

Ihuraua Valley: 1899- 1988

Ihuraua: Operated under both names. For the first nine years under Ihuraua Valley. They seemed to operate more with North Wairarapa Country Schools than Bush Schools. The area was commonly pronounced "Ish-er-are". Ihuraua was close to and had quite a bit to do with the Scandinavian Schools. 37 Miles North East from Masterton just off State Highway 52. 17 Kilometres to Eketahuna on the Mangaorango Road



1900 Original classroom 297 square feet metric 4,8 metres x 5.66 metres 27,5 square metres

1970 140 square feet added Still at 31st January 1951

Section 5 Area 10 acres 0 roods 16 perches

1958 New House 4455-0-0 Pounds

Septic Tank added 1957

Papers Past

14th December 1899 During the past session of Parliament a vote was given in aid of school buildings in newly-settled districts. The Minister of Education has invited Education Boards to make

applications under this grant for such schools as they may be proposing to build or have built since 1st January last. The applications are only to apply to settlements in which no schools have previously been established, no schools are to be included for which provision was made in any previous grant from the Government, and no residences are to be included except those attached to the schools from which grants are to be applied for. The Wellington Board has sent in the following list Island Bay, estimated cost, £1500 Manuhara, £250 Mangititi, £200 Ihuraua £200; Saunders-road, £240; Te Aupapa, £200 Huia-road, £125 Mangarama. £200 Tocker's Corner (*Kaiwaiwai/South Featherston*)), £300 and Northlands (near Karori), £750

12th March 1900 F H Bakewell inspecting Ihuraua School

28th January 1901 NEW SCHOOL HOUSE IN IHURAU VALLEY.

The Opening Social. Speech by Mr Hogg ,M,H,R, 'Be Fruitful and multiply.' [From our Wairere Correspondent). Notwithstanding most unfavourable weather there was a very largo attendance at the social given by the ladies of s Ihuraua Valley to inaugurate the completion of the new school-house. The building, which is by no means small, was quite inadequate to accommodate all the visitors, who seemed to have foregathered from all points of the compass. Wo doubt the knowledge that the member for the district would be there to instruct, to entertain, to smile and shake hands with all and sundry, had much to do with creating so general a desire to be present, quite independently of the other attractive parts of the programme-for there is a large amount of bonhomie about our worthy M.P., which always makes him a very desirable acquisition on such occasions, or in our country meetings generally. Mr Hogg's speech, which dealt

chiefly with the advantages of our magnificent system of education, lasted over an hour, and was well received. At times he would be humorous, as well as philosophical and bachelors and spinsters were not spared—for they were reminded, that the erection of such buildings as they were that day commemorating, were not built to be left empty, so they should wake up to their responsibilities and be hoped that he would later on have the pleasure of hearing that present requirements were insufficient for the increasing number of children in this highly favoured and progressive valley. He also referred to the great advance in education, which has been made in New Zealand, where at one time six could not write out of twelve, scarce one now might be found, however, who could not write. He once had a personal experience in Victoria when sitting on a jury, of seeing no less than six of the jurymen signing their names with crosses, He trusted that state of things was now a thing of the past and that parents fully appreciated the benefits of education, for their offspring and would avail themselves of it on every possible occasion, Dancing, music and refreshments, all lent their aid towards completing a very pleasant evening, which might have been improved with more propitious weather.

1st March 1901 Mr J Fanning passed partial E Certificate as a teacher

30th March 1901 SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Ihuraua School. The examination of the above school took place on the 26th inst., by Mr F, M, Bakewell, M.A. All the pupils passed, which may be considered extremely satisfactory, as a hundred per cent, of passes were obtained last year, As this is a new school, it

says much for the ability and zeal of its teacher, Mr J, Fanning. The results are as follows

Standard VII.-Elliot Rutherford , Standard IV.—Arnold Petersen, Standard III-May Petersen, Lena Petersen, Leah Shirley, Elizabeth McDonald.

Standard II-John Hector McDonald, Hilda Benton.

Standard 1— Peter McDonald, Donald McDonald, Emma Petersen.

10th September 1901 Messrs Giles and McDonald, the contractors for the Ihuraua School reserve fence, have just completed the work. A visitor to Masterton informs us that the fence is one of the most satisfactory jobs ever completed in that part of the district

2nd November 1901 Scholarship Examinations. The following are the marks attained by scholars attending the Board Schools who competed in this year's scholarship examinations, The scholarships will not be awarded until the next meeting of the Board for children attending schools which have an average attendance of under 100. Three scholarships.:—1 Eleanor Cooper, Ballance, 398; Henrietta Blomquist, Parkvale 386; George Smith, Paraparaumu, 351 Elliot Rutherford Ihuraua, 351; Edward Luff, Cross' Creek

23rd November 1901 METEOR.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir— In last Saturday's (9th) supplement to the Post reference was made to meteor observed by a Napier resident. 'A similar phenomenon was witnessed here by the local schoolmaster and the chairman of the School Committee. It fell at 4.10 p.m. (circ.) in the direction of. N.E. It descended rather slowly somewhat like a spent rocket and it appeared perfectly incandescent. In the interests of science, I am, etc., CONSTANT READER. Ihuraua Valley, 13th February 1902 Wednesday

A narrow escape from drowning within the Ihuraua School grounds occurred here the other day, and was only averted by the promptness of a lad jumping in and rescuing a youngster after he had more than once disappeared beneath the surface, whilst bathing soon after school hours. As this dangerous pool is within the school ground, we trust the School Committee will take such precautions that will minimise the danger from accident at this spot in the future.

14th April 1902 Change in the Mastership of the Ihuraua School I hear is contemplated, Miss Graham taking the place of Mr Fanning, who is appointed 1st assistant to the Kilbirnie School in Wellington
29th May 1902 The Ihuraua Valley Committee asked (the Board) for the enlargement of that school It was decided to obtain a report on the subject.

17th March 1903 (From Our Own) The entertainment known as the Workman's Parliament duly came on, on Thursday last, in Mr Brown's wool shed, Ihuraua Valley. It was a complete success, collecting credit, not only on the promoters, but also on those who attended, for the object was a worthy one—viz., some much-needed improvements to the school grounds; besides promoting a sociable and active occasion amongst back settlers, which, as a rule, is not so frequent as it should be.

To Miss Graham, the energetic teacher of the school, was principally due the conception and fulfilment of this festive treat, for she was the philosopher and guide throughout. For all legislative assemblies amongst men, we naturally look for the experience and sobriety of years to lend weight and wisdom to their deliberations. This, with one or two exceptions of apparent youthfulness amongst some of the members, was not lost of by our unique and novel parliament, as it

was composed chiefly of the sago and comely matrons of the district, who could appreciate to the full the disabilities and trials of their sex, by the incapacity of man to rule the world aright. Though Bellamy (as the institution is understood) was abolished by the Ladies' Parliament, after the cares of State or their onerous duties for the day were concluded, light refreshments were provided, and subsequently followed by a dance, and in the twinkling of an eye the mirthfulness of youth was quickly substituted for the staid gravity of the ancient. As a proof of the success of the performance, the amateurs have been invited to repeat the same in Alfredton.

