

## Huia Road

1898-1911 Runs off State Highway 52 just South of Rakaunui. The road goes right through to Mara with the Waihoki School close. There was also a school at Waiowaka. The roll was always no greater than 13. Rakaunui is 16 Kilometres South of Pongaroa

### 1898-1899

1898		Huia Road	Girand	John		Master	£18	\$3,096
1899	7	Huia Road	Leigh	Randolf L		Master	£33	\$5,869

[There is a Huia Iti Road and a Huia Road in the Pongaroa area. The First is referred to as the Huia Road in one article in 1897. I am presuming the school was on the Huia Road South of Pongaroa]

31<sup>st</sup> August 1899 The Board of Education has decided to erect a school at Huia Road, in the Wairarapa, at a cost of £67 9s.

14<sup>th</sup> December 1899 Wellington Education Board making a claim to the Education Department : Huia Clearing Site

[The Girand surname is in use at this time but I cannot find any reference to a John Girand teaching. According to Births Deaths and Marriages no Gerands died in New Zealand though 6 children were born here including one in 1875. Jane was born to John and Harriett. Other children were born to Richard Herve Bing Girand (2) and Edward (3). Only Edward married in New Zealand in 1873 before 1900.

### 1900- 1901

1900	6	Huia Road	Leigh	Randolph E		Master	£22	\$3,834
1901	8	Huia Road	Leigh	Randolph E		Master	£40	\$6,753

26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 The Board authorised grass-sowing to be carried out on its property at Huia road and Ihuraua,

7<sup>th</sup> August 1900 In a long article about roads: I got bogged on the Huia road going to Rakanui and had to get off my horse. Next time I went on foot, and did it quicker than on horseback, but got bogged again, and had to stand and take a spell before I got my legs out of the bog

31<sup>st</sup> January 1901 Teachers salaries to be raised. Huia Road R L Leigh Current Wage £22 10s to be increased by £7 10s

### 1902-1907

1902	9	Huia Road	Abbott	Richard		Master	£40	\$6,595
1903	9	Huia Road	Abbott	Richard		Head	£56	\$9,279
1904	8	Huia Road	Abbott	Richard		Master	£56	\$9,273
1905	8	Huia Road	Abbott	Richard	Lic	Master	£48	\$7,591
1906	8	Huia Road	Abbott	Richard	Lic	Master	£48	\$7,460
1907	7	Huia Road	Abbott	Richard	Lic	Master	£48	\$7,525

26<sup>th</sup> March 1903 Wellington Education Board Small repairs at Huia Road School approved

30<sup>th</sup> April 1903 Wellington Education Board In reference to a tender for fencing at Huia road, it was agreed to inform the committee that the Board had 'no-funds for this work

28<sup>th</sup> May 1903 Wellington Education Board Grants were also agreed to for gravelling and fencing at Shannon and fencing at Huia road.

30<sup>th</sup> November 1904 Akitio County Council that tenders be called widening the Huia road in. Pongaroa and for widening the Waihoki and Huia roads at the junction of these roads ;

31<sup>st</sup> December 1904 Huia Road : N. — Mangatiti and Aohanga rivers to the sea ; W. — Sections 5, 26, Block 1., Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 4, Block V., Sections 220, 817, Block IX., Aohanga S.D., Section 221, Block XII., Puketoi S.D. ; S. — Pakowai stream, Mataikona R. to the sea ; E. — The sea. [Definitely school is in the Southern Huia Road]

7<sup>th</sup> March 1906 Wellington Education Board approved fencing

26<sup>th</sup> August 1907 Part of another long article on Puketoi roads Two years ago the settlers along the Huia road raised a loan of .£1800 and metalled four miles of the road with burnt papa. It is not full width, but will carry wheel traffic with safety, and has been in every respect a satisfactory road. Now, settlers who rate themselves for such a work are entitled to receive every assistance in maintaining it. During all the bad weather this year the Huia road has been going to ruin. Little trickles of water from blocked culverts and water tables have not received any attention, and as a result the road has been undermined in half a dozen places and has gone sliding down to the river. Some of the burnt papa from the Huia road is probably now lying along the beach at the mouth of the Aohanga. Here and there the road has subsided bodily; at other points there is just room for a horse to get along, and the .£1800 of the Huia settlers leaves them almost as badly off as ever so far as wheel traffic is concerned. When the state of things became serious the settlers took their shovels and commenced to repair the road, at the same time notifying the council that they expected payment. The council's reply was that no work that was not authorised could be paid for, and the settlers went home. It was culpable neglect to allow this road, once a good one, to go back to its present condition.....

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1907 Resignation of Mr R Abbott accepted by Wellington Education Board In 1909 there was a Richard Abbott teaching at Turoto Road School in the Auckland Education Board which is probably the same Richard Abbott. Same small School roll 6,. Out in the country West of Otorohanga. Taught there until 1912

## 1908

1908	13	Huia Road	Roberts	Florence		Female	£84	\$13,169
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There was a Florence G Roberts who taught from 1894 to at Least 1923 without a break in Wellington schools and she was residing at Huia Road at the end of 1908 or this Florence Roberts was a different person

## 1909 -1913

1909	10	Huia Road	Caverhill	Kathleen M		Female	£90	\$14,302
1910	8	Huia Road	Caverhill	Kathleen I		Female	£90	\$14,109
1911	7	Huia Road	Bedingfield	Marie L		Female	£90	\$14,234
1913		Huia Road	Closed					

28<sup>th</sup> May 1909. Wellington Education Board Grant for paint Huia Road

28<sup>th</sup> May 1909 Wellington Education Board It was'- reported that the Department had agreed to pay house allowance for the teacher' 'at Huia Road School,' conditionally on the old residence being converted into a shelter shed. '-The clerk of .works was instructed to report upon the matter at the next meeting

29<sup>th</sup> October 1909 Miss Caverhill to the Hutt

There were a number of mentions of a Kathleen Caverhill teaching from 1907 at Hutt district High School, then Huia Road followed by two years at Te Whiti and either at Te Whiti or Kahautara in 1912 and definitely as Kathleen M at Porirua in 1913 and 1914

1890/2507	Caverhill	Kathleen Isabel	Amy Laura	Thomas William
1892/2146	Caverhill	Kathleen Mary	Adeline Mary	Charles Robert

Most Likely Kathleen I and Kathleen M both taught at Huia Road

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27<sup>th</sup> September 1911 Wellington Education Board Library Grant Huia Road £1

20<sup>th</sup> December 1911 Miss Bedingfield resigns

11<sup>th</sup> December 1912 Miss D Reaks appointed Huia Road

**National Archives: Buildings and Sites: Huia Road** (Formerly Waihoki) 1900

256 Square Feet residence 2 rooms 1900

School closed Buildings removed to Waihoki Valley 1915