

Gladstone

Pre 1879

3rd March 1874 Wellington Education Board applies to Provincial council for £150 for the building of a school at Gladstone but had not received a written answer

9th May 1874 Another Gladstone application had been turned down because of lack of funds

19th March 1875 Wellington Education Board A letter from Mr. Marsh Bailey was received, which apprised the Board of the election of a local committee for the Gladstone district. The Board ratified the appointments and empowered the committee to call for tenders for the erection of a schoolhouse, £40 having been volunteered by the residents of the district.

29th April 1875 Gladstone Wairarapa The local committee of Gladstone, Te Purupuri, Wairarapa, inquired whether the £40, which they were required to raise as a condition precedent to their receiving the £150 voted by the Board, should be first paid into the bank and drawn upon, or be placed to their account when the £150 was exhausted. The Board held that the £40 must be paid into the bank first. A question as to the supervision of the school was left in the hands of the local committee for decision

20th May 1875 Gladstone .—Tenders are invited for a school house at the above little township

25th May 1875 SCHOOL HOUSE, GLADSTONE

TENDERS will be received by either of the undersigned at their residences, Gladstone, Tupurupuru, up to May 31st, at Noon, for the erection of a School House at Gladstone. Plans and specifications to be seen at T. Ray's Taratahi Hotel. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. MARSH BAILEY. HUGH McMASTER.

22nd June 1875 GLADSTONE SCHOOL. TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, at his residence, at Gladstone, Tupurupuru to 1 p.m., of Saturday July 10th, 1875, for the erection of a school house at Gladstone, according to new plan and specifications which may be seen at Hr T. Say's Taratahi Hotel The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted HUGH McMASTER,

25th March 1876 A schoolhouse has lately been erected at Gladstone, which docs infinite credit to the builder. Mr Alexander, being finished in a style, not easily to be excelled. On two occasions the Rev Mr McKee, of Masterton, has kindly been over and ministered to very fair congregations in this building. We have also hopes that Mr W. Booth, of Carterton, will frequently occupy the pulpit of the school room. A meeting of the committee of the school, and friends of the same, was called for last Monday, and was responded to by about seven gentlemen putting in an appearance, the majority of whom seemed as much interested in their pipes as in the business which called them together. The then Chairman, Mr Bailey, who has been unremitting in his attention to the wants of those connected with the school, and who has had much necessary correspondence with the Secretary of the Education Board, then rose, and proceeded to read the statement of account in connection with the building, which was highly satisfactory. He then astonished his hearers by making known to them the fact of his having written to the Board tendering his resignation as Chairman and called upon the gentlemen present to elect someone in his place. The spirit, however, moved none to speak, and for a

moment or two there was a pause. The Chairman then, apparently in a great hurry, requested Mr McLachlan to propose, and Mr Grant to second, Mr Catt. I presume, however, that these gentlemen did not hear the voice from the chair, for they made no sign of movement; and without further ; delay Mr Bailey handed the key to Mr Catt, informing him that he would consider him duly elected. Mr Catt pocketed the key, with a smile expressive of satisfaction ; and this how the chairman of the committee of the Gladstone school was installed. No other business of any consequence appeared to be troubling those present, and without deeming it necessary to award a vote of thanks to Mr Bailey, to whom many are due, the meeting dispersed ; and shortly afterwards the greater number of them might have been seen stretching the selves on the ground under the shade of ti trees, solacing themselves with draws from the pipe, after their hard work of twenty minutes.

3rd June 1876 The appointments of Mr Samuel as assistant master of the Greytown school, and of Mr Watson as Master of the new school at Gladstone, made, it is said, with the approbation of the local committees, have been approved by the Education Board

10th August 1876 Wellington Education Board Watson C Master Gladstone School passed top of the Second Class certificate examination

18th January 1877 Wellington Education Board Inspector's Annual report included: The remaining school, at Gladstone, is a new school, which is not fulfilling all the expectations held out at the time the school was built. It will therefore be desirable to remove the present second-class master in order that less expensive teaching power may be provided.

21st February 1877 Wellington Education Board WANTED, Assistant Mistresses for Foxton and Palmerston Schools, and a Mistress for a small country school at Gladstone, near Carterton. Apply to CHARLES C GRAHAM, Secretary. [The Wellington Education Board went as far North as Lower Taranaki on the West Coast]

3rd August 1877 Annie Robertson Mistress of Gladstone School Passed the teacher examination with over 140 marks

27th November 1877 I HEREBY call a Public Meeting of Ratepayers and Parents of children attending Gladstone School at 2 o'clock p.m. on SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER, for the purpose of supplying Vacancies in the Local Committee. GEORGE REETHAM, Per W. CAT'T.

29th May 1878 Wellington Education Board Inspector's Report included The Gladstone school was satisfactorily taught and well-managed by Miss Robertson, the writing being particularly good Gladstone had 19 scholars 1st standard 2, 2nd 5, 3rd 3, 4th 3.

13th August 1878 For your Gladstone readers I may state that there will be a meeting of the School Committee on the 19th mat., at 7 p.m., by order of the Education Board, Since the school closed for the winter holidays they have been without a teacher at Gladstone, and no doubt the coming meeting will have something to say on that score.

6th September 1878 Wellington Education Board advertises for an assistant master at Gladstone

31st October 1878 AIDED SCHOOLS. An application for a new school at Taueru was considered and agreed to on the understanding that a suitable teacher could be found. GLADSTONE. The same resolution was confirmed in the district of Gladstone.

1879-1882

1879		Gladstone	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£100
1880		Gladstone	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£100
1881	25	Gladstone	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£100
1882	25	Gladstone	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£100

7th January 1879 Wellington Education Board decides to advertise for a teacher for Gladstone School

22nd January 1879 Mr Kilpatrick appointed to Gladstone

23rd January 1879 Evening post reported Mr Wakelin appointed to Gladstone but actually appointed to Kaiwairua

3rd April 1879 Inspector Lee reports Gladstone School. School was closed for six months. The work has fallen off. The present teacher has only just been appointed. School has only been kept open four hours a day by present teacher, owing to some misunderstanding. I cannot at present give my opinion on the work, but I intend visiting the school again in six months' time.

24th April 1879 Mr Kay appointed to Gladstone School

25th September 1879 Wellington Education Board Miss Hamilton, as mistress to the Gladstone School.....Mr. Kay, of Gladstone School, to be recommended for an assistantship at Carterton [No Mr Kilpatrick was teaching at a Wellington Education Board school at the end of any year 1898 TO 1913. Mr Kay went onto to a long career with the Wellington Education Board

1879-1881 Carterton

1882-1893 Masterton

1894 Carterton

1895-1904 Mauriceville East

1905- 1908 Hamua School

Dorothea Hamilton

1879-1882 Gladstone School

1883-1884 Horokiwi

1886-1891 Paikakariki

1892-1899 Kaitoke

1900-1902 Matarawa [Just North of Greytown on the northern side of the Waiohine River]

1904/3350	Hamilton	Dorothea	53Y
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Miss Dorothea Hamilton is the Mistress in charge of the Kaitoke School. Miss Hamilton, who has had a professional career of seventeen years, was born in Ireland, where also she was educated. Arriving in Lyttelton in 1878, per ship "Waitangi," Miss Hamilton came on to Wellington, where she joined the Board of Education, taking at E4 certificate. Before her appointment to Kaitoke in 1892 she was mistress at Gladstone, Horokiwi Valley, and Paikakariki respectively.

18th May 1905 HAMILTON.—In loving memory of Dorothea Hamilton, who died at Hamua, New Zealand, on 18th May, 1904; aged 53 years. Not gone from memory. Not gone from Love But gone to our Heavenly Father above. Inserted by her loving friend.—M.G

8th March 1880 Election of School Committees.—Monday, the 22nd instant, is fixed for the date of election of School Committees at Tenui and Gladstone.[Because they hadn't elected a committee when other schools did

3rd April 1880 Inspector's report The condition of the 18 country schools is thus stated : — Good, 3 ; satisfactory, 10 ; unsatisfactory, 3. Of the remaining small schools Gladstone and Tinui, although not unsatisfactory, have shown a falling off ; Kaiwairai and Korokoro have improved very much.

19th June 1880 Report on Native Districts I have noticed children at their kaingas running about in a wild condition, the parents entirely indifferent to their state or education. I may mention that in very few cases Natives avail themselves of the advantages of having their children taught at the public schools. At Gladstone two or three attend the school; at Greytown the same.

19th March 1881 Wellington Education Board . that meetings of the Householders residing within the Kaiwairai and Gladstone School Districts respectively will be held on MONDAY, the 21st instant, in the respective School-rooms, at 7 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing school Committees for the ensuing year. The first meeting of the Committee then elected will be held immediately afterwards.

18th April 1881 Inspector's Report included and considerable improvement was shewn at Johnsonville and Gladstone.

6th September 1881 The children of the Gladstone school have to thank Messrs J. Strang and Standon for the efforts they made on Friday evening to procure funds to enable prizes to be forthcoming at the end of the year, by getting up a soiree at the schoolroom on Friday last. The affair was very successful.

16th March 1882 [Just for interest] A meeting of settlers was held at Gladstone on Monday evening (Mr Hugh Me Master in the chair) for the purpose of connecting the Carterton Post Office with Gladstone by means of the telephone, Mrs Roe to operate at the Gladstone end Resolutions were passed in favor of the connection between the two townships and providing necessary funds, the meeting relegating to Mr W. Booth the carrying out of the matter We also understand that one of the legal firms of the Valley have in contemplation laying on telephonic communication between their offices in the several townships

31st March 1882 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that a day be fixed for the election of a School Committee at Gladstone, a committee not Having. been elected on the last annual election day appointed by the Education Act

25th November 1882 A request will also be preferred by the Gladstone School Committee for the alteration of the arrangements regarding holidays, so that the long vacation should take place at midwinter, instead of during the summer. The reason the change is desired is that the majority of the children reside a considerable distance from the schoolhouse, and in winter are to attend regularly. By having a long holiday during the last season, and a short one in summer, the pupils will lose less time than at present, and hence the request which is about to be made to the Board.

29th November 1882 Wellington Education Board An application from the Gladstone School Committee that the long vacation might be held in winter instead of summer, was granted.

20th December 1882 Three applications for the erection of schools and the establishment of separate districts were brought up. In the case of the Wangaehu Valley (Wairarapa) the request

of the settlers was acceded to. With regard to the second, which came from that portion of the Forty-mile Bush situated between Dreyertown and Mauriceville, it was resolved to accept the site, and the question was then allowed to stand over. The third, which had been sent in from Te White, near Gladstone, was referred to Mr Buchanan for report.

1883-1888

1883	30	Gladstone	Bunting	Henry		Master	£150
1884	34	Gladstone	Leete	James		Master	£150
1885	22	Gladstone	Leete	James		Master	£150
1885	22	Gladstone	Leete	Mary		Sewing	£5
1886	21	Gladstone	Leete	James		Master	£150
1886	21	Gladstone	Leete	Mary		Sewing	£5
1887	26	Gladstone	Leete	James		Master	£150
1887	26	Gladstone	Leete	Mary		Sewing	£5
1888	19	Gladstone	Leete	James		Master	£145
1888	19	Gladstone	Leete	Mary		Sewing	£5

31st January 1883 Wellington Education Board Grants were made for additions to Fern Ridge and Judgeford Schools, and repairs to the Gladstone School

13th June 1883 Wellington Education Board Miss Hamilton was transferred from the Gladstone School to Horokiwi.[The Horokiwi School was not at Horokiwi near Petone but near Pahautanui on the Hill road to Paikakariki]

4th July 1883 Wellington Education Board Certificated Master, Gladstone School ; average attendance, 25. Salary, £160 per annum

27th October 1883 The start of a long piece in the Evening Post Mr. H. Bunting forwards us an account of the experiences of those on board the Pleione when caught in the circumference of a cyclone off the Cape of Good Hope, 57 days out from England. We regret that our space will not permit our giving the narrative in full, but we make a few extracts from it.

1st November 1883 Mr Bunting appointed to Gladstone School.[By 1884 he was Headmaster at Featherston School

15th February 1884 Wellington Education Board Master Gladstone School Salaries £100 to £160, according to classification, with residence.

28th February 1884 Wellington Education Board Mr A Balmain appointed Gladstone School

26th March 1884 The life of a country teacher is not always a happy one. The master of the Gladstone school complained to the Education Board by letter to-day of the intrusion of Maori dogs, Maori pigs, and other " livestock," into his residence. Mr. Buchanan, M.H.R., was requested to treat for a new residence.

28th March 1884 Inspectors Report included Gladstone School (Mr Bellemin master) — Number on books, 43 ; percentage of passes, 60. A very weak school, owing to bad attendance and frequent changes in teaching staff ; four different masters having been in charge during the past year. Working condition under Mr Belemin promising ; teaching staff, apparently, competent.

7th August 1884 Another mishap was added yesterday to the long catalogue of fatal accidents which occur under mysterious circumstances. About 10 clock last night a man named Holmes

discovered the dead body of another lying on the road near the Ngahauranga Bridge, and at once sent a telegraphic message to the Central Police Station acquainting Sergt. Anderson with the fact. Constable Robinson was despatched to Ngahauranga by the late train, and on arriving at the station there was met by Holmes, who conducted him to the spot where the body lay. An examination of the corpse showed that the deceased had evidently met his death in a violent manner. The back of the head was badly bruised and the neck appeared as if it had been dislocated. A quantity of blood was oozing from the mouth, ears, and nose. The deceased was lying on his back, and on searching his clothes the constable discovered a watch and chain, about £2 in money, some receipts from local tradesmen, a pair of spectacles, and a school register. The body, which could not be identified by any resident in the township, was removed to Clapham's hotel by the policeman and Messrs. Holmes, Morrell, and James, where it will await an inquest. Shortly after the body was found, a horse with a saddle and bridle on was discovered at Barber's stables, Hutt-road, by a man named Wilkie, and was handed over to Constable Robinson. One of the stirrups was found hanging over the opposite side of the saddle and the iron of the other was discovered to be considerably bent. The body has been identified this morning as that of Albert Bellmain, teacher of the public school at Gladstone, near Carterton, and it has also been ascertained that he left the Empire Hotel on horseback at 8 o'clock yesterday evening, on his return journey to the Wairarapa. Mr. Bellmain was a married man with a large family and arrived from the South a few months ago with the object of taking charge of a school on the West Coast. On reaching Wellington en route for his destination, he discovered that a mistake had been made in sending him the letter of appointment, the position having been offered upon another applicant, and he was obliged to take the first opportunity which offered in order to support himself and his family. The Board of Education just then happened to require a teacher for the Gladstone school, and the appointment was given to the deceased. He was a Frenchman by birth, and was said to have been a strict teetotaler. His age was about 35. It is believed that the horse he was riding took fright at a passing train and threw him.

