



# Carrington School

**Established 1910**

**Closed 1938**

**Carrington:** 1911-1938 Another small school that struggled in a dairy farmer environment. About 9 Kilometres from Carterton on the Haringa Road. North East of Carterton

**1908**  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1908 Although it is not likely that the Carrington Estate will be open for settlement before the end of the year, Mr. Hornsby,, M.P., has been moving in the matter of sub-division of the property realising that, upon success that "will largely depend the success or otherwise of the undertaking. The surveyors will resume work on the estate in a week or two and a trial sub-division will be made. This will be submitted to .the Minister for his approval before it is placed before the public. It is hoped that the proposed sub-division will start a satisfactory disposal of the property PP

25<sup>th</sup> June The Carrington Estate, Wairarapa, says the Premier, will be opened for selection next February, and possession will be given on 31st March next. The estate cost £39,155, consists of 5178 acres, and

will be divided into 27 allotments, ranging from 89 acres to 630 acres. PP

## 1910

28<sup>th</sup> January An application from settlers on the Carrington Estate for a new school was left to the inspectors for a report

23<sup>rd</sup> March 1910 Applications for school accommodation; additions, and maintenance, etc., at the following places were recommended to be granted by the Works Committee and inspectors :The board decided, on the motion of Mr. Aitken, to ask the Government to set aside sites for schools on settlements thrown open by the State, such as the Carrington Estate 23 March 1910

13 June 1910 The successful tenderer for the erection of a dairy factory on the Carrington Settlement was Mr. A. R. Wallis, of Carterton, the contract price being £843. There were six tenderers, two local and four Masterton, and the prices ranged up to £969. The work has to be completed by the end of August, and will be ready for next season's operations

27<sup>th</sup> August Mr J<sup>o</sup>. A. Carder applied to Land Board to subdivide section 14, block 11, Tiffin, Carrington Settlement, and surrender two acres for a school site.—Approved. WTPP

30<sup>th</sup> November The Wellington Education Board, being assured of three acres of land at Carrington, will proceed with the building of the school PP

Plan of original classroom shows a room 24 foot x 20 foot (7.32 Meters by 6.10 meters or 45.5 square meters including teacher space and doorway and fire)

The names included on the original application for a school were as per this table

Name	Occupation	Distance from	Children and their ages
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		School	
Rains	Farmer	1 mile	Willie 3, Robert 2
Hobson	"	$\frac{3}{4}$ m	Nola 2
Thompson	Farmer Lease	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Millan 12 , Margaret 9
J Dew	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ m	Joseph 6, Alma 4 Thomas 2
T Anderson	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	Elsie 7, Allan 1
O Staveley	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	---
M McLennan	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ada 2
F Staveley	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Moorcock	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thomas 2
T Ryan	Labourer		Thomas 11
W Hawtin	Farmer Renewable Lease	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ellen 13, Alexandra 11, Norman 9, Cathline 1
J Macauley	Farmer lease	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Marion 9 Donald 7 Angus 5, Edith 3 Hector 1
G Hooker	"	1	Daisy, Harvey, Arthur, Myrtle
H Clarkson	"	1	Rita
Spicer	"	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Gladys and 4 others
E Clarke	"	$\frac{1}{4}$	Charles 12 Bertram 9
J Cooper	"	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Ellen 10 Elsie 6 Rita 3 Lorna 2
M M Harris	"	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Harold 8, Davie 6 Francis 3

J Harrison	Manager	1 1/2	Willie 6 Theresa 3 Ada 3
Madden	Farmer	2	Ronald 4 Jean 3
	Spelling as		Listed on application

This application for a school was signed by Edward Clarke on January 19<sup>th</sup> 1910

5<sup>th</sup> July 1910 J S Tennant Inspector wrote to Wellington Education Board supporting the application

In a letter written on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1909 Transcribed on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1910.

