredton

29<sup>th</sup> September 1896 Wellington Education Board The Inspector was requested to report on the question of a change of teacher at Alfredton

## 1897-1898

1897	16	Alfredton	Groves	Mary		Female	£70	\$12,487	
1898	20	Alfredton	Mousley	Annie		Female	£90	\$15,417	

27<sup>th</sup> April 1898 It was resolved to take steps to erect a school at Alfredton.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1898 Miss Mary Groves given six months leave

In response to a letter from the residents of Alfredton praying for the erection of a school, it was resolved that the necessary steps be taken to procure a site for the building.

## 1899

1899	17	Alfredton	Mousley	Annie		Female	£90	\$15,970
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12<sup>th</sup> April 1899 The new schoolhouse at Alfredton was formally opened on Monday. It was arranged that a picnic, should take place in (he afternoon and a meeting and social in the hall at night, A number of parents turned up, but owing to the inclement weather the picnic was not a success. The hall was well- filled in the evening, and Mr Anyon, Chairman of the School Committee, presided.

After a few introductory remarks, Mr Anyon called upon Mr A. W. Hogg, M.H..R, who had been invited to be present, to formally open the school. In the course of his remarks Mr Hogg congratulated the residents of Alfredton on having secured a building worthy of the district, mid said he had no doubt the school would be fully appreciated. If good teachers were secured, the families would be largely benefitted. He pointed out that the duties of teachers were by no means as light as a good many imagined. They were of a highly responsible character, and the work was both onerous and arduous, He trusted that the teachers would always enjoy the sympathy and consideration of parents and the committee, as it was only under these circumstances that they could expect the children to realise the full advantages of State education. Songs were contributed by a number of ladies and gentlemen, and the proceedings wound up with a dance, Votes of thanks and cheers were given for the teachers, committee and Mr Hogg.

12<sup>th</sup> April 1899 The Committee of the Manuhara School District (recently known as Waihi, a township beyond Alfredton), has approved the Education Board's appointment of Mr. Thomas, of Waimate, to the charge of the new school there, which will probably be opened early next week. [This school was about 5 miles from Horoeaka]

25<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee Alfredton School — Messrs G. Anyon (Chairman), H. Benton (Secretary), F. Lee, H. Harding, G. Benton

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1899 Miss Davis, of the Hinemoa School, has been granted three months' leave of absence, Miss Graves, of Alfredton, taking her place [Hinemoa was past Kaitawa school from Pahiatua]

12<sup>th</sup> May 1899 A library in connection with the public school at Alfredton is to be instituted, Miss Mousley, the mistress, haying the matter in hand. Miss Mousley is a most energetic and capable teacher, and the people of Alfredton are to be congratulated on having secured her valued services.

18<sup>th</sup> May 1899 Wellington Education Board has authorised repairs to Alfredton School

31<sup>st</sup> August 1899 . It was decided to obtain from the local committee an estimate of the cost of erecting a school at Saunders road, near Alfredton.

## 1900

1900	19	Alfredton	Mousley	Annie		Female	£90	\$15,647
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1<sup>st</sup> March 1900 Miss Mousley along with a lot of other teacher was being paid £10 per annum too much

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1900 Miss M Mousley Alfredtown [sic] was granted leave of absence for a week

26<sup>th</sup> June 1900 At a meeting of householders last night in the school house, Alfredton, the following were elected members of the School Committee Messrs F. Dowsett, junior, G.