11th August 1884 The Gladstone correspondent of the Wairarapa Observer supplies the following in reference to the shocking death of Mr. Bellmain :—" The shock to Mrs. Bellmain, on reading the telegram of her husband's death was very great indeed, and she is now seriously ill. She had expected her husband by the 11.30 train and had been looking out for him for hours previously. It seems very unthoughtful of the authorities sending the telegram direct to his wife. Mrs. Bellmain having alleged that her husband some years since met with a similar accident and lay in a trance for a considerable time, Mr. J. Standen kindly volunteered to go to Wellington and ascertain if this should prove the case in the present instance. The Gladstone people have showed great benevolence and sympathy with Mrs. Bellmain in her bereavement. She, and her family of three young children, have been left absolutely unprovided for. The body of the unfortunate man was brought up from Wellington to Carterton by the 11.30 train this (Saturday) morning, and the funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at the Carterton cemetery. A subscription list has been started for the relief of the family. It has been stated that before Mrs. Bellmain's marriage she was a competent schoolmistress, and the suggestion thrown out that, if found to be competent, she should be offered the appointment at the Gladstone School, we think will meet with general approval."

11th August 1884 Evening Post The Timaru correspondent of the Lyttelton Times writes :— " Albert Bellmain, whose death by accident is reported from Wellington, was known here. I knew him well -a visionary, impulsive creature, who never made his mark. He had served in the French Navy and had been employed in some capacity by the Prince de Joinville. His temperament kept him in a chronic state of trouble ; but he was a kindly, clever, energetic soul
 8th September 1884 The Education Board with the consent of the committee, have transferred Mr Leete, the Matarawa school matter, to Gladstone. On Monday last Mr Leete gathered the school children together and gave them a treat, entertaining them with games of different kinds and then providing them with tea. The children enjoyed themselves to the full, and many thanks are due to Mrs and Miss Leete for their endeavors to make the children happy. There is no doubt that they will long remember the teachings received from the late master and mistress.

24th September 1884 Wellington Education Board . The Public Trustee wrote asking for payment of salary due to the late Mr. Bellmein, Gladstone School. The Chairman explained that the money had been paid over to the widow. An application for the cost of a new oven at the Gladstone teacher's residence was granted.

1884/2546	Bellemin	Arthur	50Y
1909/8244	Bellemin	Jane Frances	71Y

1868/26150	Bellemin	Harriet Frances Marie	Jane Frances	Albert -
1869/28445	Bellemin	Albert John	Jane Frances	Albert -
1872/34806	Bellemin	Alise Annie	Jane Frances	Albert

1866/7933	Jane Frances	Paynter	Albert	Bellemin
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20th December 1866 Bellemin —Paynter—Deo. 19, at St. Luke's Church, by the lord Bishop of Christchurch, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Christchurch, Albert Bellemin, Esq., to Jane Frances Paynter, youngest daughter of the late Captain John Meyrick Paynter, R.N., of Pembroke, County Pembroke. Then followed numerous shifts around the South Island, school appointments, private school in North Dunedin run by Mr and Mrs Bellemin and bankruptcy
 3rd October 1884 The subscription lists to the Bellemin relief show a total amount collected for the widow of £142 10s [Equivalent to \$27282 in October 2019]

Mrs Bellemin forwards the following address of thanks for publication Mrs Bellemin desires to express her deepest, warmest, and most grateful thanks to the Wairarapa settlers generally for the expressions of sympathy she received from them when her husband met with the fatal accident which rendered her a widow and her children fatherless. She moreover, more especially begs to thank those who in her hour of affliction have so liberally and spontaneously responded to the appeal by her friends on behalf of herself and her orphaned children. She assures them that while she feels and acknowledges that she will never be able to requite them' for their kindness, she will ever bear them all in her remembrance , wherever her lot may be

cast, and more acutely will this feeling animate her towards those who took an active part in assisting her in her great bereavement.

29th October 1884 Wellington Education Board The question of fixing an organ or harmonium in the Gladstone School was left to the Committee

21st August 1885 A plain and fancy dress soiree, will be held in the Gladstone school room to-night ; the dancing will take place at 8 p.m., and the price of admission will be 5 shillings

2nd October 1885 The Te Whiti School Committee applied for a pump, and also asked the Board to vote a "sum for fencing. The application was deferred, as was also one for the reconstruction of the Gladstone School..

28th January 1886 Wellington Education Board announces money allocated for reconstruction of Gladstone school room

22nd February 1886. In a long article on Native Schools at the opening of the Papawai Schools was this: Applications had been made (or a native school in the Lower Valley and at Gladstone. It would be hard on the Government to pay for so many schools, and therefore, he thought one large boarding school would be the best. Mr Wi Mahupuku speaking

1st July 1886 Wellington Education Board The question of re-constructing the Gladstone School was broached by the Committee! The Board decided to defer the consideration of the matter

26th January 1887 Wellington Education Board Gladstone reconstruction £200

4th April 1887 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board included Gladstone. — Presented, 36; failed, 1; passed, 21. Percentage of passes, 59 ; percentage of failures, 5. School much improved.' Writing should be better. [Primer children weren't inspected]

31st October 1888 Wellington Education Board Tenders were opened for the alteration of the Gladstone School, and the acceptance of the lowest was left to the Chairman's discretion, after ascertaining the amount of the architect's estimate.

James Leete after Gladstone went back to Matarawa for one year then spent two years at Paraparaumu before spending three years back in the Wairarapa at Mangamahoe all small schools. What he did after that I don't know I think James was a second name

1889-1895

1889	24	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£101
1890	23	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£109
1891	24	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£108
1892	23	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£108
1893	18	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£108
1894	20	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£108
1895	20	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£108

In 1878 Annie Duncan was a pupil teacher at Tawa Flat School. She became an assistant female teacher in 1881. In 1886 and 1887 she was at Upper Hutt. She was at Carterton in 1888. Then came 15 years of teaching at Gladstone School followed by two years of not teaching for the Wellington Education Board before finishing off with 3 years teaching at Wallaceville

21st March 1889 The Waingawa school, which has been closed for some time past, will be re-opened on the 1st of next month. Miss Bowie has been appointed mistress of this school, and Mr Leete (now of Gladstone) will take charge of the Matarawa school.

27th March 1889 Wellington Education Board An application for a separate shelter shod at Gladstone was granted.

28th March 1889 Wellington Education Board Works now under contract Gladstone alterations, £71

16th April 1889 Wellington Education Board Teacher, Gladstone School, salary £100 and residence

26th April 1889 School Committee Gladstone. — Messrs. H. S. Mason, A. Stevenson, W. Miller, J. Sexton, J. Standen, D. Kennedy, and J. Knight.

29th April 1889 Miss Annie Duncan, now assistant-teacher at Carterton, has been appointed to the charge of Gladstone school

7th May 1889 The following is the result' of the annual examination by Inspector Lee of the Kaitara and Gladstone schools. At Kaitara there were 62 presented, 13 of whom where infants, and 36 passed At the Gladstone school there were 38 presented, 18 of whom were infants, and 13 passed. . The following are the passes in the different standards. Gladstone —Standard I, presented 3, passed 3, standard II, presented 8, absent 2, excepted 1, passed 4; standard III, presented 8, absent 4, passed 4; standard IV, presented 4, absent 1, passed 1; standard VI, presented 2, passed 1.

1st August 1889 Wellington Education Board A grant of £10 for fencing and planting was made to the Gladstone School Committee, who are to find the remaining £20 required for the work.

4th October 1889 First Class Drawing Examination by Wellington Education Board E Greathead passed in first Class Drawing [This examination was run by Wellington Education Board and had a huge number of entrants from most schools]

7th May 1890 Mr Robert Lee, Inspector of Schools, is at present in the Carterton district, He is to examine the Gladstone School tomorrow, and will visit Belvidere and Parkvale schools early next week for a similar purpose. He will also while in the locality probably take a look through the Carterton School,

19th May 1890 The Gladstone School was examined by Inspector Lee last week.. Out of 26 presented 24 passed, The Inspector was highly satisfied with the results of the examination under the present teacher, Miss Duncan,

25th June 1890 Wellington Education Board The applications of Mr. H. C. Messiter and of the School Committee at Gladstone for the alteration of the mid-winter holiday was agreed to, providing that the masters [Sic] did not object to the request.

29th September 1890 Greytown North, This Day. Mr. Bunting, headmaster of the Greytown School, died on Saturday evening. He had been ailing for about a fortnight. The deceased gentleman was born in Belfast, Ireland, and held a position as headmaster for 21 years in various schools in England.. On arriving in New Zealand about seven years ago, he was appointed the head of the Gladstone School, afterwards to Featherston, where he remained for about six years, coming then to Greytown..... The question of the re-erection of a chimney at Gladstone and the alteration of chimney at the Cross' Creek School was left, to Mr. Buchanan

6th March 1891 The contract for the erection of the Gladstone Town Hall is signed, the price, exclusive of timber, being £156

18th July 1891 The dance held at Gladstone last night on the occasion of the opening of the new town hall, was largely attended, so many visitors being present that all could not dance at once.

29th April 1891 School Committee GLADSTONE. Wm. Miller, J. Knight, H. S. Mason, J. Grant, J. Sexton, D. Kennedy, Alex. Stevenson.

8th September 1892 Wellington Education Board Gladstone. —The carpenter was ordered to make repairs to the roof of this school building.

27th April 1893 School Committee Gladstone. — Messrs. Sexton, Mason, J. Strang, Stevenson, and A. Grant.

25th October 1893 First grade drawing examination Gladstone 9 sat 6 passed (Dalefield 12-4. Pirinoa 15-4)

24th April 1894 School Committee Gladstone. — Messrs. Strang, Mason, Sexton, Grant, and Rowe.

28th February 1895 Wellington Education Board The question of repairs to the residence and school at Gladstone was left in the hands of the carpenter.

21st May 1895 The Education Board has convened meetings of householders at Whakataki, Gladstone, Upper Hutt, Kereru, Judgeford, and Kilbirnie for the 17th June, at 8 o'clock, at the school rooms, for the purpose of electing School Committees, they having failed to do so on the statutory date Nominations may be lodged on the 10th prox.

27th June 1895 Wellington Education Board The question of the necessity of putting in a new chimney at Gladstone school, was left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr Buchanan, and authority was given to purchase a new pump for Dalefield.

1896-1903

1896	35	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£108
1897	34	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£123
1897	34	Gladstone	McFarlane	Olive		Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1898	32	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£132
1898	32	Gladstone	McFarlane	Olive		Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1899	30	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£132
1899	30	Gladstone	McFarlane	Olive		Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1900	43	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£132
1900	43	Gladstone	Ross	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1901	44	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£136
1901	44	Gladstone	Ross	Jane W M		Female Pupil Teacher	£50
1902	39	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£147
1902	39	Gladstone	Smith	Margaret		Assistant Female	£80
1903	33	Gladstone	Duncan	Annie		Female	£144

3rd June 1896 A public meeting was held last night in the School at Gladstone for the purpose of electing new members for the Committee. Six old members were unanimously re-elected: Messrs Kennedy (chairman), and J. Strang, H. Mason, Sexton, A. Grant, and for the seventh

Sir Kennedy proposed that a little new blood be allowed to flow on Committee matters, and proposed Mr Chas Hanson as a member. This was seconded by Mr J. Strang and Mr Hanson was installed as the new member. Mr Hanson rose and thanked those present for the honor they were conferring upon him.

1st July 1897 Gladstone School Committee is A Seeley (Chairman), Saxton, Mason, Kennedy, Wood, Palmer, Grant

20th July 1897 Wellington Education Board Pupil Teacher required for Gladstone

27th July 1897 The Education Board has received three applications for the position of assistant teacher at Manakau, five each for teacher at To Whiti and Pongaroa schools and a large number for the position of pupil teacher at the Gladstone School. These applications will be considered at the meeting of the Board to-morrow

5th August 1897 Miss Olive McFarlane appointed pupil teacher at Gladstone

11th September 1897 A narrow escape from drowning yesterday at the Hurunuiorangi ford, Ruamahunga River. A sister of Miss Duncan, the Gladstone school teacher, was returning home alone in a buggy. The horse stuck in midstream, played up, and fell over on its side. The girl jumped into the river, and although kicked she got on her feet, and was rescued by a settler named Stevenson and young Sexton, who waded in, cut the horse adrift, and secured the buggy. The bridge was washed away by the Easter floods.

26th April 1899 School Committee Gladstone School — E. Mason, J. Grant, A. Grant, Wood, J. Strang, Palmer and Kennedy

Olive McFarlane started her teaching at Gladstone. 1900 to 1901 she was at Kaiwairangi school between Featherston and Martinborough. Then in 1905 she was back at Gladstone until 1907. In 1908 she was at the Worser Bay school in Wellington until 1919 and was teaching then in 1921 to my records end in 1923 at Te Aro. Mitchelltown School in the centre of Wellington.

7th December 1899 Wellington Education Board decided that there was no need for an additional classroom at Gladstone

2nd March 1900 Miss Olive McFarlane pupil teacher has been transferred from Gladstone to Masterton

31st May 1900 Miss Annie Duncan (Gladstone), who had served for 25 years without any special leave, is to be granted full salary month by month for a period not exceeding six months, during an absence caused by illness.]

27th December 1900 Miss Duncan, head-mistress of the day school at Gladstone. has been the recipient of a gold chain in recognition of the untiring manner she has laboured for the improvement of scholars and Sunday school children

31st January 1901 Proposed Teachers' salaries Presently paid £132 to get a rise of £4 8 shillings

21st March 1901 Pupil Teacher Current Salary £47 to rise £5

23rd April 1901 School Committee Messrs Mason, Strang, Roydhouse, Woods, Harland, A. Grant, J. Grant.

30th May 1901 The children of the Gladstone (Wairarapa) School have developed a new industry, viz., the manufacture of hats and baskets from the bark of the shrub known variously as "lace bark," "thousand jacket," and "houhere." A sample basket was displayed at the Education Board's meeting yesterday, and greatly admired by members. The fibre from which the article referred to is made is almost transparent, but it is of extraordinary toughness. It lends itself readily to manipulation, and as the children of the Gladstone School have mastered Maori

methods of plaiting, the nicknacks which they manufacture are unique, and should be readily marketable.

30th May 1901 Wellington Education Board On the report of the Clerk of Works, the Board authorised the providing of an additional class-room at the " Gladstone School,

30th May 1901 The teacher at the Gladstone School, has sent to the Education Board a specimen of the work done by one of the pupils, in the shape of a beautiful little basket of lace bark work. It is made from what is known ' as the " thousand jacket" bark and is really a very clever production. The Board decided to write to the teacher expressing its admiration of the sample of work done by the pupils

30th January 1902 Assistant Teacher colonial salary of £80 confirmed

3rd April 1902 Miss Duncan, organist of the Presbyterian Church, at Gladstone, was on Wednesday presented with a gold brooch in recognition of her valuable services.

