

Ngaturi

About 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua just off the Pahiatua Pongaroa Road

1892-1895

1893		Ngaturi	Cooper	Henry T		Master	£56	\$10,150
1894	12	Ngaturi	Cooper	Henry T		Master	£45	\$8,109
1895	20	Ngaturi	Cooper	Henry T		Master	£100	\$18,117

Henry T Cooper started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Ngaturi. In 1896 he went to Kaitawa. Then in 1899 he was at the sole charge at Paikakariki where he stayed to at least 1921

14th January 1892 Land Sale 19 sections in the Ngaturi Village Settlement

30th June 1893 Telephone Stations Mr Hogg [member of Parliament] is making application to the Postmaster-General to establish telephone bureaux at Makuri, Kaitawa, and Ngaturi, and also to provide a daily mail service between Pahiatua and Makuri.

30th August 1893 Wellington Education Board Mr McCardle wrote from Pahiatua, forwarding a petition from residents at Ngaturi, for aided school, pointing out there was a large number of children of school age in the vicinity. The Secretary was ordered to take initial steps in acceding to the prayer of the petition. [An aided school is where the parents provide the building and teacher and the Education Board pay a fixed sum per head to assist the community]

1st September 1893 Mr W. W. McCardle forwarded a petition from residents at Ngaturi asking that a school should be opened in that locality. The secretary was instructed to write to several of the residents asking them what facilities they could offer for opening an aided school.

19th October 1893 An aided school is to be established at Ngaturi on Monday next, and Mr. A. M. Cooper is to be master [A M Cooper was actually H T Cooper]

26th October 1893 On Saturday evening 7th October, a meeting was held at Mr Milne's residence at Ngaturi, to consider the advisability of starting an aided school in that district. A provisional committee was formed, and correspondence was read from the Secretary Education Board, Wellington, also from Mr Henry T. Cooper, of Mangaone Valley, applying for the position of teacher.

Another meeting was held at the same place on Saturday, 4th inst., when a permanent committee was formed, consisting of Messrs S. Dew (chairman), P. Stewart, G. Winter, G. Hayward and J. Milne, Secretary. It was decided to accept the application of Mr Cooper as teacher. Other business was gone through.

The school was opened on Monday, 16th inst., with an attendance of 17 children. This will be a great assistance to the settlers in that district who have been so long unable to get their children educated.

28th March 1894 A very successful picnic was held at Ngaturi township on Easter Monday, visitors being present from all parts of the district.

27th June 1894 Wellington Education Board application was made for a grant in aid of the Schoolroom at Ngaturi. The settlers have hitherto provided their own school, which they now state is entirely unsuitable to the requirements of the district. They asked the Board to make a grant of £37, offering to raise the rest of the money required themselves. The request was acceded to.

1st August 1894 The Secretary to the Education Board has been advised that the Ngaturi School, near Pahiatua, has been closed on account of diphtheria having broken out among the children. One child has died, and others are ill. The school will re-open when the epidemic has abated.

29th August 1894 Wellington Education Board A grant of .£5 was made for separate offices at Ngaturi, [Offices are toilets where one goes to do your business. It looks as though there was only 1 shared toilet]

14th September 1894 working bee was formed for a second time to clear a space on the Ngaturi Township school reserve there being on the two occasions over ten persons taking part. I understand the settlers of this district intend opening the school in about a month's time, when, it, is hoped, our Pahiatua friends, and others, will take part in filling a concert programme etc. It is needless to say that the Makuri Valley settlers being so noted for pleasant evening passing, will not let that night slip without a dance after the concert.

7th November 1894 On the occasion of the opening of the Ngaturi Bridge, Mr J. Milne asked Mr Hogg to open this institution, and that he did in his usual jolly style. He stroked the ladies down the back and said if it was not for them we would not want a school. He said it gave him great pleasure to see so many present to assist in the opening. He knew the difficulties these were in starting a school, but he could see that they meant business. He also praised the Committee for their energy.