The annual school picnic of the Ihuraua School came out on Friday, and was well attended, eighty or a hundred persons being on the ground. Mr Cooper, as Chairman of the School Committee, after an effective speech, distributed the prizes—honourable mention being made of one of the pupils, Hector McDonald, who was awarded a special prize. Prizes for the competitive games which followed, and eatables were, as usual, provided on a most liberal scale, and, as the weather was perfect, it proved a gala day for the Valley

27th March 1903 Wellington Education Board Meeting that the opinion of the School Committee be obtained as to the advisability of granting to the Mauriceville County Council a site for a roadman's wharf at Ihuraua the proposed site being part of an education reserve with native bush thereon.

1st May 1903 Ihuraua VALLEY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent), A well-attended meeting of householders was held here on 27th inst., for the purpose of electing the School Committee for the ensuing year. Mr J. C. Cooper was voted to the chair. The balance sheet, showing a considerable credit

balance, was read and adopted. Eight candidates were nominated, and a poll being taken, the following five were declared elected — Messrs J. C. Cooper, M. McIntosh, H. Pedersen, H. Benton, R. Brown. At a Committee meeting, hold after the householders' meeting, Mr J. C. Cooper was elected Chairman and Mr H. Benton, Secretary and Treasurer

28th May 1903 An application from Ihuraua for increased school accommodation was referred to the inspectors

16th June 1903 On Thursday evening an entertainment was given by the children of the Ihuraua School, under the leadership of Miss Graham, the local teacher, in aid of funds for the erection of gymnastic appliances. The programme submitted was of a highly entertaining order, consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues, giving full scope to the abilities of the pupils. Many of the items were encored, the whole programme being completed without a single breakdown on the part of any performer, notwithstanding the extreme youth of many of the juvenile actors. It reflected the greatest credit on the patience and ability of their teacher, who devoted much of her time towards making it the success it was.

Mr J. C. Cooper, when moving a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Graham and her pupils, drew attention to the importance of training children to acquire the self-confidence and talent necessary to speak from a public platform, when occasion arose. This, the speaker considered, was not sufficiently taught in the public schools of the colony. A collection taken in the room, for the object above mentioned, was liberally responded to.

Later on dancing was indulged in till the early hours of the morning, and amongst the things not forgotten were refreshments,

on a generous scale, for which the ladies of Ihuraua stand preeminent, and is herewith gratefully acknowledged. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Begbie for the use of his piano, which materially added to the pleasure of the evening

20th October 1903 A very successful progressive euchre party organised by Mrs R. Brown, of the Ihuraua Valley, and Miss Graham, teacher of the local school, came off on Saturday, 10th, and was attended by no less than fifty-four adults. This is not only very significant of the increasing development of this valley, but of the magnetic influence which the above ladies possess over our scattered population, in bringing them together when they decide upon an entertainment, which, under their auspices, never lacked for all that constitutes a very pleasant social gathering. As usual, refreshments were on a liberal scale, and the presentation of a silver thimble as a prize to a young lady, with a few amusing comments by Miss Graham, brought matters to a conclusion on the stroke of midnight.

31st December 1903 IHURAU A Bounded on the west by the Eketahuna School District, including section 19; on the north including sections 7, 24, 23, 29, 20, 19, 18, 16, 15, 83, and 84 on the east including sections 84 and 87 on the south including sections 9, 92, 93, and 87. *Hope it makes sense*

25th April 1904 On Friday week we are promised a school concert in the Ihuraua Valley, and as these entertainments are always a success, when the weather is favourable, it is regrettable that nothing more roomy than the local school-house is available for the large gathering which is sure to be present.

We are not suffering from "swelled heads" just now, but later on, when some public spirited individual offers a site for a town hall, the necessity or otherwise of erecting such a building will be gladly discussed by the settlers, for they believe in identifying themselves in all progressive movements.

7th May 1904 (From Our Own Correspondent.)

A well-attended School concert came off on Tuesday last in the Ihuraua Valley and was followed by a dance, and it is almost needless to say that the programme, consisting of twenty items, solos, action and chorus songs and recitations, were most successfully rendered by the juvenile performers. The merry faces and brisk actions of the children (as the troupe) bespoke the keen interest they took in the parts allotted to them, which commenced with "Marching Through Georgia," and concluded with an amusing dialogue. In the play of Humpy Dumpy," the dresses of the children were a special feature of loveliness and good taste, and showed a keen desire on the part of parents to assist the organiser, Miss Graham, the school teacher, in preparing the many details of concert work. Mr Turner of the Dryer's Bock school manipulated the piano, with a touch and finish which displayed his musical genius, and in song, also, he was equally gifted, as in a duet he sang to an appreciative audience. It may well be asked here what would our social life be in some of our back settlements were it not for the frequent praiseworthy efforts of many of our school teachers to drive care away, and to minimise as much as possible the asperities of our pioneer life, and show that existence need not be a continuous drudgery, or without a ray of sunshine to both old and young—all honour to them. There was a hard frost this (Wednesday) morning,

and. at this moment, "Your Own," is sitting with frozen feet and fingers, seems to lack inspiration, partly accounts for the brevity of this budget, but which have been lengthened by an account of an enormous wild boar, this week, but which, for the above reasons cannot be given. Mr Alfred Dagg is the fortunate possessor of the tusks, which, no doubt, will be duly mounted and kept in memoriam of, perhaps, the last of the race of the aboriginal porcines in this district.

15th May 1905 Though the Education Board have advertised for the last two months for a teacher, to replace a vacancy which had occurred in the management of this school, no application has yet been received. This is regrettable, for even if the mere salary is not tempting enough, there are other considerations which should induce aspirants for a teacher's career to take a school of this kind. The seclusion and quietness of a country life lends itself to the promotion of further study in their profession, thus helping them to qualify for a higher and more lucrative position; and, if competent to teach music, painting, or any other useful art, they can generally command a sufficient number of pupils to add very substantially to their salary. A healthy life in the country is infinitely better than a butterfly existence in the city, as a rule, where temptations for moral and physical deterioration are possible, if not probable. Blame, however, may be attachable to parents in the first place, in not urging their offspring to elect for this occupation as a means of breadwinning,. and, secondly, to the Government who could, by greater liberality, to the teaching staff, not only upraise their status, but make the service a more desirable field for high intelligence and capacity, for the onerous duties involved in the upbringing and

training of the rising generation. Under present conditions that modus vivendi seems to be more repellent than attractive. *Could apply to Wairere School rather than Ihuraua*

26th May 1905 Notwithstanding somewhat unfavourable weather the Ihuraua School Concert, which came off on Friday last, was well attended. A feature of the entertainment was specially referred to by Mr J. C. Cooper, the Chairman of the School Committee, in regard to the proclaiming of the successive items of the programme by, the children each in their turn—appearing in front of the audience, and without fear or hesitation, naming the next performance. This, he thought, was an innovation in the right direction, as it tended to remove unnecessary shyness when appearing before the public, and, later on, after further practice, more confidence would be established, and the role of a public speaker, should the occasion arise, would then be simplified, and be robbed of half its terrors, which, to many, was but the result of neglected training in- that direction in their early life. The duties of a teacher were onerous enough without such self-imposed tasks, and formed no part of the new syllabus, and it was, therefore, with much pleasure that he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Graham, to whom the chief credit was due for the very successful entertainment which it had been their pleasure to witness that evening." This was carried by acclamation, and suitably replied to, after which the meeting broke up, settlers wending their way to their distant homes by the aid of a few twinkling stars and a fitful moon, and much it was to their credit, for those who will not sacrifice a little of their convenience, or rather a great deal, for the good of their children, do not deserve to rank as parents.