- a) None of the settlers will undertake conveyance. Therefore a contractor would have to come from Carterton 18 miles on unsealed roads. I obtained a rough estimate from a Carterton livery stable which would be double capitation charge
- b) A site near the SE corner of Mr Carder's property would bring 29 children of school age within 2 miles of the school. This serving Hinau Gully, Hururua Road and Mangatariri Road.
- c) This would deprive Clareville of 2 children, Belvedere of 10 and Taratahi West None
- d) The gravel site on Hururua Road is useless for gravel purposes. But could be incorporated in an ideal school site

The New school to be 480 sq ft

The Building to be timber with Iron roof and brick chimney

2 Shelter sheds, Latrine for girls, Latrine and urinal for boys

4<sup>th</sup> July Cost £ 434/8/ 6

In application from Wellington Education Board to Secretary of Education "Roads are very unsatisfactory. The country is bleak and the climate and rainfall such as to render attendance impossible for young children at existing schools"

There was not plan for a school in the settlement plan.

Mr Carder's would grant 2 acres plus the gravel site provided his rental is reduced in proportion to the reduced productive capacity of his section

22<sup>nd</sup> July Secretary of Education to Wellington Education Board £345 Grant for establishment of school at Carrington.

## 1911

1<sup>st</sup> February Board called tenders and the lowest tender was within £2 of the boards estimate asking the Department to increase grant to build the school at Carrington.

3<sup>rd</sup> March Secretary of Education refusing to increase grant

4<sup>th</sup> April New Design. Cut out one shelter shed and are short £ 21/ /8/ 6

No allowance in settlement for a school 2 acres worth of land £ 18.6 and the gravel pit £13.00 Mr Carders costs paid but not the cost for gravel pit.

29<sup>th</sup> March new school (Carrington), Tender let to H. Trotman, £296 Carrington PP

26<sup>th</sup> April (additional sum required), £99 12s. The Government asked that when the Wellington Education Board made future applications for grants, full particulars should be stated PP

8<sup>th</sup>

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1911 Mr E. G. Allen has been appointed chairman of the Carrington School committee, and Messrs Clarkson treasurer and Anderson secretary

August Carrington Application for a Teacher (Carterton district Sole Teacher (new school), probable salary £120 to £150 and £16 housing allowance. (*A housing allowance was granted if there was not a school residence provided*)

1<sup>st</sup> November That the Education Department be required to adjust the matter of site at Carrington with the Lands Department

15<sup>th</sup> November Carrington Sole Teacher Miss Lois Feist appointed. Previously taught at Clareville School. The Principal there was pleased to see her go.

## 1912

16<sup>th</sup> February New residence application

2 rooms 13' 6 x 12' (abbreviation for foot 1 meter =3.28 feet)

Kitchen 14' x 8'

1 room 12' x 12'

1 room 16' 9 x 12'

Bathroom 6' x 5'

Pantry 6' x 2' 6

Inspectors T R Fleming signed application.

Teacher paid £15 per annum Housing Allowance

29<sup>th</sup> August Secretary of Ed gave grant of £426

25<sup>th</sup> September 1912 Intimation was received from the department that the board's maintenance of buildings grant for 1912 amounted to £7594. A grant of £119 11s 8d was made for the equipment of a woodwork centre at Otaki; £426 for a residence at Carrington PP

## 1913

Increased allowance by Department of Education to £450 to allow for hot water and fencing accessories to be included in the new residence.

26<sup>th</sup> March Tender for Carrington Residence was let to Mason and Rose. PP

## 1914

3<sup>rd</sup> June from Carterton a telegram to Secretary of Education. Carrington school residence burned down this morning.

Then Constable Murray Carterton Telegram to Police Headquarters Carrington School residence burnt down this morning.

8<sup>th</sup> June Letter from Secretary of Education to Superintendent of police. Inquiry to be held on Wednesday shortly after the arrival of the train in the forenoon. Care should be taken to ascertain if

the fire can be attributed to any negligence or if there was a defect in the building.

Police report

- a) House uninsured
- b) Belongings insured
- c) Miss Feist returned at 12.30 am from a 3 weeks holiday
- d) Housed seemed damp so she lit fire in the kitchen and dining rooms
- e) Placed bedding and kapok mattress in front of fire
- f) She dragged a burning mattress outside. But carpet and curtains were alight
- g) Ran to the neighbours (Evans) for help but nothing was saved.