Benton, W. Cross, G. Wratten, W Evans. At a meeting of the new Committee, Mr F, Dowsett was elected Chairman

### 1901

1901	19	Alfredton	Mousley	Annie		Female	£100	\$16,882
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21<sup>st</sup> March 1901 New teacher salaries issued by Wellington Education Board Alfredton Roll 19 New salary £100 an increase of £10

21<sup>st</sup> October 1901 Part of a long piece on a tour of the area included The township of Alfredton, although retaining slight slice of the primeval period, has within these last few years made rapid progress. It possesses a school, conducted by Miss Mousley, a most efficient teacher; Town Hall, hotel, blacksmith's shop (Mr K. Hurt, late of Featherston, has recently taken over this business, and is doing a good trade). Also two general stores; the principals are respectively Messrs McIntyre and Co. and Herbert and Co., and are apparently securing a significantly lucrative business, In the former, which is a large building, the Post and Telegraph Office is at present located. The new Post Office, an elegant production of the architect's art, has recently been completed, and will very shortly be opened for public business. The most late and important acquisition to the locality in the way of buildings will be the Anglican Church, which is in course of construction, and when completed, if in accord with the archetype, will certainly be an imposing, yet impressive, sanctuary. In both instances Mr Benton has been the successful tenderer, In the meantime the Town Hall is being utilised for church purposes, in which Divine service is held every fortnight. The officiating clergyman the Rev. Mr Walker, whose headquarters are Eketahuna, has an extensive district to look after, His congregation being so widely dispersed, his duties are, as a matter of course, concern us; but in the face of all obstacles, wind and rain, the Rev. gentleman is promptly at his post, ready to administer the Gospel to his hearers.

### 1902

1902	23	Alfredton	Mousley	Annie		Female	£110	\$18,144
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30<sup>th</sup> October 1902 A grant was made for repairs and gravel at Alfredton School,

### 1903

1903	26	Alfredton	Mousley	Annie		Female	£110	\$18,234
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3<sup>rd</sup> June 1903 It was agreed to improve the lighting of Alfredton school, but the question of certain other work was deferred.

30<sup>th</sup> October 1903 A petition in reference to the Alfredton school was referred to Mr Fleming

### 1904

1904	21	Alfredton	Higgins	Vivian		Master	£121	\$20,036
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25<sup>th</sup> March 1904 Mr D Sinclair resigns as head teacher. [Donald Sinclair was actually at Matahiwi School out of Masterton]

26<sup>th</sup> May 1904 Mr Vivian Higgins, who has received the appointment, of head teacher at the Pleckville School where he was in charge of the school

## 1905

1905	25	Alfredton	Higgins	Vivian	D2	Master	£126	\$19,927
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4<sup>th</sup> April 1905 Miss Kirby, who has filled the office of post-mistress at Te Nui for the past two years, has been removed to Alfredton. Miss Kirby was always most courteous and attentive to her duties, and her removal came as a surprise to the people of the district. We wish her every success in her new sphere of work.

## 1906

1906	20	Alfredton	Smith	Hugh Parker	D4	Master	£130	\$20,203
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23<sup>rd</sup> May 1906 The cause of the fire by which the Alfredton school was destroyed still remains a mystery. Arrangements have been made to carry on school duties, after the winter vacation, in an old store until the new school is completed.

25<sup>th</sup> May 1906 Messrs E. Feist and A. H. Vile, members of the Education Board, held an inquiry at Alfredton on Wednesday into the circumstances surrounding the fire at the school.

6<sup>th</sup> June 1906 Since the school was burned down, the local hall has been utilised to teach the school children in. It is expected that a new schoolhouse will be erected at an early date.

4<sup>th</sup> August 1906 Wellington Education Board Tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for the erection, of a school at Alfredton. Plans can be seen at this office. [Wairarapa Daily Times]

31<sup>st</sup> August 1906 Wellington Education Board, Alfredton Erection on new site recommended, provided exchange is a fair one

## 1907

1907	20	Alfredton	Kirby	Irene	D5	Female	£110	\$17,245
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1<sup>st</sup> February 1907 Wellington Education Board Mr H P Smith resigns

27<sup>th</sup> February 1907 Mr H. Parker-Smith terminated his duties as head teacher of the Alfredton School on Friday. He has been succeeded by Mr H. Barrett, relieving teacher. [Mr Barrett had taught at Horoeke in 1904 and 5 and in 1906 at Roseneath. He did not teach for the Wellington Education Board again]