2nd December 1905 Miss Graham is turning instruction in gardening and agriculture to practical account at the Ihuraua Valley School. In July last about an eighth of an acre of the school reserve was turned up with the spade and this was divided into plots for the boys to operate upon while an ornate centrepiece was reserved for flower culture by the girls. The flowers look bright and pretty, but the vegetables, of which there is a large variety from savoury herbs to early potatoes, embracing the very latest and most expensive kinds, are sold to the roadmen at very satisfactory prices. About a year ago, Miss Graham's average attendance dropped from 30 to 15, but now that good agricultural lessons are being taught the numbers have gone up to 24. Some of the children on the dairy farms have to work hard and travel considerable distances over bad roads, but the regularity of the attendance is surprisingly satisfactory

7th December 1905 At the Ihuraua Valley School in the Wairarapa district, gardening and agriculture are being taught to practical account. In July last about an eighth of an acre of the school reserve was turned up with the spade, and this was divided into plots for the boys to operate upon while an ornate centrepiece was reserved for flower culture by-the girls. The vegetables, of which there is a large variety from savoury herbs to early potatoes, embracing the very latest and most expensive kinds, are sold to the roadmen at very satisfactory prices.

22nd December 1905 A concert was held at Ihuraua on Thursday, 14th inst., in order to raise funds for a picnic and sports for the Ihuraua school children, which are to be held on or about January 19th. The concert was promoted by Mrs W. McIntosh, aided by other ladies. The programme was a varied one, being contributed as

follows .—Overture, Misses Graham and Crotty; recitation, Miss Lena Peterson, "How Uncle Podger Hangs a Picture" ;Mr Turner, A Spanish Duel," (as an encore Mr Turner sang a comic coon song); Mr McLean, Asleep in the Deep Mrs Brown, Allan Adair" Mr E. Dagg, a patriotic song, "Children of the Empire" Mrs McIntosh and Miss Crotty, duet, "Two Cousins" ;Mr S. Rutherford, "The Last Muster" Miss Dagg, "In Happy Moments" Misses L. Peterson and Graham, duet; Mr R. Dagg, recitation, "ronsides" duet, Miss Crotty and Mr McLean, Life's Dream is O'er song, Mr A. Dagg, Low-Backed Car." song, Mr Turner, "The Lost Chord." Mr Turner was again encored, and sang a comic song entitled "The Tom Cat."

At the conclusion of the concert, for which Mr W. McIntosh kindly lent a piano, dancing was indulged in, and continued into the small hours of the morning. Violin music was supplied by Mr Begbie, and Messrs Graham and Crotty played the piano for extras. Mr Arnold Peterson made an efficient M.C. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies. Miss Graham- and Mr Turner played accompaniments for the singers. At the conclusion the audience of about seventy cheered Mr Begbie for his excellent dance music.

During the evening it was stated that the average attendance at the school for the last quarter had been twenty-one, with twenty four on the roll. The average attendance for the past year was also twenty-one, being an excellent attendance for a country school where there is so much to keep the-children away. The proceeds amounted to £3.

30th December 1905 A visitor to the Ihuraua Valley during the Christmas vacation informs us that ice was to be seen on the rivers and streams in that district on Christmas morning. Such an

occurrence had never previously experienced at this particular season of the year.

23rd January 1906 The annual picnic of the Ihuraua school came off on Friday. The valley turned out in full force, for they know that under the organising genius of the teacher, Miss Graham, and other ready helpers, there would be nothing lacking to make the day a very pleasant one; and so it proved, for the weather was perfect. Prizes for success in games were numerous and liberal, and the edibles and temperance draughts were distributed, as is always the case here, with a lavish and generous hand. Where was the photographer on this occasion that such a scene of rural happiness and contentment was not printed and circulated. For those bright, healthy and happy children made a picture that would have made the parents of any town green with envy, or as an art study of youths' happy days could have fittingly adorned the walls of any studio.

10th August 1906 On Friday, the 3rd inst., a concert was given by the children attending the Ihuraua school, to raise funds for the development of their school garden. Last year, a cottage garden was laid out, under the supervision of the teacher, Miss Graham, and such excellent results were obtained that both children and mistress felt capable of greater things. Though backed by a strong and sympathetic committee, which liberally supports any scheme for the physical and mental training of the children, they felt that more capital was needed to ensure greater results. Encouraged by the good attendance of the public at previous concerts, they relied on their patronage again to provide the amount required. A varied programme was given, the items,, which were well rendered, testifying to the patient training of the teacher and the ability of the

performers. In the course of his remarks, the chairman drew attention to the necessity of all children acquiring a knowledge of practical agriculture. He stated that competition was becoming so keen, that the country that wished to keep ahead must cultivate its land on up-to-date principles, and this, therefore, could not be better brought about than by instilling such information into the youth of the country, who later in life would turn such knowledge to practical results when they became farmers. After the concert was concluded, the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till a late hour, everyone going home tired but well pleased with the evenings programme. There was a heavy frost on Wednesday morning 26th October 1906 Owing to the want of pupils, our local school (*Wairere*) for some time past, has been closed, and now its furniture, school desks, etc., are being removed to the Ihuraua School, which, in its attendance, is on the increase. The Education Board has now in contemplation the removal of the **school** itself—in pieces—so as to increase the accommodation of the Ihuraua School.

17th December 1906 Weasels are playing havoc with young lambs in the Ihuraua Valley, one settler, Mr H. Dagg, losing half a dozen and having had about thirty others attacked. On examination it was found that the lambs had been attacked behind the ear, where a small puncture was the only clue to the authors of the mischief.

19th December 1906 On Monday, 10th inst., at 10.12 p.m., there was an earthquake, lasting only a second or two, but severe enough to disturb a few chimneys and to damage crockery. The Ihuraua School chimney is laid low—as on a previous occasion—whilst others are merely cracked

5th January 1907 AN UNCOMPLETED ROAD.

School-Mistress on the Warpath.

Interviews Member for the District.

Required Work to be Put in Hand-

Although a good deal of metalling has of late years been done in the neighbourhood of Bartons-line and Ihuraua Valley, it seems that, owing to the eccentricities of the weather and other causes, a gap of six or seven chains has been left unfinished. This unfinished portion happens to be opposite the Ihuraua School, and the teacher, watching her protégés during the winter travelling ankle deep through the mud, has been nursing her wrath to keep it warm."