29th April 1902 School Committee Gladstone. — Mason (Chairman), Strang, Wood, Grant (2), Harland, Roydhouse.

1st May 1902 Jane Ross resigns from Gladstone School [Jane only taught for Wellington Education Board at Gladstone]

14th May 1902 Miss [Margaret] Smith of Masterton replaces Miss Ross as teacher at Gladstone School

15th May 1902 Miss Ross, of the Gladstone school, who enters upon her new duties at Feilding to-morrow, has been presented by her old pupils with a handsome writing case. [In 1902 Jane Ross was a relieving teacher at Feilding DHS and was not at the end of 1903 teaching in a state school in NZ]

27th January 1903 Gladstone Notes Owing to the decrease in the attendance, I hear Miss Smith is to be transferred to another school. The Committee intend strictly enforcing the law in regard to attendance.

17th February 1903 Gladstone Notes The Chairman of the School Committee received a telegram from the Hoard of Education, yesterday, saying the Committee hail done quite right in closing the school, and steps were being taken to fumigate the building, as two of the patients were attending school up to Friday afternoon, when they were taken ill.

2nd March 1903 Gladstone Notes Mr Buchanan, who is a member of the Education Board, had the school fumigated with formalin, and it will be opened on Monday, after being closed two weeks.

9th March 1903 Gladstone Notes The attendance at the school is very low, some parents not sending their children till the fever has disappeared.

29th April 1903 Gladstone Notes At a meeting of householders held here, for the purpose of electing a School Committee, the following were elected members for the ensuing year—viz. A. H. Mason (Chairman), A S Strang, Joseph Grant, T. Harland, A. S. Grant, J. Woods, A. Hooper (Hon, sec.)

1904-1908

1904	40	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H		Female	£138
1905	47	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£145
1905	47	Gladstone	McFarlane	Olive V		Mistress	£80
1906	45	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£165

1906	45	Gladstone	McFarlane	Olive V		Assistant Female	£85
1907	47	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£165
1907	47	Gladstone	McFarlane	Olive V		Assistant Female	£85
1908	43	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£165
1908	43	Gladstone	Robinson	Lillie J F	E4	Assistant Female	£85

4th October 1904 Miss Duncan, mistress' of, the Gladstone school, who has been on sick leave through an injury to her knee, will resume her duties during, the present month.

23rd November 1905 Tenders are invited for repairs, painting, etc., at the Gladstone school. Specifications may be seen at the Wairarapa Daily Times office.

2nd May 1906 Wairarapa South County Council Cr Mason mentioned that the Gladstone School might also require a grant.[For providing assistance with agricultural training]

21st May 1907 A football match between the Gladstone school boys and Carterton school boys (junior) took place here last Saturday, when the Carterton boys were defeated by 35 to 6. The Carterton boys were much the lighter team, and no doubt the wet weather was also against them.

19th November 1907 The school garden plots entered in the Wairarapa and East Coast P. and A. Society's competitions have been judged, and first place awarded to Gladstone, which will this year hold the challenge shield presented by Messrs W. O. Buchanan and H. R. Bonny. Photographs were also presented by the Society as first and second prizes for individual plots at each school.....Best Individual plot Gladstone School, K. Strang 1, A. Mason 2.

21st November 1907 ho await! of Mr A. R. Hadfield, judge of the school gardens competition, was in favour of the Gladstone School with 75 points, Clareville being second with 73, and Greytown third with 68. The other schools which competed were Waingawa. Featherston and Dalefield .

25th March 1908 Inspector Fleming paid his annual visit to the Gladstone School last

29th May 1908 Tenders for repairs to the Gladstone school are to be re-advertised in the summer.

6th June 1908 The scholars of Gladstone School have received a silver shield, won by them at last Wairarapa. Show ' for their garden. The chairman (Mr. H S Mason) presented the shield to the children and spoke a few words of encouragement to them and explained that the shield was given by Messrs Buchanan. and Bunny to the society to be competed for by the school. Mr. Buchanan also addressed the children and expressed pleasure at their securing the shield the first time and hoped they would win it again. He knew he said that they had the worse soil of any of the gardens entered last year, and their win was a credit to them. Cheers wore given by the children for the Agricultural Society. mid Messrs Buchanan and Bunny.

7th September 1908 Miss Olive MacFarlane, who has been for the past three years on the teaching staff of the Gladstone School, severed her connection with the school last week, having been promoted to the staff of the Worser Bay School, Wellington. Miss MacFarlane was the recipient of an address from the committee expressive of their appreciation of her long , services. A purse of sovereigns accompanied the address. The school children presented their late teacher with a silver mounted brush and comb

5th December 1908 Gladstone Notes Mr J. S. Tennant, inspector of schools, paid a visit to all the schools in this district this week. Mr W. C. Davies [Adviser in Agricultural Science] also visited the Gladstone School to inspect the children's gardens, which had been judged earlier in the week. The garden obtained 71 marks in the competition for the shield, Clareville, obtaining 74 marks, was first. Carterton and Gladstone tying for second place.

1909

1909	48	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£185
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1909	48	Gladstone	Oliver	Selina R	D5	Assistant Female	£90
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7th January 1909 Gladstone Notes The work of renovating the school, painting, etc., has been commenced.

29th January 1909 Wellington Education Board Miss Thwaites resigned from Gladstone [No Miss Thwaites is listed working for the Wellington Education Board over this period]

2nd February 1909 Wellington Education Miss Oliver, of Park vale, has received an appointment on the staff of the Gladstone School, and her sister, Miss Unice Oliver, has received a position on the staff of the Upper Hutt School.

10th February 1909 Miss S. Oliver, of Parkvale, has been appointed assistant-mistress at the Gladstone school, and began her duties on Tuesday.

19th April 1909 Gladstone Notes Owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever here the school has been closed to allow for a thorough fumigation of that building.

18th May 1909 Mr J. S. Tennant, Inspector of Schools, paid a surprise visit to the local school last Friday. During his visit he presented several of the children with the prizes won by them for last year's work. The following are the prize-winners :—Best school garden plot, Albert Mason 1, Maud Foreman 2; best home garden, Albert Mason 1, Maud Foreman 2; girls' sewing, 1st division, Martha Andrews 1, Norah Richards 2; 2nd division, Doris Mason 1; 3rd division, Mary Foreman 1. Eliza Grant 2; popularity, girls, Mary Foreman 1; popularity, boys, Robert Strang 1. Each child that had a school garden plot received a prize.

29th May 1909 Gladstone Notes The public school here closed on Thursday for a fortnight to allow the teachers to take advantage of the agricultural school at Greytown.

26th August 1909 Some exceedingly interesting experiments in top-dressing pastures are being carried out at the Gladstone School this year under the supervision of Mr A. B. Wood, agricultural chemist, and with the assistance of the headmistress, who is Keenly interested in the work. Twelve plots of grass have been laid out, and these will be treated with various fertilisers, that have kindly been presented by Messrs R. Cooper and G. Mason. The children are taking the matter up with a great deal of enthusiasm, and, apart from that, the experiments will have a decidedly educational value for farmers in the surrounding district.]]

27th August 1909 News was telephoned into Masterton last evening that a house occupied by Miss Piggford, school mistress at Gladstone, had been totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the conflagration was a defective chimney in the building. The house was the property of the Education Board

27th August 1909 A house at Gladstone, occupied by Miss Piggford, mistress of the Gladstone School, caught fire at about 8.45 o'clock last night, and was totally destroyed. The fire originated in a defective chimney at the back of the house, and rapidly spread all over the building. Miss Piggford gave the alarm by ringing the school bell, Messrs A. Grant and Crew (3) arriving on the scene almost immediately after. Their efforts to save the building, in the absence of any water supply except that contained in the school tanks, were unavailing, and only a few articles of clothing and a number of books were rescued. It is worthy of mention that Master George Crew, who is only about eleven years of age, ran about a mile to warn the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr Mason) of the fire.

1st October 1909 Wellington Education Board Mr. W. C. J Buchanan, M.P., 'also reported the results, of his investigation with regard to the outbreak of fire at the Gladstone School that the fire originated from a defective chimney

1st October 1909 Wellington Education Board leave of absence was granted to Misses E. Woodward, pupil teacher, Newtown (four weeks) ; Oliver, assistant, Gladstone (one month) ;
19th November 1909 The result of the competition for the best plot at schools in South Wairarapa for the Challenge Shield presented by Messrs H. R. Bunny and W. C. Buchanan is as follow:—Gladstone School (Miss M. H. Piggford mistress), 75 points (the possible), 1| Carterton School- (Mr A. N. Burns headmaster), 2; Clareville School (Mr, J. M. Beechey headmaster), 3; Featherston School (Mr F. C. Everton headmaster), 4. Mr A. R. Hadfield was judge. The shield has been won as follows: —1907, Gladstone School; 1908, Clareville School; 1909, Gladstone School.

19th November 1909 In the judge's report on the school gardens competition, the first prize in •which was won by Gladstone, much credit is given to Miss Piggford and the scholars of the Gladstone School for the way the gardens and tools are kept. Not a weed was to be seen in all the fourteen garden plots, and the soil was deeply worked, and the peas were stuck very neatly. In addition to the vegetable plots, there are also grass plots and thirteen clover plots, besides flower gardens. The tools are a credit to the school, being in perfect order. Master Robert Strang gained first prize for best individual plot, with George Foreman second.

26th November 1909 Wellington Education Board The high, appreciation of the Wellington Education Board is to be conveyed to the committee, teachers and pupils of the Gladstone school for their effective work carried out by them in the school garden

26th November 1909 Wellington Education Board Gladstone: Proposal of the committee regarding the site, at Gladstone was referred to Mr.. Buchanan;

2nd December 1909

SCHOOL GARDENS.

THEIR EDUCATIONAL VALUE, THE GLADSTONE SCHOOL,

The really splendid instruction that children are receiving at the various schools through the medium of the useful garden plot is one of the features of our modern educational system. Practically every little school in the district has its garden plot in which both pupils and teachers are as a rule more or less keenly interested, and it is gratifying to note that the female teachers are just as interested and just as successful as the men.

Miss Piggford, headmistress at the Gladstone School, may be quoted as a case in point. Since the inception of the garden plots at schools she has evinced the keenest interest in them, with such good effect that her pupils recently awarded the first prize "in the school gardens competition at Carterton. Miss Piggford owes her success partly to a perfect rotation of all garden produce. Not only, however, was her success due to rotation, but she was also assisted by agricultural chemistry, of which she has a fairly extensive knowledge, and in consequence used only such manures as were taken out of the soil by the previous plants. Her system has been to carefully study the seeds and their germination power and to use only such seeds as she is perfectly certain have a high percentage of germination and which would ensure a vigorous growth. The children were each given seeds to plant, from which they were to make their own separate notes. Afterwards manures were applied in various preparations. The plots also included a full series of all grasses, and although these experiments have been conducted entirely by the children they have been of great assistance to local farmers. Mr A. B. Wood, agricultural chemist to Messrs J. D. Cruickshank and Co., stated to a Daily Times

representative that from an educational point of view these garden plots were the best he had ever seen, being a little ahead of the prize winner at the competition in connection with the Masterton A. and P. Association last year. The thoroughness -with which Miss Piggford had gone into the matter and the degree of enthusiasm she had imparted to the children was no doubt the immediate cause of a success of which they had every reason to be extremely proud. It should be mentioned that Mr Wood supplied an analysis of the manures used and their action on plant life, which is being taught to the children.

It is probable that next year if time permits; Mr Wood will give the children a course of instruction in agricultural chemistry sufficient to assist them in the proper selection of the various fertilisers used in the garden competitions.

8th December 1909 Gladstone Notes he school children's home gardens were judged last, week and the result is as follows :—Maud Foreman 1, Albert Mason 2, George Foreman y. All the gardens looked well, and it was difficult to adjudicate between them, there being only half a point's difference between first and second place, and one point between first and third. The school gardens were photographed on Friday by Mr D. Wilton.

18th December 1909 Gladstone Notes The Gladstone school broke up for the summer vacation on Thursday afternoon. Prior to dismissal prizes were awarded to the children who had been successful in gardening, both at school and at home.

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27th August Secretary of Education to Police, I am advised that the school residence was destroyed by fire last night. Mr Buchanan a member of the board will hold an enquiry on Saturday 3pm tomorrow. I should be obliged if a policeman could attend

29th August policeman's enquiry

- a) A seven roomed two storey wooden building
- b) Furniture and Effects £350
- c) Mary Ellen Piggford 9 Pm
- d) House not insured Furniture and effects for £275 in Phoenix office
- e) Defective chimney
- f) Property saved 3 empty boxes and a few articles of clothing in possession of M J Piggford
- g) The house was occupied by Miss Mary Ellen Piggford School mistress. At about 5 pm she lit a fire in the kitchen grate using coal. At 9 pm four hours later whilst Miss Piggford was sitting in the room flames broke out over the kitchen mantel piece
- h) I examined the remains of the chimney and found it in a bad state. There were three large cracks through which the fire could get through etc.
- i) Miss Piggford has lost a lot of valuable books

1910

1910	43	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£190
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1910	43	Gladstone	McBeth	Margaret		Assistant Female	£90
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1st February 1910 Gladstone Notes The newly-appointed assistant mistress, Miss Thomson, of Petone, takes up her duties at the local school this week.

24th February 1910 Wellington Education Board . The following grants were approved by the Government : — Gladstone, residence, £400;

26th April 1910 School Committee GLADSTONE. Messrs H. S. Mason (chairman), G. Foreman, R. Cooper, W. Day, H. Oates, A. S. Grant, John Strang.

31st May 1910 Miss Thompson, assistant mistress at the Gladstone School, is spending her holiday with her parents, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Petone.

12th July 1910 [Note I have not copied all of this article in the Wairarapa Daily Times and it shows what real teaching is all about]

The Gladstone School may be cited as one of the most successful in the district in regard to its garden plots. Miss Pickford, . who is in charge of the school, has taken the keenest interest in the work of the pupils, and, what is equally important, has kept a record of the results of each plot. Altogether there were fifteen plots under cultivation, each plot being under the care of one pupil. All the manures used were weighed and not measured. The plots received no attention during the summer vacation—a period of six weeks—and no water except the actual rainfall. The soil was a stiff clay, but was continually under treatment; for soil improvement, a hoe being frequently used to stir up the surface. No shelter from wind or frost was provided. In June, 1908. all the plots were trenched; in June, 1909, a fine crop of oats was dug in; in May, 1910, a good crop of beans was trenched in and the ground left in a rough condition. Plots 1 to 12 received the quantity of manure given below, plot 13 double the quantity, and plot 14 half the quantity. Plot 15 received no manure but was in clover the previous season. Appended are details :—

Tomatoes, three plants to each plot; manure, slag, sulphate of potash, and sulphate of ammonia, in parts of 3, half and half respectively ; plots 1 to 13, clean, healthy-looking plants, an abundance of wholesome-looking fruit, fairly large, good shape and fine flavour; plots 13 to 15, fair leafage, but not much fruit, No. 14 being the best of the three.