Mr J. Milne responded, on behalf of the Committee, and said they had to thank Mr Hogg and the Government for their liberal land laws. If it had not been for them the people would not have been there to want a school. He finished a neat speech by calling on Mr Hogg for a real good Scotch song, and this is what he sang, "Dot little German Band," amidst roars of laughter, and "How's that for Scotch?" Then he declared the school opened, and the room was cleared for dancing.

There were about 50 couples present. The Pahiatua Brass Band provided the music, and that in first class style.

Mr Dick made a splendid M.C. More than half had to make room for the young ones and adjourned to Mr Milne's house. Judging by the look of them at 2 o'clock next morning they had enjoyed themselves. The dance broke up at 4 o'clock, everyone enjoying themselves to their hearts' content.

15th December 1894 A Post Office has been opened at Ngaturi, - with Mr John Milne as the Postmaster

11th February 1895 The team from Ngaturi easily defeated the Pahiatua juniors on Saturday by an innings and 110 runs

28th February 1895 Wellington Education Board he chairman and Mr McCardle were appointed to deal with an application to take over the Ngaturi school.

29th March 1895 Wellington Education Board The Chairman reported that he and Mr McCardle had visited the Ngaturi School, which was a substantial structure, erected by the settlers in the neighbourhood. There were 28 children present, and they were much pleased with the way in which, instruction was given. They recommended that for the present the salary of the teacher should be -£100 per annum. The report was adopted

26th April 1895 Inspector T R Fleming to visit Ngaturi School on the 7th May

26th June 1895 Wellington Education Board The Ngaturi Committee was authorised to prepare plans of a shelter-shed and carry out the work at a cost of not more than £10.

1896-1901

1896	22	Ngaturi	Nightingale	Henry j		Master	£80	\$14,415
1897	24	Ngaturi	Nightingale	Henry J		Master	£80	\$14,271
1898	29	Ngaturi	Nightingale	Henry J		Master	£110	\$18,843
1899	25	Ngaturi	Nightingale	Henry J		Master	£110	\$19,518
1899	25	Ngaturi	McLeod	Lizzie		Sewing	£5	\$887
1900	26	Ngaturi	Nightingale	Henry J		Master	£110	\$19,125
1900	26	Ngaturi	McLeod	Lizzie		Sewing	£5	\$869
1901	26	Ngaturi	Nightingale	Henry J		Master	£134	\$22,622
1901	26	Ngaturi	McLeod	Lizzie		Sewing	£5	\$844

Henry J Nightingale started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Ngaturi. In 1902 he came head at Dreyerton (Name changed to Kopuaranga in 1906) . Then in 1912 he was appointed to Dalefield where he was until 1920 as he was headmaster of Greytown school until after 1923

In 1915 he obtained a MA from Victoria university

29th January 1930 Opportunity was taken by member* Of the Wellington Education Board today to farewell Mr H. J. Nightingale, M.A., who recently retired. from the position of headmaster of the Greytown District High School. Mr. Nightingale entered the Wellington Education Board's service in September 1894,- and was appointed an assistant at the .Mt. Cook Boys' School, after serving for five years as a pupil teacher at Hokitika. From the Mt. Cook School he was appointed to the charge of the Ngaturi School (near Pahiatua), where he remained for about six years. In September 1902, he was appointed to the Dreyerton School, and subsequently, to the charge of Kopuaranga and. Dalefield Schools. In April 1920,-he assumed the headmastership of the Greytown District High School. In paying a tribute to the services of Mr. Nightingale, Mr. T. Forsyth (chairman of the board) said that Mr. Nightingale had shown the greatest persistency and purpose in his work, and although always employed in country schools, had succeeded in- gaining his M.A. degree. Other members of the board added, their tributes, and My. Nightingale suitably replied.

11th January 1898 Nightingale Morrish — At the Thorndon Wesleyan Church, Wellington, on January 4th, by Rev. T. F Jones, Henry John, youngest son of James Nightingale, contractor, Hokitika, to Nellie, eldest daughter of William Morrish, Esq , of Greymouth.

