

Longbush

1905 432 square feet

1957 Ex Eastern Hutt 1 517 square feet additional

Residence 1908 Four rooms 1956 added 2 rooms

Section 13 Block VIII Huarangarua Area 1 acre 2 rood and 8 perches

1902

19th September 1902 Among the settlements notified this week as having been brought under the Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900, are the following : —Tablelands and Longbush (part of both), and Linton (all in the Wellington district). PP

31st October 1902 Plans of the Longbush and Tablelands estates, acquired under the Land for Settlements Act, situated on the East Coast of the Wairarapa, were submitted to the Land Board yesterday. It was resolved to recommend to the Minister that the lessees of Longbush Messrs. Tully Bros, be allowed 320 acres containing the homestead, and that the remainder of the land be divided into six sections containing each from 150 to 790 acres. PP

1904

29th April 1904 An application from Longbush for a school was backed up by an offer of an acre and a quarter of land by a settler and another by the proprietor of a sawmill in the locality of the necessary timber at a reduced price. The inspector was instructed to enquire into the matter PP

20th May letter from Inspector T R Fleming included

- a) Visited on 19th May with Mr. Tully representing petitioners on site offered by Mr. Bannister
- b) Mr. Tully states there are 18 children, it may be reckoned there are 14 children of school age and 5 under and two Maori Children
- c) The distance from Gladstone on site offered is between 6 and 7 miles from Gladstone, only a few miles of this are metalled
- d) The distance from Martinborough is about 12 miles
- e) Ponatahi is over the hill to the West about 6 or 7 miles
- f) Something should be done to provide education for these children. I was not favourably impressed with site offered, it seemed likely to be damp in winter. Mr. Tully agreed
- g) There seemed to be sites on the road being formed to the South of Mr. Tully's residence
- h) I learnt from Mr. Tully that the present settlers are on part of Longbush and that another part of Longbush is to be settled and further South is Tablelands which will also have more settlers
- i) I recommend that the Board ask the Government to set aside a piece of the land to suit the settlers of Longbush and Tablelands

- j) I recommend (In the meantime) that Mr. Tully to arrange a temporary use of a room for an aided school in the meantime
- k) I understand that the generous offer in regard timber for the new building will stand for some time

Name	Occupation	Eligible children Between 5 and 15	Nearest School	To New School
D foreman	Sheep Farmer	15, 1,, and 9	7 miles	1 Mile
J Bannister	"	13,11,9,7 and 6	7	1/4
H Hodge	"	14,11 and 5	5	1 1/2
G Tully	"	7 and 5	7	1

Application included

- a) No means of rail
- b) Gladstone 7 miles average attendance 1903, 33
- c) Ponatahi, 8, 14
- d) Martinborough 11, 91
- e) Classroom 31 feet by 18 feet, Porch 18 x 6' 6
- f) Wood with brick chimney
- g) 12 dual desks, 2 blackboards, 2 easels, 1 cupboard, 1 chair
- h) 2 Shelter sheds each 18 foot x 7' 6
- i) 2 closets, One 3 seats for girls, 2 seats and urinal for boys
- j) Site yet to be finally selected
- k) 5 acres, 1 1/4 in the area of the site offered by Mr. J Bannister

l) No school in the district
 18th April A copy of Mr. Tully's reply to Inspector Fleming's report. This copy sent to Department
 There is a sawmill on the site on the ground the proprietors of which have promised to let the Board have the timber at a considerably lower rate than the price at present ruling for timber
 Mr. John Bannister has offered the site

22nd September Questions asked by Mr. E O Gibbs Secretary of Education to under Secretary of Crown lands included

- a) Is the settlement a permanent one?
- b) Is the school site offered by Mr. Bannister central not only to present settlers but also to any extension?
- c) Is a site of say 5 acres central for the Longbush and Tablelands District available for reservation and if so would it be more central than the Bannister's site?