9<sup>th</sup> May 1907 Miss H Hurren appointed Sole Teacher at Alfredton [At December was teaching at Judgeford School]

## 1908

1908	22	Alfredton	Kirby	Irene	D5	Female	£110	\$17,245
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2<sup>nd</sup> May 1908 School Committee Elected Messrs K Burt (Chairman and Secretary) A Gordon, E Green, W Condor, G Benton

28<sup>th</sup> May 1908 Wellington Education Board a gate and a chimney

## 1909

1909	26	Alfredton	Feist	Lois M	E1	Female	£120	\$19,069
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20<sup>th</sup> October 1909 Miss I. Kirby, formerly head teacher at the Alfredton School, was -married on Monday last to Mr J. Cross, son of Mr W. Cross, of .Alfredton

## 1910

1910	24	Alfredton	Manson	Nedby M	D3	Master	£150	\$23,516
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27<sup>th</sup> April 1910 School Committee elected C Cross, J Cross, J Davis, I Dance, J Owen, W J Blake, A J Gordon (Another cutting indicated there was a good number of householders present)

12<sup>th</sup> July 1910 he ladies of Alfredton contemplate giving a dance on the 21st, when a goodly gathering may be expected to attend, to show their appreciation of what is sure to be an enjoyable evening. ... Whooping cough is causing a good deal of trouble in the district, and the attendance at the school is suffering consequently.

24<sup>th</sup> August 1910 Alfredton A social and dance in aid of the school funds was held in the Public Hall on Friday last. There was a good attendance, and the funds should benefit considerably thereby. The music for the dances was supplied by Mrs Manson, and extras were contributed by Misses Dunn and Algie, and Mr Ralph. Songs \were given during' the evening by Mrs Tom Smith, Mr Parsonson, Mr Ralph, Mr Jas. Owen (encore), Mrs Jackson, and Mr N. M. Manson. Great credit is due to the ladies for the excellent refreshments gratuitously supplied.. The local boxing club is attracting many budding enthusiasts to display their skill these winter evenings..

## 1911

1911	23	Alfredton	Manson	Nedby M	D3	Master	£155	\$24,513
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28<sup>th</sup> April 1911 ALFREDTON. Friday. The Saunders School was totally destroyed by fire yesterday.

29<sup>th</sup> March 1911 Wellington Education Board. That applications be made for residences at Alfredton and Waterfalls, both recommended by the inspectors.

15<sup>th</sup> May 1911 A deputation from . the Alfredton School Committee, consisting of Messrs S. M. George (Chairman), and G. Benton, waited upon Messrs Hogg and Vile on Friday evening and requested that certain improvements be effected to " the Alfredton School grounds. The members of the Board stated that, if an application was made in the usual way, they would be glad to support it.

3<sup>rd</sup> July 1911 The local school, which for the past fortnight has been closed, will be opened on Monday next. Many of t\w pupils have; been affected with an epidemic generally considered to be ringworm, and as no fresh cases are reported it is hoped that the malady has disappeared from our midst.

14<sup>th</sup> July 1911 Wairarapa Daily Times headed Alfredton. I notice that the local correspondent of the Eketahuna Express, at the request of the local head teacher, flatly contradicts the report that several children attending the school were suffering from a skin disease. Of course, I cannot say that the affected ones were attending school, but I know that at least three families were in rather a bad state with nasty looking sores on their faces. By some this may not seem to be a skin disease, but it seems strange that it should spread from one family to another.