1955/30380	Nightingale	Henry John	84Y
960/28126	Nightingale	Ellen	91Y

1905/14950	Nightingale	Frederick Albert	Ellen	Henry John	-
1899/17642	Nightingale	Charles William	Ellen	Henry John	-
1902/14509	Nightingale	Henry John	Ellen	Henry John	

16th April 1896 Inspector Lee to visit Ngaturi 11th May

29th April 1896 It was decided to promote a country teacher to the charge of the Kaitawa School and to invite applications for the teacherships at Ngaturi and Tokomaru.

4th May 1896 Mr H. T. Cooper, headmaster of the Ngaturi School, has been promoted to the charge of the Kaitawa School, in place of Mrs Swan, who has resigned. It is Mrs Swan's intention to start an aided school further up the valley.

27th May 1896 Mrs. Burgess, a member of the Kaitawa Committee, waited on the Board in support of a request by the Committee that Mr. Cooper, late of Ngaturi, who has been promoted to the charge of the Kaitawa School, should be compelled to live in the township and not on his farm

It was, decided that fresh applications on the new basis of salary should be invited for Ngaturi, Tokomaru, and Kaipororo teacherships.

30th May 1896 Mr. H. T. Cooper, of Ngaturi, will take charge of the Kaitawa School, to which he has been appointed, on Monday morning. The Education Board hopes to shortly fill the vacancy thus left in the Ngaturi School.

19th June 1896 There were 15 applicants for the teaching position at Ngaturi

26th February 1897 Inspector Fleming to visit on the 8th March

7th March 1898 Inspector Fleming to visit Friday 18th March

30th November 1898 Measles are very prevalent in the Ngaturi and surrounding district. We hear of one family in which nine children are laid up

14th December 1898 Wellington Education Board A grant was made for painting the Ngaturi school

25th January 1898 Mrs Nightingale appointed sewing teacher

27th February 1899 Mr Fleming to inspect on the 6th March

[It was unusual for one inspector to pay consecutive visits to any small school]

27th April 1899 Miss McLeod appointed sewing teacher

29th April 1899 School Committee Ngaturi. —Messrs McLeod. Hansen, Stewart, McPhail and Morrison.

29th June 1899 Wellington Education Board Ngaturi Fencing £4 3 shillings

27th February 1900 Inspector Bakewell to visit 16th March

24th April 1900 School Committee The Ngaturi School Committee : — Messrs. F. Perry (Chairman), H. S. Morrison (Secretary), A. Eglinton, J. McLeod and A. Brown.

31st May 1900 Wellington Education Board Grants were made to Ngaturi (£2 7s for fencing

31st January 1901 In a long piece on teachers' salaries was: Ngaturi H J Nightingale Present salary £100 proposed increase £32

21st March 1901 a new proposed scale Ngaturi Roll 27 Sole Teacher Proposed £120 a rise of £30

23rd April 1901 Messrs. Perry (Chairman), H. S. Morrison (Secretary), J. Breeds, A. Brown, and A. Eglington

1902-1905

1902	28	Ngaturi	Zohrab	Clara		Female	£109	\$17,954
1903	25	Ngaturi	Wilson	Mary H		Female	£128	\$21,208
1904	24	Ngaturi	Wilson	Mary H		Female	£117	\$19,382
1905	19	Ngaturi	Wilson	Mary H	D 1	Female	£126	\$19,927

Clara Zohrab was probably acting as a reliever at Ngaturi. In 1901 she was at Rintoul Street school in Wellington and in 1903 she was back in Wellington at Te Aro, She finished her teaching career for the Wellington Education Board with 2 years at Hukanui

Mary H Wilson started teaching as a pupil teacher at Mangatainoka in 1889. By 1895 she was still at Mangatainoka but as assistant mistress. She went in 1899 to Nikau School until her stint at Ngaturi. In 1906 she went to Makuri School where she finished her career for the Wellington Education Board in 1910

9th September 1910 The engagement is announced of Miss M. H. Wilson, eldest daughter of Mr. H. Wilson, of; Stratford, and well-known in teaching circles, to Mr. Taylor, of Makuri

1910/8135	May Henrietta	Wilson	William James	Taylor
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1st May 1902 School Committee Messrs. Eglington (chairman), McLeod, Halliburton, H.S. Morrison (secretary), J. McPhail.