Having finished the ascent of Mount Holdsworth, the teacher was travelling homeward by rail, when she espied the Member for the District. "When are you coming up to see us, Mr Hogg?" she asked. "Oh I'll take a run up one of these days but you don't seem to need me. You are all happy and contented." Are we was the reply. Just travel up in wet weather, and see the bog we have just opposite the school. You have got the road metalled for miles, but just at the school there is a long mud pond." And are the children travelling through that asked the member in surprise. Luckily the Government Inspector of Works was a listener in the same carriage and the M.H.R. gleefully introduced him to the schoolmistress, remarking "That's the culprit, now pitch into him." It appeared that money had been provided for the metalling, but the approach of winter stopped the contract and the unexpended balance went back into the Treasury. Explanations ensued, but the officer had a sultry time before Mangamahoe was reached and the teacher alighted.

Since the incident the Roads Department has been appealed to, and an authority has been given for the completion of the road

8th February 1907 Ihuraua Sole Teacher £144 and £20

11th February 1907 **SCHOOL CHILDREN'S GARDEN PLOTS.**

A. and P. Association's

Competition

Matahiwi Scholars Awarded Both Prizes

At the meeting of the General Committee of the Masterton A. and P. Association, on Saturday, the result of the School children's garden-plot competition in connection with the Show was announced. The judges were Messrs F. C. Lewis and James Mc- Gregor, who reported that the competition had been a very interesting one indeed. Eight schools had entered, and all had acquitted themselves creditably. Matahiwi scholars had succeeded in annexing both the prizes awarded by the Association, but the judges thought that, in view of the larger amount of work which had been accomplished by Ihuraua and Hukanui schools, some recognition should be made of their efforts.

The following schools had entered —Matahiwi (five plots), Hukanui (five plots), Ihuraua (ten plots), Dreyerton (four plots), Kaipororo (one plot), Mauriceville West (seven plots), Taueru (four plots), and Hamua (six plots).

The values of the prizes were 15 shillings first and 10 shillings second, and were awarded for general appearance of plots, straightness of rows, freedom from weeds, condition of soil, quality and quantity of vegetables. Adverse circumstances (poorness of soil, absence of water and exposed situation) were taken into consideration by the judges in allotting marks. Matahiwi plot No. 2 was first, and plot No. 4 second. In plot No. 2. 37 points were awarded for neatness and cultivation, 24 for quality of vegetables, 25 for condition of tools, and nil for adverse circumstances; total, 86. In the second prize plot, the points were given for neatness and cultivation, 23 for quality of vegetables, 25 for condition of tools, and nil for adverse circumstances total, 88.

The judges were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services, the judging having involved a considerable amount of travelling, and taken some little time to complete.

Messrs Lewis and McGregor, in returning thanks, stated that the value of the competition was inestimable, and they would willingly do, as much again as they had done in view of this fact.

In discussing the judges' recommendation re recognition of the work of Ihuraua and Hukanui schools, the Chairman thought that it would probably be best to let the matter stand over, and next year better encouragement could be offered.

Several other members thought that the wishes of the judges should be given effect to, and a subscription taken up in the room resulted in 22s being collected, which was awarded as follows: —Hukanui Plot 5, 72 marks, 7s; plot J .70 marks, is. Ihuraua: Plot 8, points, 7s; plot 4, , 4 shillings

The Masterton school plots are not included in this competition, being judged by themselves. The results will probably be available this week

12th March 1907 Miss G Allan appointed

26th March 1907 It is one of the physiological problems of life in the human family, as to why some fortunate beings, without any apparent effort on their part, can secure for themselves unlimited friends, and never know an enemy: whilst others, less fortunate, without any desire to be hostile to any one, will travel through life's pilgrimage, without the satisfaction of feeling that they have secured the friendship of a single fellow mortal, however much they may yearn for the love and companionship of a kindred spirit to their own. To the former type I now refer. No social ever held in this valley, was ever better attended, as regards members, than the function given on Friday evening, in honour of Miss Graham, the late teacher of the Ihuraua School and now about to retire to the Elysium Groves in the Tawataia Valley (*East of Eketahuna, North of Pleckville*) where, in her new home, we wish her many happy years of wedded life. The long connection with the school here, had secured her many friends, not only with pupils and their parents, but

amongst settlers generally, hence the enthusiasm displayed, to which I can only now do scant justice. Complimentary letters were received and read from the Chairman of the Education Board and Mr Hogg, M.H.R. Short speeches from others present, testified to her popularity—for she was the head and front of all our social movements and pastimes. Presentations from pupils and friends were acknowledged by the recipient, with feelings evidently touched by the warmth of the demonstration in her favour. The usual refreshments and dance followed, bringing a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

1907/3219	Margaret Louise	Graham	Thomas Henry	Grove s	
1914/18526	Groves	Henrietta	Margaret Louise	Thomas Henry	-
1918/16932	Groves	Kelvin	Margaret Louise	Thomas Henry	-
1909/12103	Groves	Mary Vincent	Margaret Louise	Thomas Henry	-
1908/13466	Groves	Thomas Graham	Margaret Louia	Thomas Henry	
1950/2111 7	Groves	Margaret Louisa			80Y

Eketahuna Cemetery Headstone Inscription: In loving memory of Thomas Henry Groves of Tawataia. Born at Wybunbury, Cheshire England March 9 1863. Came to New Zealand 1884, died August 3 1942. "They do rest from their labours and their works do follow them" Rev 14:13. Margaret Louise Groves, died June 11 1950, aged 80. Also a memorial plaque to the right of the headstone: Rodney Graham, killed in action 1942, aged 34. And a memorial plaque to

the left of the headstone: Kelvin Groves, killed in action 1943, aged 30.

29th August 1907 Having regard to your limited .space, during session time, I can only briefly refer to a very excellent entertainment, held on Friday last, at the Ihuraua School house. The programme was a very lengthy one, consisting of an overture, songs, tableaux, recitations and a comedy, followed by dancing, and sufficient refreshments to have appeased the appetite of the inhabitants of the Ark for a week. The .good folks of this valley and the neighbourhood of Alfredton, always evince their practical sympathy, when there is a legitimate cause, for so doing. As the intention was to raise funds for the purchase of a piano, and in aid of school funds, the response was very gratifying, as shown by the large attendance, in spite of long distances over bad roads. This school district has much reason to congratulate itself on the energy ;md ability displayed in the past, by its various teachers, in promoting those social functions, which arc educational in the highest degree, not only for the more youthful minds, but for their elders as well. It is also an absolute necessity that settlers in the backblocks should foregather sometimes, if only to compare notes and be mutually" instructive to one another, lest "they should get rusty in their isolation". In conclusion, we must give our word of praise to the organising ability of Miss G. Allen, our local school teacher, to whom the chief credit was due for the careful training and supervision which she exercised from beginning to end of this very successful affair, and which I understand will be continued monthly, or till the piano becomes a freehold property, and ceases to be a burden on the teacher's mind. Fatalities among the ewe flock on

a considerable scale, are spoken of and lamented, by many farmers in this district, as being far in excess of the usual average, during the lambing reason.