16th September From Wellington Education Board Desks for the Temporary School leave Wellington on Saturday

Additional Families Stevens Shepherd age 4, 3, and 1

M Marshall Sheep Farmer 4 and 4 months

Rafera (Native) Saw Mill hand eleven and six

[Include picture of Map Here Taken 11th February 2014](#)

9th September Further letter from T R Fleming' included

- A) C is the woolshed where the temporary school is being held

- B) Site D is not suitable as no children live south of it, even though it is the best site
- C) There is no difference in A and B and no offer has been made
- D) Site D. Learnt from the settlers that site D that arrangements have been made to drain the swamp behind and this part of the swamp could be made quite dry
- E) Part of the section is dry enough for a building so there is no objection to this site now and the school is required immediately

29th July 1904 Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Tully with reference to a site for a school at Longbush Mr Tully was the original land owner and brought A LEGAL claim to retain the Homestead and block. PP

30th September 1904 The Education Board yesterday dealt with the question of making appointments of teachers at the Longbush School PP

4th October Jas B F Sutherland Lands Office Masterton

- a) The settlement is permanent
- b) Mr. Bannister's site is best
- c) There is no better site I am aware of

30th October 1904 Miss C O'Sullivan has been appointed to be in sole charge of the newly opened school at Longbush PP

25th November 1904 A message was- received from the Government to the effect that the following grants were made from the special building fund :— Kereru £340, Nireaha £475, Longbush £325. The

Board decided to proceed at once with the preliminaries "preceding the erection of schools at Longbush PP

26th November Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board a sum of £325 is made for a school at Longbush, with furniture and fencing in terms of your application

1st December letter from Board to Department thanking them for special grant and advising that tenders have been called

9th December 1904 the Education Department intimated that the following grants were available : £325 for school furniture, and fencing at Longbush PP

31st December 1904 Longbush: N.— (A) Te-wera-a-whaitiri Block V. Wainuioru S.D., thence along Mangahuia stream, Sections 28, 27, Block IV., Huangarua S.D. ; W. — Sections 31, 32, Block IV., 33 Block HI , 37, 42, 01, 63, 65, 67, 70, Block VII., 74, 78, 82, Block XI., Huangarua S.D. ; S.— Section 83, Block XL, Huangarua S.D., Wakarua stream, Sections A, B, Tahuroa, Block IX , Wainuioru S.D. ; E.— Wainuioru It. Gladstone (amended) : N. — Taueru and Ruamahunga rivers; W. — Sections 13, 12, 19, 20, Block XVI., Tiffin S.D., 26, 31, 30, 29, Block IV., Huangarua S.D., Mangahuia stream and (B) Te-wera-a-whaitiri Block V., Wainuioru S.D. ; S.—Wainuioru river *Now you know the boundaries of the Longbush School?? PP*

1905

28th July Greater part of the work has been done and a progress payment of £200 be paid

3rd April 1905 Longbush in Mr. McKenzie's Woodshed election meeting for School Committee. *This means that the school was being run in the woolshed before the school was built*

19th June 1905 The new public school at Longbush (near Gladstone, in the Wairarapa) is now finished. It will be occupied almost immediately. The influx of population to the vicinity consequent on the recent occupation of large tracts of crown lands at Longbush has severely taxed the school accommodation in the district, and the school just erected will be much appreciated PP

1906

13th March 1906 The Longbush school children are to have their annual picnic on St Patrick's day. It is to be held in Mr Bannister's Bush. A dance will take place in the school in the evening PP

20th April 1906 Information has been received that the homestead and stables at Longbush which was taken over by the Government on March 31st have been destroyed by fire PP

28th July 1906 Land purchased for Longbush School PP

14th September 1906 The new settlers at Longbush are very busy getting their sections in order. There are several gangs of bush fellers at work, and also gangs of men getting the road formed, while others are busy fencing, etc. Mr Nunn is having one of his sheds shifted and fitted up for a cheese factory, which is to be opened, I believe, some time next. The school has now seventeen names on the roll. Some time ago the number on the roll was twelve. PP

12th December 1906 The men stationed at Longbush by the Acclimatisation Society have been very successful so far, having captured as many as thirteen young red deer. After this week, no attempt will be made to increase the number. One of the men will remain in charge to rear the animals until a few months old, when they will be liberated in various parts of the country. PP