11th August 1902 average attendance 26 Salary £121 and £20 house allowance

11th September 1902 Applications are invited by the Education Board up to the 19th inst., for teachers at Ngaturi, Ngapopotu and Waingawa and mistress at Makomako.

30th October 1902 Miss Mary Wilson was promoted from the Nikau School to the charge of the Ngaturi School.

4th November 1902 Education Board Scholarships. Class D (For schools with a roll of under 100. Esther Priest qualified finishing 4th coming after pupils from Paraparaumu, Porirua and the teacher's son at Dalefield.

5th November 1902 The Ngaturi (near Pahiatua) Committee has confirmed the Board's action in promoting Miss Dixon from the Nikau to the Ngaturi School.

6th November 1902 Miss Wilson, now on the staff of the Nikau School, has been definitely appointed to the Ngaturi School.

4th March 1903 Wellington Education Board Ngaturi Painting £10

26th April 1903 Ngaturi.— Messrs. A. Ross (Chairman), J. Dick (Secretary), Hansen, Haliburton, and McPhail.

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board the Chairman was authorised to complete the school committees for the Hutt, Mitchelltown, Wainui-o-mata, and Ngaturi districts.

26th June 1903 The- Ngaturi Committee wanted information as to liability under the Employers' Liability Act in case of accident to men engaged in doing school improvements . The Board assumed that it 'would be the responsible party if compensation was claimed and would probably have to insure against loss.

30th September 1904 Wellington Education Board [Following an earthquake] and arrange for repairs to Ngaturi (chimney) and Pahiatua (chimney).

1906-1917

1906	18	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£99	\$15,386	
1907	17	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£99	\$15,520	
1908	19	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£99	\$15,520	
1909	18	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£112	\$17,806	
1910	17	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£117	\$18,342	
1911	21	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£121	\$19,144	
1912	20	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£126	\$19,323	
1913	20	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£130	\$19,504	£15.00
1914	16	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£135	\$19,328	£15.00
1915	16	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Master	£135	\$18,083	£20.00
1917	14	Ngaturi	Wallis	William A		Sole	£135	\$15,131	

Figures on the far right means that there was not a school residence provided for the teacher.

William A Wallis only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Ngaturi. When he resigned he went back to full time farming at Ngaturi that he had been running while he taught. He went white leghorn farming after he left teaching. He and his wife left in 1919 to go to Thames Valley and he then went to Hamilton and was in curator of the Park there

30th March 1896 Re Agricultural instruction at Wellington Education Board Mangahao and Ngaturi schools have commenced operations, but are too small to earn capitation

11th May 1906 Wellington Education Board Makuri School Miss M. H. Wilson, transferred from the Ngaturi School

15th May 1906 Ngaturi— Sole Teacher, £110 and £10 h.a

1st June 1906 Wellington Education Board off of a residence

13th July 1906 Sole Teacher, £110 and £10 h.a

27th July 1906 Leave of absence P Finlayson to 1st August

10th August 1906 Appointment Ngaturi Sole Teacher Mr W A Wallis

12th December 1906 A discussion ensued in regard to the resolution of the Ngaturi School Committee, " That the Education Board be asked to obtain a loan under the Loan to Local Bodies Act for the purpose of providing septic tanks for all schools in the Wellington Education District, the Board to collect from the Committees the interest and sinking fund to repay the loan in 26 years.

13th December 1907 Wellington Education Board Applications for residences — Ngaturi, approved:

27th March 1908 Wellington Education Board Improvements £5

30th April 1908 School Committee Ngaturi.— H. S. Morrison (chairman), J. Dick (secretary), It Halliburton, A. D. Eglinton, and J. B. Whyte.

14th May 1908 At a meeting of the Pahiatua District High School on Monday evening, letters were read from Mr Morrison and Mr Dick, members of the Ngaturi School Committee, with reference to the formation of a Hush Districts School Committee's Association. One of the objects of the movement was to appoint a member to the Education Board directly in touch with the various school committees, .Mr Vile, the present representative who formerly resided in Eketahuna was now living in Wellington. Mr Vile had done excellent work in 'the interests of the Bush Districts;.....