## 1912

1912	26	Alfredton	Manson	Nedby M	D3	Master	£160	\$24,538
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28<sup>th</sup> February 1912 The tender of Mr A. R. Power, at £397 10s, was accepted for the erection of a teacher's residence at Alfredton. Alfredton, fencing renewal, £37 10s

12<sup>th</sup> April 1912 Alfredton School Children raised 7 shillings and sixpence for the starving women and children in England fund

24<sup>th</sup> April 1912 School Committee S M George (Chairman). F Percy, W Jones. W Rutherford and Mrs C Jones (Secretary)

29<sup>th</sup> May 1912 The school teacher's new residence is nearing completion, and we have no doubt 'that the building (which is in the capable hands of Mr Power of Eketahuna) when finished will be a decided ornament to our township.

29<sup>th</sup> May 1912 Wellington Education Board Alfredton received a grant for hot water

## 1913

1913	23	Alfredton	Manson	Nedby M	D3	Master	£165	\$24,750
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21<sup>st</sup> January 1913 Scholarships for Schools with a roll under 36 1<sup>st</sup> Francis J Keane with 541 marks winning a junior National Scholarship

5<sup>th</sup> February 1913 Mr Cecil Kebbell, of Te Hoe, Alfredton, together, with his family, will leave in April next for England. Mr Kebbell intends to remain at Home for two or three years in order to give his children the benefit a public school education there, Mr. "Kebbell has been a. member of the Masterton County Council for many years..'

12<sup>th</sup> March 1913 (From Our Own Correspondents'. ALFREDTON. The annual concert of the Alfredton district school was held on Friday evening, and was a pronounced success. Each one of the children performed most creditably. The night was beautifully fine, consequently the building was packed. A dance was held at the conclusion of the concert. Following ; was the programme: Overture, "Double Eagle," Mr Manson; Chorus, "-Doodah," scholars; recitation, " How Jimmy Tended the Baby," D. Rutherford; song, "Boys of the Chelsea School," Alec Edmonds; recitation, "The Daring Froggy," Sam Davis; action song, "The Bells," scholars; cornet solo, Mr G. Thomas; minuet, six girls; hornpipe Mr McKenzie; duet, "I don't want to play in your yard," G. Reynolds and M. Edmonds; recitation, Mr S. M. George; song, "Mr Booze," Mr Thomas; piano solo, Rose Percy; recitation, " Froggy's First Walk," Grace Reynolds; dumb-bell exercises, scholars; song, "Dapple Gray," juniors;; recitation, Harold Watson; song, "Six Little Burglars," scholars; song, "Bendigo," Dan Owen; recitation', "Where are you going to, etc.," Moyra Brown and Erroll Thrupp; duet, "Daddy," J. Owen and it. Watson; minuet, four scholars; recitation, "Vitai Lampata," Charlie Reynolds; mouth organ selection, Alec. Edmonds; song, Mr Manson; chorus, "Swanee River," scholars.

13<sup>th</sup> March 1913 Francis Keane of Alfredton, has renounced the junior national scholarship which he won recently, as he is leaving for Auckland,

15<sup>th</sup> October 1913 Masterton County Council An application from the Alfredton School Committee, for planks from the old Te Hoe bridge was granted, on the motion of Cr Cross, subject to the approval of the engineer

26<sup>th</sup> November 1913 Wellington Education Board Alfredton School is to be painted

24<sup>th</sup> December 1913 The Alfredton school concert took place last Thursday evening. The singing and acting of the children showed careful training by their teacher, Mr Manson. After supper a dance was held, which proved very enjoyable. Extras were played by Mr Walter Hunt, of Rongomai.

## 1914

1914	22	Alfredton	Manson	Nedby M	D2	Master	£175	\$25,055
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25<sup>th</sup> February 1914 Wellington Education Board approved concreting of floor of sheds

8<sup>th</sup> May 1914 The most enjoyable progressive euchre party was held in the Alfredton schoolroom on Friday evening last, to raise funds for the school library. The committee are working very hard for this object, their idea being to make the library suitable to procure books at any time. There were twelve tables provided, and play, which started at 8.30 a.m., was very keen right up to 10.30 p.m. Mrs Roderick secured the ladies' prize, and Mr J. Watson the gent's "Booby" prizes were awarded to Miss Dolly Rutherford and Mr Willie Algie. Supper was served to the guests by the members of the School Committee, after which several new vocalists contributed items that were very much appreciated, and after Mr S. M. George (chairman) had thanked the people for their attendance the floor was cleared for dancing.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1914 Wellington Education Board A grant made to Partition shed at Alfredton

