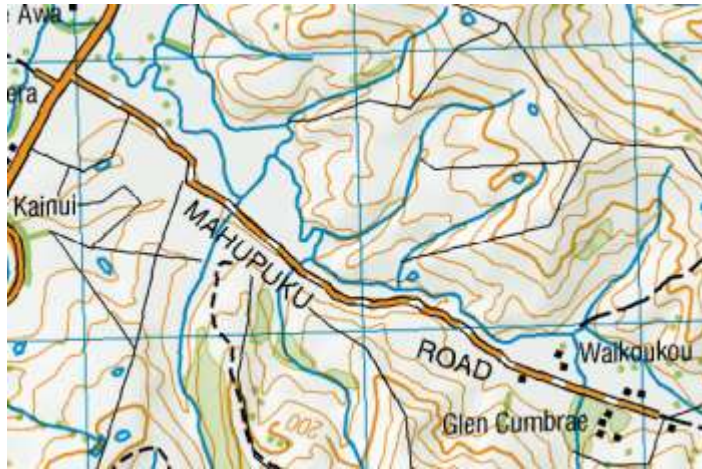


Mahupuku 1923-1927 On Mahupuku Road South of Longbush of Gladstone- Martinborough Road



13th October 1922

Application from Mr A G Gawith for an aided school at Waikoukou as from the beginning of next year

Application by Myra Toxward applying for position at Waikoukou in the Mahupuku area

Born 21st June 1897

Achieved Proficiency

Taught at Waikawa Bay Marlborough Permanent for 1 year

Governess Mrs Williams Waipawa Temporary 9 Months

Governess Mrs H Cowper Dannevirke 3 years

Present position A C Gawith Governess Temporary

Achieved Courses in Drawing, Freehand and Geometrical

Have taken singing lessons in Masterton under Miss Oliver Liston

Taken prizes for plain and fancy sewing

References from all 3 including from Mrs Jessie B Wells of Waikawa Bay (Near French Pass)

Application for school

A Gawith Farmer Freehold 0 distance from proposed school
Nearest School Longbush 3 ³/₄ Miles away

Nita (7), Alan (6), David (4),

J A McLean 25 chains from school Longbush School 3 ³/₄ Miles away Donald 7 and James 7

Coordinates Dalgleish 1 ¹/₂ miles away Betty 6 and Willie 5

4th September Letter from A Gawith Application letter for school to be taught by Miss Toxward and like to commence school on February 1923

Inspector Bakewell has been informed

If approved Miss Toxward would undertake to board herself in the cottage provided which would be a relief to the families interested

15th October 1922 Mr Alfred Cowles inspector recommends opening of school The road over which the children have to travel to attend Longbush School is dangerous for young children

Secretary of Wellington Education Board writes to Mr Cowles stating that no school can be established within four miles of an existing school. The Department would likely reject

20th November Mr Stewart writes to Director of Education. Though road is less than 4 miles from Longbush the inspector thinks the road is dangerous

25th November Letter from A Gawith included

- a) The cottage is nearly new and is well fitted
- b) Would recommend one room in summer and another room in winter
- c) 4 Room cottage

28th November Letter from W E Spencer Director of Ed with questions

- a) Who is the owner of the cottage and is rent likely to be claimed (No)
- b) What is the latest return from Longbush (28)
- c) What is the size of room 14 foot x 11.6
- d) Why is the road regarded as dangerous? (See Mr Cowan's Response above)

3rd February 1923 Application approved

6th February 1923 Letter from G L Stewart appointing Miss G Oldfield to position

6th February 1923 Letter to Mr Gawith Notifying of opening of school

25th September 1923 Letter from G Oldfield 5 of the 7 pupils have influenza one case being pneumonia

1st October 1923. School to be kept open if only 1 child attends

1924

10th February 1924 Application from G Oldfield to close school for Masterton Show

27th February 1924 On account of the school picnic the Mahupuku Road School will be closed on March 7th

26th March Letter from Mr Gawith to Secretary Wellington Education Board Questions about the teacher's salary and how it is worked out

Reply salary not less than £90 But if in any quarter the roll is above six then the salary is increased by £15

The local amount will be £30 or less if the roll is above 6

1925

Letter from Mr Gawith asking that the school be moved from his cottage for the last 3 years to a room at Mr McLean's

The new room is large and airy and much drier access in the wet weather

Our teacher Miss Oldfield approves of the move

13th August The Wellington Education Board asks for dimensions of new room

17th August 1925 The room provided is 12foot 2 x 14 foot Is well lighted and ventilated

19th August Shift approved

19th October School closed for Carterton Show

1926

31st March 1926 5 children away with Scarlet Fever. Letter from Miss Oldfield

19th October 1926 Letter from G Oldfield School closing for Carterton Show and Labour Day is being taken on 29th so the days are taken together

17th November 1926 Circular to all aided school teachers

That the teacher be not required to perform household duties other than the care of her own room

Follow up There has been some communication fro teachers expected to clean the classroom and this cannot be classed as part of the school teacher's duty

4th December Letter from Mr Gawith saying I feel sure that teacher will bear me out in assuring you we no longer transgress

1927

Telegram to Gawith Miss Peters appointed charge your school Instructed to commence 1st February or as soon as possible

29th January 1927 Letter we will either employ a governess or arrange conveyance to Longbush school. Mr Gawith included Thanks for copy of acceptance of Miss Oldfield's resignation and Miss Peter's appointment

After the trouble I had in getting the Mahupuku Road School started and good work that has been done since that we cannot carry on for the reasons below

- a) My neighbours boys are big enough to go to the nearest school where they can get a free education and my eldest girl is going away to a girl's school
- b) We only have 3 of school age

4th February 1927 Letter from Wellington Education Board closing the school and cancelling Miss Peters appointment