Indian corn and popcorn, two plants of each; manure, bone, slag and sulphate of potash in parts of 1, 1 and ½ ; plots 1 to 13, fine growth and leafage, cobs numerous and of good size, but not well filled; plots 13 to 15, inferior to the others, with only a few small cobs.

Pumpkins, two plants to each plot; manure, slag, nitrate of soda and kainit in parts of 3, 1 and 1; total area, 204 square feet; total yield, 450 pounds [Pound weight = to 0.45 Kilogram]. equal to 42 tons 17 cwt [Hundredweight] 104 lbs [pounds weight] per acre: largest weighed 24lbs; smallest 6lbs. The yield would have been greater, but during the holiday period, the vines over-ran the paths and were injured during removal. The pumpkins were of a convenient size, good shape, dry and nicely flavoured.

Cabbage and cauliflower, one plant to each plot; manure, slag and superphosphate in equal parts; early growth fair, but the plants were then attacked by blight and destroyed.

Sutton's Prolific Broad Beans, one row to each plot; manure, superphosphate and sulphate of potash, in parts of four and one. at the rate of 5 cwt per acre, at a cost of 45s [20 shillings in a pound]; stems tall, strong and very thick, leafage healthy and of good colour, pods very large and well filled, seeds large and of fine flavour, an abundant crop. Plots 13 to 15 were slightly inferior.

Sutton's Dwarf Defiance Pea, one row to each plot; manure, superphosphate and sulphate of potash in parts of five and one, at the rate of 6 cwt per acre, at a cost of 51s 6d; crop fairly good, but inferior to "Te Aroha" and "Star of Australia," grown during the previous year. Gibbons' Butter Beans one row to each plot; manure, basic slag and superphosphate in equal parts, at the rate of 6 cwt to the acre, at a cost of 30s; seed poor and of low germinating power, slow early growth, but plants yielded a fair crop of small pods, Albert Drumhead Lettuce, nine plants in a row; manure, slag, kainit and sulphate of ammonia, in parts of three and one, at the rate of 3 cwt per acre, and a cost of 25s 4d; well-grown plants, clean, crisp, tender and of excellent flavour, though not quite so large as for the previous year.....

27th August 1910 Tenders are invited for the Wellington Education Board for the erection of a teacher's residence at Gladstone. Plans may be seen at the office of Messrs Varnham and Rose, architects, Masterton, at the school, Gladstone, and at the office of the Board.

31st August 1910 The tender of Mr C. E. Daniell, of Masterton, has been accepted by the Wellington Education Board for the erection of school residences at Gladstone and Mangamaire. The price of each tender was £424.

13th September 1910 Miss M McBeth appointed assistant

4th November 1910 So far only the Gladstone school has made use of the offer made by Mr Webb, of the Stock Department, to lend his collection of weeds in order that children might gain an idea of how to mount them for the competition for which he is offering one guinea.

1st December 1910 Mr Arch. McDougall, Clerk of Works to the Education Board, arrived in Masterton yesterday, and paid a visit to the Gladstone school.

3rd December 1910 The Gladstone School has, again won the championship shield in the school garden competition under the auspices of the Wairarapa. P. and A. Society, Clareville was second, and Featherston third.

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18th January The Board wish to erect a new house of five rooms,

- a) The teacher is at present accommodated in the house of the chairman the inmates of which number from twelve to seventeen beside the teacher.
- b) There are in the house 5 rooms and three outside whares
- c) You can well understand how study or preparation is out of the question
- d) The teacher is received solely because they highly esteem her and in the household she feels she is an intruder
- e) She states if she cannot get a residence she will have to leave and another teacher would not be received in the same household
- f) There is no other place near the school where she can possibly stay
- g) There is a hotel some 2 miles away situated near to a Maori pah but it is considered a very unsuitable place for a woman to stay at
- h) The Committee in notifying its selection of an assistant this month, mentioned that the wife of the chairman had been around the district but had failed to obtain lodging for her

i) The fact the teacher is to furnish at her own expense shows clear evidence for a residence
Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department

13th July Wellington Education Board saying they were going to sell section 7.9.11 which are separated from the school site and to obtain sections 6.8. and 93 immediately adjacent to the school site

12th July Another letter to Department from Wellington Education Board included

- a) The sale of other sites mean that land adjacent to the school site could be purchased
- b) Section 6 is held by the Wesleyan trustees who will probably accept Section 11
- c) I may say here the teacher here has done such admirable work in agriculture that the residents have combined to add three acres to the school so that the work may be carried on in more suitable conditions

28th November First payment for a residence at Gladstone be paid for £350

15th December Final payment of £50 for residence

1911

1911	41	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£195
1911	41	Gladstone	McBeth	Margaret		Assistant Female	£94

1st March 1911 Wellington Education Board Authority was given for the cost of labour for the construction of a shed at Gladstone,

3rd April 1911 In a long article on School Gardens in Masterton was this Gladstone, where. Miss Piggford, an enthusiastic worker in the cause of rural education, is in charge, has made excellent progress with its agricultural classes. The settlers of the district are so pleased with the work of the mistress that they have recently -purchased several acres of land and handed it over to the Education Beard, chiefly with a view to the extension of the school garden. There are at the present time fifty-five schools in this educational province that have adopted the elementary agriculture course, with 1204 pupils, for the rural course the board supplies apparatus for work in botany, physics and agricultural chemistry. Several of the £70 for its laboratory.

26th April 1911 Wellington Education Board The inspectors' reports on the Lansdowne, Gladstone and Rongokokako schools were selected by the chairman as being especially satisfactory

26th April 1911 School Committee Gladstone --H. Oates (chairman), and treasurer), .John Strang, R. Cooper, George Foreman, Adam Grant, Alex. Grant

27th September 1911 Wellington Education Board Gladstone : That,, in consideration of a donation of .£12 10s, the board advance £5 12s 6d.

19th December Wellington Education Board Miss McBeth Gladstone resigns [I think Miss McBeth was Eliza Margaret McBeth but I can't track her]

1912

1912	52	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£200
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1912	52	Gladstone	Turner	Ethel		Assistant Female	£90
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3rd February 1912 Miss D. Jackson is at present acting as relieving teacher at the Gladstone School [Dorothy E Jackson was teaching at Taueru at the end of the year]

13th March 1912 Miss E. C. Turner, who has been transferred from the Masterton District High School to the Gladstone School, took up her duties on Monday

4th May 1912 The Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister for Education, and the Hon. Te Rangihiroa were motored round the Masterton district yesterday. They were accompanied by the Mayor and Mr. Sykes, M.P. They visited the hospital, and motored to the outlying districts, inspecting various schools. Mr. Hanan was greatly pleased with the school gardens at the Gladstone School.

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board Gladstone, metalling round residence

21st November 1912 Over 50 students—ladies and gentlemen—from the Wellington Training College arrived in Carterton by yesterday morning's train from the Empire City. Their invasion of the Wairarapa was in connection with a visit to the Gladstone school gardens, to which place they were conveyed in three large drags. The party returned to Wellington in the afternoon.

22nd November 1912 The 'visit', to the Gladstone school on Wednesday of about fifty students from the Wellington Training College is a distinct compliment to the lady who has charge of the school, and who, with, the assistance of her pupils; has developed one of the finest agricultural plots in the Dominion. We have in and around 'Masterton examples of what can be done in the way of horticulture through the enthusiasm of school committees and teachers; but there is no plot in the whole district which shows better evidence of scientific treatment than that at Gladstone. The pity is that so few of our rural schools are possessed of garden plots worthy of the name. The inspiration given the budding teachers by their visit to Gladstone should not be lost upon the schools of the district in years to come,

22nd November 1912 Wairarapa Age The Wairarapa News says 'Yesterday a number of students from the Wellington Teachers' Training - College visited the school gardens at Gladstone in connection with their; agricultural studies-. -Amongst : the visitors were Misses Armstrong and Johnston, and Messrs Gordon and Dudson, all of Carterton. Luncheon and afternoon tea were kindly provided by the Gladstone residents, and presided over by Mr R. Cooper, chairman of the Gladstone School Committee. Mr Jno. Strang was also present'. Needless to say these were very much appreciated' by the students. Mr Tennant, M.A., BSC , Principal of the College, and Mr E. K. Lomas, M.A., B.Sc., vice-principal, were in charge of the party, and expressed the delight of all both. of. The systematic methods and the . careful work done, and the fact that Miss Piggford had won the championship four times out of five. ; They also expressed the thanks of . the the students to the people for their kindly hospitality, and called for cheers, which were loudly and enthusiastically given. The party then returned to Carterton and left for Wellington by the 4 o'clock train. A similar visit was recently paid to the Levin school and Weraroa farm.

30th November 1912 Mr Tennant, Principal of the Wellington Teacher's Training College, who, in company with a large party of ins students recently visited the Gladstone school gardens, was high in his praises of the work done there. He recently visited Europe and while travelling there saw most of the important educational institutions, and' says that nowhere has he seen anything to equal Gladstone school gardens.—News.

5th December 1912 The Gladstone school has again been awarded first place in the Wairarapa school garden competition, Clareville being second, Featherston third, and Belvedere fourth

1913

1913	47	Gladstone	Piggford	Mary H	E1	Head Female	£205	Provided
1913	47	Gladstone	Turner	Ethel		Assistant Female	£90	

Provided means a residence was provided for the Head Teacher

20th February 1913 One of the features of the children's class at the Masterton show yesterday was the excellent exhibit made by the Gladstone and Lansdowne schools. Considering that these schools have not had the advantage of the agricultural instruction imparted at the larger schools, their display was all the more creditable.

9th March 1914 Mr Clement Watson, who recently retired on a pension, was for 33 years headmaster of the Te Aro School. In the "seventies" he was in charge of the Gladstone school. [Before the Wellington Education Board took over schools in 1877

1914-1915

1914	38	Gladstone	McCaul	Enid	C1	Head Female	£180	Provided
1914	38	Gladstone	Turner	Ethel		Assistant Female	£94	
1915	46	Gladstone	McCaul	Enid	C1	Head Female	£200	Provided
1915	46	Gladstone	Turner	Ethel		Assistant Female	£110	

7th March 1914 Retirement of Mr Clement Watson headmaster of Te Aro School for 33 years in his retirement speech Mr. Watson's first appointment was as sole teacher at a little school at Gladstone, in the Wairarapa district, and the veteran teacher remembers well the difficulty he had in securing suit' able lodgings. Eventually he received a warm welcome from a family of Snatch settlers on condition that, in the evenings, he would help the sons, all of whom were grown up. The condition was- immediately, accepted, and he was given the best room in the house and treated excellently.

9th March 1914 Mr Clement Watson, who recently retired on a pension, was for 33 years headmaster of the Te Aro School. In the "seventies" he was in charge of the Gladstone school.

11th April 1914 According to the "News," an accident happened on Thursday morning to Mr. Robert Lee, chairman of the Wellington Education Board. He was driving a horse and gig on a visit to the Gladstone school. Opposite Mr. W. Bey's property the horse got its tail over the reins and commenced kicking. The gig was smashed, and Mr. Lee had his leg injured. The gig was put inside Mr. Bey's gate, and he drove the ex-inspector of schools on to Gladstone.

7th May 1914 The garden at the Gladstone school is just now. looking splendid, and its condition is a strong testimony to what can be done by school children under proper instruction.

2nd July 1914 Miss Piggford, of Gladstone, has Mt been .appointed head teacher of Newman [Just North of Eketahuna] school

26th August 1914 The annual examination of the Gladstone School commenced yesterday. Mr A. B. Charters is the inspector. [Known as ABC]

15th December 1914 'the school plots under the Wairarapa and East Coast P. and A. Society, completed his task on Saturday. The awards are: —Best plots at schools in South Wairarapa, maximum 75 points; first prize, challenge shield: Greytown school, 75 points, 1; Belvedere school, 70 points, 2; Gladstone school, 69 points, 3; Featherston school, 65 points, 4; Dalefield school, 60 points, 5

13th March 1915 Funds for Belgian Relief Funds Gladstone School £1. [There were 11 further donations from the school]

25th June 1915 A SPLENDID RETURN. Gladstone made its effort last night, and. it was an effort worthy of the settlers of that flourishing district. The hall was packed to the doors, and a fine programme was presented by a Masterton concert party, and the Trentham boys. During the interval Mr Frank Evans, the ubiquitous auctioneer, offered at auction the handsome Belgian flag presented by Mrs John Strang for the Trentham candidate in the Queen of the Carnival contest. The candidate herself was present. The first bid for the flag was £500 by Mr A. P. Whatman. Other bids of substantial sums followed in (quick succession, and the flag was ultimately purchased by Sir Walter Buchanan for about £1400 , [\$212,555.38 is the value of £1500 in terms of October 2019 values] and presented by him to the Gladstone school, The total proceeds of the sale! amounted to about £4000. At the conclusion of the concert a dance was held and was kept going until the early hours of this morning.

15th November 1915 The committee of the Lady Liverpool Equipment and Relief Fund acknowledge the following contributions: —Pupils of Gladstone School, per Miss McCaul: 18 handkerchiefs, 28 diet cloths, 14 fomentation cloths, 14 operation cloths, 6 face cloths.

1st December 1915 Wellington Education Board Gladstone School and_ residence, painting, etc., A. E. Wallis;

1st December 1895 Mr M H Dixon assistant master at Wellington College, has been appointed headmaster of the Gladstone School Wairarapa, and will commence duty there at the conclusion of the summer .holidays

17th December 1915 Miss M. Piggford, who has been on the staff of the Wellington Education Board for some years, has been appointed to the position of head mistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School, vice Miss Helyer, who has retired from the board's service.

Mary H Piggford

[There is no record of a birth, death or marriage of a Piggford in New Zealand using this spelling nor any registered as Pigford](#)

[First mention in Papers Past is that the West Coast Education Board had no position for Miss Piggford of Wellington Dated 11th May 1897. She was appointed by the Taranaki Education Board to the Kaiuau School in July 1897/ The Kaiuau Track is on the Northern Foothills of Mount Taranaki \[Mount Egmont\] . In December January 1898-1899 was listed in a number of shipping movements around New Zealand](#)

[19th December 1900 Taranaki Education Board recommended that Miss Piggford of West Infants be classified E2](#)

[9th May 1901 The Taranaki Education Board in a report on schools Miss Piggford of Kaiuau is recommended a bonus of £2 for her excellent work. She had 21 pupils](#)

25th July 1901 Taranaki Education Board: The Inspector recommended, that out of the £100 grant given by the Department for the instruction of teachers in the work prescribed by the manual and Technical Instruction Act, 1900, the expenses of Miss Piggford and Miss Hogg be paid to allow them to visit Auckland to study the working of the schools there. He is in communication with the authorities in Auckland, and if the Board agrees to the suggestion the time for the visit could be fixed when replies are received.