27th August 1906 Longbush Settlement.—The area purchased by the Crown was 3021 acres 3 roods 26 perches. Six sections are occupied, the population on the land being 14. souls. The stock comprises 3160 sheep, 307 cattle and 27 horses. 1500 acres are laid down in grass, and 8 acres in root crops. Very good progress has been made during the year, and the settlers are well satisfied with their positions and future prospects PP

1907

29th January 1907 A service was held in the Longbush School on Sunday last by the Rev. B. H. Ginger, of the Carterton Wesleyan Church. This is the first service that has been held at Longbush and many of the congregation came a considerable distance to hear Mr Ginger preach. After the service, the minister discussed with the congregation about having regular services and the people were unanimously in favour of making an effort to have service held every Sabbath PP

18th February 1907 A meeting was held in the Longbush school on Tuesday afternoon when it was decided to hold the school picnic on the 1st March

20th Feb 1907 A large area of the Longbush Estate, acquired by the Government and cut up for closer settlement purposes, has just passed through a splendid "burn." This newly reclaimed area, which is in the eastern back country in the Gladstone district, midway between Masterton and Carterton, will be used for pastoral purposes for some years to come, and ultimately will probably supply a series of dairy farms. At any rate, the opening of Longbush will add further to the future prosperity of Masterton PP

1st May 1907 The following is the School Committee elected at Longbush :—Messrs J. Bannister (chairman), R. W. Nunn, Alex. McKenzie, and R. Renall Jnr PP

3rd May 1907 A petition is in circulation at Longbush which is to be forwarded to the Government, asking that a post office be established there, and be named the Mahupuka Post Office PP

10th July In 1907 Department Secretary writes a memo The Board has either overlooked the balance due for the above work or is taking a very long time to complete the work. Should the Board be asked to state its present position

26 July 1907 Miss KO Sullivan ST Resigned from 31st August PP

3rd August Letter from Clerk of Works I hereby certify that Longbush School was completed to my satisfaction and ready for occupation on 22nd June 1905

5th August Asking for final payment

The excuse In explanation of the long delay I have to say that the Board made arrangements with the land Department to survey the site until completion of which the Board was not in a position to say what the cost would be

It has been found that the Board has to pay for the freehold of the site acquired. The item of £22:9:7 represents the payment to Lands Department for land and survey

9th August 1907 Longbush Sole Teacher 110pound and 10 pound housing allowance PP

20th August 1907 Mr Toogood, of Featherston, is having a flax-milling plant erected at Longbush There is a swamp containing about two hundred acres of flax joining the properties of Messrs Bannister and Hodge and Blundell. PP

23rd August 1907 The work of erecting the flaxmill has now started. The mill is situated near Ben-ill's timber mill. Messrs Toogood and Saunders have secured flax from several settlers round about Longbush and intend commencing flax milling operations in about three weeks time. PP

Miss O'Sullivan, who resigned her position as mistress at Longbush School, has been asked to continue duties there for another month. PP

Influenza is very prevalent among children in this district, but I am pleased to hear that most of the little sufferers are now recovering. PP

2nd October 1907 Daily mail service to Longbush commenced yesterday. A small post office has been erected near the school and each settlor has a box for his mails. PP

8th November 1907 There are thirty-six children attending school here, and the Chairman of the School Committee has received a letter from the Secretary for Education that, the Government have been asked for a grant for a teacher's residence. PP

16th November Request for a teacher's residence Four room, scullery and bathroom

Outbuildings, Washhouse, shed and WC

Residence cost £ 295 Entrance Gate £6-10, Fencing £18, Outbuildings, metalling £ 5-10-0 Total £ 350

Attendance 1905 16, 1906 14, March 1907 22, June 1907 19, September 1907, 20

Difficulty in housing teacher

4th December 1907 The Longbush School held their annual picnic yesterday, in a piece of bush kindly lent for the occasion by Mr A. McKenzie. Young and old enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The chairman of the School Committee took the occasion to present Miss K. O'Sullivan, who is resigning her position as teacher, with a silver jewel case PP