20<sup>th</sup> August 1914 Fundraising War Funds included [As written] The local school children made and equipped one dozen housewives and forwarded them to Wellington. The teacher (Mr Manson) received a letter of thanks from Lady Liverpool, mentioning that as they just wanted another dozen to make-up an order they were doubly welcome

## 1915

1915	24	Alfredton	Cameron	Lily	C4	Female	£140	\$18,753
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11<sup>th</sup> January 1915 The annual distribution of prizes to scholars of the Alfredton School -will take place at their annual picnic, -which will be held on the 15th inst

5<sup>th</sup> May 1915 Mr J. Davies has served on the Alfredton school committee for 27 years. During this period he has not missed a meeting,

1<sup>st</sup> September 1915 Wellington Education Board the Wellington Education Board yesterday made the following grants for repairs, etc: —Matahiwi, drainage; Alfredton, residence drainage (teacher to pay half cost)

30<sup>th</sup> December 1915 Part of a long letter to the editor of the New Zealand Times mainly looking at Saunders Road School The school nearest to it is at Alfredton, eight miles away. Its cost to the State is not heavy. The recently issued report of the Education Department shows that it has an average attendance of fifteen, and a male teacher with a salary of .£90 and .£10 lodging allowance. When the teacher's board and lodging and clothes and books and examination fees are paid, his margin of pocket money will hardly provide me extra war tax on postage stamps, and his prospect of becoming a millionaire seems remote.

## 1916-1917

1917	18	Alfredton	Taylor	Francis H	Sole	Licensed	£152	\$17,036
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18<sup>th</sup> August 1916 Part of a concert for the Soldier's Tobacco Fund included the Flower Song," given by the Alfredton school girls, elicited prolonged applause and later The Alfredton school girls gave another action song, "Knitting," which was vociferously encored.

13<sup>th</sup> February 1917 The children of the Alfredton school held their annual picnic and prize giving on Thursday afternoon last in "Mr N. Jones' paddock, which is an ideal place for such gatherings, as the lovely 'bit of bush affords such shelter from the hot sun. The picnic was very largely attended/ people coming from the surrounding districts. We all know this is a children's day, and the school committee are to be congratulated on their untiring efforts to amuse the kiddies. Races, games and afternoon tea helped to pass a very enjoyable time. After a pleasant little speech and summary of the year's work, Mr D. M. George presented the prizes won by the children. A very nice dance was held in the evening, the music, being supplied by -Mr C. Monaghan, of Eketahuna.

11<sup>th</sup> October 1917 The final meeting of the naval dependents' relief of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Navy League was held yesterday. Since the previous meeting a cheque for £7 3s had been received from the parents and scholars of the Alfredton School, per Mrs Ted Jones

## 1918-1919

1919	16	Alfredton	Crandle	Henry E	Sole	C-77	£220	\$19,875
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9<sup>th</sup> February 1918 Miss C. George who is leaving the district, was entertained at a farewell tea by the girls of the Alfredton school this week and presented with a manicure set.

27<sup>th</sup> February 1919 Wairarapa School Committee's Association meeting

FIRST AID OUTFIT. The chairman of the Alfredton School Committee wrote: "In view of the recent experiences I think it would be a good proposition to keep a first aid outfit, an ambulance stretcher, and a clinical thermometer at every country school."—It was resolved! to bring the matter under the notice of the Minister of Education when visiting Masterton

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## 1921-1923

1921	28	Alfredton	Bird	Alfred W	Sole	C	£210	\$18,079
1923	32	Alfredton	Strong	Florence M	Sole	D-171	£245	\$22,518

## Post 1923

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