28th September 1900 Miss Hogg and Miss Piggford travel on the SS Rotoiti to Auckland and returned

What Happened next ?

18th October 1891 Miss Piggford was travelling on the Tarawera to Wellington returning on 31st October then travelling to Auckland

28th November 1901 Taranaki Education Board Leave of absence was granted to Misses Hogg and Piggford and Mr Johnson, on condition that they provide substitutes, to enable them to attend the summer school at Wanganui in January, 1902

12th February 1902 Taranaki Daily News PLEASING SOUVENIR. It will be remembered that during the recent conference of teachers at New Plymouth the delegates were entertained by the local branch of the Teachers' Institute to a picnic, the intention being to hold it at the Mountain House but owing to bad weather a halt was made at Kaiauai school, where the party spent a very pleasant time. As a souvenir of their visit to the school, and to express their gratitude for the shelter gives, as well as their admiration of the Very neat and business-like appearance of the room, the visitors have attached their names to a document expressing the above sentiments, and this they are tendering to Miss Piggford, the headmistress of the school, who will doubtless appreciate the kindly meant compliment. [Attached a list of attendees]

27th February 1902 A report from Miss Heywood, Messrs Faull and Ashworth relative to the conduct sewing examinations was read. It stated that after hearing the views of Mesdames Dowling. Martin and Misses Arrow, Hogg, Mills, Bead, : Piggford and Edwards, who were unanimous in desiring that garments be done away with for examination purposes, specimens substituted

17th March 1902 The Teacher's Saturday classes are progressing most satisfactorily Miss Piggford's and Miss Arrow's classes in paper folding and mat weaving are attended by 65 teachers

5th May 1902 Kindergarten Lesson Extract: Miss Piggford at the Central School on Saturday. This expert lady teacher is giving a course of instruction on kindergarten methods to those attending the teachers' Saturday classes, and on this occasion in question brought a number of her youngest pupils from Kaiauai school so as to give an object lesson in . teaching a class. There were about 54 ' teachers present, and, with two or three exceptions, they followed the demonstration with the greatest interest ; in fact it would have been impossible to have done otherwise, as the enthusiasm of both teacher and children was such that it infected all of those present who took that live interest in educational work which marks the successful teacher

7th May 1902 Taranaki Herald On Monday next Miss Piggford, who has for some time been instructing the teachers of the district in kindergarten work, will replace Miss Arrow in the Courtenay street School.

26th June 1902 Taranaki Herald Miss Piggford wrote, tendering her resignation. The chairman explained that Miss Piggford was one of the two teachers chosen to go South to receive instruction in Kindergarten work, one of the conditions being that they should sign an agreement to stay in the Board's service at least two years. Miss Piggford had not signed this

agreement, but he considered she was at least morally bound to fulfil the conditions of which she was perfectly aware. Mr Allsworth suggested that the matter could be referred to the Chairman who might point out the position to her. In his opinion the long and short of it was that the Board had enabled Miss Piggford to place herself in an independent position, the instruction she had received allowing her 'to command a much better salary than the Board could offer and she was going to take advantage of other opportunity. Mr Morton thought the Board should recover the amount of expenses paid to Miss Piggford in connection with the instruction. The matter was referred to the Chairman with power to act

7th June 1904 Timaru Herald Timaru South Miss Bowley had been compelled through ill-health to be absent for a month. Her place had been most efficiently, filled, by Miss Piggford, late of Taranaki

27th June 1904 Nelson Education Board M H Piggford appointed to Brooklyn School in Nelson

28th June 1904 Miss Piggford's name forwarded to Tadmore Sole Charge School Committee

28th Department 1904 Miss Piggford, who had been selected for Addison's Flat [Near Westport], having intimated that she could not accept the appointment, it was decided to call for fresh applications.

12th April 1906 Permanent appointment to Gladstone School Wellington Education Board Miss Piggford

Gladstone story of Miss Piggford is included above

2nd July 1914 appointed to Newman School [North of Eketahuna]

19th December 1915 Miss M. Piggford has been appointed headmistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School/ Wellington, in succession to Miss Helyer, retired on superannuation.

4th March 1922 Nelson Evening Mail The civil cases include an action by Mary Helen Piggford, school teacher, of Wellington, v. Tasman Orchard Co.; and Joseph Samuel Thompson, Blenheim, v. 'Tasman Orchard Co. These will be heard before the Judge alone.

26th September 1923 Miss Piggford granted £900 in orchard case

16th December 1925 Miss M H Piggford head mistress resigns after 41 years' service [Not in NZ]

25th March 1936 Her six room house at Island Bay an auctions of the contents

28th March 1936 In Appreciation. Mr. W. E. Howe, at a meeting of the Mount Cook School committee, held this week, drew the attention of members to the passing of Miss H. Piggford, who had held the position of head of the girls' school for many years and relinquished it when the boys' and girls' departments became an amalgamated, school; This occurred after nearly fifty, years as separate units under different heads. Some hundreds of girls, she, said, had, passed through the school under Miss Piggford, and learned to, revere her. Nothing was too much for her to do for her pupils. Miss Piggford had a way of supplying necessities to the children in want and did it unostentatiously. Many a garment found its way into a home, the recipient never dreaming that it came from "teacher.": Those who knew her best were aware of her true womanhood. Miss Piggford left for a trip to England about twelve months ago, intending to call at San Francisco on her return journey to visit an old pupil who had settled there some ten years ago, but who, like many others, had corresponded with her. This did not eventuate as she was taken ill soon after her arrival at Home and passed away early this month. The committee rose and stood in silence as a mark of respect to her memory.

Further research with Mark and Gareth at Wairarapa Archives

In 1881 Helen was in Border Yorkshire as a school mistress. Her Parents lived in Pembroke South Wales and was a coal miner

In 1885 was teaching at the Healey Board School aged 25

In February 1904 Mary was in Melbourne and possibly she went back to England before coming back to New Zealand. Her brother was Joseph and there was a Joseph in trouble often about this time in trouble for cattle stealing in Australia a number of times

First mentioned in June 1904 in Taranaki

She died in 1936 at Newbury Berkinshire

1916-1919

1917	39	Gladstone	Miller	Olga J Mrs	Head	D-63	£200
1917	39	Gladstone	Torr	Eva	Ass	D-98	£120
1919	31	Gladstone	Wallace	Elizabeth A	Sole	C-49	£320

2nd March 1916 Wellington Education Board Path Improvements £10 subsidy

30th March 1916 Some time ago Sir Walter Buchanan gave the Gladstone school children some seed potatoes to grow a crop of potatoes and sell them, giving the money to any patriotic movement they wished. The crop has been harvested and sold for 325, and at the express wish of the children the money was yesterday handed to the organiser of the National Service League for the Anzac Day Orphanage Fund for Fallen Soldiers Children.

15th April 1916 Serbian Relief Fund Gladstone School Children, 18s 9d.;

26th July 1916 Wellington Education Board Work approved Gladstone £6

12th August 1916 Liverpool Equipment Fund Gladstone school junior pupils, 4 pillow cases, 8 operation cloths, 16 handkerchiefs;

14th November 1916 Mr John Strang,, chairman of the Gladstone School. Committee has convened a meeting' of the chairmen of the South Wairarapa School Committees, for the purpose of discussing the matter of suitably recognising Sir W. O. Buchanan's 34 years' service on the Wellington Education Board

6th December 1916 The Wairarapa schools' garden plot competition has been won by Gladstone (95 points), Belvedere (93 points) being second, and Dalefield. (92 points) third. Miss M. Foreman won first prize for the best individual plot at the Gladstone school, Miss E. Foreman being second.

1st February 1917 Liverpool equipment fund Gladstone school, 19 garments. 13 operation cloths

21st February 1917 The prize (£10) for the educational display by school- children at the Masterton show yesterday will be divided amongst the following schools Masterton District High School, Carterton District High School, Lansdowne, Featherston, Gladstone and Clareville schools. The judges stated, it was an excellent exhibition of great educational value, all phases of the work being illustrated

26th April 1917 The Wellington 'Education Board ' yesterday the resignation of Miss E. Turner, of the Gladstone school.

26th April 1917 With the exception of Okautete, which has twelve Maoris out of a roll of fourteen, the proportion of Maoris to the roll is in most of these schools very small. In Gladstone, Kahautara, and Ohau about one-third are Maoris,

1st May 1917 the final committee meeting for the past year was held last night. The annual report of the Gladstone school committee states that the attendance of the scholars in the- past twelve months has been very satisfactory. A lawn tennis ground has been made by the head-

teacher and scholars and is now in good condition. The South Wairarapa shield for the best school garden was won by the school, and a parents' and old scholars' visiting day was initiated. The scholars have contributed to the various war relief funds by regular donations, by the sale of flower seeds collected on the school premises, and of articles made for the Red Cross afternoon held in Anzac week this year, the last-mentioned effort having realised thirty guineas for the Red Cross funds.

At the subsequent householders' meeting the following were elected committee members for the ensuing year:— Messrs John Strang (chairman), William McGregor, Alexander Grant, John Henderson and Peter Cooper; secretary, Mr M. H. Dixon.]

2nd May 1917 The Gladstone school children held a Red Cross garden party on the lawn of the head teacher's residence on Friday afternoon last, under very favourable weather conditions. A large number of parents and friends attended, and the function was declared open by Mr >L Strang, of Glenside, in the unavoidable absence of Sir W. C. Buchanan, M.L.C. All the fancy goods, sweets, etc., made by the scholars were soon sold, and a doll, which had been tastefully dressed as a bride by Mrs Dixon, realised £5 10s. Musical items were rendered by the scholars, Mr and Mrs Dixon, and Mrs Sexton, and an attractive item was r. tableau, "The Red, White and Blue," by three of the young girls, accompanied by the singing of the older scholars. The Highland Schottische, danced by twelve scholars in nurses' dresses and khaki suits, made a pleasing picture, and was repeated, by request, before the singing of the National Anthem. The total amount realised during the afternoon by the children's efforts was £32 10s.

17th May 1917 The Wairarapa sub-centre of the New Zealand branch of the British Red Cross Society desire to acknowledge, per the Girls' Red Cross Brigade, the sum of £30 raised by a fete held at the Gladstone School, organised by Mr and Mrs H. M. Dixon.

16th June 1917 Rifleman J. H. Dixon (son of Mr. M. H. Dixon, headmaster of the Gladstone School, formerly on the staff of Wellington College), who left with the 7th Reinforcements, has been honourably discharged as unfit for further service, in consequence of a wound received in the fight against the Senussi in Egypt, and will return to New Zealand shortly

28th September 1917 The Board of Education has appointed Mr M H. Dixon, now headmaster of the Gladstone School, to be Assistant Instructor of Agriculture. Mr. Dixon has had both English and New Zealand experience.

16th June 1917 Miss E Torr appointed assistant at Gladstone/ Eva Torr only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Gladstone

28th September 1917 The Board of Education has appointed Mr. M. R. Dixon, now headmaster of the Gladstone School, to be Assistant Instructor of Agriculture. Mr. Dixon has had both English and New Zealand experience.

21st December 1917 The Gladstone school picnic was held on Tuesday last, under very favourable weather conditions, in the shady paddocks kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs Mason. At the conclusion of the picnic, Miss Ina MacGregor, on behalf of the scholars, and in a very graceful manner, presented the head teacher, Mr M. H. Dixon, A.C.P., with a handsome leather travelling case, as a token of their esteem and good wishes, at the same time making a very appropriate speech in reference to Mr Dixon's work in the school, and wishing him success" in his new appointment. The gift of a fine travelling rug to Mr and Mrs Dixon from parents and friends followed. Mr J. Strang, of Glenside, chairman of the school committee, made the presentation, and both Mr and Mrs Strang spoke of the general regret felt by all at the

approaching departure of Mr and Mrs Dixon from the district, and in appreciation of the active part taken by them in all patriotic and social affairs. Mr Dixon feelingly responded and referred to the pleasant relations which existed between himself, scholars and parents, and to the ready and generous help always given to Mrs Dixon and himself in any undertakings initiated for the benefit of the school or for patriotic purposes. Hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Dixon, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant function to a close.

24th January 1918 Mr. W. H. Lawton, a teacher in the Auckland Education Board's service, has been appointed by the Wellington Board third instructor in agriculture. In addition to the principal schools in the Wellington district, he will from time to time visit those schools in Marlborough which are undertaking an elementary agricultural course. Mr. C. A. Cumming, the senior instructor, will be located at Masterton, and undertake work at the District High Schools and in the southern part of the Wairarapa. Mr. W. H. Dixon, until recently headmaster at the Gladstone School, will undertake similar work in the southern part of the Wairarapa and in the Eketahuna, Pahiatua, Pongaroa districts

20th February 1918 Gladstone centenarian Mr Robert Rowe..... Mr Rowe was proprietor of the Tauherenikau Hotel for seven years and recalls the fact that there was a Tauherenikau military camp during the Maori wars, but that it was nearer the lake than the present one. On leaving the hotel Mr Rowe successfully carried out bridge-building contracts in the Gladstone district and had control of the Huranui-aurangi ferry, the Public Works Department of the Government supplying the flat-bottomed boats for the ferry, and also a large bell to make known the time of crossing. When the bridge was built the bell was transferred to the Gladstone school, and is still there.

14th June 1918 Mr. M. H. Dixon, formerly headmaster of the Gladstone school, has received the appointment of senior master at the Napier Technical School.