31st January 1908 The School starts on Monday next. Mr Tattle, of Wellington, is taking Miss O'Sullivan's place as teacher. PP

1908

Residence Dimensions

Living Room 16' x 12 (4.87 Metres x3.65 Meters)

Kitchen 11' X 10 (3.35 x3.04)

Bedroom 12' x 11' (3.65 x3.35)

Bedroom 11' x 11' (3.35 x 3.35)

Scullery 6' x 5' 6" (1.82 x 1.6)

Bathroom 5' 6" x 4' (1.6x1.21)

Wash house with Copper and tubs shed and WC

2nd March 1908 A most enjoyable gathering was held at the Longbush School on Friday afternoon, when afternoon tea was provided for the children by Mrs D. McPhee. It was decided to hold the annual picnic on March 20th on the picturesque grounds kindly lent for the occasion by Mr A. McKenzie, and to wind up with a dance in the evening PP

21st March 1908 LONGBUSH NOTES.

[Special to Daily Time*.]

Welcome rains fell here on Wednesday night and all day Thursday.

The rain gauge at the school registered 52 points. The school Inspector paid his annual visit here on Wednesday.

From private information I hear that £350 has been voted for a teacher's residence here.

The annual school picnic which was to have been held on Friday has been postponed till the 27th. A fire broke out at Mr A. McKenzie's property on Tuesday, but there were plenty of volunteers among the

school boys, it being dinner hour. When they were asked who would stay and fight the fire everyone stepped forward. PP

27th March 1908 Longbush — A grant of £350 was accepted for the erection of a teacher's residence at Longbush. Tenders were accepted 7th May

2nd April 1908 The annual school picnic was held here on Tuesday and was a decided success, young and old enjoying themselves thoroughly. Towards evening the young people could be seen with their pinafores full of nuts and lollies, popguns and books, wending their way homewards, thoroughly exhausted, but .-jubilant, and only sorry that there was not a picnic every month. A dance was held in the school at night, when about twenty couples were there dancing, and spent a very enjoyable time A small charge was made in aid of the picnic fund. Music was provided by Mr Greathead, of Gladstone. PP

8th May 1908 Longbush teachers Residence H Humphries Greytown PP Tender let

14th May 1908 A most successful dance and social was held in the school on Friday night, when the building was found all too small for the gathering. About sixteen couples were present. Mr J. Blundell gave some records on his gramophone, also some extra dances, which were highly appreciated. Mr H. Greathead, of Gladstone, provided the music, and the ladies of Longbush supplied the refreshments. It is intended to hold a dance fortnightly, the funds to go to the school prize fund. PP

I regret to hear that Cadwallader Bros, have given up their metalling contract for the winter.

Mr H. Humphries, of Greytown, the successful tenderer for the erection of the teacher's residence here, intends to start at once with a gang of men. He has about six weeks iv which to complete the job. PP

24th June 1908 As showing how things are dove in city re land, a lease-in-perpetuity settler here five years ago gave a piece of land, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, for a school site, which had to be transferred to the Education Board. The school was erected, two different survey parties came up and surveyed it, the settler signed about six different documents, forwarding also a surrender fee; our ex-member, also a member of the Education Board, was asked to try and settle it (our member we have never seen since before the last general election), and still that settlor is paying rent for that piece of land. He says he will only wait for the erection of the teacher's residence (now in course of erection) to defer and take possession. PP

2nd September 1908 The school teacher's residence is out of the contractor's (Mr H. Humphries) hands, and does his staff of men great credit. The building trade will be slack for some time now. PP

1909

17th February 1909 The Longbush School children held their annual picnic last Friday, and although it was wet in the morning the weather cleared in the afternoon and a most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Besides the residents of Longbush there were several visitors present, numbering about one hundred. Afternoon tea was partaken of in the .schoolroom. Various games were

indulged in. besides the usual races for the children, and the picnic on the whole was a great success. PP