13th January 1909 Sole Charge Teacher Ihuraua (Near Pahiatua????)
150 pound 20 pound housing allowance

29th January 1909 Resignation of Miss Allen

13th February 1909 Appointment of Miss Enid Williams

15th February appointment of Miss O Pattle

1st June 1910 Application for the lease and purchase of the school site at Ihuraua were declined

16th September 1910 The Truant Inspector, Mr J. Dineen, proceeded against a number of parents at the Magistrate's Court, before Mr L. G. Reid, S.M., this morning for failing to send their children to school for the requisite number of days required by the Act. Poverty and sickness were pleaded in extenuation in some of the cases, but his Worship pointed out that where children could not possibly attend certificates of exemption could be applied for. The Education Board did not desire to unduly harass people, but it was essential that the children should receive an education and it was the parents' duty to see that they did. Thos. Goodgame (Mauriceville) was fined 2s (shillings) with costs 7s in each of two charges, P. Jensen (Ihuraua Valley) was fined 2s with costs 7s, and Mrs P. McDonald (Ihuraua Valley) was fined 2s with costs 2s

1st August 1911 HURAU VALLEY.

By some unaccountable means the outside districts have long regarded this most fertile valley as being almost unfit for the abode of man. Possibly this view may have been entertained some twenty years ago when the major part of the district was clothed in almost trackless virgin forest, but now that this vast forest area has been turned into well roaded and healthy sheep and cattle pastures the idea is, to say the least, ridiculous. Certainly the district does not possess a store or any public buildings except a school but this, I maintain, is only because the settlers being moderately well to do, are content to obtain their goods in bulk from the larger centres, but the time is not far distant when a flourishing township will spring up in the vicinity of the now disused creamery.

This part of the Wairarapa is remarkably well adapted for the dairying industry, being well watered by permanent streams and springs, besides being sheltered from the howling nor'-west and bitterly cold southerly winds which, in a dairy district, always tend to reduce the milk, supply. It is now, when the pasture lands in the adjoining districts are almost bare, that the fertility of the unfilled soil in the valley is in marked evidence noticeable, by the almost luxuriant spring growth. One drawback to the district is that in very wet weather some eight hundred acres —more or less—of the low-lying country are under water, but this difficulty could .with a comparatively small expenditure, be easily overcome if farmers formed themselves into a drainage board and had the lower parts of the Ihuraua stream cleared of logs and debris which have collected there during flood time. In the course of four or five years the leases of some five thousand acres, more or less, of Education and College Reserve land will expire, and the Government would do well to

acquire these lands for close settlement, as this land, besides being already roaded, will be to the purchaser wealth-producing from the first.

The facilities offered to the small farmer would be greater than in many places where the Government, has acquired lands for settlement, as we are only seven miles by a good metalled road from the railway, fencing timber can be obtained almost anywhere, and last, but not least, an up-to-date sawmill plant, having a lease covering many years, of the timbered lands, is firmly established here.

1st November 1911 Ihuraua-That offer for reserve be referred to the committee for an expression of opinion. That the committee be empowered to construct bridge, and to fence reserve in the way recommended by the inspector, without cost to the board.

13th March 1913 Ihuraua (Eketahuna District) Sole Teacher 150 to 180 pound and 20 pound housing allowance

13th April 1912 Mr C H Ralph appointed

25th April 1912 The following school committee has been elected by the Ihuraua householders:—Messrs H. J. Dagg (chairman and secretary), George Henry Ford, Frederick William Wood, William John Blake and Charles Oliver.

30th April 1912 section 5, block XV., Mangaone (Ihuraua Reserve), lease for twenty-one years, P. Jensen, £10 per annum

23rd September 1914 Ralph v. Rasmussen. In this case George Henry Ralph, a schoolmaster at Ihuraua, claimed from S. H.

Rasmussen, a settler in the district, and ex-member of the School Committee, £501 damages for libel alleged to have been contained in a letter forwarded by the defendant to the Wellington Education Board in reference to the conduct and habits of the schoolmaster. The letter in question charged Ralph with oppressive conduct towards the girls in the school, with using coarse and vulgar language, and with having been drunk while on a visit to Wellington with children to see H.M.S. New Zealand. Mr M. Myers, of Wellington, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr P. L. Hollings (with Mr T. Page) for defendant. The following jury was empanelled: —Thos. Wagg (foreman), Robert Falloon, Edward R. Howell, T. W. McKenzie, R. E. Jones, Frank R. Harvey, George Hunter, William James, Jas Guild, George Clifford, A. Haxton and W. J. Wise. Thomas Fleming, chief inspector under the Wellington Education Board, gave evidence as to holding a Board enquiry as a result of the letter received from Rasmussen. At this enquiry Mr Page withdrew the charge of drunkenness contained in Rasmussen's letter. Rasmussen had never expressed to the Education Board a desire to withdraw the charges against Ralph. George Henry Ralph, schoolmaster at Ihuraua for the past two years, stated in evidence that he was not on speaking terms with Rasmussen for some time before the letter was written to the Board. When taxed by witness with having made statements to the effect that plaintiff had been drinking in the bush with painters, and had been riding on a metal cart during school hours, Rasmussen admitted having made the statements. Plaintiff asked for an enquiry by the School Committee, which was duly held. Defendant refused to apologise, and told plaintiff to take the case to court. At a later date Rasmussen spoke to

witness about not allowing his daughter to go out of school when she asked. Plaintiff said he was not aware the child had asked. Rasmussen said he was going to make a complaint, and plaintiff told him to send it to the right quarter. Rasmussen, who was carrying a whip, said, "Be careful, or I will swipe you over the snout." When plaintiff visited Wellington to see the H.M.S. New Zealand, he was not in charge of any children. An enquiry had been held at Rasmussen's request into a charge that the teacher had caned Rasmussen's children. At an enquiry held, Rasmussen stated that he had used Mr Aulin's name as being informant as to the charge of drunkenness without Aulin's permission. Rasmussen did not withdraw any charge. At the Education Board enquiry, Mr Fleming said that he had seen Aulin, whose statements practically negated the charges. Mr Page then withdrew the charge of drunkenness. Rasmussen had never apologised for his statements. Plaintiff consulted his solicitor almost immediately in regard to the charges. Rasmussen had previously had a grievance with plaintiff in regard to a culvert, and charged him with being untruthful.