11th May 1909 Several residents of Ngaturi intend to erect a private telephone to their residences and permission was granted them by the Pahiatua County Council on Saturday last to erect a private line along the roadside

23rd June 1909 National Dairy Show Palmerston North Public Schools section Ngaturi 2 7 lb[pound] potatoes, highly commended carrots, 2nd parsnips, highly commended onions, and highly commended Mangolds

23rd June In a long article on a review of the Dairy Show was this: Ngaturi's exhibit was a most excellent display of garden produce, but did not comply with the conditions, as to demonstrations of school course.

26th July In a list of all money prize winners was Ngaturi School £3

1st October 1909 Wellington Education Board Ngaturi new piles and repairs H H Godfrey £3. 10s

22nd June 1910 Ngaturi competed successfully at the national dairy show

28th September 1910 Mr Wallis granted leave of absence for two or three weeks

29th October 1910 Makuri yesterday, His Worship the Mayor of Palmerston visited the local school and spent an interesting half hour. The lady in charge was evidently justly proud of her pupils, and after seeing Mr McCarthy, the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr Nash procured the children a half holiday and bought up the stock •Of lollies in the local store on their behalf. They were particularly intelligent looking youngsters. On the way back Ngaturi School was visited and there a most valuable series of grass and plant experiments, conducted by the master, Mr Wallace (sic) and the pupils, was greatly admired,

1st March 1911. Ngaturi. Leave to remove residence granted. The fencing and ground to be left in good order

26th April 1911 Clerk of Works Wellington Education Board approved Ngaturi £22 for repairs and painting

27th April 1911 School Committee Ngaturi.— Messrs J. B. Whyte (chairman), J. Dick (secretary), H. S. Morrison, H. H. Millar, A. D. Eglinton.

7th September 1911 splendid sample of a Maori axe was picked up on some newly broken up ground, at the Ngaturi school, in the Forty-Mile Bush, some days ago

26th September 1911 Wellington Education Board that the board bear the cost of re-erection of shed presented for agriculture at Ngaturi

26th September 1911 Leave of absence was granted to Mr Wallis for one month

27th SEPTEMBER 1911 Mr Wallis, master of the Ngaturi -school, was on Monday last admitted to a private hospital suffering from blood poisoning

4TH November 1911 Mr Wallis, master of the Ngaturi School, who was recently an inmate of a private hospital at Pahiatua, is again confined to his bed.

24th April 1912 School Committee Ngaturi.— Messrs Eglinton (chairman and secretary), Morrison," McKay, McLeod and James Dick

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board Ngaturi painting C E Clifton

27th November 1912 Wellington Education Board Ngaturi authorised New Offices [Where one goes to do your business]

30th April 1913 Wellington Education Board Ngaturi conveniences W F Sayers

30th April 1913 School Committee Ngaturi.—• Messrs J. Dick (chairman and secretary), 11. S. Morrison, A. McKay, .1. McLeod and A. D. Eglinton.

3rd July 1913 Miss A. Dick has been appointed postmistress at Ngaturi, Mr W. A. ■Wallis having resigned the position

24th January 1914 That Lucerne can be successfully grown in the Pahiatua district, even without the aid of inoculated -<soil, has been amply demonstrated by Mr W. A. Wallis, of Ngaturi, who has a splendid crop of three-quarters of an acre on his property. The seed was obtained from the Agricultural Department.—Herald.

16th July 1914 Mr Cumming, agricultural instructor to the Education Board, said papa had been successfully u<od as a. fertiliser at- the Ngaturi school, in the Forty-mile Bush.

25th November 1914 Leave of absence granted to Mr Wallis

12th December 1914 A boy named Allen McLaine , aged 11-1/2 years, who came from a Wellington orphanage institution, and was iv the employ of Mr Wallis, of Ngaturi, was reported to the police on Wednesday evening as missing from his employer's place, says the Herald. Subsequent enquiries have revealed that the boy, who was in the company of some other persons on the Ngaturi Hill, walking in the direction of Pahiatua, was given a ride into town, and it is presumed that he has made for Masterton, where it is stated he has a relative residing.