19th April 1909 Scarlet Fever has broken out at Longbush, the infection spreading from a pupil attending the Gladstone School, which has been closed. An accident, happily unattended with any serious results, happened on the Kokatau Hill on Tuesday. A gig driven by Mr P. Tattle, with one lady passenger, backed over the bank, but beyond a broken splash-board and a severe shaking to the occupants, no one was hurt. PP

28th April 1909 Longbush J. Bannister (chairman), Toogood (secretary and treasurer), Renall, Jacob and .Nunn elected to School Committee PP

21st December 1909 The school "broke up" for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, when prizes were given out by the chairman of the school committee. Refreshments were provided by the ladies, and altogether a very enjoyable afternoon was passed PP

1910

6th July 1910 Arbor Day was held at the School on the 22nd June. Donations of trees were received from Mr Jno. Strang and Mr Renall. Native shrubs, tarata and cabbage trees were planted in the school grounds. PP

2nd May 1910 School committee: Messrs Renall (chairman), McPhee, Nunn, McIntosh and Buckeridge. Mr P. Tattle was appointed secretary PP

31st May 1910 A very enjoyable afternoon tea party was given at the Longbush School last Friday afternoon, after the school had been

closed for the winter holidays, which are being observed this week. A large number of parents and other adults attended, and the children participated in many games and races. During the afternoon, Mr Tattle, the schoolmaster, made a presentation to Mr J. Bannister, on behalf of the residents of Longbush. In making the presentation, Mr Tattle referred to Mr Bannister's good work in helping to promote the welfare of the district, and also to his generosity and kindly nature. Mr Bannister, who has been chairman of the School Committee for several years, briefly responded. Cheers for Mr and Mrs Bannister were given, and the party joined in singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows." PP

14th June 1910 The first of a series of winter dances was held in the school on Friday night, when the building was nicely filled. Music was supplied by Messrs McKenzie and McIntosh, and the former also made a most efficient M.C. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of Longbush. The proceeds will assist in the establishment of a school library PP

1911

22nd February 1911 The Longbush School picnic was held here last Friday in a nice paddock kindly lent for the occasion by Mr R. W. Nunn, and was a pronounced success, every child getting a prize. Sports and games were indulged in by both young and old till near dark. The management still have a surplus iv hand, which will, with the Government subsidy of £1 for £1, go to starting a school library. PP

1913

4th February 1913 The school and outbuildings have been repainted, the work being a credit to the contractor, Mr Beard of Greytown

11th March 1913 The Longbush School held their annual picnic on Friday in a paddock kindly lent for the occasion by Mr K. Nunn'. The gathering was a great success, young and old enjoying themselves immensely. The prizes were given out by the Rev. L. Thompson, of Carterton

22nd March 1913 The Longbush telephone line has been completed, and communication has been established with the Carterton telephone exchange PP

2ND April 1913 Farmers of the Gladstone and Longbush districts are reminded of the annual meeting of the Farmers' Union to be held in the Longbush schoolroom at 7.30 p.m. this Friday, the 4th April. PP

29th April 1913 Longbush J. Bannister (chairman) R. N. Nunn, J. McIntosh, D. McPhee, R. A. Renall (secretary).

1914

9th May 1914 Longbush Messrs J. Bannister, R. Renall (secretary and treasurer), C. W. Ancell, and F. Eaton

26th August 1914 P G Tattle to join expeditionary forces of army PP

1915

12th June 1915 Longbush (Carterton District) — Sole Teacher, £110 to £140 and house

12th June 1915 Corporal P. G. Tattle, reported as having been killed at the Dardanelles, was the sixth son of Mr. George Tattle, of 8, Lipman-Street— the oldest living native of Wellington. Deceased was a native of Wellington, and was educated at the Clyde-Quay School and at Wellington College. Thence he went to the Normal School and was for the past six years sole teacher at the Longbush School Wairarapa. His brother, Q.M.S. F. J. Tattle, leaves for the front with the 5th Reinforcements PP