15th February 1919 2 ex pupils of Gladstone enrolled at Masterton DHS

30th October 1919 Carterton Show WRITING. For pupils of Standard 1: Willie Namana (**Gladstone School**) 1, Nota Strawbridge (Waihakeke School) 2, Myrtle Bassett (Dalefield School) 3. For pupils of Standard 2: Queenie Te Whaiti (Greytown D.H.S.) 1, Sydney Henderson (**Gladstone School**) 2, Lola Humphries (Taratahi West School) 3. For pupils of Standard 3: Frances McLean (Carterton D.H.S.) 1, Myrtle Rotter (Greytown D.H.S.) 2, Rose Radford (Carterton D.H.S.) 3. For pupils of Standard 4: Olive Cook (**Gladstone School**) 1, Frank Dry (**Gladstone School**) 2, Eva Jensen (Waihakeke School) 3. For pupils of Standard 4: Sylvia Peters (Waihakeke School) and Violet Peters (Waihakeke School) a tie, 1; Toki Prince (Greytown D.H.S.) 3. For pupils of Standard G: Mabel Thomas (Greytown D.H.S.) 1, Dorothy Morris (Greytown D.H.S.) 2, George Peters (Waihakeke School) 3. Writing test for pupils of Standard 4: Frank Day (**Gladstone School**) 1. Berta McGregor (**Gladstone School**) 2, Nancy Davis (Greytown D.H.S.) 3. Writing test for pupils of Standard 5: Percy Minns (Carterton School) 1, Nile Henderson (**Gladstone School**) 2, Albert Swann (Parkvale School) 3. Writing test for pupils of Standard 6: E. Gray (Carterton School) 1, Hazel Peterson (Carterton School) 2, Nellie Foreman (**Gladstone School**) 3. Writing test for pupils of Standard 5: Jean Arcus (Dalefield School) 1, Thelma Hodder (Dalefield School) 2. FREEHAND DRAWING. For pupils of Standard 1: Willie Namana (**Gladstone School**) 1, James Hendrison (**Gladstone School**) 2, Charles Mita (**Gladstone School**) 3. For pupils of Standard 1: Willie Namana (**Gladstone School**) 1, Ken Hodder (Dalefield School) 2, James Henderson (**Gladstone**

School) 3. For pupils of Standard 2: Rangi Tahana (**Gladstone School**) 1, Marjorie Kibblewhite (Lansdowne School) 2, Keverne Duffy (**Gladstone School**) 3. For pupil* of Standard 2: Trixie Millichap (Carterton D.H.S.) 1, Ivy Smith (Carterton D.H.S.) 2, Marjorie Kibblewhite (Lansdowne School) P.. For pupils of Standard 3: Lizzie Cowan (**Gladstone School**) 1, W. Sage (Carterton D.H.S.) 2, Rita Sorenson (Carterton D.H.S.) 3. For pupils of Standard 3: Fred Peters (Waihakeke School) .1, Harry Peters (Waihakeke School) 2, Rose, Radford (Carterton D.H.S.) 3. For pupils of Standard 4: Isabell Cooper (**Gladstone School**) 1, Bert a McGregor (**Gladstone School**) 3. For pupils of Standard 4: Olive Cook (**Gladstone School**) 1, F. Day (**Gladstone School**) 2, Berta McGregor (**Gladstone School**) 3. For pupils of Standard 5: Jack Baker (Darnell School, Auckland) 1, Olive Leppien (Greytown D.H.S.) 2, Sylvia Peters (Waihakeke School) 3. For pupils of Standard 5: Olive Leppien (Greytown D.H.S.) 1, Sylvia > Peters (Waihakeke School) 2, Nile • Henderson (**Gladstone School**) 3. For pupils of Standard 15: Mollie Davis (Greytown D.H.S.) 1, Hughla Welch (Carterton D.ILS.) 2, Grace Jackson (**Gladstone School**) 3. For pupils of Standard 6: Eva Day (**Gladstone School**) 1. Grace Jackson (**Gladstone School**) 2, William Birkett (Waihakeke School) 3. Open to all pupils, Standards 1 to 2 Nelly Foreman (**Gladstone School**) 1, Mavis Oates (**Gladstone School**), 2, David J. Donald (To Ore Ore School) 3

1920-1923

1921	23	Gladstone	Green	Marion Mrs	Sole	D	£280	
1923	29	Gladstone	Green	Marion Mrs	Sole	D-148	£293	

21st December 1921 The navy league had 9 members at Gladstone

19th June 1922 SCHOOL MATCH. LONGBUSH v. GLADSTONE. (Special to “Daily Times.”) On Saturday afternoon the Gladstone schoolboys paid their annual visit, to Longbush to meet the local boys the football field. The game was ed in Mr R. M. Bannister’s paddock, ' and proved to be very interesting to affair number of local residents. The teams were very evenly matched,, and with the help of the wind Gladstone secured a try and a penalty goal in the first spell, while Longbush scored a try just on the call of half-time-With the renewal of play, and with the wind behind them, the Longbush boys' rattled their score up to 12 points, and although the visitors put up a good defence they were unable to score again,, and the game ended: — Longbush 12, Gladstone 6. ' The return match will be played at Gladstone and is being keenly looked forward to by the boys.

15th June 1923 School Committee Messrs. N. McKay (chairman, C. F. Green (secretary), H. Henderson, P. O'Connor, E. W. Duffy.

3rd July 1923 Our Carterton correspondent writes that at the meeting of the school committee last night it was announced that the Gladstone and Carrington schools had joined the library scheme.

1924- 1927

28th May 1927 Mr C. O’Brien presided over a meeting of the Gladstone School Committee. The work of trimming hedges along Mansfield Street has ‘ been completed and a start made upon improvements to the playgrounds. Repairs are also being effected to fences along Fitzherbert and Granville streets. The chairman and Mr B. Strang were appointed as the visiting committee for the ensuing month. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr E. Waters in appreciation

of his action in conveying children to Te Whiti for football practice. It was decided to hold committee meetings on the first Monday in every month.

3rd August 1927 An instance of the interest shown in the country schools in the work of the Navy League was related at a meeting of the Wellington executive of the league yesterday afternoon by the secretary (Mr. R. Darroch). "In some of the schools there are a great many Maori children," he said. "We were addressing the children at the Gladstone School, and we told them that they would have to pay a shilling to join. A little Maori boy put up his hand with twelve pennies, and said he wanted to join at once. We decided that he could join there and then, and he was accordingly enrolled. Afterwards, the headmistress told us that the boy had been presented with the shilling only a few days before for good behaviour."

1928

7th March 1928 Mr W F R Atkinson appointed sole teacher

28th April 1928 Messrs J. K. Strang (chairman), A. Wyeth (secretary), C. O'Brien, N. McGregor and J. R. Strang have been elected members of the Gladstone School Committee.

14th July 1928 Part of a long obituary for Mr George James Foreman included Mr Foreman lived at Te Wharau for about twenty years, but for the last 28 years had resided at Gladstone. He took a keen interest in local government affairs, and at the time of his death was a member of the Wairarapa South County Council, on which body he had served for fourteen years. He was also a member of the Gladstone Hall Committee, being at the time of his death treasurer. For many years he was associated with the Gladstone School Committee.

26th November 1928 Wairarapa South County The head teacher of the Gladstone school wrote asking the Council to repair the road leading to the school residence.—To be attended to.

National Archives

21st April Notes for Minister's Visit included

- a) 1927 Roll 21
- b) 1928 Roll 18
- c) One teacher
- d) The school was built in 1877 added to in 1901 and now contains 978 square foot in 2 rooms
- e) The old residence was destroyed in 1909 and a new residence containing rooms, A bathroom and scullery erected in 1910

1929

13th March 1929 LADSTONE SCHOOL,
PICNIC AND DANCE.

The above School Picnic will be held on FRIDAY, 15th March, in Mr. R. Gray's Paddock, Gladstone.

Dance in Gladstone Hall at night. Admission, 2/- and 1/- [1/- = 1 shilling there were 20 shillings in a pound]

18th March 1929 GLADSTONE SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PICNIC.

On Friday last the annual picnic of the Gladstone- school was held in Mr R. Gray's grounds at "Calton Hill," Gladstone. A large number of people, both children and adults, from the district attended, and all joined heartily in the games and races.

The results of the races were as follows: —

GIRLS. 75 yards handicap, 12 years and over: Ruby Cowan 1, Kathleen Mason 2.

75 yards handicap, 10 years and under 12 years: Nola Wyeth 1.

50 yards handicap, 8 years and under 10 years: Takare Haeata 1, Eva Isaac 2.

50 yards handicap, 5 years and under 8 years: Rangi Haeata 1, Joan Sexton O

Sack race: Joan Sexton 1, Takare Haeata 2.

Hopping Race, 50 yards: Takare Haeata 1, Eva Isaac 2.

Egg and Spoon Race: Kathleen Mason .1, Nola Wyeth 2, ‘

Hurdle race: Nola Wyeth 1, Ruby Cowan 2.

Potato race: Kathleen Mason 1, Nola Wyeth 2.

Skipping race: Takare Haeata 1, Melva Henderson' 2.

Skipping competition: Ida Namana 1, Ruby Cowan 2.

Girls' high jump: Ruby Cowan 1, Ida Namana 2.

Three-legged race: Eva Isaac and Joan Sexton 1, Ruby Cowan and Kathleen Mason 2. BOYS.

100 yards championship: David Cooper 1, Vincent O'Brien 2.

100 yards handicap, 12 years and over Cyril Wyeth 1, David Cooper 2.

75 yards handicap, 10 years and under 12 years: Heta Panapa 1, . John Strang 2.

75 yards handicap, 8 years and under 10 years: Leslie Mason 1, James Andrews 2.

50 yards handicap, 5 years and under 8 years: Paddy O'Brien 1, Peter Sexton 2.

Hop, step and jump handicap: Cyril Wyeth 1, Kevin O'Brien 2.

Long jump handicap: Vincent O'Brien 1, Cyril Wyeth 2.

High jump handicap, 10 years and over: Vincent O'Brien 1, Kevin O'Brien 2.

High jump handicap, under 10 years: Ian Mason 1, John Strang 2.

Pole vault handicap: Leslie Mason 1, Kevin O'Brien 2.

Three-legged race, open: William O'Brien and Toi Panapa 1, . Kevin O'Brien and Vincent O'Brien 2.

Wheelbarrow race, open: Kevin O'Brien and Vincent O'Brien 1.

Sack race: Steve Morris 1, Kevin O'Brien. 2.

Potato race, 11 years and over: Vincent O'Brien 1, David Cooper 2.

Potato .race, under 11 years: Leslie Mason 1, Joseph O'Brien 2.

Pillow fight: Kevin O'Brien 1, Heta Panapa 2. .

Half-mile handicap: Vincent O'Brien I, Cyril Wyeth 2.

ADDITIONAL RACES.

Thread the needle: Kathleen Mason and Kevin O'Brien 1.

Addition race-: Nola Wyeth and Douglas Mason 1.

Single ladies' race: Miss Emma Panapa 'Miss A. O'Brien 2.

Married ladies 'race: Mrs Waters 1, Mrs Atkinson. 2.

Single men's race: Arthur McKay 1, J. Reiri 2.

Married men's race: Mr R. Atkinson 1, Mr C. O'Brien 2.

At the termination of the sporting events, Mrs .J. K. Strang, wife of the chairman of the school committee, presented each scholar with a book prize, and also distributed prizes to the winners of the various races. Mr Atkinson then called for cheers for Mrs Strang, and also for the school committee, whom, he said, had done so much to make the picnic such a great success. Mr O'Brien called for cheers for the schoolmaster (Mr W. F. R. Atkinson). An enjoyable day was spent by all, especially as the weather was so ideal for picnicking. In the evening a dance was held, the proceeds of which went towards the school funds.

3rd December 1929 The school garden competition under the auspices of the Wairarapa P. and A. Society, for the Buchanan Shield, has been won for 1929 by the Parkvale School with 99 points. Gladstone School were second . with 97 points, Clareville third 96 points, Belvedere fourth 94 points. Mr A. R. Hadfield, the judge, expressed pleasure at the keen interest shown by the pupils in the competition

20th December 1929 EXAMINATION RESULTS. The list of examination results and class passes for the Gladstone School is as follows:

Proficiency Certificates—Douglas Mason Cyril Wyeth.

Promoted'.—To Std. 6: David Cooper, Isabelle McPhee, Nola Wyeth. To Std. 5: Leslie Mason, Vincent O'Brien, William Stewart, To Std. 4: William O'Brien. To Std. 3: James Andrews, Ian Mason, John Strang, Dolina Baird, Gwen - Baird, Te Aroha Te Whaiti. To St. 2: Joseph O'Brien, William Tahana, Joan Sexton. To Std. 1: Eva Isaac, Heta Panapa, Toi Panapa, James Sexton.

Attendance Certificates: Nola Wyeth, Vincent O'Brien, William Stewart.

Garden Competition: Douglas Mason and James Andrews, 1; Cyril Wyeth 2.

1932

25th May 1932 At the adjourned meeting of householders of the Gladstone School, there were six householders present. The new committee is:—Messrs A. Wyeth (chairman), R. Cooper (treasurer), N. McKay, C. O'Brien, G. Baird and Sexton.

National Archives

3rd August Miss Brockett has been appointed assistant since the beginning of this term owing to the increased roll of 48 and the fact that 22 of the children are Maoris

1934-1935

10th February 1934 Mrs. Dodds , who has been head mistress at St. Stephen's Church Day School at Marton, since its inception sixteen years ago, has taken up work at the Gladstone School. On the eve of her departure from Marton, Mrs. Dodds was presented with a gold wristlet watch and a crystal vase, as tokens of esteem.

10th June 1935 In an obituary for Mr Robert Cooper this was mentioned Mr Cooper had also served for some years as a member of the County Council. He was one of the earliest and most useful members of the Gladstone School Committee and the Gladstone Hall Committee.

National Archives

12th August 1935 letter from Mrs I F Dodds Head Teacher included

- a) One of parents of Maori Scholars asked me to get a form from Education Board to drive just over 3 miles from his Pah to the school
- b) We have 11 children coming from the Pah
- c) The distance is shortened in good weather when the children come across the grass
- d) The Man who asked is W Rangī

Reply conveyance allows forms. To be filled out by each family

3rd March 1936 Forms returned with comment If conveyance is arranged for these children then our problems in regard to regular attendance should be settled

Each family form filled in with same data in the same hand

Willys Knight Car

6th October are conveyed by William Papanui

He bought some of the children today at 7.30 a.m.

Those who were not ready for him had to walk

The Letter from Mrs Dodds included

- a) I have received several complaints from parents of the Maori children
- b) He has been asking the children to walk a mile to meet him
- c) And has then kept the children waiting a long time
- d) He is trying to do other work as well
- e) As shearing operations are coming soon I expect there will be other irregularities unless a reminder is set to him of promptness
- f) A few lines from you will have the desired effect

1936 -1940

3rd June 1936 If an institution is worthy of its name it is also worthy of having its progress marked by fitting celebrations. Especially does this apply on the occasion of a fifty years or a diamond jubilee. Too many Masterton district institutions have allowed important milestones in their history to be passed without proper recognition. Many of our educational institutions have not had that attention bestowed upon their more important anniversaries which their functioning in the life of our citizens warrant. Such an accusation cannot be laid at the door of the Gladstone School Committee, which has, with commendable enterprise and emulating the spirit of the original settlers, decided to fittingly celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Gladstone school. The function is in the hands of capable officials and will be epoch-making in respect to the whole of the Wairarapa. Ex pupils from various parts of New Zealand will be present, and” the programme drawn up is a most attractive one. Gladstone settlers have the reputation of carrying out their functions in a thorough manner, and the gala day on Friday should add further to that reputation.