Henry John Dagg, sheep farmer, who was chairman of the Ihuraua School Committee last year, stated that an enquiry was held at the schoolmaster's request re allegations made by Rasmussen as to the schoolmaster drinking with painters, and wrongfully absenting himself from the school. The enquiry found that there was absolutely no ground for the charges, and this result was communicated to Rasmussen. Defendant's attitude was decidedly hostile towards the plaintiff. At the enquiry Rasmussen repeated the charges against Ralph, and did not withdraw them. Victor O. E. Aulin, storekeeper at Eketahuna, who saw the plaintiff on the train

returning from Wellington after the visit to H.M.B. New Zealand, denied ever having told Rasmussen that plaintiff's condition was such as to necessitate children being removed from a carriage. He informed Rasmussen of a certain settler who was drunk. Rasmussen had later asked witness to write out a statement that he had seen Ralph drunk while returning from Wellington, but witness refused. Henry Elliott, canvasser for Jones and Co., Eketahuna, said he remembered the day the Education Board enquiry was held. He met Rasmussen on the road, who told him the enquiry was in reference to the schoolmaster ill-treating his children while he was under the influence of liquor. Rasmussen said if he did not get Ralph shifted he would remove his children. About a fortnight ago Rasmussen told witness he had been summoned by Ralph, and asked if he had ever delivered liquor to Ralph, and witness said "no."

Charles Oliver, farmer at Ihuraua said he used to send his children to the Ihuraua School, but did not do so now on account of the bad roads. Rasmussen did not know the reason of witness withdrawing his children from the school. William John Blake, farmer at Ihuraua, and a member of the School Committee, said he remembered the meeting to enquire into charges against the schoolmaster. Rasmussen had accused witness on one occasion of making the schoolmaster drunk at his residence, which was absolutely false. In regard to a statement by Rasmussen that the children had been caned severely on the hands and arms till they were swollen, witness said he examined the children shortly after the caning was alleged to have taken place, and could not see any trace of it. Rasmussen then said the swelling must have gone down.

John H. Berney, farmer at Ihuraua, chairman of the School Committee, remembered advising Rasmussen not to exaggerate his complaints and to keep his charges so that the committee would have something definite to work on. At the School Committee enquiry, Ralph satisfied the committee that he had good reason for using the cane where it had been used. Since Rasmussen had left the committee, the business had run smoothly. This concluded the case for the plaintiff. Mr Hollings formally moved for a non-suit on the ground that the publication of the letter to the Education Board was privileged, and did not disclose malice. His Honor refused a non-suit. After the adjournment, Mr Hollings (counsel for defendant) announced that the case had been satisfactorily settled out of court. On behalf of defendant he wished to express regret that the statements of defendant had; been made.

23rd December 1914 Miss E R Dagg appointed as Sole Teacher

4th May 1915 Ihuraua. —Messrs. J. Berney (chairman), J. Blake, P. Jensen, A. Weston, J. Anderson.

11th May 1915 Allied Relief Fund Ihuraua School Children £1

1st May 1917 Ihuraua. E H. Dagg (chairman, A. MacLean, E. S. Matson, W. J. Blake, T. Dunn

10th August 1917 Ihuraua (near Mauriceville) £Sole Teacher £140 to £190 and £20 housing allowance

14th September 1917 Miss V I Curtis Sole Teacher Ihuraua

14th November 1923 M Miles Resigns

25th June 1945 Mabel Hamilton Indirect War Appointment Sole Teacher

Notes from Jubilee Booklet (2nd version)

Opened 4th July 1899

James Fanning was teacher He used the cane severely and was very strict

Miss Graham came in 1902 and stayed till she married Thomas Groves

She had been used to town life and had to learn to ride

The land at Ihuraua was settled by Canterbury Special Settlement consisting of a number of settlers from Canterbury

1900 3rd August P S Macdonald broke his leg, when he fell from a horse Accident occurred about 3.30 pm He arrived home at 10 pm due to bad roads

1903 8th May Today a successful working bee was held in the school grounds. 8 workers with 5 carts busy at work metalling part of the grounds and necessary paths.

25th August Heavy snowfall 7 children present made a snowman under the flagstaff

1904 2nd May A Hundred present at school entrainment Windows lined with faces.

1909 30th April Night entertainment Mr Jack of Mauriceville came with his moving pictures

1914 24th July Teacher discovered smoke issuing from under the school; only chimney needed repairing

1915 23rd Aril Archie Macdonald, cycling to school received severe injuries resulting from collision with motor car

1917 19th March Nine boys took to the bush for the afternoon

Notes from Log Transcribed from Jubilee Booklet

1899

4th August One table and one chair arrived

27th September Cricket and rounder sets, skipping ropes, marbles, indoor games bought

8th December 16 pupils on roll

1900 2nd March School is draughty and overrun by rats, lighting and ventilation bad.

6th June. C E Daniell's tender accepted for building new school

8th June Chairman of School Committee Mr H Benton has granted the children a holiday in celebration of the success of the British Army in South Africa

1901 25th January New School opened by AW Hogg Wellington Education Board Member

100 people present

4th February School used for first time

1903

8th May Paths and part of school grounds metalled.

7th October Rev I Kitcat gave the children an interesting address on the Hawaiian Islands where he had spent 18 years

15th October Sixteen of the children visited the Masterton Exhibition and Fish Ponds. It was quite an event as some of them had never been to town before.

1904

13th May Fencing of school grounds completed

1907

12th February Tenders called for enlarging and painting school

9th May Carpenters took possession. School closed for a fortnight

1918

19th March School closed as valley was enveloped in thick clouds of smoke School was closed as parents anxious about the children.

19th July School dismissed because of raging snowstorm

1922 Miss Curtis left enroute to Sydney on Sick Leave.

20th July Went to Eketahuna today with pupils to see Governor and Lady Jellicoe. Mr Rasmussen kindly loaned his car to convey the children

1923 11th June English and History work will be carried out but owing to lack of library material I (Miss M Milisi) cannot do much

6th July Roll number 8

1924

19th February School becomes aided

7th May Children visited fleet of Imperial Squadron in Wellington

27th May 11 on roll

24th June Miss E M M Jones could not get back to school after Easter because of a railway strike.

1925 School reopened after being closed on account of Infantile Paralysis Epidemic

1928 Rainfall for week 6.77 inches.

16th March Today the teacher , some parents journeyed to Wellington by train. On arrival pupils were taken aboard S S Wahine where an officer gave an interesting talk and explained various instruments. After a visit to the zoo pupils were taken up the cable car and shown the University, Parliament and Government Buildings

29th May Received from Dreyers Rock 5 iron framed desks

1937 20th April School closed Infantile Paralysis epidemic Lessons mailed to pupils and done at home

1943 11th March The school joined the Country Library Service and from today will received a new issue of 20 books per term
11th July School closed Sir Joseph's Wards death
13th July. Declared a state holiday
10th September Special holiday to celebrate Italy's withdrawal from eht war
15th November Fires needed all week as it was very cold.
1944 A Courtenay radio was bought for the school
22nd May School Committee laid a concrete path to boys sheds
1945 5th February Grounds and gardens in bad order s cattle broke in during the holidays.
The pupils became members of the Navy League 100 per cent membership
3rd August Clothes Drive for UNRRA
15th August School closed end of war celebrations
27th September The pupils become members of Junior Red Cross
1947 3rd February Committee laid concrete path during holidays. No water owing to new tank erected during holidays
28th February Swimming certificates gained by 3 pupils at Masterton Park Baths for the first time in schools history
12th December School closed a week early owing to Infantile Paralysis epidemic
1948 27th February Correspondence lessons end. Children have been working from lessons published in local newspaper.
Ihuraua Alfredton combined school football team defeated Eketahuna School Team 3-0
23rd November Four senior boys to mow school lawns out of school time until the services of a new school cleaner can be found