14th June 1915 In opening the Teachers' Institute meeting on Saturday, the chairman mentioned that news had just been received that Mr P. G. Tattle, a member of the Institute, who had gone to the front with the first expeditionary force, had been killed in action at the Dardanelles. The teachers present, silently standing, passed a motion of regret and of condolence with Mr Tattle's relatives. At the time of his enlistment, Mr Tattle was in charge of the State school at Longbush

Longbush (Carterton District)) Sole Teacher 110 to 14 pound and house

1915

13th Oct 1915 Miss JM Ward ST 11th April 1928

1916

9th November 1916 Red Cross Appeal Longbush £10-6-6

1927

Copy of letter to the Editor of the Dominion newspaper include

- a) Could in the holidays the walls of the school be painted and varnished
- b) It is over twenty years since they have been touched
- c) Most of the desks are too small and too low and are liable to make the children pigeon chested and round shouldered. Years ago these desks were discarded by a school in Carterton years ago
- d) Note The work will be done when next the Board's Maintenance staff is in the district

1930

25th March 1930 Mr AR Key ST Longbush

1943

2nd April Repairs to be made to teacher's residence and also the installation of a hot water service as a result of earthquake

1953

8th June Additions proposed to house built in 1908

- a) 1953 grading roll 20
- b) Effective living space 672 square feet

c) Mrs B Stewart married with 2 children Her husband is a building contractor but at present is ill in hospital

d) There is unquestionably a strong case for the enlargement of this house,

Reply from Secretary of Education What are the age and sex of the two children?

Reply The present teacher has two boys aged 9 and 11

Note From Department stating that though desirable the alterations are not essential

We have more essential work

Letter to builder we can't do the work but would reconsider alterations if plans were drawn up

13th November A grant of £800 for revised alterations granted

18th November A letter to Mr. Cooksley MP stating the work would be done

1956

16th April Water has been obtained from a spring in a neighbouring property and also to fill a new swimming pool

Letter to Secretary of Ed

Included

There was no limit on expenditure when the School Committee was authorised to do the work and when the accounts were received it was found that the total cost was £1,105-1-0

The Committee laid and dug in 1600 feet of 2 inch alkathene pipe and built a substantial protection against sheep and cattle around the spring. The school now has an excellent permanent water supply

1956

24th May The 1956 grading roll was 29 but the roll has increased to 38. The classroom is only 432 square feet. It is proposed to remove a prefabricated classroom from Easter Hutt

1959

27th November application to replace Prefab

Roll 1956, 29, 1957, 36, 1958, 39, 1959 31

It is considered that the prefab should be replaced with a permanent classroom

1960

21st July The toilets were erected in 1905

There is only one toilet and a small unroofed urinal for the 18 boys at the school The girls two toilets do not have either an outside door or doors and partition between pans It is so small that it is impossible to provide partitions

The timber in the boys toilet is rotten. There is no staff toilet

Although connected to a septic tank the toilets are in general dilapidated, inadequate and insanitary and unpleasant to use

1968

7th May This school will be closed from 20th May This school has been consolidated on Gladstone School

30th September School handed to Crown Lands.

Used as a playcenter

1904	12	Longbush	O'Sullivan	C S N		Female	£68
1905	16	Longbush	O'Sullivan	C S N	Licensed	Female	£85
1906	14	Longbush	O'Sullivan	C S N	Licensed	Female	£110
1907	23	Longbush	O'Sullivan	Cath. S	Licensed	Female	£110
1908	23	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		Master	£117
1909	22	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		Master	£121
1910	23	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		Master	£126
1911	23	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		Master	£130
1912	20	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		Master	£135
1913	14	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		Master	£135
1914	15	Longbush	Pigott	Emily L		Substitute	£135
1914	15	Longbush	Tattle	Philip G		World War 1	
1915	18	Longbush	Kidd	Alfred W W		Master	£110
1917	23	Longbush	Green	Marion (Mrs)	Sole	D-83	£140
1919	22	Longbush	Green	Marion (Mrs)	Sole	D-80	£210
1921	29	Longbush	Orr	Marion J	Sole	D	£280
1923	25	Longbush	Frain	Robert J	Sole	C-180	£295