4th June 1936 DIAMOND JUBILEE TO-MORROW. To-morrow promises to be a red letter day at Gladstone, as the Diamond Jubilee of the school is to be celebrated in the afternoon and evening by an interesting series of events.. At 2 pan. there will be an assembly and march of ex-pupils, including four pipers. Mrs Gorrie, who was a teacher at the school forty years ago, will call the roll of the first 'pupils of the school. A memorial tablet at the school is to be unveiled by Mr Ben Roberts, after which the assembly will adjourn to the Town Hall, where an entertainment will be presented by the pupils of the school. Speeches will be made by Mr William Tahana, chairman of the Jubilee Committee and by Mr A. G. Wyeth, chairman of the school committee and others. In the evening a ball will be held and on Sunday at 3 p.m. a church parade. The service will be taken by the Rev. R. Byers, of Carterton.

6th June 1936 GLADSTONE SCHOOL

DIAMOND JUBILEE. A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

The opening celebrations of the diamond jubilee of the Gladstone School were held yesterday in glorious weather. There was an attendance of about 400 at the school and later in the Town Hall Addresses were given by various speakers who have been associated with the progress and development of the two-roomed school which has nestled in the shadow of the Maungarakis since 1876.

Out of a total of 244 schools in the Wellington province, Gladstone is the sixth oldest. The opening celebrations were efficiently organised and highly successful. The proceedings opened with a march to the school grounds of upwards of 100 pupils. Led by the Wairarapa Pipe Band, they marched in groups representing each decade since the establishment of the school, and the slow but firm tread of the six "ancients" carrying the 1876 banner contrasted with the sprightly and more animated gait of the pupils of more recent years. When the procession was assembled in the » picturesque school grounds, the bell was tolled by the headmistress, Miss I. E. Dodds, and a roll of pupils who attended the school in the first year of its existence was called by Mrs A. Gorrie (nee Miss A. Duncan), who was headmistress' from 1889 to 1904.

Of the twenty-four pupils enrolled in the first year when the now rich pasture lands were covered with stately native bush, six answered: "Present, Miss!" yesterday. They were Messrs Henry Catt, Joseph Grant, Baigrie Grant, Miss Margaret McLachlan, Mesdames J. Henderson (nee Miss Lillia' Rowe), and D. Thompson (nee Miss Mary McLachlan). Of the twenty-one "head teachers the school has had since 1876, three, including the present one, attended the celebrations. They were Mrs A. Gorrie, 1889 to 1904, and Mr W. F. R. Atkinson, 1928 to 1933, and Mrs Dodds, who was head teacher from 1914 to 1916, and was reappointed in 1934. Mrs Brittain (nee Miss Bessie Turner), who served for a long period as an assistant teacher, was also present.

Mr A. G. Wyeth, chairman of the school committee, extended a warm welcome to all present, making particular reference to ex-pupils and teachers. He trusted that the celebrations would recall to mind recollections of the "good old days spent at the school." A handsome bronze memorial tablet in honour of ex-pupils who served in the Great War was then unveiled by Mr Ben Roberts, member for the Wairarapa. Mr Roberts said it was a red letter day in the history of the Gladstone district. He congratulated the organising committee on providing ex pupils with an opportunity of renewing old acquaintanceship and went on to speak of the Government's determination to provide the very best of facilities for country schools. They owed a debt of gratitude to the long line of men and women who had served on the school

committee. Teachers and members of committees, he said, were rendering a noble service to the citizenship and character-building of those who passed through the school to • take their place in the world. In the course of an extended speech, Mr Roberts urged that the education of the rising generation should be such that it would fit New Zealand to take its place in the march of nations. The developments of the past sixty years were nothing when compared with events of the future. Mr Roberts unveiled the memorial tablet “to the glory of God and in memory of ex-pupils of the Gladstone School who served in the Great War.” A prayer was said by the Rev. W. F. Stent, of Carterton, and after the' hymn, “O God our Help in Ages Past,” the National Anthem was sung.

The gathering then assembled in the Gladstone Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The chairman of the ex-pupils' committee, Mr W. Tahana-, presided, and others on the I stage were Mrs Tahana, Mr A. G. Wyeth (chairman of the school committee) and Mrs Wyeth, Mr Roberts and Mrs Roberts, Mr A. Donald (Wellington Education Board) and Mrs Donald, Messrs W. R. Nicol and W. H. Jackson, both members of the Wellington Education Board. The ladies on the stage were presented with beautiful bouquets by pupils. !Mr Tahana extended. a warm welcome to all present.

After apologising for the absence of the chairman of the Education Board, Mr Donald congratulated the organising committee on the wonderful jubilee celebrations. He went on to refer to the progress the school had made m recent years, and praised highly the work of the headmistress, Mrs Dodds. He. recalled that when she was appointed to the position there was an outcry against the appointment of a married lady teacher. A large section wanted a male teacher. It was now, however, a totally different story, and when Mrs Dodds' term had expired there had been an insistent demand for her retention. The board took a very keen interest in country schools, he said, and it was its policy to see that they were properly and efficiently equipped.

Mr A. Holms, an ex-pupil, appealed to the children to draw only on what was best in the past and to endeavour to improve on the record, of the past 60 years. He paid a tribute to the worth of Mrs Gorrie, head teacher for 15 years, and went on to refer to the excellent work that was being carried out at the school under Mrs Dodds. On behalf of a group of pupils of the 90 s, he presented an enlarged photograph and a set of books to the school.

The success of any school depended very largely on the foundations laid in the early years, observed Mrs Dodds, who paid tribute to the former teachers. It was only natural at jubilee time that one should look back through the past, but 60 years was a comparatively short period of time, and in this young country there were no ancient schools. It 'was therefore necessary to look to the future. The jubilee celebrations would mark a new era in the history of the school and would imbue those concerned with fresh enthusiasm and new ideals. The success of the celebrations was proof of the hearty co-operation of the school committee, parents and ex-pupils. Mrs Dodds was presented with a basket of flowers, and Miss D. Kerr, an ex-pupil, presented her with a brass tray in recognition of her fine work for the children. Mrs J. Henderson, one of the first. pupils, cut the handsome three-tiered jubilee cake, made by Mrs J. McLean, Longbush, whose father was for 25 years chairman of the school committee. Afternoon tea was served, and a delightful entertainment was provided by pupils of the school. Interesting reminiscences were then given by various speakers, and as the early settlers, sitting in the dusk of a winter's evening, listened with keen interest, the fleeting years rolled back, and

with them came fresh and clear memories, pleasant and sad, of boyhood and girlhood experiences of the early days, when transport and social services were of the crudest nature. "Do you remember" was a phrase frequently used, and seldom did it fail to bring a smile to the faces of some of the assembled ex-pupils as clouded memory was refreshed, and some particular student or some outstanding escapade of the "good old days" was recalled. Those who spoke included Messrs W. H. Jackson, N. McKay, E. Mason, I. G. Mitchell, Mesdames A. Gorrie, J. McLean and Miss G. Baird. Cheers were given for Mr Tahana and the joint secretaries of the jubilee committee, Messrs J. Strang and John Cooper, jun.

Last night a most successful jubilee ball was held in the hall, and to-morrow a church parade will be held at 3 pan.

9th June 1936 GLADSTONE SCHOOL. INTERESTING REMINISCENCES. (Contributed). In connection with the Diamond Jubilee of the Gladstone School, celebrated on Friday (the school was opened on 4th June, 1876) there were two unfortunate omissions in respect of the recorded answers to the roll-call of original scholars. In addition to the six mentioned in the earlier report of the proceedings, Mrs A. F. Stevenson (nee Miss Jane MacDonald Grant), now of Woodville, Mr John McPhee (Norsewood, Hawke's Bay), were present when Mrs Gorrie (nee Miss A. Duncan), as the oldest past head teacher in attendance, called the roll outside the old school. The complete list of original scholars was as follows: —

Boys.—Robert Buckeridge, Henry Catt, William Catt, James Catt, Adam Grant, Joseph Grant, Baigrie Grant, Alex Grant, Robert Greathead, Ernest Greathead, John McPhee, Frederick Rowe.

Girls.—Amy Buckeridge, Ellen Catt, Phoebe Catt, Jane Grant, Mary Harrison, Jessie McLachlan, Margaret McLachlan, Isabella McLachlan, Zillia Rowe, Annie Rowe, Margaret Rowe.

The late Mrs Jas. Holms (nee Miss Elizabeth Grant) was also eligible for enrolment but was probably being educated elsewhere. Up till 1876 there had been a private school at "Bannockburn," the masters having included Messrs Burke and Gusch, the latter subsequently becoming head of the Napier Grammar School.

At the close of the afternoon's proceedings a well-deserved compliment was paid to the services rendered by Mr W. Tahana as chairman of the Jubilee Committee and Messrs Jas. Strang and John Cooper Jnr. as hon secretaries, Mr A. C. Holms (editor of the "Waipukurau Press") concluding a brief speech by calling for a very hearty vote of thanks in the form of cheers, these being enthusiastically accorded.

All those mentioned are sons and grandsons of pioneer settlers.

Mary Harrison (a daughter of very old Gladstone-Martinborough pioneers), is now Mrs John Cameron, of Levin, and formerly of Shannon and Martinborough, while Alex Grant was absent through the serious illness of his eldest daughter. As already reported Henry Catt (Carterton), Baigrie Grant (Dannevirke), Joseph Grant (Otaki), Mary McLachlan (wife of the late Mr T. Thomson), Margaret McLachlan, of Masterton, and Zillia Rowe (Mrs John Henderson) were the six others accounted for as able to answer the rollcall. Mr A. F. Stevenson was the oldest known ex-committee member to be present. He served as far back as 1889 and was well-known in his day as superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr and Mrs Stevenson, therefore, paraded as 'veteran pupil and committeeman, respectively. Mr Robert Cooper to whose memory a well

merited tribute is paid in the souvenir issued, was best known in public life as for many years a member of the Wairarapa South County Council.

In the excellently arranged souvenir booklet an error made its appearance in respect of the members of the 1888 committee. This should have read:— Messrs D. Kennedy (chairman), Wm. Miller (not Tom Miller), Jas Sexton, and Archibald McMaster. Mr Jopera Tahana (not W.) was the father of Mr W. Tahana, chairman of the Celebrations Committee. The name of Mrs A. Iorns (not Irons) and A. C. Holms (not A. J.), also 1877 (not 1867) in the reference to the Masterton Hospital, were other minor errors—inseparable from publishing such historical or personal data but are noted in order that any present or future misunderstandings may be removed. Incidental to the great success recorded at the ball held on Friday night a special tribute is due to the orchestra, also the Wairarapa Pipe Band, members of which supplied the music for Scottish dances, a foursome attracting a full response from representatives of the three oldest clans in the district—the Grants, Kennedys and McPhees. Messrs D. T. (Dougal) Thomson (grandson of Mr Duncan McLachlan, “Spring Bank”), E. Mason, and Gordon Cooper, also grandsons of pioneers, and J. Walker, were the M’s.C.

13th June 1936 (To the Editor.) Sir, —I see by the ‘ Times ’ that the Gladstone School has had its jubilee. It will be a surprise to a lot of Masterton people to know there was a school in an old hotel about 12 chains on the Carterton side of the Waingawa bridge over 60 years ago. Some of the bricks of the building are still to be seen on the site. The late Mr Gover, later of the Upper Plain School, was our teacher. There were three families of Wiltons. Mr Paul Wilton, of Solway, was a pupil. Mr Mark Wilton, of Upper Plain, was another. I believe. There was also the Allen family. Mrs G. Daysh of Masterton was a pupil. I do not know if there are any more living. There were four Perrys. Sir William was one of them and two or three Rayners. I forget if there were any Prestons. Mr Henry Preston, of Masterton, was a Taratahi boy. There were three or four Dayshs, and Peter Smith of Pahiatua was also a pupil. I do not know if he is still living. There were also three or four Reynolds, sons of Mrs John Reynolds who celebrated her 98th birthday two or three days ago. I forget, if the McLachlans went. Miss Annie McLachlan of Masterton I think was a pupil of the school. The late Mr John Daysh lived near the main road below Wilton’s place. I don’t remember if they went to the school. If they did, I think three or four would be alive to-day. Mr Wilton could state if the Wiltons are still alive. They were all fair-sized families. I should say there are about 20 of the old pupils alive. —I am, etc., “ONE OF THE SMALL FRY.” Masterton, 11th June.

12th October 1936 DENTAL CLINIC

GLADSTONE FUNCTION. An enjoyable evening was spent at the Gladstone Hall on Friday, when a plain and fancy dress dance for children was held, the proceeds being in aid of the Dental Clinic.

There were many pretty and original costumes, and prizes were allotted as follows: — Children attending school.— Boys: Alton Wyeth (Jockey), 1; Simon Hadfield (Maori Chief), 2. Girls: Ellen Walker (Maori Maiden), 1; Mary Hutana (Maori Chief), 2. Visiting children.—Boys: William Cooper (Jockey), 1. Girls: Betty Cooper (Powder and Patches), 1; Nola Crew (Old Lady), 2; Ann Booth (Gypsy), 3. Special prizes: Ruby Panapa (Boy), Lucy Namana (Buy Empire Seeds), Effie Taylor (Tulip), Effie Hadfield (Laurel). During the evening, an oratory competition was held, the competitors being pupils of the Gladstone School. All the competitors, some of whom were only nine years of age, gave very interesting

speeches. Mr J. G. Mitchell, of Longbush, kindly acted as judge, and placed the competitors as follows:—Boys: Jim Hadfield 1, Peter Sexton 2, George Sexton 3. Girls: Elsie Bubb and Ruby Panapa, equal, 1.

22nd June 1938 Wellington Education Board The Gladstone school is to be rebuilt with open-air classrooms

17th May 1939 TEACHER RETIRES

WORK FOR MAORI PUPILS

After twenty-five years' teaching service in New Zealand, including over five years in the Wellington district, Mrs. E. I. Dodds, who has retired from the position of head teacher at the Gladstone School, was farewelled by members of the Wellington Education Board "today." - At the morning tea. interval, the chairman (Mr. W. V. Dyer) said that Mrs. Dodds was as well-known as any of the board's teachers, and board members had reason to feel grateful for the tactful way in which she had handled problems associated with her school.. He thanked Mrs. Dodds for the services" she had given to the board, the district, and particularly the Native race. . •

Mr. A. Donald said that the services given by Mrs.. Dodds to the. Maori people in the Gladstone district would never be forgotten.