30th August 1917 Mr Wallis resigns

4th September Pahiatua Pars Manawatu Times About headmasters: Mr W. A. Wallis, Ngaturi, has resigned; been there for years; cultivates Lucerne Mrs Wallis, a one-time well-known vocalist

12th September 1917 Ngaturi (Pahiatua district) —Solo Teacher, £110 to £140 and £20 H.A

22nd October 1917 Miss Isles has been promoted from Rakaunui to Ngaturi. school. Her parents were at Rakaunui for years but are now retired in Pahiatua.

17th November 1917 Manawatu Times Mr and Mrs Wallis, of Ngaturi, are dropping the cane. Scholars this week presented them each with handsome and useful gifts to show the good feeling that had always existed.

1918-1923

1919	13	Ngaturi	Isles	Flora M	D-93	Sole	£205	\$18,520
1921	10	Ngaturi	Cleghorn	Bessie		Sole	£200	\$17,218
1923	11	Ngaturi	Tait	Catherine L	C-218	Sole	£195	\$17,922

Flora Isles started teaching at Pahiatua as a probationer, spent 1913 and 1914 at training college and then taught at Kopuaranga in 1915, she was at Pongaroa in 1917 and then her final school was Ngaturi

1920/12190	Flora May	Isles	Frederick Gillian	Wrigley
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A very pretty wedding was solemnised 'in the Presbyterian Church Rt Pahiatua on Wednesday, when Flora, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Isles, of Tiraumea road, Pahiatua, was married to Frederick, younger son of M^r« Iv. Wrigley, of Rangitumau, Masterton. The church was prettily decorated by several girl friends of the bride. The, Rev. R. Welsh officiated, and Maggie Swanney presided at the organ

Bessie Cleghorn was teaching at Coonor in 1925, Hinemoa in 1917 and 1919 and at Ngaturi in 1921

Catherine L Tait Taught at Featherston in 1919 and was at Ngaturi in 1923 when my records cease Most likely was at training college in 1920- 1921

1926/426	Catherine Laura	Tait	Frederick	Gregory
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17th January 1918 Manawatu Times Much cackling will be heard at Ngaturi. Mr W. A. Wallis, late schoolmaster, is starting a White Leghorn farm.

22nd July 1920 Miss Isles resigns

23rd August 1920 A very pleasant social and dance took place at Ngaturi on Friday evening, when the settlers gathered to bid 1 farewell to Miss Isles, who, having resigned from her position as solo teacher of the Ngaturi school, is leaving the district. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and there was a large attendance of settlers and friends. During the evening Mr Eglinton (chairman of the School Committee) took occasion to express appreciation of Miss Isles' work at the school, speaking highly of her conscientious and cheerful attention to her duties, and on behalf of those present presented 1 her with a handsome silver tea service on _ a beautiful embossed bronze tray. Little Miss Gwennie Thompson, on behalf of the school children, handed to their teacher a pretty silver butter dish. Mr Isles suitably responded on behalf of his daughter. Dancing was kept up till an early _ hour* in the morning, several musical and vocal items being rendered. The singing of "She's a Jolly Good Follow" and "Auld Lang Syne" brought the very pleasant evening to a close.

30th August 1920 Miss Isles, for two and a half years sole teacher at Ngaturi school, WUS tendered a farewell by the residents last week. The committee gave her a tea set and tray, and Miss G. Thompson, on behalf of the scholars, presented her with a silver-mounted butter dish..

21st March 1923 Mr (sic) B E Cleghorn resigns

4th May 1923 Miss E. L. Tate, sole teacher, Ngaturi. 17th May confirmed as C L Tait

15th June 1923 School Committee Messrs. J. Dick (chairman), H. Cotter, E. Tildesley, W. Herbert, F. R. Piercy

Post 1923

11th February 1926 Miss M Bruhn appointed ST

6th May 1926 School Committee Ngaturi (Pahiatua). —Messrs. J. Dick (chairman), H. Cotter, F. Piercy, W. Herbert, and J. Moore.

29th April 1930 Miss M Falconer Sole Teacher

29th September 1936 Miss M G Hickey Sole Teacher

30th August 1938 Miss M G Hickey assistant Waiwhetu from Ngaturi