1950 26th A new electric radio replaces the battery radio
1951 13th August Received a filmstrip projector
1953 26th May Teacher given notice to vacate house in which he was living.
23rd October A meeting of householders was held last night to discuss the pros and cons of closing the Ihuraua School and inaugurating a school bus to transport the children to Alfredton School. It was decided to try and get a bus run for our own school. Also to try and obtain a school house so that a married teacher could be appointed to the school
29th March Teacher R Cain commenced a service to transport children to the school by car
1955 The children went by excursion train to the official opening of the Rimutaka tunnel and therefore a trip through arriving home rather late at night.
1957 25th February Multiplex playground equipment purchased
17th November Site cleared in preparation for calling tenders for school house
1966 Trip to Wellington with Fernridge School
19th October President Johnson USA arrived in New Zealand children watched his arrival on TV
1968. School pool built

Committee Meeting Jottings from JB

Electricity first switched on August 1950. The settlers helping with the erection of poles and guaranteeing £30- £64 per years for 15 years whether or not they used that amount of power. The hall had been lit with pressure lamps
4th December 1950 First Committee meeting held under electric light, all were unanimous that the advantages over kerosene lighting were terrific

18th February 1952 Secretary to be empowered to buy a motor mower not exceeding £70

17th June 1952 Urgent telegram sent to Mr Holyoake MP and Board as no teacher since the holidays.

22nd September Board Quote for £650 for septic tanks considered ridiculous. Chairman obtained quote from plumber for £258

11th July 1955 Enquiries being made from Mauriceville County Council re a rental house for teacher financed under the State Advances Scheme Enquiry shelved as rental would be too high

9th April 1957 First enquiries made about fire fighting equipment

24th September 1957 First meeting to discuss raising finance for a swimming pool

11th December Alfredton invited us to participate in erection of swimming pool at Alfredton. We declined.

10th November 1959 Brought an electric Bell £3.00

8th November 1960 Mauriceville County were approached to improve drainage and visibility at school corner.

11th April 1961 Dangerous state of road between L L Hecklers homestead and cowshed was pointed out to the Eketahuna County as a number of vehicles had come to grief in a concealed drain.

June 1963 Mrs W Perry, Messrs H Dagg and N McGovern appointed to look after accounts of Alfredton Dental Clinic

October 1963 County asked to tar seal road in front of school to alleviate dust nuisance.

November 1963 Water from Koce's spring to be tested for use for school baths

March 1965 Received floor polisher. Board members visited school to discuss, mowing, school baths, shelter baths. Mr Chatfield Wellington Education Board transport officer, to visit to verify bus

route, shelter and petrol supply,. The Education Department bus was delivered here after many month of negotiations School complained to Power Board about power lines across the playing area.

September 1965 Roster of parents accepted for lawn mowing. County requested to seal parking area in front of school and to provide sand and aggregate for our learners pool gratis/

March 1966 Purchased a projector screen and globe. Tenders obtained by Wellington Education Board were exorbitant Mr P Inder was asked to amend plans and quote on the understanding that district would supply all labour

April 1967 Protested to Minister of Education and Prime Minister at the reduction in Education grant and its serious effect on children's education Basketball (Netball) goal posts were purchased

4th December Mr J O C Keen (Teacher) had leave of absence granted to attend musical course in Auckland Owing to high cost decided to discontinue annual Guy Fawkes celebrations

March 1968 Children to go on camping trip to Akatarawa.

July 1968 We allotted \$20 towards purchase of filmstrips and records. Met at school to site and fence an area for native tree plantation

November 198 Old mower now uneconomic so purchased 2-⁴ lawnmaster at \$178 less 10%

June 1969 Windows of school badly wrenched by wind. Children were taken to Dominion Museum to see James Cook display Teacher planted bamboo to replace thebaliu which had failed.

September 1969 To keep the school bus in the district it was decided to apply for parent paid extensions to Education Department. Those

who are affected by the proposed bus withdrawal agreed to financially support it.

December 1969 Bought a new spirit duplicator.

19th February 1970 During a working bee with the Tararua Electric Power Board to fell macrocarpas along road frontage one partially landed on bus shed and T E P B accepted responsibility for repairs.

October 1970 The Tourist and Publicity Department visited the school and district to make a filmstrip of a pupil's day starting at home catching the bus and the day spent at school This was sent to the Netherlands.

June 1971 New Tape Recorder \$105.20 Telephone extension put through to school office,

November 1971 The pump was replaced without the Wellington Education Board's approval

March 1972 Home and School funds used to finance school picnic. Voluntary caretaking of school by parents with the funds being paid into School Committee account. May 1972 Four steel telephone poles ex toll line were procured to replace football goalposts

August 1972 Two small electric heaters were installed to supplement wonder heat.

November 1972 New Masport rotacut lawn mower procured \$130.00 Senior pupils have made and painted a lunch table

14th December 1972 Committee, teacher and their wives held a Christmas function at the Homestead

1973 Mr and Mrs Cudby lived in Mr R W Judd's shearer's quarters while interior decoration of the school residence was done.

April 1973 The wonderheat was insulated and bedded on sand without much effect. The children accompanied by some parents travelled to Riversdale Beach to study the ecology.

February 1974 School picnic was held at Riversdale we had a happy morning but activities ceased at midday owing to heavy rain

Material from National Archives

Inspectors Reports

1965

- a) Roll 21 Teacher J O C Keen
- b) New school built in last three years is an outstanding amenity
- c) The children are extremely well behaved. The general school tone is very high indeed
- d) Particular mention should be made of the development of music, the quality of the singing and the ability of the children to play a musical instrument
- e) The baths project is a fine community effort
- f) Planning in greater depth in work plan preparation
- g) A Q Bruce

1969

- a) Mr R W Strong Roll 18
- b) Swimming pool in operation The conversion of a small storeroom to a library encourages children to use it.