After other members of*the board and the senior inspector (Mr. D. McCaskill) had supported the remarks made, Mrs. Dodds said that she was leaving her- Maori -pupils with deep regret. She. -expressed, appreciation for the co-operation received from parents, the board, and the district nurse

All the following reports are copied from material at the National Archives

1937

10th March Letter from A G Wyeth Chairman School Committee to Minister of Education included

- a) Since June of last year the School Committee and Jubilee Committee have been negotiating with the Wellington Education Board for a water supply
- b) Drainage is badly needed
- c) I might say this school is practically a native school the attendance numbering now 38 children. For health reasons drainage is very essential
- d) The Jubilee Committee kindly donated £50 for this use
- e) Would you see what support in way of a grant from the Department and the Native Department towards carrying out this very urgent work
- f) A small bath was suggested when the members of Education (sic) visited some time ago
- g) I understand you promised some time ago to visit the school which we hope you will be able to do so very soon

31st March Peter Fraser, Minister of Education replied

No representations has bene made [To the Ministry] has been made by the Wellington Education Board I am seeking a report

Roll Nos

1933-34 37

1934-35 36

1935-36 41

December Term 1936 37

Staff 1 + 1 Grade IIIa

1st July Include plan for bathhouse

19th July Letter from Wellington Education Board to Director of Education

- a) Many of the pupils are Maori and it is apparent that the usual amenities of life are not available to these children
- b) Some of the children have been denied attention at the dental clinic owing to lack of proper cleanliness
- c) Such a position is extremely distressing to the Board
- d) Sketch plans have been included for a bathhouse at an estimated cost of £ 92.10
- e) The head teacher has taken a keen interest in the welfare of the children and the Board has been assured of the whole hearted cooperation in assisting and supervising the scheme.
- f) I have been directed to stress the desirability of installing a water supply and septic tank system at the school

19th July Board writes to Department asking for a reply

9th September Department advises Board to tender the job

12th September I Enid Dodds writes to Director of Education

- a) Re the proposed experiment in rural education amongst the Maoris of this district which we discussed on Monday 30th August
- b) Miss Agnes Shelton of the Technical School school staff of Wairarapa College is willing to undertake classes in dressmaking, housecraft and cooking
- c) The headmaster Mr Yates has consented to allow her to leave Masterton each Wednesday at 2.00 each afternoon for this term
- d) Miss Shelton and I have decided that it would be wise to confine the lessons for this term to dressmaking and hygiene in regard to clothing but give and encourage those who attended the classes opportunities to ask questions on housecraft and cooking
- e) Since my discussion with you the Nurse Miss Hodges of the Health Department held for girls of 14 and over, by the expressed wish of the Maori Women of the Hurunui -O-rangi Pa where live our poorest Maoris has blossomed into a large class attended by all the women of the Pa- for some the nurse will continue these health talks at the pa on Friday afternoons
- f) We will be able to use the local as a classroom for the proposed dressmaking class.
- g) I am hoping to be able to carry it out on as inexpensive lines as possible

1938

28th March £2821.14.6 To build a new school on open air lines

The existing buildings consist of two rooms 20' x 20' 4 inches one of which was built in 1877 and the other in 1891

Roll December term 1936 47

May Term 1937 52

1939

18th April Contract let to R V Mason for £144 for installation of water supply

2nd May Letter from Mr A Wyeth complaining of a delay in the water supply. We have been battling for 3 years to get this done Letter to Ben Roberts local MP

20th June Water to come from Mr Gray's place and he has agreed

11th July APPROVAL GIVEN BY Peter Fraser Minister of Education

1940

Tenders for building let for new classrooms for £ 2795 including septic tank

1941

30th May 1941 Installation of Electric Stove and Hot water service in the school

Neece stove supplied by Wellington Education Board £21-1-4

7th July Asking for a grant of £37-3-11 representing half the cost of joining the house to the new septic tank system

25th October Proposal to approve of school baths being built

1957

2nd April Application for a shower block as there are a number of children who are not maintain a high standard of cleanliness

Accompanied by a petition of 26 names

27th June £1063-13-5 Approval of erecting a shower block

1958

The old school is handed over to the School Committee as a room for science, Physical Education etc

1960

31st August Telegram from Wellington Education Board MR GIBSON SCHOOLHOUSE Gladstone MISS SMITH NOT AVAILABLE TILL 12th SEPTEMBER AND WILL REQUIRE TRANSPORT UNTIL COLLEGE BUS COMMENCES 13th STOP TRUST YOU CAN CARRY ON FOR THE week (*All telegrams were in capitals and all punctuation was written in words. Each word was a cost to the sender*)

Dental Clinic Built £2594.0.0

14th December Eva Sinclair appointed assistant mistress. Single. Titahi Bay School Probationary Assistant

1961

15th November Inspector's Report included

- a) J Gibson Head Teacher Roll 31
- b) Miss E Sinclair Roll 24
- c) This is a competently managed school
- d) The roll remains fairly constant though there is a considerable movement of families in and out of the district
- e) The consequent interruption to schooling and a degree of irregular attendance add to the teaching problems and hamper the progress of eh children concerned.
- f) There is a very pleasing tone in the school
- g) The teachers have the whole hearted support of the School Committee and the community and the funds raised by stock drives and bring and buy days

1963

18th June Miss D M Poole (*Later Booth*) appointed as relieving teacher

1964

12th November Inspector's Report included

- a) Mr J Gibson Roll 28
- b) Mrs D Boothe (*Dorothy?*) Assistant 21 , Sewing
- c) Ample accommodation is available for all rooms
- d) Th shower block is serving a useful purpose in maintain adequate standards of hygiene
- e) The activity room recently constructed from timber out of the old room is affine asset
- f) The agricultural Club organised by the children is a prominent feature of school life
- g) Religious training is being received weekly and school banking is encouraged
- h) The children are happy and well behaved

- i) The widening of educational horizons has been encouraged by two trips to Wellington by senior pupils and one visit by Junior Pupils

1966

16th December Anne Wickham resigns. Appointed to Ilam school Christchurch

1967

15th November Mr Doyle resigns

1968

3rd April Letter from Mr Mataira stating that Mr Campbell commenced as relief bus driver

We will manage to continue the service with a single run but my car must still be used for Mr Campbell's return after the morning trip

19th April School closed on April 10th (Wahine Storm) owing to Electric Power failure and resultant lack of water to our toilets School had to be closed Thursday 11th

22nd April Inspector's Report included

- a) A R Mataira Roll 30
- b) Mrs J M Ewington 24
- c) The head teacher is to be congratulated on the manner in which he effected the consolidation of Maungaraki on this school
- d) He is ably supported by his assistant
- e) A very pleasing school tone is evident
- f) Special School activities included Anzac Ceremonies, Agricultural days, Arbor Day ceremonies, Sports Days, Picnics, Music Festivals and visits and trips of an educational nature
- g) The School Committee is complemented on its active and responsible role in the interests of the school

2nd December Letter to Wellington Education Board stating that advertisement for Infant Mistress did not state the Gladstone was 10 miles from Masterton as well as the stated 10 miles from Cn

1969

12th February The new add on 1st February did not state the information given in December. It did not mention that there was a residence at Te Whiti (Reply This is not available)

17th February School to be closed half day for Masterton Show

6th October Department approved a bus garage at Maungaraki Closed School. The garage to come from the closed Te Whiti School and be re-erected at Maungaraki

Only one price was received \$957 from H R Builders The tender includes making access to the garage Approved by Department

5th September Recommend from Wellington Education Board that a teacher aide be appointed for 20 hours per week

15th September Mrs Ann Wallis of R D 2 Carterton appointed teacher aide

28th October Cor de Lange resigns as teacher. I have made the decision after full discussion with my present Head Teacher who appreciates fully the pressure of teaching, together with an extremely demanding teacher driver bus run/ I now feel I am suited for the profession

Mrs A Wallis will cease as teacher aide from the end of the year

1970

27th June Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department

Maungaraki School The bus garage could not be used until a teacher driver was appointed at the beginning of the second term.

It has been found that the driver has no vision when reversing out of the garage owing to the steep grade of the driveway It is proposed to extend the rock retaining wall to provide a safe turning space for another \$100 The total cost is \$450 granted

13th October Mrs J Masters has just resigned The Te Whiti schoolhouse is available for the successful applicant

Our roll has risen to 107 for the last fortnight of September

Note On Letter. Advise Head Teacher that school will be graded as 2a on roll of 106, but if the roll exceeds 11 during the first term an extra teacher will be appointed

1971

17th June Inspector's report included

- a) Garry W O'Neill Roll 22
- b) David P Winter 23
- c) Mrs Annette Stock 32
- d) Total 90
- e) Under the guidance of a capable head teacher and in spite of past difficulties in in staffing, programmes are being developed which suit the abilities of these country children
- f) The school falls into three sections and the ratio of two men teachers and one women is advantageous to the school
- g) At the time of the inspection (but I understand this is not the case at the time of writing) the junior school was in the care of a young teacher who was at the same time a speech therapist

h) *All in all this school caters well for the full development of its pupils*

23rd September Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board My Committee wish to place on record the dissatisfaction over the succession of teachers and the present absence of a fulltime teacher in the junior room

We realise that the Board is also concerned about the programme, but we cannot reconcile the present difficulty with Departmental Statements that there is no shortage. 30th September A reply from Frank Alpe Secretary Manager Wellington Education Board saying they are also worried about lack of teachers around Masterton

27th September A letter from the (Late) Robyn Dick asking for a job from Waipukurau.

1972

Maungaraki consolidated from the beginning of the 1968 year, the building on leased land has been used by the community

The teacher's residence was built on a different site across the road from the school in 1959

1973

1 June Who made the school available for the community to use. Maungaraki is 23 miles from Greytown

1974

11th July Inspectors Report Included

- a) Mr G W O'Neill 25 children
- b) Miss Pauline R Flowerday 26
- c) Miss Maxine Carrington Yr. 2 Teacher 19
- d) Mrs Annette J Turner 20
- e) This school is under the leadership of an energetic and well organised principal
- f) This year the school is fortunate in having an extra teacher over the normal staffing schedule
- g) The general school tone is pleasing
- h) The usual problems of a rural school are experienced in organising sport but these have been minimised by the active involvement off the community
- i) The school swimming pool is well used

1975

9th February Robin McConnell has been appointed relieving principal and School Committee want him appointed permanently

24th February Robin McConnell enquiring about appealing against his non appointment to Gladstone (*Robin later went on to become a rural adviser*)

26th March School Committee still unhappy with the appointment of Mr Barrett

11th September Mrs A Turner resigned her husband went to a job for the Hawkes Bay Education Board

15th November Adrienne Clare Dobson is living in Te Whiti School house and for the first time there is a tenancy agreement

1976

21st October Scale 1 teacher jobs were not being advertised and appointments of initial teachers or relievers will be used

12th November Gladstone, Wainuioru and Te Wharau will be combined for a sports day. Note this is a normal school day

1977

Inspector's report included

- a) Mrs Jocelyn Graves Principal 23 Standard 3- Form II
- b) Mr Ray Fisher Standard 2- 3 24 Miss Jenny Harris J2 and J2 Miss Jenny Harris
- c) Mrs Adrienne McClure Roll 18 SJC (Supervisor Junior Classes) 18
- d) The frequent changes of principals in the last three years may in recent times account for some points of tension which has been evident in the school in more recent times
- e) It us to be hoped with the appointment there will be an increase in involvement by parents and community.
- f) With monies provided by the PIA a film projector has been purchased
- g) The recent introduction of Maori Studies has been a worthwhile contribution to the experience of pupils increasingly growing up multi ethnic society

11th August Ian James Davidson of Cornwall Street taking over Gladstone school house at £5.02 per week

8th August N A Barrett resigns as principal

5th August Jocelyn Graves appointed principal, not living in schoolhouse upsets School Committee

1978

19th September Adrienne McClure resigns I would like it advertised for a man and the house at Gladstone is available

20th September We employ a person as a clerical assistant for 10 hours per week and her duties include those of a teacher aide Letter from Jocelyn Graves

Reply No position may be advertised which discriminates by sex

20th September P Allen School Committee writes wanting a teacher in the house

26th October Adrienne McClure on leave and Mrs Genevieve Shaw will relieve

1979

Colin R MacLauchlan now living in school house at Gladstone. Year 4 ½ teacher

1st February New Staff

Colin MacLauchlan School house

Kathy Vickery Upper Plain Road

Valmai Holmes Pakaraka Road Te Whiti

Past Teacher Ian Milestone Tawa

18th April Colin MacLauchlan shifted to Te Whiti residence

Jocelyn Graves moving into Gladstone school House Rent \$13.30 a fortnight

5th October Ian Milestone asking why he had not been paid by Wellington Education Board for his time as Associate teacher for Clare Brown (2014, Clare Crawford, Head Teacher at Kahautara)

1980

Mrs Anne Fitzwater our office assistant finished on April 3rd and Mrs Miriama Te karu will commence duties on the 9th

3rd November Inspectors Report included

- a) Jocelyn Graves Mrs Roll 25 Principal
- b) Valmai Holmes Mrs 29
- c) Colin MacLachlan 28
- d) Kathy Vickery Mrs 24
- e) Roll 106
- f) The school is operating efficiently and providing a balanced programme which generally caters for the programme
- g) The development of Maoritanga is a commendable enterprise
- h) A well organised programme of educational visits has operated throughout the school
- i) A Very well organised has operated throughout the school, bakery, milk factory, Forest Lakes (Manakau) and Napier

1st December Valmai Holmes is leaving on Maternity leave. Letter from Jocelyn Graves runs down teaching ability of Colin M. in regard to teaching Juniors

1981

5th October Roll is over 100 and school entitled to another teacher

1982

5th April Jocelyn Graves moving back to town and Deputy Principal Mr Douglas Shepherd will move into the house

1984

16th October Inspector's Report included –

- a) F2 Jocelyn Graves Roll 6
- b) Standard 4 Form 1 Mrs Kay Tucker Roll 20
- c) Standard 2-3 Mrs Celia Pawson (Relieved by Brenda Crozier
- d) Standard 1 J2 J3 Miss Helen McKay Relieving DP
- e) J1/ Ne Mrs Toni McDonald Relieving Assistant
- f) The school is one where there is a clear sense of purpose
- g) With a dropping roll there may well be a loss of a teacher

1986

Mrs Romp is living in Te Whiti Schoolhouse

1987

Richard Keeling (*Ex Hinakura Sole Teacher*) on staff attending a civil defence course

1988

Staff Richard Keeling, Jocelyn Graves, Isobel Allan and Val Pannett

1989

Teaching Principals got 5 hours per week teaching support

[Gladstone](#) is the centre of a farming and grazing district and lies ten or eleven miles to the east from Carterton, with which town it is connected by telephone. A coach runs between Gladstone and Carterton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. There is a public school in the village with an average attendance of about twenty. Mails for Gladstone close at Wellington at 6.45 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and arrive at Gladstone on the same days at 4.15 p.m. Mails for Wellington close at Gladstone at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and arrive at Wellington on the same days at 7.50 p.m.

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