4<sup>th</sup> June 1914 DWELLINGS DESTROYED. (IT Telegraph SPECIAL TO THE POST. CARTERTON, This Day. At an early hour yesterday morning a five-roomed dwelling, belonging to the Wellington Education Board was totally destroyed by fire at Carrington. The school teacher, Miss Feist, who occupies the dwelling, was airing some bedding, and it is surmised that a spark ignited the clothes and before the fire was discovered it had a good hold, and soon destroyed the house. Miss Feist lost everything, including a piano. The building was a new one, only having been erected some twelve months ago. PP

30<sup>th</sup> June 1914 When the application for grants for residences at Newman, Tawa Flat, and Carrington was brought on, Mr. Hogg stated that the teacher's residence at Carrington, which had been burnt down, was superior to any other residence in the district. He thought that less costly buildings should be put up in places where there was

no probability of a great increase in population. Sir Walter Buchanan and Mr. Moss concurred PP

11<sup>th</sup> June 1914 FIRE AT CARTERTON  
EDUCATION BOARD ENQUIRY.

Mr A. W. Hogg, a member of the Wellington Education Board, and Mr <x. L. Stewart, secretary of the Board, yesterday afternoon visited the Carrington settlement for the purpose of holding an enquiry, under the Education Board regulations, into the fire which occurred at the teacher's residence there.

~: The enquiry was held in the school house, and the members of the Carrington School committee, as well as the teacher (Miss Feist) were present.

The evidence went to show that there could be no doubt that the fire was purely accidental. The teacher had been away during the holidays, and on returning to the residence on June 1st, put on a good fire at night, and placed some clothes and bedding, which were damp, in front of it. Up to a late hour the fire seemed to be perfectly safe, but on Sunday night, just about midnight, Miss Feist was awakened by smoke and indications of a fire, and found the front room in flames. Some of who resided some district arrived shortly after at the scene of the fire, but by that time the flames had complete control, and beyond saving an outbuilding they could - do nothing. Mr Hogg informed a reporter that the residence was admittedly the best in the Carrington settlement, and although only a four-roomed dwelling, it contained both scullery and all conveniences, and was valued at about £600. WTPP

1<sup>st</sup> July 1914 Applications for grants for teachers' residences at Newman, Tawa Flat, and Carrington are to be made to the Education Department.PP

Average attendance at Carrington: 1911, 18, 1912, 16 1913, 11, 1914 first quarter 11.

A complaint that a flash house was built and right from the beginning a single women had lived in it and the roll had reduced to 11.

Secretary of Education scribbled this on the back of a Wellington Education Board letter The Department has always been adverse to expenditure on teachers' houses.

**31<sup>st</sup> July Secretary from Wellington Education Board** £400 requested for new residence. The teacher at present times is accommodated in a quite unsuitable little cottage which affords no comfort whatever.

**11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914 PATRIOTIC FUND PRIME MINISTER'S LIST**

A contribution of £100 has been made to the Patriotic Fund by Mr. A. E. Russell, of Fitzherbert, who is at present in England. School children assisting. The following donations have been made by State school children in the Wellington education district towards a fund of £2000 for an ambulance equipment for the Expeditionary Force Carrington School 10s 6d

8<sup>th</sup> December that application be made for a grant for residence at Carrington by Wellington Education Board PP

## 1915

10<sup>th</sup> April Letter from Secretary of Education to Wellington Education Board. In view of the fact that the school has always been held by a women and appears likely to continue so. It is considered that he house should be of the simplest character. A comfortable 3 roomed dwelling could no doubt be provided for £250

Living room 14' x 12' Bedroom 12' x 10' 6 Kitchen 14' x 9' Larder 5' x 3' Bathroom 5' 6 x 5'6

28<sup>th</sup> April Advice was also received of a grant of £250 for a three-roomed residence at Carrington pp

6<sup>th</sup> September. Letter to Secretary of Ed

- a) The board takes it as less than that provided for a small railway station of a post office
- b) Needs a wind screen as exposed to prevailing wind
- c) Sheds are continually asked for to prevent theft of goods
- d) Also storage of wood and coal must be catered for.