- c) The Home and School Association has done a great deal to raise money for the school
- d) The need for more careful work plan preparation
- e) Standard of presentation and neatness

1973

- a) Maurice Cudby Roll 22
- b) 9 infants
- c) Unfortunately a small recession in numbers has led to the withdrawal of the teacher aide who in the short time employed did very good work
- d) The neatly kept and particularly well equipped grounds provide an attractive setting for a modern school
- e) Under the skilled direction of the Principal Mr Cudby the programme being offered provides most satisfactorily for educational, physical and social needs of these children
- f) There is an excellent school tone
- g) Written planning should be continuous and should include details of the long range plans
- h) Some time each day should be spent by the teacher with the juniors discussing developmental activities of the day.
- i) L Silcock and Ned Rankin (My Standard 6 teacher)

1976

- a) Adrienne McKay relieving 14 Standard 2 to Form 2. Russ A Goodman 8 Infants

- b) During 1975 and part of 1976 All the school with two teachers were accommodated in one classroom. The Wellington Education Board placed a relocatable classroom at the school

- c) The roll now has dropped to 22 and probably will not rise
- d) Ihurāua has had problems with staffing in recent years the school is well served by the present teachers
- e) The school is cleaned by a visiting cleaner. Large fires in both buildings provide heating. Two electric wall heaters supplement the fire in the senior room. There is no provision for heating in the staffroom office. It is recommended that a power point be installed so that a heater can be used.
- f) A major task facing the new principal will be to re-establish sound school community relationships. Parents need to have confidence in the teacher and his work with the children
- g) Ross Piper

1980

- a) Lesley Whelan Roll 19
- b) The school is a happy cooperative one where readily notable features are courteous and friendly children, a hard work and competent principal

Correspondence from National Archives

June 1919 letter from Mr Edwin Dagg to Wellington Education Board

A long letter about who should pay for fencing and creating a drier paddock for the Children's horses. The piece to be fenced of a leased plot is on the edge of the swamp and can only be worked in the summer.

1920 A letter from Mr Clean complaining of the School Committee in giving a part of the land to the Judd Estate. I notice quite a large corner of the paddocks where the horses graze now forming a part of Judd's paddock. Such action is thoroughly unjustifiable and against the interests of the school as the land will be forever lost to the school

1943 Robert Dagg Secretary of School Committee to Wellington Education Board inquiring about land used as a horse paddock

Mr Judd about 20 years ago obtained the right to shift the boundary so as to obtain dry land when the swamp was flooded for his stock to move out of danger. The land has been sold twice to C R Judd who disputes the ownership of the said ground.. He claims that land really belongs to him and not to the Wellington Education Board according to the property deeds.. The School Committee wishes you to supply a map.

11th November Wellington Education Board architect had visited and measured the land and the land definitely belongs to the Wellington Education Board

March 1944 Robert E Dagg is still waiting for Wellington Education Board to supply a map of the school ground

4th July 1949 Ihuraua to informed no residence is to built at the school

12th August 1958. Land Area is 10 acres only a small bit used A Letter from J F Russell-Wallace (Solicitor) suggesting rest of land be transferred to the crown 5 acres is across the road and is let

17th February 1959. 5 acres to be transferred to the crown

25th September 1970 A flood control scheme by the Manawatu Catchment Board is proposed

12th February 1973 Letter from Maurice Cudby Principal to Wellington Education Board asking whether the Home and School has the sole right to graze the acres of paddock or could the Principal graze it if he wished

Reply the School Committee have sole discretion of grazing

April 1986. Only 3 pupils attending. Wellington Education Board moved to close the school

Residence erected 1958 Bus garage 1958

Out Buildings are those from the original school and have no value

19th February 1988 Buildings used by Alfredton school when that school was being remodelled

14th March 1904

List of children to be provided for who are not attending Ihuraua.
Henry Eagle (5), Niniwa Benton (5) Charlie Smith (5) Alex
Nielsen 4 ½ Willie Nielsen (4)

If the Wairere School closes there will be some 7 or 8 children
from there for Ihuraua

1904 Building 289 sq feet 16 ½ feet by 17 ½

1901 roll 20, 1902 21 1903 23

Alfredton 5 ½ miles away 500 sq feet, 26 average attendance

Wairere 5 Miles 210 sq feet 11

Dreyers Rock 6 Miles 320 square feet Roll 19

1901 Census Population include in Alfredton and Vicinity 332

1896 Census 4

Proposed addition Extension of 10 foot

Extra Furniture 8 desk Blackboard and easel

Cost £100

14th March 1904 Letter from Inspector This is not an urgent case
but Roll is 33 Average for December Quarter is 27. 5 children of
school age will not be attending this year

Letter from Ministry Matter Postponed

7th December 1904 New Application

Dreyers Rock 4 ¼ Miles 340 Square feet Roll 22

Alfredton 5 Miles 528 Square feet Roll 20

Mangamahoe 6 ¾ Miles 444 sq feet Roll 20

Proposal is to increase the size of the present room by an 8 ½
foot by 16 ½ foot extension

J S Tennant Reported Roll 36 Present 31 The room on a 10 square
foot basis should accommodate 29

There appears no need for a two teacher school so recommend
addition

3rd August 1907 Additions completed and ready for occupation
on 13th July

28th June 1949 From J Stevens. Miss Hamilton has left and we are
without a teacher mainly because there is no school residence

25th May 1956 From Wellington Education Board asking for a
septic tank system to be built Roll 11. All but one in Standard 1 or
below

27th February 1958 5 tenders for House received M J Webster
lowest at £4 380.00

28th January 1963 New School building approved

10th April 1986. Only 3 children There are 18 children in the
district but there was no bus service

Four to Alfredton

Four to Hadlow

Seven to Mauriceville

The abolition of compulsory country service for teachers has
meant the school has had difficulty in attracting staff. The three
remaining pupils are going to Alfredton next term. Wairarapa
Times Age

1899	13	Ihuraua Valley	Fanning	James F		Master	£80
1900	16	Ihuarau Valley	Fanning	James F		Master	£80
1900	16	Ihuarau Valley	Brown	Selina		Sewing	£5
1901	20	Ihuarau Valley	Fanning	James F		Master	£100
1901	20	Ihuarau Valley	Brown	Selina		Sewing	£5
1902	21	Ihuarau Valley	Graham	Margaret L		Female	£100
1903	23	Ihuarau Valley	Graham	Margaret L		Female	£104
1904	25	Ihuarau Valley	Graham	Margaret L		Female	£110
1905	21	Ihuarau Valley	Graham	Margaret L	D1	Female	£130
1906	28	Ihuarau Valley	Graham	Margaret L	D1	Female	£130
1907	28	Ihuarau	Allen	Grace M	D4	Female	£144
1908	26	Ihuarau	Allen	Grace M	D4	Female	£144
1909	29	Ihuarau	Pattle	Olive Emma	C4	Female	£150
1910	28	Ihuarau	Pattle	Olive Emma	C4	Female	£155
1911	21	Ihuarau	Pattle	Olive Emma	C3	Female	£160
1912	17	Ihuarau Valley	Ralph	George		Master	£135
1913	15	Ihuarau Valley	Ralph	George H		Master	£155
1914	17	Ihuarau	Ralph	George H	C4	Master	£165
1915	21	Ihuarau	Dagg	Eveline E	D5	Female	£120
1917	25	Ihuarau valley	Curtis	Vera I	Sole		£126
1919	20	Ihuarau valley	Curtis	Vera I	Sole		£180
1921	15	Ihuarau	Curtis	Vera I	Sole		£220
1923	9	Ihuarau	Jones	Edna L M	Reliever		£105