## 1916

16<sup>th</sup> March Carrington (Railway Station, Carterton! —Solo Teacher. . £110 to £140 and £20 housing allowance Residence in course of erection

31<sup>st</sup> May Mr Wimsett Sole Teacher Appointed

## 1917

Carrington (near Carterton) —Sole Teacher (war appointment), £110 to £140 and house 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 1917 (*A war appointment means that this is a temporary appointment until the teacher returns from the war*).

## 1918

10<sup>th</sup> June 1918 Resignation Miss E. L. Duley, sole teacher, Carrington

## 1921

Miss A Campbell Sole Teacher 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1921

## 1923

7<sup>th</sup> August. Teacher Mrs Thorpe. School closed because teacher and some pupils had mild influenza. The school will be opened as soon as teacher is fit for duties

15<sup>th</sup> August. Mrs Thorpe has reported she is has recovered from the flu. "However the majority of children have not recovered my committee suggests that the holidays should start from the 17<sup>th</sup> instead of the 24<sup>th</sup>." Mrs Thorpe approved and is quite prepared to fall in with this suggestion.

28<sup>th</sup> August. Wellington Education Board approves change of holiday

## 1925

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1925 Appointment Mr G Paine. Grade B Teaching for 5 ¼ years. Current Position Relieving Teacher Otago District.

19<sup>th</sup> February 1925 Mr A J Breen No 205 on Wellington grading roll 2 ¼ years Ex training college Student

## 1926

10<sup>th</sup> June Present Roll is 40. No likelihood of a decrease this year  
Average Attendance is 37

Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever in the district during the first and second quarters the attendance at those quarters have been materially affected. In 1925. Attendances in the first two quarters were 96% and 97%

There will be a decrease in 1927. Several proficiency students will leave this year and there are very few young children to replace them

Miss D E Henderson Relieving Infant Mistress again intimates a desire to be considered for a permanent position. She is doing excellent work and is delighted with the school and the people with whom she is boarding.

5<sup>th</sup> October. This letter affirms that Carrington School had reduced rolls because of epidemics. School Medical Officer

## 1928

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1928. Miss B G Kirk. Grad No 194 Cert C Service 7 years  
Sole Teacher Waihoanga (Otaki)

13<sup>th</sup> March. Miss G D Harvey appointed relieving teacher

## 1929

4<sup>th</sup> October. Remote Allowance of £10 payable whilst it is a Grade 1 school.

16<sup>th</sup> October. Miss E M L Hancock 127 C 24 ½ years Relieving

22<sup>nd</sup> October Re appointment of Miss E M L Hancock as Sole Teacher at the Carrington School. As my committee has no knowledge of any of the applicants we there have no reason to oppose your board's selection. Miss Kirk takes up her new position at the end of this month and we trust her successor will take charge then.

24<sup>th</sup> October. We regret but Miss Hancock cannot take over until the 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will arrange a reliever to take charge through November.

26<sup>th</sup> October. Appointment of Miss W G Meyer as reliever

12<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Meyer wanting to know from Wellington Education Board where the proficiency exams were going to be held.

14<sup>th</sup> November. Reply that Carrington was one in which Synchronous examinations are held and she had been sent some of the papers

20<sup>th</sup> November. Following a letter where Ian McLennan had injured his right hand and couldn't sit proficiency the Wellington Education Board offered 2 choices. One to come to Wellington to sit exam or to wait until the inspectors visit next year.

28<sup>th</sup> November Miss Meyer. Ian McLennan's parents have not decided whether he will be attending this school next year.

20<sup>th</sup> December. Miss Hancock is at school. Letter from Wellington Education Board informing her to read the address at the top of the page when sending letters to the school journal people

## 1931

25<sup>th</sup> March 180 D 17 ½ years Sole Teacher Kaitara. Miss A Campbell

17<sup>th</sup> April Miss P S Liddell Reliving sole teacher

15<sup>th</sup> May An apology from Phyllis Liddell for not sending in returns. Had gone to Carrington School and Miss Campbell promised to send returns.

## 1933

6<sup>th</sup> March Letter from Mrs H Davies asking about Carrington School

- a) Only 4 children attending
- b) Eileen Jensen left today
- c) 3 children of Mrs McPhee are in the West Taratahi district
- d) My little girl Beth Davies need not be counted. She has a long climb up a great big hill every day and the school is a distance over the other side.
- e) I may take her away at any time.

7<sup>th</sup> March. From Wellington Education Board we have no intention of closing the school. We will look again at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term



22<sup>nd</sup> June. A deputation from Wellington Education Board Alex Donald and Colonel McDonald to meet with School Committee chairman

20<sup>th</sup> July. As the homes of the five children attending Carrington live close to Taratahi West School the Wellington Education Board will close the school as soon as a transfer can be made for Miss A Campbell

31<sup>st</sup> July Wellington Education Board to Paymaster. Carrington Roll 4 Will close as soon as arrangements made for Miss Campbell

16<sup>th</sup> August From Wellington Education Board Miss Campbell has been appointed Sole Teacher at Whareama School. Carrington School will close at the end of August

## 1935

13<sup>th</sup> September 6 Families with 8 children apply to reopen the school. 6 of these children from Belvedere and 2 from West Taratahi. A note from inspector says "Prepared to recommend"

Secretary of Education Department approves opening of school with 7 children.

20<sup>th</sup> September. Wellington Education Board to Mrs M Anderson. Applying to the Department for the establishment of an aided school. A relieving teacher will be appointed until a permanent teacher is appointed Application to reopen school with 5 families offering children Wellington Education Board queries whether those listed will attend.

26<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Anderson to Wellington Education Board to make it easier for Belvedere School could we start at beginning of term 1 936 .There will be two five year olds

2<sup>nd</sup> October Reply. I have to point out that the minimum age of starting school is 6

10<sup>th</sup> October. Minister approves of reopening Carrington School

## 1936

**20<sup>th</sup> March Miss J Stenberg appointed PP**

11<sup>th</sup> June. E W Playle Secretary writes the roll is now 9. Asking that they become a grade 1 school with a Grade 1 teacher.

6<sup>th</sup> August

Pupil	Age	Std
Edward Clark	5	P
June Clarke	7	P
Doreen Playle	6	P
Frederick Playle	7	P
Alma Trangmar	7	P
James Chapman	9	Standard 1
Margery Anderson	10	Standard 3
Beth Davies	10	Standard 4
Heather Bengel	14	Standard 5

Miss J Stenberg Sole teacher

12<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Anderson will teach week one and two while Miss Stenberg is absent if approved by Wellington Education Board

17<sup>th</sup> November. Reply from Wellington Education Board Provided Mrs Anderson teaches without salary she can teach for both weeks

9<sup>th</sup> December Mrs E M Finlay Grading 119 B 17 1/2 years Unemployed is appointed.

## 1937

21<sup>st</sup> October Application from Miss E M Finlay for holiday for Carterton Show

## 1938

This is to certify that the grounds and everything has been left up to date by Miss Finlay as she leaves.

This is the last record

## 1946

Letter asking that the school be available for present church and Sunday school, social and public meetings. The local committee will undertake reasonable maintenance

## 1947

19<sup>th</sup> March Request to shift classroom to Carterton DH School denied as building being used as a district meeting place.

Wanted from Carterton school names of Carrington social committee so as to sign a contract

Names given. C A Batchelor, E W Playle, B Roberts

## 1952

29<sup>th</sup> July Letter from Department of lands and survey stating that the site was never a dedicated school site so no gazetting was needed.

7<sup>th</sup> August Section 35 Block 11 Tiffen SD Rent paid by the Carrington Dairy Co.

11<sup>th</sup> August. House sold by dairy co.

19<sup>th</sup> August House sold to Carrington dairy co. (*Right Order*)

